

Sports MONDAY

UCSB Bests Rest of Big West

■ Softball: Four Gauchos Earn All-Conference Recognition

Four members of the UCSB softball team were named to the Big West All-Conference Teams last week.

Santa Barbara, which finished the 2000 season with its best record ever as a Division I program (30-21 overall, 14-10 Big West), had three players named to the Big West All-First Team and one to the All-Second Team.

Seniors Tonya Dias, Mandy Edwards and Kendra Wood finished their careers as All-First Team selections. While Edwards and Wood were named to the First Team for the first time, Dias was the only player in the conference to be named to the First Team a third time. The center fielder ranked second in the conference in runs scored, fourth in batting average and seventh in stolen bases.

"It was the one thing I



Kendra Wood

BIG WEST ALL-FIRST TEAM		
Name	Yr.	Pos.
Tonya Dias*	Sr.	CF
Mandy Edwards	Sr.	SS
Kendra Wood	Sr.	C

BIG WEST ALL-SECOND TEAM		
Name	Yr.	Pos.
Loren Thornburg	Fr.	P

* third time selected

hadn't done, and had been consistently overlooked for," said Wood of her selection. "I was a little surprised when [UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly] told me. This really was the third-best season I've had at UCSB, so I was kind of dumbfounded."

Santa Barbara was represented on the Second Team by freshman pitcher Loren Thornburg. In her freshman campaign, Thornburg led UCSB's pitching staff in several categories, including wins

(15), earned run average (1.86) and opponents' batting average (.217).

"I was happy to be on the Second Team," Thornburg said. "It showed that what I did this season helped the team, and that was my main goal."

On Friday, *Nexus Sports* will have a complete season in review of the UCSB softball team, which narrowly missed a berth into the NCAA Regional Playoffs.

—Zack O'Neill



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ME SO THORNY: In her first season as a pitcher for the UCSB softball team, freshman Loren Thornburg had an ERA of 1.86 and won 15 games, a record for first-year Gaucho pitchers.

Gauchos Finish Season at Conference Finals

The UCSB men's and women's track and field teams finished in fifth and 10th places, respectively, at the Big West Championships in Idaho this past weekend.

Senior javelin thrower Dustin Emter won the only individual title for either Gaucho team Saturday with his throw of 209'04". Emter, UCSB's all-time record holder in the javelin, beat his nearest competitor by over a foot, and will compete in the NCAA Championships at the end of the month.

Other top finishers on the men's side included sophomore Josh Horton, who won the 10,000m Friday and finished second in the 5,000m Saturday. In the 800m Saturday, UCSB occupied the race's second, third and fourth spots (junior Ryan Locklin, 1:52.28, sophomore Jacob Green, 1:52.28, and junior Ron DiMaggio, 1:52.29).

Santa Barbara's women notched 26 total points in the Gauchos' 10th-place finish. UCSB's strongest performances on the women's side came from junior Jessica Lunt, who finished third in the 1,500m (4:33.57), and third in the 3,000m (10:35.05).

Tomorrow's edition of *Nexus Sports* will offer complete coverage of both teams' participation in the two-day tournament.

—Nexus Staff Report



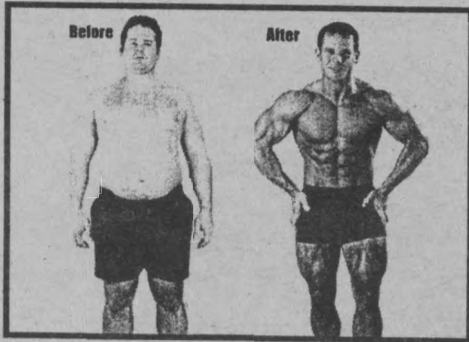
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FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET: Junior Baruti Armstrong finished third in the 400m intermediate hurdles with a time of 52.12 on the UCSB men's and women's track and field teams' second day of competition at the Big West Championships.

Sporting Events Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
No events scheduled	Seeds announced for NCAA Tournament of men's tennis	Men's tennis NCAA Tournament in Athens, Georgia	Men's tennis NCAA Tournament in Athens, Georgia	Men's tennis NCAA Tournament in Athens, Georgia	Men's tennis NCAA Tournament in Athens, Georgia	Men's tennis NCAA Tournament in Athens, Georgia

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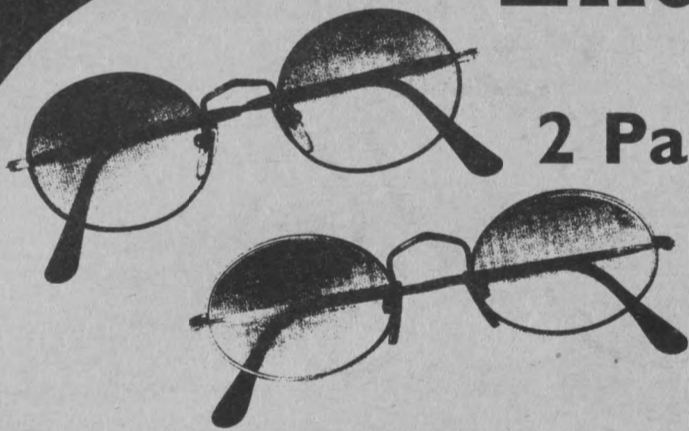
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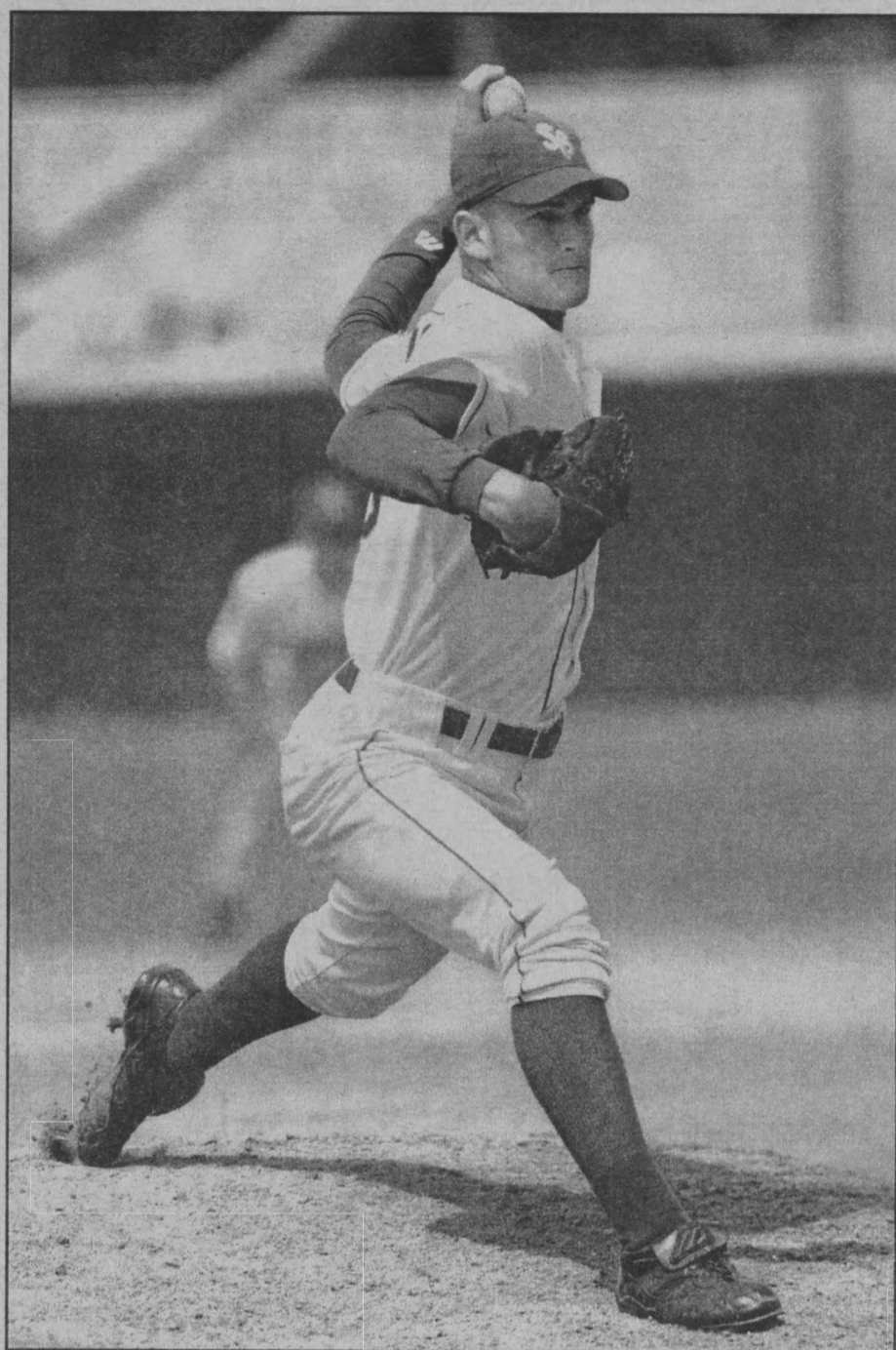
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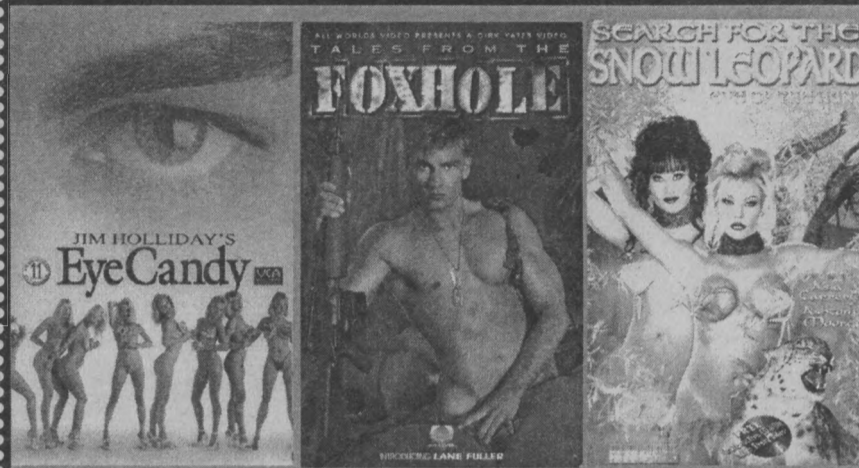
BASEBALL UPDATE: The UCSB baseball team took two of three games from Cal Poly this past weekend. See Tuesday's Nexus Sports page for complete coverage of the series.

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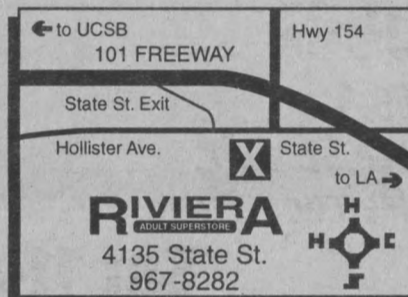
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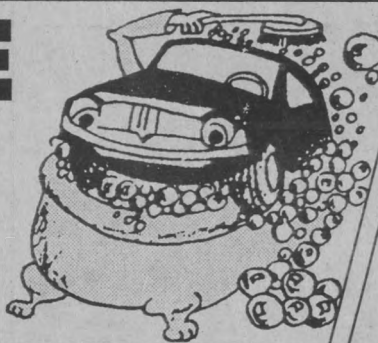
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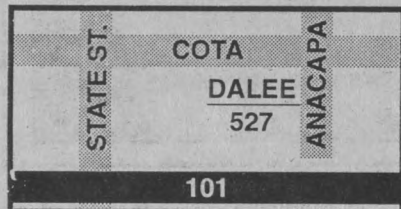


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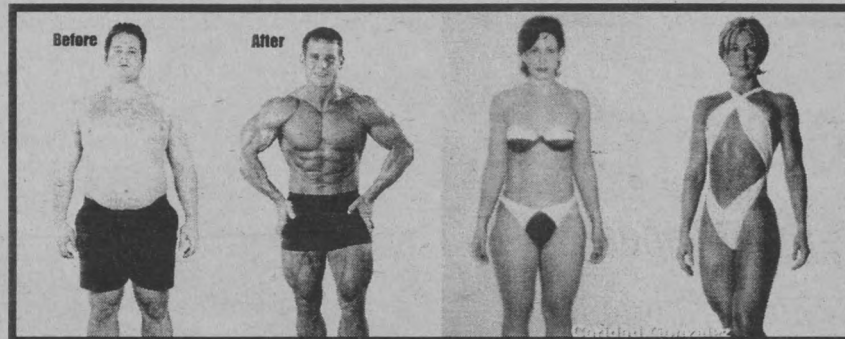
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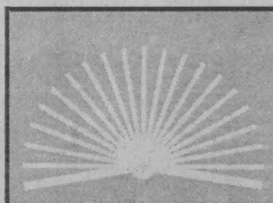
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