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### **Pole Position**

The roar of half-ton steel behemoths has not discouraged this desperado, who's been out riding fences for so long now, from contemplating a deathdefying scamper across a local highway.

### **Area Residents Receive Free Meal**

By Rebecca Strong Reporter

Three greek organizations combined resources to serve some of Isla Vista's needy a spaghetti dinner Wednesday

night at the University Religious Center.

Approximately 25 local residents gathered at the second annual All-Greek Dinner for a free meal as a result of efforts made by Pi Beta Phi, Phi Sigma Kappa and Zeta Beta Tau. The food was cooked by Pi Phi's chef, utensils were donated by ZBT, and Phi Sig supplied dessert. Approximately 10 members from each organization volunteered.

"We have the resources to do so many positive things for the community, including the enthusiasm of our members," said Alex Koocheck, Phi Sig philan-thropy chair. "Some of these people do have access to other forms of sustenance but never really get the opportunity to have a nice, hot meal served to them in a nice atmosphere. ... It is also a social outlet for the recipients."

The event represented a one-of-a-kind chance for Pi Phi to make a difference in the community, as suggested by the Com-

See DINNER, p.6

### Lack of Evidence to Support Two Claims, Judge Decides

By Eric Steuer Staff Writer

In a Los Angeles courtroom Monday, a U.S. District Court judge rejected two of three counts of discrimination charged

three counts of discrimination charged against UCSB by California State University, Northridge Professor Rudy Acuña. Deciding which of Acuña's claims should be tried in front of a jury, Judge Audry Collins ruled there was insufficient evidence indicating Acuña may have been denied a position with UCSB's Chicano Studies Dept. in 1991 because of either his race or national origin. However, the 62-year-old professor's right to file an age discrimination case against the university was upheld.

In the flurry of conflict which followed UCSB's June 1991 announcement to

UCSB's June 1991 announcement to deny Acuña a position in the Chicano Studies Dept., the professor vowed to sue the university as well as individual members of the review board which made the decision against his appointment.

Acuña called the decision denying him

a position within the department racially and politically motivated in October 1991, expressing his belief that his nonappointment was a consequence of "racist and McCarthyite misdeeds." The professor filed suit against UCSB in 1992.



Rudy Acuña

Acuña's attorney, Moisés Vázquez, be-lieves legal problems remain with the judge's decision on the discrimination

"The way the judge viewed discrimination practices and what can be used as proof of discriminatory motives is questionable," Vázquez said. "Furthermore, in a summary judgment motion, all we would usually need to do is show a trace of discrimination. But since we don't are of discrimination. But since we don't get to have the racial issues heard by a jury, it's almost as if the judge tried the case by

See ACUNA, p.6

### Wallace Questions Accountab **Voices Concern on Duty Transfers**

By Michael Ball Staff Writer

Third District County Supervisor Bill Wallace traveled to Sacramento Monday in an attempt to persuade one state agency from stripping the powers of another, an action possibly opening Santa Barbara's coastline up to future oil

The Commission on State Government ganization and Economy Hoover Commission) met Monday to hear testimony on a reorganization plan submitted by Gov. Pete Wilson. The proposal would transfer duties of the State Lands Commission to various departments within the administration, according to Andy McLeod, assistant secretary for Resource.

"It's a broad restructuring effort and one part of it deals with the State Lands

Commission specifically," he said.

The proposal would shift the SLC's Marine Resources Inspection responsi-bilities to the Dept. of Fish and Game, which currently serves in those areas as well, and their Mineral Resources Management services to a new Dept. of Energy

and Conservation, according to McLeod. Wallace testified before the commis-

sion, expressing opposition to the proposal. The plan would allow Wilson-appointed department heads to control much of the oil development along the coast, removing the independence of the SLC, according to Wallace.

"The advantage of State Lands is they have two elected officials and one appointed member and they meet in public," he said. "They were accountable, and mey made decisions in public."

The commission is currently composed of two ex-officio members, Lt. Gov. Gray Davis and Controller Kathleen Connell. as well as one member appointed by Wil-

son, Director of Finance Russell Gould. The proposal would weaken the SLC and reduce the amount of public input into oil and gas issues by transferring its powers to department heads appointed by the state's chief executive, according to Bill Morrison, SLC assistant.

"It's not controlled by the administration at the moment," he said. "But department directors are not open to the public.

See WALLACE, p.6

### Presentation to Notify Students of Possible Oil Project, Promote Community Involvement

A slideshow and discussion session will be held tonight at Santa Rosa Residence Hall to inform the community about the details of Mobil Oil Corp.'s proposed Clearview Project.

Members of the Associated Students Environmental Affairs Board are holding the presentation to raise awareness about the project, slated for University-owned property adjacent to campus that opponents say will harm the

"One of the reasons we're having it in a residence hall is to target freshmen and anybody who may not know about it," said Leila Salazar, EAB recycling chair and event coordinator. "It took a year and a half to get their proposal in. Who knows how long this process

will take. We want to inform

people who will be here." The Clearview proposal entails the erection of a 175-foot drilling rig at the Ellwood Marine Terminal near the Devereux Slough to tap into up to 80 wells approximately three miles offshore. The drilling site would rest on 17 acres of the 174-acre University-owned

"This presentation we want to make open to as many people as we can," said Eric Cardenas, EAB member and sophomore environmental studies and political science major. "It's a presentation of Mobil's side and the opposing side."

Cardenas, who will present the slides, charts and other visuals with EAB co-chair David Fortson, hopes to incite stu-

dent interest in community issues

"We want to get students involved in things that are hap-pening around campus and this is an important issue," he

The presentation will be held at 7 p.m. in the Santa Rosa formal lounge.

-Suzanne Garner

## HEADLINERS

### Serbs Block Overland Aid to Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) -Bosnian Serbs cracked down on Muslim aid workers and announced a halt Wednesday to aid deliveries by truck to Sarajevo in a sharp escalation of pressure on the Muslim-led government.

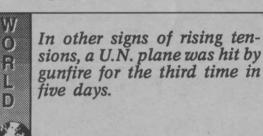
Police in the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka in northern Bosnia detained the local head of a Muslim charity, aid officials said.

A spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Kris Janowski, said Serbs also announced they would allow no land convoys into the Bosnian capital for a week, beginning Sunday.

In other signs of rising tensions, a U.N. plane was hit by gunfire for the third time in five days, and the Red Cross an-

nounced that prisonerexchange talks in north-west Bosnia have collapsed.

The moves came as the Bosnian government hamet in Zagreb, Croatia, said police entered its office in Banja Luka late Tuesday, detained Nijaz Karaselimovic and searched the



marked its official Independence Day holiday and mediators once again sought a formula for ending nearly three years of war.

Aid workers said last week that the Serbs expelled more than 300 Muslims from the Banja Luka area.

Izet Aganovic, the director of the charity Mer-

The charity had no word on the whereabouts of Karaselimovic or about 50 other agency volunteers.

Janowski said Merhamet's files and computer equipment had been seized. Over the weekend, a Merhamet employee was also re-ported detained in nearby Prijedor.

"I very much doubt that Merhamet can continue to operate in the present circumstances in Banja Luka," Janowski said.

Despite constant pressure on non-Serbs to leave Banja Luka, Merhamet has continued to distribute aid, much of it donated by the U.N. refugee agency.

UNHCR officials estimate that of a prewar non-Serb population of about 500,000 in the region surrounding Banja Luka, only about 30,000 are left. Janowski said Saturday that the most recent group to flee reported grenade and machine gun attacks,

Meanwhile, Janowski said Serbs announced a ban on all aid shipments by land to Sarajevo for a week, beginning Sunday.

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### Weather

Pack your umbrella.

I read the other day that loyal California Republicans are urging Gübernor Pete not to throw his wig into the ring for the 1996 presidential nomination, reasoning that should he win, the state would be deprived of him as their own shining knight. Right on!

I'll ignore the implication that these people consider a governor a more effective friend than a president, and instead concentrate on this: we can get rid of the man next year if we try! Pete Wilson's exit from the Sacramento scene would bump Lt. Gov. Grey Davis (a man who has already voted against fee increases that Wilson considers fait accompli) into the governor's mansion. Imagine!

Concurrent with this development, I'd also like to see Americans bring back the honored custom of bringing rotten vegetables to political events. No bodily injury would be inflicted as long as the veggies were in the proper state of putrification, and the risk of public humiliation is the price you pay for public office.

Rotten fruit cannot be consumed, so hunger activists need not worry.

One more thing: nobody ever remained a rebel after winning an election.

### 'Lackluster' Colombia Drug **Enforcement Blasted by U.S.**

WASHINGTON (AP) The Clinton administration issued a sweeping denunciation of Colombia's anti-narcotics performance Wednesday but ruled out a cutoff of assistance as contrary to the national interest.

Colombia was one of 29 drug-producing or transit countries for which the administration, responding to congressional directives, issued judgments concerning their cooperation on anti-drug efforts.

President Clinton had the option of suspending certain aid programs and trade benefits to Colombia in light of the country's "lackluster" performance.

But Clinton rejected that alternative because, most important country in the U.S. drug strategy for the Western Hemisphere, officials said.

Contributing to the administration decision not to impose sanctions was its view that to do otherwise could induce Colom-



bia to withdraw all cooperation.

In Bogotá, the U.S. criticism drew an indignant reaction from Atty. Gen. Orlando Vasquez.

"No country in the world involved in drug as the world's leading producer and distributor of cocaine, Colombia is the man sacrifice," he said.

### **Domestic Violence Victims Receive Coin-Size Alarms**

NEW YORK (AP) -Pocket-size alarms that can summon police at the press of a button were handed out free Wednesday to a dozen women who are at high risk of being beaten by husbands or boyfriends.

The subject has personal meaning for Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes, who asked to have the technology tried out in his borough.
"My mother was bat-

tered constantly when I was a kid," Hynes said at a City Hall news conference.

He said that when he was 14, every night he and his mother and grandfather "would barricade the three entrances to our home because of the enormous fear we had that my father would break in and hurt my mother."

The personal alarms, about the size of a silverdollar, are activated by pressing a button, and can be mounted on a wall panel or worn on a necklace. A silent signal is transmitted to a private



security company monitoring center, whose dispatchers alert police.

Similar alarms can be purchased privately for \$500 to \$800 for routine household security, but these are being provided to the city at no cost by the manufacturer, ADT Security Systems.

### Somali Warlord Takes Over Airfield; Looters Converge

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) - Warlord Mohamed Farrac Aidid's militiamen swept into the Mogadishu airport Wednesday, chasing packs of looters and filling the void left by a retreating U.N. mission.

American and Italian troops watched from the nearby dunes while the militiamen loyal to Aidid, who once carried a \$25,000 U.N. price on his head, roared through the airport gates in strippeddown trucks and jeeps mounted with heavy weapons.

A Marine sniper shot and killed a Somali gunman who fired a rocketpropelled grenade at Marines during a firefight between two Somali factions, said U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Jerry Broeckert. The grenade exploded over the Indian Ocean behind the

U.S. and Italian forces

also fired numerous warning shots to keep Somalis from trying to breach the razor wire between them.

After the last U.N. peacekeepers left the airstrip in the morning, hundreds of looters swarmed



over walls and barbedwire fences to pick over wooden pallets and what little else remained.

American and Italian troops protecting the withdrawal of Pakistani peacekeepers nervously watched the looting. Rifle shots rang out, most fired by militiamen as they shooed away looters.

No looters were hit by gunfire. The Americans, Italians and Pakistanis suffered no casualties.

### Aid Convoys' Access Blocked Into Chechnya; Villagers Flee

ACHKHOY - been sold on the black MARTAN, Russia (AP) As villagers fled fighting in southeastern Chechnya on Wednesday, relief groups and rebel leaders accused Russian troops of blocking or stealing shipments of medicine and other humanitarian aid.

Russian authorities have stopped all aid convoys into Chechnya since Sunday, Jean-Marc Bornet of the Red Cross said in Geneva.

"For 10 days, the authorities ... have created more and more obstacles to the sending of aid convoys toward the south of Chechnya," said Bornet, who heads Red Cross operations in Central Asia.

The Red Cross has been able to send in only a few vehicles with medical supplies.

The rebel government of Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev said international aid destined for his republic has all

market or seized by the Russian army.

"In fact, not a single percent of humanitarian aid reaches Chechnya," Chechen Information Minister



Movladi Udugov told the Interfax news agency.

The Russian government and international agencies are providing aid to refugees outside Chechnya, but aid inside the Caucasus Mountains region has been limited by the war, launched by Moscow nearly three months ago to quell Chechnya's independence drive.

### Planning for Next Year's Budget to Be Discussed at I.V. Board Meeting

By Sylvia Luis Staff Writer

Future park priorities, the planning of upcoming festivals and two truckloads of dirt will be among the items open for discussion at tonight's bimonthly Isla Vista Recreation and Park District board meeting.

IVRPD directors will review project expenditures and set future park goals as part of the planning pro-cess for the next budget

cycle.
"I'm looking forward to setting priorities for the next year and what we want to do with the parks," said Director Brad Hufschmid. "Some of the things I would like to do is finish up Perfect Park and Estero and improving the parks on the blufftop to

make them more usable." The IVRPD will also address the recent reception of cost-free dirt to help save district money as well

as aid the development of the inside berms in Perfect Park and the completion of the planting process.
"We moved 140 cubic

yards of dirt into Perfect Park today and we're plan-ning another 140 cubic yards of dirt tomorrow," said General Manager Roger Lagerquist. "We got the dirt from the Flood Control District, all the dirt that flowed down "I'm going to be an-from the mountains. Dur-nouncing that we're going ing the rains it filled up all the flood channels. They

have a big excess of dirt and it's a shame."

Additional agenda items focus on the planning of upcoming festivals, meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight including the appropriate one of the planning of upcoming festivals, meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight and the appropriate of the planning of upcoming festivals. including the annual one designed for jugglers.

"The Juggler's Festival has been going on for years," said Chairperson Pegeen Soutar. "Every year, they ask to have their fees waived and we will discuss co-sponsoring the event. During the day, they promote their show for that night. Proceeds from that evening's performance go toward the Rape Crisis Center."

Also on the agenda, the recently formed Estero Recreation Program will be promoted by a special event held this month.

to have an Estero Recreation Festival on March

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### 1995 University Award Nominations Being Accepted for **Outstanding Graduating Seniors & Graduate Students**

, ach year the UCSB community recognizes the contributions and achievements of our outstanding graduating seniors and graduate students. University Awards are given to any student who is conferred an undergraduate or graduate degree in the 1994-95 academic year and who has performed "above and beyond the call of duty" in service to the University, the student body, and the community. In 1993 another award was established to recognize an individual's access in the face of adversity.

All students, faculty, and staff may submit nominations for the awards.

### **Thomas More Storke Award**

The Thomas More Storke Award is awarded each year to one graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship and extraordinary service to the University, its students, and the community. The basic criteria are courage, persistence, and achievement. Nominees must have earned a cumulative GPA of

### Jeremy D. Friedman **Memorial Award**

This award is presented annually to one graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and superior scholarship, and who has-in a particularly innovative and creative waycontributed significantly to the quality of undergraduate life on campus. Nominees must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or

### **Alyce Marita Whitted Memorial Award**

This award, first presented in 1993, is presented annually to one nontraditional graduating senior who has demonstrated endurance, persistence and courage in the face of extraordinary challenges while in pursuit of an academic degree.

### NOMINATIONS ARE DUE 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1995 IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS, BLDG 427 OR THE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES CENTER, UCEN 3151

For more information, call the Dean of Students, 893-4569 or the Campus Activities Center, 893-4568

### **University Service Award**

Service Awards, presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students, acknowledge a depth of involvement in several different areas of campus life. GPA requirements are based on academic performance that is equal to or higher than 2.822, which is the scholastic average of the student body as a whole.

### **University Award** of Distinction

These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students who have made an outstanding contribution to a particular (perhaps fairly narrow) area of UCSB student life. The awards recognize in-depth or focused involvement and significant achievement in campus or community activities. As with the Service Awards, GPA requirements are based on academic performance that is equal to or higher than 2.822, which is the scholastic average of the student body as a whole.

#### Nomination forms are available at:

**Campus Activities Center** 

**Cheadle Information Desk** 

College of Engineering—Undergraduate Office

College of Letters & Science

**Counseling and Career Services** 

Davidson Library—East Entrance Information Desk

**Dean of Students Office** 

EOP—Buildings 406 and 434

Graduate Students Association—South Hall 1409

Isla Vista/UCSB Community Services Center

**MultiCultural Center** 

Office of Residential Life—Trailer 335

Student Health Service Lobby

Women's Center

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"And you may say to yourself: My God! What have I done?" —David Byrne



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### **Fighting Words**

University Speech Code Entailed Unrealistic Goals

### **Editorial**

A Stanford University speech code designed to protect students from offensive comments was found to be unconstitutional by a Santa Clara County judge Tuesday.

The university first faced this lawsuit last year when nine students claimed the code was in violation of their First Amendment rights and infringed upon engaging in controversial arguments. Stanford officials rebutted this by stating that the code's focus was not ideas, per se, but rather what they termed "fighting words" directed toward such sensitive subject areas as race, ethnicity and gender.

This target, as Judge Peter Stone noted in his ruling, is far too broad for comfort. After all, what exactly constitutes "fighting words"? One person's harmless joke may be another's inflammatory statement, and there is no way in which a law can encompass such individual variations in perspective.

Indeed, any sort of equitable regulation or management of such a wide, vague subject as freedom of speech is just about an impossible task, particularly on a university campus, where diversity of opinion is supposedly cultivated and prized. John might not particularly like what Jane has to say, but the very nature of our government dictates that she has the absolute right to express herself and her opinions regardless of this distaste.

The intent behind such a code is an understandable one. Even if they could not wholly prevent racial- and gender-based insults, university officials were attempting to at least minimize the frequency of their occurrence. This is, however, an unrealistic expectation at best. The existence of a speech code will not necessarily prevent epithets from being flung, and, in turn, the lack of such a code will not necessarily license the bandying about of offensive

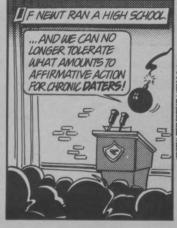
In fact, the existence of such a code seems to have served a purpose which was more symbolic than practical. Students' speech may or may not be controlled at elementary school levels, but this becomes far trickier, and more than likely impossible, at the university level. These are mature, grown adults who can and will say what they please, and any code enacted in an attempt to prohibit such expression certainly does not only violate the First Amendment, but is insulting to their intelligence as well.

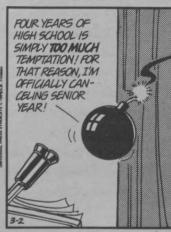
If Stanford's administrators wished to ease tense relations between different campus factions, this speech code only served as a weak attempt at concealing hostility. In place of the cover-up, however, they might consider taking a more honest path, acknowledging the myriad of differences between students and providing channels through which open and forthright communication can occur between these groups. Challenging though it may be to find an effective way to confront the issue, hiding this problem by pretending it doesn't exist or forbidding students to use certain phrases merely makes it

Stanford's code might have had a good heart, but it was conspicuously lacking in common sense. There was nearly no realistic way in which to implement it, and even if it could be realized, there were inherent elements which threatened the First Amendment right to free speech.

As with a dysfunctional family structure, ignoring societal tensions will not make them disappear. Rather than denying tensions on their campus, Stanford officials must face the facts, make some hard decisions and start working toward honest communication in the hope of eliminating any further need of fighting words.

### Doonesbury









BY GARRY TRUDEAU

### The Reader's Voice

### First Step

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Thank you for running the editorial (Daily Nexus, "Inhale This!", Feb. 27) advocating the decriminalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes. You were correct in stating that the lack of acceptance of this therapeutic herb is "ludicrous." The denial of this medicine to legitimate sufferers is a crime our government continues to commit against its citizens.

However, in your comparison of marijuana with alcohol and tobacco, you stated, "These two drugs have been scientifically proven to have just as many adverse effects as marijuana." The reality of the situation is that these two drugs have incomparably worse adverse effects than marijuana. Tobacco is responsible for over 450,000 deaths a year. Alcohol adds at least another 150,000 to this total. Comparatively, there has not been one recorded death from marijuana overdose.

To clarify just how hypocritical our nation's laws are, consider the recent conclusion of the



German High Court: "Compared to the legal narcotic alcohol and to nicotine, cannabis is very much less dangerous." The ruling went been on to decriminalize possession of amounts push under nine pounds.

Even more remarkable, consider the conclusion reached by DEA Law Judge Francis L. Young after hearing 15 days of testimony in 1988: "The evidence clearly shows that marijuana has been accepted as capable of relieving the distress of great numbers of very ill Edit people, and doing so with safety under medical supervision. ... In strict medical terms, port marijuana is far safer than many foods we the commonly consume. ... Marijuana in its na- hike tural form is one of the safest, therapeutically truly active substances known to man.

Decriminalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes is an important first step toward a tolerant attitude that our country so desperately needs.

SHANE SPARKS

### Do Something!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

It was saddening to see such an issue made over some members of A.S.'s plans to block the 405 freeway instead of on the impending round of fee increases. A.S. Attorney General Brian Lawrence, in his reaction to the planned protest, eclipsed the more serious fact that students are going to be left out in the cold again because education is not one of our state's priorities. His handling of the situation seemed highly unprofessional and more of an act of grandstanding than an effort to best rep-prot resent students' interests.

Our fees have more than doubled in the last time four years and past attempts at letter writing mur and quiet state lobbying have obviously proven worthless. As a result, many students now have to work several jobs, take out thousands of dollars in loans and, in some cases, spears and the life way and the life way and the same cases, is the same case case cases, is the same case case cases, is the same case case cases. not attend the UC system at all. This is the true crime and it is a direct result of students not speaking up, both through their voting power tear and through their protest power. Anyone who feels that somehow a nice and politely asked prof "please" is going to stop more fee increases This needs to study their history a little better. It has been tried and it has failed. It should be easy to understand that if we want the attention of lawmakers, something more significant than in th letter writing needs to occur.

Regardless of whether blocking the 405 have would have been the best way to send a mestion sage to Sacramento or not, the people in thos volved were at least trying to do something! stud They were acting with the best intentions, as I mak sit in my La-Z-Boy chair watching MTV. I find lows it hard not to respect a group of people who that were out working to keep a UC education ac-cessible. Who knows, maybe a nude march on Hop the state capital would have received more and press. However, it was clear the countless let-their ters, petitions and requests had fallen on deaf

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ears, and a frustrated group of students decided to do something to get their attention and the attention of the state. What did those critical of the plan do? Did

they come up with a better, more effective or more morally defensible plan? No, they com-plained and criticized so that the chance for a truly effective campaign was lost. If Lawrence thought the plan was bad, then it should have been easy for him to come up with a better one which would have still sent the message that students have had enough fee hikes.
The UC Regents, Gov. Wilson and the state

Legislature are going to squeeze students until they hear us scream in pain. They've squeezed and squeezed, but the scream has been muted. Mr. Lawrence says that those involved in planning the freeway plot should possibly resign. On the contrary, maybe Mr. Lawrence should resign for failing to handle the whole situation in a way which could have had a positive effect.

Whether you believe that blocking the 405, nude march on the state capital or 10,000 signatures is the best way to protest the continual string of fee hikes, the people who tried to make a statement against the increases should be thanked and respected for their efforts to make the price of a UC education affordable. In the fervor of tax cutting and bending over backward to satisfy the "middle class," students have been forgotten. Our generation has been left with a polluted world and a seemingly insurmountable debt. It's ridiculous that the people who we can thank for this situation don't even feel that they have a responsibility to help insure that a well-educated society in the future will be able to solve the problems they created.

Would blocking the 405 have been the beginning of a scream that told the state "Enough fee hikes"? I don't know, but it's a damn beautiful thing to see people who care enough about preserving access to education stick their neck on the chopping block and try to alter the crash course the UC system has ent been put on. Activists, not bureaucratic pencil pushers, are the ones who effect change, and while it's easy to criticize, it's far harder to act. **BRENT FOSTER** 

Thoughtless

Editor, Daily Nexus:

On Friday, Feb. 17, the Weather Box reported the cutting loose of the crew dock on the lagoon by a UCSB student to protest fee hikes. As a representative of sport clubs, I am ally truly disgruntled. I support the American freedom of speech in any form, recognizing that



PHILLIP ETTING/Daily Nexus ep- protest in nonverbal communication can be one of the more outlandish, yet at the same last time one of the more effective forms of com-

ing municating.

This act was of true hypocrisy. Let the facts ses, is the responsibility of our crew team. Any not problems relating to this dock, including any monetary needs, are rectified from the crew team's budget. Therefore, the student who protested fee hikes by cutting loose the dock really just spent the funds of fellow students. ked This is true irony, or true stupidity.

I simply ask that the students be thought of of nan in the battle of higher-education funding. This seems easy enough, but even fellow students have misplaced this primary principle of acnes- tion. This is a plea directed not only toward in- those whose communication skills cost fellow ng! students, but to all involved in the decisionas I making process. Our future as a university folind lows the standards of our nation as a whole in who that the decisions that affect us all lie in the ac-hands of the few chosen as representatives. on Hopefully, those few act with our best interest ore and hear the outcries of the students whether let-their outcries be of proper form or not.

MELISSA PARKER

## the Candle and the Mi

### Olaina Gupta

When I went to visit Barnard College at Columbia University as a prospective student, I stayed with a woman who had a lot of friends in Alpha Phi. She knew they wanted her to join, but we both had anti-greek-organization sentiments. We sat in the local coffee shop one night, and over bagels and hot chocolate I told her the horror stories I had heard about my friend's fraternity, and she told me about girls in New York being excited about finding great dresses in short amounts of time in Trump Towers. We both agreed there was no way we could imagine involving ourselves in something so stereotypically silly.

And then I came back to Barnard as a first-year student and found her in Alpha Phi. I'll never forget her knocking on my door to sell T-shirts for a dance and me just looking at her like, "You're in a sorority? You've got to be kidding me. Have you lost your sense of

The fraternities used to put invitations to their parties under all the doors of the women's college. I remember hearing them romp through the halls one night and seeing the blue cards slide into my room. My roommates watched amusedly while I abandoned my books, picked up the fliers, opened the door, ripped the cards and threw them in the hall trash can as the boys continued on down the

There was no way I was going to join a sorority. But on a campus that I felt was largely segregated by religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation, I found it difficult to find a group of people who accepted me for my personality and didn't expect me to fill or follow an agenda. I went home for the summer before my sophomore year and realized I had to do something to make myself comfortable in my new home in New York City. I had to give the sorority scene a chance.

I came back and went through informal rush. On an anti-greek-organization campus, where sorority membership averaged 40 women per group, this meant choosing to go to whichever gatherings the five different sororities had and just talking to people. One of the sororities had trained their women to ask five questions, and every time I tried to leave the boring party, someone stopped me and circulated me back through the room. "I'm a sophomore, I live in Sulzberger Hall, I'm from California, I'm an English major...."

And then there was Alpha Phi. I walked into a really small party

and recognized some people from my classes, and, of course, my hostess from my high school visit. We just talked about normal things, and I even told them how I was not originally planning to join a sorority and how my dad wasn't sure I should do it and how I would definitely not be forced to do anything. (I was greatly concerned about doing those things you see in the movies — like girls parading around in their underwear as part of some hazing ritual.) Of course, everyone assured me that I wouldn't be hazed, although I hardly expected them to tell me otherwise. But unlike some other sorority responses to the question, there was no awkward shifting or fidgeting or loss of eye contact, and they really didn't seem like people who would do anything remotely degrading or embarrassing. They were women

with a great deal of self-respect and pride.

When Alpha Phi was founded in 1872, it was because Syracuse University had just opened its doors to females, and 10 women needed to band together to be a strong force in the male-dominated world. Similarly, when I arrived at Columbia, it had only been coeducational for 10 years, and Alpha Phi was celebrating its 10th anniversary. A sorority is more than a social organization — a sorority is based on scholarship, the purpose of women in college. Sure, it's just like regular friends: We're there for each other when we're trying to decide where to go to law school or medical school, and we're there for the other things, too — like boyfriend and parental troubles, and we do have organized parties. But for me, it's something I need because it's a base I wouldn't be able to create on my

I joined an organization of 27 women who believed in the highest ideals of womanhood, scholarship and service. I worried about having to drink alcohol — I didn't have to. My three-woman pledge class was sober. We were never hazed. My sisters in New York supported me while I was there. Sororities didn't have houses, but we made time for each other and at least met for lunch on campus.

My sisters in New York even support me while I'm here, staying in contact with me and telling me what's going on in the Big City and asking about what it's like to have 100 sisters and a beautiful house

and great weather ....

I'm not sure if I would have taken the time to get involved in a sorority here. But joining a sorority means having sisters for life and it means having them throughout the world. And it's a good thing. Every time I feel like I'm hanging on by just a thread and expect someone to come along with scissors, someone else comes along and catches me before I plunge into the great abyss. I don't even think my Alpha Phi sisters know they are doing it, just by calling me and leaving me a message, telling me to hang in there and ask for help if I need it, or e-mailing me from grad school, reminding me to take care of

People wonder why I am in a sorority. Well, to tell you the truth, if I wasn't and I was left to my own devices, I would write and read, occasionally eat and sleep, and do nothing else. Alpha Phi forces me to leave my computer and go to a meeting on Monday night and Sunday night for executive board, and occasionally I even go to a party and have a great time. And the thing is, no matter how much I think I don't want to go because I have too much work to do or don't feel capable of socializing, I go because I have to and usually I eventually feel better and am glad I'm there. And that is why I do it — because they are my friends, my sisters and because I need them.

Olaina Gupta is the chaplain of Alpha Phi and a Nexus

## A Simen's Penspective

### Sonja Ventura

A message to people of color: Embrace those on the same side.

The message may be heard with difficulty by people who have routinely been lied to and deceived by others. People employ empty words, attach smiles and frowns to their faces at appropriate times and change skin colors as often as the seasons of the year change. The search for others on the same side frustrates, irritates and infuriates those who engage in it. But the unity must be sought in order to reverse the successful divide-and-conquer techniques of enemies.

The message calls for a unity of people of color. While the numbers of people in each culture remain small, the numbers grow when added together. With a vast amount of energy and focus coming from a vast number

of people, anything may be accomplished. Presently, people of color struggle without enough strugglers.

Many times, a person of color may believe all people of color to be on the same side. Though this myth seems ideal, all persons of color cannot be trusted. Likewise, Euro-Americans cannot be automatically placed on the opposing side. Indeed, many Americans confuse themselves with skin colors. Obviously, many Euro-Americans would not be willing to struggle with people of color. But ignoring whites or simply guessing at where they stand might possibly mean overlooking someone who could be willing to shed blood for the struggle.

White people in America need not alw be the center of focus in the struggle of people of color. Imagine the reality of color relations in the United States - every race issue discussed must always involve white Americans. Different color groups rarely relate to each other without someone white in between the two groups conducting behavior. Allowing Euro-Americans the center space will always result in the domination of people of color. People of color may benefit from stepping inside the circle where only Euro-Americans stand presently and relating to each color with equal value.

For example, when people in America discuss interracial dating, most discuss a couple whose ethnic heritages are Euro-American and some other race. People of color must release Euro-Americans from the dominant position of being on the top of their minds. Interracial relations between Mid-Eastern Asians and Latinos certainly remain to be discussed, as well as relations between Blacks and indigenous persons in America. Individuals must cease to focus all attention

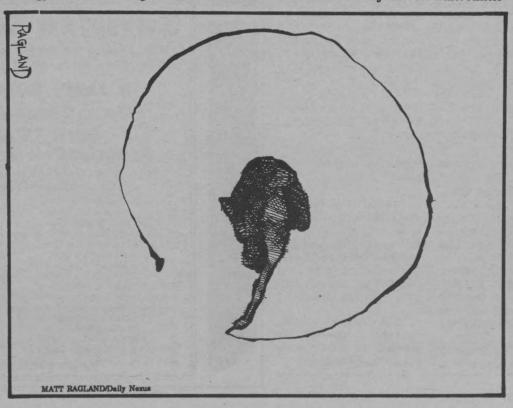
Persons of color can educate themselves about other persons of color by conversing with others about where they come from and where they intend to go. Conversations allow easier conclusions about whether a person seems to be on the same side of the line.

Obviously, some do not want to step bey-ond conversation into friendship or an intimate relationship with someone who does not come from roughly the same cultural background. But communication between persons of color need not always involve ersonal commitment and/or attachment. Other people find it easier to enjoy other individuals' offerings about their cultural

The struggle can be more easily defined and strugglers can feasibly work toward one accomplishment once united.

Sonja Ventura, an English and Black studies major, is a Nexus columnist.

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### ACUNA: Lawyers Question Judge

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Vázquez also views Collins' ties to the UC system

as problematic.
"The fact that the UC Regent's counsel David Biernbaum wrote a letter of recommendation for Judge Collins' judgeship raises a lot of conflict-ofinterest questions," he said.

"To their credit, both the judge and the defendants informed us of this fact prior to the ruling, but we decided that since she was a Black woman graduate of Howard University, she would be understanding towards issues of discrimination," Vázquez added. "It may sound like sour grapes, but something definitely stinks."

However, UCSB defense attorney Judy Keyes

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... It would take the voice

However, the public has

away from the public."

no cause for concern, ac-

cording to McLeod. "[Reduced public input] is not

anticipated and not our

objective," he said. The goal of the gover-

nor's plan is to streamline

services so a more efficient

and less expensive struc-

ture can be obtained,

reasons for the proposed

restructuring. One is effi-

ciency and better delivery

of services and perfor-

mance of various state

functions," he said. "Con-

solidation of state respon-

sibility in certain areas

such as oil spill response

and prevention is one

the budget and to the tax-payers," McLeod added. "It is anticipated that the

consolidation will reduce

approximately 110 posi-

"Secondly is savings in

goal.

"There are broadly two

McLeod added.

disagrees that Acuña was discriminated against and is pleased with Collins' decision.

"The judge concluded that there was simply no evidence to support Acuña's claims of race discrimination," she said. "This motion was originally scheduled to be heard in October, but Acuña's lawyer asked for it to be postponed so that he could gather evidence. He got the motion postponed for four months and, as it turned out, there was simply no evidence. I feel that it was a good decision."

Beth Minsky, staff attorney for the National Coalition of Universities in the Public Interest, and cocouncil for Acuña, believes the judge failed to realize a connection be-

million. Though the

amount is relatively small,

it's a step in the right

Although many agencies play a role in spill re-

sponse and prevention,

most of the responsibili-

ties are taken up by the

SLC and a supposed over-

lap is therefore no reason

to transfer these powers, according to Wallace.

their authority in these areas," he said. "State

Lands operates all the

platforms and terminals in

would come in the form of

position cuts within the

SLC, according to

"Sixteen positions from

our oil spill prevention

programs and 16 positions

from our mineral resour-

ces program would be eli-minated," he said.

Another aspect of con-

Much of this transfer

"They would also lose

direction.

the state."

Morrison.

Expresses Opposition

tween race and age discrimination against her

"The race and age claims are inextricably intertwined," Minsky said. "This is a race politics case, in which unfair tests have been imposed on Dr. Acuña because of his race. They are using his age as an excuse not to hire him, but are using that excuse simply because Dr. Acuña is Mexican-American."

March 20, Collins will hear a motion to disqualify the defendant's counsel because the regents' counsel, formerly associated with the case, may have had access to possible legal files kept by CSU through their work for the system.

Vázquez plans to file a similar motion in the state

SLC, according to

would take the authority

to permit away from State

Lands," he said. "To take

all the oil and gas produc-

tion oversight away from

State Lands and the permitting is a mistake."

the transfer would tip the

process in favor of the oil

of the industry came out in

favor of it [Monday]. It

was pretty much a kan-

If the plan is approved

by the Little Hoover Com-

mission, the state Legisla-

ture has 60 days to act on

the proposal. If neither the

Assembly nor the Senate

can muster enough votes in opposition of the plan,

or does not take any legi-

slative action, the reorga-

nization proposal will be implemented, according

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Wallace believes that

"It sounds like a Mobil bill to me," he said. "Most

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Wallace.

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Continued from p.1 munity Affairs Board cochair and a Pi Phi member, according to sorority President Karla Colvett.

"Kim Gibson asked our sorority if we would give up one meal and donate it to the people of I.V.," Colvett said. "We unanimously voted [in favor]. It's a unique opportunity, to make a sacrifice of more than just time."

The Thanksgiving dinner donated to the homeless by Phi Sig and C.A.B. last November provided an inspiration for ZBT, according to fraternity Philanthropy Chair Justin Greene, an Associated

Students off-campus representative.

"I saw what Phi Sig did and I wanted my fraternity to also become involved in the community in such a positive way," he said.

The three organizations passed out 60 tickets throughout I.V. and at Let Isla Vista Eat, an organization which provides food to the homeless on Saturday mornings. Fliers were also distributed.

"Lots of people came without tickets, but we have plenty of food," said Regan Hansen, Pi Phi initiate. "It makes you feel good."

The dinner proved ben-

eficial and was wellreceived, according to many meal recipients.

"I like coming here to get food," said one guest. You just have to appreciate it. It's pretty giving of them. It's not Christmas or anything, just the middle of the week."

The turnout was less than the anticipated 60 attendees, prompting another guest to suggest the hosts try harder to target Spanish-speaking residents. "The notices were put out in English," she said. "Notices should be given to Spanish people."

score some runs to win the game," Kelly said.

Atwood (4-6) took the port from her squad.

"She struggled early but brought it together. We runs," Kelly added.

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home run with a runner on first, giving NMSU a 2-1 lead.

However, it was UCSB from there on as the Gauchos posted two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to seal the game.

Santa Barbara junior center fielder J.J. Cannon led off the fifth frame with a single to center and was

moved to second on a Vitulli sacrifice. Ray singled, setting up Atwood again, who singled home Cannon. Ray was able to come in as NMSU catcher Heather Williams dropped the throw to home.

Gaucho sophomore pitcher Megan O'Brien upped her record to 3-5 by scattering two runs on eight hits with a walk and a strikeout.

"[O'Brien] threw a good game and we were able to

loss in the second bout despite only giving up one earned run. She was able to strike out six and gave up only six hits, but couldn't get any run sup-

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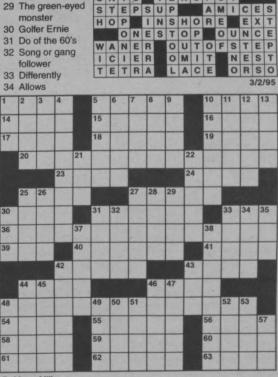
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## SPORTS

### **Gauchos Host Rebels in First** Annual 'Fill the Dome' Night

By Deborah Rafii Staff Writer

Hoping to see a large turnout for the first-ever "Fill the Dome" event, the UCSB women's basketball team will host the University of Nevada, Las Vegas tonight at 7:30. The game will be broadcast on KCSB 91.9 FM.

Santa Barbara (16-7 overall, 12-4 in the Big West) needs to beat both UNLV and first-place New Mexico State (on Saturday evening) to have a chance at earning the conference's top spot or at least tie for first place in the final standings.

Though the squad recently suffered a pair of losses on the road, coming after breaking a schoolrecord 10-game winning streak, the bitter experience jolted the Gauchos, who had not lost a game since the beginning of

Last Friday, UC Irvine defeated Santa Barbara by 18 points, a margin which UCSB was unable to chan-

nel into motivation before its meeting with Cal State Fullerton on Sunday. The Titans beat the Gauchos 89-86 in the final moments of the contest.

"I think we're ready for UNLV," junior forward Kristine Grazzini said. "Losing is a good motivator, and we know now that we have to come out and play well."

UNLV (9-14, 8-8) currently stands in sixth place in the conference and will be attempting to avenge its 63-61 loss to Santa Barbara earlier in the season.

"We've been focusing more on us because we feel that if we can reach our own potential, then UNLV shouldn't be a problem," junior guard Kellie Cook commented.

Leading the series against UCSB, 23-5, the Rebels hope to bounce back from their two-point loss to the University of the Pacific last Sunday. Ten of the squad's 14 losses have come by eight points or less, and four losses have come by only two

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UNLV is led by senior guard Gwynn Hobbs, who ranks sixth in the conference in scoring at 15.7 points per game. Hobbs also poses a major three-point threat, being the Rebels' all-time leader from three-point land.

In the Rebel frontcourt, senior center Tracy Titus is the team's second-leading scorer (15.0 ppg) and lead-ing rebounder (9.4 rpg), in addition to heading the squad in blocked shots with 41.

Gaucho sophomore forward Amy Smith leads her team with 15.9 ppg and will be the go-to player on the offensive end of the



Sophomore forward Amy Smith is coming off a careerhigh 26 points against Fullerton last Sunday.

"With all the hype of 'FTD,' I think we'll be up for the game," Grazzini

said. "I think it would be exciting to see so many people there supporting

Softball Garners Road Split **Against New Mexico State** 

By Michael Cadilli Staff Writer

The UCSB softball squad came out on fire yesterday, winning its third straight road game, 5-2, against the New Mexico State Roadrunners.

However, the Gauchos (7-11, 1-3 in the Big West) were quickly cooled off, losing game two of the doubleheader 2-0 due to a four-hit gem pitched by NMSU's Da-

"We played OK [in game two], but we just have to hit more and score some runs," UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly said. "It was hittable pitching, but we just weren't being aggressive at the plate."

Santa Barbara came out strong in the opening game at Presley Askew Field by scoring in the first inning. Senior second baseman Annjanette Vitulli opened up the offense for the Gauchos with a single which was followed by a walk to sophomore catcher Michelle Ray. This set the stage for junior left fielder Stacy Atwood, who roped an RBI single to bring in Vitulli.

The Roadrunners came back in the fourth inning, when Karyn Grantz promptly blasted her first collegiate

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### **SB Track and Field Proves** Successful at Cal Poly SLO

The UCSB men's and women's track and field teams fared well in Saturday's four-way meet at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Both the Gaucho women's 400-meter relay team and 1600-meter relay team finished third, while the men's 400-meter relay team also finished third. One men's 1600-meter relay team claimed victory, and the other

was not far behind. On the men's team, freshman Don Oliver finished third in the 200 meters with a time of 22.00, while Nate lobe finished second in the 5000 meters. UCSB was outstanding in the men's javelin, with junior Trey Smith taking first with a distance of 172'8" and David Boles com-

ing in second with a distance of 164'7' The Gaucho men had another one-two finish in the 3000-meter steeplechase, with junior Dave Cullum crossing the line in 9:08.11 and Forest Quinlon finishing in 9:30.75. Oliver took first in the 400 meters with a time of 48.59 and Andy White also finished first in the 400-meter hurdles in 54.72.

The Gaucho women had a strong finish in the long jump, with junior Erika Bornhorst taking second with a distance of 17'53/4". Junior Lisa Knott garnered second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:03.93, with Julie Mosier also earning second in the 100-meter hurdles in

-Colleen Valles

### **UH Takes** the Fifth Vs. UCSB

By Jenny Kok Staff Writer

In the past two seasons, the UCSB men's volleyball team has faced the University of Hawaii Rainbows four times, and in each of those meetings, the matches have been de-cided by a rally-scoring fifth game. Tuesday night's match on the island was no different.

Trying to rebound from Monday's five-game loss to the #7 Rainbows (8-2, 7-1 in MPSF), the #3 Gauchos (9-6, 8-4) made a huge comeback, upping Hawaii in every category, but it just wasn't enough. For the second night in a row, UCSB could not hang on in that treacherous fifth game and lost another match to the Rainbows, 16-14, 14-16, 15-12, 4-15, 15-12.

"We had a lot to over-come," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston explained. "We were playing in front of a vicious crowd and there were a lot of bad calls. We played our hearts out. It is really tough losing such a close game."

There is no doubt that the Gauchos were stunned by this tough road trip. Sophomore outside hitter Donny Harris broke the school hitting record with an authoritative 42 kills (16 errors and 85 attempts) at a .306 hitting percentage. Junior setter Todd Rogers had 76 assists and made 18 digs. Matching middle blockers senior Carter Reese and sophomore Robert Treahy, Rogers also had seven blocks on the evening. It is hard to imagine that with stats like these, it just wasn't enough.

Game one was a battle for both teams. UCSB found themselves down 8-3 early on, but quickly rallied back, bringing the score to 9-8. The game slipped out from under the Gauchos at 14-14 as they finished it off with backto-back hitting errors.

Tables turned in game two as Hawaii found themselves down 5-0. managing to battle back only to come up short.

Hawaii's Yuval Katz is the reason why Hawaii took a 2-1 game lead over UCSB. After being kept fairly quiet early in the match, Katz started playing like he had the night before.

Game four was all Gauchos. Winning by 11 points, UCSB found the momentum they had been looking for, but unfortunately, it wasn't enough to carry them through the

Katz led the way for Ha-waii with 37 kills. Outside hitter Nikolas Berger led the defense with 13 digs.

For UCSB, junior outside hitter Morgan Chapman tallied 14 kills and 15

### Men's Basketball Looking to End Road Woes in the City of Lights

By Daniel Solomon Staff Writer

Having already secured a top-six spot and first-round bye for next week's Big West Tourna-ment, the UCSB men's basketball team will look to improve its seeding status when it faces the University of Nevada, Las Vegas tonight at 7:30 in the Thomas and Mack Center.

Despite coming off back-to-back home wins over UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton last week, the Gauchos (13-11 overall, 8-8 in the Big West) have had little success away from the Thunderdome this season, with a 2-8 record. Nonetheless, a win tonight would result in the first season sweep over the Rebels since '87-'88.

"I think we're excited to go on the road because this is our last chance this season to prove everyone wrong and show that we can win solidly away from home," junior forward Mark Flick said.

Flick has been the hottest Gaucho of late, having posted consecutive double-double performances against the Anteaters (21 points, 10 rebounds) and the Titans (18, 18). For the season, Flick is averaging 10.4 points and nearly eight rebounds per contest.

At 9-14, 5-11 in conference, Vegas is clearly not the powerhouse that its reputation once carried. Losers of six straight, the Runnin' Rebels are better-known



Despite Head Coach Jerry Pimm's gripe, the Gaucho guards are now running a fast-break offense.

these days for their threepoint shooting, ranking second in the conference in three-point percentage (.361) and threepoint goals per game

However, with the Rebels having lost five games this season by four points or less, Gaucho senior guard Tecon Madden feels that winning in Las Vegas will not be an

easy task.
"They work really hard and they're in every ballgame that they play," he said. "Despite their record, you can't expect to blow them out. And because we're playing on the road, we'll have to be

smart and look for good shots. We're also going to try and run the ball when the opportunities come so that we can try to take them out of their game."

Blg West Men's Basketball Standings

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New Mexico State	11	5	.688
Nevada	10	6	.625
Pacific	9	7	.563
UCSB	8	8	.500
UNLV	5	11	.313
UC Irvine	5	12	.294
Cal State Fullerton	5	12	.294
San Jose State	3	13	188