

A.S. Meeting **Cancelled** for **Yom Kippur**

BY LISA BUTTERWORTH

Staff Writer

While the Jewish student population celebrates their new year, the holiday has given rise to the controversial cancellation of the first Associated Students Legislative Council meeting of the school year.

The meeting, originally sche-duled for Wednesday, was abruptly cancelled because it coincided with Yom Kippur, a prominent holiday in Jewish tradition. According to A.S. Internal Vice President Danny Costa, the change was not an individual decision.

"I wasn't aware that [the meeting] fell on the day of Yom Kippur until Sunday," he said. "I talked to a few members on Leg Council, and I talked to the execs. We made the decision that it would be best to cancel it."

Costa explained that the cancellation was meant to be an example of A.S.'s claim of cultural awareness and support.

"We ran upon goals of increasing diversity and cultural awareness," he said. "We felt that by cancelling the meeting and by showing our appreciation we would be doing a good service to the campus community." The decision was met with

istance by Finance Board

BY ETHAN CHILDRESS Staff Writer

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board of Directors will hold public hearings tonight to discuss two of I.V.'s most pressing issues.

The most pertinent issues to be addressed at the meeting are an ordinance to keep violent criminals out of the parks and a proposal to revisit the idea of city governance for Goleta and I.V., according to the meeting agenda.

Resolution #980903.002 is a measure that would restrict anyone on probation for violent crimes or graffiti committed within an IVRPD park from using the parks while on probation, according to Pegeen Soutar, one of the five di-rectors on the IVRPD Board.

"When someone is put on probation, we can request the judge to use this ordinance to ban them from using these parks until they are able to behave themselves in that kind of a setting. The judge can then decide to accept or reject our request," she said.

Soutar went on to explain the terms of the prohibition.

"We don't want to keep people out for the rest of their lives, just until their probation is over," she said. "For violent crimes, we would request that they be banned altogether until the end of their probation, but in the case of nonviolent crimes or graffiti we would give them together."

There are a number of problems associated with enforcing a ban such as this one, said Sgt. Mike Burridge, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. public information officer.

fected by a measure to be discussed at tonight's IVRPD meeting.

"Someone would have to know the full terms of the person's probation in order to cite them for being in violation of it," he said. "Basically the only way that we find people in violation are three chances before we would kick them out all when we meet them in a law enforcement situation."

According to Soutar, there is a misconception that the measure will evict any person participating in any form of deviant behavior on park grounds.

"This isn't meant to prohibit the homeless from being in the parks," she said. "In fact we have no intention or provisions of requesting this for nonviolent infractions of the law," she

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Concert in Park Saturday Aimed at Getting Students Tuned Into Voting

BY BRYAN PON Staff Writer

Efforts to increase voter registration in the community will culminate this weekend with a day of loud music and fun in the sun. The Get Out the Vote concert,

"We just want to get people into the park to have a good time and register to vote," she said. O'Donnell said the event will be

partially funded by A.S. Program Board.

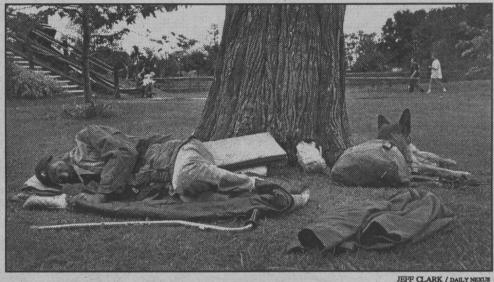
A.S. President Erin O'Donnell.

"Program Board is providing the sound equipment and sound crew,"

ple registered to vote, and two: get people informed on the important issues in the upcoming elections," he said. "Although there is an open invitation for anyone to set up a booth to distribute information, politicians and groups will not be allowed to make speeches from the stage or anything like that."

banning offshore drilling in Santa Barbara, I.V. parks protection and student loans, that are pertinent to Santa Barbara students," he said. "It's important for people to voice their vote regardless of what they support. If you don't vote, don't complain."

Another draw to the event may



A man named Randy sleeps in Anisq' Oyo' Park, one of the many parks in I.V. that might be af-

Chair Christina Costley, who noted that it violates a section of

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which will include a number of local bands, is a joint effort of Associated Students and individual volunteers to register the student population to vote, according to

she said.

Event Organizer Dave Fortson stressed that the concert will be a nonpartisan event.

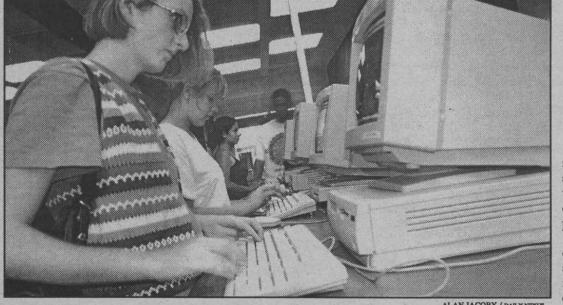
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According to Fortson, students should understand that elections at both the county and state levels could affect their lives here.

"There are lots of issues, like

be that the organizers have obtained an alcohol permit for Anisq' Oyo' Park in an attempt to attract

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Students can look forward to a revamped e-mail system this new school year.

New E-mail System Begins Next Wave of Net Surfing

BY ZACK MUSA Staff Writer

As the Starr Report cools off on national websites, Internet surfers and e-mail addicts will have something new to check out with several changes in the university's computing facilities.

As of May 1, 1998, the Microcomputer Lab was renamed "Instructional Computing" to accommodate its growing presence on campus, according to an open letter from Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Programs Ronald

Tobin.

"The old name has been a misnomer for some time, and the new identity will reflect more accurately its present function and its placement in contemporary computing," he stated.

In addition to a new name for IC to match its new image, a new undergraduate e-mail system has also been added. The new U-Mail system is quicker and more reliable than the older model, according to Electronic Communications Manager Matthew Dunham.

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Enormous Budget Surplus Predicted



WASHINGTON (AP) - The government will run a surplus of about \$70 billion this year, the first black-ink budget in 29 years, President Clinton said Wednesday. Eager to claim credit, he called the turnaround after years of huge deficits "a gift-giving achievement for generations to come." Republicans were quick to say the surplus was mostly their work, that it came about despite Clinton and that it was time to put part of the extra money back in the pockets of

taxpayers. "We stopped the flow of red ink and balanced the budget," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga). He accused Clinton of wanting to spend billions more on "big liberal bureaucracies." For all the crowing about the first budget surplus since 1969, when Richard Nixon was president, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon and a can of Coke cost 15 cents, little was said about the possibility that an economic recession could wipe out projections of continued black-ink budgets.

The Congressional Budget Office predicts an eye-popping \$1.6 trillion in

launches an era of balanced budgets and surpluses," Clinton told a handpicked audience of Democrats including several who lost their congressional seats in 1994 after voting for Clinton's deficit-reduction plan. "It is a landmark achieve-

It is a landmark achievement, not just for those in this room who have played a role in it, but indeed for all the American people. - President Bill Clinton

surpluses over the next 11 years. Looming after that are potentially deep budgetary troubles because of the huge drain retiring baby boomers are expected to make on Social Security, Medicare and other federal programs.

Appearing at a White House ceremony beside a sign flashing the word "surplus" in orange lights, Clinton said the door is now open to sustained American economic prosperity into the 21st century.

Tonight at midnight, America puts an end to three decades of deficits and

ment, not just for those in this room who have played a role in it, but indeed for all the American people," Clinton said. "And it will be a gift-giving achievement for generations to come." Clinton used the opportunity to press his top domestic priorities: setting aside the budget surpluses until Congress enacts long-term fixes to the Social Security system, resisting using the money for tax cuts and making investments in education that can be paid for without dipping into the surpluses. I am well aware that it is a

popular thing, particularly right here, just four weeks and change before an Election Day, to serve up a tax cut - to say, well, we've got a surplus, we're going to give you some of your money back," the president said.

He said people would rather preserve the surplus until Social Security funding is straightened out.

"I think most Americans would like to see the ink change from red to black and then just dry a little before we put it at risk," he said.

The \$70 billion surplus announced Wednesday is an estimate; the final figure will be available in mid-October. Whatever the final figure, it will be the government's first black ink since a \$3 billion surplus in 1969. It will be the largest surplus in dollar terms ever and the biggest as a percentage of the economy since the 1950s.

Despite the surplus, the nation still has a \$5.4 trillion debt as a result of years of deficit spending.

Oregon Sixth Grader Tries to Shoot Classmate

MERRILL, Ore. (AP) — After days of sitting patiently in her sixth-grade class, a girl finally got up and asked the teacher to be moved. She had a good reason: The boy sitting next to her had taken a shot at her the week before.

The revelation jolted prosecutors to investigate why the school was never notified about the shooting along a street and why the 11-year-old suspect was allowed to return to class as if nothing happened.

Klamath County District Attorney Ed Caleb said the system clearly broke down, despite stepped-up efforts to report such incidents in the wake of last spring's deadly shooting at Springfield's Thurston High School.

"It is not business as usual anymore when threats are made by young kids," Caleb said. Merrill Elementary School Principal Scott Watters said he too was surprised no one at the school heard about the Friday shooting, which happened in the middle of this southern Oregon potato farming town of 835

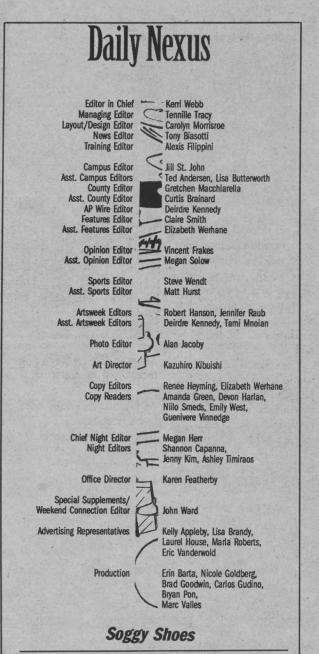
The first anyone at the school heard of it was Tuesday when the girl relayed her mother's request to have her seat moved away from the boy.

Watters said two 11-year-old girls were playing on Friday afternoon when the boy, who lives across the street, came by and one of the girls told him: "Get lost." "He went in his house, got a gun, put a bullet in it and shot at the girl — the girl who told him to get lost," Watters said.

The boy shot the .22-caliber rifle through a window and a screen. No one was hurt by the single bullet, which was found lodged in a nearby fence post. It was unclear how close it came to hitting the girl.

A patrolman was called to the scene, but only cited the boy for reckless endangerment and released him to his parents.

Caleb said the boy would be charged with a felony count of attempted assault in addition to reckless endangerment, and may face other charges as well. The boy was being evaluated by juvenile authorities Wednesday and would be released to his parents on condition all firearms be removed from the house, he not have any contact with the girls, and he not go back to school until the matter is resolved.



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10-Mile-Long Oil Spill Occurs Off Coast of San Francisco



HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (AP) - Dead and dying birds were found coated with oil in coastal waters Wednesday as a 2,300-gallon spill broke up into small slicks and baseball-sized tar balls.

"I expect the number of dead birds to keep going up," said Dana Michaels, spokesperson for the state Department of Fish and Game.

Nine dead birds were found Tuesday, the day after the spill was spotted 10 miles from San Francisco, and 13 oilcovered birds were found alive Wednesday, Michaels said.

"The bird mortality is always very high in these situations," she said. "Even when we are fortunate enough to find them alive, they are often scared to death when we are cleaning them." Michaels said she was fearful because this time of year, birds float on the water in huge "rafts," teaching newborns how to feed themselves.

"I saw one raft that had 40,000 birds," she said.

Meanwhile, the Coast Guard reported that so far no trace of oil has been found on beaches in this area 22 miles south of San Francisco.

Petty Officer Edwin Lyngar said six SCAT teams of three members each went out at first light Wednesday. SCAT stands for Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team.

The spill measured 10 miles long when it was spotted 10 miles west of San Francisco on Monday. Since then, it has floated south and broken up into tar balls and patches as large as eight feet. In all, the mess covers about 3 miles of ocean, Lyngar said, and skimmer boats were continuing to suck up what oil they could.

No one has taken responsibility for the spill, which was first reported by a vessel that moved through the area Monday.

Investigators have been comparing samples of the thick, heavy oil sent to Federal Oil Pollution Clean-Up Fund laboratories with that on ships that had recently traveled through the waters.

Also, Gov. Pete Wilson signed legislation Tuesday prohibiting large transport ships from entering state waters unless the owner or operator has an approved oil spill contingency plan.

Weather

Alas, my crappy living conditions continue without abatement.

I've endured life without a sink, slept on suspiciously stained mattresses and survived a near drive-by shooting. Just when I thought things couldn't get worse, I woke up yesterday without running water ... no water meant the toilet was reduced to a mere porcelain chair, and to complicate things, mother nature was a-knock-knockknocking on my door.

Fortunately UCSB abounds with public restrooms (perhaps to accommodate all the bullshit), and I quickly settled into a nice clean stall. My problem escalated after "the deed" was done when I slipped into the toilet bowl (I had already flushed, so calm down).

It turns out that campus stall doors swing inward instead of outward, leaving no room for a clean getaway (no pun intended). So I had to step on the toilet seat and open the door ... this was when disaster struck. I have two questions: who was the engineer who designed these doors? Hasn't he/she ever had to take a dump? Secondly, does anyone know how much a new pair of Nike Air Maxes costs these days?

Today's weather: a great day, with lots of cuddlylooking clouds. There, are you happy now?

Next Stop, Goleta! Local Train Station Reopens

A train platform in Goleta has come back into use for the first time since the '60s, partially for the convenience of UCSB students.

Santa Barbara County Deputy of Zoning Noel Langle said the platform, open since Sept. 19, is not a manned station, but a convenient alternative form of transportation for local residents who do not want to drive all the way to Santa Barbara to get on a train.

"You can get on in Goleta and buy a ticket from the conductor on the train," he said.

The San Diegan line, whose trains run from San Diego to Paso Robles, is the only line accessing the platform right now, and service will probably not be expanded unless there is a real demand for a working train station in Goleta, Langle said.

"[Amtrak] wanted to make the San Diegan more accessible to students, and more convenient to Isla Vista," he said. "It will remain a regular stop on just the San Diegan. There are **********



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Steve Fox of San Diego waits for a southbound train at the Goleta train platform, which has recently been reopened.

no plans to have any other said. trains [stop there]."

According to Langle, the Goleta train platform closed down in 1965 because the rail company who owned it did not operate a passenger train, but now that Amtrak has bought the platform they are expanding the service area.

"Southern Pacific decided it wasn't economical, but it is now run by Amtrak," he

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Buses may run in lieu of the regularly scheduled trains for the next few months while construction is done on the railroad tracks between Goleta and Los Angeles. Despite the Mon-day through Thursday bus replacement, the new station is still convenient, UCSB graduate Steve Fox said. Fox travels by train to

I.V. a few times a year to visit his girlfriend, and he was able to utilize the new station.

"I love it because it makes it a lot more convenient when coming to and from I.V.," he said. "Hell, it's only five minutes from campus. It's a hell of a lot easier to get from [the Goleta platform to I.V.]"

- Megan Solow

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said. "Loitering, open containers, drunk in public, smoking out and urinating in the bushes are victimless crimes, and we aren't worried about that sort of thing. But if they, or anyone else, become violent or abusive, then they lose their right to come to the parks regardless of whether they are homeless or not."

Junior zoology major Vanessa Pompei, an I.V. resident, expressed mixed feelings on the proposal.

"I don't want any psychopathic killers or anything wandering around in the parks, but if they are on probation they have already paid their debt and shouldn't be told where they can and can't go," she said. "It would be like they were still in prison."

Park regular Lonny Holaway was less torn over the issue.

"It's straight unconstitutional to not allow people into public parks," he said. "Any citizen is part of the public and should be allowed into them."

The next item on the agenda is the possibility of drafting an option letter to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors regarding a recent request by the Goleta West Sanitary District for funding, according to IVRPD Director Diane Conn. The GWSD requested \$75,000 in funding for a project that will look into the various options for the incorporation or annexation of Goleta and I.V., she said. Incorporating Goleta as a city of its own or annexing it as a part of the city of Santa Barbara would affect the development of the area, according to Conn.

"The board is going to consider whether or not to encourage the [County Board of Supervisors] to do this," she said. "The question is: Is cityhood feasible?"

Conn explained that Goleta's future, especially its growth, affects students in I.V.

"Although the same student isn't here in ten years ... they represent a constant constituent," she said.

The input of the public is always welcome when the board of directors is making decisions, Conn said.

"It's always great to have people's opinions," she said. "I would love it if more people came to the meeting and were interested."

The meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 at the IVRPD office, 961 Embarcadero Del Mar.

Staff Writer Gretchen Macchiarella also contributed to this article.

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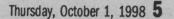




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feeling stronger and more decisive. This is a natural result of the skills you're acquiring. So keep practicing. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 9 - Something that happened in × the past is causing a bit of a problem. Once you get that ironed out, other troubles might magically heal themselves as well. Communication is one of the healing arts, which you know more than anyone. Practice that today, by getting a loved one to talk about something that's been hidden. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) -Today is a 5 - The moon is in Aquarius, 6 which could mean you may have to curtail your activities. That's OK. You can do the homework instead of taking action right now. You're anxious ш. 0 to get started, but you need to do a 'ittle more preparation. Plan to make * your move tomorrow instead and you'll be more successful. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Your brain's particularly ш * keen today, so use it to plot your escape to far islands. Actually, if you did run off to Tahiti, you'd find yourself yearning for Pago Pago. That's a Sagittarian trait. Before you set sail, it might help to have a little more × education. Find out what you need to learn, and learn it. * **Capricorn**. (Dec. 22–Jan. 19) – Today is a 5 – This could be a good day for you financially. The money is available, but you may have to pass a test to get it. You don't necessarily have to give the answer the professor wants, however. You'll do better if you give the answer he or she needs to hear. This could be kind of fun after all. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - You're starting out the month You love a challenge, and today you're liable to find one. Don't worry. Its not going to be difficult at all. It's going to be more like fun. You might 0 5 0 find the answer before anybody else realizes there was a question. **Pisces** (Feb. 19–March 20) – Today is a 5 - If you put your ear to the keyhole, you might learn something that could help you plan your next move. There may also be money involved. Some of it could even be your 00 money, so you'd better pay attention to what's going on around you. This is not a good day to drift off into dreamland. Listen and learn instead. Today's Birthday (Oct. 1). Romance looks very good this year, although it might turn out differently than you expected. You'll get a glimpse in October, but you may not understand it yet. A change in your own atti-× tude is pivotal in December. Fix up your place in January so you can en-tertain in February. You may want to make a big commitment then. Work × toward your dream in March. The money is available in May. Follow your A friends in August. $\star \star \star \star \star \mathsf{SILVER}$ GREENS $\star \star \star \star \star$

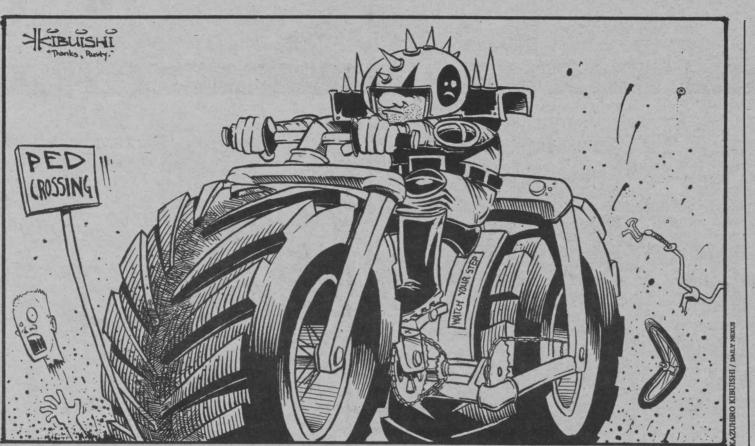


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Solutions to Bike Path Chaos

Increased Maintenance and Other Remedies Can Help Ease the Strain

As all students descend onto campus in the morning and throughout the day, there is the looming presence of the treacherous bikepath. Pedestrians stare in fear at the continual stream of bikes, knowing that it will be impossible to make it to class on time. Bikers hold similar fears as they dodge other bikes and try not to run over those in the unfortunate position of crossing with too little time before the next bike comes flying by.

We UCSB students have the great advantage of attending a school where gas costs are low, and we are environmentally friendly when we use our wonderful bikes. Riding bikes can sometimes become a curse, however, because of the difficulties involved in maneuvering a bike around campus and then — horror of all horrors — parking the bike. Getting out of bed, and actually going to class is a vicious enough task without the dreaded decision of whether to brave the trip to school on bike, blade, skate or foot: all treacherous choices.

A school as large as UCSB, with over 17,000 bikes, is the perfect candidate for frequent road repairs. The bikepaths are in constant need of repair because of their abundant use, and the everyday abuse that they take. A bicycle initiative was passed in the A.S. elections last year that put a 75-cent lock-in fee for the "improvement and maintenance of the UCSB bicycle pathway and bicycle parking system." The initiative raises the question of why there haven't been more improvements made since the initiative passed. riders practically run into each other because of overcrowding, and the walkers play a game of chicken with every path they have to cross. Separating the lanes like a highway may be the best solution for the safety of the students and the liability of the campus.

The path separation may be a start, but certain doom comes when the student continues his or her trip to campus and must get through the loops of death, which some know as the roundabouts. These gauntlets have little order to them, and often bikers try too hard to make the turn, making it difficult to watch for other cyclists trying to enter. Strange as it may seem, since traffic is traffic in whatever form, perhaps road signs might help direct traffic around those hard to manage areas.

Of course, normal rules of driving should be in place, but it seems that people forget bicycles can hurt, too. With the momentum those bikes get, walkers are no match. There should be some sort of protocol when it comes to entering and exiting the bikepaths, especially near the roundabouts and when trying to get on and off the paths to park.

If indeed the money we are paying will eventually be used to fix the bike rack situation, bike racks should not just fill more of the area in which they already reside. Having racks on both sides of the path would at least make exiting the paths a lot easier. The slowdown and dodging of other bikes would be reduced immensely through a simple action such as this.

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A First-Year Student Discovers the

DAVID R. DOWN

It's a cool, windless Friday night not unlike ma major technicality: this is UCSB and tonight I.V so I hear from the confines of my dorm room, a p would become claustrophobic. There's a buzz hushed conversations of free beer and hot spot

As the sun goes down, groups of revelers be The fourth floor of San Miguel East assembles everything except a \$20 bill and some form of I "Mighetto Superstars," and that is what we are

The exodus begins at 9 p.m., and the only go gering drunk, with a girl, or both if luck holds tr and we know this is one of the last chances to cur quences of an unwritten paper or unread chapter to-be inebriated minds. Through the trees and of campus begins to be broken by the odd "whi backbeat of as many bass woofers as can fit into lated region west of the Mississippi.

The first stop is the liquor store, for cigarettes hard to come by, and as of tonight, we have no our own, but it's not like that will be a problem. S company the alcohol, some use them merely a me, do you have a light?" is still one of the simple to get a girl's attention.

Out of the street, and into the fluorescent-l stunned at the dazzling array of liquor behind

I awake in front of my door, and look u knob, waiting to be turned by a body w before the finish line.

Robert Downey Jr.'s wet bar has there been so m cerebral incapacitation. I pinch myself to verify i that this isn't a dream and get my softpack of Car point on our "bombing run" met, we move towa siren-like bass that is pulling on us in ways we

The streets are filled with students in some h or-treat concept, with beer being both the tric right on DP yields a sea of people, moving, pu smiles and cups turned downward. We head to



Sosa and McGwire Play Key Ro Henry Sarria

I've never really been a big baseball fan, which Cuban is a major act of blasphemy, but that's ju way it goes. H's the *only* point of contention mother has with me.

Summer seems to be the only time of the year when the bikepaths are semi-vacant, and therefore it is an ideal time for any improvements that need to be done. There were a few improvements done over the break, such as near the UCen, but that should have just been the begining. Even though the money was only allocated last spring, it seems like the best course of action would have been to continue the improvements right away so that bikers would have one less thing to worry about when facing the menacing bikepaths.

Money may have been allotted to the bikepaths, but the bill was so vague as to what the road repairs were going to be that it is hard to tell if the improvements that are planned will even help ease the problems that bikers face.

All students are affected by the inefficiency of the bikepaths, whether they have ever pedaled a bike — even once — on campus.

While the awesome number of bikes on campus may never bring a perfect solution to the traffic problem, there may be ways that the money we devoted to the bike initiative could work in our favor. The tiny paths going both ways can be a hazard to both the riders facing the oncoming traffic and those trying to cross. The Widening the narrow bikepaths would be another solution to the biking insanity at UCSB. Broader pathways would give more room for the bikers to pass each other and more room in between bikes, so that everyone who has to dodge the bikes has a better chance to cross without injury.

Does the university take responsibility for the accidents and problems that occur on the bikepath? As an institution, it seems the university does not really care whether there are traffic problems, but who knows if they could be held liable for accidents that may occur.

The chaos on the bikepaths may be discouraging students from riding their bikes on campus. Fewer bikers may seem to be a good solution at first glance because it would create less bike traffic, but this shouldn't be the solution. There must be some way to reorganize for the immense growth of students and bikes without discouraging people from utilizing those speedier modes of transportation.

Be safe when riding and respect the other bikes on the road. Contrary to popular belief, while everyone else might be out to get you, the bikers aren't aiming for you when they see you run across the bikepath. As far as I'm concerned, the only time it gets ing enough for me to play is when there's a keg o on second base, but then it becomes a whole new and it usually deteriorates by the third inning or s sorry, but that's just the way it is with me. I su baseball!

However, this summer I found myself wat something that in my opinion would make histo a long time to come. If you guessed the Sosa/McC home run slugfest, you're correct. In all honesty, call these guys real American heroes for doing s thing that was long in the making, and they deset the credit they can get for their amazing feat.

The feat I'm talking about here is NOT their a ing ability to launch a baseball off the tip of a bat 4 500 feet. They're the best at it, but their true talen hidden just under the surface. The real talent of modern-day heroes doesn't lie in their powerful s but rather in the way that they managed to steer the cus of the mainstream media in their direction, e for a short time. They became the news be Americans know what they want.

The one thing Americans don't want is night ports (in detail, mind you) of the commander in c affair with a horny intern out to get her "preside kneepads" and the \$40 million it took to finally g e all submissions, but please include your name and phone number. For columns, th is three pages, typed and double-spaced; for letters, one page. All submissions erty of the Daily Nexus upon being turned in and are edited for length and clarity.

Through the Eyes of One UCSB Frosh

ers the Del Playa Experience and Reaches the Utopian World of Free Beer

OWNES

unlike many others, except for one onight I.V. is ready to explode. Or room, a place so small a chipmunk s a buzz in the dining hall, with hot spots circulating the room. welers begin the trek toward DP. ssembles. Wallets are emptied of form of I.D. We call ourselves the at we are.

e only goal is to come home stagcholds true. It's the first weekend, ces to cut loose without the consead chapters to weigh on our soonrees and onto Pardall, the serenity odd "whoop whoop!" and the low in fit into the most densely popu-

igarettes, of course. Fake I.D.s are have no means to buy alcohol on roblem. Some buy cigarettes to acmerely as a pick-up tool. "Excuse he simplest and most elegant ways

rescent-light-drenched store, I'm or behind the counter. Not since

been so many options for complete to verify my consciousness, realize ck of Camel Lights. The first waynove toward DP, the source of the ways we can't help but follow. n some bizarre twist on the trickthe trick and the treat. A sharp oving, pulsing, strutting, all with e head toward the first populated

house, following that basic instinct that says, "Where there's a crowd, there's bound to be something interesting.

The cups are full of beer, and the music's coming from the second-story balcony. An even tighter circle exists within the party, and as I move in to investigate, someone hands me a cup. I turn to say thanks, but the Cup Samaritan is gone, spreading good cheer elsewhere. Cup in hand, I peer over the top of many heads, and there it sits, peacefully, giving of itself: the keg. From behind, the crowd pushes me ever closer, and I thrust my hand forward amid several hundred cups.

Scores of hands beg for one cup of golden ambrosia, and some shake to get the Keg Tender's attention while others merely plead. Another cup is thrust in front of mine and someone yells, "House cup!" The Keg Tender takes note and pours the house cup a beer immediately. I realize that I too have a "house cup" and wonder if the magic will work for me. "House cup!" I yell sternly, and the Keg Tender looks up to see who uttered the sacred words. He knows I'm not exactly part of the house, but admires my resourcefulness and pours away. I step back and admire the cool, yellow liquid I now hold. Free beer! The two best words in the English language finally put together, and oh, how sweet it is.

I down the cup, and head back into the fray. The Keg Tender's thumb has gone numb, and he searches for someone worthy of the tap. Someone honest and with integrity, someone who plays fair and will respect the rights of the house cup. The Keg Tender looks straight at me — "Hey, tall guy, you wanna pour?" My eyes grow wide, and I respond, "Hell yeah!" He hands the nozzle to me, and a surge of power flows through my body. I feel like Napoleon on PCP, for I am The Keg Tender! The first thing to do is pour myself another beer, of course. I begin downing the cup, while pouring others.

By the seventh cup, my pouring thumb has the early stages of frostbite, and my coordination is beginning to slip. A girl who has been waiting for l look up. The keys are in the a while asks me if I'm drunk, to which I slur in reply, "No, but both of you body who ran out of gas just look gorgeous." She laughs, and I proceed to pour beer everywhere but in her cup. Three cups later I think I'm going blind, but then realize I'm just too tanked to keep my eyes open.

Aware that my long and fruitful reign has reached its end, I sigh and hand the precious tap to another ambitious youth while warning him to "Keep your friends close, but keep your enemies closer." He looks at me strangely as I stumble off. The Mighetto Superstars are nowhere to be found, and the vibe in the air is one of desperation. Untapped kegs are being searched out and pillaged by mobs, the cops are edgy and even the most stouthearted partiers are seeking shelter.

The trek back is a lonely one, or so I imagine - my memory consists of about seven or eight pieces of a 100-piece puzzle. A bush, a bicycle that nearly killed me, "No officer, I'm going straight home," the cool grass in

> favorite presidents due to a kick-ass foreign policy, among many other things) resigned, it was for the break-in of the Democratic Party headquarters. This is a crime, and on the streets the average criminal can get three to five years for this, but all Tricky Dick got was a chance to retire early, a pension and a pardon from Gerald Ford. All Slick Willy did was commit adultery, but this is not an act against the Constitu-

tion. It's rather an act against those close to you, and So with the baseball season drawing to a

it turns out to be a dud of a season, though, I'd rather pay attention to that than the constant flow of drivel coming out of Washington (no pun intended).

Maybe the Miami Dolphins or one of the new expansion teams will make it to the Super Bowl, but I know this is wishful thinking. Still, I'd rather place my hopes on something so trivial than the complex muck

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A Brief Message From a Devoted Reader

HOT

"I was disgruntled after reading your weather section in Monday's *Nexus*. I think you guys are full of a lot of anger. This guy goes off making up all these bogus quotes and then he goes on. cussing about landlords and 1960's couches and a thousand dollars in loans. Why can't we all just be happy? Isn't that what this world is about? Here we got enough problems with all the anti-trust laws problems with Bill Gates trying to start a monopoly there. We got this thing everyday with Clinton going on: You know, we got all these negative factors in life and we have a lot of negative things happening on campus and you guys have to be negative with something that used to be funny ...

(Message machine hangs up because of time).

"Hi. OK, it hung up on me. Now to finish up. So you got a lot of anger coming out of this weather thing, and it's just not good for the environment and it makes a lot of people angry ... we need a peaceful world with no wars, that kind of stuff. Thank you."

front of the UCen, the elevator I thought I was trapped in, and finally, blackness. I awake in front of my door, and look up. The keys are in the knob,

waiting to be turned by a body who ran out of gas just before the finish line. I finish the action, and climb into bed. My stomach is angrier than Louis Farakkhan at a KKK rally, and my liver has taken more direct hits than Bill Clinton's credibility. Hours later I awake to my so-called comrades playing a fierce game of "GoldenEye" below. I roll over and focus my eyes

"Hey man, rough night?"	
"Shut up."	
"So, you ready for tonight?"	
"What are we going to do ton	ight?"
"Same thing we do every nigh	
"Try to take over the world?"	All a substant a state and a state of the
"Nope, there's a frat party that	's gonna go off."

I roll over and attempt to pay no attention to that little voice inside my - the one inside all of us. It's the little man who lives in a head consequence-free environment, and his sayings include, "Just one more drink," "It's not due right away," "So what, one bad grade," and "I'll pull out." I attempt to block him out, and I think I've got him beat. I roll back over and watch the video game mayhem.

"So what time does the party start?"

David R. Downes is a freshman communication and business major.

Heroes or Media Savvy?

(ey Role By Stealing Away the Public's Attention

guy to admit he had an affair. This isn't news. It's tabloid crap. Sure the guy lied, but don't they all? Sure the guy had an affair, but don't a lot of them? It's the

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territory of politics, and it's nothing new or novel. This is what Americans got tired of.

Then there's the issue of "wagging the dog," in which people believe that the attack on the terrorist camps was a feeble attempt to draw media attention away from the scandal.

To a certain degree I will say that this is true, but even if it is, SO WHAT? George Bush did the same thing on January 17, 1991, when one of his sons was about to stand before a judge for the failure of Silverado Savings and Loan, but the only event we remember about that day is something called the Persian Gulf War. The story about the younger Bush got moved to the back pages of every newspaper in the country, if it was even mentioned at all.

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Now the talk is of impeachment, and I can't understand what the relationship between two sex fiends has to do with running the country.

to do with running the country. So we have uncle Pervy running the country, but we're not going to hell in a handbasket because of this stupid affair. When Richard Milhouse Nixon (actually one of my

it's between you and them. So give him the scarlet letter.

But back to my two favorite heroes, Sosa and McGwire. They showed grace under pressure, a keen hand to eye coordination and great sportsmanlike conduct in front of the cameras and away from them. To Sammy, the American Dream has become a reality, while to McGwire the dream of breaking a record has now been replaced with the dream of maintaining it for a long time to come. If history is a guide, the record will stand for quite a while.

Yes, I became a sucker to the home-run chase, but it's a hell of a lot better than being a sucker to the "Sex, Lies and Independent Counsel" saga. It was hard to escape, but it was possible.

So with the baseball season drawing to a close, what does this leave us in the way of distractions from future developments of the White House scandal? I don't know, but I do know that nothing will compare to those heroes of summer, McGwire and Sosa.

I'm still not a baseball fan, but I have gained respect for two guys who at one time would've meant nothing to me otherwise. I have come to respect their skill as athletes and as persons.

As for the scandalous Washington crowd, well, let them do as they will since the media will have a field day with the outcome, regardless of what it may be. They're good like that.

Maybe the football season will give us something to cheer about as Americans, just as baseball did. Even if

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and mire Washington politics has given us.

If you're fed up, you're not the only one, but if you can't get enough, there will be plenty more to come in the next few months or until Slick Willy's term is over. Then the brunt of it all will fall on his political party for his not resigning. Damned if you do, damned if you don't.

Still, it's those boys of summer that I find pleasure in hearing about on the evening news, and it always brings a refreshing smile to my face whenever I hear about them.

Thanks Mark and Sammy for shattering the record, thanks for showing great sportsmanship, thanks for bringing baseball to even the most baseball-inept people like myself.

But most of all, thank you for showing us that true American heroes can still exist, even at a time when those who are supposed to be in charge can't seem to do it.

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"[The old undergraduate system] couldn't sufficiently meet the performance needs for providing undergraduate e-mail," he said. "On many occasions you'd have to wait on the order for hours to days in between sending mail. ... If you send mail to someone these days [with the new system], they will get it within seconds rather than hours or days — which is the way e-mail should work."

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The actual computer laboratories have also been

modified to maximize the number of computers available at any given time, according to IC Manager Tod King.

"We added a Pentium 333 lab for instructional purposes only, and then for open access we consolidated our two open-access labs into one mega-open-access lab, and that's in [Phelps] 1529," he said.

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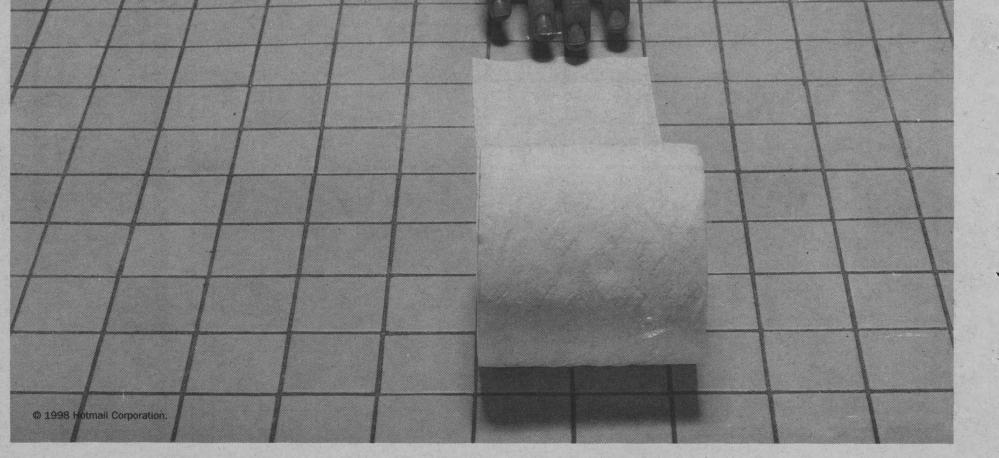
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more bodies, volunteer Eric Cardenas said.

"We're trying to get those last people registered, and, obviously, people like to drink. So it's a way to attract a lot of people to the park and to the registration cards," he said.

Tight Pants drummer Jon Harris said his band is playing the concert because it's a good cause.

'It's a way for people to have fun and be made aware of the importance of voting in our democratic society because not enough people vote," he said.

The event will be held Saturday in Anisq' Oyo' Park from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The last day to register to vote is Monday, Oct. 5.

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the legislative department article of the ASUCSB Constitution. Costley argued that since the section mandates that Leg Council meet at least once a week during periods of regular instruction, it would have been more appropriate to postpone the meeting rather than cancel it.

"I think it's wonderful that for the first time some major entity at UCSB is going to recognize the holiest day of the year for our Jewish students," she said. "However, I feel that Leg Council meetings are the most important operation of our student government, and while I do believe they shouldn't [Yom Kippur] is technically over at sundown. I feel [the meeting] should have been rescheduled or moved until later that evening."

Daniella Turk, a member of the Women's Commission and University of California was well made.

forced to choose between the most holy day diversity and all cultures."

in Judaism and a Leg Council meeting that we have the right to be at."

Turk said the decision complies with the spirit, if not the letter, of A.S. regulations.

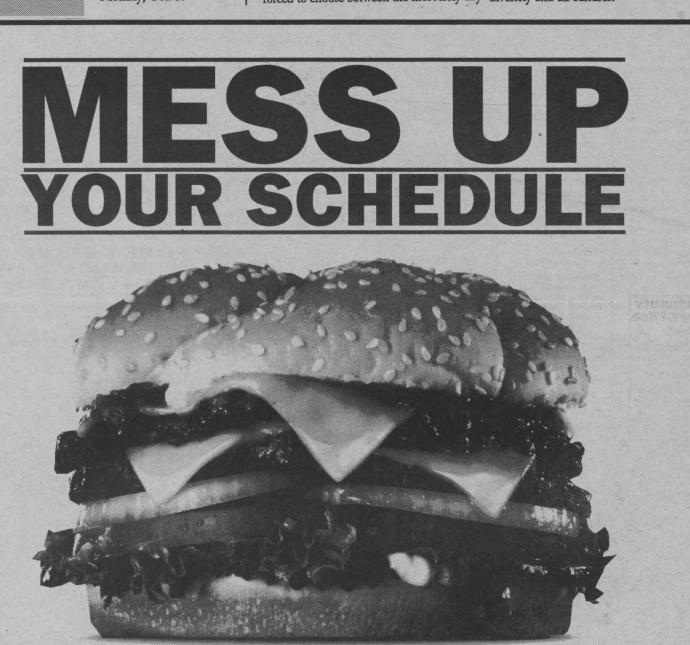
"A.S. makes such a big deal about diversity ... I hoped they'd be action and not just talk," she said. "I think people would flip if we held a meeting on Christmas. I'd rather have Danny forego bylaws than hurt peoples' feelings and discriminate against a group."

Costley said the cancellation will have financial repercussions. Because Monday's Finance Board minutes will not be approved by Leg Council this week, Costley said that all allocations from the meeting will not be finalized.

"All the money we allocated at the last have to be at a meeting during their holiday, meeting will not be accessible to the student groups or the A.S. entities until next week," she said.

According to Costa, the cancellation will not have major effects on A.S. workings.

"There's not anything that's totally urgent, so I felt that by pushing it back to next Student Association, felt Costa's decision Wednesday we would stay organized and on track," he said. "I don't feel like we're losing "There are about 2,000 Jewish students any time as far as legislation or financial mat-[at UCSB]," she said. "Since Leg Council is ters. I feel like we're making a positive stateopen to the public, students shouldn't be ment to the student body that we do respect





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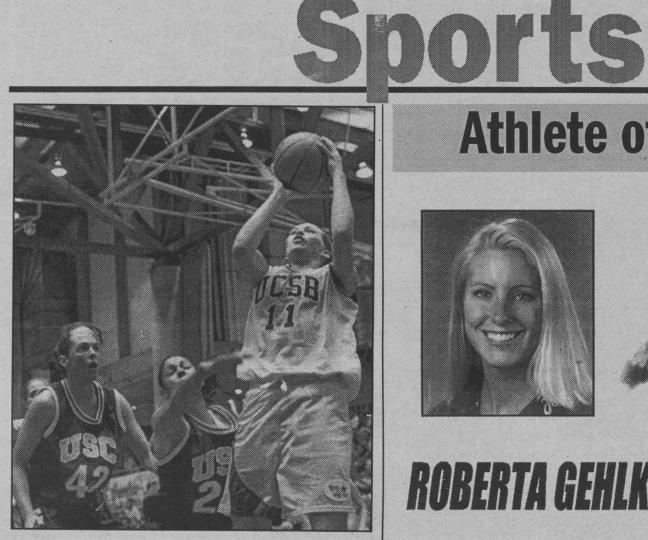
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I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER: Chances are that sophomore Erin Buescher's back-to-school essay is better than yours.

Buescher Has Summer Vacation to Remember

BY MATT HURST Staff Writer

Summertime is usually known as a time for odd jobs and vacations. People might travel to places around the United States or even foreign places spanning the globe. Sophomore Erin Buescher of the UCSB women's basketball team is no different.

The 6'3" communication major was selected to try out for the R. Williams Jones Cup Team, which is a developmental traveling team representing the U.S. that is made up of collegiate women's basketball All-Stars. Buescher made one of two teams and was one of only three freshman named to a squad. She was selected out of 38 invites and was one of 24 to make a team.

"It was a little intimidating to have all the top girls in the country there — girls from Tennessee, North Carolina and Duke," Buescher said. "It was a big surprise. I was surprised I even got invited. college that put out a list to try out her to claim such honors as Big thought that they had made a honest, the WNBA will probably West Tournament MVP. mistake." After making the team, Erin and teammates then had to showcase their skills against teams in the Far East. Being a freshman com-peting with older, more experienced players for time on the floor, Buescher saw much of each game from the bench. According to her, though, it wasn't that much of a disappointment. "There they wanted me to play the post and not really play guard," the Rohnert Park, Calif., native said. "It was hard going against girls in the post, they were all strong, and it definitely helped me improve my post game. Obviously we all want to play. It wasn't that big of a disappointment at all."

game. In her limited playing time she was able to average 1.2 points per game and 1.4 rebounds. Her best game came against Japan when she went 2-4 from the field, had four boards, an assist and a block in 11 minutes of action.

The Jones Cup Team is set up to prepare young players for the U.S. Olympic Basketball team. The coaches that invite women to try out are the same people that have the final say on who will represent the nation during the Olympics. In addition to Olympic exposure and because of the success of the Women's National Basketball Association — the Jones Cup is a good way for many players to show scouts that they can hang with stars like Rebecca Lobo, Sheryl

Swoopes and Cynthia Cooper. "USA Basketball is the organization in the United States in charge of our Olympic teams," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "There is a committee of excoaches from the Olympics and

SB's Gehlke a Real Killer, She Digs it, Too BY STEVE WENDT Staff Writer

Athlete of the Week

Roberta Gehlke

Ted Williams could hit, but couldn't field. Bill Russell could block shots, but not shoot. UCSB junior outside hitter Roberta Gehlke can hit and dig, but can't ... what?

Gaucho volleyball star Roberta Gehlke has displayed an arsenal of offensive firepower as well as stifling defense that is rivaled by few in all the NCAA landscape. Gehlke, a native of Huntington Beach, put all her tools on the table in #3 UCSB's past three contests.

The 5'10" Gehlke had a 12-kill, 16-dig performance against Cal State Fullerton last weekend before turning it up against UC Irvine and Loyola Marymount. The second-team All-American posted an 18-kill, 11-dig showing vs. the Anteaters and a monstrous 19-kill, 22-dig night against LMU on Tuesday evening.

Gehlke attributed the week's work to her surroundings as well as a desire to atone for the slightly disappointing CSUF match.

"It's always great to play down [in Irvine]," said Gehlke, who is from Orange County. "It's always exciting to play against coaches and girls we know. I had an off match, everybody does. I knew it was

thus improving her game. This way, the guard polished her already topnotch skills that last season led coming, but I just got my groove back and did the simple things."

What separates Gehlke from most of the volleyball world is her total game. She leads the Big West Conference in both kills and digs, making her the most well-rounded outside hitter in the game.

"The bottom line is that Roberta is a great allaround player," said UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory, whose Gauchos are 13-0. "There's a reason why she's the #1 defensive player in the nation; she plans on digging every ball that's hit anywhere near her. That kind of attitude is what sets her aside."

Although Gehlke is spectacular at killing the ball, she takes such pride in her defense because she knows how demoralizing a good dig is.

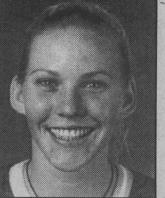
'It's the worst thing as a hitter when you hit as hard as you can and someone digs it," Gehlke said. "It takes confidence away from the other team and gives us more confidence and the setter a chance to get a good set. When I was younger I was so into hitting, but my coaches said I need to work on my defense."

Gregory points out that Gehlke probably could earn this honor every time it's given.

"Yeah, she's player of the week," Gregory said. "But her all-around skills have been the strength and foundation for us all year."

In the five games, the team played against squads from Chinese Taipei, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, and Senegal, and Buescher averaged only 8.6 minutes per

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ERIN BUESCHER

bang down the door for Erin. For her experience, and growth-wise, it's a great position for Erin to enhance her marketability."

By being selected to play, Buescher enhanced more than her marketability. She worked with some of the best players and coaches this country has to offer,

And when they called my name, I for development teams. To be West Player of the Year and Big

After the Jones Cup, however, Buescher was a little burned out by all the basketball she had been

playing. "I literally took a month off and didn't touch a basketball; so, any skills I gained from the summer I lost," she said with a laugh. "No, I mean that definitely made me a little sharper, and I can push back to where I was before I took that month off."

At the tryouts, Buescher thought her fellow Gauchos would've stacked-up just fine.

"When I was there, I saw first hand," the Big West Freshman of the Year said. "I was really shocked that our team is up there with some other top teams. [Junior point guard] Stacy Clinesmith is better than some of the girls there, and [Sophomore center] Nicole Greathouse could run circles around some of them."

Jessica Hansen, a 5'7" senior from Oregon City High School, has verbally agreed to play for the UCSB women's basketball team for the 1999-2000 season. The guard averaged 16.7 ppg last year.

Basketball Stars to Sign with UCSB

San Clemente's Debby Caine has also verbally agreed to play for the Gaucho squad. Caine is a 5'6" point guard who announced she'd sign earlier this summer.

B.J. Ward and Nick Jones, the backcourt starters at Santa Clara High in Oxnard, have also agreed to be part of the basketball program at UCSB. Ward, a point guard, averaged 17 ppg, and Jones, a two guard, averaged 15 ppg during the postseason after sitting out last year with an injury. The two led their team to the CIF Final game last season.