Officials Expect No Problems in Anticipation of Millennium

Local Citizens Should Prepare for the Unlikely Event of Y2K-Caused Difficulties

By Jeff Lupo Staff Writer

A programming error that has computers misunderstanding the changing of the millennium as a roll back to 1900 has been the subject of worry and the object of insurable funds around the world. Santa Barbara County hopes to spend New Year's Eve problem-free, since it took the threat seriously long ago. According to Deputy County Administrator Scott Ullery, Santa Barbara County is in no immediate danger of being infected with the Y2K bug.

"We've been in various facets of Y2K preparation since about 1996. We started with all of the big mainframe systems in the county where we recognized that many had Y2K issues," he said. "We identified which systems needed attention and then put projects into motion to replace the systems."

Critical University Records Systems Pass Rigorous "Time Machine" Tests

By Daniel Taylor Reporter

As the world gears up to face the Y2K bug, UCSB campus officials are confident that hard work over the past several years will keep critical files from harm.

For the past three years, computer specialists have worked on campus to ensure that all of the important UCSB systems are Y2K-compliant. According to Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services and Chair of the UCSB Y2K task force David Sheldon, all of the "mission critical" systems such as student records, BARC, GOLD and financial records have been updated and made compatible. In addition, safety systems like those that control on-campus elevators have also been checked.

"What I anticipate is that everything will be fine," he said. "What we are concerned about is making sure that everything is functional, operating normal and safe. I hope it will be fine."

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By David Downs Staff Writer

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By Marisa Lago Reporter

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Senior history major Kris Saenz praised a slide presentation by UCSB Professor Douglas Daniels that demonstrated how the word “jazz” has been used to sell products, denigrating the significance of a musical response to the oppression of blacks.

“His presentation on jazz in media and advertisements — how the [mainstream] culture manipulated the word ‘jazz’ to suit their promotional needs — just opened my mind to new things,” Saenz said.

“When I read magazines I’ll be more conscientious.”

The gathering exceeded the organizers’ expectations, Bobo said. She said sharing ideas would ensure that many subjects will continue to be included, and new areas will be incorporated into research and courses.

“The future of ethnic studies will be to preserve what has been achieved and continually refine our research areas to the pressing needs of the communities out of which our research evolves; and that brings vitality to the academy,” Bobo said.

Though ethnic studies has strengthened as a field, according to senior law and society and Chicano studies major Sara Azadi it is not always taken seriously in nonacademic society.

“It is so important to reconstruct [the history of people of color] because a lot of time there’s been a hegemonic ideology of what our reality was,” she said. “Our reality was being produced. Ethnic studies is our way of talking back. Let us tell you how it really was.”

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With the millennium rapidly approaching, many will undoubtedly begin making New Year's resolutions with the utmost ambition and best of intentions. The only thing that is certain is that New Year's resolutions are as hard to keep as they are easy to make. But I'm going to tell you exactly how you can keep what is probably the most common, and most often abandoned, resolution: to obtain a better body.

For those of you who want to do this and think you are ready for a new challenge, I'm going to take the guesswork out of the equation and let you in on the "secrets" of transforming your physique.

There are really only two elements crucial to achieving the body you want — exercise, whether it be aerobics or weight training, and diet. "Oh, is that all?" I can hear some of you saying sarcastically. Easier said than done. I'll admit, but you are going to have to make some sacrifices as you gradually transfer into a lifestyle of fitness and health.

On Your Mark...

First, you must make the decision to change. If you don't have the true desire to achieve your goals then you probably won't stick with whatever program you decide to follow for more than a few weeks.

Second, it is important that you have faith in yourself and that faith that improvement can be accomplished.

Be patient. In order to achieve change, you must realize that it will take time. Your program will need to be at least 12-16 weeks in duration in order for your body to make the transformations you desire. Then it must be maintained. For the beer-drinking, TV-watching Couch potato whose only form of exercise is walking down Del Playa each weekend, a 12-week program is going to seem long.

This is why it is crucial to set specific goals to be achieved by a specific date. By having exact goals and deadlines, you will be more inclined to work out and stick to your diet. Posting goals some place where they will be seen several times a day will serve as a constant reminder of the goals and the initial desire that sparked the decision to work toward them to boost motivation and results. When you set a deadline, you evoke a powerful result of achievement and a need to have something happen within a certain period of time.

Many of us have a lot of empty time. One of the most common complaints that I hear from just about everyone is that they want a great body but don't actually want to work to achieve it that day.

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Great news for the sedentary: A body not used to the stress of working out or to receiving the nutrients that it is begging for will experience phenomenal results within just 12 short weeks. Any form of weight training will provide the stimulus needed for muscle growth.

What can you expect to achieve? What should your goals look like? You should make two different lists — one specifying what you want to achieve and a second specifying what you have to do each day or week in order to achieve the goals.

A typical list of goals may appear as follows: I will lose x number of fat pounds and gain x amount of muscle by a specific date. In order to achieve this I must lift weights x times per week, do aerobics x times per week and stick to my nutritional program.

Get Set...

Remember, there are only two controllable factors that are going to affect your muscle and body fat levels, and ultimately, the way you look. These are diet (nutritional) and training (weight lifting and aerobics).

Diet

If you consume just 500 calories more per day than your body burns, you will gain 1 pound. This principle also works in the opposite direction. Starving yourself is not the answer.

You must work with your body's natural functions, not against. Using the following tips, decide how you can incorporate them into your daily routine and work toward better nutrition.

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Lift two to four times per week.

Beginning weight lifters should start by doing full-body workouts one or two days per week. Choose a weight at which you can do your 12-15 reps on your own, but not one more time limit.

More advanced lifters should focus on only two to three muscle groups per session as they will need to increase the intensity and size of each workout.

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Ulery said a two-part effort in 1998 ensured that smaller computer systems would also be ready for the new millennium.

"The first involved internal business operations, where we had all county departments identify which programs they were dependent on so we could concentrate on those," he said. "The second part involved a community readiness program where we worked with the Office of Emergency Services to help residents become more aware of what they can expect."

Office of Emergency Services Director Mary Barron said she does not expect any major problems to be created by the Y2K bug, but is urging community members to prepare for this like they would for any other natural disaster in the Santa Barbara area," she said. "Of course, we’re planning for the worst and hoping for the best. We always plan for the worst, and even though all the corporations say that everything is Y2K-compatible, we still expect problems."

Last year the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District put $24,000 into Y2K preparedness and testing, according to General Manager Derek Johnson. "We feel we’re completely Y2K-ready. The worst case scenario is an irrigation system might turn on because it doesn’t know what time it is," he said. "I don’t think students have to worry about that."

Barron said citizens should take into account certain technology failures that might be caused by events other than the Y2K bug.

"We urge people not to panic in the case of something going wrong," she said. "For example, if the lights suddenly go out, it might be because some drunk ran into a light pole or something. We urge people to stay calm."

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Sheldon emphasized that all important records are always safe because they are all backed up regularly to protect them from all types of harm, including natural disasters.

Preparations for Y2K have been underway since November 1996, according to Information Systems and Computing Director Glen Davis. "Most systems needed to be replaced or upgraded after that, but we had literally hundreds of thousands of lines of code to go over," he said. "We had to contract off campus to find enough people."

Davis said tests have been conducted using a virtual system called the "Time Machine," a program that duplicates all of the files in a system and runs them with the date set in the year 2000. He said the tests conducted with the "Time Machine" have been successful thus far.

"The campus has covered every base we can think of to fix the things that are in our control and to prepare for the things that are not," he said. "Programmers aren’t perfect, there are bound to be some mistakes. Problems shouldn’t be too serious, just a little more bug chaining than usual."

Information Systems Manager for Housing and Residential Services George Gregg said he believes Y2K will result in only minor glitches in the on-campus computer systems.

"If there are any problems, they will be in obscure and seldom-used parts of a system, not mission critical files," he said. "The campus is pretty well prepared, the danger is in big systems like social security that are very old and very complex."

According to Davis, "It cost in the neighborhood of $260,000 to update the administrative systems alone. It’s hard to estimate the total cost because so many systems were old and due to be replaced anyway. Plus, there are literally dozens, if not hundreds, of computer systems on campus."

The total project’s cost is difficult to calculate because of its size, Sheldon said. "So many people in so many departments have worked on this, and many of the upgrades would have needed to be done anyway," he said. "We can say that we did it within normal operating budgets."

Sheldon said the Emergency Operation Center will be open on Jan. 1 to deal with any problems. Information on the status of campus systems will be available on the Y2K Web page that can be reached from the UCSB homepage and on a hotline at 893-2300. If the systems are down there will be an emergency number that can be reached at 1-900-200-8272, for 55 cents per minute.
As we approach the year 2000, we look to the future with optimism about the challenges and opportunities for the pursuit of diversity and excellence among our students, faculty, staff and administration. At UCSB, we have always been and will continue, unequivocally, to be an institution that values intellectual, curricular and demographic (e.g., ethnic, racial, gender) diversity. Diversity and excellence complement each other.

As UCSB looks ahead to the educational challenges of the next decade, it is encouraging to note that with the increasing enrollment of undergraduates on our campus will come resources to support a concomitant growth in our faculty and graduate student population. This projected growth, combined with the anticipated turnover in faculty, should provide an unparalleled opportunity to recruit significantly more faculty members each year.

Our planning for this renewal and growth comes at a time when there are larger pools of women and underrepresented minority graduate students completing doctoral degrees in America’s major quality universities, as well as larger pools of women and underrepresented minorities among students seeking admission to undergraduate programs. UCSB, in its pursuit of excellence, will therefore have an unprecedented opportunity to attract, hire and retain a diverse community of scholars.

According to National Research Council (NRC) data reported in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Nov. 26, 1999, gender equality among young scholars has grown significantly in recent years. Women, for example, earned 42 percent of Ph.D. degrees conferred during 1998, more than twice the percent (19.5) of 25 years ago. At UCSB, according to the report titled, "Affirmative Action Statistical Update on Faculty, Students and Career Staff, 1974-75 to 1998-99," published by the Affirmative Action Office of UCSB on June 23, recruitment of junior women faculty has been about 40 percent per year for the past five years.

With respect to the recruitment of faculty from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, the NRC report indicated that while doctoral degrees earned by Hispanics, African Americans and American Indians are increasing, in 1998 they totaled only 10 percent of the overall number of doctorates earned nationwide. Despite this 10-percent national figure, over the past five years, 15 percent of the assistant professors recruited to UCSB have been drawn from these underrepresented minority groups. We are by no means satisfied, and are committed to do better.

The development and retention of a diverse faculty, reflective of existing pools of scholars, is not the only goal of UCSB; we must also actively encourage women and minority students to pursue graduate studies and to enter academic careers. This will further diversify the pools from which universities, such as UCSB, recruit future faculty. To this end, with the full support of the Office of the President of the University of California, UCSB can and will do better, and we are committed to intensifying our efforts.

In conclusion, with the additional resources expected over the next decade, our campus will actively pursue two goals: to be more effective in diversifying our graduate programs when compared with other Ph.D-granting institutions, and, more importantly, to contribute to raising the "norms" to which each institution compares itself.

The challenges associated with accelerated enrollment growth can be daunting, but with these challenges, and the appropriation of the resources necessary to meet them, comes a rare opportunity for a university to grow in a variety of ways. UCSB looks forward to the development of its faculty to include young scholars pursuing research in emerging new fields and interdisciplinary enterprises, and to increasing the proportion of its student body that is enrolled in doctoral programs. With our recent past performance in recruitment of both faculty and graduate students, and with the current trajectories favoring more diverse pools, the intellectual diversity that is crucial to our scholarly community will be intertwined with a demographic diversity. This diversity will complement our goal of excellence, and vice versa.

Henry T. Yang is UCSB’s chancellor.
Pointless Appointments

Associated Students Is Gambling With Its Constituents' Money

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Associated Students leaders are eternal pragmatists, which could land them in deep water — and suck 17,000 undergraduates’ money under with their headlight by granting on hiring practices of question- able legality. A.S. is inviting a lawsuit that could claim up to $40 million in student funds.

In 1999, A.S. Legal Code mentions twice that when making appointments to boards and committees, must consider the "racial and sexual composition of the campus." To reflect the campus in appointments, the leaders must hire people in part by their race and gender — in other words, practice Affirmative Action. This is a major problem with this Affirmative Action was eliminated in the University California system in 1995, with the passage of Proposition 209.

"Words buried on page 49 of the 1999 Associated Students Legal Code do not a lawsuit make. Nazar maintains there is no such conflict in this case."

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— 1999 Associated Students Legal Code Article X, Section 3, Part D

"Everything taken into consideration," said Finance Board Chair Mariah Hoskins. However, this campus is around 65 percent white. If the racial composition of the campus was carried into its government, "A.S. would be predominantly white, so they're looking for something else," Hoskins said. Hoskins, along with the rest of us, is left to guess what that "something else" might be. This spring, Nazar, with strong influence from the SAC, made a number of appointments that overlooked experience and qualified candidates, with the stated reason of bringing "new blood" into A.S. However, one such candidate believes she wasn't passed over for an appointment because the SAC was looking for a minority to fill the position. This person, who chose to remain anonymous, said "A lot of people were not appointed because of their capabilities, they were appointed because [the SAC] wanted to fill a racial quota."

A.S. President Jason Nazar, elevating doublespeak to an art, denies that A.S.' policy qualifies as Affirmative Action. Common sense dictates otherwise, as attempting to achieve a certain racial or sexual representation through hiring seems a textbook case of Affirmative Action.

Nazar also defends his right to make appointments as he sees fit, apparently even when they contradict state law. "Associated Students is here at the permission of the university, but the university also recognizes that it's not supposed to micro-manage Associated Students," he said. Nazar has complete autonomy in its appointment procedures, unless, in Nazar's words, "there is a direct conflict with university policy." Nazar maintains there is no such conflict in this case.

Let's review: The A.S. Legal Code states, "Representation of the racial and sexual composition of the campus shall be considered by the A.S. President in his/her appointments" (emphasis added).

SP-2, which is in UC pol- icy, states, "The University California shall not use race, religion, sex, color, ethnicity, national origin or nationality as criteria in its employment and contracting practices" (emphasis added). The two statements could not be in more direct opposition.

Compounding A.S.'s problems, the UC Board of Regents does not interpret A.S. autonomy as broadly as Nazar does. "We have generally taken the position that [A.S. govern- ments in the UC system] are part of the University," UC Council Birnbaum told a Daily Nexus reporter last month.

The only question is whether A.S. board and committee appointments qualify as employment, which they seem to. They are paid posi- tions: Appointed officials earn quarterly honoraria ranging from $50 to $250. Even if the positions are not considered employment, Prop. 209, which supersedes SP-2, prohib- it from making ro.officials in any facet of public education. Is Nazar trying to deny that racial considerations are not Affirmative Action, even Nazar would have a hard time claiming that UCSB is "not public education." This year's exec- utive officers are not the first since the implemen- tation of Prop. 209 to consider the race and gender of applicants.

According to Academic Affairs Board Chair Christina Corder, who has years of A.S. experience, the importance of race and gender in appointments has fluctuated in recent years. "There definitely seems to be a tendency in A.S. to use color and gender as a criteria for an appointment," she said. "I definitely don't think it's a colorblind process."

While the SAC is not doing anything, it seems to be breaking the law more blatantly than its predecessors. More than Affirmative Action was accepted among both the public and the courts, making A.S. easy prey for a lawsuit. The services A.S. provides — from notetak- ing to recycling — are in danger. The students for these services, the students must demand that their government stop playing Russian Roulette with their money.

Tony Biasotti is the Daily Nexus assistant opinion editor.

Oregon by Night

Learning to See Parents as People

BRENDAH BUHLER

I remember driving through northern Oregon with my dad. It was the still part of the night and there was nothing on the highway except for the old Ford and us. Overhead stretched the vast expanse of stars that covered the night in the desert. On either side of the road, there was a pine forest made onky and vast by the darkness.

Northern Oregon at night may not be infinite, but it manages to give a first-rate impression. My dad was driving, but we were both wide awake with the open night around us. It was the last such drive we had together before I left for college.

Out of the quiet, my dad began to talk. He talked about making the same drive when I was a year old and he was still married to my mom.

My mom was asleep and I was asleep, too, curled up in a blue and matching her arm. He said that it was his favorite part of the trip and that everything felt right, there on that lonely stretch of road. And I understood. The car rolled on for a few more miles, though you wouldn't have known it looking out the win- dow.

"What happened?" I asked, I definitely don't think it's a colorblind process.

"Was it me?" I asked. "I mean, did having me push you away?"

For the first time, my dad turned away from the road and he looked at me. No, it wasn't me. After I was born was the best time in the marriage. They were happy. They were talking about having another child.

Then my mom looked at the schedule of upcoming surgical residences. Quietly, she went back on the pill and took the next residency. After taking time off to give birth and start to raise me, she again picked up her dream of being a surgeon. She did it just like she had said she would before I was born.

She was back at work and my dad was raising me dur- ing the day. He thought he could deal with it. He couldn't.

They didn't talk about this. At the end of the day, my mom would come home, tired and worn. She would ask him questions, about me, about the house, before he went to work in the emergency room at night. Sometimes, she would second guess a decision. They would argue, but nothing was really said.

After a while they were eating the same food and sleeping in the same bed, but it wasn't the same. They were living in one house, but they weren't living together.

They kept at it for a while because they both loved me. Still, in the end it just wasn't enough to make a mar- riage. So they had a divorce and an ugly custody battle that eventually worked itself out for the best.

The words, over and over, I thought for a minute that maybe Ed find love someday and make a home. We grew silent. There was nothing left to be said.

We didn't cry. We didn't say that we loved each other. We didn't talk at all.

We drove on, the stars kept shining and the woods stretched out forever. The road, though, had widened a little while we talked.

Brendan Buehler is a reporter for the Daily Nexus.
The holidays are upon us. While finals may be the final hurdle before the long-awaited Winter Break, we here at the Daily Nexus are already looking to the holidays in anticipation. This quarter took a lot of energy and hard work — now it is time to think of all the things we wish for the holidays. Hence, we present the Daily Nexus Holiday Wish List.

1. We wish Willie Nelson would show up at his own concerts. People for a Landmine Free World staged a concert in Campbell Hall on Sunday. Among the slated performers were EmmyLou Harris, Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson. Students paid $30 or more for these coveted tickets only to see Harris come on stage in the beginning of the show to announce that Nelson was suffering from the flu and would not be appearing. Thirty dollars and no Willie Nelson. In order to remedy this travesty, we wish Nelson would reschedule, come back to our little seaside town and let those who paid good money to see him get in free (or we wish Nelson could have taken some NyQuil the night before).

2. We wish the university would ban cigarettes on campus. The students at this university are adults, and we can decide for ourselves if we would like to engage in perfectly legal, if unhealthy, activities. For instance, the convenient Corner Store sells beef jerky and pork rinds in addition to cigarettes. These foods aren't exactly ideal for the health of the people who maintain the right to ingest the questionable substances. We can also choose if we want to smoke; the university does not need to impose itself in such a manner.

3. We wish water would be put back into the reflecting pool. As we have said in the past, it is a reflecting pool. We do appreciate the cleaning efforts that took place last spring, but we would like to see water fill the pool again. How else are we supposed to tan ourselves if we can't escape to the ocean?

4. We wish our favorite Ida Vista landlords would install carbon monoxide detectors in I.V. dwellings. The deaths of two Berkeley students and the recent scare suffered by a Lompoc couple have made us a little anxious. Carbon monoxide is odorless and tasteless, so we would not even know we were being poisoned; warning systems should alert us to unsafe conditions.

5. We wish for hygienic bathrooms on campus. Just to help the facilities crew: a hygienic bathroom would include soap dispensers attached to the walls, hot water, towed dispensers and sanitary conditions (and available feminine hygiene products). The UCen maintains clean facilities, but a lot of substandard bathrooms remain. Please bring them up to par.

6. We wish the construction would be complete when we return from break. The university has been working on the Art Museum since early last year and was scheduled to be finished in December. Well, December is here and the green fence still surrounds the area. Lengthy rain delays do not apply often in this region, so we would appreciate the work's quick completion.

7. We wish for better lighting in the dentist's office — oh, we mean the library. Davidson Library is in dire need of a little upkeep, particularly in the realm of lighting. How are we supposed to stay awake under such grim conditions?

8. We wish that, in the true spirit of the holiday season, professors would show mercy to all students who slave away night and day in the grim caverns under Storke Tower with quasi-dean hands and untanned skin. Most professors would show mercy to all students, even us Nexusites who have never been to the dentist in years.

In summary, there is an identified need to change the focus of our Health Education emphasis that requires us to shift resources from the pharmacy in our lobby adjacent to the Nurse Adviser office. In addition to continuing these services, the Nurse Adviser will now be taking throat cultures in her office when a student requests one, or when one is needed based on symptoms. Of course, referring to the appropriate clinician for further evaluation will continue and these referrals will continue to be subject to the usual user fees.

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In the end, Y2K may be the cultural equivalent of a faked orgasm — all sound and fury, signifying nothing.

Regardless, it’s a great excuse to party and one of the few times “the world could end tomorrow” becomes a valid reason for casual sex. And some people doubt we’ll make it, to this New Year’s Eve’s consider yourself lucky or doomed, whichever you prefer.

There’s always a chance we’re both lucky and doomed.

David Rudder is a Daily Nexus columnist, and will most likely be a danger to himself and others on New Year’s Eve. If spotted, discreetly notify the proper authorities.

Who Made That? Consumerism and the Holidays: Shop With a Conscience

With the holidays approaching, I find myself wishing to inform consumers before they embark on their annual Christmas shopping labor by practically every large retailing company in the United States. Christmas becomes a time of commercialism, where festive decorations and music, fancy shopping malls and rows of irresistible sales lure the shopper to buy, buy, and consume, consume, consume.

In the time of increasing shopping and spending, I believe it is important to draw attention to where our money is going. Additionally, in this time of pseudonymed charitable and humanitarian spirit, I would like to bring attention to who is behind the goods that we purchase.

Walk into your favorite clothing store, pick up that beautiful shirt, run your fingers down the fabric, check out the price ... let your eyes wander to the tag. What do you see? “Made in China.” Or perhaps Indonesia, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Honduras, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador ...

The list goes on. These countries are all extremely foreign to us, and it is likely that we do not associate them with our everyday lives.

Yet the very fabric you touch was also touched by a young 14-year-old girl in a country riddled with poverty. She lives in a one-room shack, with no running water or electricity, shared with as many other people. She eats only beans and rice, having no money for vegetables like vegetables or meat. She raises her child on a nutrient-deficient blend of coffee and water. She works in the factory for 12 to 16 hours a day for a substandard wage.

Upon entry, she is harassed by security guards who search her. She may be forced to take control pills so she won’t get pregnant and be unable to work. Her back, fingers, and face become scarred as she performs the same repetitive task over and over again. Her health suffers due to the hot, unventilated, dusty environment of the factory.

She is incomprehensible from not being able to utter more than one word during her shift. Her supervisor fears that workers may conspire in the bathroom to form a union and fight for their rights. In an attempt to organize, they will lose their jobs and be blacklisted in the garment industry. With no viable alternatives, the girls have nowhere to return home only to repeat the cycle again the next day.

Imagine her life. She is jaded and has lost all hope for a happy life before she even turns 20. Her health suffers, mentally and physically. Who does she have to help her? How is there any way out of this never-ending cycle of poverty? She has hopes and dreams and desires, just like you and me. Let’s help them.

I paint this picture for you not to discourage you from shopping if that is what fulfills you. I ask you instead to shop with a conscience, to shop with the knowledge that the goods you purchase are not as lovely as they seem. There is a story behind them, which must be told. Unmanifest them. Tell them. Unfurl it. Reveal it. Show them. Spill it. Revitalize them.

Do not let the polished ads and public relations campaigns fool you. Do not let them glamorize the products of a global economy, which allows young women to work like slaves and prohibits them from ever achieving economic freedom. Take with you the knowledge that while your dollars may help to provide a young Indonesian woman with a job, she receives a ridiculously small portion of what you paid for the garment. She cannot survive on the wages the earn.

Know that the CEO of any given company makes millions upon millions of dollars a year 100 times what a typical worker makes. Realize that wages can be increased to a “living wage” without passing on the costs to you, the consumer.

I am with you in this knowledge that you will be able to reach outside of yourself for one moment. In America, we exist in a privileged bubble, not realizing that much of this country’s success has been achieved at the expense of poorer, less powerful people in other nations.

You are lucky. You have the luxury of buying Christmas gifts, not because they are necessary for your continued existence, but because you want to.

You have power. As a consumer, you are the foundation upon which the economy thrives.

Exercise your power; be a voice to this change, because you cannot speak as loudly and freely as we can.

The word “sweatshop” has become a household term. While most consumers care, there is a feeling of helplessness associated with this issue. How are we to fight this oppressive system of the global economy? Indeed, the forces are great. The struggle will not be easy. Yet it must start somewhere.

This system of exploitation will continue to perpetuate if we do not allow multi-national corporations to take over. They are not concerned with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — the ideals America espouses but America ignores. They only contrast with every other system on the face of the earth. Their concerns are individualistic, only affecting what’s in their own pockets of the world’s richest with outrageous profits.

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The Campus Labor Action Team on campus works on these issues. We have our meetings every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the A.S. Conference room. If you are interested in or have any issues, please contact me at <marley10@csd.com>.

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Looking back on this frivolous excuse for a decade and attempting to find meaning in it, we can only say: "Hey, no clever phrase can ever capture the true essence of 10 years. Whatever, man." Which would be perfect, because that answer nails the '90s without knowing it. This has been the decade when we forgot if the irony was intentional, when nothing major happened, when any problem could be shrugged off with, "Oh well, whatever, nevermind." Kurt Cobain was kind to supply our generation and this decade with this slogan.

Things did happen in the '90s. Most of them could not be shoed away. Not that we paid any attention. If nothing else, the '90s have been the Decade of Denial.

We will remember the '90s as a time when political correctness policed every corner of American culture while correctivies took over Capitol Hill for the first time in 40 years, conspiring to oust the liberal Clinton administration. And if this doesn't sound confusing enough, the nation, still in the grips of that crazy self-owning self-portrait, invented the bloody Gregorian Calendar. The Gregorian Calendar was a calculated attempt to make the 21st century appear on the calendar in a more auspicious manner. At the stroke of New Year's Eve, 1999, we thought we would get through the nineties.

Dennis Williams, a senior English major, is a resident of a one-room farm near the town of Santee. The best place to look to solve this problem is history, and it is true that over 100 years ago people all over the world were consumed by this very subject. The Boer War, the first world war, and the second world war, the Spanish-American War, all the wars of the 20th century became colonies from the Spanish-American War could barely be heard underneath the fierce debate that consumed barbershops, diners, and newspapers all over the world. Public opinion was heavily in favor of Jan. 1, 1901, taken from the simple premise that the number zero, a number that was used in the 19th century, was perfect and the 21st century is a perfect number. "Year One," was conceived by Dionysius Exiguus (Dennis the Little), a monk in the sixth century who pronounced the year zero, and hence the "first century" was between the years A.D. 1-100, a period of 100 years. The people that believed 1900 to be the start of the 21st time that the century has changed, and we still can't decide when it starts.

It strikes me as odd that the 21st time that the century has changed, the second for the millennium, and we still can't decide when it starts. Long-term mem- ory, evidently, has never been one of mankind's strengths. The best place to look to solve this problem is history, and it is true that over 100 years ago people all over the world were consumed by this very subject. The Boer War, the first world war, and the second world war, the Spanish-American War, all the wars of the 20th century became colonies from the Spanish-American War could barely be heard underneath the fierce debate that consumed barbershops, diners, and newspapers all over the world. Public opinion was heavily in favor of Jan. 1, 1901, taken from the simple premise that the number zero, a number that was used in the 19th century, was perfect and the 21st century is a perfect number. "Year One," was conceived by Dionysius Exiguus (Dennis the Little), a monk in the sixth century who pronounced the year zero, and hence the "first century" was between the years A.D. 1-100, a period of 100 years. The people that believed 1900 to be the start of the 21st time that the century has changed, and we still can't decide when it starts.

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Arnoldi suggests putting at least one light in houses on a timer, as well as a radio, to give the impression that somebody is home. He also says to move any valuables out of plain view, and to place a real burglar has to break the window, and they don’t want to make noise,” he said. “It’s a real bummer to come back and find a computer, TV or VCR gone.”

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3) Keep all your windows open freeze yourself awake.

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A Reminder to New Fall 1999 Students

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FORGETFUL?

Tomorrow is REALLY the last day!!! (seriously)

Well, try to remember to take your FREE Senior Portrait. It's the only way to get in the La Cumbre 2000 yearbook. Show up under Storke Tower from 9am to 5pm. No appointment is needed, and you can wear whatever you want.
“There’s no such thing as a moral or immoral book. Books are well written or badly written.”

— Oscar Wilde
The UCSB men's and women's swimming teams were in action at Long Beach this past weekend, competing in the Speedo Cup Invitational. Both Gauchos took part in the three-day event, with the men finishing first and the women fourth. After dominating their previous meet at the Women’s Shootout in early November by defeating every team they were matched against, Coach Tim Wilson wasn't surprised the Gauchos performed as well as they did.

"This is a meet we pointed to for 10 to 15 weeks," Wilson said. "And our kids got a feel for sharp-edged competition from our full schedule, which is helping us to go out and race well, and that's what we did.

Highlighting the men's side was the swimming of freshman Matt Wheeler, who finished first in two events, the 200 and 400 freestyles. Wheeler took the 200 with a winning time of 1:34.06, and the 400 with a time of 3:43.42. The latter win came as a Gaucswimmer was by junior Ryan Koch, who placed second in the 200 fly with a time of 1:48.19. Déjà vu provided strong individual performances, however, it was the depth of the UCSB squad that enabled Santa Barbara to win the meet. "It went really well, the guys swam great," sophomore David Maddan said.

On the women's side, UCSB finished fourth in the Speedo Cup, despite being one of the few programs in the meet that was not heavily laden with scholarships. After ending the first day in third place, the Gauchos struggled to a fourth-place finish, placing no higher than third in any event.

"We had a pretty decent first day," Wilson said of the women's meet. "But we scored fewer way on that we thought we would.

Among the women's top performances was freshman Brenna Wilkinson's third-place showing in the 200 freestyle. Harder, another Gauchos freshman, finished third in the 400 individual medley, with a time of 4:33.18. But in spite of the fourth-place finish, Santa Barbara still feels there are positives to be drawn from the event.

"Our second day of competition wasn't as high as we hoped it would be, but we still swam pretty well," said sophomore Suzy Bagg, who was part of the UCSB relay team that placed third in the 400 medley relay.

"I'm happy with the way we did as a team, almost everybody swam really well."

The UCSB soccer coaches received awards.

UCSB soccer coaches Paul Stumpf and Tim Vom Steeg were rewarded for leading their teams to comeback seasons in 1999 when they were honored at the conference Couch of the Year.

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The Loyola Marymount Lions began their match against the UCSB women's volleyball team last Friday night with a gut-punch, but soon rose to the occasion and let out a loud roar before finally falling to the Gauchos in a four-game, 15-5, 15-11, 14-16, 15-5 defeat.

After sweeping Oral Roberts the previous night, Santa Barbara (28-5 overall) knew it was in for a tougher match in the second round of the NCAA Championships. The Lions (20-11) took UCSB to the limit previously this season, losing in five games at home against the Gauchos. Friday was no different, as Loyola tested UCSB and came back from two games down to take the third.

"In the third game, [LMU] showed that they had some heart," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "I hate to say this, but sometimes it's good to lose a game. Sometimes you have to lose a game to see how tough you are, and I think that we really showed that tonight."

The Gauchos definitely showed their toughness in game one, jumping out to a 12-0 lead. The Lions got on the board after a service ace by freshman outside hitter Kristen Gallop, and scored four more points on Gauccho errors. UCSB would take game one 15-5 after a final kill by senior middle blocker Michelle Christ.

"[Christ] was on fire tonight," Gregory said. "And [senior outside hitter Charlene Conley] played an excellent match. She hit against a big block all night. [Freshman setter] Brooke [Rundle] spread it around well, she had a good game."

Game two was a closer affair, with the Lions down 4-0 only to come back and take the lead 7-6 on a put-away by freshman outside hitter Jaimee Brubacher. That would be the only lead for LMU in game two, with senior outside hitter Roberta Gehlke putting the Gauchos on top for good with two straight service aces. UCSB took game two 15-11.

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