

Payoff Awaits

Finals are here once again, and though studying will dominate your lives for a week, remember ... Spring Break '98 looms upon the horizon. Study hard, then party hard. Good luck on Finals, and have a safe Spring Break!

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Tobacco lawyers in Minnesota battle it out as to whether or not cigarette advertisements influence children's decisions to start smoking. Read what the experts say.

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The UCSB women's basketball team won its second straight Big West Conference crown with a convincing win over Boise State last Saturday. The Gauchos now look to kick some Vanderbilt booty Saturday in the NCAA Tournament.



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Don't forget to recycle your readers and notebooks during Finals Week. Bins will be located in front of the Library and Campbell Hall.

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Capps To Represent SB, SLO

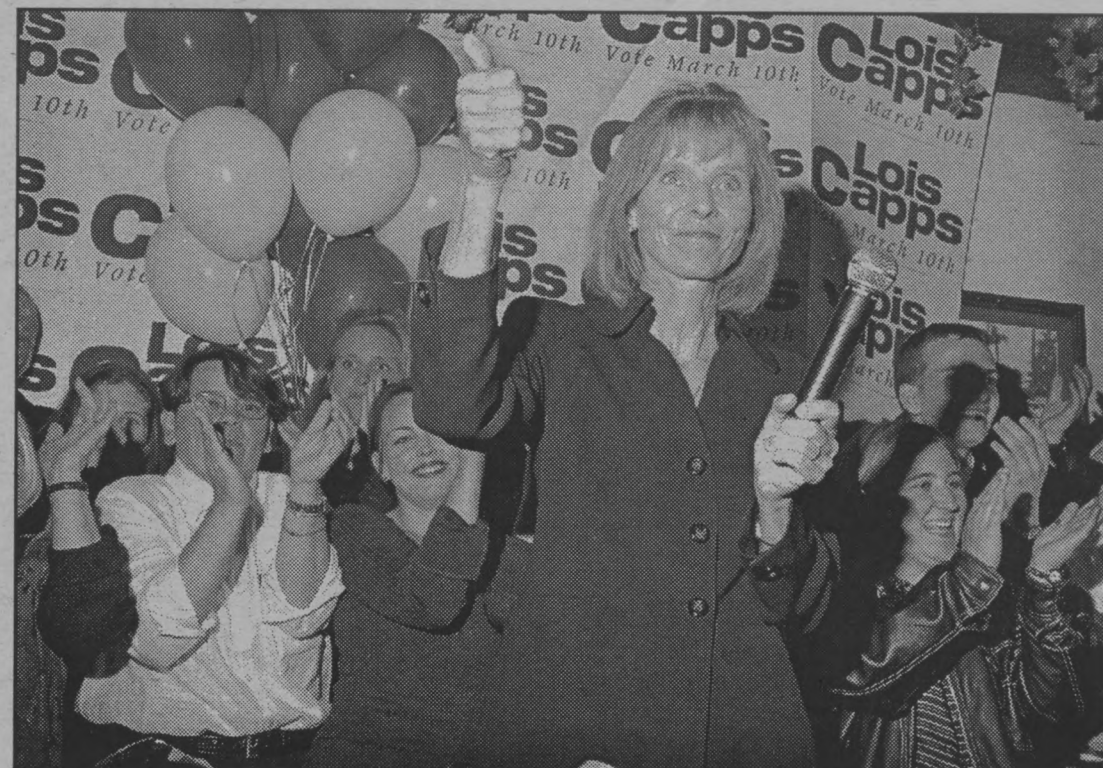
BY CLAIRE SMITH
and TONY BIASOTTI
Staff Writers

Voters in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties demonstrated their wishes for Democrat



Lois Capps to represent the 22nd District for the last eight months of the 105th Congress.

As of midnight Wednesday morning, Capps had received 53 percent of the total votes cast, followed by Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro (R-Paso Robles) with 45



MORGAN BALL / DAILY NEXUS

Lois Capps celebrates her victory with her staff. Capps prevailed against Bordonaro and Bakhaus in the runoff election for the 22nd Congressional District.

percent and Libertarian candidate Robert Bakhaus with 2 percent. Approximately 13,000 absentee and provisional ballots remain to be counted, according to County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor Ken Pettit.

When the outcome was fairly certain, Capps addressed a group of her supporters at her victory

party at the El Paseo restaurant in downtown Santa Barbara. She spread the credit for her victory among her staff and the voters.

"The best-kept secret in this campaign ... was all of you," she said. "It was the grass roots. It was the door-to-door [volunteers]."

Capps received a wide majority of the vote in Santa Barbara

County, while Bordonaro prevailed by just 2 percent in San Luis Obispo County. Her strong showing in SLO came as a surprise to Capps because Bordonaro's strongest support base is in his home county.

"We really did well in San Luis

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Regents To Visit Campus, Examine Plans

The University of California Board of Regents will be touring campus this Thursday to see firsthand what plans lie in store for the university.

The regents, the governing body of the UC system, will meet at 8 a.m. with a public comment period in the McCune Conference Room of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building. While anyone is permitted to address the board, speakers must register to do so at the meeting and are limited to three minutes.

Afterward, the regents will be briefed on the university's Long Range Development Plan, which details future goals and construction proposals for the campus.

Regents will also have an opportunity to see the future sites of two planned university housing projects in

a driving tour of both North and West campuses.

In addition to getting a glimpse of tomorrow, the regents will be able to see presentations from the new Bren School of Environmental Science, the Institute for Theoretical Physics and the Marine Biotechnology Laboratory. A walking tour of the campus is also scheduled, and regents will trek through the UCen, HSSB, Center for Quantized Electronic Structures and the Materials Research Laboratory.

Persons interested in speaking during the public comment period can call (510) 987-9220 for more information. General information about the meeting can be found at www.ucop.edu/regents/regmeet/ucsb.html.

— Zack Musa

Protests of Inflammatory Article Continue

BY JILL ST. JOHN
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Following Thursday's demonstration in front of Davidson Library, protesters gathered in front of the offices of the Educational Opportunity Program, the *Daily Nexus* and the IVFP on Friday, March 6 to voice sentiments of dissatisfaction.

The demonstration and protests were in response to a quote published in an article titled "Number of Dogs in Classes Declining This Year" in the March 4 *Daily Nexus*. The protesters demanded apologies and the implementation of ethnicity awareness training for the staff of the campus newspaper and the I.V. police.

According to protester Kyle Guiao, a junior business-economics major, the apology that the *Daily Nexus* published in the March 6 paper did not sufficiently make amends for printing a quote perceived as racially biased against the Vietnamese and Hmong communities. Guiao wanted the *Daily Nexus* to ensure that the staff will practice more discretion regarding information that may be racially insensitive.

"We demand that the *Daily Nexus* implement mandatory cultural sensitivity, cultural awareness [and] di-

versity training for each staff member," he said.

According to *Daily Nexus* Editor in Chief Marc Valles, because no further apologies will be issued by the paper, all other complaints should be directed to the Chancellor's Press Council.

"For one, you had my quote on the front page [and] a reference to the editorial that we printed [March 6] at the top of the editorial page," he said. "It's quite a lengthy apology. I don't know what else to tell you."

At the IVFP office, protesters hoped to personally address office manager Dianna Halliburton, whose quote implying that Vietnamese and Hmong immigrants were responsible for a decrease in canine population during the 1970s was at the root of the controversy, according to protester Tu Huynh.

"We demand a public and written apology by Halliburton," she said. "We demand that she is present on Wednesday, March 11 at noon in Storke Plaza."

Police Chief John L. MacPherson explained that he would not require Halliburton to make any public appearances but would try to cooperate with the desires of the protesters.

"I'm willing to work with people," he said. "I'm willing to sit with them either publicly or privately and

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Car Accident Injures 6 on El Colegio

BY JILL ST. JOHN
Staff Writer

A chain-reaction accident due to an alleged drunken driver resulted in six injuries Tuesday evening.

Alcohol may have played a part in a four-car collision that occurred at the intersection of Harder Road and El Colegio. The chain reaction, which occurred at 7:59 p.m., was triggered by an alleged drunken driver who was immediately taken into custody, according to Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. officer Sid Carrera.

"The driver was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and currently we are conducting an ongoing investigation," he said.

Although the driver was arrested at 8:41 p.m. for felony drunken driving, the blood alcohol level could not be released because the investigation is currently in progress, according to officer Bill Van Nieuwenhuize, who made the arrest.

The initial report of the crash came from a local security guard who spotted the driver swerving on Highway 217, according to Nieuwenhuize.

"A local security guard called in on a cell phone to report a

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Top of the News

Emotions High After Yugoslav Slayings



PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)— While sobbing relatives filed past the disfigured corpses of loved ones slain in a Serb crackdown, a U.S. envoy visited the tense province of Kosovo on Tuesday, trying to prevent simmering hatreds from boiling over into a new Balkan war.

The diplomat, Robert Gelbard, demanded that international forensics experts be allowed to examine the bodies of the ethnic Albanian victims, but within hours, ethnic Albanian officials said Serbians had taken away 49 corpses and buried them in a mass grave.

The claim could not immediately be confirmed. If true, it is certain to inflame widespread outrage over Serbia's behavior in the troubled province where a Serb police crackdown last week killed at least 74 ethnic

Albanians. Gelbard conveyed Washington's revulsion at the Serbs' use of "brutal, disproportionate and over-

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— Bill Richardson
U.S. ambassador

whelming force" in the southern province and demanded that both sides halt the violence.

Acting under strong international pressure, Serbia for the first time offered to talk with Kosovo Albanians, saying it is "the only way to improve political processes" to solve "vital issues."

The ethnic Albanians, who outnumber Serbs by a 9-1 ratio in Kosovo, did not immediately respond to the offer.

Turmoil in Kosovo has revived fears of a new Balkan conflict.

Many ethnic Albanians

sibility of an arms embargo against Yugoslavia on Tuesday.

"We think the violence should stop. We're talking about deaths of many people, and the international community is working together to find a strong response," U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson told reporters.

The government said the official death toll from last week's violence is 46 ethnic Albanians and six Serb police. But the Albanians say at least 74 of their kin died in two police sweeps through Kosovo's Drenica region.

As mourners came to view their relatives' and neighbors' bullet-riddled, charred bodies, chances of dialogue with the Serbs seemed remote.

"Look what the Serb savages did. They killed women and children," said a man who identified himself only as Fazli. "How does anyone expect us to forget this terrible massacre?"

Tobacco Advertising Addressed by Expert Witness



ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)— An expert on youth smoking sparred with a tobacco lawyer Tuesday over whether cigarette advertising is an important influence on children when they decide to begin smoking.

Cheryl Perry, testifying in Minnesota's tobacco trial, repeatedly had to ward off advances to make her points and frequently went beyond the scope of questions during a verbal fencing match with tobacco attorney Robert Weber.

Many of Weber's questions were about the 1994 surgeon general's report on preventing tobacco use among young people, of which Perry was senior scientific editor.

As Weber asked about what influences teenagers to take up smoking, he tried to get Perry to say advertising was only a risk factor, not a cause of teen smoking.

"Not only a risk factor," Perry responded. "We felt it was an important factor in influencing young people to smoke."

Weber asked, "Isn't it true that nowhere is it stated that advertising is a 'cause' of smoking initiation?"

"No, I wouldn't agree with that," Perry said. "We weren't ready to use that word, 'cause,' which is a very powerful word, because we wanted more data. We have that data now."

Later, Weber asked if Perry was aware that Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III, when he was a state senator in 1973, sponsored a bill to create smoking rooms in high schools and whether she felt there had been a big change in attitudes since then.

"I believe Mr. Humphrey was trying to make sure people smoking at school weren't smoking in the bathrooms, weren't smoking in the halls," Perry said.

Weber asked whether it was unfair to use 1998 mentality to look at something that happened in 1973.

"Wouldn't you agree with me, if you're going to go back and evaluate actions by Hubert Humphrey or anyone else, you need to put those events into context?" Weber said.

"I'm not sure," Perry replied, noting that the tobacco industry had adopted a code in the mid-1960s saying the industry would not market to youth.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP)**— Celebrating the success of an unprecedented African mission to restore democracy, President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah returned to Sierra Leone in triumph Tuesday after a 10-month exile forced by a military coup.

Kabbah, welcomed by 21-gun salutes, roaring crowds and dancers in red and brown carved masks, pledged to rebuild his battered country and replace military rule with constitutional government.

"We will make this a new beginning. We will make this a new beginning for Sierra Leone," he declared.

Kabbah, Sierra Leone's first elected leader, had been living in exile in neighboring Guinea since May, when army Lt. Col. Johnny Paul Koroma seized power in a bloody coup that ushered in a period of ruinous armed rule.

• **ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland (AP)**— Weary of being branded vicious thugs, Canada's seal hunters are fighting back with a marketing campaign touting such products as seal pepperoni and cure-almost-anything seal-oil pills.

It's a new tactic for the sealers, who face a high-decibel transatlantic protest campaign as the seal-hunting season moves into full swing over the next few weeks.

The anti-sealing lobby is recruiting celebrities to help oppose what it calls "the largest slaughter of marine mammals in the world."

Rallies are planned in London and Ottawa this month to protest the federal government's willingness to raise the seal quota to its highest level in years.

"The seal hunt will be shut down — make no mistake about it," said animal-rights activist Paul Watson, the co-founder of Greenpeace.

But in Newfoundland, there is equally strong determination to keep the hunt going — even to expand it by finding markets for virtually every part of a seal carcass.

• **LONDON (AP)**— British Airways is ready to turn on the "no smoking" signs for good, banning passengers from puffing on all flights, the company said Tuesday.

The airline already had halted smoking on 95 percent of its flights, including those within Britain and to the United States and most of Western Europe.

However, British Airways still permitted smoking on a few routes, including services to Spain, Latin America and parts of Asia and Eastern Europe.

• **SINGAPORE (AP)**— A pilot who had a history of disagreements with his co-pilot may have sent a SilkAir jet into a suicidal plunge that killed 104 people last year in Indonesia, investigators said Tuesday.

The pilot, Capt. Tsu Way Ming, also had a record of troublesome behavior and had been withdrawn from an instructor's program, chief investigator Oetarjo Diran told reporters.

But officials stressed that suicide is just one of many possible causes under investigation by a team checking on potential human factors in the accident.

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Uncle Guiseppe used to always say: If you're up to your ears in hot water, use the part that's not submerged. Remember, if you're feeling stressed or overwhelmed these next few days from studying, it's not going to help if you worry about it. Drink lots of fluids (water or your other favorite thirst quencher), get some decent rest, and it'll all work out. Studying 'til your eyeballs dry out makes for sore test eyes and less learned in the long run. Take those five or so minutes to just step away and make sure you're staying sane. Sing your favorite song. Scratch your favorite itch. Pet your pet.

Good luck on finals, everyone!

Correction

In an article in Thursday's *Nexus* titled "Sparkling Stones Donated to UCSB's Geology Department," Professor James Boles' name was misspelled as "Bowles." The *Nexus* regrets this error.

Students Address World Peace Issues at Global Studies Millennium Lecture

By JENNIFER ATKINSON
Staff Writer

Students assembled to discuss the possibilities of world peace and share their views about global diversity and tolerance in the new millennium March 4.

The panel's central theme, "Prerequisites for Peace," was part of an ongoing project started by the Global Studies 1 class to facilitate discussions about international issues on conflict and peace. Wednesday's discussion elaborated on the themes presented in earlier lectures, focusing on issues of diversity and the "planetization of mankind," a phrase used by discussion leader Brice Taylor, chairman of the UCSB Diversity Committee and member of the local Bahai community.

"We are challenged to even imagine that there could be world peace in the face of the chaos we see today," he said. "But attitudes have changed so much since I was a college student in 1971. I was an advocate for black power in college ... now I recognize the 'one family of man,' and I see people ... learning to accept and love each other for their diversity all over the world."

The first conference of the series, "Peace in the New Millennium; Impossible or Inevitable?" was led by Global and International Studies Dept. Chair Mark Juergensmeyer and Dr. Gloria Haithman, a professor of urban and interdisciplinary studies at USC, on Feb. 18.

The colloquium also asserted the necessity of developing trust in achieving global peace and identified the potential economic and technological benefits of peaceful coexistence, according to Taylor.

"We have this incredible technology today — like nuclear technology — and what do we do with that in an unspiritual state?" he said. "We decide how we can use it to kill each other better."

Some students voiced a concern that the achievement of a "universal family" would

result in the loss of culture and individuality. GS 1 teaching assistant Chitra Golestani responded by saying that people's attitudes toward diversity, not diversity itself, would need to change.

"[It requires us] to envision unity within diversity — where diversity is celebrated and appreciated — not uniformity," Golestani said.

When Taylor asked for a show of hands from students who believed that peace was possible, less than half responded favorably. Nevertheless, when asked who would like to have world peace, a unanimous show of hands was raised in support.

"I could go all over the world to ask that same question and [I would] get a universal 'yes,'" Taylor said.

Sophomore global and international studies major Karl Williams agreed that he would like to see peace accomplished, but that intolerance makes it unlikely.

"The attitudes of those who find it impossible to tolerate all the beliefs and values that are spread across the world makes this difficult," he said. "I see that as the main crisis facing us all in the journey toward an 'inevitable' world peace."

Electrical engineering graduate student Nabil Maghzi expressed his belief that peace would ultimately prevail.

"One force is the disintegration of age-old institutions — like communism — which humanity is realizing are falling apart ... once people realize that the old systems aren't working anymore, the justice of the new system will inevitably take over," Maghzi said.

Students interested in attending future panels on global peace can contact Chitra Golestani at 563-0169.

Leg Council Passes Eight Bills, Adds Measures for Next Quarter's Ballot

By TED ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Eight bills were passed at the final Associated Students Legislative Council meeting of Winter Quarter, five of which will be added to the upcoming spring A.S. elections ballot.

The first of these bills, which passed unanimously, would inaugurate a new constitutional lock-in fee to benefit bicyclists. According to the bill's author, Off-Campus Rep Joe Lee, the 75 cent A.S. lock-in fee, which will be voted on in spring elections, would benefit campus bikepaths, lighting and parking.

"[The bill would] let the students decide whether they want better bikepaths here at UCSB," Lee said.

Another unanimously passed bill that will be voted on during the spring elections entails an A.S. Program Board lock-in fee increase. According to bill author Off-Campus Rep Jeff Cooper, the measure would allow students to both vote on the bill and determine the amount of increase.

"There are two parts to the bill. The first one asks students if they are for or against increasing ASPB lock-in fees. The second gives choices for how much of an increase," he said.

Another bill, which would encourage I.V. Foot Patrol officers to issue warnings to community members playing loud music after quiet hours before ticketing them, also passed unanimously. The Noise Plebiscite Bill, authored by Off-Campus Rep Justin Glycer, will be placed on the spring elections ballot.

"We are just saying they have to issue a warning to people who are playing their music loud at late hours. It's not going to change any laws, I just think it would be good to hear from the students," he said.

The fourth bill, which passed 18-1-0, will place a ballot measure in the upcoming elections which will propose a lock-in fee in-

crease for the Student Commission On Racial Equality. According to the bill's author, Rep-at-Large Josh Krom, S.C.O.R.E. is due for an increase in funds.

"Basically, S.C.O.R.E. hasn't got a lock-in fee increase since 1990. Oftentimes they don't have enough money to pursue their own interests. All this does is let the students vote for it by putting it on the ballot," he said.

The Intercollegiate Athletic Initiative Bill, which also passed, will also appear on the spring elections ballot. According to Off-Campus Rep Sam Dalesandro, the bill would increase budget spending toward grants and scholarships for student athletes.

"At the beginning of the year we talked about raising school spirit. This is a great chance to make our voice heard — it's a good idea," he said.

In new business, Off-Campus Rep Briah Tannler's Responsible Copying Bill was passed unanimously. According to Tannler, this bill strongly encourages the use of recycled paper in all Davidson Library printing devices.

"The bill puts recycled paper in all of the copiers. When I go into the library I don't look for the recycled paper copiers. If all the copiers have recycled paper, students don't have to search for them," she said.

In old business, Off-Campus Rep Erin O'Donnell had her two previously tabled bills passed. The first was the Judicial Council Administration Bill, which passed with five abstentions.

"It's very simple. It just outlines [what Judicial Council does], so if people have questions they can look it up in the code," she said.

O'Donnell's other bill, which was also passed unanimously, would restructure the Campus Development Committee, which was created to plan and research the building of structures on the campus.

"The committee has 30 members in it right now. We are rewriting the committee so it can function," she said.

IVRPD Reviews Rally, Sculpture, Tax Dispute

By STERLING ROBERTSON
Reporter

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District met last Thursday to discuss a tax disagreement between UCSB and the park district, plans to install a sculpture in front of the proposed teen center and a fee waiver for "Take Back the Night."

District Attorney Tom Stone attended the meeting to discuss difficulties that the IVRPD is facing in collecting yearly taxes UCSB, as a property owner, owes. Currently, the university is planning to donate \$15,000 to the teen center instead of acknowledging their debt.

"We need to document that there is a bona fide dispute between the park and the university and that there is no implication that for \$15,000 they bought us all forever," he said.

At the meeting, local artist Daniel Girard discussed the possible installation of an iron sculpture in front of the teen center. The artist works with local I.V. teens at "Art From Scrap," a center that creates sculpture from junk and building scrap.

"The purpose of doing this was getting the kids involved," he said. "I designed it and they built it. Some of these kids turned out to be really good welders."

During the meeting, Girard showed a video of himself and a group of teens working on the 25-foot-tall statue. After the board determines the safety of the statue, they plan to install it in front of the center.

The board also agreed to waive the usual fee for the proposed use of Anisq' Oyo' park during "Take Back the Night," an annual nationwide event that protests sexual violence toward women. Senior English major Amy Scott, an organizer of the local rally, said that the focus will be on survivors rather than victims.

"Last year it was very emotional," she said. "If we can educate one person then it will be a complete success. Its motto is 'Break the silence. End the violence.'"

The next IVRPD meeting will take place Thursday, March 19 at 961 Embarcadero Del Mar.

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Obispo," she said.

Although disappointed by the election results, Bordonaro is content with how he ran his campaign, according to Bordonaro's campaign manager, Todd Harris.

"We're disappointed. We would have preferred to have [the results] reversed. We're proud about how the campaign turned out, with issues important to [Tom Bordonaro] and to members of the Central Coast," he said. "The widow of a deceased member of Congress has never lost in a general election."

Bakhaus disapproved of the quality of debate in the campaign.

"I think I was as nauseated as anybody by the bombard of radio and television Twinkie advertisements," he said. "But I was delighted when I was able to speak, and especially when I was quoted accurately."

Voter turnout in Isla Vista and UCSB was 16 percent, higher than the 9 percent turnout of the Jan. 13 primary, but lagging far behind the overall voter turnout of 45 percent. The general turnout was lower than expected, according to Pettit.

"I felt that the turnout would be 55 percent in Santa Barbara county, and a little higher in San Luis Obispo county," he said.

Pettit's prediction of the final result was, however, right on target when he spoke prior to the majority of the votes being counted.

"I thought it would be a close race. I thought Capps would get 53 percent of the vote," Pettit said.

Former Elections Assistant Russ Barker was surprised by the number of absentee ballots cast in Capps' favor.

"I thought it would be a little closer. I expected more absentees to be in Bordonaro's favor, because in the past more conservatives have been voting absentee," he said.

— Staff Writer Alexis Filippini also contributed to this article.

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work out a constructive resolution — one that hopefully meets, maybe not the letter of their demands, but hopefully one that meets the spirit of their demands."

Some participants felt that efforts to be made by MacPherson could not rectify the damage already inflicted, according to junior psychology major Tien Nguyen.

"It's not about your [police] department. It's about

the Asian community and Mrs. Halliburton," she said.

Dissatisfaction with the *Daily Nexus* and the IVFP was warranted because the information published was false, according to junior sociology major Constance Chang.

"[The quote] is not true," she said. "If it was true, it would be OK. I mean, even the Hmong did eat dogs. I mean, Chinese people have eaten dogs — you know it's just a part of culture. But the fact is, it's not true. That's the principle of it."

COLLISION

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drunken driver," he said. "The security guard was in motion and continued to follow the driver. We were on an intercept course — we would have caught him at Stadium Road and El Colegio, but that's where the crash happened."

Sophomore business-economics major Matt Owens, who was involved in the accident, described the

alleged drunken driver as reckless.

"It was a drunken driver that didn't stop," he said. "Three cars were stopped at the light and he was going about 35 mph. He didn't put the brakes on and straight rammed into us."

The crash resulted in six injuries and sent one woman who experienced trauma to the hospital, according to emergency room registered nurse Brian Kennedy.



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Sports

Santa Barbara Women's Basketball Captures Big West Conference Title

■ Buescher Named Tournament MVP; Clinesmith, Greathouse All-Tourney

By BEN ALKALY
Staff Writer

It may not be as grand as the Tudor family's reign, but the UCSB women's basketball team is on the verge of creating a dynasty in the Big West Conference.

Utilizing a starting lineup of three sophomores and two freshmen, the Gauchos handily defeated Boise State University 86-69 on Saturday in the championship game of the Big West Tournament in Reno, Nev. The win, which gave Santa Barbara their second consecutive league crown and fourth title of the 1990s, earned the team a date with 18th-ranked Vanderbilt in the first round of the NCAA Tournament next Saturday.

"These [conference] games were great to win, but all year long we've been talking about using this as the stepping stone to get into the NCAA Tournament," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "The challenge for us right now is to enjoy this and savor it, but get ready to step up and play even better next game."

The Gauchos (26-5, 14-1 in the Big West), however, were not on top of their game during the first half of Saturday's televised showdown with the Broncos.

Santa Barbara built an 18-point lead with 4:15 remaining due to a combination of open looks under the basket and a six-minute BSU scoring drought.

But the crisp passing which enabled UCSB's dominance in the paint turned sloppy while Boise found its shooting touch. A 10-2 run by the Broncos (19-10, 13-3)

to end the half trimmed their deficit to 37-29 heading into the locker rooms.

"[Coach] was pretty displeased with the way we played in the first half and our executions," junior guard Stephanie Shadwell said. "But he said we're still ahead by eight, and there's no reason to worry."

The Gauchos became very concerned 93 seconds into the second stanza, when BSU junior guard Alycia Sumlin buried a shot from behind the arc to bring her squad within five.

Sophomore forward Kristi Rohr responded with a jumper before freshman guard and Big West Player of the Year Erin Buescher faked out her defender and laid in a shot off the glass. The two baskets ignited a 21-5 run which culminated with a Sheila Frial three-pointer off the right side and a 60-39 advantage for Santa Barbara.

French thought his team may have been feeling some lingering effects of fatigue, from Thursday's exhausting overtime win over Nevada, before the second-half spurt.

"I maybe should have called a timeout and made some substitutions," he said after the school-record 15th-straight victory. "But then we seemed to get our second wind."

UCSB then cruised to the championship, and got every player into the scoring mix after freshman walk-on Hannah Turner made an acrobatic reverse layup with 14 seconds left.

Turner's shot was indicative of play throughout the second half, as the up-tempo Gauchos were eager to put on a show for the audience

watching on Fox Sports Net.

"This team has a lot of personalities, and we're not afraid to show them," Shadwell said. "The TV cameras make us want to have more fun."

The biggest showman of all was Buescher, who led the team with 28 points, 11 rebounds, seven assists, and six steals. The 6'3" native of Rohnert Park, Calif., also made an unprecedented clean sweep of the Big West's postseason awards, being named tournament MVP to go along with her Player and Freshman of the Year honors.

"Gosh, if she gets any more awards ... this big is her head," said fellow freshman Nicole Greathouse jokingly while stretching her arms wide.

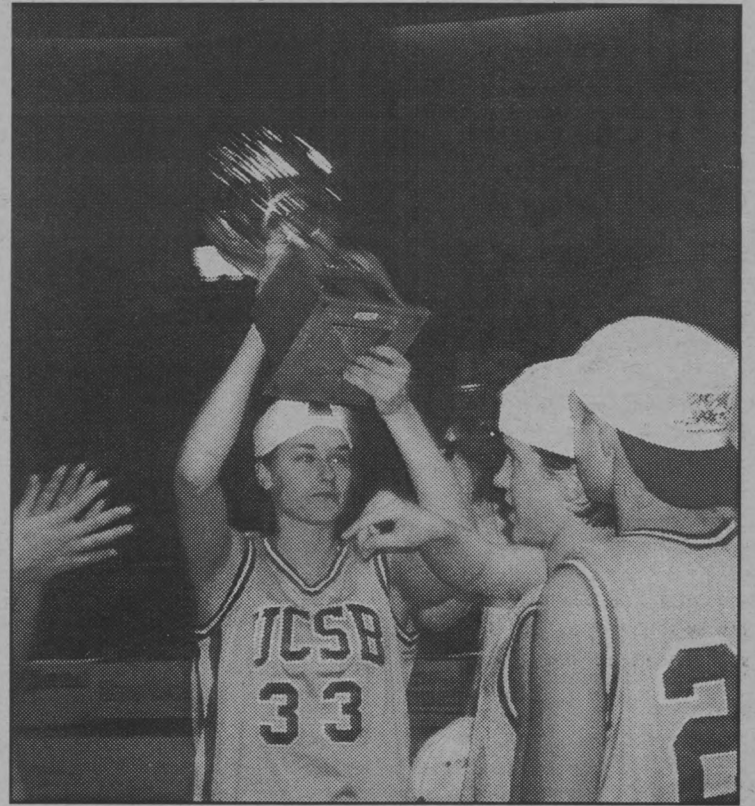
Greathouse's trophy case is far from bare as well — she garnered an All-Tournament team nod in addition to her selection to the All-Freshman squad. Sophomore point guard Stacy Clinesmith, spearhead of the 20-point comeback in the semifinal round, also earned tourney honors.

Boise State Head Coach Trisha Stevens, who drastically improved upon a seven-win season last year, praised Santa Barbara in the post-game press conference.

"They will give any team they play a tussle," she said. "They are a great team that has lots of weapons."

On Sunday afternoon UCSB found out it will head to Champaign, Ill., to break out its big guns against the Commodores of Vanderbilt. UCSB was handed a #11 seed by the NCAA selection committee, and will battle sixth-seeded Vandy on Saturday at 4 p.m. PST.

"We're going to beat Vanderbilt



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SOLID GOLD: Stephanie Shadwell hoists the Big West Championship trophy for the Gauchos after an 86-69 defeat of Boise State.

— that was our first reaction [when we saw the pairings]," freshman center Tandec Taylor said. "I saw them when they played Tennessee on TV, and I thought they were really slow and like to go to the post. They're tall, but kind of skinny. I think we totally have a chance to beat them."

Part of the Gauchos' confidence may stem from the fact that the Commodores (20-8, 9-5 in the Southeastern Conference) have struggled of late. The Nashville, Tenn., school has lost six of its last 14, including a 106-45 thrashing by #1 Tennessee on Feb. 28. Vandy is down to nine healthy players after starting two-guard Nattie Respondek (left foot) and key reserve Chavonne Hammond (torn ACL) were recently lost for the season.

But Vanderbilt does play in the nations' toughest conference, and still features two All-SEC perfor-

mers in senior forwards Na'Sheema Hillmon and Lisa Ostrom.

"We need to go back there thinking we have played this caliber of team before and beaten them," French said. "On the other hand, we have to be realistic that we haven't played this caliber of team for two months, and we better be very mentally ready for this sudden jump in athleticism and ability."

Clinesmith feels that the Commodores will encounter a team that is peaking at the right time and ready to make its move into the upper echelon of women's basketball programs.

"There's always things you need to work on, but as of right now, I think we're pretty much ready to win a couple of rounds in this NCAA Tournament," she said.

The enthusiastic Gauchos can be heard live Saturday on KCSB.



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On the Skids

Troy Kinto has seen UCSB drop four in a row, being swept by Fullerton last weekend and falling 12-8 to Westmont on Tuesday. UCSB begins a three-game homestand with Long Beach State on Friday at 2 p.m.

Volleyball Slumping, But Beats Long Beach

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The first step in mending a serious wound is to stop the bleeding. With this in mind, it's time for the UCSB men's volleyball team to find itself a sizable tourniquet.

Heading into Tuesday's conference match against Long Beach State, the Gauchos had dropped three straight matches, the most recent being Friday's defeat to Lewis University. Santa Barbara's record now stands at an undesirable 5-8 overall, 4-7 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

UCSB's loss to Pepperdine University, the first of the three-game skid, was understandable. The Waves check in at #2 in the nation and have only suffered one defeat this season. The ensuing loss to unranked Northridge, however, was inexcusable. UCSB led the conference match two games to none (15-10, 15-8) before being run over in the next three frames (7-15, 6-15, 4-15) to lose the match 3-2.

UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston offered a simple explanation for the Gauchos' recent slide.

"We're just not playing that great," Preston said. "We've had trouble being very good at any one thing. We're in a rut right now and we don't have a whole lot

of confidence."

The nonconference loss to Lewis wasn't nearly as detrimental or embarrassing for the Gauchos as was the Northridge disaster. The Flyers are #12 in the nation and have posted an impressive 13-6 overall record. Even so, it appeared to be yet another match that UCSB let slip through its fingers.

Gauchos Beat LBSU

The UCSB men's volleyball team got back on the winning track last night, defeating Long Beach State 10-15, 15-4, 15-11, 15-9.

Sophomore outside hitter Kevin Collins had a huge match offensively, posting 28 kills and a .471 hitting percentage. Senior outside hitters Alike Williams and Mitch McCoy had 15 and 16 kills, respectively. Williams also had a match-high 12 digs.

Santa Barbara, which hit .331 on the match, improves to 6-8 overall, 5-7 in the MPSF. The 49ers drop to 11-6, 4-6.

was unable to contain the Flyers' mighty Victor Rivera. The junior opposite drove home 45 kills in leading Lewis to a four-set (15-11, 16-14, 12-15, 15-12) decision.

"We didn't do much of anything defensively," Preston said. "We didn't block many balls and had trouble digging. I mean, we groveled, but we didn't dig the balls that we should be digging."