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Students concerned about rising fees pay a surprise visit to Dean of Students Gladys de Necochea to pronounce their message. An earlier rally in front of the library was shut down.

Teach-In Turns Protest for Concerned Students

Group Takes Message From Library to Dean

By Ivy Weston Staff Writer

A teach-in planned to educate students about the impact of rising fees became a protest march when students were told they could not make amplified speeches in front of the library.

Concerned Students, which has held a number of events to draw attention to student issues, began an informational gathering at 12:45 p.m. in front of the library Wednesday, when the crowd was notified of the campus regulations.

"They have to turn off the amplification. If they want amplification, they must go to

Storke Plaza," said Campus Activities Center Director Naomi Johnson. She added that if students did not heed her warning, she would have to turn names into the Dean of Students.

Associated Students President Aaron Jones was outraged by the move. "This is our campus, this is our building that we're fully funding now, and they're telling us we can't be here," he said. "The head librarian is saying we can't be out here. What kind of shit is that? Whose campus is this? Is this your campus or their campus?"

Despite the warning, Jones

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Respected Lt. Ken Shemwell Says Goodbye to Foot Patrol

By Edward Acevedo Staff Writer

You may have run into him while taking a stroll on Pardall Road — a blond-haired man, 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighing approximately 185-195 pounds, with a hadge

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Lt. Ken Shemwell, who served as the Isla Vista Foot Patrol's station commander for two years, said goodbye Wednesday to colleagues and friends before taking another job at the South Coast Patrol Division in Goleta.

Shemwell had a number of fond and unusual memories of his tenure at a post he said was "like being chief of police in a small community." Most of these reminisces involved one of I.V.'s most popular recreational pastimes — drinking.

He said he recalls the time beer-drinkers brought a keg to the Foot Patrol Office following a temporary lapse on the county's ban on drinking in public last summer.

"There was alcohol everywhere, and they tried to bring a keg into our office," Shemwell said.

Shemwell also reminisced about a blackout last year that hit I.V. and campus during finals week. "There was no life out here, this town was a

See PATROL, p.3

Recount Disputes in 3rd District Contest Taken to Court

By Kimberly Epler Staff Writer

For voters who believed the bitter battle to represent Santa Barbara County's 3rd District on the Board of Supervisors was behind them, the racetrack has taken another turn.

The race between Goleta veterinarian Bill

The race between Goleta veterinarian Bill Wallace and Los Olivos rancher Willy Chamberlin hit the campaign trail, the ballot booth and the counting, and recounting, houses of the county, ultimately resulting in a five-vote victory for Chamberlin, who was sworn in last month.

But it may not be over yet.

The stage was set in Superior Court Wednesday for opening testimony in a case that could reverse the controversial results.

A recount following the initial tally, which gave Chamberlin a nine-vote victory, validated some ballots that had been rejected. Nevertheless, parties on both sides took steps to bring legal action against each other with charges that discounted ballots were wrongly left out.

"We're bringing in each voter to testify why their vote should count, what they did and what the poll workers told them," Wallace said. "We're going to bring in the poll workers as well."

Disqualified ballots include those of vot-

ers who reported to the incorrect precinct, and those who used ball-point pen. Most of those ballots came from precincts in Isla Vista, which voted overwhelmingly in favor of Wallace.

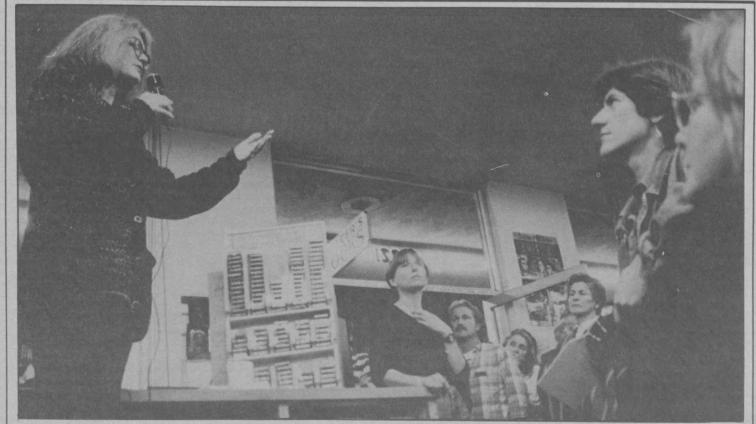
The Chamberlin camp, however, blames erroneous Wallace campaign instructions for the improper precinct reporting.

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"Wrong precinct voters may be out of luck in this election," Chamberlin attorney Timothy Morgan said. "The results of the recount should stand."

"I suspect to find instances of one or more Wallace campaign worker misleading one or

See TRIAL, p.9



DAVID RUDDY/Daily Next

With Pen and Pulpit ...

Feminist author Gloria Steinem gives a short speech on the general importance of social involvement by both men and women during a book signing Wednesday at Chaucer's Books in Santa Barbara. She was promoting her latest book Revolution From Within.

HEADLINERS

Clinton Offers Troops to Help Enforce Peace in Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP) —The Clinton administra-tion said Wednesday U.S. troops could be sent to enforce peace in the former Yugoslavia if warring factions can negotiate a settlement. "Our conscience revolts" at unending accounts of murder and rape, said Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher.

Christopher announced the possibility of using American troops as part of an international force to deal with what he called "a cauldron of ethnic hatreds."

Other key provisions of a six-point administration plan included the appointment of Reginald Bartholomew, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, to assist international mediators to forge an agreement, and a pledge to tighten the U.N. trade embargo against the federa-tion of Serbia and Montenegro.

Christopher, at a news conference, denounced the

Serbs, accusing them of a wide range of atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, but he said President Clinton had ruled out providing the Muslims with weapons or using U.S. air power to silence Serbian mortar fire.

"We are prepared to use our military power to enforce the agreement."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher

He said those options were weighed during the three-week review conducted by the new administration but were discarded out of concern that British, French and Canadian peacekeepers in the stricken

country might be "gravely endangered."

He said the United States could not ignore what is going on in Bosnia-Herzegovina and said Clinton wanted to "bring the full weight of American diplo-

On the potential use of U.S. troops, Christopher said they would be sent to the Balkans only in the event of a negotiated settlement and only as a part of a multinational U.N. or NATO force.

"We are prepared to use our military power to enforce the agreement," he said. "It is premature to try to analyze what kind of military power is necessary."

Other senior officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was no decision yet on whether ground troops would act as peacekeepers.

Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) a senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said Christopher called him aside and said that as many as 5,000 to 10,000 American troops could join a 40,000-member NATO force that might go to Bosnia under U.N. auspices once a new peace accord is concluded.

Christopher, described the situation in the Balkans as deteriorating.

Pope Criticizes Leader for **Not Protecting Christians**

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) —Pope John Paul II told Sudan's military leader on Wednesday that his Muslim fundamentalist government had a duty to protect Christians strug-



gling for the freedom to practice their faith.

President Omar Hassan el-Bashir denied Christians
were oppressed. A human rights group insisted the Su-

danese government systematically violated the rights of ethnic and religious minorities.

And officials in a rebel-held village in the south said el-Bashir "does not give a damn whether the pope is ar-

ound" and ordered their starving community bombed. Religious, political and racial conflicts exploded in civil war 10 years ago in the mainly Christian and animist south, where Black African rebels are fighting for in-dependence against the government in the Arab Mu-

Stopping for nine hours in a country where parishes have been closed, missionaries expelled, priests arrested and Christians rounded up, the pontiff publicly rebuked the government.

"No group should consider itself superior to another," he told el-Bashir. "The state has a duty to respect and defend the differences existing among its

Western Germany Faces Grim Economic Future

BONN, Germany (AP) —Western Germany's economy will shrink in 1993 for the first time in nine years and nationwide joblessness is expected to rise, the government said Wednesday in a grim forecast.

The report represents the first official acknowledge-

ment that Germany is in a recession.

"We have entered a downturn. And the end of this downturn is not yet in view," Economics Minister Guenter Rexrodt told reporters.

German economic troubles result from the mamnoth costs of unification and worldwide economic

stagnation. Rexrodt released a report that predicted western Germany's economy will shrink by up to 1%, compared with 1.6% growth last year.

Growth for all of Germany will be zero and could even contract by 0.5%, Rexrodt said. Eastern Germany's economy is expected to expand by 7%, the report predicts.

"A downturn is also a recession," Rexrodt said. "I cannot judge whether it is the deepest in the postwar era," he said.

Gen. Powell Wants Early **Dismissal From Position**

WASHINGTON (AP) —Gen. Colin Powell said Wednesday he will complete his term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if asked by President Clinton, but would prefer to leave a bit early.



In a day of appearances on TV interview shows, Powell strongly disputed a New York Times report that his desire to retire early was reinforced by disagreements with Clinton over the new president's policies on homosexuals and budget cuts.

Powell, 55, is the nation's highest ranking military officer as well as the chief military adviser to the president. He has held the job since Oct. 1, 1989.

"I am not unhappy, I am not disappointed, I am not crosswise with the administration," he told CNN.

Powell said he had wanted to quit a "month or so" before his term as Joint Chiefs chairmen ends on Sept. 30 "in order to get my family resettled." He said he had made his wish known privately before Clinton took of-fice, and Powell's spokesman said it was reiterated to

Les Aspin, the new defense secretary.
The law allows Powell, who has spent 35 years in the Army, to serve a third two-year term as head of the Joint Chiefs. But custom dictates that he leave after four, and Clinton has given no indication that he would renomi-

Clinton Taking Steps to Streamline Government

WASHINGTON (AP) -With the stroke of a pen, President Clinton on Wednesday began the process of eliminating 100,000 government jobs, dismantling scores of commissions and stripping executives of many fringe benefits.

It was the second installment in Clinton's campaign to show that fiscal belt-tightening starts at home.

The era of high living on the taxpayers by government officials "has come to an end," Clinton said as he signed a series of orders. The reductions are in addition to program cuts to be included in the president's upcoming economic program and budget.

On Tuesday, Clinton announced a cut in the White

House staff of about 25%.

Americans "don't want a government that wastes money, a government that costs more and does less," he told his Cabinet.

"Now you and I must deliver."

Clinton's cuts cover neither the legislative nor judicial branches of government. The military is also not covered, nor the independent Postal Service.

City Council in Agreement on New Personnel Policies

LOS ANGELES (AP) —The City Council agreed Wednesday to bolster its anti-discrimination policies to protect homosexual workers and reinstate three gay police officers



who claim harassment forced them to quit. Among other things, the new provisions would make discrimination against gays and lesbians grounds for dismissal from city employment, said Deputy Attorney General Art Walsh.

The council promised to adopt the new regulations as part of a settlement that also includes full reinstatement and \$770,000 in damages for former Sgt. Mitch

Grobeson and two unnamed officers, Walsh said.

"Just as the city doesn't hire people who have strong prejudices against people based on race or gender, and just as the city will discipline people who display prejudice based on race or gender, we are going to have the same policies ... based on sexual orientation," said

Grobeson, now an officer with the San Francisco Police Dept., and the other officers claimed in a 1988 lawsuit that years of harassment forced them to resign.

The names of the other officers, one male and one fe-male, were kept confidential at their request, Walsh

Supporters, Opponents of **Nuclear Dump Square Off**

SAN BERNARDINO (AP) —Some 50 anti-nuclear activists squared off against a few industry representatives in a charged forum on a proposed low-level ra-dioactive waste dump in the Mojave Desert. Environmentalists booed and hissed during Tues-

day's meeting at City Council chambers as industry representatives insisted that the Ward Valley site, 20 miles west of Needles, posed no health threat.

The forum, which gave equal time to both sides, was televised live on local access television.

Opponents said a truck accident could spill radioactive waste along any transportation route and a dump spill could pollute aquifers and possibly the Colorado

"In biblical days, among the worst crimes that could be committed was to poison a water hole," said Daniel Hirsch, president of the Los Angeles-based Committee to Bridge the Gap. "We are faced with an action that could result in the equivalent poisoning of a well for generations to come."

Industry representatives said the site's risks were exaggerated and its benefits ignored.

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Weather

So, it's been 13 days of silence from Barbara Uehling over the issue of her lack of communication with the rest of the university. Part of the problem is that she's never here, at least as far as I can tell. Have you seen Barbara, apart from the occasional front page photo that graces the paper? If so, drop a line to me, the Weatherperson, to tell of your recent exciting encounter with our elusive Chancellor. If your story is good enough - like if she actually speaks to you - we might even be able to give you something, although I'm not sure what. As for the weather, periodic showers are likely this weekend with high clouds as yet another storm moves in. So what else is new.

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'Trek' Fans Aim to Defeat Stereotypes

By Stephen Sommers Reporter

While some may see "Star Trek" fans as warped, phaser-toting people aspiring to grow long pointed ears, Starfleet at UCSB seeks to surpass these stereotypes and provide a service to the community.

This seven-member group, which takes its inspiration from the 1960s television phenomenon, is only one of many chapters in an international organization with over 60,000 members.

Despite their small number, the "trekkers" at Santa Barbara have great hopes of improving racial equality, protecting ani-mal rights and the environment, and helping abused women.

"We enjoy ['Star Trek']'s vision of the future with equal opportunity, lack of hunger and a search for knowledge in-stead of power," said Kit Bottecher, who serves as the group's first officer.

Starfleet at UCSB has already participated in the Klein Bottle Bowl-a-thon

to raise money for the Big Brother/Big Sister Prog-ram and has assisted workers at the Santa Barbara Women's Shelter. Members have also volunteered at the Santa Barbara Animal Shelter and at Los Padres National Forest, and donated money to the Los Angeles Times Camp Fund for underprivileged children.

From this new world concept, first entertained by "Star Trek" creator, the late Gene Roddenberry, Starfleet has adopted a model of the way they feel the world should be.

However, trekkers are not the only members of the campus community who agree with Roddenberry's optimism and positive goals for the future.

"Gene Roddenberry's future is one everybody would like to live in," said English Professor Frank: McConnell, who teaches at

class on science fiction.
"I think it's terrific if a bunch of people are doing what's kind of a public ser-vice because they've been inspired by Roddenberry's series," McConnell said.
"That's something that would have made him very

happy. ... I assume that somewhere in heaven he's having a beer with Jim Henson right now and smiling about it."

While the worldwide chapters all share a common interest in "Star Trek," each branch has its own special interests and

The Starfleet Marines, a paramilitary group stationed in Petersburgh, Virginia, takes part in paint wars, while members of the Los Angeles chapter take particular interest in writing on their favorite "Star Trek" character.

While Starfleet at UCSB has definite ideas of the way it would like to shape the future, the details of how to obtain this vision are left up to its members.

"We really listen to what our members want to do," Boettcher said.

Although this chapter has been on campus since last September, its membership has yet to skyr-ocket. Boettcher attributes this holdup mainly to a negative image of trekkers.

Despite the popular image of "Star Trek" fans' social activities revolving around weekend-long marathons in front of the television, Starfleet limits its TV binges to the weekly episodes.

"When Starfleet was first formed I, too, had the same vision of fans, that they were all sort of geeks," Boettcher said.
"Our focus is partly to try to up our image."

Commanding Officer Sara Davidson has tried to send out a strong positive message about who Starfleet is. "We're just regular people, we're not really weird, we just think that human beings have a place to go and we want to help them get there," she said.

Both Davidson and Boettcher are currently trying to increase Starfleet's membership and welcome all to attend their meetings on the first Thursday of each month in Ellison 2816 at 6:30 p.m.

"It's just a really uplifting experience. It's a great way to get some social enrichment and to do something good for the com-munity and have fun with other people who like 'Star Trek,'" Davidson

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Studentitis: A Manageable Problem

Most students suffer from what we commonly refer to as "studentitis" or student syndrome. This is usually due to stress related muscle tightness after 3 exams and 5 papers due next week on top of spending endless hours sitting in uncomfortable chairs with your head hanging down staring at notes until the words begin to blur. This adds up to a lot of joint stiffness and muscle tightness making students prone to injury and unnecessary aches and pains.

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ghost town, then within seconds everyone was out in the street with a beer,"

The blackout increased burglaries and robberies in I.V. within minutes, he

From wild Halloween bashes to serious crimes, Shemwell said he will miss policing I.V. "I enjoy working out here. The best part of the job is the people ... oh yeah, and my coworkers," he said smiling. "The problem with I.V. is the food is too good out ger sentiments. "I'll miss

here, and it's hard to remember I'm not 18."

Despite the humor evident at the farewell, Shemwell had some serious observations about the seaside town. "It's a multicultural community," he said. "It's the most diverse in the county, and has the most diverse problems."

Many of Shemwell's coworkers said they admire the lieutenant. "I will definitely miss the guidance and tutelage of Lt. Shem-well," said Deputy Jeff

Foot Patrol Administrative Assistant Dianna Halliburton expressed stron-

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

him more than life itself," she said. "As station commander, he's accomplished much more in two years than anyone else in the previous 18 years."

One of Shemwell's achievements was to successfully spearhead a Spanish-language program for Foot Patrol officers to help them communicate better with I.V.'s Latino population.

"He's made a real con-tribution, and built some important bridges with all segments of the community," said UCSB Ombudsman Geoffrey Wallace.

Shemwell's move to Goleta is part of a routine

"It's a stressful job out here ... he's performed out-standing," Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. Commander Bill Lenvik said. "It's his time to move."

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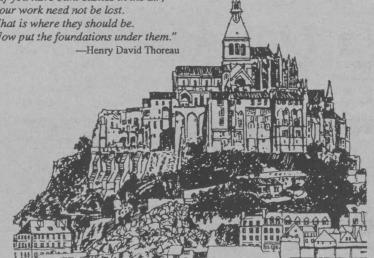
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Regents' Lecturer to Speak on Urban Diversity

Renowned civil rights activist and regents' lecturer Aileen Hernandez will address the issue of diversity in the workplace in a talk on campus today.

Hernandez's lecture, "Diversity in the Urban Work Force: Opportunities and Struggles," is her second talk on campus this quarter. Last week, she spoke on "The Revolution Deferred: Gender, Race and the Politics of

Today's lecture will highlight Hernandez's past experiences and current work as president of an urbanconsulting firm in San Francisco. The group helps government agencies, private companies and community groups in areas such as human relations, equal employment opportunity and management skills.

An advocate of social and racial justice, Hernandez has had an illustrious career. After graduating from

Howard University in 1947 with degrees in sociology and political science, she worked for the international Ladies Garment Workers Union for 11 years.

She later became the first woman appointed to President Lyndon Johnson's United States Equal Opportunity Commission in 1965, and was elected president

of the National Organization for Women in 1971.

Additionally, Hernandez has been the recipient of many awards, including Woman of the Year from the Community Relations Conference of Southern California in 1961 and the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California's prestigious Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award in 1989.

Hernandez's lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in Girvetz Hall 1004.

-Connie Chiang

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Foundation Helps Find Funds for Grad Students

By Ellie Clifford Reporter

Amid the crunch of budget cuts and rising student fees, one organization on campus attempts to ease the financial hardships some face by providing scholarships and fellowships for graduate students.

The UCSB Foundation, which assists in finding donations for a variety of academic pursuits, identifies prospective donors and matches their interests with students and groups on campus.

Due to the necessity for top scholars to attend UCSB and help the university maintain a level of excellence, graduate students receive top priority for funding.

Since nearly all graduate students are financially independent, and many come from other states, fellowships are needed not only to attract teaching assistants, researchers and

We strive for endowed gifts if possible.

Ed Birch vice chancellor, Institutional Advancement.

graders to UCSB, but to ensure they have adequate funding to continue their education.

At a presentation last weekend, Professor Gary Leal, chair of the Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Dept., explained the necessity for graduate fellowships.

"When graduate students first come to UCSB they are most often not immediately connected with a research project, so there needs to be a source of support not tied directly to

research grants," Leal said.
The organization solicits monies from a range of sources, both private and public, said UCSB Foundation Trustee Scott Thomas.

"The foundation continually lobbies for graduate student fellowship and scholarship dollars," said Thomas, who also serves as the Graduate Student Assn. internal president. "We receive donations from business people, philanthropists, anyone who is interested in supporting education and research.

In the 1991-92 fiscal year, the foundation received over \$296,000 in fellowships and scholarships for graduate stu-dents, many in the form of endowments.

"We strive for endowed gifts if possible," said Vice

Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Ed Birch.

In addition to the foundation, other organizations aid in procuring money for graduate students. One such group is the UCSB Affiliates, an organization made up pri-marily of retired residents from the surrounding area.

Realizing the impor-tance and high cost of education, members pay an annual fee to belong to the group and volunteer their time and effort to help the graduate students find money to complete their schooling.

"It's a community support group," said Birch, who attends the affiliates' meetings to keep the group up-to-date on what is hap-pening at UCSB.

Neither group takes a recipient's financial need into consideration when matching prospective donors and graduate stu-dents. Rather, fellowships are based strictly on academic merit.

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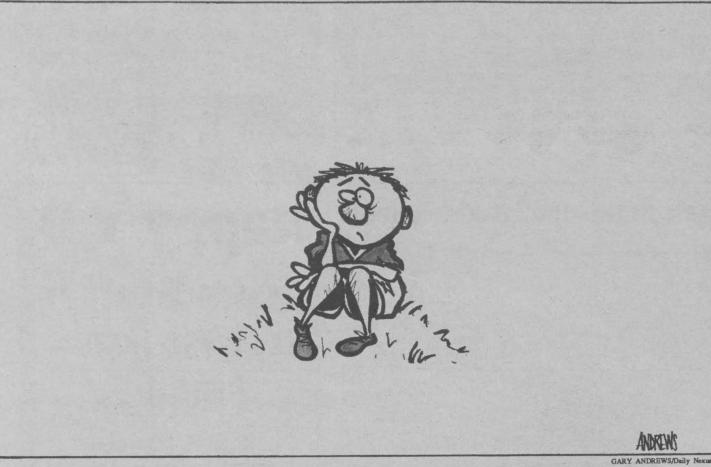
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OPINION

"I finally had an orgasm, and then I found out it was the wrong kind."

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Who Needs Anxiety?

Just to Avoid a Sticky Situation, High School Kids Might End Up Confused or Worse

Editorial

To be a public school administrator is to be caught between a rock and a hard place. The choice between the best interests of the student body and those of vocal parents can sometimes compromise educational programs that create controversy. Sex education has always raised voices on both sides, and the ones rarely heard are the students. High school students face peer, parental and educational pressures in their decisions about sex. They also face AIDS, which is on the increase in their age

AIDS education efforts often meet disapproval from puritanical parents who wish to shield their teenagers from any references, educational or otherwise, to sex. Abstinence is already stressed to the utmost because of parents like these. But these parents seem to be missing out on one scary but undeniable fact.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Ignorance is at the heart of the problem of AIDS in public schools. When young people decide to engage in sex, often they are unaware of the risks they are taking. And even if they are aware, a youthful disregard for deadly consequences often blinds them in their adolescent passion. Anyone who hangs around playgrounds as much as we ... Uh, anyone who has a younger brother or sister knows that high-schoolers have sex. Just imagine the ignorant, young nubile bodies writhing in the dirt behind the gym. Oh yeah, they don't mind a little dirt in the cracks of their butts. They even skinny-dip. You would hardly recognize their flushed faces, sucking in the oxygen that feeds their burning desire. They often flirt with teachers and rent dirty movies with fake I.D.s. This is a hothouse of disease,

people. Abstinence is scoffed at.

Into this sweaty, yearning mass comes the educational efforts of parents, administrators and AIDS awareness groups. This week at Santa Barbara high schools the Kaiser Permanente Health Group is sponsoring a theater performance intended to bring home the realities of the deadly disease to students who think they'll live forever. The performance includes the true story of a teenager who became infected with the HIV virus, followed by a 20-minute question and answer period. This seems like something teenagers should face. AIDS is the sixth leading cause of death in this age group, and a little subjectivity on youngsters' parts could go a long way towards alleviating unsafe sex. Hell, it might even scare a few of the "buggers" into abstinence. Maybe.

This effort was lauded by the PTA, but it may have been impeded by a new policy issued by the school board. In the past, all students were educated about AIDS unless their parents requested they be held out. This year, any student who wants to learn about the deadly disease must first have a parent sign a consent form. While turnout at the first showing this week was, thankfully, formidable, the permission slip is misguided. Even PTA member Yvonne Parsons fears that many students could lose out due to simple technicalities. "Obviously, most high school students don't get permission slips signed,"

Most parents support sex education because they recognize the dangers that threaten their children. The minority of parents who indulge in puritanical denial should be allowed to keep their own children in ignorance concerning sexuality. But only their own. This new procedure uses the minority's views as the standard in an issue that means life and



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The Reader's Voice

Buncha Babies

Although I found the piece on political fees informative (Daily Nexus, "High Court: Political Fees Can't Be Charged," Feb. 5) I also found it disturbing as it seemed to define, per-haps subconsciously, what was "political" through the sources it used and the departments that are mentioned in the article by one of the sources. In this sense I felt it was biased.

However, before I get into the problem of what is implicitly being defined as "political" in the article, let me briefly recap the state Supreme Court ruling by quoting the Nexus: "By a vote of 5-2, the court gave permission for students to decline to fund groups for which the educational purpose is incidental to its political goals. Students will be allowed to withhold an amount from the mandatory fee, corresponding to the groups they do not wish

The question that should come up is "What group would be defined as political?" According to the writer of the article, a group such as the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance seems to be one of these "political" groups, or else it wouldn't have been used as a source. In turn, the persons cited in connection with LGBA defines political by saying, "Should students also be allowed to choose whether or not their fees fund the Chicano Studies or Black Studies departments ...?" Why is it that political seems to be defined in terms of minority groups? What makes these groups political? Is it the fact that these groups must fight and be vocal in order to be recognized and have their needs met? Could it be that the other groups on campus are not meeting the needs of these minority groups because they are (dare I say it) following their own political agenda? And perhaps this agenda — because it belongs to the dominant group and thus dominant ideology - has become the norm and is thus not perceived to contain any political character.

What I'm trying to say is: Wake up babies! Everything is political. Even groups such as sororities, fraternities and sports clubs have particular political aims, so the question remains: Where do we draw the line? All students involved in any student organization should be outraged by this ruling because it could potentially result in a lack of funding for

everyone.

ALMA ROSA ALVAREZ

Fictional Story

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is a response to Tiffany Story's column (Daily Nexus, "Animal Rights," Feb. 4). You say that as much as you hope that people will not have to suffer or die from illness and disease, you don't believe using animals in research will help them. If we are to con-tinue to end that which ails people, we need to experiment on live organisms. Your hope will not suffice but I wish it would. I do not enjoy the thought that animals are destroyed so that we may find cures and test drugs. But the fact is, we have no reasonable alternative, unless either killing human beings for research or ending research altogether is reasonable to you. I believe the difference we have is a philosophical one. The question is, is it morally de-fensible to take the life of an animal that is not a human being in order to alleviate the suffering of human beings and other animals?

It is true that there is a considerable amount of money that funds research that includes animal experimentation from taxes and charities. But I fail to see how this makes those involved the money grubbing, capitalistic, sadistic pigs you picture them to be. Scientists, I can assure you, rarely do what they do for money. They are not making that much. You simply will not find the evil, cigar-chomping researcher driving around in his limo running down helpless kittens in the street, although I'm sure that is what you would have people believe. I am not saying that all researchers are saints but most of them do what they do because they believe in what they are doing. Animal research saves lives!

You say that any medical journal will verify that death from many of the diseases that plagued the world were on the decline before specific therapies became available. Incidentally, the average American's diet is the poorest it has ever been. Improvements in sanitation and hygiene have helped stem the occurrence of many diseases but smallpox is widely regarded as having been eradicated by worldwide vaccination efforts. Poliomyelitis is endemic throughout the world but has been brought under nearly complete control by vaccination in the United States. Tuberculosis (which fish, birds and mammals are susceptible to as well), is not as prevalent as it

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once was, but may be on the increase again and those who suffer from it are able to receive treatment from drugs that have been tested on animals. There are vaccines available for chol-

era and typhoid fever as well.

If you sincerely believe that we would be better off without the aid of the advances made in medical research then go ahead and go without them, but do not expect everyone else to. How would you feel about being the first living being to take a specific drug or undergo a surgical procedure performed by a physician who has never practiced on any-

You brought up the deadly diseases concerning humans today as cancer, heart disease and AIDS (as if there were no others requiring our attention). What does "almost a fact" mean anyway? Your suggestion that we are no closer to a cure for cancer than we ever were is ludicrous. The research community is learning more and more about the disease all the time thanks to animal research, and has made incredible progress in treatment. But science is an arduous process and most breakthroughs are made by small individual advances in knowledge. To say that we should just stop research because we haven't found a cure-all is analogous to getting to the first quarter of your senior year in college and dropping out because you haven't gotten your

degree yet. One little additional note to those of you who got dressed up in black and took your candles over to terrorize Dr. Fisher and his family on the night of Jan. 29: That kind of tactic is unwarranted and shameful. If you wish to protest, that is your right, but you have no right to subject anyone's family to that sort of behavior. If only vaccinations could be

FORREST OLSON

Woulda Shoulda

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to your article regarding the threat of LIVE being forced out of their current no-cost lease agreement (Daily Nexus, "Could LIVE Afford to Pay Rent?" Feb. 10).

For three years, I lived in Isla Vista and would often hear about the quasi-political group, the I.V. Recreation and Park District. Admittedly, I paid little attention to them due to the fact that I was wrapped up in trying to graduate in four years, pay my bills, etc. From what I do know about the group, I realize part of their function is (or at least at one time, was) to keep as much open space in Isla Vista intact and free from the throes of developers. I appreciate this mission and wholeheartedly support it.

However, after reading Wednesday's Nexus, I'm wondering what IVRPD is trying to prove. Based on the article, it seems clear that the IVRPD has no interest in supporting Let Isla Vista Eat because it is a nonprofit organization and therefore cannot be financially beneficial to the IVRPD. LIVE is and has been a beneficial element of Isla Vista's "humanitarian efforts," if you will. They have fed hundreds, even thousands of families in the Isla Vista area and rely mainly on volunteers and donations to conduct their efforts.

The logic behind the IVRPD's decision to force LIVE out is preposterous. According to IVRPD Board Chair Hal Kopeikin, LIVE should be supported by local welfare agencies rather than the parks district, which should restrict itself solely to park and recreation activities. The whole notion of Kopeikin's word choice in using "should" is absurd! Just because LIVE should be supported by local welfare agencies doesn't mean that local welfare agencies will support LIVE! Nor does it terminate what I feel is the park district's obligation to the community of Isla Vista in retaining its no-cost lease agreement. According to Kopeikin, "For three years we've had a nocost lease when we could have done something else with that land." Like what? What could be a better use of this land?

I hope that IVRPD will emerge from their utopia where what should happen will happen. I realize that money is tight, especially in the public sector. But in my mind, that is no justification for IVRPD to weasel out of what I consider their duty to the community, if only because they made the initial commitment to support LIVE.

PALU YOUNG





College Campuses Converging



Aaron Jones

There has been much discussion around campus in reference to the proposed Student Affairs Administrative Services Building. Associated Students and the Academic Senate have taken a strong stance against the building. The reason for our opposition has not been due to need. We all agree that the project is needed. The building would allow certain departments to move out of the World War II barracks they are currently in. Additionally, the building would allow for better access to disabled students. We do not oppose the construction of the building because we

We have opposed the project for the simple reason that this is not the best time to build on a campus that has received millions of dollars in cutbacks already.

are funding it. Yes, students are funding the student affairs portion of the building, which amounts to over 40% of the total

We have opposed the project for the simple reason that this is not the best time to build on a campus that has received millions of dollars in cutbacks already. Nevertheless, the regents have given their almighty approval of the project. Let me digress a moment, so that I may explain to you how the regents reached their

At the Board of Regents meeting last month the vice president of the Academic Senate, supposedly representing all faculty on campus, and A.S. Leg Council

member Greg Vogel, supposedly representing all undergraduate students, had a few minutes to convey to the regents our opposition to the project. Shortly thereafter, one of the regents stated that she had received a phone call from a faculty member on campus in favor of the building. Then, she went on to say that she received a letter from a disabled student who was also in support of the building. Now I do not doubt the credibility of either of these two individuals, but the fact of the matter is that the Board of Regents weighed the opinions of these two individuals more heavily than they did two individuals representing over 17,000 people. Again we have tried to use the proper channels to communicate to the regents, and again they have blown us off. The only difference this time is that they blew off the fa-

The moral of the story is a simple one, and if someone would like to tell me, I'd love to here it. Despite all of this, students are in better shape, with respect to this building, than we may be aware of. Vice Chancellor Michael Young has agreed to investigate a form of student governance for this building. A.S., Graduate Student Assn. and the Student Fee Advisory Committee are looking to model this form of student governance after the UCen/ RecCen which we completely fund and completely control. Nevertheless, there is an extreme problem facing students in the UC system, and it's not the budget. SAASB was thought up and planned out years before many of us were even at UCSB. Furthermore, the Board of Regents, which are not only supposed to reflect the population of the state, but are also supposed to act with the UC's best interest in mind, have once again not listened to those individuals who speak for you. If something is not part of the solution, then it is part of the problem, and I

know we all know which side of the fence

the regents are on.

What's next? Students statewide are moving to change the state constitution, the manner in which the regents are selected. Until then, write to your elected officials. I know this sounds redundant, and it is. Nevertheless, there is a reason behind it. Elected officials view a personal letter as the voice of 100 people. No joke. Therefore, if 100 students wrote a personal letter, then you better believe we'd get some sort of response. Fortunately, A.S. has in progress a letter writing campaign. I will be in front of the UCen Monday through Thursday next week (Feb. 15-18). We can rap about anything, and I will have

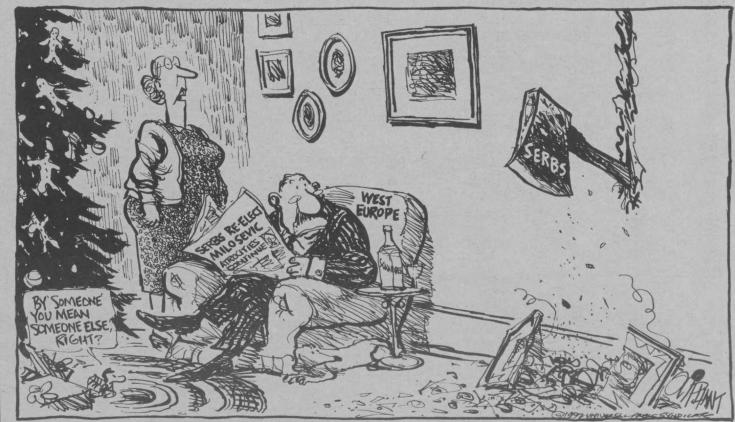
If something is not part of the solution, then it is part of the problem, and I know we all know which side of the fence the regents are on.

more information if anyone wants to get

involved in making a change.

On March 6-8, students from all UC,
Cal State and community college campuses will be converging on Sacramento to lobby our legislatures to give more money to higher education in the state. All students from UCSB are welcomed to attend. A.S. and GSA will be covering all travel, hotel and registration expenses. Signups are in the Associated Students Main Office, 3rd floor UCen. There is a limited amount of space, so come soon if you wish to go. The deadline to sign up is Friday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Marisa Yeager at 893-2566.

Aaron Jones is Associated Students



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SB Mass Transit Goes Green

By Jennifer Mueller Staff Writer

Vehicles powered by alternative fuels are helping Santa Barbarans who are concerned about air pollution breathe a little easier.

Several local agencies are replacing their dieselpowered buses with vehicles that burn cleaner and more efficient fuels for public transportation.

The Metropolitan Transit District's Downtown-Waterfront Electric Shuttle offers free rides downtown and along the waterfront daily.

"Each bus has the potential to reduce pollution by one ton per year compared to those buses that are diesel powered," said Mahesh Talwar, Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District senior scientist.

Using electric buses cuts

down on smog and eliminates diesel exhaust which is high on the toxic list, Talwar said.

Operating costs for the environmentally kinder buses are extremely cheap, at only 2 1/2 cents per mile, according to MTD Public Relations Director Karin Doerschlag. This is considerably lower than the 14 cent per mile cost for diesel fuel, she said.

Maintenance of the energy-efficient vehicles requires extra care. The buses must be checked daily, and the batteries need to be recharged each

night.
"Nobody's ever done this before so we want to monitor the wear and tear," Doerschlag said. "Since they are charged during the night, they are not peaking out the electric system but using surplus energy.'

Another leader in envir-

onmentally sound trans-portation is Clean Air Express, a company that runs five buses from Ventura, Lompoc and Santa Maria to Santa Barbara on a combination of diesel and compressed natural gas. The natural gas is stored in bottles in the buses' baggage compartments.

Although Clean Air Express has offered the alternative fuel-powered bus service for two years, the program is still in the experimental stage, according to Operations Manager Larry Downs. Similar buses could eventually be fueled entirely by natural gas, he said.

Downs is optimistic about the future of Clean Air Express. "I think that the compressed natural gas is going to be something that will continue for quite some time," he said.



Santa Barbara's Metropolitan Transit District is increasing its use of nonpolluting electric vehicles to preserve the environment.

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more voter," Morgan said "[The judge] should not allow the vote rehabilitated because of the Wallace campaign."

Due to state law, both Wallace and Chamberlin have filed suit against each other, rather than the county, in election contests.

Wallace attorney Fred Woocher made an offer to

Superior Court Judge Nat Agliano, inviting him to visit the I.V. community. He said the judge might better understand the college town's living arrangements and voting habits.

"Is it anything like Berkeley?" Agliano responded.

Continued from p.1 continued to speak out against the UC Board of Regents, criticizing their decisions to increase stu-

"I want to know why the hell they're screwing [the University of Californial up; why the hell we won't be able to afford to go here for very much longer," he

Black studies Associate Professor Claudine Michel was scheduled to speak next, but declined because of the administrative opposition, calling for

other action instead.
"I will not go on with my regular talk, but I think we should march right now to the Dean of Students," she

However, students pre-ferred to remain and speak about how they had been hurt by the UC system. Concerned Student

Monica Lopez informed the large crowd of the organization's purpose and encouraged all students to sign up in the University Center for the group's student summit. The group is tentatively planning to lobby the California Legislature with students from Berkeley and Santa Cruz campuses on March 6-8.

"I'm on financial aid and I work three jobs to get through school," Lopez said. "The theme of Concerned Students is to work on access to education for all students."

After Lopez spoke, Concerned Student Tom Sepe roused up the crowd to march over to the Dean of Students Office, inciting about 50 students to follow him. Protesters made their way through campus chanting, "We want education now," "Pay more, get less" and "Barbie retire."

Dean of Students Gladys de Necochea came out of her office to meet the students and hear

what they had to say.
"We were told we couldn't have amplification. We feel we need amplification to reach all the students in that space, to talk about student fees and where they're going," Sepe said.

While de Necochea was sympathetic to the students' concerns and supported their efforts, she explained amplified public speech in front of the library was against regulations.

"I support the teach-in," she said, but added, "There are certain rules that govern

amplification." De Necochea suggested holding a teach-in in Storke Plaza instead, where she believed they could attract a larger audience.

Many students argued this infringed on their right to free speech, and some

believed the group was be-ing unfairly singled out. "I've seen amplification in front of the library," said Concerned Student Sara Seinberg, citing Christian speakers as an example.

Assistant Dean of Students Joseph Navarro quickly refuted that any amplified speaking has been allowed in the area, explaining the increased volume bothered people trying to get work done in the building.

"We had no objection to your free speaking, we just objected to your use of amplification," Navarro said. "It's to protect the students who are studying

University Librarian Joseph Boisse explained the library had no choice but to report Concerned Students.

"Several students complained because of the noise," he said. "We passed the complaint on. We called the Campus Police Dept."

After students questioned whether she would assist them in organizing a rally in Storke Plaza, de Necochea promised to do

"The conversation with the dean showed maybe the students aren't the only ones concerned, and that we need to forge that alliance," said political science graduate student Helen Quan, who spoke ear-

lier at the teach-in. Michel agreed. "De Necochea is very open and, as far as I know, for the students," she said. "I would suggest that each of you here make individual appointments with the dean and with the librarian and give them your suggestions."







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Group: Recreation, Not Recon Patrols

By Tracy Wells

Campus life is not all boots, barracks and books for UCSB's Reserve Officer Training Corps, as a group of military-minded Gauchos makes sure that the cadets have a good time now and then.

Established 20 years ago, Scabbard and Blade's primary purpose is to plan social, educational and recreational programs for the Military Science Dept.

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> Michael Murphy, Scabbard and Blade

raise for departmental events," said Captain Bruce Hupe, the group's faculty advisor.

Although there are over 400 branches of Scabbard and Blade across the U.S. at nearly every ROTC battalion, each chapter has different functions and goals to pursue.

The UCSB branch focuses all of its attention on preparing for the annual Black-Tie Military Ball. Held at the Red Lion Inn, the gala is held for cadets in precisely pressed uniforms, retirees, university officials and the proud families of the cadets.

Throughout the year, the group organizes picnics, barbecues and other small get-togethers for students and staff.

The Military Science Dept. functions as a catalyst for students who want a career in the armed forces and is part of the ROTC program. It also has a program for students who do not want to have a military career and provides general career preparation for them.

The department has 500 students enrolled in its

courses and 80 cadets. Scabbard and Blade focuses on the 80 cadets, who automatically are members. However, anyone interested in planning social functions is welcome to help organize, said Captain Michael Murphy.

"The group is open to whoever wants to plan the dance," Murphy said. When not planning fes-

tivities, members are raising money to keep the group afloat. Fund-raising events include cleaning the gym after basketball games and selling concessions at the Santa Barbara County Bowl during certain events.

Because of the time commitment of ROTC training and classes, the group plans few projects with other campus organizations, Murphy said. However, some cadets are involved with career fairs and homecoming on a voluntary basis.

"It is a social group for people who are interested in military issues. It can be an enhancer," said Jason Cawthorne, the club's vice

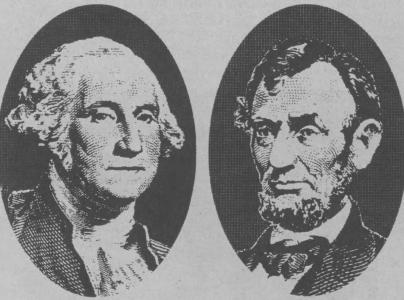


The members of UCSB's Scabbard and Blade club take pride in planning events for the campus ROTC Battalion.

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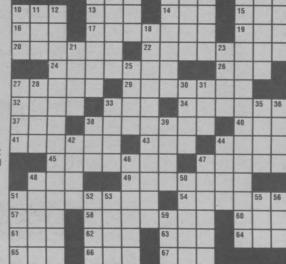
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BASKETBALL MIDSEASON REPORT

Inconsistent Play Leaves Team With Average Ratings on Midterm Exams

Hope Remains for Gauchos as Squad Plays Six of Last Eight at Home

By Scott McPherson Staff Writer

It's not easy to hand out grades for the UCSB men's ba-sketball team this season. After all, which Gaucho team should be graded: the one that came up with impressive wins over Alabama-Birmingham and Long Beach State, or the one that looked lost against Cal State Fullerton and Nevada?

Inconsistency is the label the Gauchos have earned for themselves this year, a season in which they were expected to challenge for the Big West Conference title, but which finds them in seventh place going into tonight's rematch against Nevada. They've been good, they've been bad and they've been ugly, but most of all, they've been erratic - not what could be expected from a squad that starts

After failing a midseason mid-term at UNLV last weekend, the Gauchos now have eight games, six at the Thunderdome, in which to boost their grades in time for their March final exam — the Big West Tournament. The squad's marks thus far, by

position:

Nowhere is UCSB's inconsistency more dramatically demonstrated than in its backcourt. Point man Ray Kelly and shooting guard Idris Jones have both endured severe hot and cold streaks. Kelly was the hero in wins over Pacific (22 points) and Irvine (17), but practically disappeared in losses to Utah State and Nevada. Jones broke out of his prolonged shooting slump by nailing five consecutive threepointers as part of his career-high 27-point night at Long Beach, but managed only 3-for-10 shooting at UNLV last

As Kelly and Jones have gone, so have gone the Gauchos. The team is successful when they play well and is miserable when they don't. While both continue to display outstanding talent and an ability to take over games, the squad should get greater consisGAUCHO BASKETBALL

The Game: 7:30 Tonight at the Thunderdome The Opponent: University of Nevada Wolf Pack The Records: UNR: 7-12 UESS 11-7

The Key Players: UNR: Ric Herrin (14.1 ppg, 6.8 rpg) Eric Morris (18.1 ppg, 9.3 rpg) ICSB: Idrie Jones (11.8 ppg) Ray Kelly (10.0 ppg, 5.8 apg) The Broadcast: KC8B-FM 91.9

tency from seniors. Grade: C.

Forwards:

Paul Johnson and Mike Meyer were expected to provide good defense for the Gauchos this season, and they haven't disappointed. At 6-foot-6, Johnson doesn't have the size of many Big West power forwards, but his scoring and rebounding numbers continue to rise in conference play. Johnson is a muchneeded steadying influence on the court for UCSB.

Meanwhile, Meyer's offensive game remains somewhat of an enigma; in some games he will shoot the ball, in others he will be content to dish it off. Meyer's 46% accuracy (15 of 33) from three-point range leads the team, but he doesn't put up a shot from long range very often. Nevertheless, Meyer - like Johnson contributes consistency to the team with his defensive play.

The biggest surprise for the Gauchos has been the emergence of Duane Carteras a force inside. The junior power forward/center has the best scoring touch near the hoop, and although his rebounding numbers have been on the de-cline over the last several games, Carter remains a presence at 6-foot-8. He has given the team an option of going to a bigger lineup and working the ball inside for the closer shot.

Despite the solid play of Meyer and Johnson, as well as the contributions of Carter, the

Gauchos could use some more points from their frontcourt to take the scoring pressures off Kelly and Jones.

Grade: B+.

Center: Doug Muse has bounced back from a forgettable preseason to make an impact in UCSB's 10 Big West games. His 58% field goal accuracy in conference games leads the squad, and he is averaging 4.7 rebounds during those games. The Gauchos would probably like to see Muse make a bigger impact on the boards, as UCSB has had problems giving up offensive re-bounds all season.

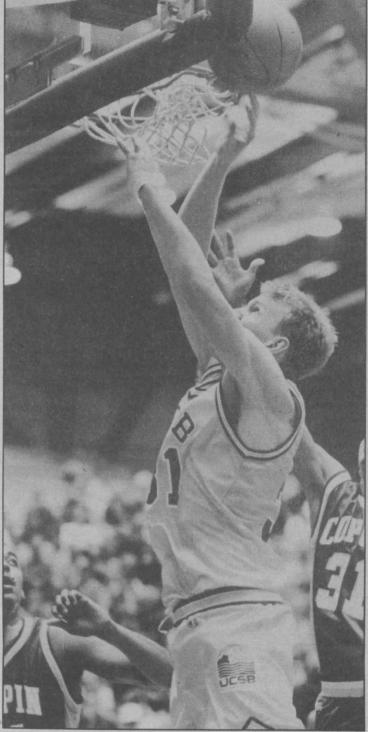
Backing up Muse, freshman Kyle Milling hasn't quite lived up to his advanced billing as an aggressive player. Despite being known as a banger, Milling has appeared to be intimidated by Division I basketball. He has shown some good rebounding skills, but Milling needs to get more comfortable on the court before he can contribute as much to the team as the coaching staff expects.

Grade: B-. The Reserves:

Four of UCSB's six freshmen have been thrown into important backup roles this year, and on the whole, they're doing well. Besides Milling, guards Chris Ford, Phillip Turner and J.J. Polk have seen lots of time off the bench. Ford is the most naturally gifted shooter on the team, but his inexperience and shot selection have led to a 39% shooting accuracy, second-lowest on the squad. Polk has also played well at the point, although an ankle injury has kept him out for all but four minutes of UCSB's last six games. Turner has been a nice surprise backing up Kelly during Polk's injury; Turner has run the offense well and doesn't turn the ball over, and his explosive base-line spin move at Long Beach demonstrated that he has a few more tricks in his bag.

Despite some solid minutes,

the Gaucho bench could use a bit more production. While Carter averages 8.5 points and 3.8 rebounds in Big West games, the rest of the bench has mustered



BOUNCING BACK: Kyle Milling and company will look to avenge a loss at Reno when they face the University of Nevada tonight.

only 8.3 points and 5.4 rebounds.

Grade: B.

Overall, the Gauchos have been a disappointment in 1993. After starting the season 8-1, the team now carries a 11-7 overall mark, 4-6 in Big West play. While outstanding seasons from New Mexico State, Long Beach State and UNLV are setting a high curve in the Big West, the Gauchos are lagging behind expectations.

Overall Grade: C+.

Like any midterm, this grade reflects the work done so far. UCSB has already faced the Aggies and 49ers twice this season, and have only a home game left against UNLV. The Gauchos could conceivably win their remaining eight games (they will probably be the underdog only once - at Fullerton), and finish with a 12-6 record.

With the final approaching, the Gauchos had better start cramming.

UPTOWN BROWN: Becky Brown and the Gauchos will be trying for their second win over SJSU.

Women Open Four-Game Road Trip at San Jose

By Jason Masini Staff Writer

Earlier this season, the UCSB women's basketball team trounced San Jose State, 77-49, at the Events Center. Santa Barbara will be looking to repeat that performance tonight, as the squad will try for the season sweep at San Jose this evening at 5. The Gauchos (10-8 overall, 8-2 in

the Big West) will be playing the first game of their four-game road swing, their longest of the year. The road has been an unfriendly place for UCSB, as the team's record away from home is less than scintillating at 2-6, and the two wins weren't even convincing ones.

The Spartans are in the midst of a six-game losing streak, which started with the Gauchos' victory over them on Jan. 16. The game was close at halftime, with UCSB holding only a four point lead. But the Gauchos proceeded to explode for a 45-point outburst in the second half that decided the game.

"They're going to be ready for us and confident that they can win [after] playing with us in the first half of the last game," senior point guard Cori Close said. "But I think that was the turning point in the season for us in that game. That was when we put the three aspects of our game together - we ran, we rebounded and we played really good defense. So if we do those things, we've got the game under our control."

The Spartans will enter the game with a 3-14 overall record and are currently in seventh place in the Big West at 2-7. First-year Head Coach Karen Smith will try to break the Gauchos' stranglehold over SJSU, as the Spartans last victory over Santa Barbara was back in 1988.

Spartans' junior forward Hughlett Brooks leads the team in scoring and rebounding with 12.7 points and 7.2 rebounds per game. Senior guard Sherrie Yudt leads the team in assists and is second in scoring at 8.9 ppg. However, for the Spartans to have

any chance, the team will need to improve on its 35% field goal percentage and its 59% free throw percentage.

"I don't think we'll see anything different from them this time, UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "They were ahead of Hawaii at halftime recently before losing by 13. So, I think they're pretty confident with what they're doing right now and they're playing a lot better than they were early in the year."

A question mark tonight for the Gauchos will be the availability of junior forward Christa Gannon. Gannon was suffering from dizzy spells after returning from Las Vegas and was diagnosed with a viral infection in her ears that causes some disequilibrium in her head. She is now on medication and feeling better, but during prolonged drills still has some problems and might not play as many minutes tonight as she normally would.