Lecturer Focuses on Cuba Under U.S. Trade Embargo

BY KRIELEN THORNSDEN
Reporter

Since 1959, Cuba has had few new cars and the United States has had few good cars.

Global Studies 124 students listened Wednesday night to Sergio Martinez, secretary of Cuban interests in the United States, discuss Cuba and its relationship with America. Originally, Professor Mark Aronson of the UC Santa Barbara History Department, Martinez, unable to attend, sent a taped message to the class.

Martinez mentioned Wednesday that if the United States is not allowed to import cars into Cuba, the island will never have a middle-class society. It may have a few rich people, but there will never be a middle class. That's due to the U.S. embargo, which makes everyday life more difficult. 

Martinez said he used to fly into Cuba after the embargo, but he cannot find anyone in Cuba to talk to about these matters.

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Leg Council Passes Finance Board Allocations

BY ANGELA POTTER
Staff Writer

Like most UCSB students, the Associated Students Legislative Council spent the end of the quarter worrying about books and money. The 2000-2001 A.S. student directories were a hot topic at Wednesday night's Leg Council meeting, with the council members debating how to fix the error-riddled directory. Communications Services provided a supplement to the directory that would provide students with the correct staff information, listing the same addresses and phone numbers for approximately 3,500 faculty members. The initial idea was to reprint the entire directory, but a compromise kept the original 10,000 directories mostly intact.

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Leg Council this Week

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First, I just want to stress that the initial money to print the directories did not come from students, but was paid for with advertising," she said. "Three thousand dollars is a small price to pay to get accurate information.

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University: Defends Policies on Diversity

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The university began a large-scale push for diversity in 1987, doubling minority enrollment in the decade that followed. As late as 1997, Michigan used a grid that sorted applicants by grades, test scores and race. Now, the university grades applicants on a 150-point scale. Blacks, Hispanics or American Indians get 20 points for their race — equal to raising their grade-point average a full point on a 4-point scale. Of Michigan's 38,000 undergraduate and graduates students this semester, about 13 percent are "underrepresented minorities." Oxford

Legislature Prepares to Possibly Select Electors

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida's House speaker said Wednesday he is convinced the Republican-led Legislature needs to go into special session as early as next week to name its own slate of presidential electors.

"I don't believe there's an option at this point and I'm prepared to go," said Tom_Greene, who along with the Senate president has the power to call a special session.

"I'm standing on the playing field ready to put my helmet on." Democrat Al Gore strongly disagreed with the idea, cautioning that such a potential move is a usurpation of citizens' voting rights.

"I can't believe that the people of Florida want to see the outcome of their vote taken by politicians," Gore told CNN. "I think you'd see quite a negative response to it."

Senate President John McCoy has said he has a "reasonable conclusion" that the Legislature should name its own slate because the legal wrangling over the outcome could drag past the Dec. 12 deadline for naming voters to the Electoral College.

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Cuba. In 1996, Congress passed legislation allowing American citizens to sue foreign investors who use American property taken by the Cuban government. Martinez said Cuba is ready to try for a better relationship with the U.S. and to become a more active member of the international community. He said it is in the best interest of both countries to develop a stable and friendly relationship, especially for the younger generations of both countries.

Professor Jurgensmeyer said inviting a member of the Cuban government helped the students understand Cuba in context with what they are learning. “This class focuses on four different areas of international tension and conflict, one of these areas is Cuba,” he said.

Rowena Lambert, a junior political science and sociology major, said the talk brought home ideas that she was learning in the class. “It was interesting to learn more about Cuba and the embargo,” she said. “We have been talking a lot about conflicts around the world. ... This lecture is relevant in light of the U.S. rethinking its role in Cuba and foreign policy around the world.”

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Winter Intramural Sign-ups

2001

Sign-ups begin: Mon., Dec. 4th

Rec Sports Special Events:

SPASH & DASH
700m swim/3 mile run
Saturday, DECEMBER 2nd
$10 preregistered/$11 race day
Race Begins @ 9am UCSB Rec Center
Info and registration online @ www.active.com

ULTIMATE FRISBEE HATS TOURNAMENT
Saturday, DECEMBER 2nd
10am-3pm Storke Field
OPEN TO EVERYONE! Come play the game or learn the game.
COST: $5 per person
Hosted by the UCSB Ultimate teams Blacktide and Burning Skirts.

Sports Offered:
Tennis Hockey Bowling
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Indoor Volleyball
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Indoor Soccer
Racquetball
Basketball
Martial Arts

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Isla Vista Design Finalist #5 Uses Trees to Control Traffic

Diagonal Parking Would Help Mitigate Congestion

#5 Envision Design, Daniel Darolek, Berkeley, CA

Ocean Road: The plan proposes Ocean Road as the active edge of UCSB and Isla Vista, defining the transition between the two. The road would be remodeled to include a landscaped median between the two-way lanes. The plan also calls for a new bikeway along the boundary.

Pedestrian Routes: Primary pedestrian routes such as DP, Sueno Road, and Camino del Sur would be identified and renovated to meet the needs of pedestrian traffic. The streets would provide a separate lane for pedestrian and bike traffic buffered from automobile traffic by a lane of parked cars.

Typical 40-foot streets: According to the plan, diagonal parking should be integrated along the typical 40-foot wide streets. The new design would accommodate more parking and calm traffic by forcing cars to slow in order to pass, while planters would be extended along one side to provide a canopy.

Housing: Under the plan, all of Isla Vista would be redeveloped, with single family homes located on the 6800 block west, medium-density houses located south of Pardall Road from the 6500 to 6700 blocks, and high-density housing located from the 6500 to 6700 blocks north of Pardall Road.

Phase II: The second phase of the proposed plan would integrate new street sections, while the study of possible alternative pedestrian and freeway/campus transit options are completed. At this time, the plan will also designate a specific planning area for a secondary neighborhood center located on El Capello Road.

A Del Playa Pier and I.V.'s Own Railway Are the Answer

Finalist Design #14 Recommends a Tall Town Center

#14 Urbanus Architects, P. Vaughan Davies, Los Angeles, CA

The proposed Isla Vista Plan 2010 envisions an Isla Vista equipped with a new light rail system, an L.V. pier and new town center.

Light Rail: In order to accommodate growth, the proposal envisions a light rail connecting the proposed town center with the campus and the Santa Barbara Airport. The system would utilize the existing rail right-of-way along the campus to large gatherings occasionally.

Blufftop Park: Houses and other structures on the bluff will be relocated in order to create a more natural and scenic edge to Isla Vista. A new pier would be built on the bluff at the end of Embarcadero del Mar. The proposed pier would allow a better view of the Channel Islands as well as a variety of leisure activities.

Town Center: The proposal envisions Pardall Road and Embarcadero del Mar as a town center composed of local convenient retail outlets, restaurants and cafes. The area would be considered high density and will be zoned for predominantly five- to eight-story buildings. Pardall Road would be extended east into the campus to large gathering place, coined Pardall Square. The square would anchor the east end of Pardall Rd., while the western end of the street would be extended to Estero Park.

The town center would not include large national retailers, as these will be located at a proposed gateway located on Los Carneros Road.

Vernal Ponds: These natural resources would be restored with native plants in order to provide a habitat for local fauna and would be open to the public. The ponds would also serve the community as an educational or passive recreation area.

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Traffic: The plan would also designate a specific planning area for a secondary neighborhood center located on El Capello Road.

Finalist Design #20 Calls for Residential Parking Permits

Design Also includes a Park Along Del Playa

# 20 Blackbird Architects, Ken Radkeby, Santa Barbara, CA

A six-mile, ocean-view park, one-way streets and if this plan is chosen, sidewalks.

This plan would create a continuous blufftop park along the ocean side of Del Playa Drive. The park would be assembled over time through a process of attrition due to erosion and purchase. Almost a mile long, the blufftop would be remodeled to include a landscaped median between the two-way lanes. The plan also calls for a new bikeway along the boundary.

The plan also intends to reconnect the Devereux Lagoon with the Goleta Slough in an attempt to regenerate natural riparian habitat, as well as construct side-walks along all streets.

Network of Pedestrian, Bicycle and Automobiles...

A unique aspect of design #20 is a formal garden (left) for added beauty to I.V.
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out the proper paperwork
before delivery of the lion
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of his own pocket.

Normally, A.S. pays ven­
dors directly; however,
Finance Board made an
exception to its rules to
reimburse the student.

Usually Leg Council
approves the board’s min­
utes without discussion,
but Off-Campus Rep
Vanessa Biasi filed a com­
plaint with Judicial
Council who will now
have the final say as to
whether or not the refund
is appropriate.

Off-Campus Rep Bill
Flores said things are diffi­
cult when you have to
choose between a student
and the rules, but a student
should come first.

"If nothing else can be
done, then do it," he said.
"Let’s use this as a last
resort."

Leg Council took a
break to honor sociology
Professor Richard Flacks
for his involvement with
the student movement by
naming a new internship
after him. The position is
intended to serve as a liai­
son between students, staff
and A.S.

Leg Council also
endorsed extensive online
mapping of the campus.
Flores said cooperation
between those doing the
mapping and the organi­
zations representing dis­
abled students was impor­
tant to ensure the campus
is accessible to all students.

"This mapping would
help not only the dis­
abled," he said, "but new
students and parents who
don’t know the campus
very well."

Rep-At-Large Eneri
Rodriguez thanked the
council at the end of the
meeting for a good Fall
Quarter.

"I’m really pleased with
the way the board has been
going," she said. "I’ m really
looking forward to the
next two quarters."
Beach Bargaining

News-Press Provides Poor Coverage of Owner’s Bogus Lawsuit Over Coastal Land Easement

Around the turn of the century, William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer, the most powerful newspaper editors in America, decided to use their respective publications to instigate the Spanish-American War. Yellow journalism purposely abused the power of the press to further personal objectives. This incident represents an extreme example of print media malfeasance, but individuals ought to be reminded to pay attention, on a daily basis, to who is publishing what and why.

Wednesday’s edition of the Santa Barbara News-Press printed an article on the front page of the local section about News-Press owner Wendy McCaw’s lawsuit against the county. On Nov. 21, a Superior Court judge dismissed McCaw’s suit over a 500-foot beachfront access easement at the base of a bluff on her Hope Ranch property. McCaw’s legal team plans to appeal the decision, but her lawsuit is as unjust as the News-Press article is biased.

The News is not suggesting that the owner of Santa Barbara’s largest newspaper accedes to the ranks of Hearst and Pulitzer, or even that she intentionally influenced the article. Most likely, the reporter felt that it was in his best interest to depict his boss in a favorable light, but the fact remains that the article is slanted.

Information in the article is extremely sparse. Given the relatively pristine condition of the Gaviota coast (a rarity for coastal areas chased the land in 1995. Now, if McCaw does not intend to prohibit public use of the beach and merely wants to establish what and why. Intention of prohibiting public use of the beach and merely wants to "rein back the government’s power.”

First of all, this is not the exercise of invasive government “power.” Property owners voluntarily offer easements to the county in exchange for certain concessions and the county’s willingness to compromise protects accessibility to one of this region’s most attractive commodities. The law limits private property to the right to high mark and this easement would simply allow the public to walk above that line. There is nothing wrong with private ownership of beachfront property, but at the very least, the public must have a right of passage.

The previous owner of the 25-acre property offered the easement to the county in 1982 in exchange for permission to build a sunroom and deck; McCaw knew full well what she was getting into when she purchased the land in 1995. Now, if McCaw does not intend to prohibit public use of the beach, one has to wonder why she is putting up such a fight. One thing is for certain — no such insights may be gleaned from the News-Press article.

Test #1,460,993
Pave for dynamite hit. Subject’s head explodes (again).
The United States economy is transforming from a manufacturing economy to a service economy. As the gap between the rich and poor widens, the United States is becoming a country for the rich and the people that serve them. This is especially true in Santa Barbara, where poverty exists beneath the beautiful architecture of the Spanish colonial. The poor is ironically what makes Santa Barbara so physically appealing. They are the janitors, the construction workers and the gardeners. They serve food, tend to our shopping desires and ensure that tourists have a pleasant Santa Barbara experience. They are the agricultural workers that put food on our tables, and they work at gas stations that fuel our cars. Although low-wage workers are the foundation of the Santa Barbara economy and provide critical services many of us take for granted, they are making poverty wages. The working poor in Santa Barbara often has to choose between paying rent, feeding their families or paying their doctor bills.

One local organizing drive that is currently addressing this is the campaign for a living wage. The campaign is calling for the City and County of Santa Barbara to enact living wage ordinances, which would require companies who do business with the city to pay their workers a living wage of $11 an hour and provide health care. Currently, our tax dollars are going to pay for poverty wages, and we are subsidizing companies that exploit their workers.

Sound familiar? The struggle for a living wage is based on some of the same principles of the anti-WTO campaign for justice for workers, corporate accountability and a government responsive to the people. I'm sure it is no coincidence that the National Day of Action for a Living Wage falls on the same day as the one-year anniversary of the WTO protest. The movement to challenge the model of the market society that is known as "free trade" is unavoidably linked to the plight of the working poor in the US, and in our local community.

Harley Augustyn is an IVPD director and field organizer for the Coalition for a Living Wage.
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California residents to join forces with law enforcement agencies, colleges, businesses and community-based organizations to aid in drunken and drugged driving prevention.

On Dec. 14, "Lights on for Life" will kick off 3D Prevention Month, with all law enforcement officers and allied agen­cies driving with their lights on in memory of the victims of drunken driving, according to Marilyn Sabin, assistant director for Office of Traffic Safety.

"It's a national event and California's been a part of it for a long time," she said. "We're trying to get people to not drive under the influence during the holidays. We want them to know they have options; it's a choice people make to drive under the influence; it's a choice we make and we don't have to make that choice."

Sabin said the Office of Traffic Safety works during the holidays to keep people from drink­ing and driving, as they do annually. However, this year's focus has shift­ed specifically to under­age drinking and driving among college students.

"We're focusing on college students. We're trying to focus on you guys because we want to stress to help your friends to keep them from dri­ving under the influ­ence," she said. "What better gift can you give your friends then to tell them you're not going to drink, that you'll drive. I think it's a great gift. Take extra time to plan and always wear your seatbelt."

Several local events will occur throughout December, including a number of candlelight vigils sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Laurie Tripi of MADD Victim Services said.

"The first candlelight vigil will be held in San Diego on Dec. 9," she said. "We have them each year for victims of the silent crime in which we honor our victims and their families killed in drunk driving crashes."

Anne Da Vigo, CHP public information offi­cer, said the CHP will focus on prevention in an attempt to curb the number of accidents related to intoxication.

"With the number of deaths a month, we focus on preventing drunk dri­ving over the holiday period," she said. "So we're focusing on alter­natives and designated drivers and encouraging people having events to have nonalcoholic bever­ages and to designate someone as a sober dri­ver in advance."

Many states, includ­ing California, consider a .08 blood-alcohol level the legal limit for dri­ving. California differs from other states because of its enforcement of the Zero Tolerance policy, which requires that any person under 21 driving with a blood-alcohol content level of over .01 percent will lose one's license for a year. Da Vigo said there has been a significant decline in the number of fatalities and accidents due to drunken driving since the policy was instated.

"Drivers under 21 must take a preliminary alcohol screening test and if their blood-alco­hol level is .01 or higher, the DMV will suspend their license for one year," she said. "This arose because people felt strongly about alcohol-related incidents, deaths and fatalities. ... They felt it would be best to do this around the holiday season because this is the time of year when it's higher."

Sally Zink, an Automobile Association of America (AAA) pub­lic service representative, said although AAA will not be holding any spe­cial events for this month, they will provide materials and safety tips to nonprofit organiza­tions.

"[Some of the sugges­tions are] nonalcoholic beverage recipes and safe driving tips specially designed for the holi­days," she said. "We're happy to provide the material."

Lt. Nick Kastromint, the Santa Barbara Police Dept. public information officer, said the depart­ment will have a number of check points through­out the county in December, including Dec. 1-2, 15-16, 29 and 30.

"We hope everyone has a happy and safe hol­i­day season this year," he said.
Looking for my "Mary" to marry in Santa Barbara

Brett Fair-6 feet Ben Stiller-925/930 32 g.a., never married, 5'10", tan, midnight brown hair & eyes, former UT - Austin SRC All American Athlete, Harvard JD/ABA, independently wealthy Silicon Valley Exec. You - more Cameron Diaz-Unequal than Queerly - 13 - 26 yrs., gorgeous blonde SUIF, adventuresome UCSB coed/alum, healthy sense of humour a must, personality to spare. Plot for sequel TO - however "director's license" spontaneity flexibility a prerequisite - whether grooving to Brian Ferry at AD in NYC or moshing to Buck Cherry at The Bowl, downing anejos at Blue Agave or sipping world-class cabernets aloft a llapa Halley balloon. This is the real deal - I'm questing for "the one" to lead an Oscar-winning romance - it is decidedly not a Fox rerun. Serious inquiries only, kindly send written response and photo to:

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can have a great time and meet romantic individuals if you get together with friends. You have been depressed, and it is time to turn things around. Put on your favorite outfit and get out.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Colleagues may cause a problem for you at work. Be careful not to let them be privy to your personal involvement or your thoughts about co-workers. Gossip will backfire.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Billy Idol, Mandy Patinkin, Dick Clark, Ben Stiller, June Pointer, David Mamet

Happy Birthday: Pick out your target and make a beeline toward your goal. You can get ahead if you truly believe in what you are trying to accomplish. Although you will have no trouble persevering, you may not be as fun-loving as usual. Make an effort to have some good times with loved ones this year. Your numbers: 13, 26, 30, 34, 42, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your domestic chores out of the way. You will not be in the mood to deal with the emotional drama that your mate intends to dump on you. Try to stay calm and refuse to be provoked.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can have a great time and meet romantic individuals if you get together with friends. You have been depressed, and it is time to turn things around. Put on your favorite outfit and get out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be too emotional about situations at work. Try to keep your thoughts to yourself and refrain from telling everyone else how to run their life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be hard to get along with today. Your mood swings will drive everyone crazy. Try to keep your thoughts to yourself and refrain from telling everyone else how to run their life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to date. Make arrangements for payments that won't break your budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Try to deal with those difficult situations at work. You have an excellent memory when it comes to dealing with evasive people. You can back opponents into a corner, but expect opposition and be prepared to debate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You won't have much patience with others. Your inability to live with disharmony may be the reason for your decision to move on or make necessary changes in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have an insatiable appetite when it comes to dealing with evasive people. You can back opponents into a corner, but expect opposition and be prepared to debate.
UCSB played its best performance of the season last night, coming within a whisker of upsetting the heavily favored UCLA squad in Pauley Pavilion.

The 83-77 loss dropped the Gauchos to 0-4 on the year while the Bruins evened their record at 2-2. Sophomore forward Mark Hull recorded his second career double-double in points for the second straight game with 23 points. UCLA forward Jason Kapono scored a game-high 24 points and center Dan Gadzuric contributed 21.

The Bruins capitalized on Santa Barbara senior forward Adam Naylor's injury. UCLA repeatedly fed the ball inside Gadzuric inside for the first eight minutes of the contest to take a 21-10 advantage Gadzuric, who scored 15 of UCLA's first 19 points, opened the game with a thundering alley-oop from senior guard Earl Watson.

Santa Barbara had early trouble handling the Bruins' 1-2-2 full-court zone pressure, but eventually broke the pressure with systematic passing and good ball control. The Gauchos then heated up from the field, including three treys from Hull that cut the lead to 31-27 at the 5:40 mark.

Junior forward Nick Jones hit a wide-open layup with 5:03 remaining and 20 seconds later senior forward Juliano Jordani buried a 17-foot jumper to tie the game for the first time at 31-31. The teams exchanged buckets for the next few minutes until Jones stepped in front of a UCLA inbound pass that led to a huge three from Jordani to give UCSB a 39-36 lead with under 2:00 to go in the half.

Santa Barbara took a 41-38 lead into the locker room, which is the team's highest halftime point total of the season. UCSB shot a smoking 56 percent in the first half, including 6-10 backers from beyond the arc. UCLA made only 3-13 three pointers in the half.

The Bruins went back inside to start the second half and quickly recaptured the lead 43-41. However, Hull quickly answered with a jumper and a flurry of lead changes ensued in the following 10 minutes of the contest. With 9:34 remaining, the score stood at 64-63 in UCSB's favor.

UCSB then went on a momentum shifting 9-2 run. Freshman forward Casey Cook knocked down two needed free throws at the 4:11 mark to shrink the lead, 72-68. Santa Barbara forced the Bruins to take the key clock on the team in possession, but missed two free throws at the other end of the floor. Seconds later Hull missed a layup and UCLA capitalized by hitting two free throws. Cook hit again from the charity stripe to cut the gap to 74-69, but Kapono hit a game-breaking three with 1:40 remaining to crush Gaacho victory hopes.

Jordani and Jones finished with 10 points each for UCSB while guards Jacoby Atako and B.J. Ward both dished out six assists. Santa Barbara was out-rebounded 36-24 and once again could not hit clutch free throws down the stretch.

UCSB Hopes to Mangle San Antonio in Tourney's Opening Round

By KEITH BUSAM

The #14 Santa Barbara women's volleyball team will host the largest sporting event of UCSB's athletic season tonight, while squaring up with an unranked but dangerous #22 Loyola Marymount in a first-round matchup. Directly following the conclusion of that match, Santa Barbara and San Antonio will battle to determine the #1 seed in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

Tournament play kicks off in the Thunderdome at 5:30 p.m. when #18 Stanford University battles #2 Loyola Marymount in its first-round matchup. Directly following the conclusion of that match, Santa Barbara and San Antonio will battle to determine the #1 seed in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Tournament play kicks off in the Thunderdome at 5:30 p.m. when #18 Stanford University battles #2 Loyola Marymount in its first-round matchup. Directly following the conclusion of that match, Santa Barbara and San Antonio will battle to determine the #1 seed in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

Some players pad their stats during garbage time. Others turn garbage time into crunch time with upset plays and strong leadership in important games.

Sophomore point guard B.J. Ward is one of those players who is at his best down the stretch. Ward is now the floor leader of the Gauchos, and his improvement across the board from his freshman campaign is evident early in his second season.

Ward is used to getting put in difficult situations, his clutch performance in an overtime loss to San Francisco last week. Ward did not redshirt last year because guard Larry Bell broke his foot in the first week of the practice of the season and he couldn't play until December.

"Last year was just a learning experience for me playing behind Larry and Derrick [Allen]," Ward said. "They're both real strong and real smart experienced players. As a redshirt, I could take in everything and learn, but I wasn't as big a part of the action. Now this is my team. I got to be a leader. I got to be vocal."

Being a leader is what Ward is all about. The young guard has shown tremendous poise in every game. Head Coach Bob Williams praised Ward's solid play in the last 10 minutes of a 64-53 loss at Pepperdine. Ward hit a key short jumper to bolster a 13-1 second-half run against the Waves, bringing the Gauchos within seven with 4:20 left in the game.

"I'm going to orchestrate our offense and try to get guys open," Ward said. "That's my job: just to try and get Mark [Hull] LaRon [Bryant] involved and get them good looks, get them open. And when I have the opportunity, I'll try to score, get to the free throw line and do my part that way."

Ward also has the pleasure of playing with former high school battery mate Nick Jones at Santa Barbara.

"It's fun playing with Nick Jones," Ward said. "I just hope he continues to stay healthy...everybody knows he can just flat out play. He can put the ball in the hole. Ward's teammates share the same fiery attitude as their helmsman about making the NCAA Tournament in March. Ward's leadership is starting to rub off on the rest of the team, while the Gauchos are inching closer to victory with every game.

Despite the heartbreakings losses, Ward and the Gauchos will continue to improve as the season progresses. By the time conference play rolls around, UCSB should have no problem rolling its rivals. With Ward paving the way, the Gauchos' basketball team should be set for years to come.