

# Daily Nexus

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## Dignitaries Gather for Three Grand Openings

Official Facility Unveilings Draw Multitudes

By M. Jolie Lash  
Staff Writer  
and Vaj Potenza  
Reporter

One current and two former chancellors and members of the campus community turned out Thursday to participate in ceremonies celebrating the grand openings of new buildings on campus.

Past UCSB chancellors Vernon I. Cheadle and Barbara Uehling, and current Chancellor Henry T. Yang were on hand to officially open the new University Center, Multicultural Center and Recreational and Aquatics Complex.

The new UCen, a result of 10 years of planning and construc-

tion, celebrated its grand opening Thursday morning. Keynote speaker Yang acknowledged the importance of the facility.

"The UCen serves the needs of the campus every day," he said. "This is a facility that will last into the 21st century."

Cheadle was also pleased with the newly remodeled building. "I am so happy to be here to see this addition and this wonderful combination of activities for students," he said.

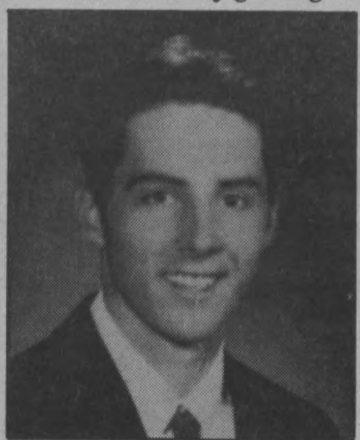
The MultiCultural Center also opened Thursday in its new UCen location. The center serves to increase cultural awareness and understanding, according to Assistant Director Daria Yudacufski.

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## Skiing Accident Takes Life; Service to Remember Victim

By Suzanne Garner  
Staff Writer

Tragedy seized the life of an esteemed member of the student body last week, leaving a stunned community grieving in



Matthew Decker

his absence.

Matthew Decker, a 20-year-old junior environmental studies and biology major, died March 29 at Washoe Medical Center in Reno after sustaining severe head injuries in a skiing

accident the previous day.

While on a ski trip with friends from UCSB, Decker tangled skis with a friend on a North Tahoe slope causing him to run into a chairlift tower. Rendered instantly unconscious by the accident, Decker was removed from life-support the following morning.

Survived by his parents, younger brother and sister, the Danville native will be missed by those who knew him.

"He touched so many people on this campus. It is good to see that someone could impact so many people," said his roommate David Revell, a junior environmental studies major.

An active member of the community, Decker will be remembered for his leadership in environmental issues, his personal integrity and enthusiasm for life, said Beta Theta Pi fraternity brothers. Decker was the philanthropy chair of his fraternity, supervisor of the campus Arbor and a member of the Ski Club.

He enjoyed all kinds of people and was highly regarded by

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Two residents of 6621 Sabado Tarde listen with anguish and apprehension as Santa Barbara County firefighters describe the condition of their apartment, which ignited early Thursday morning (above). On the right, a pair of fire officials survey the damage. Photos by Mike Strong.



## Fire Rages in Isla Vista Apartment

By Jeff Brax  
Staff Writer

Isla Vista's early morning calm was shattered Thursday when a house fire broke out in a local apartment, endangering the life of one resident and rendering the structure unlivable.

At 8:42 a.m., the Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. received a report of fire and smoke emerging from a two-story unit at 6621 Sabado Tarde. Although police and firemen arrived at the scene and were able to save the structure and neighboring buildings, the inside of the apartment was severely damaged, according to fire Capt. Eddie

Harris.

"It's not real pretty," he said. "The upstairs of this has a lot of damage. It originated in one of the bedrooms. Nobody was hurt. It was a smoldering fire. There's a lot of damage throughout the apartment from smoke and heat."

Although five of the six residents were not at home when the fire broke out, the last roommate, Barbara Heiduk, was asleep upstairs, unaware of the danger.

Kendra Collins, a sophomore biology and religious studies major, noticed the fire while walking to school and flagged down Heiduk's neighbor, Katie Hall, a senior economics and environmental studies major. Together, the two

pounded on the front door and helped Heiduk to safety.

"I was asleep and someone was pounding on my door and I woke up and there was smoke in my house," Heiduk said. "We walked out the door and all of a sudden, we saw flames shooting out in the back."

If Heiduk had not escaped when she did, the fire would have closed off her route of access in a matter of seconds, forcing her to jump off the second-story roof, according to county fire Chief Charlie Johnson.

The senior history major gave thanks to her rescuers.

"[They are] my heroes," Heiduk said. "I don't think I would

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## Internet to Provide an Alternative Polling Place for Coming A.S. Elections

By Michael Ball  
Staff Writer

A time-honored tradition will go on-line this spring as students receive the first opportunity to vote electronically for Associated Students representatives.

Electronic polling via campus NetStations will be instituted for the upcoming spring elections, according to Dulcie Sinn, A.S. Community Affairs Board adviser.

"Our ultimate goal is to work it so that it is an entirely computerized system for voting," she

said. "I think students are going to want to engage in this type of voting."

Students will be able to vote at any one of 50 NetStations throughout campus by entering their perm and Personal Identification Numbers into the ballot program, according to Karen Swartz of the Information Systems Office.

"On the main menu will be a new item called 'elections,'" she said. "Once they've chosen a ballot they want to vote on, they will be offered a list of items ... and they can go through and choose those by double clicking



their selection or entering a number on the keyboard."

Each item will offer students the option of casting a vote or reviewing information about each

candidate or ballot item while on-line, according to Sinn.

"The good thing about this computer system is we're going to be able to put in almost all the information we print in the Nexus," she said.

Other advantages of the computerized system are vote-counting ease and convenient voting times, according to Sinn.

"The polling places will be open for as long as the building it's in is open," she said. "Plus, in the past, we've had to count votes by hand, but here the computer will do it for us, saving a good amount of time in the

process."

The system should be easy for voters to handle, according to Guillermo Martin, A.S. Election Committee chair.

"The programmers had in mind the feasibility of making it easier for the students," Martin said. "The programs are going to be surveyed while it's going on and if there are any bugs, it will be fixed as soon as possible."

For students' convenience, programmers tried not to stray from the format currently used on the NetStations, according to

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# HEADLINERS

## Senators Reach Deal on Spending Cuts

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Eager to declare victory and begin their Easter recess, Senate leaders struck a compromise late Thursday on a stalled \$16 billion package of cuts in social programs.

The deal, consummated by Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) and Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) and backed by the Clinton administration, was expected to lead to final passage of the measure late in the evening. It was similar to a tentative agreement the two men had reached Wednesday night, only to see it rejected by Democrats.

Under the deal, \$835 million would be restored to programs for children, housing and jobs that Republicans wanted to cut. In addition,

more than \$1.6 billion would be trimmed from airport improvements, rental assistance, federal administrative and travel costs and other programs. Overall,

The White House and Democrats vehemently opposed the amendment, which they said would have imperiled the Mexican economy

ing March 29, is a top priority for Dole and other GOP senators eager to prove they are as zealous about deficit reduction as their faster-moving House brethren. The House already has approved a bill slashing \$17 billion from home-heating aid, education, public broadcasting and other programs.

Even Daschle conceded that Dole eventually would get the votes he needs to pass the spending cuts bill. He said Democrats might as well accept a toned-down measure that protects some programs from GOP-sought cuts, and share credit with Republicans for the bill's deficit reduction and \$6.7 billion disaster assistance to states.



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the changes boost the measure's deficit reduction by \$812 million to about \$16 billion.

In addition, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) agreed to drop an amendment he had offered that would have halted the administration's \$20 billion rescue of the faltering Mexican

and markets the world over. D'Amato had said the bailout was wasting taxpayers' money, but he dropped the effort in order to let the spending cuts package go through.

"It's an agreement we all can support," Daschle said.

The measure, which the Senate began debat-

## Kurdish Guerrillas Pour Into Turkish Village; Seven Killed

**HATAY, Turkey (AP)** — Kurdish guerrillas raided a Turkish village near the Syrian border and killed seven people, the regional governor said Thursday.

The raid late Wednesday on the mountain village in Turkey's Hatay province was the first in the region by Kurdish guerrillas, who normally launch their cross-border raids from areas closer to Iraq.

About 35,000 Turkish troops poured into northern Iraq on March 20 to try to rout camps used by the guerrillas for hit-and-run attacks inside Turkey. The guerrillas, who belong to the Kurdistan Workers Party, PKK, have been fighting for autonomy in southeastern Turkey since 1984.

During the raid, the Kurdish rebels abducted eight men, said Hatay province Gov. Utku Acun.

They shot and killed seven of the men. The eighth was wounded but survived, Acun said.

At Turkish prodding, Syria has restricted the Kurds' activities in its ter-



ritory and closed down a PKK camp in the Syrian-controlled Bekka Valley in Lebanon. PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan still lives in Syria.

Western countries have pressured Turkey to pull its troops out of northern Iraq. Iraq on Thursday renewed its demand that Turkey withdraw its armed forces and "put an end to using Turkish territory as a base for American-British aggression."

## Serbs Hit Part of Sarajevo; 'Large Scale' War Predicted

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)** — Rebel Serbs shelled a Sarajevo suburb Thursday, killing at least two civilians and wounding three others, as the United Nations warned that Bosnia was headed for "large-scale war."

Both sides were ignoring a cease-fire, with the Majevisa mountains in the north, near the government-held city of Tuzla, the most active battlefield. U.N. observers reported heavy artillery and mortar fire was continuing.

Bosnian army sources claimed government troops on Wednesday closed the only escape route for Serbs defending a key communications relay tower in the area. But SRNA, the Bosnian Serb news agency, reported on Thursday that Serbs had recaptured a strategic hill.

In the northwest, the U.N.-designated "safe area" of Bihac also came under Serb shelling on Thursday, said Maj. Herve Gourmelon, a peace-keeper spokesman.



Just hours before the shelling began outside Sarajevo, the U.N. announced there had been no progress on extending the nationwide cease-fire, which, although generally ignored, does not officially expire until May 1.

"The parties are heading toward large-scale war with tragic repercussions for the civilian population," U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko said.

## State to Receive Additional \$15 Million for Flood Aid

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The White House announced Thursday that the government is providing \$15 million in temporary job relief for workers displaced by devastating flooding in California.

Making the announcement, Labor Secretary Robert Reich said the new money is in addition to a \$10 million jobs grant announced earlier.

The Clinton administration has poured hundreds of millions of dollars into California to help the state recover from a long series of disasters, including earthquakes, urban rioting, fires and now floods and mudslides.

"Once more, the Clinton administration has proved it really is California's best friend," said Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), speaking to reporters on the drive outside the White House.



counties in Northern and Southern California.

"We want to give people jobs and we also want to help clean up the mess," Reich said. He added the effort will help the long-term unemployed and those who lost jobs because of the floods. He also said the repair effort will benefit the state's agriculture and tourism industries.

## Striking Union Employees Deter Shoppers From Entry

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Shoppers heading into Safeway stores from Fresno to the Oregon border Thursday were met by striking grocery clerks and butchers whose noisy chants urged them to stay away.

Those who choose to shop elsewhere could be further inconvenienced as early as Saturday, when managers at Lucky and Save-Mart stores were expected to lock out their workers.

The grocery strike, the first in Northern California in 15 years, began at 12:01 a.m. Thursday when 16,000 workers went on strike. They waved signs that read "On Strike, Don't Shop Safeway," and forced shortened hours at some of Safeway's 231 stores. Shoppers had to go elsewhere.

Safeway, Lucky and Save-Mart stores bargained together. Lucky

and Save-Mart were expected to lock out their 16,000 workers by Saturday in solidarity with Safeway management, said Mark Murray, a spokesman for management at all



three stores. The main dispute was over wages and health benefits.

Union workers, who make between \$6.75 and \$16.25 an hour, want a wage increase and continued health benefits. But employers sought to eliminate health and welfare for retirees and thousands of workers, while raising co-payments and deductions for health care, union spokesman Jack Loveall said.

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## Weather

Today marks the official opening of the new Associated Students office building. You can tell it's an auspicious university event because they're giving away free food. Eat up, you're paying for the Purple Palace (so called as a result of the color scheme inside). Considering the plush interior, it's no wonder that a record number of candidates are vying for residence this year one year after the current crop proved you don't even have to win the vote to take office.

At any rate, since A.S. is vacating their digs up on the third floor of the UCen übermall, I thought I'd offer some suggestions on how to best utilize the space. The ideas will be listed in no particular order because, unlike the *Daily Spaztec*, I do not see everything as a top 10 list.

No mall is complete without Wet Seal, Orange Julius and a cool mirrored escalator. Equip windows with vats of boiling oil for the SCA. Rent out to seven losers for show on network that used to show videos. TV studios to develop sit-coms for UCenVision. And of course, the WeathCen!

It looks like the drizzle expected earlier in the week may pass us by. Then again maybe it won't.

# Caucus Aims at Coastal Protection

By Suzanne Garner  
Staff Writer

Hoping to draw attention to issues concerning the California coastline, a local legislator is heading a nonpartisan political caucus to protect the state's unique resource.

State Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-Carpinteria), appointed by Senate President Pro Tempore Bill Lockyer near the end of March, will chair the new advocacy body, comprised of 13 senators from both the Republican and Democratic parties.

O'Connell has been a longtime friend of the state's coast, having authored a number of legislative bills, including a recent ban on offshore oil drilling in state waters, according to Gavin Payne, O'Connell spokesman.

"Sen. O'Connell has always been concerned that the coast be protected, as an assemblyman and

“They'll probably come out as a voting block on issues that could harm or be detrimental to the coast.”

Karin Caves  
press secretary  
for Bill Lockyer  
state Senate

now,” he said.

The caucus draws the two parties together in a common cause of utilizing and preserving the shoreline, according to Lockyer Press Secretary Karin Caves.

“It's based on having a common group of concerns,” Caves said. “Particularly, they'll keep track of legislation that affects the California coast.”

Caves believes the caucus will become an effective voice in the Senate.

“They'll probably come out as a voting block on issues that could harm or be detrimental to the coast,” she said.

The group, which could potentially wield influence in California Coastal Commission appointments, will concentrate on legislation regarding oil drilling, tourism and commercial and sport fishing, according to Payne.

“It is mostly a forum for discussion,” he said. “Anything a caucus member believes is important will definitely be considered. We don't want to block out any issues.”

Coastal communities could benefit from a unified body spotlighting specific area issues, according to Mark Chaconas, aide to 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace.

“The caucus could be a way for communities to ford an issue that is of particular importance to them, for instance, offshore oil drilling,” he said.

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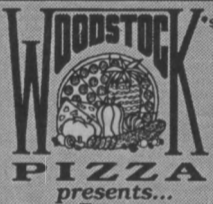
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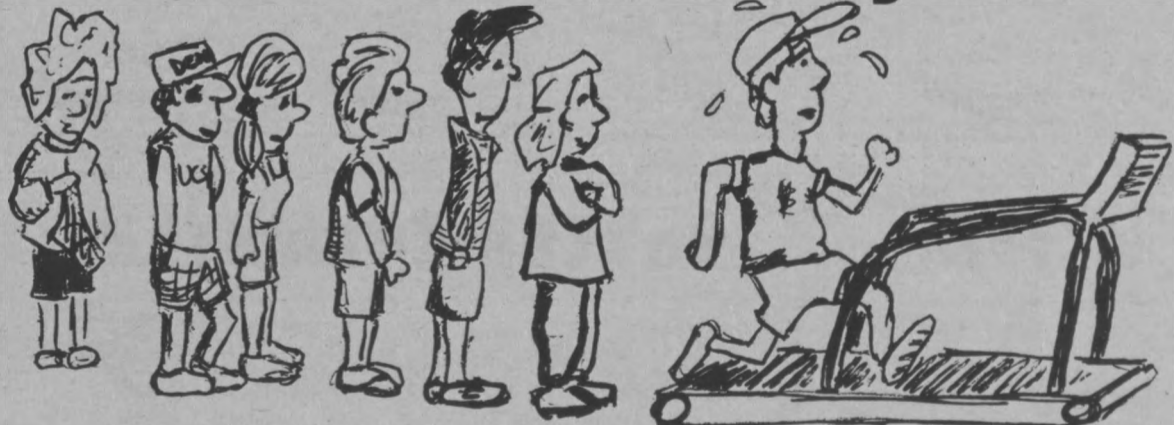


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## UCSA Conference to Provide Information

The University of California Student Association will host students as well as several regents this weekend at a UCLA meeting to plan strategies for next year.

At least five members of the UC Board of Regents will attend the conference to discuss issues of concern with students, according to Kris Kohler, Associated Students external vice president for statewide affairs.

"This year, we're setting up with a panel of regents to come down and we set up an accountability session," he said.

The accountability session would enable UCSA and students to learn the attending regents' opinions on issues affecting the University.

Regents slated to attend include Velma Montoya, Ralph Carmona, 1994-95 Student Regent Terrence Wooten, 1995-96 Student Regent Ed Gomez and Provost Walter Massey.

Saturday's UCSA workshops plan to center around Affirmative Action, enrollment planning, fees and budget, federal financial aid and domestic partnership.

The workshops are intended to inform students about the issues, according to UCSA Chair André Quintero.

"We're going to do so many things here," he said. "We are going to disseminate so much information for students who want to know and get involved with the system."

The meeting will be held Sunday at noon in UCLA's Ackerman Student Union Ballroom. Students interested in attending are encouraged to contact Kohler today during the Associated Students open house from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the UCen.

—M. Jolie Lash

## Activists to Sponsor Green Concert

By Kim Coonen  
Reporter

Local bands and environmentalists will gather this weekend in Isla Vista for a concert focusing on the community's ecological concerns.

The second "Stop Clearview Concert" will take place Saturday at Anisq' Oyo' Park, featuring speakers, information booths and vendors as well as live music throughout the afternoon, according to Phil O'Neil, guitarist for the Santa Barbara band Mind's Eye.

"There will be petitions, info booths with bumper stickers, vendors and speakers between bands. It'll be a mini festival," he said. "KHTY, 97.5 FM, will have a van out there with a live remote, and Bill Wallace, county supervisor, is expected as one of the speakers."

Mobil Oil Co.'s Clearview project, a proposed onshore drilling site to be located on university-owned land, would use extended reach technology to tap oil reserves off the coast of Santa Barbara.

**"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand the concept of a 185-foot drilling rig."**

**Brent Foster**  
concert organizer

Due to concern within the community, activists will concentrate on material directly affecting I.V., according to Monty Cole, Mind's Eye bass player and lead singer.

"We want to disperse information that hasn't been available in the mainstream, because it's something people don't want to talk about," Cole said. "We're going to tell people that if they let Mobil do this, it's more than one oil drilling. They actually want seven drilling spots within the area, and nobody wants that."

Mobil's ability to run a safe operation is a major concern, according to Brent Foster, concert organizer and a senior biol-

ogy major. "We'd like to focus on Mobil's poor safety record," he said. "As soon as people learn about Mobil's plans, they see how ridiculous the project is."

The proximity of the Clearview tower to the campus and I.V. should cause serious student concerns about the project, according to Foster.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand the concept of a 185-foot drilling rig — erected outside the I.V. neighborhood, near the UCSB faculty housing and our elementary schools," Foster said.

Organizers hope the music will attract a large turnout.

"It started as a day in the park with music featuring downtown bands. We're all against 'Drillview,' so we saw the opportunity to turn it into a worthy event," O'Neil said. "It's a good opportunity to get students educated on what's happening."

The concert will take place Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

## Students of All Ages to Clean Up the Beach

UCSB students and children from Devereux school will pour onto Goleta Beach Sunday in a cooperative effort to clean up the area.

While the Environmental Affairs Board has coordinated a number of cleanups so far this year, this will be the first to include youngsters from Devereux school, located next to

campus.

The event is the result of an inquiry from Devereux school officials to the Residence Hall Association about providing an opportunity for schoolchildren to make a difference by cleaning the beach, according to EAB member Leila Salazar.

"It's been coordinated with the Residence Hall

Association, Devereux school and the Environmental Affairs Board," she said.

Salazar expressed enthusiasm about involving children in community activities. "It's going to be a good opportunity to let them know how they can make a difference," she added.

—Suzanne Garner

## Drawing to Select Winners

The Associated Students second annual Community Improvement Drive will conclude at noon today amid much nail-biting and shuffling of tickets.

The drive was initiated in March when student and community groups began selling tickets for prizes to be given away in today's drawing. The purpose of the drive was to raise money for the participating groups.

Today's drawing will select the winners, according to Off-Campus Rep Kris Cronin, co-coordinator of the drive.

"We're just going to start with the top prize and work our way down through the top 20," he said. The event's grand prize is a trip to Puerto Vallarta donated by Dean Travel.

The drive, which net-

ted \$5,000 for campus and community groups, will donate \$3,000 to community groups, while \$2,000 will go to student organizations, according to Cronin.

While the drive collected well below the approximately \$14,000 raised by last year's effort, organizers consider it a success in that it established the program for the future.

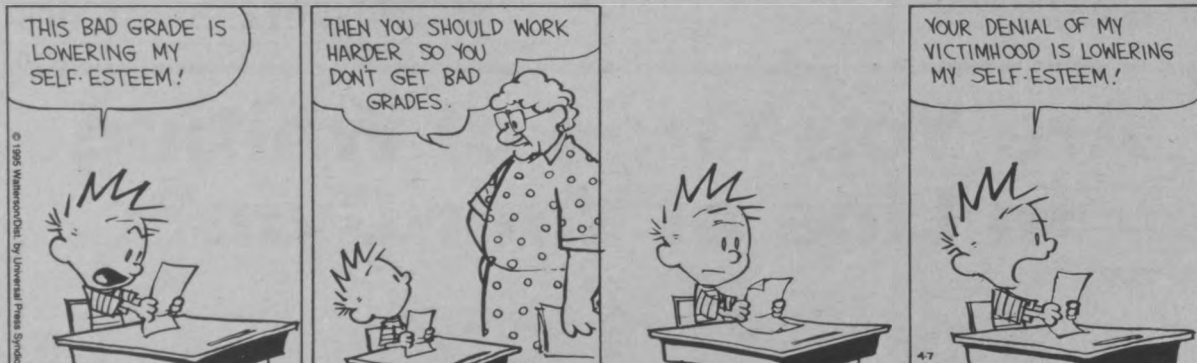
External Vice President Derek Cole, co-coordinator, also looks forward to the drawing. "It's been a good experience to be able to do this," he said. "It's going to be even better watching people winning the grand prizes."

The drawing will take place in the A.S. offices in the newest addition of the UCen.

—Tim Molloy

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## Parks to Host Weekend Festivities

By Sylvia Luis  
Staff Writer

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District will sponsor two events this weekend to bring the community together while providing free entertainment.

The Estero Ball Checkout Program will hold the second Recreation Festival Saturday, according to Katherine Boyer, UCSB/I.V. liaison.

"This is a spring festival to celebrate the program and hopefully get more children to sign up," she said. "It's a fun way to

bring in the spring."

The new program began last fall in an effort to reach out to the community and provide after-school program activities for local children.

"It is just another family festival to promote the Ball Checkout Program," said Coordinator and IVRPD Director Pegeen Soutar. "The attendance really seems to increase after the festivals."

Although the recent rains and stormy weather have decreased involvement, participation is on the upswing due to the coming of spring, accord-

ing to Soutar.

"It was very slow since the rains, but it is picking back up," she said. "We only have three months left of the pilot program."

The festival will take place at Estero Park from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free and activities such as games, arts and crafts will be available.

The second Planting Day for Perfect Park will also take place Saturday to continue the horticultural transference needed at the recreation area. All com-

See PARK, p.8

## Weekend Auction to Benefit Area Children

By Sylvia Luis  
Staff Writer

A silent auction and drawing to help a local organization fund children's equipment will take place this weekend at the University Children's Center.

Proceeds from the third annual auction and the accompanying drawing Saturday will go toward new children's equipment and teacher projects, according to UCC Director Mary Ray.

"The profit will go toward equipment and materials for the children at the Children's Center," she said. "We are hoping to expand our animal yard."

Prizes for the drawing will include round-trip train tickets to San Francisco with accommoda-

tions and dinners at upscale local restaurants, Ray added.

"We just thought we would add the drawing in an attempt to reach out to the larger community," she said. "The parents go out to solicit donations. It's really a parent effort to get donations."

The silent auction began several years ago when the Parent Advisory Council decided to have an annual event to raise money for children's projects, according to Margaret Pryde, fund-raising chair.

"They just decided that they wanted more money for more things," she said. "We decided to go ahead and try the silent auction. Last year we expanded a bit and got more donations and this year, we added on the raffle."

A local band will provide entertainment for auction-goers, according to Pryde.

"This year, we're going to have Tom Murray's band Tombo Combo play. They're sort of a blues/jazz thing," she said.

The children are excited about acquiring new toys. "We will probably get new blocks in the classroom," said 4-year-old Kelso Calderwood. "But what we really need is more sand toys."

The admission for the silent auction will be \$2.50. It is an adults-only function due to the serving of wine. The event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the University Children's Center, located at West Campus Point Lane.

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# Commencement '95

## COMMENCEMENT NEWS

### IF YOU HAVE RETURNED THE WHITE COMMENCEMENT RESERVATION FORM:

THANKS! Your reservation has been made. If you requested an exception or are an ADD-ON, you will receive notification no later than May 1 about which ceremony you will attend.

### IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED THE WHITE COMMENCEMENT RESERVATION FORM:

You must have a reservation to attend any commencement ceremony. Please return a completed reservation form to the **Commencement Information Desk** (3rd floor, UCen, next to the A.S. Ticket Office) **no later than April 14, 4:30pm**. Some ceremonies are filling rapidly and they *may close* before the April 14 deadline. It is important to return your form **NOW!** Once a ceremony closes, students with majors in these ceremonies will need to choose another open ceremony.

### ALL COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS:

A list of confirmed reservations will be posted by April 21 at the **Commencement Information Desk**. You may check for your name on this list and staff will be available from 9am-Noon (MF) and 12:30-4:30pm (T,W,R) to answer your questions.

Admission to each ceremony will be **only** by pre-printed stage pass. You **MUST** pick up your pass prior to the ceremony. Passes will be available June 12-16 at the Commencement Information Desk.

### SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS CEREMONY:

Due to the unprecedented demand for this ceremony, **no exceptions will be granted into this ceremony.**

### List of Ceremonies

**Saturday, June 10**  
3pm, College of Creative Studies  
UNIVERSITY HOUSE LAWN

**Saturday, June 17**  
9am, Science and Mathematics  
1pm, College of Engineering  
4pm, Social Sciences I  
FACULTY CLUB GREEN

**Sunday, June 18**  
9am, Social Sciences II  
1pm, Arts & Humanities  
4pm, Graduate Division  
FACULTY CLUB GREEN

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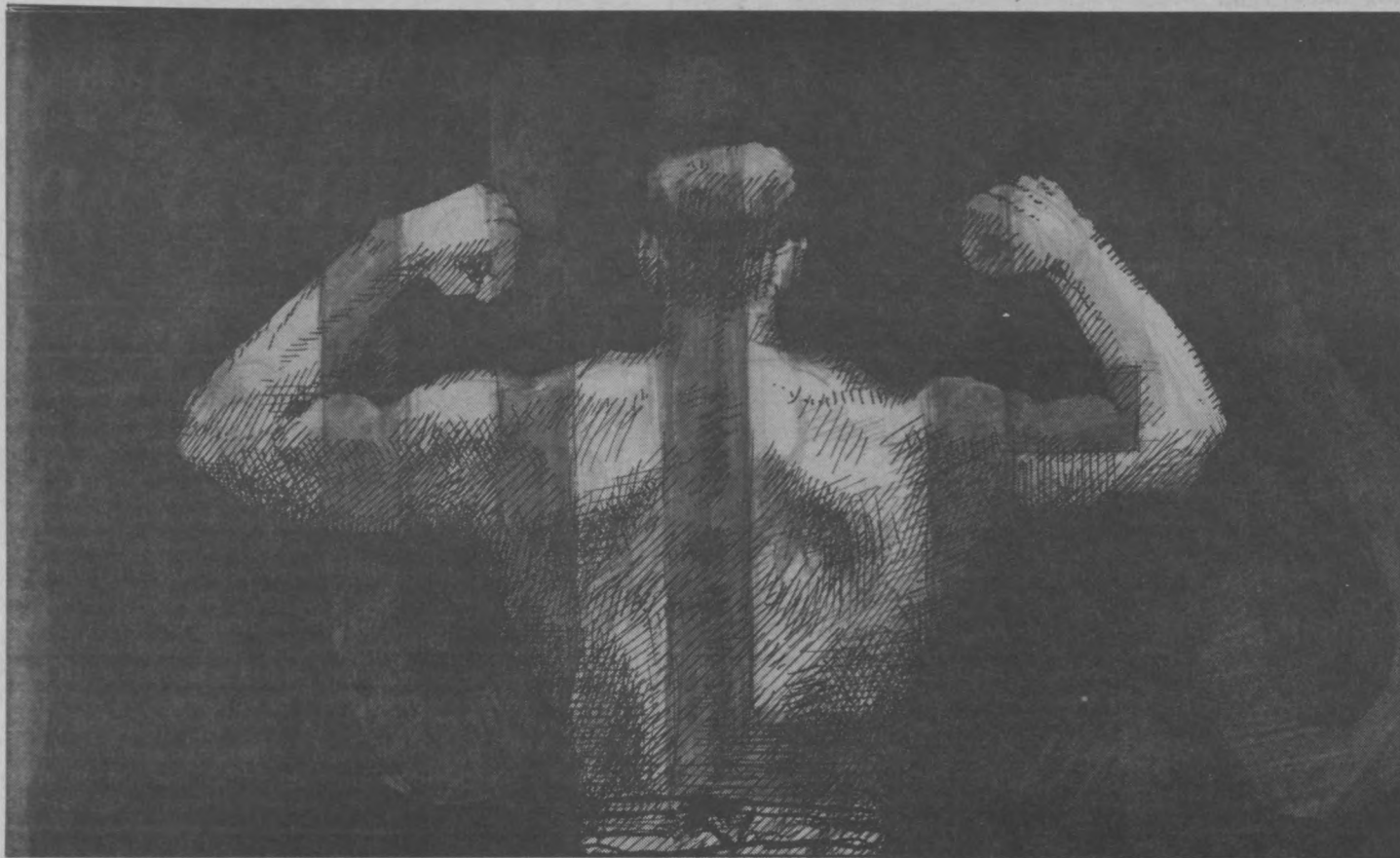
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# OPINION

"Human beings are like tea bags. You don't know your own strength until you get into hot water."

—Bruce Laingen



CHRISTIAN PAGERLUND/Daily Nexus

## It's Recreation Time!

Consideration Should Be Given to Fellow Fitness-Seekers

### Editorial

Local celebrities, such as radio disc jockey Ricky Suave, former UCSB Chancellor Barbara Uehling and Elvis — an impersonator, that is — constituted but a few of the turnout crowd for Thursday's grand opening of the new Recreation Center. Although the facility has officially been operating for several months, this event, which was postponed to coincide with the University Center grand opening, serves as a reminder that we can now whip ourselves into shape without even leaving the privacy and comfort of our own campus.

But before you throw on that snazzy workout ensemble or shimmy into your swimsuit, a few basic guidelines might be in order so that all who visit the new RecCen can get the maximum use and enjoyment out of it. Here are some tips to keep in mind when heading on over to shake that body.

First, when it comes to the Recreation Center, neither a borrower nor a lender be. Only registered students are permitted to use its facilities free of charge, and lending your Access card so that non-students can enter without paying simply will not fly. While it is understandable that your roommates or friends might want to participate, remember that the Recreation Center construction was funded by student fees, and a certain percentage of our tuition each quarter still goes toward its maintenance. For those faculty, staff and community residents interested in using the RecCen, yearly memberships are available, for a fee, for just that purpose.

Once inside, let's have some consideration for our fellow fitness-seekers. A half-hour workout on the StairMaster will certainly help put you in shape, but it will also put the dozen or so people waiting in line behind you in a lousy mood. So if the place hap-

pens to be packed, do everyone around you a favor and keep your time on the equipment reasonable.

In the same vein, try to refrain from taking up an entire sports court to yourself when there are others who want to use it. If you need to practice your backhand hoop shot for hours and hours on end, do it where there aren't other people waiting for their chance.

Consideration should extend to the pool area as well. Spitting, urinating or adding any other bodily fluids to the water is not only rude, but downright disgusting. How would you like to paddle around in others' refuse? Think about it.

And speaking of body secretions, consider wiping off any sweat from benches or workout equipment with which you come into contact. "Eau de Joe Gauchó" might seem pretty sexy to his girlfriend, but most people would rather not work out in a coating of somebody else's perspiration.

Some would-be fitness buffs may come to the RecCen looking to work up a sweat in a bit more erotic way than aerobics or lifting weights. If this is the case, try to keep the scamming to a minimum. Looking is one thing, perhaps even some flirtatious talk, but if your attempted conquest is obviously more intent upon working out than being worked, learn to take a hint.

After the exercise is over, be sure to take your locks off the lockers so others can use them. The RecCen powers that be can and will cut them off if left on for too long, so take a minute and retrieve those suckers. After all, you wouldn't particularly like leaving your belongings out in the open because of another person's negligence.

Whether or not you utilize the Recreation Center, your fees are going toward maintaining it. So give it a try — and hey, if you're lucky, you might even spy Elvis on the NordicTrack.

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



# Accidental De

## Missing More Than a Friend

David Revell

Matthew Decker was incredible. He accomplished more in his short life than many of us even dream of. He was the most genuine, sincere and truest person I have ever met. More than 10 of his friends stared in disbelief at first, shaking their heads and asking: Why? Why Matt of all people? Why Matt? In this world, there are so many people who don't try. Matt did. He was a good guy.

His absence is a hard thing to accept, you just stare at the walls waiting for that bright face to open the door. Matt had a strength that not many people had. He had a brilliance about him that always shone through. Whether his life was inside out or outside right, Matt Decker always had a smile for everyone. He was the person who made every day feel special every day.

Matt was more than just a friend, he was an adventurer. He loved to be outside and feel the power of nature. One of the best times in his entire life was spent this past summer

"Matt was more than just a friend, he was an adventurer. He loved to be outside and feel the power of nature."

backpacking in the Montana wilderness. He always longed to stand at the tops of mountains and howl with wolves.

He was more than that, he was a scholar. He loved to learn. I've heard more than one story of a person trying to rush through a lab or skip class with Matt. Matt would just look at them and ask, "Why don't you want to learn?"

I don't think he held a grudge in his life. He just lived to make people feel special.

Matt touched so many people on this campus. I know I had many friends who would have loved to write this letter. I know that I can say we all loved Matt and that we are going to miss him, but that's not much comfort. We all need to find comfort in each other and Matt's memory. We need to walk around — as empty as we feel — with a smile on our faces because that is how Matt would want us to be.

To Matt, just keep smiling and being the wonderful person who blessed us with your presence.

David Revell was one of Matt Decker's roommates.

## The Reader's Voice

### Take Back Your Phone

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In a recent Nexus article we are warned that obscene phone calls targeting women are on the rise. The official response to this is to hide — change your number — don't list your number in student directories — don't be accessible. This follows the same logic as "don't make Daddy mad and he won't hit or rape you," "be a good wife so hubby won't beat you" and "cover your body so no one will rape you." These attitudes create the myth that victims perpetuate abuse. WRONG. Abusers perpetuate abuse. I refuse to accept the role: I am woman = victim. I have unofficial responses and I don't get repeat calls. Blow a loud whistle into the phone for your harasser to hear. This can cause ear damage, but my favorite motto is: If you can't take it, don't dish it out! Abusers are responsible for reactions to their abuse. (Self-defense must be reasonable.) If you prefer, take the opportunity to vent your anxiety and pent-up frustration to the caller — call him every name in the book, tell him what a pathetic creep he is, how boring and inept he must be if this is the only way he can talk to wo-

men. that's If y call yo proble the la Rep to kno and-h being jerks

# Death Leaves Roommates Feeling a Tragic Loss

## A Hole Where His Heart Was

Phil Fuerstner

It's an unfortunate reality of life that most of us take things for granted. One rarely stops to ponder just how special or important little things, acquaintances or people truly are. Everyone, especially myself, just assumes that these things will simply always be around, making little effort to realize the true value of such everyday things. Sadly, when those things all of us take for granted are suddenly and irreplaceably lost, the reality of their importance is instantly brought to light.

This occurrence unfortunately is taking place right now in my life, and the lives of all who knew and loved Matt Decker. This man was someone who influenced everyone and everything around him in such a positive way that he truly was taken for granted. It's not that he wasn't appreciated or not loved, just so taken for granted. He was the one who made everyone smile. The one who motivated those around him to try their hardest and achieve the supposedly unattainable. He was the one who kept all who knew him in check, and always insisted on looking to the brighter sides of issues. Matt Decker was the one who allowed all who knew him to have a unique twist in their lives, with his passion, character and presence.

Tragically, Matt Decker, the roommate who I always

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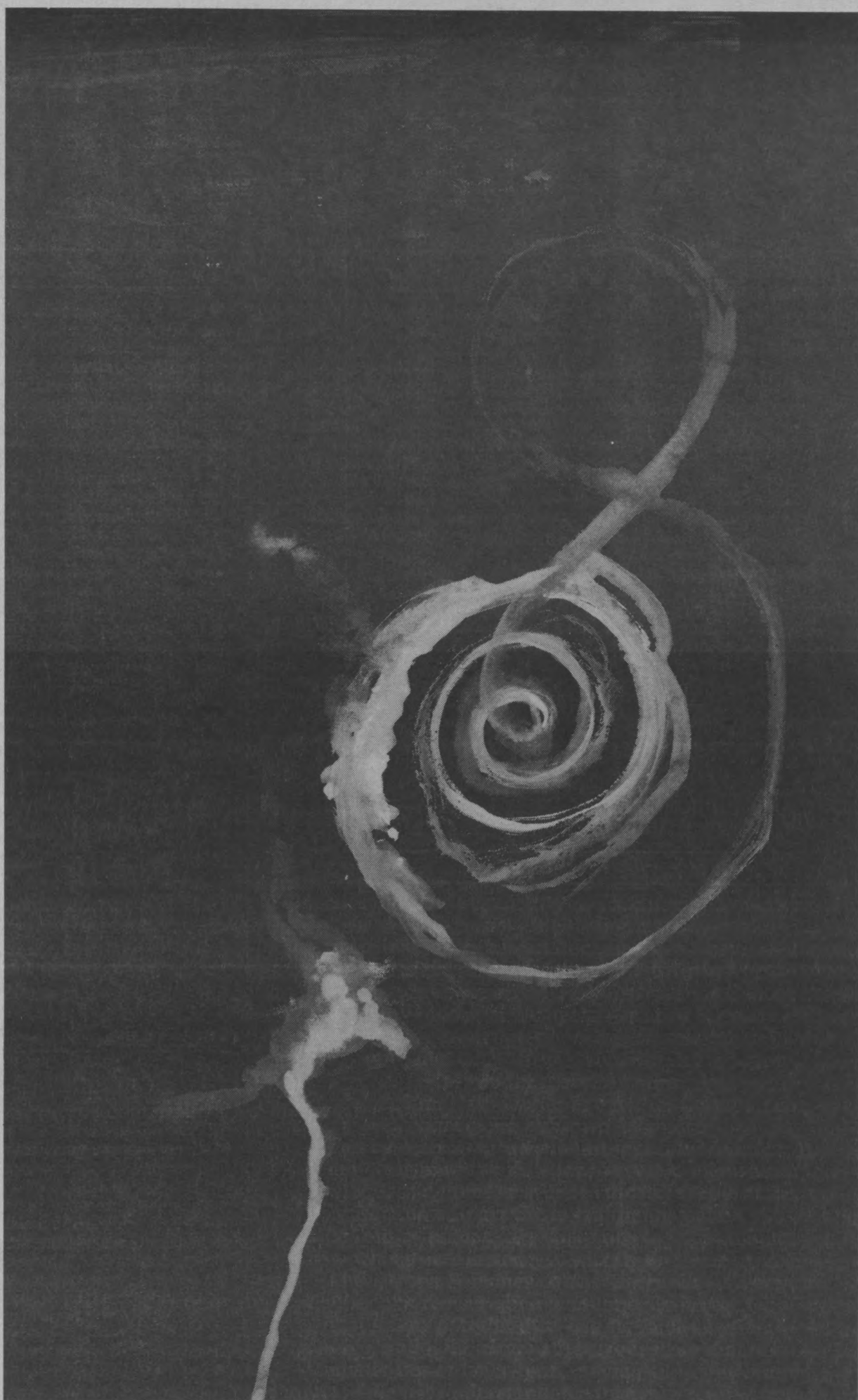
thought would be around, is now gone. Being here once as a small piece in the giant puzzle I call my life. And now gone, revealing that he was the essential piece that kept my puzzle whole and complete. All that is left now is a hole where the heart in my puzzle once fit. Matt Decker was such an intricate part of everyone's, and especially my, world!

I never took the chance to tell him just how important this man was to me. I just assumed he would always be around. I always knew that I cared for and respected him, but I never truly voiced these feelings. Now that he is gone, these bottled-up emotions are now out in the open, but with no one to tell it to. I wish that I could have just once expressed how I felt, but being the idiotic macho male that I am, never did. Matt, wherever you are, I, and everyone who knew you, love and miss you!

Matthew C. Decker

"Of ever honored memory"

Phil Fuerstner was one of Matt Decker's roommates.



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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT, THE DAY  
AND YOUR PHONE NUMBER!!!  
DYAN NORMAL

### Wallet-Losing Idiot

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I'm an idiot, I'll admit that right away. I did it again ... I lost my wallet. I've done it before, I'll do it again. For some reason, it didn't start until this year, but since then, I've lost my wallet twice (the last time was Tuesday the 4th) and had it stolen once by some wonderful UCSB student from our very own UCen. Thanks! It's not like I don't have books and fees to pay also. But here is my main gripe: Why doesn't the thief just take the cash and return the damn wallet??? Take the money ... as either a reward for finding it or as a way of giving me a fine for being a dumb ass for leaving it somewhere. I'm not going to try and get fingerprints off of it or look for hairs or skin flakes to run a DNA test on it. (Those don't even work; look at O.J.) All I want is the wallet and the I.D. cards that are in it. Paying the amazing amount of \$20 for a new Access Card (for that price, you would think that it was a Gold Access Card that did not start peeling apart for at least a week) sucks, hav-

ing to get a new driver's license sucks (\$12, but at least it doesn't fall apart), having to reorder all my credit cards, ATM card, etc., it all sucks.

Last Tuesday was just the greatest: There was absolutely no money in my wallet! None! I don't have any! So why not turn it in? Just make the whole extra effort of giving it to the Corner Store, the Information Desk, anywhere besides the trash. Out of the three times that this has happened, you would think someone just might get the crazy notion of turning it in. What do you do with it? Are you some weirdo who cuts out the pictures on my I.D.s and tapes them up on your wall? As it stands now, I cannot buy books or readers or all that great stuff that goes along with this wonderful establishment of higher education and all the future community and business leaders that it encompasses. Thank you for your support. I feel better.

If you have the damn thing, could you please turn it in? Please?

JEFF BEHL



After enjoying a delicious meal of orange chicken and chow mein, I opened my fortune cookie. But lo and behold, instead of encountering deep and meaningful Eastern wisdom, I found something highly disturbing: inside, there was no fortune. Does this mean that my future life will be hollow and empty? Or that perhaps that I have no future? One might be able to think that the cookie company simply committed an egregious error. But I prefer to think that the philosopher/baker was proving a point. I must create my own good fortune. I can't expect success to be handed to me in a figurative silver cookie. I must be willing to run out of the restaurant and shout, "Hello, world! I'm going to make it! Because I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and doggone it, people like me!"

men. Whatever! Dump into the dumpster — that's why we call it trash!

If you feel this brings you down a notch, call your phone carrier and make it their problem — you pay for service. It's against the law to use the phone for abuse.

Representatives of law enforcement need to know that womyn do not accept the run-and-hide response to abuse. Womyn stop being doormats when they stand up. Phone jerks are cowards and easy to intimidate.

# Campus Comment

Interview by Nick Robertson  
Photos by J.E. Anderson

What are your goals for this new Spring Quarter?



“ I want to meet more guys and get straight A's and get into shape.

Shannon Ulrich  
freshman  
biology/physical  
education



“ To spread the good word about cannabis hemp and get people interested in the California Hemp Initiative.

Al Espino  
hemp activist



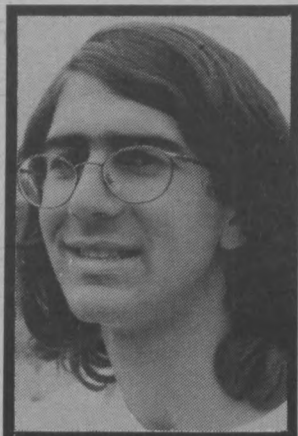
“ To not cut classes, do well in those classes and spend as much time as possible with my graduating friends.

Gina Lenson  
senior  
law and society



“ To have a lot more fun than the last two quarters.

Julianna Boutell  
freshman  
undeclared



“ To spread music, love and hacky-sack throughout I.V.

Jeff Cohn  
junior  
cultural anthropology



“ To bring as much happiness to myself and others as possible.

Alex Madans  
junior  
film studies/  
international relations

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### The Gum Pledge



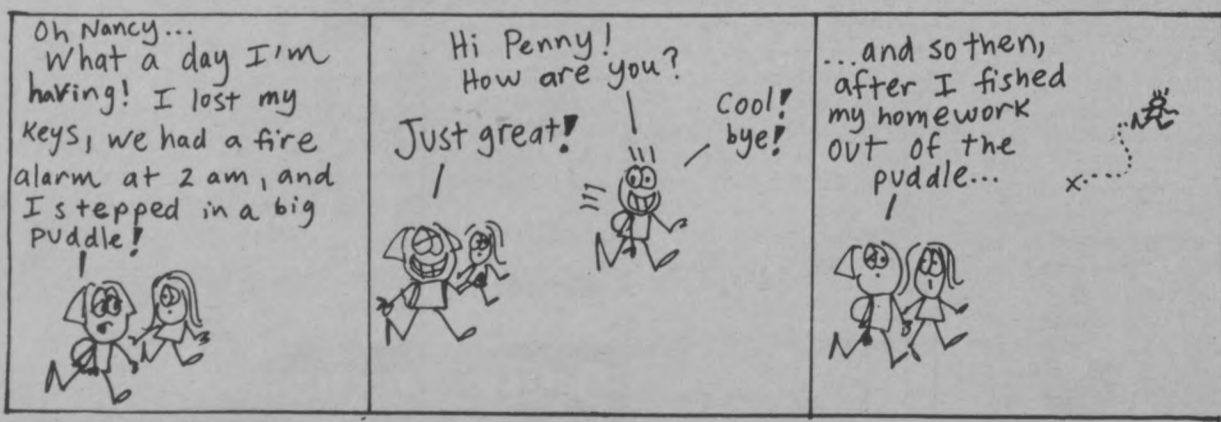
Zack Grossman

### THE ADVENTURES OF SUCKERMAN



Ross Beeley

### PENNY, The Mighty Freshman



Amy Semingson

### DECKER

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those whose lives he touched, according to fraternity brothers.

"I knew Matt for 10 years. He was one of my best friends," said J.P. Eddy, a junior Beta Theta Pi member. "He was a very balanced person. He did everything with love. What he did, he did 100 percent."

Tug Brennan, another Beta, echoed this respect for his brother. "I envied Matt for his ability never to let a minute pass him by. ... He was always looking for something new," Brennan said.

Ralph Rivera, a fraternity brother who knew Decker for two years, appreciates the impact his brother left on his life. "He opened up new worlds to me," Rivera said.

While a service was held in Danville Friday, another memorial will take place Saturday at Depressions Beach to allow the local community an opportunity to come together in remembrance.

Depressions Beach is located near the beginning of Del Playa, down the sloping cliff at the lagoon.

"It will be a good chance to get together all friends of Matt who didn't necessarily know each other," Brennan said.

Decker's family will travel south to be a part of the service, Revell said. "His family didn't know what he was like here as his own person," he said. "I think it will mean a lot to them."

Charles Decker, Matt's father, is initiating an annual scholarship through the Environmental Studies Dept. to provide a UCSB student the opportunity to participate in an outdoor education program similar to one Decker was in this summer, according to Revell. Mail-in donations to the fund can be sent to First Interstate Bank, 307 Diablo Road, Danville, California 94526.

Decker left an imprint on the lives of friends and family alike and will not soon be forgotten. "His legacy you can't say in words," Rivera said.

### VOTING

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Swartz.

"We tried to make it work the same as the student records part of the NetStations," she said. "I think people who have used NetStations before will catch on relatively quickly."

Stephen Glaholt, a sophomore aquatic biology major, believes the new method of voting will be beneficial. "I feel that the

elections can reach more people through NetStations and is more efficient," he said.

The system presents no risk of breaching voter confidentiality, according to Sinn. "Once the vote is cast, the record of who voted will be separated from who they voted for," she said. "All we will know is that you voted."

Electronic voting will be open April 19-24. Regular polling will occur the last two days of the election, according to Martin.

### PARK

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munity members, with or without a green thumb, are invited to come out and join in the fun in the sun, according to IVRPD Assistant General Manager Derek Johnson.

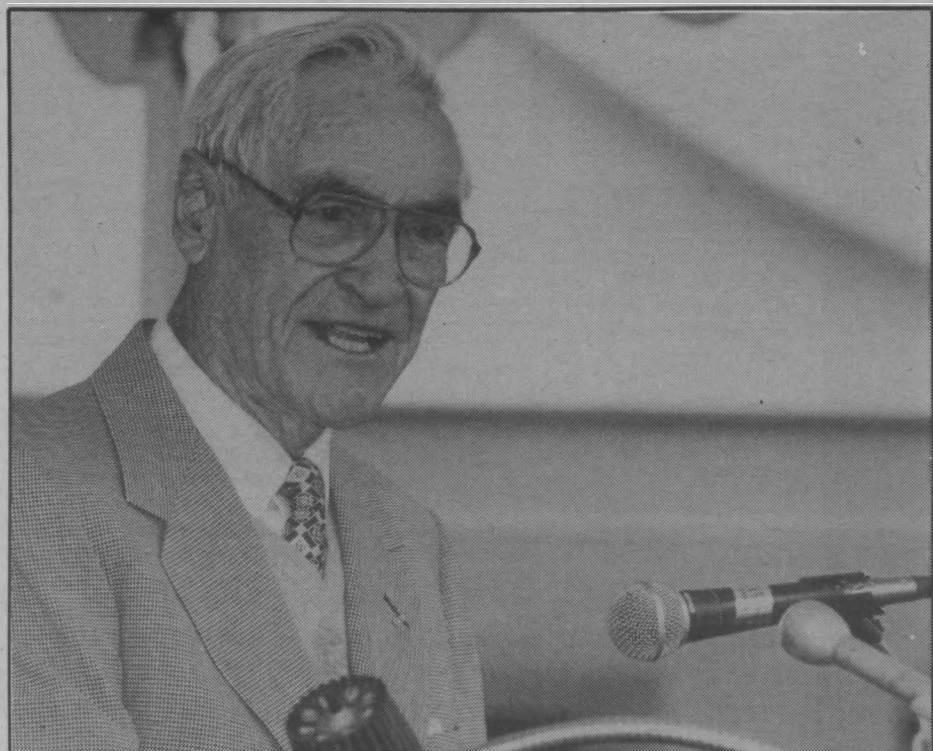
"You just need to bring

sunscreen, water and working clothes," he said. "We'll be planting about 500 plants in the interior berms at Perfect Park."

The planting is scheduled for 10 a.m. until around 3 p.m. The IVRPD invites all who are interested to join in the spring events.



## OPENING: Yang Addresses Crowd



DAN THIBODEAU/Daily Nexus

Former Chancellor Vernon I. Cheadle addresses the plethora of interested folks Thursday at the grand opening of the RecCen.

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"We're a space established by students for students to study, meet or just hang out in a culturally diverse atmosphere," she said. "We also provide work rooms for the various minority organizations on campus."

Tino Gutierrez, an MCC assistant, noted the difficulty in opening the new center. "Nothing was given," he said. "This place wasn't established through charity. It was established through struggle and it continues to struggle. I'm very proud to say that I've associated with all the people who share that struggle to move humanity forward."

Acting Dean of Students Yonie Harris hopes the new facility will be a symbol of the university in years to come. "This place is a statement about what I

hope this campus will be in the future," she said. "A place with many cultures coming together, each having its own contributions and where all the others are able to learn about these contributions and appreciate them."

The MCC opening celebration will continue through April 7 with events including an open house and music and dance performances by various cultural groups. Admission is free at all events.

The RecCen officially opened Thursday afternoon to a crowd of donors, members of the Physical Activities Dept., staff and students.

The facility, finally completed after four years, was originally conceived by several motivated students assisted by Uehling.

Yang offered his thanks

to the former chancellor, praising her help in initiating the RecCen project.

"I remember my father always told me to grow a few trees because you'll enjoy it, and Barbara, you've grown a few trees," he said.

Uehling was pleased to see the facility being frequented. "One of the most gratifying experiences I've had in my career is I saw a magnificent facility so well used," she said.

Yang believes the RecCen will influence student life at UCSB. "Exercise reduces stress and promotes health, and a facility like the RecCen provides the opportunity for all of us to reduce stress and improve overall health," he said.

—Staff writer Susan Burkhart contributed to this story

## FIRE

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have gotten out until it was a lot worse. I'm lucky I got out."

While the origin of the fire is still under investigation, it appears to be accidental, according to Johnson.

An ultimate determination of the fire's cause is pending the location of a final pertinent witness, who may be able to provide information on the incident's origin, according to Fire Inspector David Higgins.

"They are still looking for one of the tenants," he said. "It was the boyfriend of one of the tenants."

One bedroom and part of the main hallway suffered extensive fire damage, but the rest of the building remained relatively unscathed, according to Higgins. The earliest

damage estimate is \$25,000. However, Higgins and Johnson believe a more correct estimate would be in the \$10,000-\$15,000 range.

A smoke detector alarm would have been crucial in protecting both Heiduk and the apartment from heat and smoke damage, according to fire officials. The apartment did have a smoke detector which Heiduk believed to be functional, she said.

"I assumed it was working because it had a battery in it," she said. "The case falls off a lot and we'd put it back on, but it always had a battery in it."

Upon closer examination of the apartment, Higgins located the detector but did not believe the unit was operational.

"It was there. It had a battery and the battery was probably dead," he said.

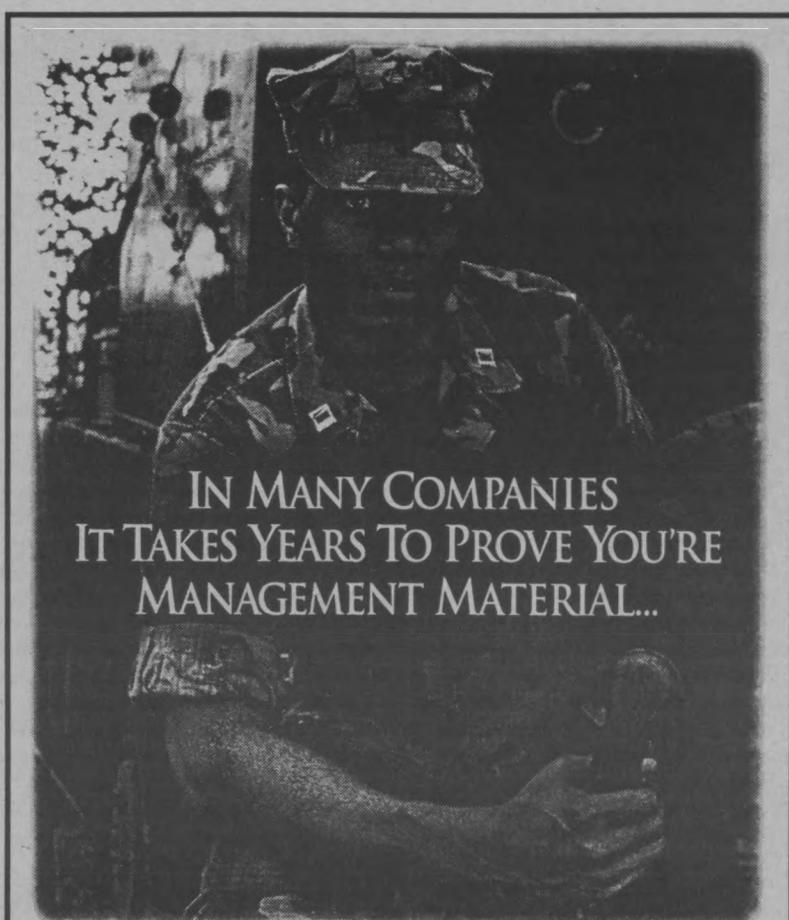
Johnson reiterated the importance of smoke de-

tectors in protecting lives and property.

"We had one female occupant asleep at the time. She should have been woken up by her smoke detector, but she wasn't," he said. "Seeing as how we just told everybody to change your clocks, change your smoke detectors, it's a little disheartening."

The Red Cross was called in and will work to provide the now homeless residents with food, shelter and a new beginning, according to Robert Hoffman, government liaisons officer.

"The upper floor is uninhabitable ... and we've called in a disaster relief team and we're turning it over to them," he said. "Basically, we're able to do the same kind of things we've done for the flood victims and all the rest of that kind of stuff."



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But I've got the lights off 'cause—well—I just don't know how Mom's gonna take it...

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## Gauchos Pushed to Fourth Before Taming Not-So-Cowardly Lions

Saturday's Contest Versus Pepperdine Marks Final Home Match

By Jenny Kok  
Staff Writer

It was a familiar road the Gauchos traveled down Thursday night in Rob Gym ...

With dominating presence on the court, sophomore outside hitter Donny Harris led the #5 UCSB men's volleyball team to a four-game victory over Loyola Marymount University, 15-11, 10-15, 15-12, 15-6.

Creating a tradition of excellence at UCSB (15-7, 12-4 in the MPSF), Harris led the offense yet again as he pounded out 34 kills at a .452 hitting percentage. Not only did he pace the offense against LMU (7-14, 4-13 in MPSF), but he also led the team on the defensive end with nine digs in addition to three solo blocks and two block assists.

"[It was] nice to see Donny lead the defense as well as the offense," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "We've got a strong offense, but we don't have a great defensive group out on the floor. Some of our big guys have trouble on defense."

According to Preston, a shaky defense is what kept the Gauchos from finishing the match in three games. The slump began late in game one and continued through the second, when the Lions picked up the pace and maintained the lead throughout the game.

"Basically, what happened was that our passing completely broke down in the second game," Preston said. "We weren't digging balls and Loyola took advantage of that."

With a 9-1 lead in the third game, the tables seemed to turn back in favor of UCSB. But before

the Gauchos could finish it off, LMU came back and closed to within a point at 13-12. However, this time Santa Barbara quickly regrouped and took a 2-1 lead.

The final game was total domination by the Gauchos. Loyola appeared to have run out of steam as UCSB repeatedly put up a strong block and kicked up its defensive efforts.

"We've got to give Loyola a lot of credit," Preston said. "They played a lot better than they did earlier this season. They passed well and touched a lot of balls."

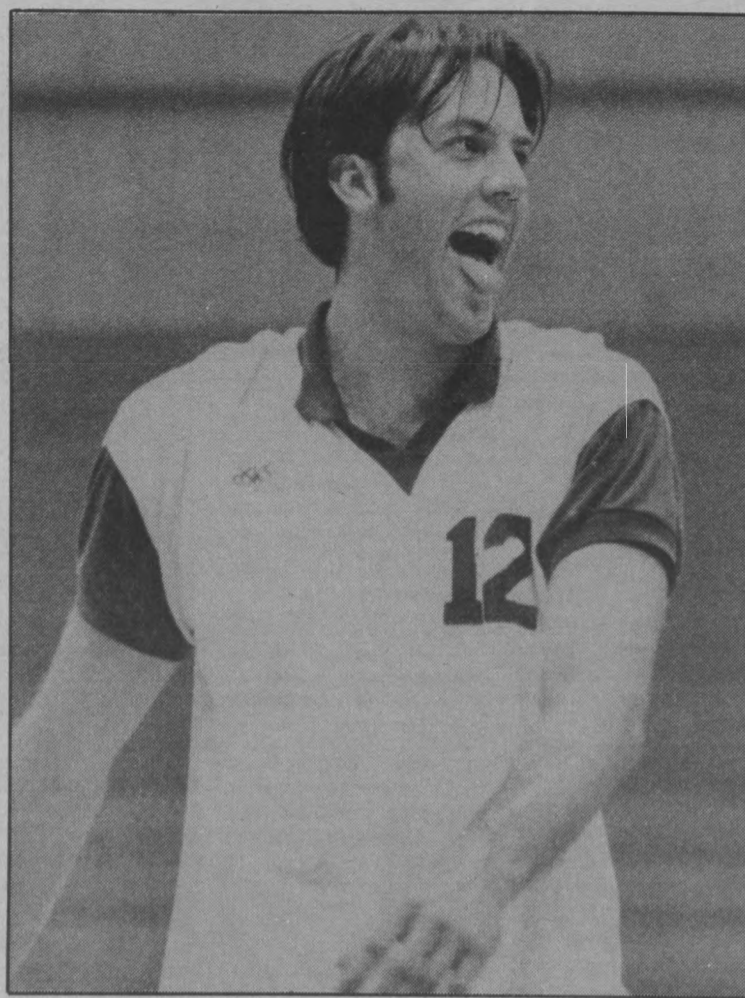
Giving the Gauchos the most trouble was Loyola's offensive leader, Jason McEntee. With a match-high 37 kills at .391, he put the most pressure on the Gaucho defense.

Leading the Lion defense was John Tripp with 11 digs, and heading up the effort at the net was Paul Severns with three solo blocks and two block assists.

For the Gauchos, sophomore middle blocker Robert Treahy pounded out 25 kills at .424 and tallied six block assists. Junior setter Todd Rogers made 79 assists, seven digs and six blocks, including two solos.

"We're going to rest a bit and work on serving and some hitting areas before the Pepperdine match on Saturday," Preston said. "It is going to be a really big match because Pepperdine needs to win in order to make it to the playoffs. They are going to come in fired up."

The Pepperdine match will be the last regular-season home contest for the Gauchos. The match will start at 7:05 p.m. in Rob Gym on Saturday.



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Gauchos senior Carter Reese must have liked what he saw in UCSB's 15-11, 10-15, 15-12, 15-6 win over LMU.

Gauchos Airwaves: Men's Volleyball vs. Pepperdine Saturday @7:05 p.m. on KCSB 91.9 FM, Santa Barbara



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## Softball Says "Let's Play Two" Twice in Pair of Home Twin-Bills Versus Utah State

By Michael Cadilli  
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball squad would like to make Campus Diamond

"home sweet home" this weekend, when it takes on Utah State in a pair of doubleheaders. Today's twin bill will begin at 1 p.m., with the other to be played Saturday at 11

a.m. "Playing four games in a row is challenging because you learn their pitchers and they learn

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## UCSB Looks to Make Up Ground in Conference Standings at SJSU

By Curtis Kaiser  
Staff Writer

With a 1-5 conference record and a .500 overall mark, the UCSB baseball team is heading into this weekend's series at San Jose State for what some may call a "do or die" situation.

With the Gauchos (13-13 overall) suffering three tough-luck losses to #2-ranked Cal State Fullerton last weekend, they must take at least two of three against the Spartans (14-19-1 overall, 2-4 in the Big West) in order to move back into the conference race.

"I don't think any of us are worried," sophomore reliever John Minton said. "We're very optimistic because of how well we played against Fullerton. We were six inches and

one play away from two wins against Cal State Fullerton. If we play that way against San Jose State, we should do very well."

"I think this weekend will make us or break us," junior first baseman Jared Janke said. "This is a team that if we play well, we should beat. We're 1-5 and we want to get that playoff spot to go to the tournament. We're a better team than that, so we've got to go up and get some wins."

With Wednesday's 11-hit performance against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UCSB raised its team batting average to .301. Six starters are batting over .310, and the team's on-base percentage is an impressive .393.

The Spartans are led by junior starting pitcher Rich Ledoit (5-1, 3.24), who threw a complete-game seven-hitter when

SJSU beat then #1-ranked Cal State Fullerton two weeks ago. Offensively, junior catcher Geoff Fessenenden (.300), sophomore left fielder Aaron Noriega (.350) and senior right fielder Jason Boesch (.294) wield potent bats for the Spartans.

"We need good starting pitching and we need to play hard and aggressive," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "If we can hold them down with our starting pitching, I think we can score runs, even though they have a very unoffensive ballpark."

"We're hoping to go up there swinging the bats like we have been lately and playing defense like we have been," said sophomore infielder Tyler Ferrer. "If we put it all together, we should come out on top."

## Yee and Hoeffler Represent SB Women's Gymnastics at Oregon State for Regionals

Tumbling, flipping and spinning their way into the NCAA Western Regionals, senior Lauren Yee and sophomore Margie Hoeffler will be representing UCSB in the all-around gymnastics competition at Oregon State University Saturday.

"I'm really excited," said Yee, who will be performing at regionals for the fourth time. "Margie and I have only had three practices this week, but the team has been out to support us."

The Gauchos failed to qualify as a team for the prestigious event this year. Santa Barbara finished eighth in its region behind Washington State, Idaho State, Oregon State, UC Berkeley, University of Alaska and University of Hawaii. Only the top seven teams move on.

"Margie and Lauren must go out and hit their best all-around of the season,"

said Head Coach Randy Lane. "It is not our clear-cut goal that they earn a bid to the NCAA national championships, but it would be nice."

Five regional events will be held nationwide Saturday night. The top five teams from each region will automatically advance to the national championships. Then, the next seven squads with the highest scores from all regions will travel to the University of Georgia for the big show.

Realistically, Hoeffler and Big West Co-Athlete of the Year Yee must have their best all-around performances of the season in order to move on. Otherwise, either athlete must win an individual event with a high score in order to earn a trip to Georgia.

—Matt Gambee

## Men's Gymnastics Sends Eight Competitors to Western Regionals for Chance at NAAs

By Jenny Kok  
Staff Writer

"Potential" is the word most often used when describing the UCSB men's gymnastics team, and after this season's performance, it's easy to understand why.

Battling their way through a season filled with highs and lows, the athletes ended the season last week with a disappointing ninth- and last-place finish at the MPSF Finals in Albuquerque, N.M.

Despite problems at its last team competition of the year, UCSB will make a huge showing at regional competition as it sends eight Gauchos to Norman, Okla., for Saturday's competition.

"The regular season was filled with ups and downs, with some of the team suffering with injuries, recovering from surgery

and fighting off sicknesses," UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said. "We had some bad times, but fortunately, we had some key meets when we did very well. Those are the meets that have given us the chance to send eight gymnasts to regionals."

Competing for Santa Barbara this weekend will be freshmen Paul Mendoza, Graydon Wetzler, Dusty Hyland and Brian Davies, sophomore Brian Bakalar, juniors Steve Koiles and David Cassie and senior Reid Holbrook.

Cassie and Mendoza have earned the chance to compete in the all-around. Wetzler will take the high bar, pommel horse and parallel bars, while Hyland will have a go at rings and vault.

Appearing in single events will be Ba-

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