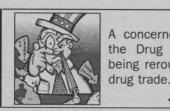
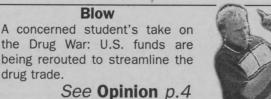
World Music 2001

The Ethnomusicology Program kicks off its World Music Series with a performance by Jesenia Chavez, who will sing ranchera music in the Music Bowl at noon.



Blow A concerned student's take on the Drug War: U.S. funds are



Kosakowski: Just What the **Doctor Ordered** The UCSB men's tennis team has been thrilled with the performance of its #1 singles player this season. See Sports p.8

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Associated Students Elections 2001 **Debate #1: Internal Vice President**

Candidates: Shaina Walter vs. Cameron Ahler



A.S. Internal Vice President candidates Shaina Walter and Cameron Ahler answer guestions during a debate in the Hub on Tuesday. The duo will face off again next Tuesday.

Candidates Start Off Debates

Associated Students Internal Vice tions."

President candidates Cameron Ahler, a Walter said she also sees a lack of participation between students and Leg junior political science major, and Shaina Walter, a Legislative Council Council members, and recommends representative and junior law and socimandatory outdoor office hours and a ety major, squared off in the first A.S. media relations committee. She also elections debate Tuesday in the Hub. said she recognizes problems with pop-Walter has been a member of A.S. ulated student housing.

"I think expansion, to an extent, is a good thing, but the university needs to take care of the students who are already here," she said.

Both candidates said they would try to improve safety in Isla Vista - possibly through more blue-light phones. Ahler also suggested increased lighting while Walter said she would encourage participation on the Safety 2000 Committee.

UC, CSU Take Legal Action Against Energy Company

Two Sections,

California Universities Accuse Enron of Contract Breach

BY ALEX SOHN Reporter

The University of California and California State University have jointly filed a preliminary injunction to prevent Enron Energy Services, Inc. from allegedly altering a contract signed in 1998.

Under the contract, Enron supplies the UC and CSU with energy through Southern California Edison or Pacific Gas and Electric at a fixed price. The deal also brought in sophisticated meters that monitor energy use, which has helped both universities save a considerable amount of

sought to return UC and CSU to the electrical distribution and billing systems of SoCal Edison and PG&E.

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> - Joe Mullinix **UC** senior vice president for business and finance

energy. We have spoken directly with both universities and have been notified of this transition."

Both universities said legal action must be taken to resolve this issue.

The California State University believes it is paramount that our status as a direct-access customer be retained in this time of uncertainty resulting from the state's energy crisis," CSU Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Richard West said in a statement. "Enron's unilateral action is a clear breach of the terms of our agreement and must be challenged. We have made extensive efforts to negotiate our return to direct-access status to no avail and we are now taking legal action to correct this situation."

Under the proposed changes, Enron would make the UC and CSU potentially liable for paying billions of dollars in debts accumulated by SoCal Edison and PG&E. Both universities would lose the high-tech meters that allow campuses to conserve energy, said Charles McFadden, UC vice president for business and finance.

money. On Feb. 1, 2001, Enron "A move by Enron to

dents. He also recommended expanding school-funded tours to connect the campus with the community.

for the past two years and has worked

on Program Board, which brings con-

certs and movies to campus, and the

"Get Out the Vote" drive during the

ence but said he is interested in increas-

ing interaction between A.S. and stu-

Ahler admitted to a lack of experi-

November elections.

"The most prominent issue at UCSB is that people don't seem to care. Students just seem to show up to class and leave, and that's it," he said. "I don't think people even care about these elec-

Debates continue in the Hub today with the external vice presidential candidates of statewide affairs at 11 a.m. and presidential candidates at 1 p.m. - Sarah Healy

that Enron firmly denies. "[Mullinix] is speculating," said Peggy Mahoney, an Enron spokesperson.

"The rates are not chang-This is an accusation ing concerning direct

"We will lose meters that do a good job saving

See POWER, p.3

Activists Rally to Increase Wages for City Workers

BY JENNIFER B. SIVERTS Staff Writer

"Hold up, wait a minute, put a living wage in it," chanted approximately 80 demonstrators as they walked along State Street on Tuesday night.

Members of the Living Wage, a group dedicated to raising the minimum wage for Santa Barbara city employees, gathered in front of City Hall on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. while the city council weekly meeting adjourned for a break. During the hour-long demonstration, demonstrators addressed the crowd on a megaphone and chanted as they walked around a short block on State Street before returning to City

Hall. The rally was intended to gather community support for the living wage ordinance, which would raise the minimum wage for city employees to \$11 an hour with health benefits or \$12.25 without health benefits. The proposal will be presented to the city council next month, said Selena Gonzales, a Living Wage member and junior sociology major.

"Basically, right now the living wage is not enough to live in Santa Barbara. This would cover employees working for companies who work for or have subsidies with the city," she said. "It's unfair for someone who's working full time to live in poverty, which is what we're NICK HAGGARD

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UCSB Alumna Rebecca Prather (right) helps lead about 80 fellow living wage advocates in a chant during a rally Tuesday outside of Santa Barbara City Hall.



Netherlands First to Legalize Euthanasia



THE HAGUE. Netherlands (AP) Despite protests outside parliament, the legalized Netherlands mercy killings and assisted suicide Tuesday, becoming the first nation to allow doctors to end the lives of patients with unbearable, terminal illness.

About 10,000 euthanasia opponents surrounded the building, praying, singing hymns and quoting the Bible, while the upper house of parliament, the Senate, considered the legislation. The Senate voted 46-28 in favor of the law, likely to take effect in the summer

Before the vote, Health Minister Els Borst reas-

sured legislators the bill legally binding require- Henrico van der Hoek as could not be abused by doctors because of careful supervisory provisions. The law presupposes a long doctor-patient relationship and requires patients be legal residents of the Netherlands.

"There are sufficient measures to eliminate those concerns," Borst told the senators. Euthanasia, she said, will remain a last

We don't have the right to decide about matters of life and death, but God does.

> - Henrico van der Hoek euthanasia opponent

ments. Doctors can still be

punished if they fail to

meet the law's strict codes.

some protesters were

masked in black balaclavas

and carried oversized

syringes dripping with fake

blood. Others gathered sig-

natures for a petition that

already had 25,000 names

before the debate opened

Monday evening. Several

Outside parliament,

resort for those who have no other choice but endless suffering.

The law formalizes a practice discreetly used in Dutch hospitals and homes for decades, turning guidelines adopted by Parliament in 1993 into

Christian schools canceled classes to allow students from across the country to participate in the demonstrations.

'We don't have the right to decide about matters of life and death, but God does," said 19-year-old he walked past Parliament.

After the vote, they said they were disappointed but not surprised. The Senate vote was considered a formality for the bill, which passed the lower house in November. It still must be signed by Queen Beatrix - a symbolic step expected within a few weeks.

In the debate, Borst said a broad consensus had coalesced after 30 years of discussion, with some 90 percent of the population backing the changes.

Under the law, a patient would have to be undergoing irremediable and unbearable suffering, be aware of all other medical options and have sought a second professional opinion. The request would have to be made voluntarily, persistently and independently while the patient is of sound mind. Doctors are not supposed to suggest it as an option.

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Protesters Riot Over Shooting of Unarmed Man



CINCINNATI (AP) Police fired bean bags and rubber bullets to quell demonstrators who broke windows downtown Tuesday in a protest over the police shooting of an unarmed black man

It was the second day protesters ran through the streets, and police in riot gear formed protective cordons around City Hall and nearby police headquarters. Some officers were on horseback.

About 50 people threw rocks and bottles at windows and a sidewalk vendor's stand was ransacked, police Lt. Ray Ruberg said. At least five were arrested. No one was reported injured.

Mayor Charles Luken appealed for calm during a Tuesday evening news conference inside City Hall, where riot-clad police guarded the front door. He called for a public dialogue to replace violence.

"If we can't do that, then I'm not optimistic that the future will be that much better than the past," Luken said.



The confrontation came four days after Timothy Thomas, 19, was fatally shot as he ran from a police officer trying to arrest him on 14 warrants. Thomas, of Cincinnati, had been wanted for misdemeanors and traffic violations, including driving without a license and failing to wear a seat belt.

The FBI on Tuesday opened a civil rights investigation and will forward its findings to the Justice Department, said FBI spokesman Ed Boldt. He said a ruling is not expected for months.

Prosecutor Michael Allen said a Hamilton County grand jury might also investigate the shooting, which came as tensions were already high between police and many blacks. Four black men have been killed by officers since November.

On Monday, police also fired bean bags as about 800 demonstrators gathered downtown. Some of them disrupted a city council committee meeting.

By midnight the number dwindled to about 150 and the crowd eventually broke up, police said. Only TV camera crews were outside the police headquarters by Tuesday morning.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - President George W. Bush called the impasse with China a "stalemate" for the first time Tuesday, as U.S. diplomats awaited China's reply to a new formula for ending the impasse. Offering hope, China's leader said he was eager to break the spy plane impasse.

"Taking into the account the important role of the two countries, we have to find a solution," Chinese President Jiang Zemin said at a news conference in Uruguay. "I trust in the ability of both countries to resolve this issue."

Jiang, making a six-nation tour of Latin America, also said China's position was "sufficiently clear" as he stood by earlier demands that the United States apologize for the crash of a Chinese jet. The United States has refused to apologize.

Bush tried to lower expectations for the quick release of 24 U.S. servicemen and women, even while his foreign policy team reported modest behind-thescenes progress and said Beijing was mulling the administration's latest proposal to end the standoff.

In a new formulation, Bush was willing to express regret for the U.S. plane landing on Chinese soil if the conciliatory gesture would free the crew, U.S. officials said.

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Weather

Look out.

A fresh, new set of useless people has gathered in front of the Arbor to throw their bodies in front of the innocent in the name of ass-kissing.

Once again, it's time for A.S. elections. Once again, no one cares ... until now.

I lost on a minor technicality last year (lack of votes), but I've taken care of that and I'm back with a vengence. That's right, I'm running for A.S. president. I'm running on the Weatherticket, and here is my platform:

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2. Froggy pops for everyone.*

3. English-speaking math professors for everyone.*

4. Disposable velvet toilet-seat covers for everyone.*

5. Co-ed naked lacrosse (for real this time).

6. Campuswide installation of heated, vibrating muff bumpers and sack tappers.

7. Victorino will be my vice president.

*except for meatheads

Wednesday's forecast: A burst of sunshine and fresh air.

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Opinion

Drug War Funds Cartels U.S. Dollars Aggravate Colombian Narcotics Trade

SCOTT MITCHELL

The war on drugs sucks, and you and I are funding it. Last year the Colombian government received \$1.3 billion from Uncle Sam in mostly military aid to "battle Colombian guerilla coke trafficking," and this year's funding isn't any different. The chasm between what we're doing in Colombia and what we say we are doing is only getting bigger. The reality of the Colombian situation is far more twisted and disturbing than the picture painted by U.S. drug authorities, so listen up.

The Colombian government's armed forces are working closely with their right-wing paramilitary self-defense branch, the United Self-Defense Groups (AUC). The AUC implements U.S.funded guns, choppers, and training to ruthlessly battle the guerilla resistance, dubbed drug lords but otherwise known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

But evidence that Colombian guerillas are even selling drugs is questionable, Colombian President Andres Pastrana said, "For the moment no proof or evidence exists that the FARC is a drug cartel." And here's where it gets really fucked. Peasants in southern Colombia claim that the AUC is offering them big bucks for growing *coca*. In other words, the U.S. is funding the purchase of cocaine under the guise of battling it. And where do you think all that blow is going? Eight ball in the U.S. pocket. But hold off on that quaalude for just one sec, there's more. Besides being a U.S.-backed internal Colombian cartel, the AUC is also guilty of "ethnic cleansing" and essentially playing dirty across the board. On Jan. 3, the AUC paramilitary killed 11 civilians in Yolombo who were accused of being guerilla FARC sympathizers. Remind me who's funding this again?

And if you're still not pissed, try this on for size. Tree huggers should know that U.S.-sponsored herbicides are being dumped on tropical rainforests and systematically depleting scores of ecosystems in order to unearth "coca plants and operations." Does this sound familiar, do I have to spell it out — Vietdeuce. And those chemicals aren't just maiming rainforests. They are also polluting villages and rendering water sources toxic and needless to say, people are getting sick.

Uncle Sam's "hard-line" stance on drugs isn't just wasting taxpayers' money, it's killing innocent people in Colombia who are merely accused of guerilla allegiance. At this point I must pose the question, "Who is running this circus, and why?" My theory is that somehow the money given to Colombia is getting laundered back to the U.S. in the form of cocaine. In other words Uncle Sam just got a new hookup. And if that's the case, then where is the money going? Clinton was a proponent of these operations and the Bush administration isn't backing down soon either. Bill, how many cigars could you get for \$1.3 billion? And if that



isn't enough, dig the hypocrisy — Clinton and Bush both have questionable drug histories. Don't they feel bad about abusing people for the same shit they did?

Moreover, why does the U.S. have its panties in a bunch about drugs in the first place? I'd like to think that it's because they're somehow watching out for our safety, but note that the Drug Enforcement Agency employs agents closely connected with people making drug policy legislation. The government has now become for the government and not for the people. Who are they to tell us CONOR BUCKLEY / DAILY NEXUS how to manage our own bodies?

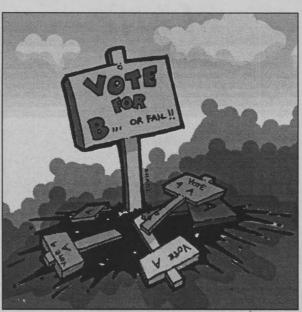
The Colombian model underscores skewed U.S. interests. It makes me cringe to think that the same man who backed NATO air strikes on Bosnia in order to "stop ethnic cleansing" ordered it upon Colombia in the same breath. And we went to Kuwait to stop people being hurt too ... right. If you're not infuriated by now, I suggest pulling your head out of your ass.

Scott Mitchell is a freshman film studies major.

The Reader's Voice PROFESSOR ABUSES POWER BY CAMPAIGNING FOR SAC

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I write this letter to express my outrage that an associate professor of Chicano studies, Ralph Armbruster-Sandoval, was actively abusing his power as a faculty member by engaging in an Associated Students election campaign. A certain UC Regent already criticized ethnic studies departments at UC schools as being "more focused on political pursuits than on academic ones," and Armbruster's actions with the Student Action Coalition serve to legitimize this criticism. Professors should not be abusing their power by involving themselves in students' political affairs. In doing so, they effectively force students in their classes to agree with them or risk being persecuted for their opinions. Even if professor Armbruster can continue to remain objective in dealing with students who may have different opinions than him, he is still stepping over an ethical line by potentially making students fear a bad grade if they are involved with an opposing Associated Students campaign. Professors need to remain independent of students' political affairs in both fact and appearance.



Letters to the editor MUST include the author's FULL name, phone number, year and major.

PRO-PLO SPEAKER TAINTS CENTER'S GRAND OPENING

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I wanted to express my disappointment and disgust with UCSB for inviting Hanan Ahsrawi to inaugurate our new Center on Middle East Studies. Having

It is acceptable and commendable for professors to encourage students to be involved. It is neither acceptable nor commendable for professors to help students win elections against other students in a student elecSHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

tion. This is akin to a baseball team of eight-year-olds bringing in a 15-year-old pitcher. It is unfair and uneth-ical.

Professor Armbruster indeed appears more interested in political pursuits than academic ones. If he wants to be a professor, he should not be involved in studentbased political campaigns. If he wants to be a political activist for student affairs, he should not be a professor. Let the students fight the students' fight. Ashrawi inaugurate this center is an insult. Ashrawi is a propagandist for the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) — a known terrorist organization - and her anti-Israel and anti-American rhetoric casts a very negative shadow upon the new center. Her distortion of the truth regarding the events in the Middle East is an affront to all Americans. Israel is our country's top ally in the region and the only true democracy in the Middle East. Our university should be humiliated for inviting a known propagandist and hate speaker to our campus. It is even more disgraceful that this new center did not have a speaker from Israel, the only pro-American country in the region, to debate Ashrawi on her distorted message. This shows the imbalance of this new center and is a disturbing prelude for the future of UCSB. I urge the student body to be wary of this new department and to question the information given to you by your professors. The fact that this center chose a person like Ashrawi to inaugurate it sends a strong message of its anti-American and anti-journalistic intentions.

NICK FARRAH

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WAGE

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finding. [The living wage proposal] is not some new, radical idea."

The group formed less than a year ago to author a proposal in response to Santa Barbara workers' inability to afford living in the area while working full time at the current minimum wage. Living Wage and Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District board member Harley Augustino said similar ordinances passed in 54 other cities nationwide.

"Basically a bunch of people are making living wage movements that have been sweeping through the country," he said. "What we're trying to accomplish today is to show the city council that we have community support. We want dignity and justice for low-wage employees."

John Paine, Latinos for Better Government president, said it costs \$16.60 an hour to "barely" live in the Santa Barbara area.

"This is a national movement," he said. "We're not out here to hurt businesses; a member of the community, a human being, deserves a sustainable wage."

Social justice, religious and labor organizations along with student

groups are supporting the ordinance, Gonzales said. Trinity Episcopal Church Rev. Mark Asman said the support has been overwhelming and well-deserved.

"I think living wage is one piece of a justice issue," he said. "People should be able to work for a dignified wage."

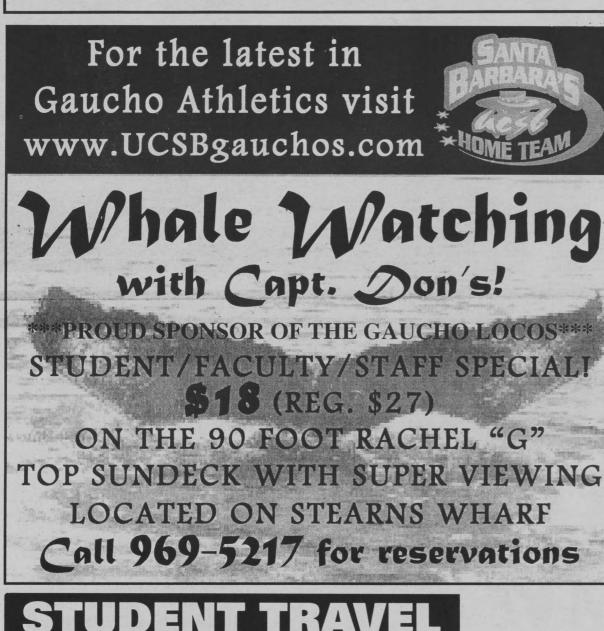
The Living Wage will be holding a community celebration with food, live music and dancing Friday, April 20, from 6-10 p.m. at Casa de la Raza, located at 601 E. Montecito St.

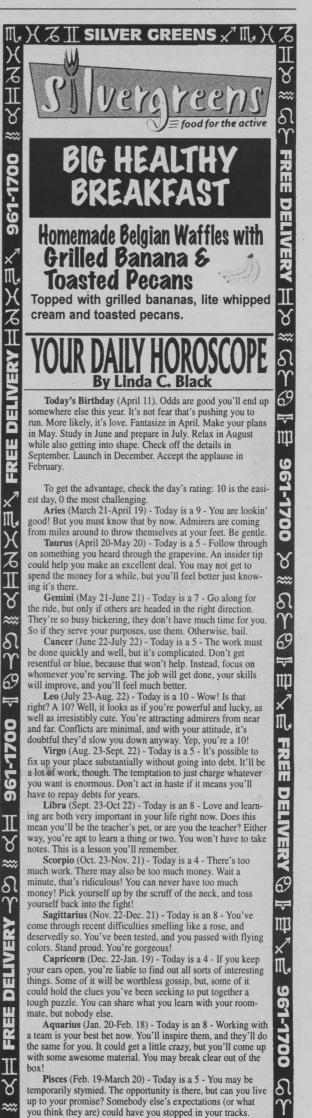
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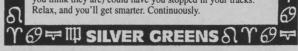


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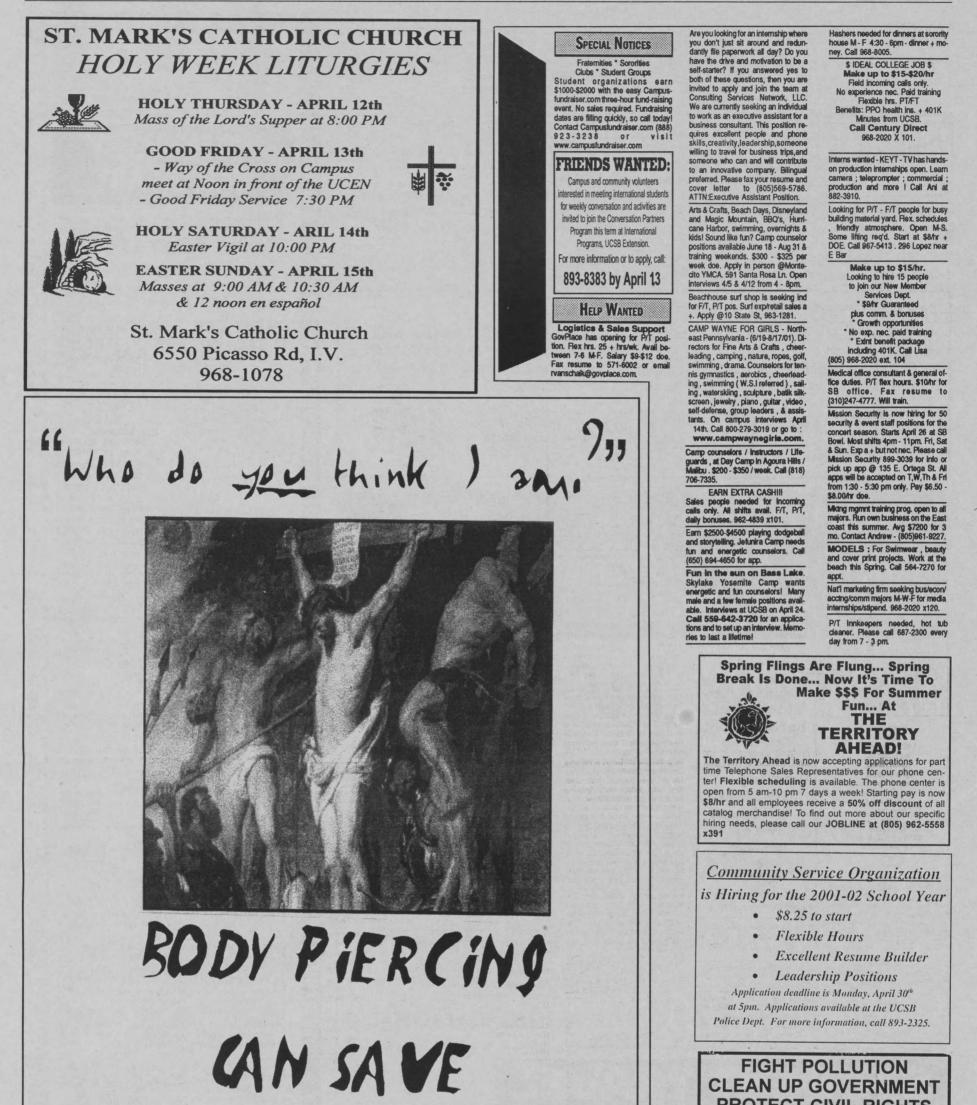


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YOUR LIFE

The Bible says that Jesus was God "in the flesh." If that's true, why would God do something like that? And why, as a man, die a horrific death? Jesus was nailed to a cross where he died of slow suffocation. What was it all for? For nothing?

Actually, he had a very good reason...you. The Bible describes what many of us feel: "Your iniquity [sin] has made a separation between you and your God" (Isaiah 59:2). God feels distant to us—we don't know him and engage in a daily relationship with him—because of our sin.

Our primary sin was that we estranged ourselves from God. Each of us has told him to take a hike. "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6). We've all tried to live our lives apart from God.

The penalty for that sin is death. Therefore, Jesus came to die in our place, so that our separation from God might end.

"The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). God, in Jesus, fully paid for our sin and now offers us complete forgiveness and eternal life.

We needed a Savior. That's why God bothered to come to earth as a man and die for us. Then he rose from the dead three days later, just as he said he would. Maybe that was God's way of showing us that Jesus alone can offer us life. He is the only one who has conquered death.

Would you like to learn more about Jesus Christ, and how to know God and receive eternal life? If so, read the section of the Bible called "John." You can also learn about Jesus' death and resurrection in the feature article BEYOND BLIND FAITH at EveryStudent.com.

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Kosakowski Brings Leadership, Stability to Gauchos

BY JOHN LIU Reporter

The highlight of the UCSB men's tennis team thus far this season has been the consistent and outstanding play of junior co-captain Marcin Kosakowski.

Kosakowski has been on a hot streak as of late, winning five of his last six matches at the #1 singles spot. He and sophomore J.J. Stewart have been playing well as a team, winning nine of their last 12 matches.

An especially satisfying win during Kosakowski's recent run came last weekend against the #52 ranked University of San Diego. The Poland native believes his straight-set win against San Diego's best singles Mattias player, senior Trengefjord, was one of his most meaningful victories of the sea-

"My last match against San Diego was really important," Kosakowski said. "That win was really a good confidence builder for me personally."

However, it has not been all roses for the Gauchos or Kosakowski this season. After experiencing several tough losses, the junior has used those setbacks to improve his play. Fellow co-captain Marcio Pepe thinks that Kosakowski's loss early in the year at Berkeley was a changing point in his season.

He played really well against Berkeley," Pepe said. "He could have won that match. It was very close. I think that match made him realize how good he can play. I think losing the match tage of his size." made him want to improve even

more." During this past offseason, Kosakowski worked extensively with UCSB Head Coach Marty Davis to improve his backhand. Kosakowski felt it was the weakest part of his game prior to this season, and after working hard to improve his swing, his teammates now believe the backhand



Marcio Pepe

to be one of Kosakowski's most important assets.

"He worked hard and he started believing in himself," Pepe said. "He turned his backhand from a weakness to a weapon. I think that's really helped him this year."

Even more important than improving technically, Davis believes that Kosakowski is enjoying more success this season because he has improved his mental approach to the game.

"I think before [Kosakowski] was trying to decide what kind of player he wanted to be," Davis said. "He is more aggressive this year. He is coming to the net more. He's a big powerful guy and now he's taking full advan-

Davis thinks the turning point for Kosakowski came at the ITA regional tournament last fall, when Kosakowski defeated nationally ranked UCLA junior Erfan Djahangiri.

"I think [beating Djahangiri] really put him over the top," Davis said. "He realized he belonged."

Kosakowski not only contributes to the team with his consistent play, but he also provides leadership for the young Santa Barbara squad.

"I'm not a real vocal guy," Kosakowski said. "I try to lead by example. I try to have high energy in practice and matches. I think the amount you put into something is how much you'll get out of it."

Freshman Jerome Chan believes Kosakowski's approach to practice sets a good example for the other players.

"He plays a huge leadership role," Chan said. "He keeps us on task. He works hard at everything. I think he's a role model to everybody on the team."

Davis has also been impressed with Kosakowski's role within the team as a co-captain and one of the veteran players.

"Marcin is filling in some huge shoes playing at the #1 singles spot," Davis said. "Simon Shen last year was Big West Player of the Year, and the year before that Cory Guy was Big West Player of the Year too. I've been really impressed with how he's handled himself. He's been playing his best tennis when it counts the most."

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Junior co-captain Marcin Kosakowski knows he's #1. Kosakowski is the team leader and the top singles player for Santa Barbara this season.

Kosakowski is now excited about the remaining portion of this season, and has confidence in UCSB's ability to play great tennis as the season begins to draw to a close.

didn't win the Big West Tournament," Kosakowski said. "We are very capable of playing great tennis, and next year we have two really good recruits coming in. We're only going to "I would be surprised if we get better as a team."

Santa Barbara Hopes to End Season Wit

BY BRITTANY LANGAN Staff Writer

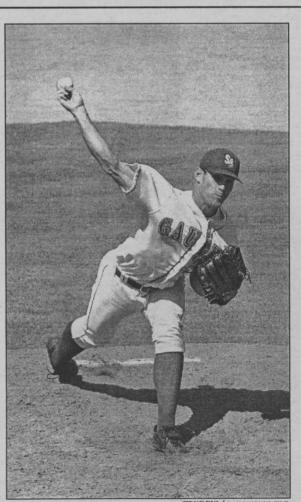
It's hard to predict how a team will do when its chemistry is suddenly altered near the end of the season, but that is exactly the predicament facing the #9 UCSB men's volleyball team.

A key component of the #7 USC men's volleyball

team, senior 2000 All-American outside hitter Eli Fairfield, recently left the team for personal reasons. Whatever the explanation may be, Santa Barbara isn't complaining.

The Gauchos (11-11 overall, 4-11 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) hope to take advantage of the void in the Trojans' (15-9, 10-6) lineup tonight in UCSB's final home match of the season.

"We want to finish off the season strong," junior outside hitter Andy Rivera said. "It will be a good game and





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Junior outside hitter Andy Rivera sets a ball. The Gauchos play their home finale Thursday at 7 p.m. vs. the Trojans.

we hope that a lot of people come out to watch us play." Santa Barbara's recent losses to #4 Stanford (12-7, 8-6) and Pacific (10-11, 6-9) knocked it out of the running for the upcoming MPSF Tournament. But that doesn't mean that the Gauchos don't intend to give it their all against USC.

"Everyone is playing now for pride," junior opposite hitter Alex Lienert said. "We lost to them earlier this season in five games so we're fired up to beat them this match."

UCSB fell to the Trojans earlier this season on February 10 in a hotly contested match. The match was eventually decided in the fifth game, when UCSB succumbed to the Trojans.

Southern Cal's junior 2000 All-American opposite hitter Brooke Billings led the team to victory with 20 kills earlier this season. UCSB sophomore outside hitter Ben Koski has a grudge against the junior and is ready for some payback.

"I've been playing against [Billings] my whole career," Koski said. "We went to rival high schools. I went to Santa Barbara High and Brooke went to San Marcus. It was always Brooke, Brooke, Brooke when I played against him - I've always wanted to beat him."

Koski and the rest of the Gauchos will look to exact some revenge from the Trojans tonight in the Thunderdome at 7:05.

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Gauchos Fall to USC

The UCSB baseball team had its six-game winning streak snapped Tuesday, as the Gauchos lost 6-4 to the Trojans. Santa Barbara had won 13 out of its last 14 games before the setback, which came in its final nonconference game. Check out Thursday's Sports section to read more about UCSB's disappointing loss.