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SBCC Student Named As Victim in Sunday's 'Saltwater Drowning'

Party-goers Attempt to Make Beach Rescue

By Marisa Lagos and Jennifer B. Siverts Staff Writers

The victim who fell from a Del Playa Drive balcony Sunday morning has been positively identified as 20-year-old Clint McDonnell.

McDonnell, a Santa Barbara City College student and a resident on the 6600 block of DP, was attending a party at 6681 DP when he died after falling close to 40 feet from the patio area to the beach below. The official cause of death was determined to be "saltwater drowning," however he also suffered major head trauma, which, according to the coroner's report, could also have been fatal.

Alison Conway, a junior business economics major, said she and UC San Diego student Melissa Green were dancing with McDonnell before he fell. Conway, who did not know McDonnell, said he was dancing close to the section of the fence where the bluff receded to the fence line. She added that McDonnell, who was found shirtless, was wearing a shirt at the time of the fall.

"We were dancing with him for about 30 seconds. It happened so fast, I can't even remember what he looked like. I was facing him but not looking at him — all I saw was when his body went over the cliff," she said. "I didn't see if he tripped, or what he did or how he did it. I don't know if he knew he was so close to the edge."

Junior theater major Angela Colombo said she immediately ran down to the beach when

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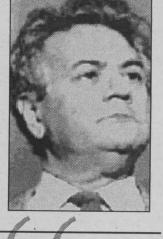


Feature

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

FAFSA: My Anti-Drug; Removal of Aid Sparks Congress Battle

Rep. Barney Frank Leads the Fight to Repeal a 1998 Amendment That Withholds Financial Aid From Students With Previous Drug Convictions



BY DAVID DOWNS

Frank said Souder's law is

Staff Writer

Alan Hunterman says he'd clean up the beach below Del Playa Drive whether he got paid or not.

But the \$10 he now gets for each hour of cleanup helps Hunterman, a homeless resident of Isla Vista, make ends meet.

"I have a dog which runs up and down the beach, and I don't like seeing glass," he said. "I run barefoot up and down the beach, too. When I see all these surfboards lined up down DP, and I see all this garbage below, it doesn't make sense."

For the last three weeks, Hunterman and four other Isla Vista residents have cleaned the DP beach and the bluff area above, for which they were paid \$20. The program, which is organized and directed by Isla Vista Community Development peer Chris Omer, pays five homeless or low-income residents for their work.

"The project was set up to address a few different things in the community. Part of that is to help clean up the beach. There's a constant influx of trash out there," Omer said. "It also opens up the opportunity for underprivileged people to employ themselves. This is primarily homeless people, but it is also intended to break down a lot of stereotypes that exist in I.V. about these groups of people."

Omer's program received \$2,825 from the Shoreline Preservation Fund (SPF) to pay the worker's stipend and cover the cost of cleaning supplies. SPF Chair Scott Bull said Omer's Staff Writer

Drug War promoter Mark Souder, R-Ind., has leveled his legislative guns at the financial aid of hundreds of thousands of college students, but anti-drug war activists nationwide are taking their own potshots and mounting an organized defense.

In a Washington D.C. press conference last week, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., introduced a bill that would repeal Souder's 1998 drug amendment to the 1965 Higher Education Act (HEA). Souder's amendment cuts off financial aid from students convicted of possession or sale of drugs - from holding a joint to selling crack - for a minimum of one year and up to indefinitely. Souder's law cut 8,600 college students from financial aid last year, and could potentially affect thousands more this year.

racist, classist and makes an unfair target of drug users, while ignoring legitimate societal problems.

"Someone who commits a murder or armed robbery is not automatically barred from financial aid eligibility," he said during last week's press conference. "But if you have even one nonviolent drug conviction, you can't get any aid for a year, with longer bans for people with additional convictions."

Souder's original law was written broadly. It was not clear that drug convictions had to occur while a student was receiving financial aid, and did not provide the Dept. of Education with information on how to handle the 800,000 students who would initially leave the question blank on the 2000-2001 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Someone who commits a murder or armed robbery is not automatically barred from financial aid eligibility, but if you have even one nonviolent drug conviction, you can't get any aid for a year...

– U.S. congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.)

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Student Kills 2 in High School Shooting



SANTEE, Calif. (AP) -A 15-year-old boy who had been picked on and had talked about shooting classmates allegedly opened fire in a high school bathroom Monday, killing two people and wounding 13 in the nation's deadliest school attack since Columbine.

San Diego County District Attorney Paul Pfingst identified the shooter Charles as Andrew Williams and said he would be charged as an adult with murder, assault with a deadly weapon and gun possession. He will be arraigned on Wednesday. Fellow students said they knew the shooter as Andy Williams.

One student said the boy, a freshman, had a smile on his face as he fired a pistol at Santana High School in the middle-class San Diego suburb of Santee.

Williams surrendered in the bathroom, dropped his gun and said he acted alone, telling officers: "It's just me," according to sheriff's officials.

Sheriff's and FBI officials served a search warrant on the apartment where the teen lived with his father and removed a computer hard drive about 30 minutes after entering Monday night. The slain students were

identified as Bryan dork, nerd, stuff like that."

I looked at the kid, and he was smiling and shooting his weapon.

- John Schardt Santana High School student

Zuckor, 14, and Randy Gordon, 15. Authorities said one of the victims was a campus supervisor, while a student suffered minor injuries in a car accident while fleeing the 1,900student school.

"I know in your minds is the overriding question: 'Why?'" Pfingst said. "The suspect has made statements. I will not share the contents of the statements with you at this time, but there is no real answer. I am not sure in any real way we will ever know why."

and did not report him to authorities. "He was picked on all the time," student Jessica Moore said. "He was picked on because he was one of the scrawniest guys. People called him freak,

Fellow students and an

adult acquaintance said

they had heard the boy's

threats over the weekend,

but thought he was joking

Student John Schardt, 17, was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started about 9:20 a.m. in a boys' restroom and spilled

into a quad. "I looked at the kid, and he was smiling and shooting his weapon," Schardt said. "It was total chaos. People were trying to take cover."

Schardt said he took photos of victims and another student videotaped the gunman's arrest, but authorities confiscated the film and the tape.

Andrew Kaforey, a 17year-old senior, said he ran into the bathroom with a security guard after hearing what sounded like a firecracker or a gunshot. "He pointed the gun right at me, but he didn't shoot," Kaforey said.

As he and the guard ran out, the gunman shot the guard in the back, Kaforey said.

Investigators said the boy used a .22-caliber revolver, stopping once to reload, and retreated after the shooting into the bathroom.

The attack was the nation's deadliest school shooting since the April 1999 incident at Columbine High near Littleton, Colo., where two teenagers killed 12 fellow students and a teacher before committing suicide.

Washington, In President George W. Bush called the shooting "a disgraceful act of cowardice."

"This is my worst Principal nightmare," Karen Degiescher said. She said that the campus will be closed Tuesday and that counselors were called in to help students.

AP Wire Shorts

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The state's first contracts to buy electricity for two cash-strapped utilities will provide only about two-thirds of the power needed on a typical summer day, Gov. Gray Davis said Monday.

Californians will have to cut their power use at least 10 percent this summer to avoid blackouts, Davis said.

In addition, consumers may end up paying higher electricity prices in the long term to provide a stable supply in the short term, Davis said at a Los Angeles news conference announcing 40 state agreements with power suppliers.

The state cannot build enough power plants or buy enough electricity to ward off rolling outages this summer without a substantial cut in consumption, Davis said

"There is no way we can compensate for 12 years of inaction, given about a two-year timetable to build a plant, without really substantial conservation efforts driving down the amount of power we need — and I might add driving down the price we pay for it," he said.

City police detectives questioned the boy several hours before releasing him Monday evening, said Lt. Sue Slawson, a police spokeswoman.

The boy, whose name was not released, will not face criminal charges. Under Pennsylvania law, children under 10 cannot be charged, said Cathie Abookire, a spokesperson for the Philadelphia district attorney's office.

MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The convergence of millions of pilgrims has once again brought tragedy, with the deaths of 35 Muslims trampled in a throng of people during the stoning the devil ritual at the annual hajj pilgrimage Monday.

Hours later, the enormous crowd was calm and many of the estimated 2 million pilgrims in the sprawl-



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For the first five years, the new contracts provide power at an average price of \$79 per megawatt hour, about 75 percent below recent spot prices, Davis said. The cost later drops to an average of \$61 per megawatt hour, about 80 percent below spot prices, he said.

By that time, the market price of electricity may have dropped as well, as more plants begin producing power, Davis said.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - An 8-year-old boy was briefly taken into custody Monday after bringing a gun to school and allegedly threatening a third-grade classmate.

"He said he's going to shoot me. He said he's going to make it a blood bath and throw me in the dumpster," Fatimah Edwards, 9, told WCAU-TV. She reported the threat to a teacher, who called police.

The boy brought the 9 mm gun in his book bag: "Ammunition was there, but the gun was unloaded," police Sgt. Roland Lee said.

Investigators did not yet know where the boy got the gun. No shots were fired, Lee said. ber of people were injured.

ing, overcrowded tent city were unaware of it.

A witness said the incident started early in the morning and was brought under control about three hours later. The witness, an Egyptian journalist who was performing the pilgrimage and spoke on condition of anonymity, saw a few people at a time suffocate or fall and be trampled to death.

Most of the victims died of suffocation, said Saad bin Abdallah al-Tuwegry, a Saudi civil defense chief.

"A stampede resulted when the older people in the crowd couldn't move as fast as others," al-Tuwegry told the official Saudi Press Agency. "Security forces intervened promptly and prevented the accident from getting worse. We have constantly urged the pilgrims to follow the guidelines for safety that we put forth in order to avoid such disasters."

Security and safety have been major concerns at the hajj, the annual pilgrimage that, according to Islam, must be performed once in a lifetime by every Muslim who is able to do so. Hundreds of *bajj* pilgrims have been killed in stampedes in recent years, in several cases at the stoning the devil ritual. In addition, scores die every year of natural causes, mainly the elderly.

In Monday's tragedy, the news agency said 23 women and 12 men were killed and an unknown num-

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Weather

Sexual tension among friends is a fragile force. You all have that one hot friend who you've known forever and get a little too flirty around when you're drunk. In fact, there is only one thing stopping you from engaging in an intense game of saliva soccer: sexual tension.

Neither of you wants to accept the pressure of the opening kick off, but you both want to score.

Just do it. The worst thing that can happen is you'll sit in the penalty box for a quarter.

Tuesday's forecast: Unneccessary awkardness in the morning, followed by a glorious full-contact game of saliva soccer.

SPF

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project, which is called "More Ways Than One," will include information along with the cleanup.

"People are going to be out there cleaning and they'll be talking to people as well," he said. "They may be going door to door on Del Playa and letting them know how important that it is not to throw their cigarettes, don't throw your couches. People burn shit and throw it off the balcony and watch it burn on the beach, and it's ridiculous."

The SPF, which receives a \$3 per student per quarter lock-in fee, gave over \$500 each to six groups Winter Quarter. The largest of these grants was a \$7,700 project to remove two invasive species, acacia and myoporum, and then re-seed the area around Coal Oil Point Reserve, Bull said.

"We're pretty happy with the way this project has happened in the past; this is the second part of it," he said. "It's something that needs to be done, and the project probably wouldn't happen without our help."

The largest project was a \$1.2-million watershed resource center, which the C o m m u n i t y Environmental Council (CEC) is building at Arroyo Burro beach. The SPF gave \$4,370 to the CEC to start an internship

People burn shit

and throw it off the balcony and watch it burn on the beach, and it's ridiculous.

> – Scott Bull Shoreline Preservation Fund chair

program for UCSB students. Beginning Spring Quarter, the CEC plans to pay two UCSB interns. They hope to increase this number to six over the summer, SPF member Phil Tseng said.

"This is something that riculum, Bull said.

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would have worked here.

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our board feels will probably be funded in the future, continuously," Tseng said. "We encourage UCSB students to make light of these student internship positions and really apply, because they're really attractive."

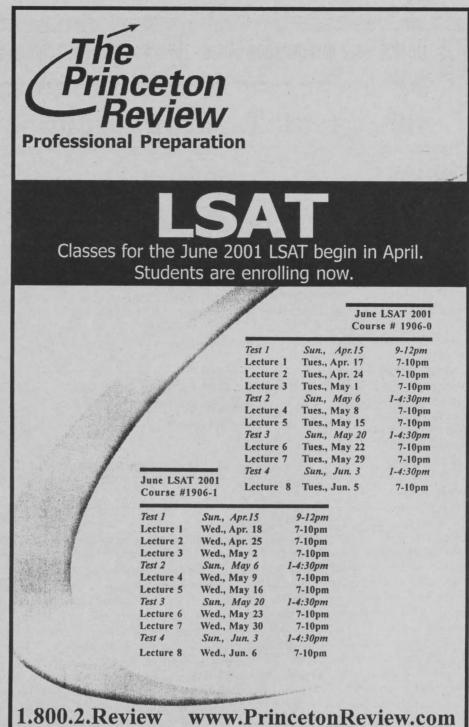
Tseng said the resource center will be a place for the community to learn about watershed issues, including problems with water pollution and development.

SPF also gave \$1,884 to Friends of the Ellwood Coast to create a web page. The site would have two purposes, Tseng said — to report current issues on the property and to plan for an eventual acquisition of that property.

"A lot of students use that property to recreate, and it's pretty important to know what the future of that property is," Bull said. The board also funded

a project to develop a K-12 curriculum based on the ecology of Coal Oil Point. Beginning early next quarter, representatives from the project will hold tables at the reserve to inform people about the new curriculum. Bull said

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Ultimately, last year 270,000 students never answered the question and the Dept. of Education granted their aid. However, the approximately 8,600 students who answered "yes" lost their aid.

Steven Silverman, coordinator for the Washington, D.C.-based Drug Reform Coalition Network (DRCNet), said Souder's broadly drafted law penalized

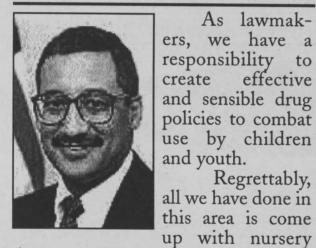
honest stuwhile dents, awarding liars who can easily go undetected amid 10 million yearly FAFSA applications.

"These students are significantly more tragic because, had they done

what politicians do by avoiding the question or even lying outright, they would have otherwise been fine. It seems that these students are being punished for being honest and that's quite a lesson to teach young people."

According to Angela Flood, Souder's chief deputy of staff, it was the Clinton administration that should be blamed for the unfair treatment.

"The way the regulations have been promulgated is not in keeping with the intentions," she said. "The purpose of the law is to bring accountability to the system. If you're breaking the law and using



adult time." ...

will be a difficult one.

"I'm not optimistic with the Republicans continuing to be in control. Obviously, there was a very partisan aspect to the vote last time. We didn't get all the Democrats, but we got a solid majority of the Democrats and we lost every single Republican. With the Republicans remaining in control, I'm not optimistic," he said. "On the other hand, if enough students complain to their members of Congress, we may get

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effective

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- Steven Silverman Drug Reform Coalition Network (DRCNet)

> somewhere. Members of Congress don't ignore constituents."

Although Frank is backed by hundreds of student groups across the nation, bipartisan congressional sponsors and college financial aid administrators, the odds are stacked against him. Silverman said the DRCNet and other groups like the Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) are targeting schools in districts whose representatives are on the Workforce and Education Committee. Their goal is to get students to voice their opinion on Souder's law.

"This is something that so many students never could've imagined - that

this is how the drug war is being fought. They could've never imagined that the government would cut educational opportunities for people with any drug conviction, and so students are coming out everywhere."

SSDP began in 1998 with one D.C. chapter devoted to stopping the excesses of the drug war, and has grown to over 80 chapters nationwide in response to Souder's law. California chapters include UCLA, UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton and others. SSDP Executive

to be affected most by this provision. And it's an unprecedented provision. You could rape, murder, commit arson, get out of jail and still be eligible for federal financial aid. This is an issue that students feel hits very close to home and students can easily pick up and say this is absolutely unjust."

evident who's going

Flood said Souder did not intend to discriminate by race or class, and that there is nothing stopping legislation applying from Souder's law to nondrug criminals.

"The only group intended to be discriminated against - if you want to use that term — are people who use and sell drugs illegally," she said. "That's the bot-

tom line with this. People can get in a tiffy all they want, but this is illegal behavior, the fact that they're outraged that someone might hold them accountable for illegal behavior is lost on me."

Judy Hearsum, director for Alcohol and Other Drug Programs at UCSB's Student Health office, said the #1 drug problem on any college campus in America is alcohol abuse. Alcohol-related citations and arrests in nearby Isla Vista have doubled in the last year to over 1,300, while possession of controlled substances was less than 200, according to current Isla Vista Foot Patrol statistics.

"UCSB isn't the only case example. Any college campus anywhere in this country is going to have far more alcohol use and abuse problems than they do other drugs," she said.

Hearsum said national statistics from 1999 showed 70 percent of college stu-

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Federally subsidized student aid is a privilege, not a right. It is reasonable for taxpayers to expect a certain amount of accountability from students who receive federal aid to pursue an education.

Second, students who spend their time

and money using drugs or selling them to others obviously aren't focused on learning. Why shouldn't their financial aid be made available, instead, to other eligible students more committed to their education?

Students who avoid drugs have nothing to fear from the Higher Education Act. It doesn't take a college education to figure that out.

> - Mark Souder, June 13, 2000. USA Today Opinion Page

> > maybe penalties for students who are getting in trouble with drugs or alcohol or murder or rape, even if it's not on campus," she said.

> > Isla Vista resident and recent UCSB graduate Angela Lang said she worked with the United Hemp Council while at UCSB, educating students on the usefulness and deliberate suppression of hemp by the U.S. government. Financial aid helped her through school, so did the marijuana she used to stop migraines and pre-menstrual cramps. Lang said fourand-a-quarter years at UCSB solidified her belief that alcoholism poses a much bigger threat to students than illicit drugs.

> > "I feel that alcohol causes a lot more cultural harm," she said. "This won't stop students using drugs. It's just discriminates by class and race."

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However, Flood maintained that



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What then does [Souder's] bill accomplish? It will not by any stretch of the imagination make a dent in the rate of drug use by young people. It will, however, deny access to higher education for those students who are not fortunate enough to be independently wealthy.

rhymes and soundbites: "mandatory

minimums," "three strikes and you're

out," "ya do the adult crime, ya do the

- Congressman Robert Scott, May 25, 2000, Remarks on his repeal of Souder's law. The repeal failed.

or selling drugs, you're not obviously studying or making the most of the education that has been provided partly at taxpayer expense."

Last year, Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va introduced a repeal similar to Frank's, but Workforce and Education the Committee voted it down 30-16 with six Democrats defecting. Frank is going up against the same Republican-dominated committee this year, and he says the fight

Board member Shaun Heller said lobbying for the repeal opens students' eyes to other aspects of the drug war.

"It springboards them into the greater issue and opens their eyes to what's going on - the fact that we have almost 500,000 non-violent drug offenders incarcerated. That is more people than the entire prison population of Western Europe has in prison for all offenses," he

said. "You're punishing people who've already been punished, and then you're going further by taking away someone's education. This only affects lower and middle-lower income people, because otherwise you're not eligible for financial aid."

There is also a racist aspect of Souder's law, Heller said. "African Americans constitute 13 percent of drug users and 55 percent of drug convictions. So it is quite



dents drank within the last 30 days, compared to 22 percent for nicotine, and 13 percent for marijuana; all other illegal drugs were in the single digits. Hearsum said Souder's drug provisions are not the best way to deal with student drug problems.

"It probably isn't the most effective way to be dealing with the situation; however, we should have higher standards and

Souder's legislation could help deter students from drug use.

"Maybe you have a problem, so this is one way to identify students who need treatment, and it's a deterrent. If you're receiving student aid and you care at all about your education, and you know that you could lose student aid if you're

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We didn't know what to do, because we only had a key chain flashlight. We walked all the way down the beach, and when we got back to the platform that's when the cops got there.

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Conway and Green, with whom she came to the party, informed her of the fall.

"When I found out, I immediately ran down to the beach. Two guys were coming up, and they said no one was down there. I said, 'Please, can we look,' and we jumped into the water — because it was high tide at that point," she said. "We didn't know what to do, because we only had a key chain flashlight. We walked all the way down the beach, and when we got back to the platform that's when the cops got there."

Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers were able to locate within McDonnell approximately seven minutes from the time they

received the call, Santa trating part was seeing Barbara Sheriff's Lt. Mike Burridge said.

"Two party-goers actually went down immediately after he fell," he said. "They couldn't find him because of the high surf, so they waited at the bottom of the stairs for the IVFP."

Conway said approximately 20 people on the balcony at the time of the incident did not respond when she and Green informed them of the fall, and Green called 911 from the residence with the help of an unidentified female.

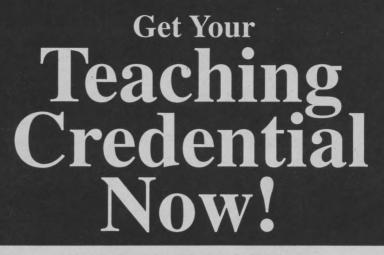
"When it happened, we were screaming at people, 'Somebody fell off the cliff,' and they were yelling at us, 'You're stupid girls, you don't know what happened, you're on drugs,' ... I know when I think about it, it doesn't make sense," she said. "The most frusthese people yelling at you and then [Green] was the one who ended up calling [911].

- Angela Colombo junior theater major

Colombo said she was upset that very few people at the party responded to the accident.

"No one understood or believed [my friends] and for the most part kept on partying. It was really upsetting. Don't get me wrong, there were a group of people that tried to do everything in their power to help him, but there was nothing they could do," she said.

The results of a toxicology test intended to determine if the victim was under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the fall will not be available for seven to 10 days.



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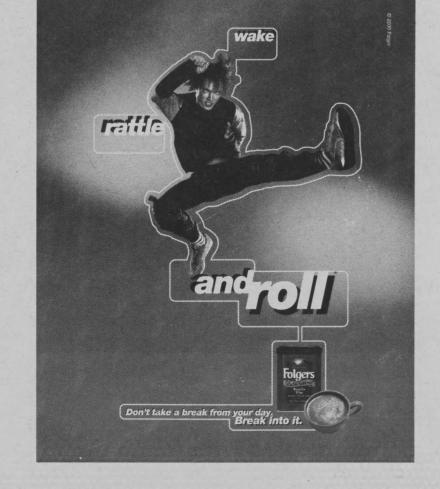
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Tay-Sachs Disease is an inherited genetic disorder of infancy. The affected baby develops normally until about six months old. Then, destruction of the nervous system begins and death follows by the age of four or five.

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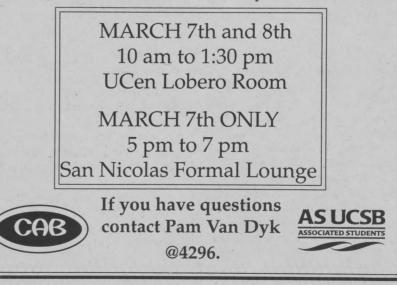
The carrier rate is 1 in 250 in the general population, and 1 in 27 in the Jewish, Cajun, and French

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SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

Four Alarms

The University and Government Must Ante-In to Provide the Campus Fire Station With Needed Resources

In one of the most densely populated areas in the western United States, it is crucially important that public safety precautions keep pace with demographics. Recently, Santa Barbara County Fire Chief John Scherri warned that such is not the case in our community. Scherri said the county fire station, located on University Road behind Harder Stadium, lacks the equipment and manpower to handle a major fire in the Isla Vista/UCSB vicinity.

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The danger is twofold. The campus station lacks a ladder that can reach the upper stories of buildings such as the Humanities and Social Sciences Building and Phelps Hall, as well as Francisco Torres, San Miguel and San Nicholas Residence Halls. Trucks that can respond within five minutes carry 30 and 50foot ladders, but the closest 100-footer is all the way downtown - a 15 minute delay that could leave students trapped in the event of a fire. Additionally, the trucks that arrive first on the scene carry only three firefighters. Their ability to act is limited because regulations require that two men wait outside if two go in. Given the fact that the tallest dorms are 30 years old and do not have sprinklers, this poses a potentially fatal problem. Scherri has contacted university, state and local officials to request \$700,000 for a truck with a 100-foot aerial ladder and \$285,000 to hire three additional men to cover a 24-hour shift. This is adequate warning, and the university must now collaborate with state and county governments to raise the money. Although the amount requested is a small price to pay to ensure the community's safety, it is not an easy sum to come by. The Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. is supposed to provide adequate fire protection with the tax dollars we give them, but UCSB has particular needs. There are not many 100-foot aerial ladders available because tall buildings such as those located on campus are very rare countywide. In addition, bikepaths, landscaping and closer corners hinder the process of fighting fires at the university or in I.V. More men are needed to

overcome these obstacles. These special needs do not absolve government of responsibility for our community, but \$1 million is a heap of cash and it behooves the university to contribute what it can.

According to Chancellor Henry Yang, the university has spent \$75 million over the past decade to improve fire safety. It is not that students do not appreciate this, but fireproof mattresses and extinguishers will not deliver people safely from a four-alarm blaze on the eighth floor of the Davidson Library. UCSB Fire Marshal John Kennedy argues that current provisions are sufficient on the grounds that the campus station has successfully contained all fires to date. But do we want to learn our lesson the hard way? Fire Dept. manpower and equipment must be brought up to date. If this is to be accomplished, the state and local government must pool their resources with the university.

The SB Fire Dept. is a public service funded by taxpayer dollars. As such, the brunt of the financial burden should fall on the government. A fair solution is to have the state and county purchase the new truck, while the university picks up the bill for the extra manpower. This compromise assigns 75 percent of the cost to the government and 25 percent to the university. UCSB will soon begin drafting next year's budget and \$285,000 should be earmarked as an allocation to the campus fire station. This action is in students' and professors' best interests, but the administration needs pressure to move. A.S. has a golden opportunity to put one of its position papers to good use. The student government would be of great service to its constituents if it would take the lead in this campaign. UCSB continues to grow. Close quarters and tall buildings full of microwaves, toasters, space heaters and a myriad of other apparatuses that can furnish a fatal spark pose a significant threat. We desperately need the new equipment and additional firefighters to thwart this potential disaster. Disable MEL

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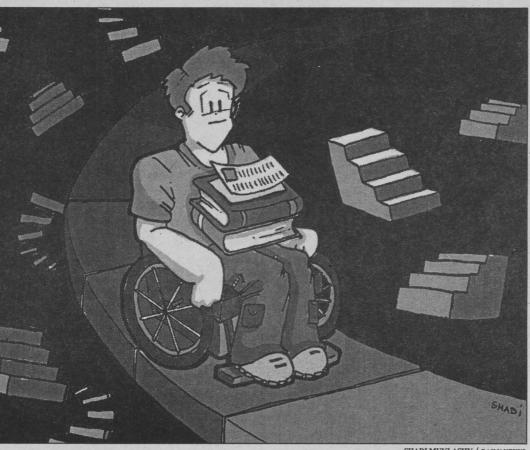
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will attend to show and demonstrate new technologies that will advance the disabled community now and in the future. It will be a time for sharing our stories, making new friends, connecting for a positive change, and uniting the disabled community and its allies so that all of us may have better access to our education.

Here is a list of the planned events for Wednesday, March 7, 2001:

Noon-1 p.m. Kickoff Rally, Storke Plaza Performance from Dirk, featuring Santa Barbara Guide Dogs for the Blind. SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

1-4 p.m. Workshops, MultiCultural Center

1-2 p.m. Disability Experience Workshop. Just for a moment, feel what it is like to be blind or in a wheelchair. This workshop will raise awareness of what it is like to be a disabled student at UCSB.

2-3 p.m. Demystifying Disability Sexuality. One of the myths enveloping the disabled community is that they are not sexual. This workshop will confront that stereotype. We will explore issues of relationships, safer sex, heterosexism, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex. This workshop is a safe space for all participants.

3-4 p.m. Connecting for Change: Meeting with Campus Leaders. This informal meeting will allow students to meet with important campus personnel from the UCen, Housing Services and Davidson Library in order to foster awareness about disability access on campus and in the community.

4:30-9 p.m. Accessing Our Education Gathering, Corwin Pavilion. Refreshments provided.

Disabled Students Panel: What is it like to be disabled at UCSB? A panel of UCSB community members will openly address their personal stories. This is an informal way to get to know the disabled community and a great way to interact with the panel through a question-and-answer opportunity.

UCSB proudly welcomes W. Mitchell, Keynote Speaker. Santa Barbara resident and acclaimed author W. Mitchell knows about challenge, change and courage — all first-hand. Through co-founding a metal casting company that put thousands to work, his election as mayor and congressional nominee, a fiery motorcycle accident that left him burned on over 65 percent of his body, and the airplane crash that took away his ability to walk, Mitchell now soars above the rest with grace, good humor and gumption.

Free showing of the film: "Proof." Imagine being able to touch, taste, smell and hear, but not see. In "Proof" (Jocelyn Morhouse, dir., 1991), audience members re-examine their sense of sight through the experience of a blind man named Martin (Hugo Weaving). Also starring Russell Crowe.

Mel Fabi is the Goodspeed Intern at the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

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ng in response to the persistent and blatant attacks sing election code. Due to problems occurring in the offs, the Election Committee re-evaluated our cursystem and opted for a new process — the imme-. The reason we moved to an immediate run-off give a larger number of students the ability to fficials. The current system, due to its ps student tem received criticism from a small but vocal minority, the overwhelming majority of Legislative Council members support the change.

In defense of the Election Committee and its meetings, all students are welcome to attend. The chair of the Elections Committee consistently sent (and still sends) e-mails to all Legislative Representatives, committees, boards and executive

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election process.

If anyone has any questions regarding the election code or the election process, feel free to e-mail us at <elections@as.ucsb.edu>. SARAH M. HACKER

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MEMBER OF ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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than the old system, making this system more repf the student body. The additional benefits of this would allow for immediate results, decreased costs of ion for both the school and the candidates, and a of student input. This immediate run-off system is other universities, including Stanford, and a variety statewide governments. Although this new tally sysofficers for their input into this new system. To clarify a

misconception: The election code was available for anyone to read two weeks before the Elections Committee presented the bill to the Legislative Council — not the day before, as stated by the Associated Students president in a previous editorial (Daily Nexus, "Students Should Have Say in Elections Code," Feb. 28). The Elections Committee took an active role in the debates in Legislative Council during the passage of this bill. Our presence has encouraged open communication and lively discussion between the Legislative Council and the Elections Committee. This provided an excellent forum for students and our representatives to learn about changes in the election code.

In conclusion, I stand behind every decision made by the Elections Committee. I have full faith in the integrity of every member on the com-

mittee. The election code that has been presented would not have been possible without this Elections Committee and I thank all of them for their sleepless hours and relentless work to perfect this code. I look forward to our new election code and to an efficient

RATIONALLY AFTER TRAGEDY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

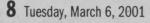
It takes a tragedy to show what the powers that be are really made of. After one occurred over the weekend, it would have been nice to look toward local leaders with faith in their abilities, but, personally, this was not possible. I predicted these leaders would illustrate to everyone the completely irrational reactionaries that they are. Then, when I started seeing the media blame the party atmosphere of Isla Vista for the actions of David Attias, I became worried that my predictions were correct.

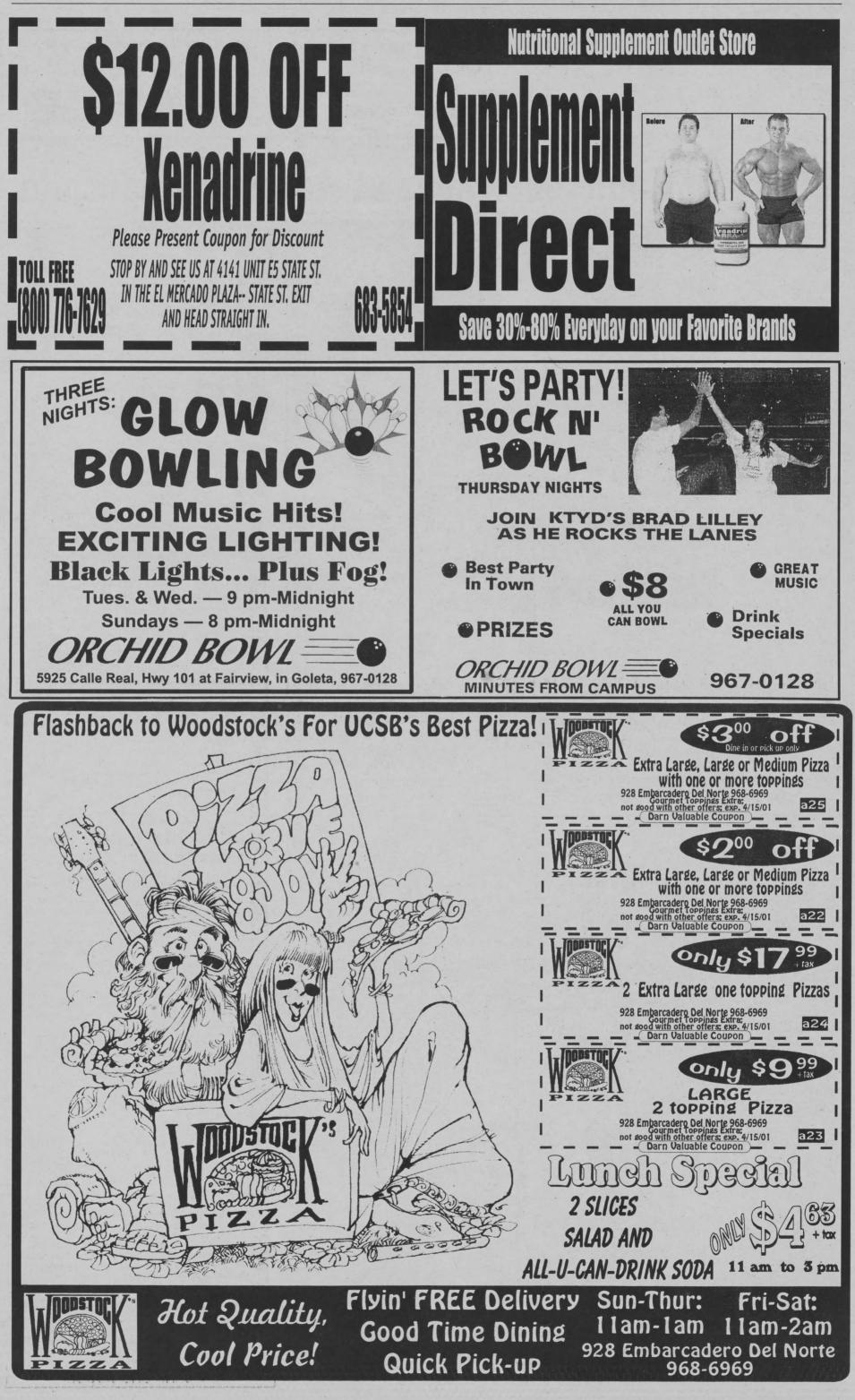
But that was just the silly old media, who gets paid to make ridiculous conclusions, right? I don't think so. Yesterday, one of the guys I live with got pulled over twice and was told to slow down when he was well under the speed limit. Today, I went to Tío Alberto's and saw a flyer proposing a "Dry I.V." weekend in memorial of the victims of the tragedy. We should not drink in memorial? I defy anyone to explain how that makes any kind of sense. Why didn't we rally for a sober weekend after there was an earthquake in India? Or better yet, why didn't we all stop sending items through the United States Postal Service for a weekend after Patrick Wen Tsu Hsu died?

Things are only going to get worse. Cops are going to be up our asses. The county is going to pass ridiculous ordinances. The school is going to pull god knows what. Someone might even have the gall to say I am wrong. It's pathetic.

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DRUGS

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convicted of a drug crime, then maybe you'll be less likely to commit the crime.'

Frank said the Republican-controlled Workforce and Education Committee does not have to vote on his repeal bill. Rather, Souder's broadly drawn provision needs technical amendments to clarify that only students who are receiving aid at the time of their drug conviction will be cut off. These amendments also mandate answering this year's FAFSA question #35; applicants who don't answer will not be processed. The amendments died in last year's Congress and the committee may be forced to vote on them again.

Silverman said the amendments might not be necessary if the Bush administration orders the Dept. of Education to withhold aid from students who don't answer the drug question.

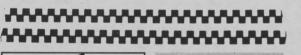
"We're sort of waiting and seeing what they're going to do and then responding from that. We really hope that they will continue with how the Clinton administration handled it; that they permitted those who left the question blank to go through, but there's no way of saying," Silverman said. "Bush hasn't spoke out on the subject, but I'm sure he's going to be much more receptive to the pressure from the Republicans who worked in the 106th Congress on the technical amendments."

Silverman said that while most students don't have representatives in the Workforce and Education Committee, contacting their representative to be a co-sponsor could help.

"[Co-sponsoring] will help lend weight to the bill. It shows that more and more legislators are signing onto this and a representative need not be afraid of signing onto this, because it has gone mainstream. This goes beyond partisan politics. This is about educational access. You do not have be concerned about looking soft on drugs because the students understand what this is about."

As SSDP and other drug law reform organizations gain new college chapters, Silverman said Frank's repeal would not be the last step to end Souder's law.

This was definitely a grenade lobbed at students. We think Mark Souder tried to score political points using students, thinking they're not politically active and that because they don't vote as much, he could get political mileage by hurting them. Well, students are not going to sit by idly while politicians use their education opportunities as cannon fodder in their war on drugs.





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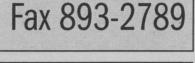
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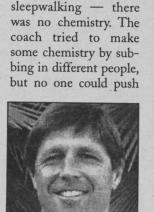
BY BRITTANY LANGAN, Staff Writer

Brigham Young University is still the team to beat.

Leading the nation with their .418 hitting percentage, the Cougars (11-1, 7-1 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) have clawed their way to the top of the MPSF, and they left their mark on the #8 UCSB men's volleyball team Friday night. The Gauchos (7-8, 3-8) fought hard, but came up short, losing 30-22, 29-31, 30-26, 30-28.

Reeling from the loss to BYU, Santa Barbara came out a shadow of its former self against #11 Pacific (5-7, 3-5) on Sunday. UCSB didn't put up much of a fight against the Tigers, losing for the fifth match in a row, 30-21, 30-23, 30-20.

"On Friday we played a good team and we played to their level," junior outside hitter Alex Lienert said. "If we



had played at the same

level in Sunday's match

we would have killed

these guys, but instead

we played with no emo-

tion. Everybody was

Ken Preston

us over the top."

Current Cougar, and former Gaucho, junior outside hitter Joaquin Acosta, had something to prove to the Gauchos Friday's match. in Acosta came through for BYU in game one with some impressive kills and added to the Cougars 61.5 hitting percent that earned the team a 30-22 victory.

the second game, coming from behind for a 31-29 victory. Sophomore middle blocker Anders Bengtsson sprained his ankle during the game, and was unable to compete for the rest of the weekend.

In game three, the Cougars found it hard to step in front of UCSB. But in the end, it was a few errors on Santa Barbara's side of the net that cost it the game, as it fell 30-26.

The Gauchos restricted BYU to no more than a three-point lead for the first half of game four. But UCSB soon fell behind due to its service and hitting errors. BYU capitalized on the Gauchos' mistakes, squeaking past Santa Barbara, 30-28.

"We were well-prepared to play on Friday," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "We fought hard, but we just came up short. We got beat down the line." If there has been a

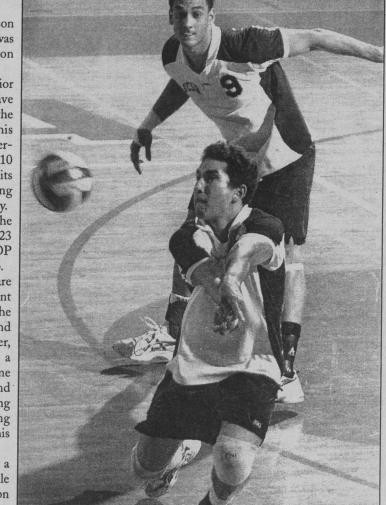
in the past weeks."

UCSB retaliated in low point in the season for the Gauchos, it was Sunday afternoon against Pacific.

> In game one, junior outside hitter Dave Kohl couldn't keep the team afloat with his three consecutive service aces, and at 10-10 Santa Barbara lost its momentum, handing Pacific a 30-21 victory. UCSB then lost the final two games 30-23 and 30-20 with UOP

> completing the sweep. The Gauchos are now at a critical point in their season with the play-offs right around the corner. However, UCSB will have a chance to size up some East Coast teams and turn around its losing streak in the Long Beach Tournament this weekend.

"Our team is in a slump," senior middle blocker Shane Johnston said. "We need to come together as a team. We



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need leadership and Junior outside hitter Andy Rivera goes for a dig against UOP on Sunday. confidence and we've Santa Barbara lost 3-0 to the Tigers, dropping its fifth match in a row.



Gauchos Finally Find Winning Touch

BY CLANCY ROBERTS Reporter

It has taken them a while, but the UCSB women's tennis team sliced and diced its way over Riverside at Santa Barbara on Saturday afternoon.

The Gauchos waltzed their way to a 7-0 sweep to notch their first victory of the season in a match where none of the games extended to a final third set. After winning the doubles point for the first time this season, there was no looking back

get that doubles point."

After enduring a winless season, where injuries, excessive travelling and bad weather have plagued the team, the team was intent all week in practice on getting that elusive first victory that opened its March home stay

"It's about time," junior Shiho Fukushima said. "We actually started to play our game. That's definitely what we needed. It gave us a lot of confidence."

After the duos of junior Cindy Ammann and senior Shannon Wilkins, and

Ammann came away with an impressive 6-1, 6-1 victory, while Lenz, in the two spot, nailed a 6-2, 6-0 win. Wilkins sealed a win with a 6-1, 6-3 performance. Andrade bagged a 6-2, 6-0 win, while Fukushima battled off a case of the nerves to win the match 7-5, 6-2. Freshman Vanessa Everly's 6-0, 6-2 victory sealed the Gauchos' first victory in grand fashion.

"After this game, we showed that we are really going in the right direction," Fukushima said.

UCSB Succumbs to Powerful OSU

The UCSB men's gymnastics team competed against #3 Ohio State at Rob Gym on Friday night, but was unable to maintain high performance level throughout the entire meet, falling 211.32-202.2.

We did pretty well up to the last three events and even after that," UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said. "We were OK, right on target. It's the end of the season and we have to get together and do better."

Sophomore Geoffrey Howell led the Gauchos in the floor routine, scoring a 9.0. But Howell couldn't match OSU's Dick



The UCSB women's tennis team swept Riverside 7-0 for its much awaited first win of the season.

for Santa Barbara.

"We've been struggling in doubles all year," senior Gaby Andrade said. "It's been difficult for us to get two out of three doubles teams to win. It takes some pressure off when you do

Andrade and freshman Anne Marie Lenz combined to secure the doubles point for the Gauchos, Santa Barbara headed into its singles matches fired up and ready to play.

In the #1 singles spot,

The Gauchos are slotted to play back-to-back games against Louisville, UNLV, and Miami on March 11-13 on their home court. After a day of rest, they will suit up again when they host Syracuse on March 15.

Huntwork, who finished with a 9.15, leading OSU to a 35.4 to 34.6 victory.

The scores were also tight during the pommel horse event, with Howell tallying an impressive score of 8.9. But UCSB had a few too many compromising mistakes, falling 34.7-33.25.

Junior Michael Kelly-Sang-Ho and sophomore Danny Levine both scored an 8.6 in the rings, but their scores weren't high enough, and UCSB narrowly fell 33.8-33.2.

Despite coming up short in many of the events, the Gauchos remained positive, and will head into next weekend's Gold's Gym Challenge with some extra confidence.

"I think we did the best we've done this year and it's probably due to the energy we have,' Levine said. "We have a home meet next weekend that I think we'll do even better.'

-Kim Cantor

Santa Barbara Prepares for Critical Matches vs. Pacific, Fresno State

BY JOHN LIU

Reporter

The UCSB men's tennis team played at the Pacific Coast Doubles Open this past weekend in La Jolla, squaring of against the likes of Stanford, UCLA and Notre Dame.

Playing against such formidable opponents, none of the Gauchos' doubles teams advanced past the first round of the tournament.

Fortunately, the doubles results do not calculate into Santa Barbara's season record, and the tournament gave the Gauchos a chance to relax and just play tennis.

"On the court we were trying very hard," freshman Mike Placek said. "But off the court, everybody was more relaxed."

"[The Pacific Coast tournament] was more like fun than anything

else," junior co-captain Marcio Pepe said. "[La Jolla] was unbelievable. They had some really nice courts. We all had fun."

Santa Barbara will travel to the University of the Pacific and Fresno State this weekend in two important matches. UCSB will battle Big West conference foe UOP in Stockton on Friday in a match that will greatly impact its seeding in the Big West tournament.

"Our ranking for the Big West tournament will depend on how we play against [the University of the Pacific]," sophomore Michael Faust said. "[UOP] is a big match for us. Everyone is playing well."

The Gauchos will then head to Fresno State to face the Bulldogs in another crucial match Saturday.

UCSB knows that playing well this weekend is of the utmost importance, with the season entering the stretch run.

'Our next two matches are a good shot for us to start playing better," Placek said. "Pacific is important because they're in the Big West and Fresno is a big match because we know we can beat them."