Speaker Decrees Welfare, Social Security

By Josh Wolf

Thronges of angry students challenged the College Republicans' last speaker, University of California Regent Ward Connelly. The group's last speaker, a writer who rose from welfare to become a best-selling author and successful entrepreneur, drew a much milder response Tuesday night.

Lecturer Focuses on U.S. Relations With Africa

By Brendan Bulhah

Before Dane Smith began his foreign-service career, which lasted over 30 years and included ambassadorships to Guinea and Senegal, he came to Santa Barbara to train for the Peace Corps. "We were invited into sensitivity groups and encouraged to talk about our real feelings about mom and dad. Wherever you were, you would get our real feelings about going to Ethiopia," he said. "Of course, none of those guys had ever been to Ethiopia, so how would they know?"

On Tuesday, he came back to Santa Barbara to speak to a crowd of roughly 50 people in the McCune Conference room as part of the "Global Forces in the Post-Cold War World" lecture series, sponsored by a number of organizations, including UCSB's global studies program. Now, at the end of his career as president of the National Peace Corps Association, Smith knows something about all of Africa, which, he said, is not given the attention it deserves by the United States.

The United States has significantly more trade with Africa than with the former Soviet Union, he said. "Over the past 10 years, the United States has increased trade with Africa more than with the former Soviet Union," he said. "Over the past 10 years, the United States has increased trade with Africa more than with the former Soviet Union."

During the presidential campaign, George W. Bush said he did not think Africa had much to do

Court Postpones Attias' Arraignment One Week

By Marisa Lagos and Jennifer B.

The arraignment of UCSB freshman David Attias, charged with multiple counts of murder and manslaughter, was delayed until Tuesday, March 6, at the request of defense attorney Robert Hanger.

Attias was behind the wheel of the 1991 Saab that struck five pedestrians in Isla Vista on Friday night, killing four of them and critically injuring a fifth, according to California

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The College Republicans at UCSB and the Young Americans for Freedom, a conservative group that sponsors speak-

ers at college campuses, brought Star Parker, the author of Pimps, Whores and Welfare Bait, to the MultiCultural Center Theater. Parker spoke to a diverse crowd of approximately 45 people about America's welfare system and attempted to answer the question, "Whose role is it to help the poor?"

Prior to Parker's lecture, those in attendance sat over 20 minutes in near silence while she waited for the taping of her appearance on the MSNBC show "Hardball" to begin. For the next 40 minutes, Parker debated with an unheard partner via satellite on a variety of issues. After the show, Parker was followed by "Culture of Spectacle" The Sabado Tarde tragedy brought the media outlets out in force. But this is merely a symptom of our voyeuristic society.

The #8 UCSB men's volleyball team falls to the Waves 3 - 1 in Tuesday night's game. See Sports, p.12

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A.S. Leg Council To Back Week for Victims, Debate Voting Code Modification

Associated Students Legislative Council representatives will offer condolences to the vic-
tims of Friday's tragic incident and call for a week of "reflection and remembrance," along with normal business tonight in their weekly meeting.

Rep-at-Large Shaina Walter, who authored the position paper, said she did not expect anyone on the council to object. She said a third resolution, to create a UCSB chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving, may be cut because authorities have not yet indicated whether alcohol was involved.

Beyond the position paper, Walter said help should be available to people with problems. "No matter what kind of problem it is, whether it's a drinking problem, or a drug problem or an emotional problem, people need to recognize that and be able to get help," she said.

In other business, the council plans to take up election-code reform. Last week, they voted to approve reforms eliminating runoff elections and substituting a new system, in which students would vote for their first and second choice for A.S. exec-
tive offices. If no one receives a majority of votes, the top two candidates would advance, and the second two of those who did not vote for one of the top two candidates would be added to the original totals.

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WASHINGTON — President Bush sought behind massive tax cuts and a budget blueprint he barely keeps pace with the nation's 43rd president.

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Iraq Dismisses Amendments to U.N. Sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq's foreign minister on Tuesday rejected a U.S. proposal to amend U.N. sanctions so Iraqis do not suffer so much, calling it a ploy by Washington to justify maintaining the 10-year-old embargo.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohamed Saeed al-Sa'dah concluded two days of talks with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday — the first high-level U.N.-Iraqi dialogue in more than two years on bridging the gap over sanctions and weapons inspectors.

They agreed to hold more talks, with Annan asking al-Sa'dah to consider setting dates for the second round. Al-Sa'dah would not give details but said the next round would be "within a few weeks" and probably in New York.

That would most likely position the meeting after an Arab summit in Amman, Jordan, at the end of March.

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"If it sounds too good to be true, maybe it is," House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.) said. "We think we should be more skeptical, in approaching this tax cut.

Democrats are proposing targeted tax cuts of up to $1 trillion over 10 years, nearly twice as much as they supported a year ago.

Bush delivered his speech, the first prime time television appearance before heading to the Capitol with his wife, Laura.

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AP Wire Shorts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge heard arguments Tuesday in a lingering antitrust suit filed against two major beer brewing companies and independent brewers who allege their competition receives illegal preferential treatment from publishers for secret deals and steep discounts.

Attorneys representing the American Bookellers Association argued before U.S. District Judge William Orrick that the suit against Barnes & Noble Inc. and Borders Group Inc. should proceed to trial.

Orrick did not rule Tuesday. The case is set for trial beginning in May.

The case was filed in 1998 and the plaintiffs have since tried to get information about distribution and marketing practices of the major chains and, especially, the major chains. The 26 plaintiffs claim the growth of large bookstore chains has cost them millions of dollars that they are unable to recoup without the same discounts.

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — Start transportation officials say they may be to blame for the alcoholic birds along Interstate 2 in Shasta County.

Over the last few days the birds have been eating a fermenting berry that gives the birds an alcohol buzz. Dreams have birds convulsed into car windshields, and flown into the pavement, leaving pieces of bird carcasses along the highway.

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Parker delivered a 45-minute speech to the audience.
"I'm becoming more and more like a Libertarian every day," Parker said in her opening. She spoke of how she is "concerned regarding how the poor are affected" by Bush's tax cuts and appeared to be carrying on a somewhat heated debate. At one point, she said "George Bush is a businessman, but he's also a cowboy."

Parker expressed her dislike for the welfare system after living in and out of it for seven years. She spoke of the three rules of welfare: "Don't work, don't save, don't get married." Parker also focused on the Social Security system and inherent problems in its future. She denounced Social Security's economic return as a valid investment opportunity. White females earn only 2 percent on their investment in Social Security, she said. White males earn between 1.2 and 1.5 percent, black females earn 1 percent and black males only break even. She attributed these differences between each group to varied life expectancies.

The College Republicans invited Parker to speak to promote harmony and to contrast with the more controversial guests of the past, including Eldridge Cleaver, who visited the school in 1968; Connerly; and Oliver North, College Republicans Chair Nick Farrah said.

"Star is here because people who oppose the views expressed tonight don't make themselves available to hear it," Llewellyn said. "I don't think that faith should play a large role in politics. Our personal lives influence our politics, not the other way around. A good place to start understanding political motives and processes is to address individual faith."

As part of the Remembrance and Reflection Week, a tree will be planted today at 3 p.m. in Little Acorn Park.

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A.S. President Mahadeer Tesfai said the bill and wrote back to the council, "This new elections code is sending the message loud and clear to the UCSB student body that their vote does not count." He also cited constitutional violations and a lack of deliberation time in his veto.

"They're passing this code that has all these reforms and revisions in it, and there wasn't any dialogue about it," Tesfai said. "I think by vetoing it, we won't be making any forced decisions that aren't in the best interests of the student body."

Tesfai's veto was turned in six minutes late. Judicial Council will rule whether or not the veto is valid.

Leg Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Flying A Room of the UCen.

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with U.S. interests — a view Smith said is misplaced. Africa, Smith said, affects America through trade, immigration, terrorism and exotic diseases. He also said wars in Africa can spread, threatening U.S. interests and costing taxpayers billions of dollars.

At the end of the 1980s, the waning years of the Cold War, U.S. aid to Africa reached nearly $1.2 billion — a record high. Nowadays, Smith said, the United States is stingier.

This decrease is especially painful for Africa, Smith said, which has the world's highest rate of HIV/AIDS infection and cannot afford most pharmaceuticals.

"The issue of [HIV/AIDS] drugs, for example, has become a major one, and we're really on the wrong side of that one," he said. "The drug companies are insisting that patents be respected. We need to find a way to encourage U.S. firms to provide these drugs and provide them at costs Africans can afford; otherwise, the epidemic will continue unchecked."

Smith said hope for U.S. policy in Africa lies with the public.

"The American people care about human rights," he said. "They care about democracy. It may not be the thing they care about most of all, but they do care about it, and they want to hold national administrations accountable for the kind of policies they can be proud of."

Africa is too often overlooked, history professor Stephan Miescher said.

"I think it's important for the UCSB community to be exposed to issues that relate to Africa, especially because Africa is such a marginalized area of the world as far as UCSB students and some members of the UCSB faculty," Miescher said.

Senior history major Allison Wenograd said she enjoyed the lecture. "It was very interesting," she said. "It definitely informed me."

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### 2001 University Award Nominations Available March 5 for Outstanding Graduating Seniors and Graduate Students

Each 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 2000-01 year and who has performed "above and beyond the call of duty" in service to the University, the student body, and the community, or has succeeded while facing extraordinary challenges. Additionally, it is expected that nominees are role models to the campus community.

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

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 5 PM**

IN THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE (SAASB 2201)

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### Thomas More Storke Award

The Thomas More Storke Award is awarded each year to one graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship and extra-curricular 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 3.5 or above. If possible, please attach a letter from a faculty member in support of this nomination. If no letter is attached, the student will be required to submit a faculty letter of recommendation.

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### 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 way— contributed significantly to the quality of undergraduate life on campus. Nominees must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

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### Alyce Marita Whitted Memorial Award

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

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### 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 2.919, which is the scholastic average of the undergraduate student body as a whole.

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### University Award of Distinction

These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students who have made an outstanding contribution to a particular (or perhaps every) aspect of 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 2.919, which is the scholastic average of the undergraduate student body as a whole.

Nomination forms are available at:

- Associated Students
- College of Engineering—Undergraduate Office
- College of Letters & Science
- Counseling and Career Services
- Davidson Library—East Entrance Information Desk
- EOP—Buildings 406 and 434
- Graduate Students Association—UCen 2502
- Isla Vista/UCSB Community Services Center
- MultiCultural Center
- Office of Residential Life—Trailer 335
- Office of Student Life—SAASB 2201
- Ombuds Office—SAASB 1207
- Student Health Service Lobby
- Women's Center
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“We know that it has affected not only the loved ones and the families of the victims, whose grief has been unspokenable, and we extend whatev­er compassion we can. We know that it has also left a terrible gift in the community, and we can­not begin to tell you how saddened we are.”

CHP Capt. Bob Clements said the Multi-disciplinary Accident Investigation Team, a specialized agency of the CHP, is conducting the ongoing police investigation.

“We are still running blood tests to check for a variety of substances.

We are contacting witnesses that have come forward — there is a min­imum of 46 witnesses to contact — and we are going to follow all leads,” Clements said. “They will do analy­sis of the vehicle itself and recon­struct the timeline that led to the incidents… The investigation will look into the background and histo­ry of Attias.”

Attias spent his sophomore year in high school at the Woodlen Junior High School in Vermont, accord­ing to a roommate of Attias’ at Woodlen Lodge. “He was a normal student, which Natte said in a one­year transitional program intended to provide high school students with a structured setting to aid their acad­emic performance.

“It was tailored differently for everybody. The thing, it was so intense, the place where we lived, because there was so few of us and there was so much emphasis on turn­ing around the different aspects of our life that had problems. For me it was just academics,” he said. “Some people had more problems than others.

Dave was one of our one at one point — a student protagonist, which basically meant you do what you want and you’re responsible for mak­ing sure that nobody else gets in any trouble. He was relatively trusted. Out of all the people who were there, he was definitely not at the top of the list as far as having problems. He had some problems, but we think that he wasn’t absolutely the only one.

Daniel Attias choked back tears during his brief statement to the media as his wife Dana cries quietly by his side after their son’s arraignment on Tuesday.

“You can’t do this year; you’re ready for a challenge. Set aside a good day to play with friends, but there are complications. A tip for this period is to increase your income instead. Don’t have a fit. Look for ways to increase your income instead. Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5. It may look like a good day to play with friends, but there are complications. A tip for this period is to increase your income instead. An individual should make a reasonable decision to increase one’s income instead. It’s not a good day to ask for a raise. Those you care about shouldn’t do it or ask for it. They won’t listen, they won’t listen, and it’s not a day to ask for a raise. Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5. It will look like a good day to play with friends, but there are complications. A tip for this period is to increase your income instead. It’s a tough period. People will be challenging even if you’re not trying. Gospel (Oct. 23-Nov 21) — Today is a 7. It may seem like a good day to play with friends, but there are complications. A tip for this period is to increase your income instead. It’s not a good day to ask for a raise. Those you care about shouldn’t do it or ask for it. They won’t listen. They won’t listen, and it’s not a day to ask for a raise. Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5. It will look like a good day to play with friends, but there are complications. A tip for this period is to increase your income instead. It’s not a good day to ask for a raise. Those you care about shouldn’t do it or ask for it. They won’t listen. They won’t listen, and it’s not a day to ask for a raise.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6. If you’re wor­ried about influences on your income, they won’t ask you to. Those you care about shouldn’t do it or ask for it. They won’t listen. They won’t listen, and it’s not a day to ask for a raise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5. It may look like a good day to play with friends, but there are complications. A tip for this period is to increase your income instead. It’s not a good day to ask for a raise. Those you care about shouldn’t do it or ask for it. They won’t listen. They won’t listen, and it’s not a day to ask for a raise.
The rain comes down in a halo of streetlight amber. Thousands of students stand silent in the road weaving. Behind the silence, a single power generator hums the TV station’s live feeds. Quietly, tacitly, a make-up TV reporter turns to a female student with tears running down her face and asks, “Comment?”

When I saw the yellow sheets on Sabado Tarde on Friday night I didn’t see the students, I saw the headlines. A historic tragedy had just taken place, and the national eye was about to fix its hungry gaze on I.V. I saw the sensationalized leads and photos with distorted cutlines. I saw the faux sincerity in the faces of the TV news reporters and the groundswell of people, too, fascinated to see what would creep into every biased story.

Many students on campus are furious with the national and statewide coverage that followed Friday night in these days, and they should be. But what many fail to understand is that this is how our country always behaves when bad things happen in the 21st century. The vultures descend, they pick through the tragedy for fees, money shots, and they fly off to the next kill.

Our is a Culture of Spectacle. Millions of people lose their jobs and careers hinge on the random, inevitable tragedies occurring in America every day. The key is to get the facts and get it first. Princess Di, Elton, Columbine, Oklahoma City — we know these stories because national news sources brought us these stories. Now we’re part of the story. The blood and carnage that comprise a large part of our national news has stopped being pumped in, the live feed has reversed, and it’s sickening all of us.

The job of piloting grief for news isn’t an easy one, and any student who expects national media to get our story right is naïve.

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right is suffering delusions of naivety. There is no way in hell some random from the East Coast, or even LA, could possibly comprehend the nuances of our loss without spending 30-40 hours in Isla Vista. But they don't have weeks and weeks; they have 12, hours, often less. They must run around in a town they don't know, chassising a story they feel nothing about, interviewing the grief-stricken and the media wines alike. In the end, the convoluted story that airs or goes to print is as close as that "professional" could get to the truth.

Numerous national television audiences assaulted the Nexus phone lines asking for quotes, sources and dirt on the story. They seemed at a loss when Nexus staffers explained the basic ethics of journalism: not quoting other journalists and doing your own research. In print and in person, our better-paid colleagues trampled the journalistic ethics we hold dear, and their behavior is a sad comment on our future careers. But more than that, it's a striking comment on our Spectacle Culture. Marshall McLoish once said, "The medium is the message." Television, the Internet and other media don't show reality; they alter reality and influee with their own subset. The medium is the giganto satellite dishes in Perfect Park. The message is "As a nation, we're only interested when your kids start bleeding." The live coverage from Columbame, the Indiana bodies in earthquake rubble, the IVTV footage aired over and over again on CNN -- there are no viable news items, they're gory trash. To all the national-media finger pointing you want, but those fingers are connected to thumbs calmed from years of flipping through image after image of terrified covered carnage. Many media wines will use this tragedy to push their own anti-drug/alcohol/driving agenda, and that's all fine and dandy. I would simply like to live in a world where community grief isn't a national spectacle for national spectacle's sake. It cheapens the mourning process. Be mindful of what you watch on TV and what you consider news. The dis­ tressed, offended face weeping on national TV may end up being you.

Daily Friday editor David Downs described methamphetamine, automobiles and national media -- in that order. He writes "The Low Down" every Wednesday.

Counting Calories
Personal Health and Well-Being Are More Important Than Losing Weight
LYNNAE PEDROTTI

To be thin was all I wanted. I was thin before, and I found myself gaining weight. My size 5 jeans were tight, my flat, tone stomach was gone, and I was going to do something about it.

I read a New Year's resolution that I would drop down to my "normal" weight, and I was more than determined to reach my goal. I knew that I had to eat healthier and work out more. As the weeks passed, my weight dropped, and my clothes fit comfortably again. I was happy. I had accomplished my goal, and I felt that I had accomplished more than I could have if I stopped, the weight would come back. So I continued eating "healthy" and continued to increase my workouts.

My definition of eating "healthy" was what most profes­ sionals would call disordered eating. I cut out all unnecessary fats, such as mayonnaise and butter; the only foods I ate were fat-free or light foods, and I drastically reduced my caloric intake. I limited myself to about 2000 calories a day and kept a log of everything I ate. My daily food con­ sumption consisted of one small bagel and half a glass of non-fat milk for breakfast, fat-free yogurt, a granola bar and a piece of fruit for lunch; salad, a piece of bread and half a cup of frozen yogurt for dinner; and one serving (16 chips) of fat-free Pringles for a snack.

My eating habits were not the only thing I took control of. I worked out everyday. I did an hour of cardio seven days a week, weight-trained three days a week and did 20 minutes of sit-ups every night. My exercise routine became an obsession. I thought if I skipped a day of exercising I would get into this constant habit of slipping days and put the weight I had lost back on.

As the months passed, my weight continued to drop. By the end of my first year at UCSB, I had gone from 120 pounds to 110 pounds and then down to 106 pounds. I was scared. As I looked in the mirror I could see my hipocondry protrude, the outline of my ribs and the ripples of my muscles through my skin. I had to buy new clothes over the summer because all my pants were ridiculously big. I was now down to a size 1, and even those gave me extra muffin tops.

People continually told me there was something wrong with me — that I didn't eat enough, that I worked out too much. I told them I knew something wasn't right, but I didn't need people who hardly knew me to remind me. I just wanted them to leave me alone. No one could get through to me, I wouldn't let them.

When I went home for the summer, I couldn't help but notice the look on people's faces when they saw me. I knew they were wondering what happened to me, why I was so skinny. I was mad at everyone. I just wanted them to leave me alone. I was even pissed off at my boyfriend. The way he looked at me made me angry, I would shudder if he tried to touch me. He said he was scared to touch me because he thought he was going to break me. Inside I almost felt like saying, "Good, don't touch me then."

I knew I needed to break down. Being surrounded by my family, friends and my boyfriend made me realize that I needed to do something. My emotions and feelings were all jumbled up. I decided that I needed to put on some pounds, but at the same time I felt like all my hard work was going down the drain. I felt I had worked so hard for nothing. I had mood swings all the time. I questioned if I should eat more, if I should eat less, or should I even know anymore. My metabolism was so screwed up that my body couldn't tell me if I had enough to eat or not.

With time, I got better. When my new clothes started to get tight, I kept telling myself that it was ok. People told me I looked a lot better, which made me feel good. I started to feel comfortable with my size again.

Since then, I have joined the Nutrition and Eating Disorder Peers through Student Health. The group rein­ forces my commitment to myself to eat and exercise like a "normal" person and gives me an opportunity to help oth­ ers not make the same mistakes I did.

Lynnare Pedrotti is a junior psychology major.
Mexico's official yet unrecogn­ized, third cultural and racial root.

Mexico blacks have had a long and storied history in the country. Yet it is a story that is desired, not shared and offi­cially obscured. It is that amendment that is acting as a resource for localized resistance and mass mobilization against Mexican history. Groups of AfroMexicano (or Africanos Mexicanos, as I prefer to know them) have started to organize and to demand a stronger acceptance of their historical role in the shaping of the coun­try's Mexican-ness, or national character.

Over the last few years, museums have begun to pay attention to this forgotten group. And, more importantly, museums emphasizing the African Mexican experi­ence are appearing, and even more are planned. One is in the town of Cuaju, in the Guerrero and Oaxaca border, which finally incorporates the regional black history in its description of what is known as the Cuaju Chica, an area between Acapulco and Puerto Angel/Puerto Escondido on the Pacific coast.

But why has it taken so long for Mexico's blacks to finally begin to be rec­ognized as the country's third root? Want it enough to let the numbers speak! For example, 200 years since the conquest, New Spain (Mexico) had dou­bled the size of Africans over Europeans. And, despite the country's excuse toward slavery as something the Spanish did, from the 1500s to the 1700s, Mexico was the principal destination and port of entry for African slaves in the entire New World!

Part of the reason for this historical and racial amnesia rests in at least two reasons. One is Mexico's unique form of mestizaje, an idealized form of racial and cultural mixing that states that Mexican people are the result of European and indigenous mixing. This official stance, long taught in elementary schools throughout the country, unequivocally left out the peoples of African (or Asian) descent.

Another cause, I believe, is this coun­try's own trajectory of blacks. The United States had such a virulent, racially moti­vated slavery system, that Mexico is con­tent to let the United States keep the grand prize. If Mexico were to emphasize the key, yet tragic, role that Africans had in the economic development of the country, attention might be diverted from this other North American country which still cannot come to terms with this crucial past.

Mexico's third-root movement, though not yet strong or long enough to reshape Mexican history completely, is beginning to be noticed. The Mexican government's "Culture Office," for instance, has officially funded a program to bring out the AfricanoMexicanos' hidden past. Let's hope it continues to be supported in Guerrero (and Yucatan in the Caribbean coast, the other region with strong black legacy). And, let's hope this is not an academic studies discipline of sorts — finally, after the Mexican anthropologist Gonzalo Aguirre Beltran proposed it in the 1940s.

Our own UCSB is in the middle of it too. Dr. Seth Fisher, from the Sociology Dept., with several other members of the Black and Chicano studies units on camp­us, attended a binational conference on issues of ethnicity, poverty and blackness in the port of Acapulco. Myself, I'm toy­ing with the idea of a course on the AfricanoMexicanos historical and cultural experience, surely to open up vast stores of hidden knowledge that will definitely have a positive effect on ethnic issues arising today.

La Terremota, as the movement is known, has a long and difficult road ahead. Cultural and historical concepts, and the reality they socially construct, are slow to change. Countless Mexicans (and Mexican Americans/Chicanos) have no idea of this part of Mexico's path. The common and popular view is that in Mexico no gay nays. If we have darker than usual skin, we blame it on the hot sun or on some group of unusually darker indigenous group.

We have been denied the knowledge of that other integral part of our history, the Third Root. Plurality is a process, not a given. Welcome home, terremota.

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Opinion

Mexico Fails to Acknowledge Its Los Negros History

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We Must Change Society's View of 'Ideal' Body Shape

KAREN BOOTH

As we look to the past, we see female icons such as Marilyn Monroe, Twiggy, Elle McPherson and Kate Moss. Today we have figures like Ally McBeal, Christina Aguilera, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos and Heidi Klum dis­played wildly in our daily lives, creating an unattainable ideal that many of us desire. What do all of these icons have in common? Their audience — us. We look at all of these figures surrounding us everyday, changing our opinions of our selves and those around us. "I want to be blonde, 5 feet 7 inches and weigh 110 pounds," says a young teenage girl. And the boys, well they might not say much, but we all know what they are thinking. "I'm gonna be ripped, man, so I can get all the chicks." Why do we want to look this way? Because our culture and society deem it as valuable. If you look good, you fit in. You are a part of the mold.

It's hard not to fall into the trap that society has prepared for us. When the majority of women see a "beau­tiful" model, they wonder, "why can't I look like that?" Her boyfriend probably has pictures of Pamela Anderson Lee and Pinup girls all over his room, while she has Anorexic and Fad models all over hers. It has been ingrained in our minds to deem these figures as beautiful and sexy, which is how all women and men want to feel.

So how do they go about it? From dieting, fasting, binge­ing and purging, to over exercising, people do it all. Eating disorders have become more prevalent as the years go on. Here at UCSB, 23.4 percent of women and 7.9 percent of men have a diagnosable eating disorder. This is up to eight times the national average. How can we change these sad statistics? We can change our values and our ideals.

If we look at our partners and friends as individuals who are unique because of their attributes and personal­i­ties, rather than their superficial looks, then we will have made a start. Let's face it, we can never get rid of the media. It will always be there, telling us products with "ideal" models to make our selves fit the molds con­structed by them. If anyone can change their own out­look on what's beautiful and what's not, it can also ensure that they will feel good about themselves and who they are. Instead of looking at these actors, actresses, singers and models as ideals, look at them as not fitting into our mold of society. These body types only make up 5 percent of the population anyway, so aren't they really the minority? The average female model is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 110-118 pounds. The average woman is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds. Does this "ideal" represent reality? The "ideal" is getting thinner all the time. The "ideal" woman used to weigh 6 percent below average, now she is 23 percent below average. Never before has the ideal been so difficult to attain. Remember to keep in mind while looking at these unre­alistic figures around us that these models spend their day "leeping in shape" because they have to continue their career.

Every BODY is different. If we were supposed to resemble these images, then wouldn't we look that way? Going through all this trouble to look "ideal" isn't right, it shouldn't be an hard to be sexy. Marilyn Monroe was very sexy and she was a size 13. Why can't that be our ideal today? Women have curves because they are made to reproduce. Why can't we change biology, so why don't we change society?

Changing society will take some time, but if people begin to hold their own ideals as important over the ones con­structed by our society, change will begin to change. If you feel better about yourself, you'll feel good about everyone around you. If anyone you know suffers from an eating disorder, talk to the major by just being there for them, and being their friend. If you want to talk to someone regarding these issues, go to Student Health and set up a free appointment to talk to a counselor or dietician. Make an appointment by calling 893-3371.

Karen Booth is the co-coordinator for Nutrition and Eating Disorders Month, Feb. 24-March 2.

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here, he was a very placid, docile student. He wasn’t at the top of the class, but he wasn’t at the bottom either. He had friends, but he wasn’t the most gregarious; he was sort of an unremarkable child,” she said. “However, people have things inside of them that sometimes don’t become apparent until later in their life. Basically, all I remember really is him going off to college, undeclared freshman Jocelyn Hunter, an acquaintance of Attias’, said she was surprised when she ‘discovered he was the driver of the car in Friday’s accident.

“At the beginning of the year he was always out in the hall, like all freshmen, trying to make friends and everything, but then he became really more of a shut-in. I would only run into him in the elevator and stuff, so I can’t say, but he did change over the last couple of months,” she said. “I can’t say now, but he was a nice guy, he was troubled. Anybody could see that he was going downhill, but never this badly to kill people. It’s terrible.”

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Gauchos Drown in Four Games at T-Dome

The mighty Waves of #2 Pepperdine flooded the #8 UCSB men's volleyball team with tsunami of spikes and blocks, downing the Gauchos in a 30-20, 30-18, 30-28, 30-18 victory.

The best team tonight was the team who was serving the best, and unfortunately our best serving came at the end of the fourth game," sophomore middle blocker Justin Adams said. "In the first game we looked good—we were concentrated and intense. But in the second and third games we were looking out for us and not looking out for the team."

Pepperdine was looking for an early lead in game one it increased the gap to three consecutive ace serves at the end going 0-3 on the road. The Gauchos fell to 2-9 with the losses.

UCSB Continues Skid, Goes Winless on Road Trip

The Gauchos began their latest three-game road trip against the Ducks on Friday, losing 6-1. Santa Barbara was then swept by the Huskies on Saturday, 7-6. Santa Barbara finished the weekend against the University of Portland on Sunday, losing 5-2.

Though the team is currently experiencing a lack of success in terms of team victories, several Gauchos are playing well individually. The doubles duo of junior Marcin Kosakowski and sophomore J.J. Stewart have been on a hot streak as of late, winning all three of their doubles matches this past weekend.

"We're getting a good rhythm," Stewart said. "We've beaten some good doubles teams. Marcin has a big serve. We're playing smarter, picking our spots and playing more controlled.""Stewart and I have become a good team," Kosakowski said. "We're helping each other out. [Coach Marty Davis] has helped us play better together."

Kosakowski also played well in singles action this past weekend. On Friday, Kosakowski beat Oregon's Pawlowski in three sets, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Kosakowski won again on Sunday, defeating Portland's Anderson in two sets, 6-4 and 7-4. "I'm playing more aggressively," Kosakowski said. "My serves are better, and I'm striking more."

UCSB junior co-captain Marcio Pepe defeated Portland junior Nick Tenenreude. Pepe lost the first set 5-7, but fought back to win the second set 6-3 and the third 6-4. "I think I won [Tostenrude] down," Pepe said. "We played really long points. We were overpowering him, he beat us with pitching.""We didn't overpower him, he beats you with his pitching," Brontsema said on Monday. "He was locating his fastball well, and that's his game. He doesn't overpower you, he beats you with his pitching."

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Ogle used a fastball, change-up and slider against LMU, repeatedly leaving the Lions guessing as to which pitch would be coming next.

"He had great control and was keeping the ball low," junior right fielder Jed Stringham said. "He hit the corners for a lot of strikes." For his part, UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema thought Ogle showed his "third start of the season."

"[Ogle] pitched very well against LMU," Brontsema said on Monday. "He was locating his fastball well, and that's his game. He doesn't overpower you, he beats you with his pitching."

The rain may be able to stop the UCSB baseball team from playing, but it can't keep the Gauchos from winning.

"It's a pretty nice honor, especially playing in this class because the game was canceled," said Ogle. "But one game doesn't make you a good pitcher. You've got to do it for a couple of seasons."

"We want to turn this season around," Pepe said. "We can still go out and beat good teams. We just need to turn it around."