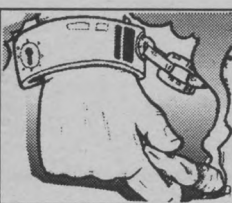




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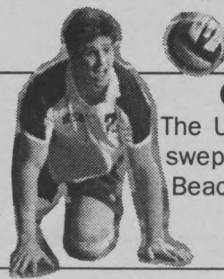
It's the first week, so why not take advantage of drink specials in the Hub and enjoy the musical style of David Culliner from 3-5 p.m.



The War on Weed

The U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether California voters have the right to legalize the use of medicinal marijuana.

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Gauchos Shoot Blanks

The UCSB men's volleyball team was swept 3-0 Tuesday night by Long Beach State.

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UCSB Accepts Record Number of Applicants, Begins Efforts to Recruit Prospective Students

By ERIC SIMONS
Staff Writer

UCSB admitted a record 16,450 high school students out of 34,000 applicants for Fall Quarter 2001, and plans to enroll 3,700 of those students.

Acceptance letters were mailed March 20, and statements of intent to register, along with deposits, are due May 1.

UCSB accepted more students from all ethnic groups this year, and school officials said they hope that will translate into more minority students attending the school.

"We anticipate this class to be the most academically prepared that we've experienced and also the most diverse," said Special Admissions Assistant to the Chancellor Bill Villa, who previously served as UCSB's admissions director. "That's particularly noteworthy in light of the fact that we've admitted more students than last year, and the academic quality is slightly better than last year. Now the goal is to actually enroll them, then we'll see how we've done."

Faculty and staff are working to recruit those admitted students. Although Spring Insight tours begin on April 16, large numbers of

prospective freshmen are currently exploring the campus. Chancellor Henry Yang, who has been recruiting for the last month, will conclude a series of conferences across the state on April 7 with a reception in Los Angeles.

"Feedback regarding the receptions has been excellent. Students

and their families are impressed with the faculty, staff and student representatives and their presentations," Yang said. "I have also received positive feedback on the information provided on our academic programs by each college and other issues of interest to prospective students, such as financial aid and housing. Needless to say, they are

impressed by UCSB's outstanding academic stature and campus environment."

After the receptions conclude, UCSB's faculty will have a phone-a-thon to encourage students to come to the campus, and the Education Opportunity Program will hold a Parents Conference on April 14 for prospective parents.

All the recruiting efforts are intended to draw the most academically excellent and diverse class to Santa Barbara, Yang said.

"Through the faculty

We anticipate this class to be the most academically prepared that we've experienced and also the most diverse.

— Bill Villa
special admissions
assistant to the
chancellor

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County Seeks State Funds to Provide Disaster Relief



ALEX WARD / DAILY NEXUS

Freshman business economics major Becky Bogard faces the broken beach access stairs on the 6600 block of DP on Tuesday. The county estimates \$3 million in damages from the March storms.

SB Asks Governor to Declare State of Emergency Due to March Rainstorms

By JENNIFER B. SIVERTS
Staff Writer

When it rains, it pours — and in Santa Barbara County last month, it poured close to \$3 million in damages.

Santa Barbara County Administrator Michael Brown proclaimed a local emergency in the County of

Santa Barbara on March 14, due to an estimated \$1.3 million in damages to county facilities caused by recent rainstorms. The proclamation was immediately sent to Gov. Gray Davis' office in Sacramento, requesting that he declare a State of Emergency for Santa Barbara County in order for the county to be eligible for state disaster assistance funds.

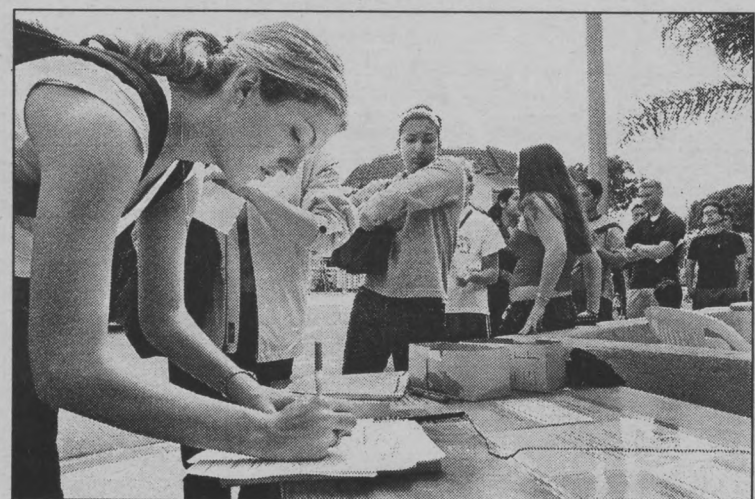
Since the initial March 14 estimated cost in damages, the county has calculated a more accurate estimate at

\$2.87 million in damages, said Bruce Carter, Santa Barbara County Emergency Services manager.

"[The \$2.87 million] is only to county facilities; we are looking at another estimated million from special districts," he said. "There are 60 special districts, for example there is the Goleta West Sanitary District, the city of Solvang, and Guadalupe alone lost a roof at city hall which will cost \$100,000."

Carter said when weather

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ALEX WARD / DAILY NEXUS

The Alternative Is Going at 8 a.m.

Undeclared freshman Julie Fosdick fills out an order form at The Alternative Copy Shop in I.V. Although the lines reached all the way to Java Jones, they moved swiftly, allowing waiting students to buy their course materials.

Lecturers Fight For Children's Rights, World Peace

Marc Kielburger, director from Free the Children International, and Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's Youth Outreach Coordinator Michael Coffey will speak in Broida Hall 1610 today from 2-3:15 p.m. as part of the "Global Forces in the Post-Cold War Lecture Series."

Kielburger, who attends Oxford University, is also a chairman for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee. His brother, Craig, founded the nonprofit organization Free the Children International in 1996 after learning about a 12-year-old Pakistani boy who was shot while defending children's rights. The boy had been a slave since he was four years old and had worked 12 hours a day. The organization's goal is to prevent child abuse and exploitation around the world.

"Free the Children is an international network of children helping children through representation, leadership and action," according to

the Free the Children website.

Kielburger holds programs to teach leadership and lectures at campuses in New York, India, Kenya and other countries. He is also the author of "You Can Change the World!"

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is committed to ending nuclear threat and encourages its members to help by "waging peace."

"I cannot emphasize enough how I detest nuclear weapons, as well as the legacy of toxic contamination and human and environmental degradation heaped upon our children because of nuclear weapons and radioactive waste," Vice President of Time Warner Ted Turner wrote on the foundation's website. "The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is providing a critical international network of opposition and action to help bring about the end to the proliferation, indeed the existence of these awful weapons."

— Sarah Healy



Top of the News

Bush Urges China to Return Jet, Crew



HAIKOU, China (AP) — China allowed American diplomats to meet the crew of a U.S. spy plane Tuesday for the first time since the plane landed on Chinese soil after a collision with a Chinese fighter jet, but there was no sign when they would be allowed to return home.

China blamed the United States for the collision and demanded an apology. President Jiang Zemin demanded that the United States stop surveillance flights off China's coast.

It was too early Wednesday morning for Chinese officials to react to a warning from President George W. Bush that any further delay in returning the 24 crew members or the plane itself — full of high-tech equipment that U.S. officials fear China

has now examined — or else face possible damage to already unsettled China-U.S. relations.

"This accident has the potential of undermining our hopes for a fruitful and productive relationship between our two countries," Bush said in Washington. "To keep that from happening, our servicemen and women need to come home."

The U.S. should face the facts squarely, shoulder responsibility and apologize to the Chinese side instead of seeking excuses for itself.

— **Zhu Bangzao**

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson

China's government-run Xinhua news agency released pictures of the damaged Navy EP-3E at an air base on the southern island of Hainan. The pictures showed the plane's leftmost propeller broken and tears on the underside of its left wing.

"The entire crew is in good health," said Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the U.S. Embassy defense

attache, one of two diplomats who visited the crew members. "They are being well taken care of." He added, "Our goal is to get them home as soon as possible."

The diplomats were allowed to discuss a wide range of topics with the crew, including their decision to land the plane in China and the events that surrounded the emergency

landing, a U.S. official said in Washington.

As a result of the talks, the Bush administration believes the crew managed to destroy some of the intelligence information on the plane, the U.S. official in Washington said on condition of anonymity.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Zhu Bangzao, said China's decision to allow the meet-

ing showed its "humanitarianism" and desire "to handle this case properly." Earlier, he said the crew's fate would be decided in light of a Chinese investigation. Asked when the crew would be released, Zhu replied: "I don't know."

"The U.S. should face the facts squarely, shoulder responsibility and apologize to the Chinese side instead of seeking excuses for itself," Zhu said in an earlier press conference.

In Washington, a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it appeared Beijing would insist on an official U.S. government apology before allowing the crew to leave China. But no Chinese official has made any such promise publicly.

President Jiang Zemin said the EP-3E violated international law and intruded into Chinese airspace. "The responsibility fully lies with the American side" for the collision, Jiang said, according to Zhu. "We have full evidence for that."

Yugoslavia Arrests Milosevic on Corruption Charge



U.N. war crimes tribunal anytime soon.

Milosevic has been jailed at Belgrade's Central Prison while authorities try to build a case for corruption and abuse of power against the 59-year-old deposed leader.

But on Tuesday, Serbian Interior Minister Dusan Mihajlovic said the investigation pointed to more serious offenses allegedly committed during Milosevic's 13-year rule.

"There are ... indications that Slobodan Milosevic was involved in severe criminal acts for which the death penalty is provided," Mihajlovic told reporters in Vienna, Austria.

Mihajlovic did not elaborate. However, Serbia's prime minister, Zoran Djindjic, told *The Boston Globe* in an interview that Milosevic will be charged within two months of ordering the murders of personal and political enemies.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic may face charges at home that carry the death penalty, Yugoslav authorities said Tuesday, and the country's president ruled out extraditing his predecessor to the

Executions in Yugoslavia are carried out by firing squad.

While hailing Milosevic's arrest, the United States and major Western European countries have made clear they expect the architect of the Balkan wars to be handed over to the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

However, most Yugoslavs consider the tribunal an instrument of American foreign policy established to punish Serbs for what most of them consider their legitimate conduct in the Balkan wars of the last decade, when Yugoslavia disintegrated.

At a press conference Tuesday, President Vojislav Kostunica repeated his opposition to extraditing Milosevic anytime soon despite Western pressure.

"The Hague court is not on my mind at all," Kostunica said. "We are not thinking about extradition now. We are dealing with Milosevic's responsibility before our own nation and before our own courts."

"Milosevic stands primarily and paramountly responsible before his own nation, his state," Kostunica said. "He is guilty of all the things he did — the country's disintegration and economic collapse — and all the things he failed to do as president."

AP Wire Shorts

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Thirty-four school districts are getting \$10.8 million in state money to improve school safety through partnerships with local police.

While praising those grants, the state school superintendent is proposing \$60 million a year to add more counselors to schools.

California has the nation's worst ratio of counselors to students.

The grants for the School Community Policing Partnership Program were announced Tuesday at a news conference by Attorney General Bill Lockyer and state school Superintendent Delaine Eastin.

Both said the shootings last month at two San Diego County high schools illustrate the need to improve school safety.

"We have worked hard since Columbine, but we clearly have more to do," said Eastin. She referred to the nation's worst school shooting on April 20, 1999, in a Colorado high school.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Authorities were trying to learn

Tuesday what prompted a 12-year-old boy to hide in a Las Vegas pet store until closing and torture and kill animals.

"We may be outraged and upset by what happened, but we still need to try to understand why it happened so we can treat him," said Patty Merrifield, clinical program manager for the Nevada state Division of Child and Family Services. The department is not involved with the case.

Police said the boy apparently hid in a pile of dog bed pillows at a PetSmart store in Las Vegas last Wednesday night. The next morning, store employees found him in the store with dead and maimed animals.

The store manager reported finding a dead bird and rat, several birds with feathers pulled out and two lizards missing.

The boy, whose name was not released because of his age, was charged with burglary, a felony, as well as cruelty to animals and maiming, poisoning or killing another person's animal.

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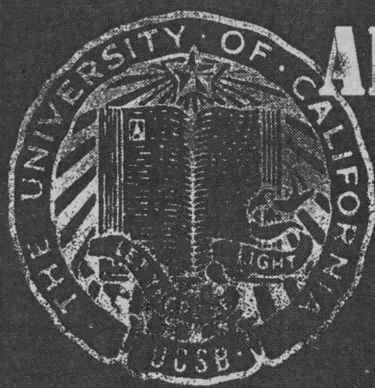
Everyone goes into new classes not knowing quite what to expect. With that in mind, I sat down in an "easy" non-writing class yesterday.

My professor walked in and had a meltdown. He announced that none of us could write for shit, and that he was going to screw the course and teach us how to write instead. He also announced he was cutting the upper-division class' size from 38 to 15. The department said he had the power to do so, and that he was simply exercising that power.

Now I'll exercise mine.

Wednesday's forecast:





ADMISSIONS & ENROLLMENT

Totals at UCSB for:

Fall 2001

Fall 2000

Admitted **16,450** **14,700**

Enrolled **???** **3,400**

(School hopes for 3,700)

Source: UC Office of the President

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phone-a-thon, the April 7 reception in Los Angeles and the EOP Parents Conference, we encourage underrepresented minorities to give serious consideration to enrolling at UCSB," Yang said. "We are striving to enroll the most academically qualified and diverse student body possible."

The admitted students have been admitted to several other schools, Villa said. Although close to two-thirds stay within the UC system, the Admissions Office must estimate how many students will come here before coming up with the total number to admit.

Last year, expecting the university's increasing prestige to draw a higher number of freshmen from

the applicant pool, fewer students were admitted than in previous years. The plan resulted in a much smaller freshmen class than admissions officers had planned, and led them to increase the number of acceptances from 14,000 to 16,000 this year.

"It's not an exact science, but we hope we're pretty close to it," Villa said.

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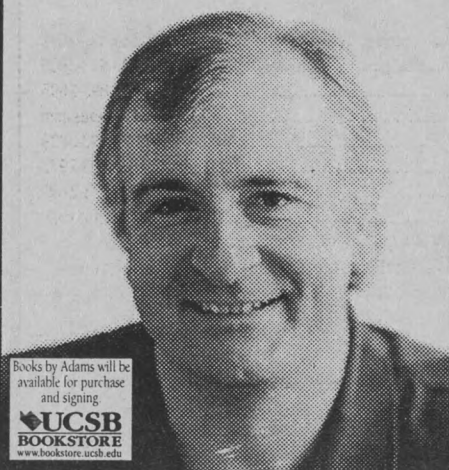
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Douglas Adams

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Students: \$5

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LECTURE

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The Inaugural Lecture of the UCSB Center for Middle East Studies



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Palestine The Dual Challenge of Nation Building and Making Peace

Sunday, April 8
2 pm / Campbell Hall

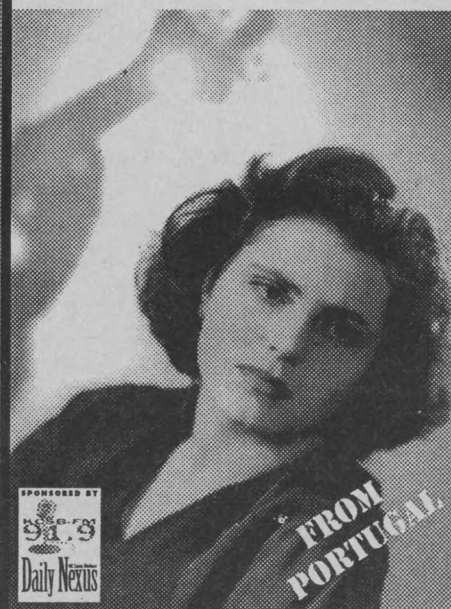
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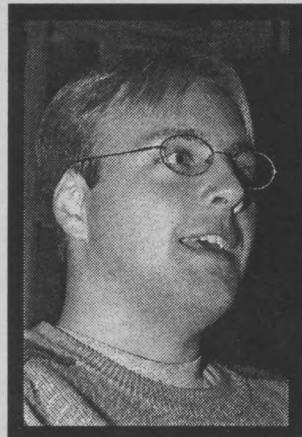
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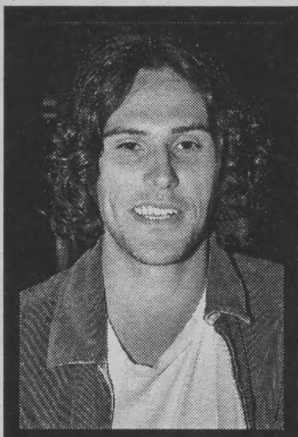
To keep going to school, as I've done for five-eighths of my life.

Jeff Baumann
junior
global studies



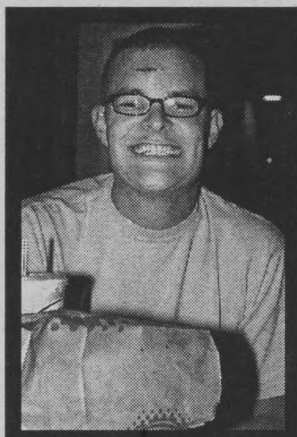
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Marisa Harris
sophomore
undeclared



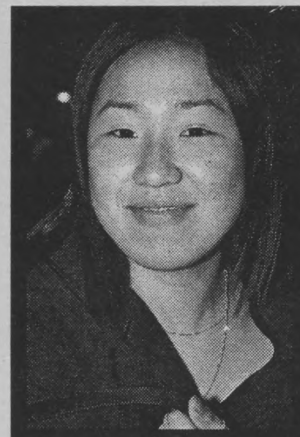
Health, individuals, sexual relations and always exploration for new things.

Bret Widdis
senior
anthropology



It's what you do between jobs. While you're working, it's not much like life.

Jake Bjeldanes
senior
art studio



I live to eat. I like eating Korean food and spicy stuff.

Crystal Choi
sophomore
art studio, Japanese

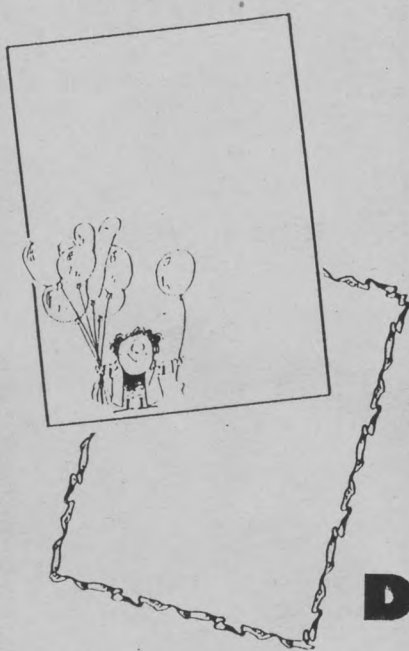


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James Bramlett
UCSB dropout, making more money than a graduate

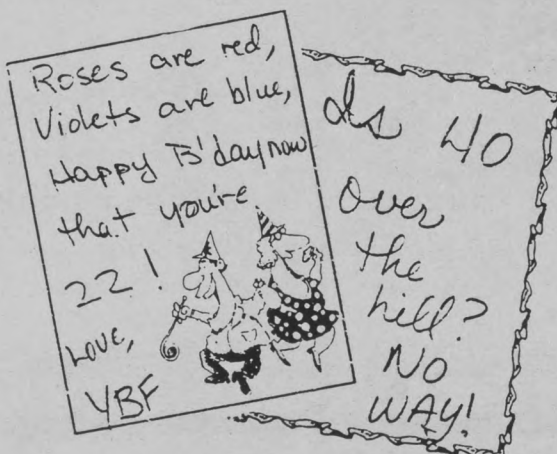
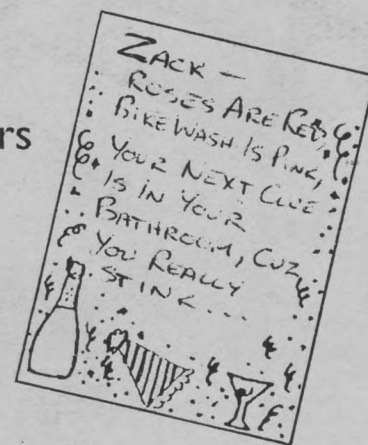
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— Bruce Carter
Santa Barbara Emergency Services manager

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damages occur the county has to compensate for the cost. However, when the caliber of the damages is exceedingly high, the county also requests funds from the state.

"The state did not declare a state

of emergency, but instead we got a step down which is called a Directors Concurrence from the State Office of Emergency Services," he said. "This accesses up to 75 percent in reimbursements for public facilities. Public facilities range from roads to sanitary districts to schools' roofs or anything of that sort."

Santa Barbara County has made similar proclamations in the past, most recently because of millions of dollars of damage caused by storms in 1998 and 1995, Carter said. The final estimation in damages will be available once all public facilities have submitted claims to the county.

"It started with a string of storms that began on March 5; we are still currently in a state of local emergency," he said.

Derek Johnson, Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District manager, said I.V. will not be submitting any claims to damage caused by recent rainstorms.

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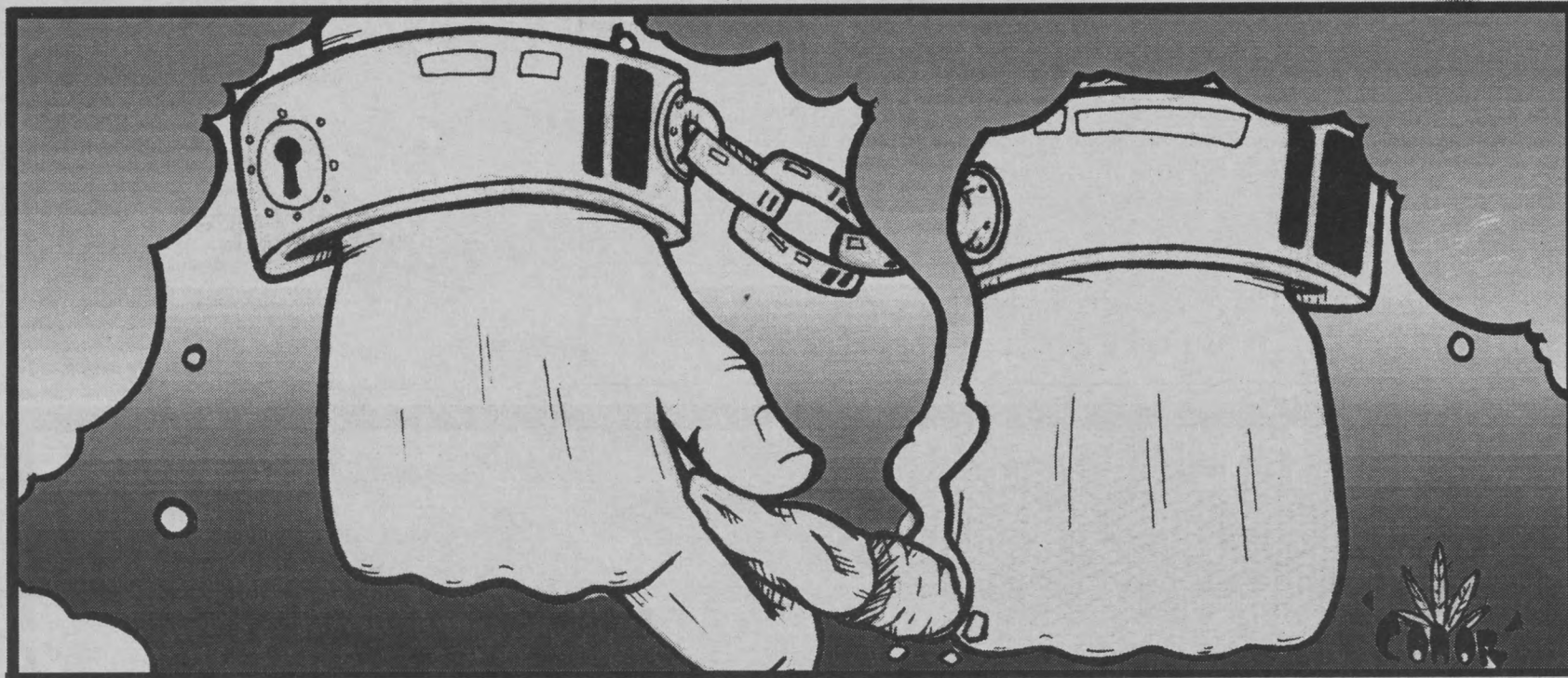
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Demonweed

The Federal Government's Obstinate Crusade Against Medical Pot Will Stifle the Wishes of State Voters

When California voters passed Proposition 215 in 1996 and Prop 36 last year, they showed their acceptance of medicinal marijuana and endorsement of drug treatment over incarceration. The state has forged a new direction in the war on drugs; however, the federal government has obstinately refused to alter its conservative stance. And we all know what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object — the U.S. Supreme Court must decide the outcome.

Prop 215, which legalizes the use of medical marijuana, was a bold move by Californian voters. This proposition effectively thumbed its nose at the Controlled Substances Act 1970 (CSA), which classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug, in the same category as heroin and ecstasy. Schedule I drugs are deemed to have no medicinal value and cannot be prescribed by a doctor. By contrast, Schedule II drugs — opium, cocaine and methamphetamines — have accepted medical uses and may be prescribed by a physician. Prop 215 is in direct conflict with the federal government's zero-tolerance policy on Schedule I drugs.

The U.S. Supreme Court must now decide whether the federal prohibition on pot trumps a state's right to regulate issues of health and safety. The high court's ruling will affect not only California's legislation, but also similar laws passed in eight other states. At present in California, physicians can recommend marijuana to patients who suffer from chronic pain. Cannabis cooperatives are the primary suppliers of medical pot, although many counties allow patients to grow a limited number of their own plants. The Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative is at the center of this legal controversy.

Federal prosecutors sued the club for breaching the CSA. The case was pushed all the way up to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, where the justices ruled that federal law was not an absolute barrier if the cannabis clubs were only supplying people with a "medical necessity." However, the decision was appealed to the Supreme Court, which appears set to overturn it. Comments made by the Court's conservative justices indicate that they see no legal basis for giving marijuana to gravely ill patients and that "medical necessity" is no defense

to the CSA.

It is unclear what effect the Supreme Court's ruling will have on the use of medical marijuana. Even if these suppliers are shut down, jurors in California are likely to be sympathetic to gravely ill patients who seek out marijuana as a last resort. Displeasure with the fed's approach to the drug war is gaining momentum in California and across the country. With mounting evidence showing the medical efficacy of pot — including a 1999 study commissioned by the U.S. drug czar, which concluded that marijuana eases pain and nausea in cancer patients — it is appropriate for the drug to be rescheduled in the CSA.

Efforts to reclassify marijuana are being stifled by a lack of support from large pharmaceutical companies. Drug companies cannot patent marijuana and, therefore, do not stand to gain anything from lobbying for its rescheduling. In fact, they will lose substantial profits if marijuana is prescribed to relieve symptoms that are currently treated with a veritable cocktail of prescription medication. Additionally, rescheduling falls under the discretion of U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft — enough said.

Unfortunately, the federal government and law enforcement agencies are deaf, dumb and blind to criticism of the drug war. The California Narcotics Officers Association (CNOA) admits that illegal drug use continues to rise, and blames the medical marijuana movement for teaching our youth that pot is harmless. The CNOA argues that the medical use of pot is merely masking a legalization effort driven by drug users who want to escape the long arm of the law. Presumably, these comments are not directed at the California Medical Association or at California Attorney General Bill Lockyer — both supporters of the compassionate use of marijuana.

The demonization of drugs has done nothing to reduce their use. If the federal government continues to adopt a wholly irrational attitude toward certain substances, it will be persecuting those who need its help the most. As a society, we cannot allow the gravely ill to be caught in the cross-fire of such a futile war on drugs.

USFWS Abuses Authority

JUSTIN M. RUHGE

I am a member of Concerned Taxpayers I.N.C. We oppose the closure of any portion of the beaches on Vandenberg Air Force Base to public access in order to protect the Snowy Plovers. The Air Force lands are public lands and subject to full public access, except where safety is concerned. There is no safety concern involved in this beach closure issue. These beaches have been used by the public for over 100 years and are a great source of tourist income for the community. Hundreds of visitors from all over the world visit this area every day. In all this time the Snowy Plovers have been nesting or feeding on the beach and have been undisturbed by humans using the

beach.

Concerned Taxpayers I.N.C. has reviewed the information presented by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) of the Department of the Interior. We found that the information is unconvincing as an argument to close the beaches based on the USFWS assumption that the human intrusions of beach lovers are responsible for the alleged present decline of the Snowy Plovers.

In our opinion, the intrusions of nature, i.e. foxes, coyotes, owls, hawks, raccoons, the effects of El Niño, etc. are the real culprits — not man. Nature is eating itself as usual! This is what nature does, and the fittest survive! For the USFWS to overlook the importance of this issue as the prime reason for any decline in Snowy Plovers is short sighted and clearly subject to

question. There are millions of Snowy Plovers everywhere and no evidence that they are threatened, let alone endangered.

The USFWS is proposing draconian programs without presenting convincing scientific evidence. They are promoting *political science* instead of *hard science*. The USFWS must not have *carte blanche* to take such actions. Their actions must be subject to public review as is everything else in this country.

We recommend the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Committee of local citizens, affected parties and independent contract specialists to review the USFWS data for viability before any consideration of public beach closures proceeds any further.

The USFWS is clearly out of order in promoting and forcing the closure of our beaches. They are going way overboard in applying the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to everything in sight, without any modicum of com-

mon sense and science. In general, we believe the ESA should be eliminated or drastically curtailed because of these abuses by the USFWS. We oppose using our tax funds to mitigate this egregious confiscation of public property due to the ESA and USFWS actions — it just adds insult to injury!

Let's remember that these beaches are public beaches and need special consideration from the Dept. of the Interior. This is just one example of the many abuses by the USFWS. Rep. Lois Capps refuses to help with this problem; she is a hack of the environmental extremist. We need all of you out there who support property rights and public rights to write to the Dept. of the Interior and the Defense Dept. to get help to stop these closures and depredations on the part of extremists in the USFWS!

Justin M. Rubge is a Goleta resident and member of Concerned Taxpayers I.N.C.

The Low Down

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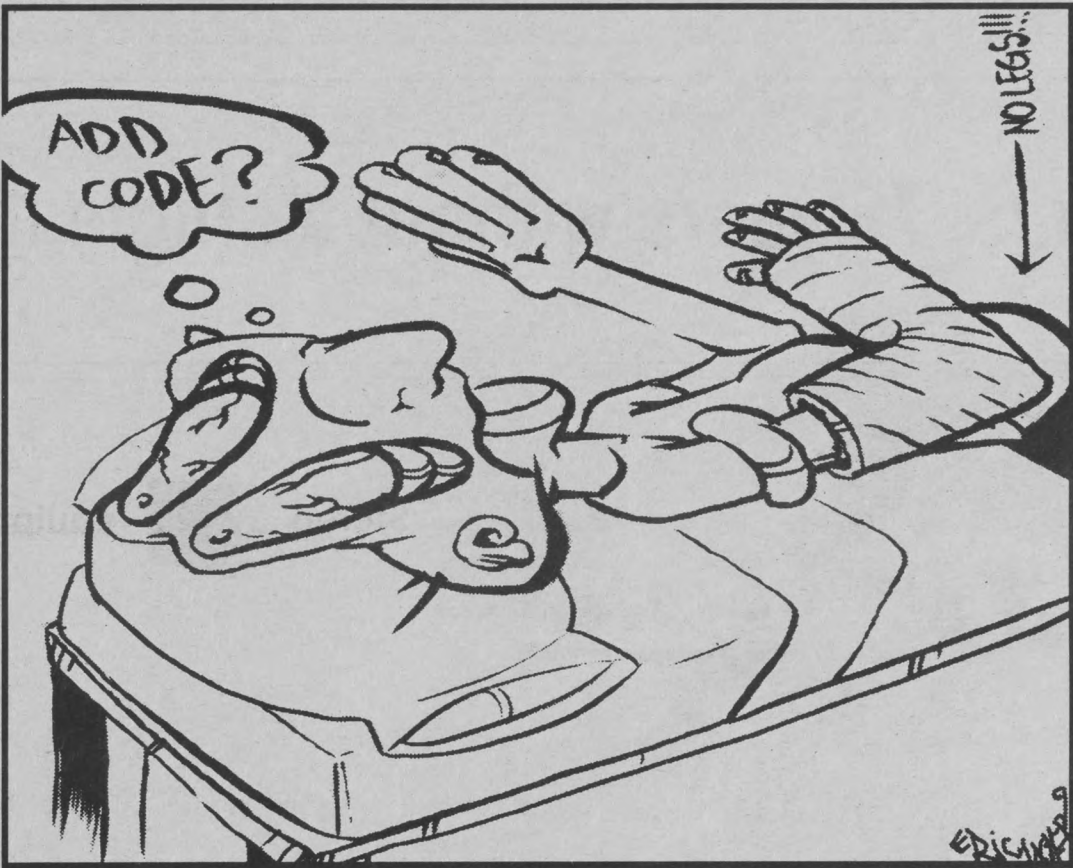
'Syllabus' Classes Can Unravel Academic Gridlock

DAVID DOWNS

h, perchance to add. And in that adding, ts. So one fine day, I may, get the fuck out of lect school."

etz 2116 is a stuffy little classroom d with the bodies of over 50 students for Modern Literature professor Enda The desks are filled, and crashers sit style on the floor while more plug up the like cholesterol. Random heads peek in e to time. They scan the packed room away, consulting the Spring course cat- is no crash for the light-hearted. ssor Duffy is pleased by the turnout for l class. "Am I grading too lightly? [classic ish chuckle] Someone take a picture of this p it for my review." People laugh along uffy — sourpusses don't get add codes. ells everyone that he appealed to the Dept. for a larger room and was denied. his fault. "I'd like to teach you all. Are all ish classes like this?"

girls in the front row lament, "Yes Duffy! all crowded!" Their batting eyes plead e, add code," but Duffy turns away. He es and tells the seniors they won't have y, that he'll do what he can and that it's a ea to go over to the English Dept. and stink about the impacted classes. w students leave to go haggle with the Dept. receptionist, but that's a ruse. The Dept. receptionist can't do anything, you s well be yelling at tree. Instead I pull out ook and eye the other seasoned crashers e same. It's time to write the quintessen-



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tial crash letter:

Professor Duffy,
My name is David Downs and I received an "A" in your engrossing honors British lit. class last quarter. I have been diagnosed with a fatal heart murmur and this will be my last quarter attending UCSB. I value my last four classes at this college highly and wish to spend some of my little time left with you ...

And on it goes. Lie on top of lie. It doesn't matter what you say. The key is to be more cre-

ative and memorable than the other treacherous crashers around you. It's not like a professor would ever risk being a massively insensitive asshole by saying, "You don't really have a heart murmur."

I used to get all incensed as a freshman when I came to a class I was paying thousands of dollars to attend, and there wasn't a desk left. Over time I've learned that overfilled classes — like casual sex and Marxism — are an integral part of the college experience. UCSB's crackerjack team

of statisticians can't predict how many sorostitutes will take Comm. 1 in any given quarter, let alone the academic preferences of 20,000. The consumer will always be screwed, and this is a lesson best learned young.

I have a solution to impacted classes, but it is too simple, practical and cheap to be implemented on campus. It stems from the unspoken fact that in 90 percent of the humanities classes, the professor spends most lectures explaining the assigned reading to students too lazy or slow to glean the main points from the books. Rarely do they synthesize something new from the texts or even offer their true feelings. Classes offering A.S. notes further eliminate the need to be a warm body in a crowded room. A good Letters and Science rule of thumb is "do the reading, attend lecture, but only morons need to do both all the time."

With this in mind, I say we add another class option in addition to "pass/no pass." We shall call it taking a course "syllabus/lecture." Sign up for "syllabus" and you aren't required to attend lecture or sections, only do the reading properly and drop in if something is really confusing. Sign up for lecture and the professor will hold your hand and walk you through the nuances of what "interpersonal communication" means. With a "syllabus/lecture" option, classes can be full with an additional hundred students at home doing the reading that that the professor is spelling out for the class.

It won't solve all our impact problems, but it's better than making up new diseases every quarter.

Daily Friday editor David Downs says, "The first and second passes are for little pansies." His column runs every Wednesday.

ugh-Guy Cops Demonstrate Ignorance of Law, Astronomy

ROBERT ANTONUCCI

aturday, March 10 I walked westward along State Street le or two, then sat down on a concrete block in the drive- convenience store to rest up a bit. This location was 4144 and the time was in the 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. range. soon thereafter I was approached by policemen (two to think) and forced to take an alcohol breath test and perform circus tricks for them. I passed a few of them successfully, decided to make things more difficult. Before making me a particular trick, one of them said something extremely "You're a professor. You're so smart. Do you know what 30 is?" The point was that for the next circus trick they going to tell me when the time was up. me up zero on their alcohol test (to their visi-ppointment), but one budding Sherlock accused me of somehow causing my breath ut sideways from the tube in a dastardly to fool them. another police car arrived and then there say, five to six officers surrounding me, bad- me to agree to a body search. I declined and one ficers intervened. He testily warned me that if cooperate they'd have to take me in. sponse to their questions, I said that I was a UCSB profes- tronomy in the physics department. I guess that didn't edible to them (even after I showed my UCSB Health ce card). One officer, who evidently models himself after ey Fife character on the old "Andy Griffith Show," decid- eck out my story by testing my astronomical knowledge. d what the new discovery was regarding Venus. I could d him a lot about the recent missions to Venus, but I didn't at was what he had in mind, so I basically told them they'd me. Then with a flourish of pride the questioner said, re thinking maybe it's not a planet after all!" The use of the

word "they" was endearingly childlike. Soon I realized he'd seen a headline about Pluto, so I tried to explain that he was referring to a different planet, that there are several planets actually — each with its own name. "Venus" doesn't cover them all automatically.

Since that test was inconclusive, the next Einstein came up with this plan: They'd see if I could give them the room number of my class. I said Broida 1610, at which this questioner triumphantly declared that there is no such room!

I could see things weren't going well for me. One of



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the officers said that they were doing it for my own good. I said I thought that at this point they were just doing it for fun. So one particularly ugly one stuck his face in mine, asking "Am I smiling?" The only reason I put this particular exchange in this letter is that it reminded me of a bit of a Jefferson Airplane song:

"Hide Witch Hide! The good folks come to burn thee—
Their keen enjoyment hid behind a Gothic mask of duty."

Another officer mentioned that some of the others present were new, and the others were training them in the techniques of modern police work. I got a bit irate, which was a mistake. One of the officers told me I'd been acting like only someone who was drunk or on illegal drugs would act. It wasn't true — for the record I wasn't on anything — but I took this as the point: They could say anything they wanted at the station or in court, each affirming the honesty of the others' testimony. I think this method was used many times in the Ramparts case; I believe it is a staple, for the safety and efficacy of police work.

They badgered me for a half an hour or so, trying to taunt me into doing something really worthy of arrest. They eventually finished playing with me, or I wriggled off the hook. The reason I got off was that I was ultimately able to prove even to those idiots that I'm an "upstanding member of the community."

All I'd done was soberly sit on a curb. Even if someone in my position had had something to drink, we're not talking about mixing drinking and driving. It would have been a case of drinking and sitting, or at worst drinking and walking.

Here's what I got out of all this: I believe that anyone who couldn't have shown that he or she is an "upstanding member of the community," or who otherwise seemed powerless, would have fared a lot worse than I did.

In closing, I will say I do fear reprisals for this letter. They can say anything, and back each other up. Or they can track me down and put some marijuana in my pocket. I hope they don't send a death squad! If I do suddenly disappear one day, you know what to do. Call the police.

Robert Antonucci is a UCSB professor of astronomy in the physics department.

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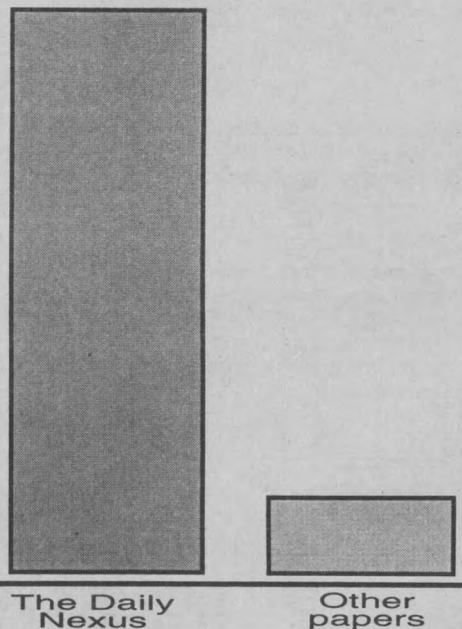
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Sports

Santa Barbara Falls to Long Beach State at T-dome

BY BRITTANY LANGAN
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night the #8 UCSB men's volleyball team had something to defend — a four-match winning streak.

However, #5 Long Beach State (15-6 overall, 10-5 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) wasn't intimidated by UCSB (11-9, 4-9) and came to the Thunderdome with a game plan of its own. The 49ers executed all the right moves and came out on top in a 30-12, 30-26, 30-26 victory.

"We didn't come out and compete in the first game," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "They out-served and out-received us. They had some good blocks and we didn't have a middle attack."

In game one, the Gauchos lacked a consistent nucleus of starters and the team quickly found itself up to its neck in debt. UCSB tried to find a

spark, but all hopes of winning game one was lost in transition as Santa Barbara was pummeled the entire way through.

The Gauchos found the right elements in game two and put the pressure on Long Beach State. The score remained close, but the way of the gun fell in the 49ers favor and with the score tied at 23, Long Beach pulled ahead for the victory.

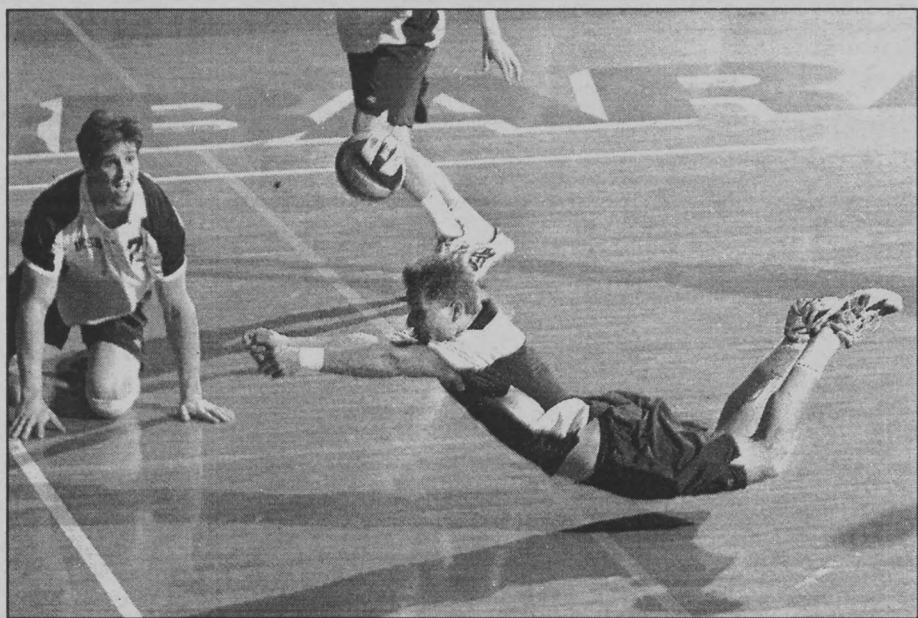
"Our goal going into the game was to pass well because we know they're a good serving team," freshman middle blocker Justin Adams said. "We didn't pass well and when that happens it's hard to run our offense because you don't have all of your options open."

Santa Barbara was ahead 7-5 in game three, but Long Beach shifted the momentum and took an 11-10 lead. Junior outside hitter Alex Lienert's kill tied it up again at 13, but the 49ers didn't back down, taking the lead once more. Sophomore outside

hitter Jan Carlo Zegarra's ace serve brought the Gauchos within two, 27-25, but a few errors on UCSB's side of the net gave Long Beach some breathing room, 29-25. Sophomore outside hitter Brian Nordberg then attempted to gain lost ground with a kill, but Long Beach finished what it started, winning game three to take the match.

"The coaches have done everything they can to prepare us — everything that's happening now is falling on our shoulders," Adams said. "The whole team needs to be on the same page and we haven't been. Even if five guys come prepared, it's not enough — everyone has to come ready to play."

Lienert posted 11 kills and three block assists on the evening, while Nordberg finished with 10 kills and a .692 hitting performance to lead the Gauchos. On the other side of the net, senior opposite hitter David



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Senior libero Shane Johnston dives for a ball against LBSU on Tuesday night at the T-dome. The UCSB men's volleyball team couldn't dig itself out of an early hole, losing 3-0.

McKienzie dominated with 22 kills and eight defensive digs.

"They're capable of playing better than this," Long Beach senior outside hitter Jim Polster said. "They caught us on a good night and we caught them on a bad night. We floundered earlier this season,

but we're on a streak now."

The 49ers have solidified a seed in the upcoming MPSF playoffs and are on a three-game winning streak. With four games left in the regular season, UCSB knows that its upcoming performances are critical. This weekend the Gauchos travel north

where they will compete against Stanford on Friday and Pacific on Saturday.

"The ball's not in our court if we don't win three of the next four matches," Adams said. "We have an important road trip coming up — we know what we have to do and now it's a matter of doing it."

UCSB Falters in Round One of NCAA Tournament

BY MATT HEITNER
Staff Writer

Cinderella's glass slipper nearly fit on the collective foot of the UCSB women's basketball team.

Playing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on March 16,

the 14th seeded Gauchos proved that they could hang with 1999 National Champions Purdue, trading blows with the Boilermakers for nearly the entire game. But Santa Barbara was foiled once again by shaky ball handling — coughing the ball up 24 times en route to a

75-62 loss to the eventual national runner-up.

"We didn't play all that well," sophomore point guard Debby Caine said. "We had too many turnovers and some problems on defense which brought us down."

The loss marked an end to a tumultuous season that for UCSB. The Gauchos lost last season's leading scorer, junior guard Erin Buescher, who transferred to Master's College, and freshman guard Syretta Coleman, who was suspended for shoplifting before playing a single game in a Gaucho uniform. Coleman then sat out with a medical redshirt after playing in only two games.

"Every team has adversity," senior guard Rachelle Rogers said. "But I think it was really difficult for us because we were so young and didn't have that much leadership. To overcome [the adversity] was a huge accomplishment."

Santa Barbara managed to right its ship before Big West play and extended its conference-winning streak to 49 games, while cruising to a 7-0 start. But then the wheels came off as UCSB dropped back-to-back conference games to Cal Poly and Irvine. Yet, the Gauchos then displayed their intestinal fortitude defeating then #29 Stephen F. Austin 62-57,

on the road.

"The two losses helped us to regain our focus," junior forward Kayte Christensen said. "The only reason that the SFA game was a turning point was because we got away from Santa Barbara."

Following the nonconference win, UCSB regained its old form. The Gauchos won eight straight games in conference, including wins over Cal State Fullerton, Boise State, and Long Beach State to win the Big West Tournament and advance to play Purdue.

"I had a lot of fun in my three years here," Rogers said. "I made a lot of friends, but now I guess it's time for me to move on."

The UCSB women's basketball team will also forge ahead, and next season looks to be promising. The Gauchos will return three starters, Caine, Christensen and sophomore guard Jess Hansen, as well as freshman center Lindsay Taylor, freshman forward Jessica Combs and freshman forward Lisa Willett, all key bench contributors.

"Our recruiting class is awesome, and the team we have back is great," Caine said. "We can do certain things that will take this team to the next level. Doing the little things will make us an excellent team next year."

Gauchos Fall Short at Plate, Waste Golden Opportunities

Consistency is one trait that the 2001 UCSB women's softball team still hasn't figured out yet. And on erratic play: Santa Barbara has basically rewritten that book.

The Gauchos, stumbling out of the gates with an early 11-game losing streak, found a successful formula at UC Riverside. Santa Barbara clubbed the Highlanders 8-0 and 8-3 in a doubleheader sweep to break the skid and started a six-game winning streak of its own.

UCSB, at 13-22 and 1-5 in the Big West, has generally struggled to produce runs in a season where only one player is hitting above .300. Freshman rightfielder Davis Beck leads the Gauchos with a .341 average, and owns a .444 on base percentage.

Sophomore leadoff hitter E.J. Lauchland leads the team with 16 runs and 32 hits including seven doubles. Junior second basemen and co-captain Kim Sawyer is batting .258 and leads the team with 64 assists. Sawyer is also batting .412 in the last 10 games.

On the pitching side, the Gauchos boast three exceptional pitchers. Freshman hurler Ashley Carroll owns a deceptive record of 3-7, while lead-

ing UCSB with a 1.14 earned run average in 17 games pitched.

Sophomore ace Loren Thornburg has a 1.45 ERA while striking out 66 batters in 87 innings pitched. Thornburg has also limited opposing hitters to a .210 batting average.

Santa Barbara split the opening day doubleheader in the team's recent series with conference rival Sacramento State. UCSB won its first conference game of the year and sixth game in a row, ousting the Hornets 2-1 last Saturday.

The Gauchos could not find a route around the diamond in the second game, falling by a score of 1-0, with the only run coming on a sacrifice bunt by Hornet Arlette Sunresi in the fourth inning. Santa Barbara could not fool around their anemic offense, losing 1-0 on April 1 while Sacramento scored on a single from Meghan Cunningham to score Jen Jokinen in the second inning. Hornet Nicole Deatherage halted the Gauchos straight in their paths with a complete game shutout.

UCSB will travel to Cal Poly for a three-game series that starts Friday night at 7.

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Senior guard Rachelle Rogers drives against LBSU. The Gauchos lost to Purdue in round one of the NCAA Tourney.