

SPORTS MONDAY

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GaUCHO Sidenotes

By Yier Shi

Yes, I shelled out my \$5 to watch Fight Night at Rob Gym on Friday. I thought it would be an interesting alternative to my daily grind of UCSB sports. And boy, was I in for an exciting evening.

My amusement began after I first stepped foot in the gym, where more than 2,000 students were already buzzing with anticipation.

2,000 STUDENTS! It suddenly registered in my mind that only a few UCSB athletic events this year drew that many students. So, more people were willing to pay \$5 to see this than to go to a Santa Barbara volleyball game for free! At that moment I knew that the night wasn't going to be like any other sporting event on campus — and I was right.

The fights certainly did not lack drama — our A.S. president got his ass kicked, some definite questions were raised regarding the judges, a brawl broke out in the stands, and one fighter was seriously hurt.

Considering this was the sixth annual Fight

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SB Track and Field Team Enjoys Success at Home

Seniors Go Out in Winning Fashion

By Mike Lowman
Staff Writer

It's always nice to come home again.

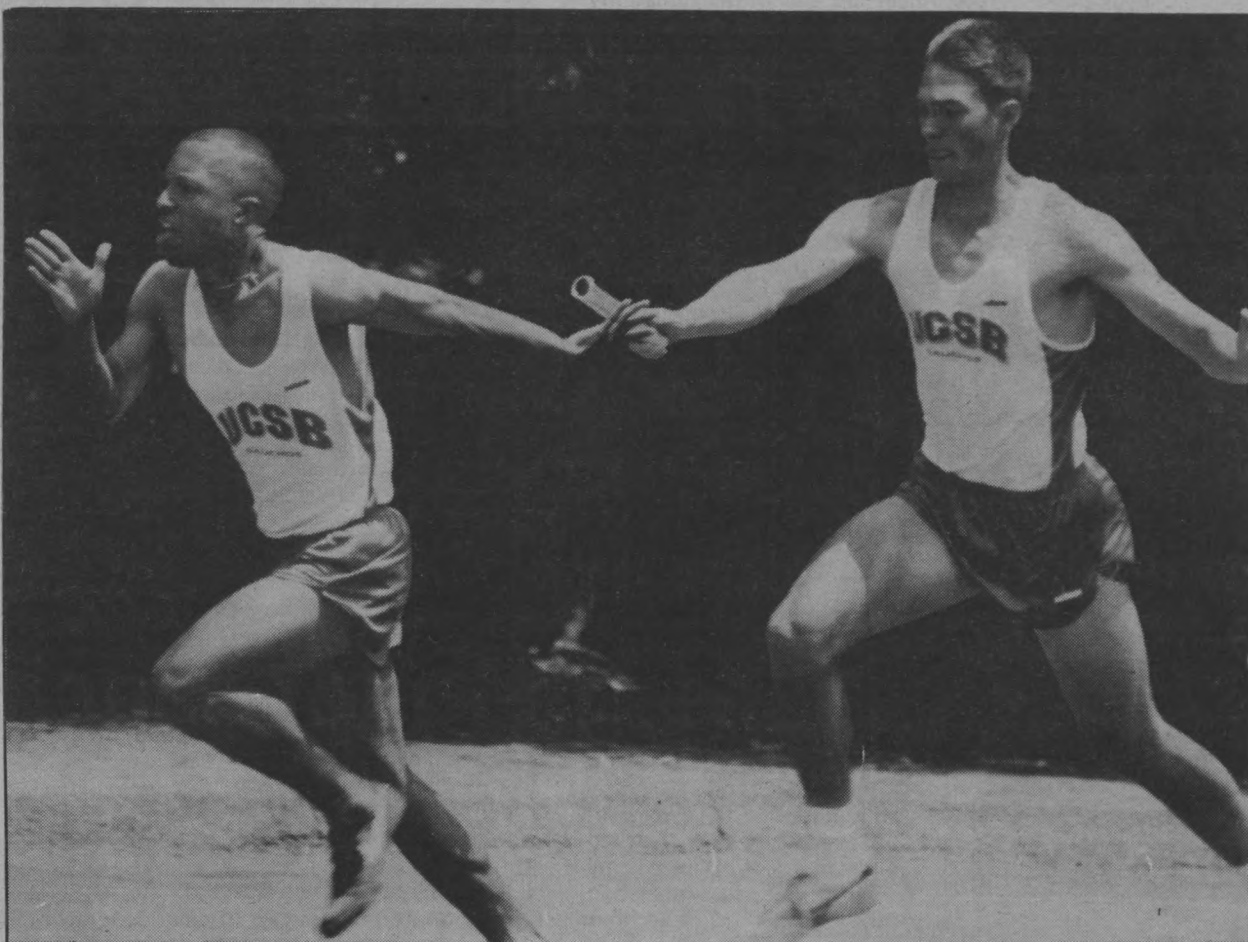
After several weeks of being on the road, the UCSB men's and women's track and field team gave the hungry fans plenty to cheer about Saturday at the Nick Carter Invitational at Pauley Track.

The Gauchos continued to excel at their final home meet of the season, which included participants from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Claremont McKenna, Cal State Bakersfield, Pomona, Pitzer and Whittier College.

Senior Dave Cullum went out in style by taking the crown in the men's 1,500 meters with a time of 3:53.70. In addition to Cullum, senior Brad Glosser finished fifth with a mark of 3:55.93. Junior Nate Elston came in eighth with a time of 3:56.52. In a ninth-place showing was senior Nate Jobe (3:57.35).

"We are a dominant squad in the 1,500," Cullum said. "It was a nice meet for my last home meet. It was pretty emotional. I still have a lot more to come [in later meets]."

The upperclassmen we-



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HAND OFF: The UCSB men's and women's track and field team closed its home schedule this season with an impressive showing at the Nick Carter Invitational on Saturday.

ren't the only ones performing at a high level Saturday. Freshman Ryan Kwast won the 200 meters in a time of 22.3. Kwast was also second in the 110 high hurdles, finishing at 16.39. Freshman Kumi Rauf was the long jump champion with a leap of

21'2.5".

Senior Charlie Gardner had a personal best in the hammer throw with a second-place toss of 165'11".

The women's 1,500 meters was another bright spot for the Gauchos. Sophomore Sabrina Caplis

finished fourth with a personal best of 4:35.34. Gabriela Rodriguez was sixth (4:39.49), and freshman Jessica Lunt was right behind her at 4:39.70.

In the 3,000 meters, the Gauchos had two top-five finishers. Junior Heather Bray ended the race in sec-

ond place at 10:28.7. Sophomore Tegan Zimmerman placed fifth with a time of 11:05.1.

Freshman Jessica Burnham also put on a great performance over the weekend. She won the triple jump with a distance of 33'4.375".

Gauchos Manage One Victory at Long Beach

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team was able to salvage one game this weekend against division-leading #19 Long Beach State at Blair Field.

Santa Barbara was able to beat the 49ers 8-0 Sunday after losing 8-7 and 10-3 Friday and Saturday, respectively.

The lone win for the Gauchos (24-26 overall, 14-13 in the Big West) on Sunday was the result of a masterful pitching performance by junior Seth Bean.

Bean threw 109 pitches, allowing four hits and two walks over nine innings to earn his third straight victory. After the game, he said he had a premonition about his pitching gem.

"I knew that I was going to win today on Friday," Bean said. "I had a \$5 bet with [senior designated hitter Justin] Balsler that I'd only give up only one run. I never felt I was in trouble. I got ahead with strikes and outs with balls. This is definitely the best game of my career."

Bean's shutout was the first against Long Beach since 1985, when UCSB won with an 8-0 score. It was also the first time in 168 games that the 49ers (33-19, 22-5) have failed to score a run against their opponents.

"We had to win at least one game for our psyche," said UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "I know we

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Santa Barbara Finishes Year With Four Straight Defeats

By Scott Hennessee
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball team continued to struggle at the plate last weekend, managing only two runs in four games — which resulted in four consecutive losses to end its season.

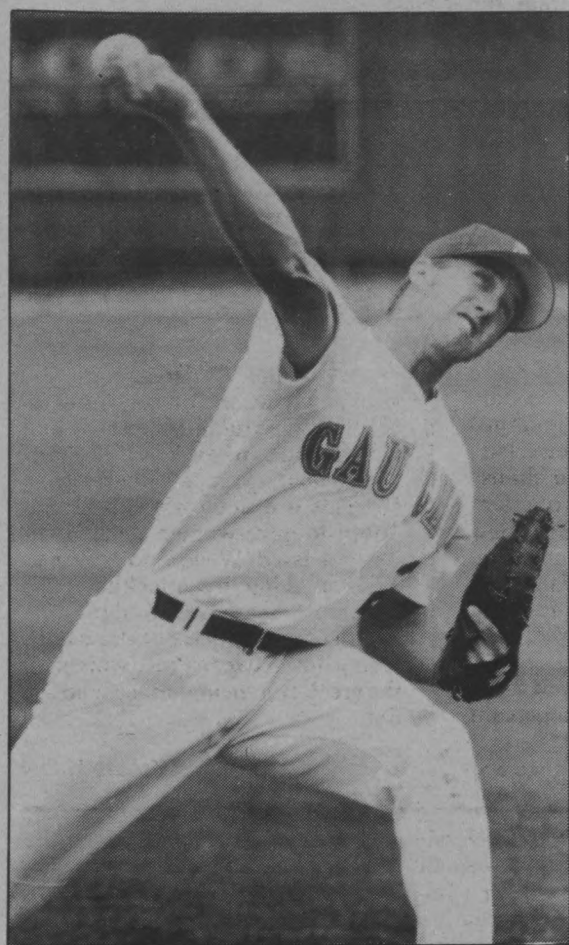
The Gauchos (24-35 overall, 8-24 in the Big West) were swept by Cal State Fullerton on Friday, 6-1 and 2-1. Santa Barbara then dropped a pair of games Saturday to Long Beach State, 8-0 and 1-0.

UCSB's best chance at victory came in game two against the 49ers (40-17-1, 21-9). The score was knotted at zero through seven full innings of play as Gauchos freshman hurler Jennifer Tolton battled 49ers' Amy Miner pitch for pitch. But in the bottom of the eighth, Nicola Walsh belted a double into left center field to drive in the winning run. Santa Barbara was only able to get one hit in the game — a single by freshman center fielder Tonya Dias.

In game one, Tammy Dietrich was just as effective as her counterpart on the mound for Long Beach. She also allowed only one hit — a triple by junior Kerry Kops, in picking up the win. The 49ers put the game away early with a run in the first, two in the second and five in the third. The highlight of the game for UCSB came in the first inning, when Dias threw a runner out at the plate from center field to stifle a 49er drive.

Friday's contests saw the Gauchos involved in similar action — losing one game by a run and another by a wide margin. Cal State Fullerton (29-23, 13-16) scored early

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PERFECTION: Junior Seth Bean pitched a four-hitter Sunday for UCSB's lone win at LBSU.

Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No Events Scheduled	Baseball vs. Pepperdine 2:30 p.m.	No Events Scheduled	No Events Scheduled	Baseball @ Cal State Fullerton 7 p.m. Men's Tennis @ NCAA Regionals Women's Water Polo @ Nationals	Baseball @ Cal State Fullerton 7 p.m. Men's Tennis @ NCAA Regionals Women's Water Polo @ Nationals	Baseball @ Cal State Fullerton 7 p.m. Men's Tennis @ NCAA Regionals Women's Water Polo @ Nationals

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Night, I think many of the glitches could've been avoided with more careful planning. So here is a list of things that I think will help make the event safer and even more enjoyable for the future:

To start, why were fraternity members allowed to stand beside the ring to root for their fellow members? The high testosterone level ringside eventually led to the seat-clearing fight that resulted in two arrests and some minor injuries. I have never seen a boxing match with so many people crowded around the ring.

Secondly, if you are going to put on a real fight, get some real judges. Two fights involving sponsor-group Pi Kappa Alpha were clearly misjudged. Although one of the fights was close, the second Pike boxer was clearly beaten by his opponent. This favoritism lessens the credibility of the sponsors and belittles the efforts of all fighters involved.

Finally, please don't put the A.S. president in the ring if he doesn't belong there simply because he would make a good promotional stunt. I commend the effort of Russell "Boom Boom" Bartholow for his dedication to the greek community and charity, but it was apparent from the very start that he looked completely out of place in his fight. He could've been severely hurt. So let the real fighters do the fighting, and leave the student politicians to worry about promoting it.

Fight Night has already established itself as one of the premier "sporting" events on the campus in terms of drawing people. Let's hope it can be improved to make it a safer one, too.

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BEACH

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can beat them and play with Long Beach. It was nice to go out and do it."

Sunday, the offense was led by sophomore left fielder Brad Wright and junior right fielder Corey Burnell. Both chipped in three hits while Burnell led the team with three RBIs.

While Sunday's game was as good as it gets for the Gauchos, the team had some problems early on in the weekend.

Friday, UCSB blew a 7-4 lead in the seventh inning, when LBSU scored four unanswered runs to win 8-7. Sophomore second baseman Bryan LaCour paced the Gaucho offense with three hits and three ribbies. Junior shortstop Michael Young also contributed two hits.

Senior Brian Noyes gutted out 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings, allowing nine hits and eight runs — five earned. Freshman Barry Zito finished the game by registering four of five outs through strikeouts.

The game wasn't so close Saturday. The Gauchos

never recovered from a seven-run deficit in the first two innings, losing 10-3.

Sophomore David Uris was shelled for seven earned runs in only 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inning of work. Although senior Jorvic Salazar and freshmen Troy Kinto and Matt Dailey were able to limit the 49ers to three runs after the second frame, it was already too little too late. UCSB never got on track offensively. Baiser hit a solo home run, while Wright added two hits and an RBI.

Despite the disappointments in the first two games, Brontsema was satisfied with his team's performance this weekend — especially Bean's.

"My reaction to the game was Seth Bean," he said. "The game starts on the mound, and he was awesome today, as he has been over the last four outings. We [as a team] work hard on living the present — inning by inning and pitch by pitch. It allows us to recover well."

The Gauchos will next play their last home game Tuesday against Pepperdine University. The team travels to Cal State Fullerton this weekend for a three-game series before going back to Long Beach for the Big West Tournament. Tuesday's game will start at 2:30 p.m.

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Continued from p.1A and often in game one, putting five runs on the board in the bottom of the first. Santa Barbara's lone run came on a solo shot by freshman designated player Kendra Wood in the top of the fifth. It was

Wood's eighth home run of the year.

"It's almost like we don't show up for the first game and then play well in the second," she said.

In game two, the Titans went ahead 1-0 on a single by Kate Degener in the second inning. The Gauchos tied the score 1-1

in the fifth when senior left fielder Danelle Lovetro singled home freshman second baseman Mandy Edwards. The score remained the same until the bottom of the seventh, when Jana Oetgen drove in the winning run with a two-out single for Fullerton.

"I think everybody was tired," Wood said. "It's the end of the season and we were banged up. 59 games is a long season."

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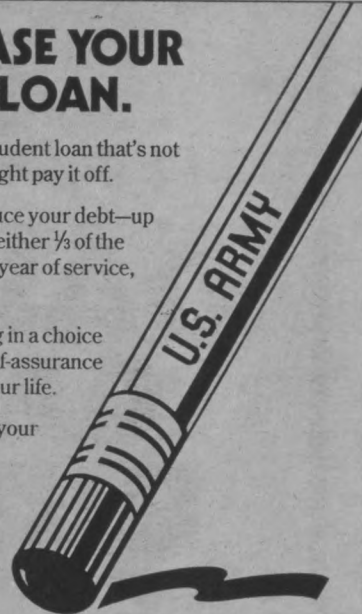
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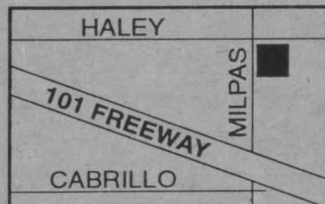
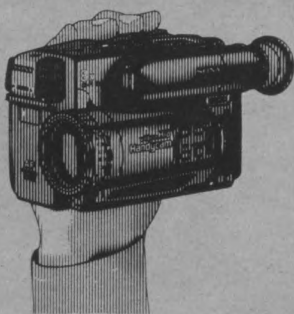


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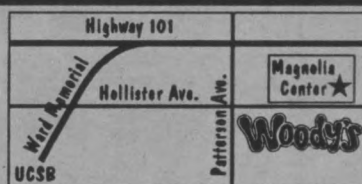
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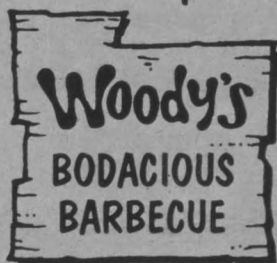
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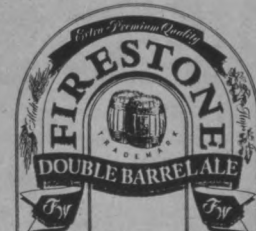


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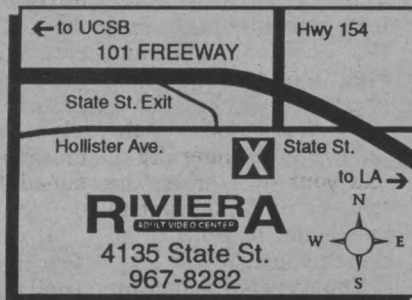
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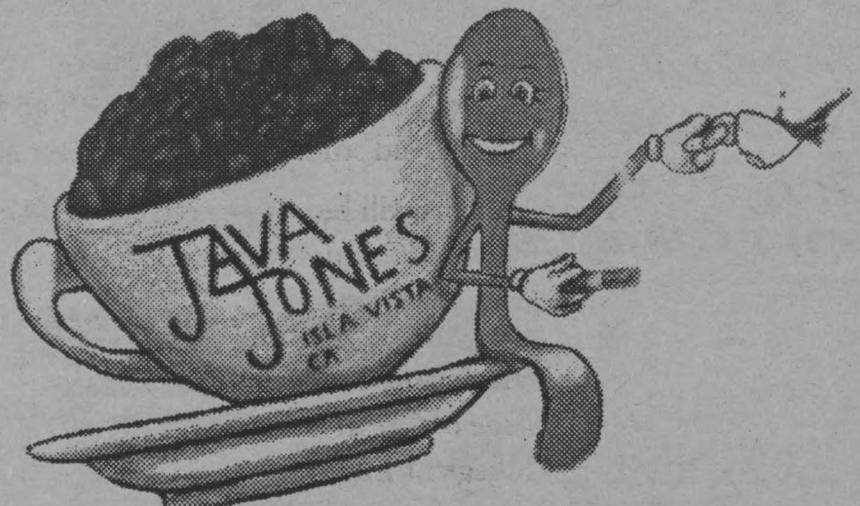
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