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April 7, 2000



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Check out the Newport Jazz Festival, featuring today's top artists saluting the masters of jazz, tonight at 8 in Campbell Hall. Tickets start at \$14.

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Opinion

Student fees, the Supreme Court, free speech, gay rights — pretty important stuff for a Friday.



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Sports

It was the best of times, until a first-round loss to Rice in the NCAAs abruptly halted the UCSB women's basketball team's dream season.



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IVRPD Weighs Pros, Cons of I.V. Annexation

BY DAVID DOWNS
Staff Writer

Armed with the prospect of better Isla Vista streets, sidewalks and code enforcement, Santa Barbara City Council member Gregg Hart and five other high-ranking city officials pitched their Isla Vista annexation plan to the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District.

Santa Barbara's annexation project manager Paul Casey opened up the dialogue Thursday night with a history of the city's stance on annexing Isla Vista and Goleta, saying the annexation proposal would not go to the voters until November 2001.

"It's going to take some time. This is an unprecedented thing. We've looked around and this is one of the largest areas in California to attempt to incorporate," he said.

Council member and new appointee to the California Coastal Commission Hart said Goleta Now!'s cityhood proposal would have a negative impact on Isla Vista, and is one of the reasons the city of Santa Barbara submitted its own proposal to the Local Agency Formation Commission.

"There's something on the table now that is designed to pass," he said. "It permanently creates a great deal of a mess. Primarily, what the city is interested in is

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Watch Out, It's Cujo!

CHP K-9 Handler Bradley Prows introduces a young visitor to his partner, Rocky, at the CHP open house Thursday at the office on Calle Real, Goleta. This is the first public open house and includes activities such as a K-9 exhibition, safety presentations and career discussions.

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Cityhood Survey Draws Little Feedback From I.V.

BY DAN TAYLOR
Reporter

Goleta cityhood and Isla Vistan apathy resounded, like scratches on an old record, in the results of a local survey this week.

The survey, conducted by the Goleta Roundtable and the Benton Survey Research Laboratory at UCSB, received responses from less than 5 percent of the I.V./UCSB community, sparking debate among local agencies. The survey had a response rate of around 30 percent in surrounding districts and concentrated on community sentiments concerning the incorporation and annexation

of I.V. into Goleta or Santa Barbara City.

William Eveland, Director of the Benton Survey Research Center, attributed the low response to a combination of the high percentage of Spanish-speaking Isla Vista residents, as the survey was written in English, and the high residential mobility of I.V. residents.

"Most people in I.V. are not concerned about Goleta. They won't be there for the rest of their lives; they probably won't even be there next year," he said.

According to Eveland, conclusions may

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Leg Council Approves Funding for New, Efficient Technology

BY SARAH KENT
Staff Writer

Along with a little spring-cleaning, Associated Students is performing a little spring improvement, as it brings its offices into the 21st century.

At its April 5 meeting, A.S. Legislative Council approved nearly \$25,000 from its Capital Improvements account to support a technological upgrade of A.S. offices and departments. This money will go to purchase needed computers and system upgrades, according to Executive Director Paige Anderson.

"We want to make A.S. a paperless organization, not just for efficiency, but for environmental reasons as well," he said. "For instance, A.S. would have a lot of their forms online, and one could just go to the A.S. website to fill them out. ... You could call this a catching up to the technology of today, something A.S. has fallen behind in."

Last year, A.S. decided to divide the upgrade process into two installments in order to test the equipment, and the April 5 allocation represents the second of two phases in the technology upgrade, Anderson said.

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Eat Your Veggies

A vendor at the Calle Real Farmer's Market, which is now every Thursday at 3 p.m., bags vegetables for a shopper. This farmer's market, as well as all Santa Barbara County Farmer's Markets, has a new summer schedule.

Student Allies Communicate With Silence

BY DENISE BATONGBACAL
Reporter

UCSB students, staff and faculty took a nine-hour vow of silence from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, to recognize those who are silenced in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities by hatred, oppression and prejudice.

Participants passed out cards during the day explaining their advocacy for queer issues and their reasons for not speaking. A discussion session sponsored by the Queer Student Union was held immediately after, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Women's Center to allow participants to share their experiences and reflect on the meaning and limitations of silence.

Queer Resource Center coordinator Debbie Bazarsky brought the Day of Silence Project to UCSB in an effort to involve the campus with the National Day of Silence, which was actually on Wednesday. "The movement has grown continually westward to our campus and is still growing. It originally started on one campus at the University of Virginia in 1996, and today about 200 high schools and universities are participating. This is the first year that UCSB will be involved," Bazarsky said.

During the discussion and reflection period, participants expressed their feelings about their day's experiences. Melanie Corn, a third-year art history graduate student, commented during the session, "One of the most powerful things was just that fact that I was being silent, even more so than my interaction with people."

Undeclared junior Daniel Okamura said, "It felt amazingly powerful. Since I had a piece of duct tape on my mouth, people would stare. I would think, 'What are you looking at?' and since I could not talk, it seemed that everywhere there was chatter, but I felt like saying, 'So what?' This is something that will get people's attention, just by adding this small little visual."

"It was interesting to see

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Top of the News

Father Travels to U.S. to Claim Lost Son



WASHINGTON (AP) — On U.S. soil, Juan Miguel Gonzalez said Thursday he was “truly impatient” to reclaim his son Elian, but his hopes for an orderly transfer of custody were dimmed when government negotiations with the 6-year-old Cuban boy’s Miami relatives broke down.

The father declared his love for Elian and chastised those who are trying “to obtain political advantage” from the custody battle over the shipwreck survivor.

He received immediate assurances that the U.S. government is eager to reunite him with his son. “It is simply the right thing to do,” said Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder. “The father and his son need to be together.”

But Jose Garcia-Pedrosa, the attorney for the relatives with whom Elian has been staying since November, said the negotiations with the government were over, primarily because the government refused to promise that they wouldn’t “take Elian away in the middle of the night.” He also said immigration officials refused to agree to a psy-

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— Juan Miguel Gonzalez
Elian’s father

chological evaluation determining whether Elian should be handed over to his father.

“He has not had his day in court,” Garcia-Pedrosa said. “This is a very, very sad day.”

A Justice Dept. official stopped short of saying the talks were over.

“We are disappointed that the attorneys for the Miami relatives insisted on

re-litigating the issue of whether Elian should be returned to his father as opposed to how to carry that transfer out in the most appropriate manner,” said one official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said Justice lawyers were drafting a letter to lawyers for the Miami relatives “providing additional guidance

explaining what future steps could be taken.”

Gonzalez planned to meet Friday morning at the Justice Dept. with Attorney General Janet Reno, Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner and other officials.

It was an unsmiling Juan Miguel Gonzalez who disembarked from a

small chartered plane at Dulles International Airport at dawn Thursday, accompanied by his wife, Nercy Carmenate Castillo, and their infant son, Hianny. “This is Elian’s true family and we love him very much,” he said.

“It’s been an agonizing experience to see my son submitted to cruel psychological pressures aimed at influencing his personality,” Gonzalez said, speaking through an interpreter. “Worse still, Elian’s been paraded and exhibited in public rallies and by the media with a clear intent to obtain political advantage” from the tragedy that befell him last November, when his mother died while en route with Elian to South Florida from Cuba.

President Clinton, interviewed on CBS, said, “The fact that the father has come here, and will be in a position to show his concern for and desire to be reunited with his son should be a big help.”

Protesters Debate Display of Confederate Flag



Charleston.

“We must, as South Carolinians, move forward and get this issue resolved, and we must move the flag from the dome,” Gov. Jim Hodges told a crowd of 2,000 people.

On the Capitol’s opposite side, flag supporters, who see the banner as a symbol of Southern heritage that honors Confederate war casualties, sang “Dixie” and demanded that it stay.

Led by Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. and under heavy security, flag opponents — who see the banner as a vestige of hatred and slavery — began their march Sunday with about 600 people. The group fell to just a few during the week, but swelled to more than 400 Thursday morning.

Hundreds more met the marchers at the Statehouse. Riley told the crowd that an anonymous letter writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — With the Confederate flag fluttering from the dome, hundreds of demonstrators demanding its removal converged on the Statehouse on Thursday after a five-day, 120-mile march from

threatened that if he marched with blacks through Calhoun County south of Columbia, “I will put you in my gun sights.”

That was not about heritage, Riley said: “That is his hate.”

Hodges, a first-term Democrat who proposes moving the flag to a monument on Statehouse grounds, said he is tired of hearing legislators argue.

The Senate has now set debate on a bill for Wednesday — the first time this session the Legislature officially will take up the issue.

While he and Riley spoke on the south steps, roughly 300 flag supporters gathered on the north steps with signs that said “Let My People Go” and “God Save the South.”

“They want a nice, multi-ethnic society and they know they can’t have it,” said Lake High, former chairman of the South Carolina League of the South.

Some chanted, “We want to vote” — a reference to the position by state Attorney General Charlie Condon that the matter should be put to a referendum.

The flag, which flies under the U.S. and state flags, was raised during the Civil War centennial in the 1960s, though critics have suggested it also was in defiance of the civil rights movement.

Genetics Company Announces Complete Map of Human DNA



WASHINGTON (AP) — A private company mapping the human genetic blueprint said Thursday it has completed a major step: decoding all of the DNA pieces that make up the genetic pattern of a single human being.

The milestone puts the company, Celera Genomics of Rockville,

Md., far ahead of an international government effort to map the human genome using a different method.

“We’ve now completed the gene sequence plan of one human being,” said Craig Venter, chief scientist for the company. He said that the human being was an unidentified male, adding, “By the end of next week, we will have finished the gene sequence for a female.”

There are about 3 billion DNA subunits in virtually every human cell. This DNA contains about 100,000 genes. The gene sequencing done thus far

lines up small segments of the DNA. Assembly of the entire genome will involve putting these segments in proper order.

This process, said Venter, will take several weeks. But he said the Celera work is far ahead of a similar effort by the government-funded Human Genome Project.

“We don’t want to declare absolute victory yet, but call me in three or four weeks when it is all assembled,” said Venter.

Dr. Francis Collins, the Human Genome Project’s chief, said, “I’m happy to hear that Celera has com-

pleted this part of their business plan. We look forward to hearing how the assembly process goes and ultimately seeing the sequence made available” to the public.

Venter said the ordered sequence of the human genes will not be released to the public until it has been completely assembled.

“I don’t believe a genome is done until there is an attempt to identify the genes and the linear sequence along all of the chromosomes,” he said. “We will not have that completed until later this year.”

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Weather

Hey, did you hear about that Midnight Monkey Spanker? You know, that dude that breaks into houses and masturbates over sleeping females. Instead of breaking and entering, he was entering and cumming. He didn’t even steal anything. He just jerked and jetted. It’s freaky to know that someone could get off on someone sleeping. I think I’m going to go to bed with a machete tonight. Hey, Sleep Stroker, don’t mess with the Weatherhuman!

Friday’s forecast: Nighttime showers. Shut your windows and lock your doors.

UPGRADE

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"Last year's Leg Council felt that Macs would probably be a good system, but it was decided to test this system first to see how good it would be," he said. "I think that was very responsible of them."

A.S. officials performed an assessment of necessary equipment upgrades and replacements, and created a list to legitimize the grant request. This list will next be sent to a technology committee, made up of representatives from different branches of A.S., for discussion and approval, according to Anderson.

Off-Campus Rep Shilen Patel said he hopes this committee will look at the real need for each request, especially the requests for new printers in the A.S. Main Office.

"I don't feel that there is enough of a basis for buying two \$300 printers for the main office," he said. "The printer we have is a good one; it's top of the line, and it does the work we need it to do. The printer that they want doesn't seem to me to be meant for big project printing ... it's not a business-oriented computer."

The influx of new computers to the

A.S. offices means that surplus equipment can be redistributed to other offices and other organizations in the UCSB community, according to Anderson.

"We'll be donating to needy organizations — preferably in Isla Vista — those computers we have that are not worth upgrading," said Anderson. "We'll also be setting up at least three netstations right outside the A.S. offices. They will be open to any student. We want to bring more students into A.S., and this allows us to put the surplus computers to a good use."

Finance Board member Hagen Green said this upgrade would better streamline the student bureaucracy. "The biggest chunk of this [current phase] is for one of our servers," he said. "Not only will service be faster, but we can have access through this server to newer technologies. Basically, we're trying to get A.S. online."

Green added that an online Associated Students would give student groups greater access to the A.S. offices. "This will make it easier for students to go in and get access to A.S. ... Student groups can go online to check their accounts, fill out [purchase orders] online and have easier access to information on the computer."

CASEY

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surroundings," Casey said. "All the other teams were there, and it was hard not having any team support. I felt pressure knowing that no one had ever qualified for the finals, and basically just showing other people that we have a team and we are competitive."

Casey did just that when he finished second, and his teammates are the first to recognize his achievements and attribute them to all the hard work that they see him put in every day at practice.

"He works out hard," sophomore Michael Kelley said. "He's definitely a leader for the team, he's so determined and motivated, and now he's proven himself."

Casey has one more chance to prove himself this season at the USA Collegiate Championships alongside his teammates this weekend. Next season, he will have another year of hard work behind him and that may give Casey more opportunities to win national titles in more events than one.

"Cody has three weak events," Badulescu said. "But if he motivates himself, he could be one of the best all-arounders in the nation. A gymnast with his talent could bring seven national titles to this school."

A.S. ELECTIONS 2000 Fee Measures

(These are new funding measures and would increase your current A.S. fee.)

Do you approve of an A.S. Lock-In of fifty-cents (\$.50) to support Campus Point as a bi-monthly publication committed to serving the students with a forum of Arts, Entertainment and Student Life? This Lock-In would enable Campus Point to pay for their own printing contract, pay reports, pay honoraria for the staff and any other miscellaneous expenses.

Do you approve to establish an AS Lock-In of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per student to go towards the student child care grant? The grant will provide aid to student parents for child care needs during midterms and finals.

Do you approve a one dollar and no cents (\$1.00) per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory Associated Students fee beginning Fall 2000 for the Isla Vista Tenants' Union? The Isla Vista Tenants' Union is a grassroots organization committed to enhancing the quality of life in the community by advocating for and educating students on their rights and role as renters. The funds will be used for educational events, tenants' rights materials and resources, office space, supplies, and drop-in counseling and referrals.

Do you approve of an A.S. lock-in of twenty five-cents (\$.25) to support Environmental Affairs Board as an entity established to protect, preserve and enhance the natural outdoor environment at UCSB, its surrounding communities and all global ecosystems? This lock-in would enable Environmental Affairs Board to continually work to preserve the environment, working on and off campus to educate and raise ecological awareness, and when necessary, to openly protest or confront those who threaten it.

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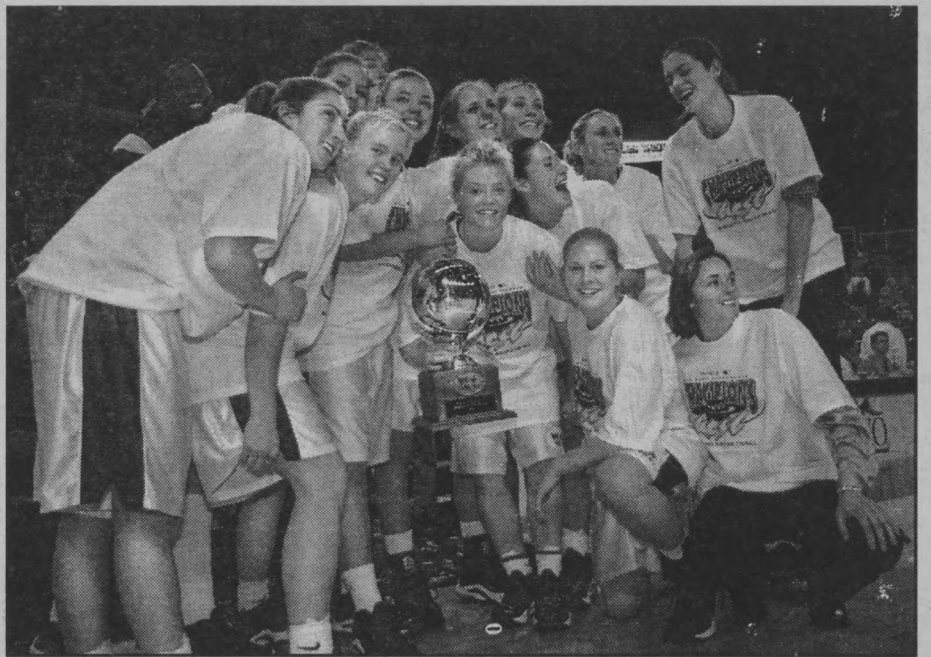
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JASON SCHOCK / DAILY NEXUS

SUCH IS LIFE: A disappointing NCAA tournament showing does not obscure the fact that the Gauchos had one of the greatest seasons in UCSB's athletic program history.

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was named Second Team All-American by the *WBNS*, was a First Team All-Big West selection and was named the Big West Tournament MVP. Senior forward Kristi Rohr (13.8 ppg, 6 rpg) was a First Team All-Big West selection for the third-straight year and was named to the First Team All-Big West Tournament team.

The scoring record. Rohr is the UCSB leading scorer with 1,720 points. However, right on her tail is Buescher with 1,697 points. "At first, I only wanted the record for one game, but I had to pay [Buescher] \$100 not to catch me," Rohr joked. "Now, I have it for the whole summer, and I have paid her so much I am broke." Clinesmith finished her UCSB career in fourth place with 1,565 points and also in second place in assists with 647.

The Thunderdome has regained its thunder. Throughout the season, there was a constant crowd of close to 3,000 fans for home games. In the final month of the year, the 'Dome sold out twice, for the NAAs and for the annual Fill the 'Dome event, which forced UCSB Head Coach Mark French to pony up on his bet to dye his hair from gray to blond if the Gauchos set a new attendance record. "I want to say to the fans, besides sorry that we lost, is I want to thank everyone," French said. "I wish I could meet people and tell them face-to-face it means so much to us. We're totally disappointed that we lost — we feel like we let the fans down. But, it's awesome all the support they gave us."

Don't expect fans to stay away from the Thunderdome just because Rohr, Clinesmith and senior guard Tawnée Cooper (8.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg) are gone. While this season was supposed to be one for the

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IVRPD

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putting all the cards on the table, and we want to hear from you about this process."

In the technical details of Santa Barbara annexing Isla Vista, nine members would be added to Santa Barbara's existing city council, five from districts, four elected from the entire city.

IVRPD director Pegeen Soutar said she would be for annexation by Santa Barbara under certain conditions, including a dedicated Isla Vista council member. Referring to Goleta Now's proposal, which excludes Isla Vista, she said the city's idea looks better for I.V.

"If we have a choice here, certainly something is better than nothing," she said.

IVRPD directors were grateful but wary of the sudden attention by Santa Barbara's top brass. Newly minted IVRPD director Brenton Kelly offered an explanation of the board's "territoriality."

"The territoriality of I.V. comes out of I.V. being the bastard child of Santa Barbara County. We're supposed to be this big block vote and no one wants us," he said.

All board members echoed the need for representation of I.V. in the new, significantly larger city.

"Music plays here 'til 3 a.m., and when you park on the street, there's a chance your car will get vandalized," IVRPD director Ariana Katovich said. "There's all these things, the peculiarities of I.V., that I think could be lost if we annex into a city."

Kelly offered dire predictions if I.V. has to attempt to elect proper representa-

tion in a citywide election, where I.V.'s vote would be a small minority.

"We would be undone if it came to an at-large election," he said.

Both Hart and Casey dangled the environmental lure of permanently saving the Gaviota Coast by way of a special provision in Santa Barbara's city charter that could ban any development on the seashore.

Some directors wetted their lips at the idea of helping to preserve the coast, but director Diane Conn said she worried about the feasibility of getting other groups to agree with such a proposal.

"I think you are going to have to sell them on a lot more than the Gaviota Coast," she said.

"Like on I.V.," Soutar said.

Following the annexation discussion, Isla Vista Foot Patrol Lt. Butch Arnoldi gave the board a quick synopsis of the IVFP's latest activities.

"This weekend we're gearing up. Fortunately or unfortunately, the national chapters of UCSB's fraternities and sororities have issued letters to the houses saying they must be dry for rush week or they will face their punishment for violating their chapter codes," he said.

Arnoldi said the second weekend of Spring Quarter is historically the biggest, as frat houses try to outdo each other to appeal to pledges, but since the letters have been issued, they have moved their big parties to the first weekend.

"I will have a videographer, and they will be photographed. If the national chapters want to see how their houses act, we'll be happy to accommodate them. Hopefully, it will instill some sanity into these people," he said.

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Welcome Change

Recent Supreme Court Decision
To Improve A.S. Funding Policies

Imagine a campus where public discussion is confined to topics no one finds controversial, where the only events student government can sanction are those that are guaranteed not to offend anyone. Perhaps we would see experts brought in to lecture on the relative merits of paper versus plastic, but such a scenario contradicts one of the goals of a university education: to open the student's mind through exposure to a wide range of ideas and viewpoints.

However, that's the direction America's public universities were moving in until just two weeks ago, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that public colleges and universities can use mandatory student fees to finance groups that engage in political speech some students object to. In a March 22 decision, the court upheld the University of Wisconsin's student fee system, which allocated fees to a number of groups — including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center and the International Socialist Organization — that several conservative students found unacceptable. The court ruled that this was a legitimate use of student funding, and universities do not have to offer partial refunds to students who object to how their fees are spent.

This decision is a welcome change from the years of irrational policy leading up to it. The Supreme Court decision supercedes most of *Smith v. Regents*, the California Supreme Court decision that has governed Associated Students' funding policies at UCSB. According to *Smith v. Regents*, any funding of a stu-

dent group or activity that could be interpreted as controversial or "political" in nature was courting a lawsuit, though universities could clear themselves of legal responsibility by offering partial refunds to students who wanted them.

To comply with these rules, universities had to undertake the impossible, and at times ridiculous, task of differentiating between "political" and "non-

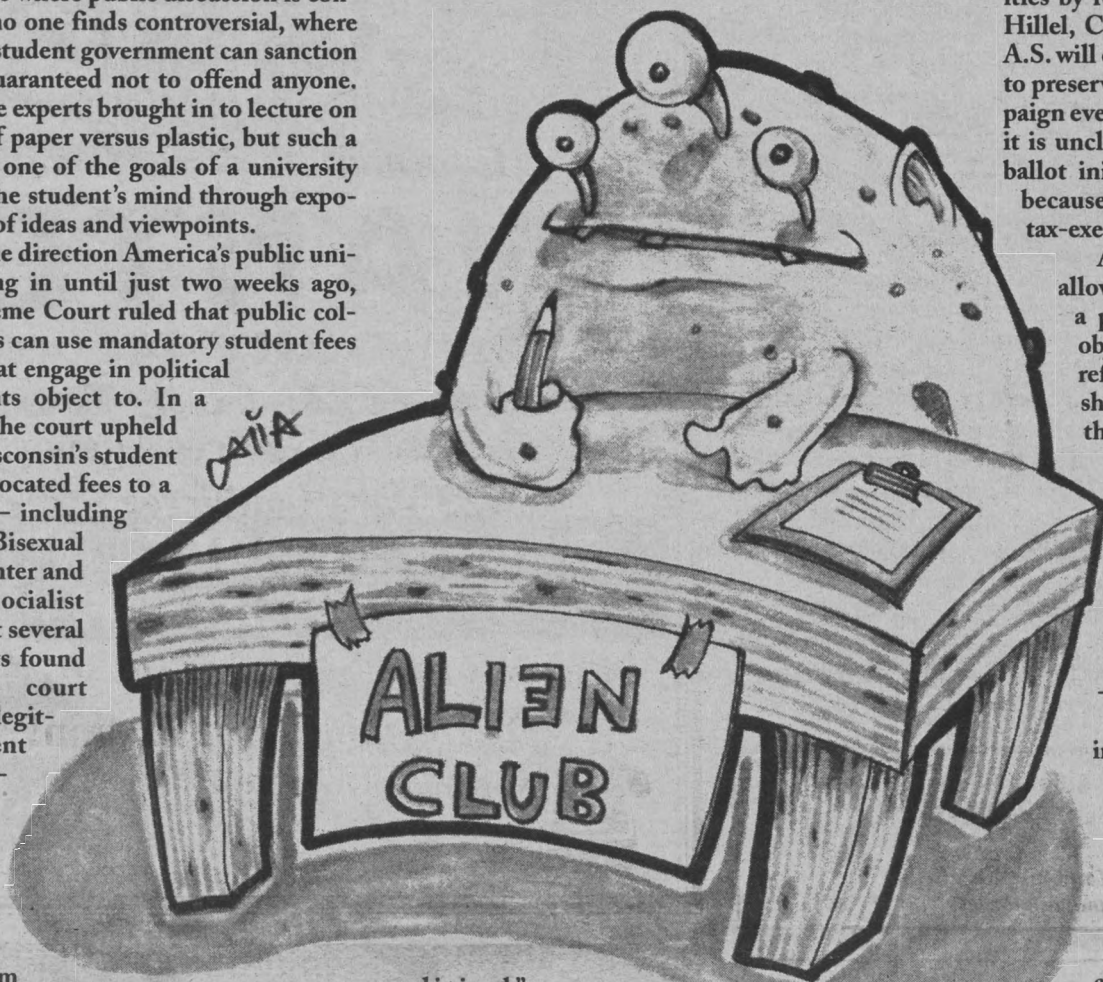
should remain separate from politics is itself a political statement. If Associated Students were to shun all groups with any ideological bent, they would be left funding the chess and knitting clubs, and public discourse at the university would be harmed immeasurably.

Associated Students leaders are planning to adjust our campuses' funding policies to comply with the new decision, enabling them to fund additional activities by religious and political organizations such as Hillel, Campus Democrats or College Republicans. A.S. will continue to operate under certain limitations to preserve its tax-exempt status: It cannot fund campaign events for or against specific candidates, though it is unclear whether tax law allows campaigning on ballot initiatives. These limits must be maintained because students would pay the price if A.S. lost its tax-exempt status.

A.S. has avoided legal trouble in the past by allowing students to petition Judicial Council for a partial refund if they find a fee allocation objectionable. While this is a noble effort, the refunds are so small — one undergraduate's share of a \$1,000 expenditure would be less than 06 cents — they are basically pointless. In fact, only one student has petitioned for a refund in the past four years. While A.S. will probably still offer refunds, the recent Supreme Court decision means they no longer have a legal responsibility to do so. This should be a relief to all students, as it means A.S. can fund more controversial — and therefore, more interesting — events.

The only restriction the Supreme Court imposed on funding of student groups is that it must be "viewpoint neutral." In other words, a university or student government cannot discriminate on the basis of ideology. This is important at UCSB, where A.S. often has a decidedly liberal slant. A.S. officials must set aside their personal views and evaluate funding requests on their merit and their accessibility to all students.

An institution of higher learning should welcome controversy and diversity of opinion. If students disagree with how their fees are spent, they have only themselves and their peers to blame; all A.S. fees are assessed by a student vote and distributed by a democratically elected student government.



political" speech. In truth, all speech can be interpreted as political, and someone can disagree with even the most benign statement. For example, a drama or art club could be seen as non-political, but art often becomes politicized, and the view that art

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Looking Underneath Our Liberal Surface

DAN LEFRANC

I'd like to congratulate California for finally coming out of the closet.

After years and years of claiming liberalism, equal rights and progression, we've finally decided to admit it: Mom, Dad — I'm homophobic.

The recent passage of Prop 22, the "protection of marriage" initiative that "limits" marriage to heterosexual couples, came as an utter and disappointing surprise to me. But should it have? No one in their right, politically correct mind is going to openly persecute homosexuals in this state; it isn't nice. However, dig right into people's deepest and darkest feelings, and you'll find that many people who claim to be "liberals" are nothing but in-the-closet bigots.

Blacks, Asians, American Indians, Hispanics — they all deserve equal rights and representation, right?

Homosexuals? "Errr ... is this just between you and me? It is? Well, then the answer is a big fat 'no.'" It truly amazes me that people can claim to be "open-minded" and still agree to legally lynch gays and lesbians. Put peo-

ple in a public forum, and they'll yell "hooray for gays" all night long, but throw them in the context of a private ballot, and they'll pull the rug out from under gay rights and kick them in the head while they're down.

I thought this country had been working hard toward humanitarian ideals and progression, but California, which has been playing the equal rights game of Chutes and Ladders for quite a while, just broke the window and slid down the really big chute. Let me tell you, it's going to take us a shitload of birthday cakes and good grades to climb our way back up to the top.

However, is this an issue of making propositions like Prop 22 harder to get onto the ballot? Hell, no; this isn't a political issue; it's an ideological one. It doesn't matter how unconstitutional Prop 22 is, or if it flies by the Supreme Court or not, the statement it made is clear: California wants gays out. This is about the mindset of the people who vote, not the legislation they vote on. As history has proven, society needs a scapegoat, and who is more convenient now than the homosexual community? Now, wait a minute, some might say, not here, not at our precious, open-minded, liberal, "rah rah rah" UCSB! To them, I say, open your eyes, Einsteins, it's ugly out there.

The amount of homophobia on this campus makes me sick. From my fellow peers making comments like, "That's so gay!" or "Stop being such a fag!" to my wit-

nessing of a bunch of drunk UCSB students vehemently tear down posters put up by the Queer Student Union, homophobia runs rampant at UCSB. As usual, though, the homophobia is accompanied by a healthy dose of hypocrisy. If someone dares to make a racist comment, they're immediately jumped on by everyone in the room ("How can you be so ignorant?"), yet when homosexuality is made a jest, everyone laughs. How can someone be so defensive of one minority's rights and at the same time so insensitive to another's? It's enough to make any individual in question of one's sexuality lock the closet door and bury the key.

Even some of the reasons that people are for gay marriage exemplify bigotry. I've heard, on more than one occasion, UCSB students comment, "I think it's all right for homosexuals to marry. I mean, everyone sins, so I don't see why homosexuals wouldn't be able to marry just

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because they've sinned." The intentions of such comments are in the right place, but somehow they've been disgustingly distorted.

Perhaps it's time for people to realize that their religion and moral convictions are not anyone else's business. If you don't agree with gays or lesbians, great, but that shouldn't disallow someone else from becoming gay or lesbian; it's their right. What is an abomination to your Lord should not be an abomination to the state.

Some good has come out of all this, I suppose. At least California has finally decided to show us its true self, but sadly, our state's ignorance and bigotry have impeded on someone else's right to show his or her true self.

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SILENCE

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people's reactions because it made them so uncomfortable, and they would just stare or ask, 'Why aren't you talking?'" senior English major Valerie Ayres added. "Once I handed them the informational cards, most people would pat me on the back and give me a thumbs-up or would come up to ask me a question. And I would just write back my answer to them on a notepad."

Corn said she wished more allies of the queer community had participated. "It would be great to get more involvement from all communities. Their involvement would be powerful because they would spend the day thinking to themselves how

the queer community is silenced. Also, because, as they hand out cards, it would make them aware of that silence. They'd know how it'd feel to come out, because most people would just assume they were part of the queer community, instead of identifying them as a straight supporter."

Senior Asian American studies major Daniel Magpali said the Day of Silence Project was a success in creating a noticeable, deliberate silence in the form of cards and reflection. "I felt like I was being visible. It felt good to know I was a visible force in educating others. I just couldn't help but think that maybe I would be reaching out to someone who hasn't come out yet, and just showing them that they are welcome."

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be drawn from the opinions of the I.V./UCSB area, despite the low turnout.

"The Goleta Roundtable is interested in input from I.V.," he said. "I.V.'s low response could show that I.V. does not care about Goleta."

Third District Executive Assistant Mark Chaconas said the low response was due to the time of year and to the way the poll was distributed.

"It's too early for people in I.V. to care about this cityhood stuff. There have not been a lot of forums in Isla Vista, as there have been in Goleta," he said. "Students and young adults have a lot going on in their lives; we wouldn't expect a large response for a mail poll conducted at the height of an election."

Goleta Roundtable member Bud Sprague pointed to I.V.'s high renting population and its unfamiliarity with local issues as a reason for the low response.

"You wouldn't expect a big response. These issues are not really important to the UCSB/I.V. area," he said. "Homeowners are more likely to reply and to vote. They understand the issues and take them seri-

ously."

Residents in the Goleta area are worried about including the I.V./UCSB area in plans for Goleta cityhood because the community is both costly and unresponsive, according to Sprague.

"The general attitude in the area is that they do not want Isla Vista as part of a new small city," he said. "However, this problem goes away with annexation, the large I.V. population would be diluted as part of Santa Barbara."

Chaconas said voter turnout would be as high as the surrounding community if the cityhood issue came to a vote, citing informational programs that could be offered in the I.V./UCSB area.

"I.V. does care about politics. In the last election, 5,000 voters turned out, a similar percentage to other areas, and that number will be even higher in November," he said.

Junior business economics major and I.V. resident Casey Pena said cityhood has not been made an issue in Isla Vista.

"Not a lot of people live here for a long time; they're in and out before they can see the effects of any changes, but if there was a vote, I would definitely turn out for it," he said.

UCSB

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books, next season will be one to watch for. The solid play off the bench by freshman guards Jess Hansen (6.9 ppg, 2.2 rpg) and Debby Caine (2 ppg, 1.6 apg) this season (Hansen was named to the Big West All-Freshman Team), plus 6'8" redshirt center Lindsay Taylor, has

the Gauchos eager for 2000-01. This does not even include the return of sophomore forward Kayte Christensen (10.4 ppg, 6.3 rpg) who missed the final 16 games of the season due to a broken wrist.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Accomplishing your goals should get easier soon. Meanwhile, give financial matters your full attention. Daydreaming could turn out to be very expensive. One thing on your list absolutely must be done. Do it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You might be a little tired, but the action's starting to slow down. You'll have more time to think about practical matters. If you don't have the opportunity to ask for a raise for most of the day, don't despair. Your odds of getting it are better later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You'd much rather be playing with your friends. It's not quite time yet, however. Schedule all that for tomorrow and the next day. You'll have to be content with doing the preparations now. Don't let them distract you from an important task, either.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Join with your friends again and celebrate a recent victory. As the day goes on, paperwork becomes more pressing. You may even have to take some home to work on over the weekend. That would be perfect, actually. You'll be in the mood to do it, then.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You could get the opportunity to advance in your career, so do some planning. You'll have to prove you can do what's required, so figure out what that is. Once you know what the routine will be, all you'll have to do is practice.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Contact a far-away friend and ask for advice. This person has been where you're trying to go and can help you figure out how to get there. You may get a surprising extra benefit from the conversation, too. You could all of a sudden realize how well-off you are.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — Plan to get out of town this weekend, if at all possible. It would be good for you, even if it looks like you can't possibly take the time. Actually, an hour spent setting priorities now could save you half a day tomorrow.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Somebody else may try to order you around. If your money's involved, don't be an idiot. Follow the advice of a trustworthy person. Don't simply do what you're told, out of intimidation. It's up to you to tell the difference.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your intention yesterday was to take care of other people. You probably did a good job of it, too. Now, see if somebody will give you a helping hand. Instead of running yourself ragged, let somebody else carry part of your load.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You may have had a couple of nice days recently. That's the good news. The bad news is that you'll feel like working now, over the weekend! Oh well, you're not on a regular schedule like everybody else. When you're hot, you're hot!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You'll have a relaxing weekend, most likely. Meanwhile, muck out the mess at your place so you can have somebody special over this weekend. Do a good job of it, too. You'll want everything to be perfect.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Focus on whatever you're studying. You'll retain what you're learning, and that's important. Don't believe a friend who says you can't do it yourself. Maybe he or she can't, but you can.

Today's Birthday (April 7). You could generate a nice income this year. Spend some on education and some on travel. Keep the rest hidden away. You're cute as a button in April and could reattract an old flame. Concentrate on bringing in the bucks in May so you can take a special class with friends in June. Don't gamble in July or August, even on an insider tip. September's good for getting a job that pays you what you're worth. Secrets are revealed in December, much to your delight. Friendship could be expensive in February if you're not careful.

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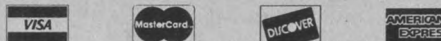
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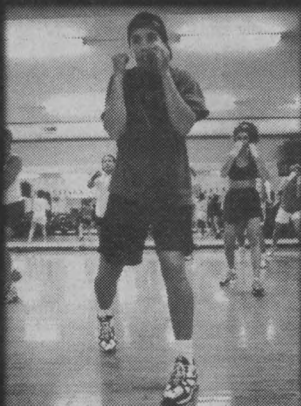
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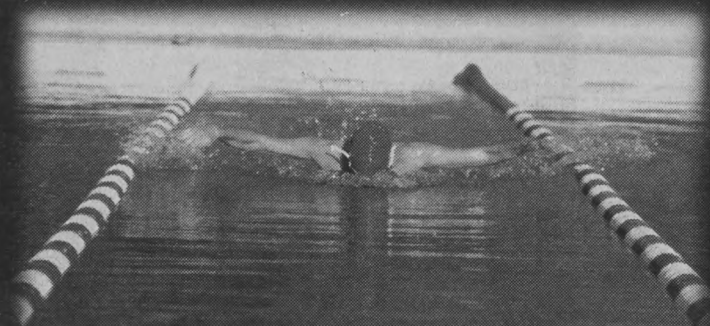


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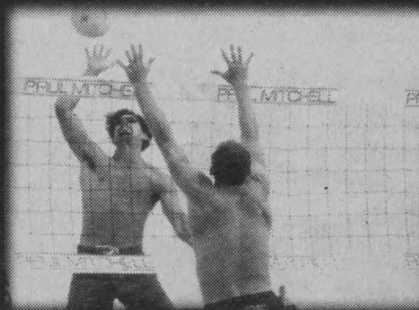
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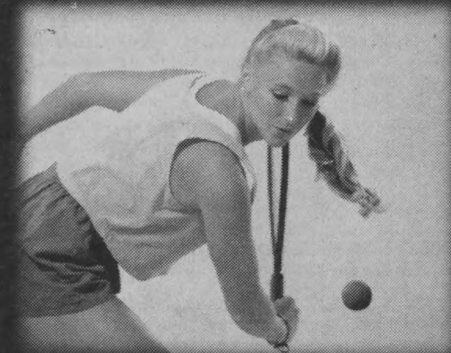
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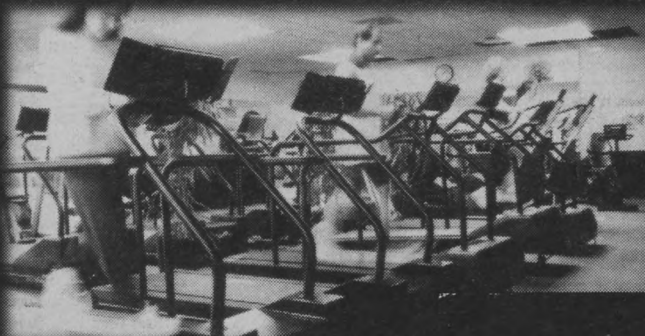
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Sports

A Rare Off-Game Halts Gauchos' Brilliant Year

Season in Review

BY MATT HURST
Staff Writer

For all of the great things that happened to the #21 UCSB women's basketball team this season (30 wins, a perfect record in the Big West, a 26-game winning streak), it will all be overshadowed by one thing: a three-point loss at the hands of Rice University in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

For four straight years, the Gauchos have made the field of 64. In three of those years, Santa Barbara has bowed out in the first round, and this year's exit was easily the most painful.

"Definitely, we're all more embarrassed than anything," junior forward Nicole Great-house (6.4 points per game, 5.9 rebounds per game) said. "We were hyped up so much, and we worked all year for two hours [of game time]. We worked so hard and only came away with a little success."

After battling throughout the season to host the first two rounds of the tourney, UCSB fell in front of 5,824 fans and shocked the locals and the nation. But it was everything

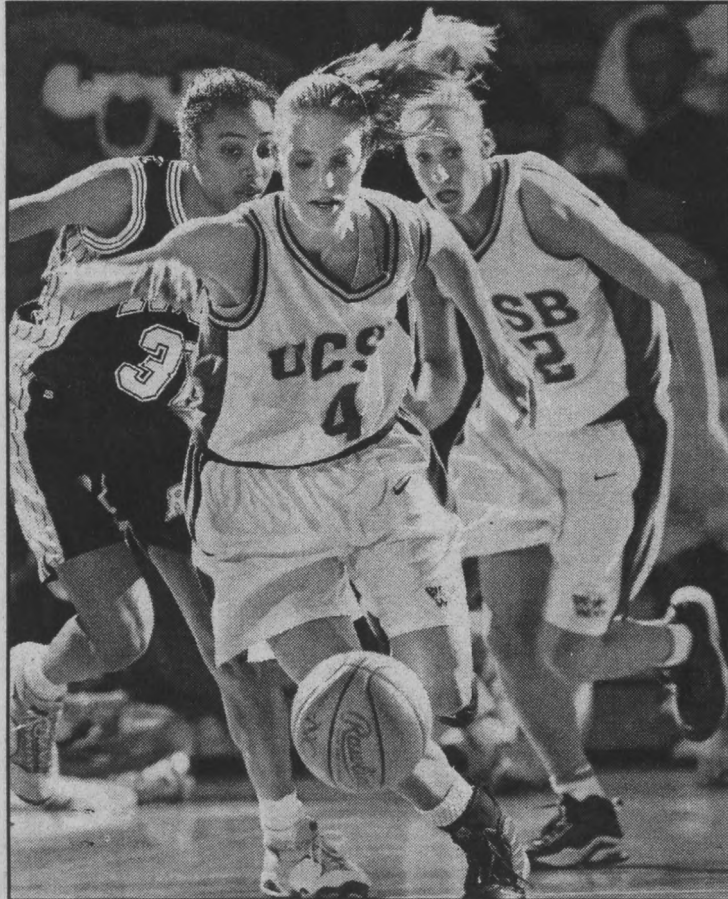
else the Gauchos achieved that made their season one of the best in UCSB history:

A 30-4 record. The only other teams to notch 30 wins this season: National Champion Connecticut, Georgia and Tennessee. **A fourth-straight Big West crown.** A second-place finish in the Preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament.

An 18-0 record for the second-straight year in the Big West. In fact, the Gauchos have won a record 65 consecutive games in the Big West over the past two and a half years.

Recognition. Santa Barbara was ranked as high as ninth near the end of the season in both the *Associated Press* and the *ESPN/USA Today* polls before its loss to the Owls. UCSB also received player recognition. Junior guard Erin Buescher (17.3 ppg, 9.7 rpg) was named Player of the Year by the *Women's Basketball News Service*, was Big West Player of the Year for the third year in a row, was *AP's* Third Team All-American and a First Team All-Big West Tournament Selection. Senior guard Stacy Clinesmith (12.9 ppg, 5.8 assists per game)

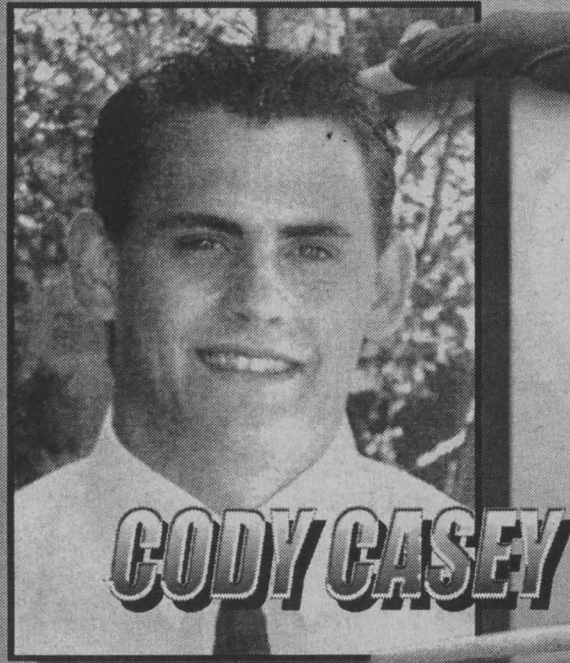
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EARLY EXIT: The UCSB women's basketball team dropped the ball in its NCAA tournament game with Rice, losing 67-64 in the first round.

Athlete of the Week



J.E. ANDERSON / DAILY NEXUS

NCAA Gives Casey's Floor Show Rave Review

BY BECKY FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Only two teams in the history of UCSB's intercollegiate athletic program have finished their seasons ranked #1 or #2 in the nation: the national champion men's water polo team of 1979, and the men's volleyball NCAA runners-up in 1988.

After last weekend, UCSB can add a name to its exclusive list of elite national competitors: junior gymnast Cody Casey.

Casey traveled to Iowa City, Iowa, the setting of the men's gymnastics NCAA Championships, with one thought on his mind — winning the floor exercise. He came up a little short, though, and left with second place by a mere .025 points. A tiny hop at one point in his routine was the only deciding factor for the judges. Casey, the newly crowned All-American, was not disappointed with his performance; he was just excited that he did not let himself down like the year before.

When Casey came to UCSB at the start of Winter Quarter last year, he was out of shape and injured himself in the first meet he competed in. Despite that temporary setback, Casey still made it to the NCAA Championships in his favorite event: the floor exercise. Casey had been landing high scores in the floor all year long, and he was expected to be one of the top finishers, but he failed to make the finals. After a year of hard work and a top national ranking in the floor exercise, Casey was not about to let that happen again.

"I went into the meet with the mindset that [not making the finals] wasn't going to happen again this year," Casey said. "I didn't feel like I deserved to be there last year; my confidence just

wasn't there. But it was this year."

That mindset helped Casey accomplish his best performance of the weekend, and his first perfect 10. In the NCAA pre-qualifying round Thursday, he completed a routine that was as close to perfect as he has been all year, and in the process he received two 9.9s and a 10 to be the number-one qualifier in that event. Casey's perfect 10 was only one of two given all weekend out of an estimated 400 individual routines in all events.

"I was a little bit worried about Cody," UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said. "But he handled the pressure magnificently."

After his worries were over and Casey performed a near-perfect routine, Badulescu was not necessarily happy with Casey's second-place finish; he thought he should have won the competition, and evidently, so did many others.

"The coaches and judges all loved his routine the most as far as both difficulty and presentation," Badulescu said. "I'm still frustrated about losing the title, but it is a great result."

Casey's All-American finish is not the end of his career, and both Badulescu and Casey are looking forward to next year, now that UCSB has been recognized on a national level. Gaining respect for the Gauchito gymnastic program was a goal throughout the year for the entire team. Finally, that goal was accomplished when Casey succeeded in advancing to the "Elite Eight" (the top eight gymnasts advance to the Finals), the only athlete competing on an individual basis (without a team) in the meet to do so.

"It was really difficult to compete, with the

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Women's Tennis vs. Idaho
RecCen Courts, 11 a.m.

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Baseball @ Pacific, 1 p.m.

Men's Volleyball @ BYU, 7 p.m.

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