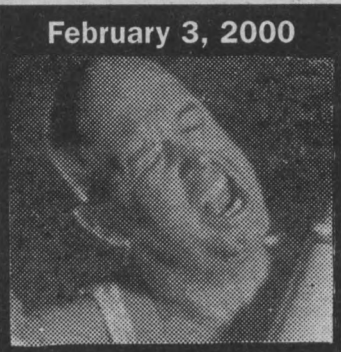


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## Artsweek

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## Sports

Today we spotlight Adama Ndiaye, the most popular non-alcoholic import at UCSB. Also, a season preview for the UCSB baseball team.



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## Organization Offers Legal Aid to Locals

■ "Guitar" Dave Presents First Case for Committee

BY MARISA LAGOS  
Staff Writer

Students, homeless, immigrants, and those underage in Santa Barbara County now have a group dedicated to championing their rights inside and outside of the court room.

Founded last year by a group of attorneys and activists for the homeless, the Committee for Social Justice aims to eliminate or change laws that it feels are unfair, and offers defense to those unable to be represented by the public defender. According to Committee Director and joint founder Glen Mowrer, the committee's general goal is to protect the rights of those who tend to be under-represented.

"Most people are too intimidated to challenge authority, and don't trust institutions. ... Too often there is no sense of comfort or knowledge of the [legal] process."

Mowrer, who was a public defender for 32 years until his retirement last year, said "representing those without the ability to speak for themselves has been a lifelong proclivity."

Chair and joint-founder of the committee Peter Marin said the group intends to fight the sleeping and camping laws that make it illegal to sleep anywhere but in designated campgrounds.

"We want to follow through on lobbying and advocating as a group to consider and change laws. The sleeping and camping laws seem particularly outrageous," Marin said.

According to Mowrer, the committee will be especially useful to UCSB students who have been charged with nonjailable offenses that cannot be represented by the public defender.

"[These include] possession of alcohol, open containers and some infractions," Mowrer said.

Funding for the committee has been entirely by donation, according to Marin.

"We're funded by private parties, and have applied to local and larger foundations. We recently put in for a private local grant, which [if received] will pay for a program coordinator," Marin said.

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### Movie Latté

The weekly "Cup of Culture" program screens "Slam" on Wednesday night in the MCC theater. Students remain afterward to participate in an open forum on the film.

## Leggies Review Concert Funding, Brown's Thesis

BY-BRENDAN BUHLER  
Staff Writer

An A.S. Program Board allocation stirred Associated Students Legislative Council into feisty debate on Wednesday night.

At its meeting last Monday, Program Board allocated \$1,100 to the Educational Program for Cultural Awareness (EPCA). The money is

intended to help EPCA rent speakers for a reggae concert Feb. 24 — part of its "Unity in the Community" program celebrating Black History Month. The council expressed concern that the funding was insufficient, as EPCA's initial request was for \$6,000.

Rep-at-Large David Klein moved to send Program Board's minutes from the meeting

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### Hippies in the Hub

The String Cheese Incident strums their guitars in the Hub on Wednesday night in an event hosted by Associated Students Program Board. The groovy group proved there is nothing cheesy about good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll.

## New Center Proposed to Replace Old Gym, Offices

BY KELLY BURG DORF  
Reporter

Crowded workout facilities and dilapidated offices have prompted student athletes and staff to propose the construction of an intercollegiate athletics student support center for the Spring 2000 campus elections.

The center would include a Gaucho hall of fame and museum, training room, weight-training facility, student athlete study hall, computer lab, assembly hall, video editing and viewing room and offices for coaching and staff, Athletic Director Gary Cunningham said. Seven trailers, the temporary dance facility and temporary building 455 currently stand on the site intended for the center, he added.

Athletic Media Relations Director Bill Mahoney said the

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# Top of the News

## Senate Discusses Raising Minimum Wage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed legislation Wednesday to raise the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage by a dollar, while reducing people's ability to sweep away credit card and other debts through bankruptcy.

The 83-14 vote was on a broad bankruptcy overhaul bill that also would give new tax breaks to small businesses and increase penalties for powder cocaine crimes. The House has passed a similar but narrower bankruptcy bill; the Clinton administration opposes both versions.

The bill would raise the minimum wage to \$6.15 an hour over three years — a span that Democrats and President Clinton say is too long. They also object to the \$76 billion in tax breaks over 10 years that Republicans maintain would help small businesses deal with the impact of raising the wage floor. The House has taken no action on a minimum-wage increase, but Republican



leaders have promised a vote before November's election.

Earlier today, the Senate voted 80-17 to prohibit people found to have violated laws protecting abortion clinics from using bankruptcy proceedings to escape fines and civil judg-

measures as a House member nearly 20 years ago.

"With this amendment, nobody will be able to politically demagogue this issue," Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said shortly

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**— Patty Murray senator (D-Wash.)**

ments. The lopsided vote denied Gore an opportunity to reaffirm his abortion rights credentials.

Former Sen. Bill Bradley, opposing Gore for the Democratic presidential nomination, has questioned the vice president's commitment to protecting women's right to choose abortion, citing Gore's votes on abortion

before the vote.

Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) called Gore's rush back to Washington "heater" — adding, "the vice president's going to need it" to win the election in November.

Grassley's comments prompted Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) to say, "This issue is not about theater. It is about the very

real issue of violence against women. ... We cannot allow violent extremists to use the bankruptcy code to carry out [their agendas]."

"This issue is so important, I'm not going to take a chance of seeing it fail," Gore said just prior to the vote.

The amendment's sponsor, Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), cited the case of Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry, who filed for bankruptcy court protection in November 1998, blaming heavy debts owed to women's groups and abortion clinics that have sued him.

Partisan fighting over abortion and guns has marked Senate debate on the legislation, which would make it tougher for people to sweep away their debts through bankruptcy.

On Tuesday, Sen. Bob Smith (R-N.H.) denounced Schumer's proposal as an attempt "to silence the free speech of abortion opponents."

## Research Investigates Refinement of AIDS Pills

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Powerful new AIDS drugs in development should help relieve one of the biggest problems of treatment — the pill burden.

Over the past four years, new treatment combinations have revolutionized AIDS care, changing HIV infection from a death sentence to a disease that is treatable, if not curable.

However, patients must adhere to a tedious and exacting schedule of downing pills, often more than 20 a day. Now, drugmakers are working on new drugs that require much smaller doses, as well as better versions of the old standbys that can be taken less frequently.

Experts say that if all goes well, over the next two or so years it may be possible to reduce the pill burden to just four tablets taken once a day.

"Most drugs are dosed twice or three times a day for a reason. Once a day is not enough. The Holy Grail would be to take all your medicines once a day with as few capsules as possible. We are not so far from that, maybe in the next couple of years," said Dr. Eugene Sun, head of antiviral drug research at Abbott Laboratories.

The pill-taking schedule is more than just a nuisance.



Those who miss even a few doses risk losing control over their virus. Without enough medicine in the

bloodstream, HIV comes roaring back, often generating mutant versions that are resistant to the drugs.

About half of all patients who initially respond to treatment eventually find their virus levels rebounding, and the most common reason for this is failure to stick to a pill schedule.

Doctors say that simpler doses should make treatment more effective, as well as free patients from a sometimes all-consuming obsession with taking their pills on time.

"This is an important step toward improving compliance and getting away from the perception of an enormous pill burden," said Dr. Ian Sanne of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. "We are giving patients back a freedom of choice in how to live their lives — uninterrupted by taking tablets."

A key ingredient of most drug regimens is a class of medicines called protease inhibitors. They are often combined with two or three older kinds of drugs, such as ddI and AZT.

## Coast Guard Abandons Quest for Alaska Airlines Crash Survivors

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — Authorities today abandoned the search for survivors of a downed Alaska Airlines jetliner as investigators sought clues from taped talks between a Seattle maintenance crew and pilots struggling to keep control of the plane.

Dozens of boats will remain on the water to search for wreckage that may shed light on the cause of Monday's crash. The plane was en route to San Francisco when it went down with 88 people on board.

"We have far exceeded our estimate of survivability," Coast Guard Adm.



Thomas Collins said. "We have tried to give every chance for success in finding survivors. I think we have reached that point."

The Coast Guard delayed its announcement to allow time to inform families of the victims of their decision.

Friends and relatives of the victims had kept an anguished vigil earlier today as Coast Guard and Navy boats bobbed across the choppy and chilly Pacific.

The ships combed a debris field 10 miles off-

shore overnight, finding only tiny, twisted pieces of wreckage from the plane, which nose-dived into the ocean Monday afternoon.

Also today, NTSB member John Hammerschmidt confirmed the agency is looking into reports that the MD-83 jetliner had mechanical problems on its way down to Mexico — the leg of the flight prior to the crash.

The *Seattle Times* said today the crew had reported problems with the plane's horizontal stabiliz-

er on the earlier flight.

Authorities also hoped to glean clues to the accident's cause from tapes made as the crew and Seattle maintenance workers tried to troubleshoot what was going wrong, Jim Hall, chair of the National Transportation Safety Board, said today.

"Obviously these pilots were struggling to maintain control of this aircraft for a significant period of time. It's going to be very important to this investigation to understand why they were unsuccessful in this effort," Hall said on NBC's "Today."

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## Weather

Do some karmic good today. Invest time in other people. Do something that you'd never do, whether it be attending a guest lecture, tuning in to KCSB 91.9 FM, reading the weather column or calling your parents. I myself am exempt of course.

Today's forecast: Good deeds.

#### Correction

In the feature photo in Wednesday's *Nexus*, Don Porter's name was misspelled. The *Nexus* regrets this error.

# ATHLETE

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current staff offices include nearly 40-year-old trailers that are "infested with raccoons and vermin that crawl between the floor spaces. [The trailers] are freezing in the winter and sizzling in the summer."

Offices within Robertson Gym were also cited as below standard, Cunningham said. "We've got four swim coaches in converted janitors' closets. It's not pretty, and we're not proud of where we are," he said.

According to Cunningham, the project would cost approximately \$14 million. He said payment for the project would start in approximately three years, when construction would begin. If the initiative is approved, Cunningham said UCSB students would pay approximately \$35 per quarter for the next 27 years.

Cunningham said the renovation would likely improve recruiting for UCSB athletic programs. "We're competing against places with better facilities and all of our competing schools are building new stuff," he said. "If people

want to have good athletic teams, they've got to be able to recruit."

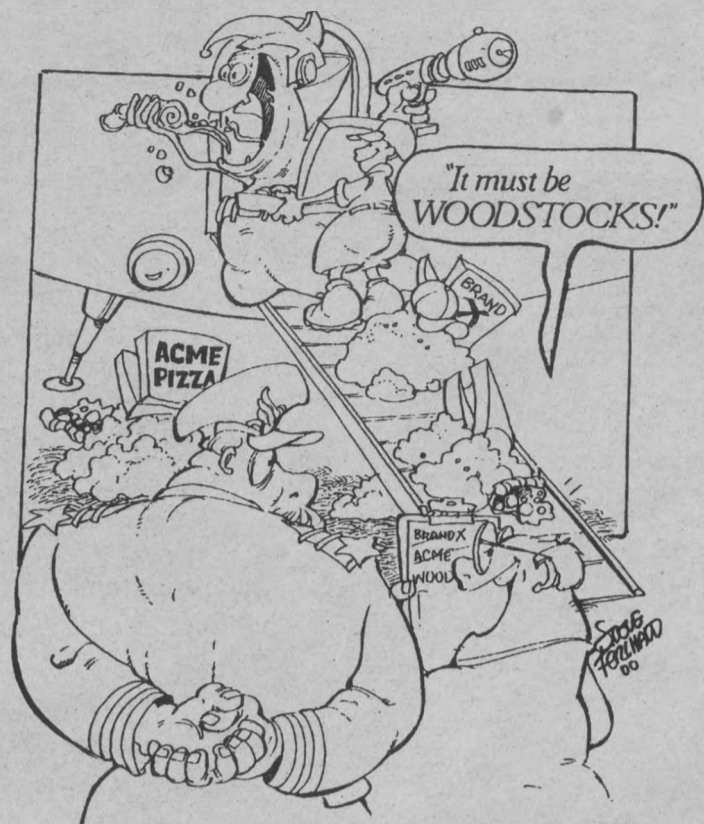
The initiative will also help non-athletes — current student resources such as the RecCen and student computer labs would be less crowded, as athletes would use the new facilities, according to Cunningham.

Junior law and society major Flynne Hustein said, "I see a lot of my athlete friends at the gym, and if it'll free up machines and equipment, I'm all for it."

Freshman basketball player Matt Long said, "I think anything that's going to bring coaches together and give athletes a better place to study and work out is a positive thing for the school ... it seems like a small price to pay for such a big improvement."

While the project has gained support from student athletes and staff, some non-athletes are finding the cost of the "athletes only" project hard to accept. Senior psychology major Ali Ghotbi said, "I think it should be implemented on the athletes and people who use the Rec Center. Not everybody likes to work out, so not everyone should be forced to pay."

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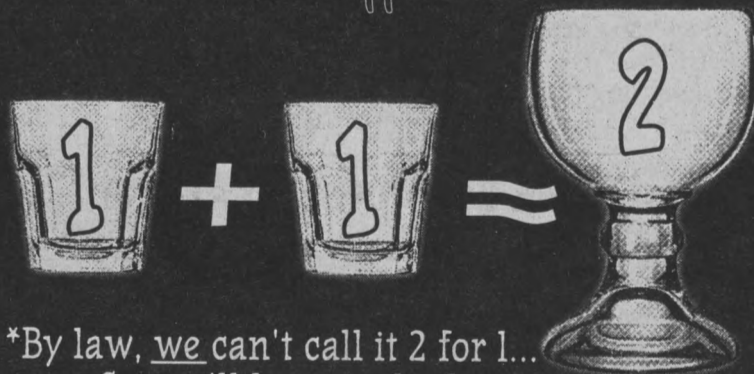
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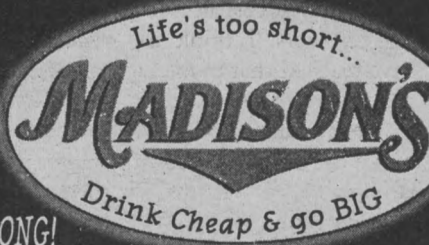


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# Opinion

Staff Editorial



KAZUHIRO KIBUSHI / DAILY NEXUS

## Illinois Sets an Example

*Death Penalty Should Be Examined Throughout the United States*

On Monday, Illinois Gov. George Ryan made an unprecedented and courageous move by putting all executions in the state on hold. More inmates have been released from death row than have been executed in the past two decades in Illinois, and Ryan said no one should be sentenced to death unless their guilt is absolutely certain.

Ryan, a pro-capital punishment Republican, set a precedent by stopping executions until the criminal system is examined to determine that inmates have received fair trials with qualified defense attorneys. Twelve people have been executed in the state of Illinois since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977, and 13 have been set free. In one case, Rolando Cruz spent nearly a decade on death row for the rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl. Cruz was eventually acquitted, and seven prosecutors and law officers have since been charged with lying and fabricating evidence against him. Based on this huge discrepancy, the governor made a commendable decision to investigate the situation surrounding death penalty cases, especially since public opinion usually runs strongly in favor of capital punishment.

The failure of Illinois' criminal justice system must lead us to question the implementation of the

death penalty in the rest of the country. In the 1970s, the United States Supreme Court overturned every state's capital punishment laws because the death penalty was often applied arbitrarily. In light of this revelation in Illinois, perhaps it is time for the court to re-examine the death penalty. California, and every other state with capital punishment, must realize the tremendous stakes involved in a death penalty case, and take every measure possible to ensure that only the guilty are executed.

No one, including critics of the death penalty, has indicated that any of the 12 prisoners already executed in Illinois were wrongly convicted. However, the numbers indicate that future prisoners could be falsely convicted and executed, an irrevocable and final penalty that should not be taken lightly.

In several states, such as Texas, the public is increasingly anxious to execute prisoners as efficiently as possible. Instead of focusing on the time and money spent on death row inmates, public opinion and the justice system should be thoroughly examined. States throughout the nation should research their own criminal justice systems to determine the accuracy of their convictions and evaluate the use of the death penalty based on their findings.

## The Reader's Voice



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

### CRIMINALIZING THE KIDS — PROP 21

Editor, Daily Nexus:

It is time to register to vote once again. Many people do not vote because they do not trust politicians, think they are all the same or do not see anyone running who represents their interests. This may be true, but we also vote on state initiatives. Any voter can get a certain amount of signatures to place something on the ballot.

These initiatives have long-standing effects on our lives and opportunities, and in the past 10 years have been particularly disastrous to economically disadvantaged folks, people of color and youth. Unfortunately, thousands of people in our state fit into all of these categories, and are targeted by former Gov. Pete Wilson's upcoming draconian legislation, Prop 21.

Pete Wilson has put together a 43-page initiative that changes the

"tough on crime" laws he could not even pass through a Republican legislature. The changes that Prop 21 will make include applying "three strikes" to juveniles and locking more kids up for a large portion of their lives, most for non-violent crimes. Prop 21 will give power to the prosecutor to decide whether or not kids

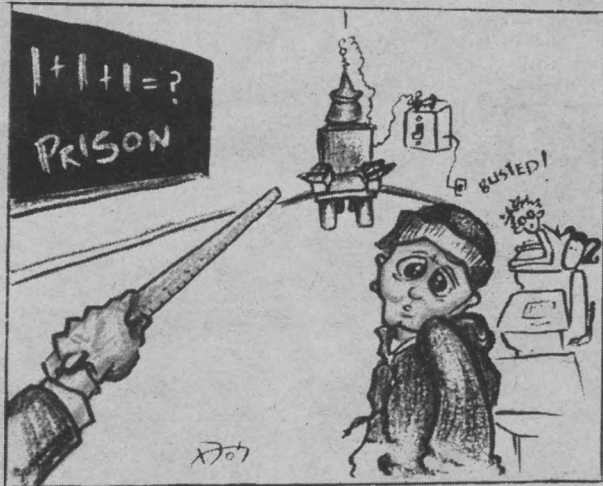
arrest people on those assumptions.

There is not one dollar of prevention in the 43 pages of Prop 21. Study after study has shown that prevention programs are what works to decrease juvenile crime. Prop 21 will further criminalize young people, particularly youth of color. It will put more kids in the state pen, instead of Penn State. We need to put money into our schools (we were ranked at the bottom last year of dollars per student, right behind Mississippi) instead of more prisons.

This election we will also be voting on whether we want to build a juvenile prison in Lompoc. The jail craze has got to go. It is locking up thousands of kids, while prevention and reform are virtually nonexistent. Besides, juvenile crime has been declining steadily for years; why are more and more youth being incarcerated?

**VOTE NO ON PROP 21 AND THE LOMPOC JAIL.**

HARLEY AUGUSTINO



LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS

should be tried as adults (rather than the judge), and send them to adult facilities where they are more likely to get assaulted or commit suicide. Prop 21 will give the police more power to "suspect" gang activity, and

## You're Paying for It

*Speak Up About Shoddy I.V. Residences*

ALEJANDRO JUAREZ

I was riding home from campus one day with a friend of mine and I had been explaining a BBQ the I.V. Tenants Union had put on at Children's Park. She asked me where the park was located and I told her it was at the end of Picasso Road. She replied, "Oh, the ghetto."

Most people identify that area of I.V. as the ghetto, mostly because the apartments on Picasso are in bad shape and there are a lot of poor Latinos who like to hang out outside of their buildings and drink beer. That is opposed to the apartments on any other area of I.V., which are in bad shape and are populated by a bunch of middle-class students who like to hang out outside and drink beer.

My reply to her was that all of I.V. is a ghetto. The housing conditions in I.V. are the poorest in Santa Barbara, not to mention the lack of lighting, sidewalks, bike lanes and parking. My friend's detachment from the poor living conditions in I.V. confused me. I've heard her complain about the missing tiles in her kitchen, about all the ants in the house and the lack of lighting on the streets. In fact she asked me to ride home with her because it was dark out. One of the biggest complaints was about the amount of rent she had to pay. I wondered why she never demanded that her apartment be fumigated and/or her kitchen be re-tiled. She was paying enough rent!

There are a lot of services available for tenants in Isla Vista. There is a housing inspector in I.V. whose job is to take complaints and make sure something is done about them. There is also the Isla Vista Community Advisory Committee, which advises our county supervisor, Gail Marshall, of things like the lack of sidewalks. There is a

**... [A]ll of I.V. is a ghetto. The housing conditions in I.V. are the poorest in Santa Barbara, not to mention the lack of lighting, sidewalks, bike lanes and parking.**

mediation program for those moments when your roommate hasn't washed the dishes and paid his/her rent and you need help confronting them. All these services exist here with the students in mind. So why are these services not taken advantage of? Two big reasons the Latino community does not use these services are the language barrier and fear of retaliatory eviction (things that students do not have to worry about).

There seems to be comfort in knowing that your apartments are not the worst in I.V. But looking back at Isla Vista's history, landlords saw a huge profit potential when the university was built, and bought up land in Isla Vista. Apartments were shoddily built to house students. The apartments were not made to last more than 30 years. This also explains why sidewalks don't exist in I.V. — the town was built so quickly that no one bothered to make a plan for the development of the town. In short, students pay the highest rents for some of the worst apartments in Santa Barbara and do it willingly.

What can students do? You would think that by complaining about your housing conditions you were only serving yourself. But in reality, complaints are kept on record and are useful to build cases against slumlords. Also reports are made to the district in order to let our supervisor know the conditions in Isla Vista. If we all complain something will definitely be done — there isn't anything more frightening to the county than a bunch of angry students. Also, students make a huge presence at the Isla Vista Community Advisory Committee meetings. Think about whom elected our supervisor, Gail Marshall, and whose needs she will listen to. If you would like to draw attention to housing conditions at the IVCAC meetings but are not sure how to go about it, the Isla Vista Tenants Union is willing to help you.

It's dangerous to make less of your housing conditions because yours are not the worst. We all pay too much money to go without nice apartments, sidewalks and parking. By restricting our concept of "the ghetto" to the Latino areas of I.V. we fool ourselves into believing that we have it better than they do. But in reality we are all in the same boat. It's time to take responsibility and make sure of our resources and restructure our town.

*Alejandro Juarez is a member of the Isla Vista Tenants Union.*

## JUSTICE

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Senior marine biology and environmental studies major Wendy Mannard volunteers for the project by handing out pamphlets to organizations around campus.

"I've been trying to get everyone informed," she said. "A lot of students, and other people — minors and the homeless — are taken advantage of. I agree with what the committee is representing."

As one of the committee's first cases, Mowrer will be representing Isla Vista resident "Guitar" David Doyle in court next week for a possession of alcohol citation. The case also ties in with a complaint Doyle filed against Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Dan Osuna, and the investigation following.

"I think [Mowrer] is a supreme lawyer. ... I have all the faith in the world that we're going to win this case," Doyle said.

Marin said the legal project is only one goal that the group will aim to achieve as a committee. They intend to print a series of pamphlets, including one that focuses on free speech rights when dealing with police officers.

The Committee for Social Justice can be reached at 560-6062.

## COUNCIL

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back to them so they could reexamine the allocation. "They came in asking for \$6,000, and they only got \$1,100, which may not even cover their speaker rentals," he said.

Rep-at-Large Jessica Ehrlich said sending the minutes back would not change the board's decision and would delay EPCA's funding. "Program Board has discussed this among themselves, and said to me that they will not change their decision. ... We would be wasting EPCA basically a week ... Program Board did their job as they saw fit ... we need to approve their minutes," she said.

According to Rep-at-Large Courtney Ross-Tait, the council's duty is to oversee allocations made by A.S. boards, and the delay would not overly burden EPCA, as the event is not for two more weeks. "It's not going to put EPCA back; we might as well make sure [program board] reviews it ... I think this would be the responsible thing for us to do," she said.

Academic Affairs Board Chair Christina Costley told the council that sending the minutes back would be inconsistent with the council's past actions. "I think it's not consistent with your actions at last week's meeting where you approved

Finance Board's minutes on the basis of respecting their independence," she said.

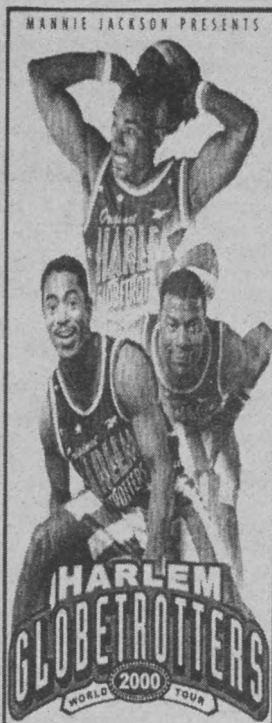
The council rejected the portion of the minutes pertaining to EPCA by a vote of 3-14, sending the item back to Program Board for its meeting next Monday.

In other business, the council approved minor changes to the A.S. Childcare Committee's By-Laws and officially defined the office of Legislative Council Parliamentarian.

Last year's parliamentarian and current council member Matt McMillan said he hopes the position will be filled. "Hopefully, we can sell someone on the job, although it is a thankless job, as I well know," he said.

The council also passed a position paper in response to graduate student Christopher Brown's master's thesis. Brown included a "disacknowledgments" section in his thesis in which he was critical of UCSB staff and faculty members. After Brown refused to remove the section, the University withheld his degree.

The council's position paper supports adding a disclaimer to every master's thesis stating that the opinions expressed in the section are not "those of the University of California, faculty, or student body."



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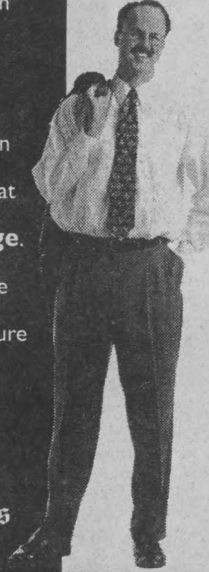
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by Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 6 — You've been under a great deal of pressure for the past few days. And, guess what? You still are! Luckily, you work well in this sort of situation. No need to get angry if the heat's turned up. You can always pull up stakes and go somewhere else.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — You're most likely in an entrepreneurial mood. You could come up with an idea, but don't be dismayed if it doesn't work right away. You don't know everything you need to know, yet, but you're learning!

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 6 — You may have to curtail your activities for a while, due to lack of funds. Well, you do have the money, but if you spend it on one thing, you won't be able to spend it on the other. If you think of this as a game instead of a dilemma, it'll be a lot more fun.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 5 — Things aren't going as smoothly today as they have been. Make sure you're being properly represented. Delegation is good, but if you're responsible for the results, you'd better stay tuned in to the proceedings — in detail.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Take things slowly and carefully now. Rely on a partner who knows more about what you're doing than you do yourself. If you don't already have somebody like that on your team, get one immediately. If you don't, your competition has a distinct advantage.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is an 8 — You could encounter a difficult situation. Oh, sure, you're still lucky and popular, but you may be a little bit strapped for cash. You want something you can't afford. No big deal. What you've got is better than what you lack. You can do without it.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Today is a 6 — One last issue may need to be dealt with. If you're charming, as you usually are, you should be able to get most of what you want. Resist the temptation to have a fit if it feels like things are not going your way. You're more apt to win if you don't fear losing.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — You are a high-energy person. If anybody could be in two places at the same time, it would be you. Today, that would come in handy. Maybe you can do it by letting your fingers do some of the walking. Phone ahead.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 5 — Whatever you're doing now is more difficult than you'd like it to be. It's also taking up too much of your time. You may even have to postpone a date you were eagerly anticipating. Romance will be much easier over the weekend anyway. Reschedule.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — You could find a way to make more money. This could be either by taking on another job or by getting a better deal on something you always buy. Look for bargains and other opportunities. Don't let a minor breakdown stop you.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — You're intelligent, of course. You already knew that. What you may not have known is that's not enough. You also have to be perseverant. Tenacity may actually be more important than creativity now. Sorry. Luckily, you can learn that.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is an 8 — You're still most effective working with a team. You don't quite have what you want yet, but that's OK. Get your act together now, so you can take on an even bigger challenge tomorrow. The problem gets more complex, but you're getting smarter. Don't give up.

**Today's Birthday (Feb. 3)** You're full of new ideas this year, but it's your experience that really pays. Draw up your blueprints in February. Put your money down in March. Practice makes perfect in April. Listen to your elders in May. Let a Leo lead you in August. Feedback from your friends is good in December. Old love serves you best next January.

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# Sports

## Center of Attention

Adama Ndiaye has proven himself a warrior on the court and in the classroom

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS  
Staff Writer

To survive down on the blocks and in the paint under the basketball hoop, one must be a warrior. Fortunately for the UCSB men's basketball team, it has a one-man battalion in junior forward Adama Ndiaye.

As the Gauchos' primary post player, Ndiaye (pronounced knee-eye) has established himself as a force in the key on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor.

"He's much like an army trying to add weapons to his arsenal," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. "Right now, he has a few weapons and every time he adds a weapon he becomes a more effective player."

If Ndiaye's artillery consists of post-moves, dunks, rebounds and blocked shots, then his sheer athleticism and power are the gunpowder firing the rounds. At 6'9", Ndiaye is easily the Gauchos' most athletic player in the post, if not on the entire floor. Making himself even more dangerous, Ndiaye hit the weight room during the off-season and added more than 20 pounds of muscle to his lean frame — enabling him to bang down low with bigger centers.

"He's starting to rebound and defend as well as the best centers

in the league," Williams said. "He may be a year away from being the dominant big man in the Big West, or he may be a month away. By March, or by tournament time, I think Adama will be playing as well as anybody in the Big West."

As a natural power forward, Ndiaye is often undersized when going up against other centers. However, like all good soldiers, Ndiaye has ways around the opposition.



Adama Ndiaye

"I think I am blessed with my athleticism and quickness," he said. "I'm not the biggest guy in the Big West, but I use my other talents against the big guys. They might be bigger, but I can go around them because I'm faster."

In his second year with Santa Barbara, Ndiaye leads the Gauchos with 7.5 rebounds and 2.0 blocks per game. He is also Santa Barbara's third-leading scorer with 8.1 points per game. His presence has also been established in Big West play thus far

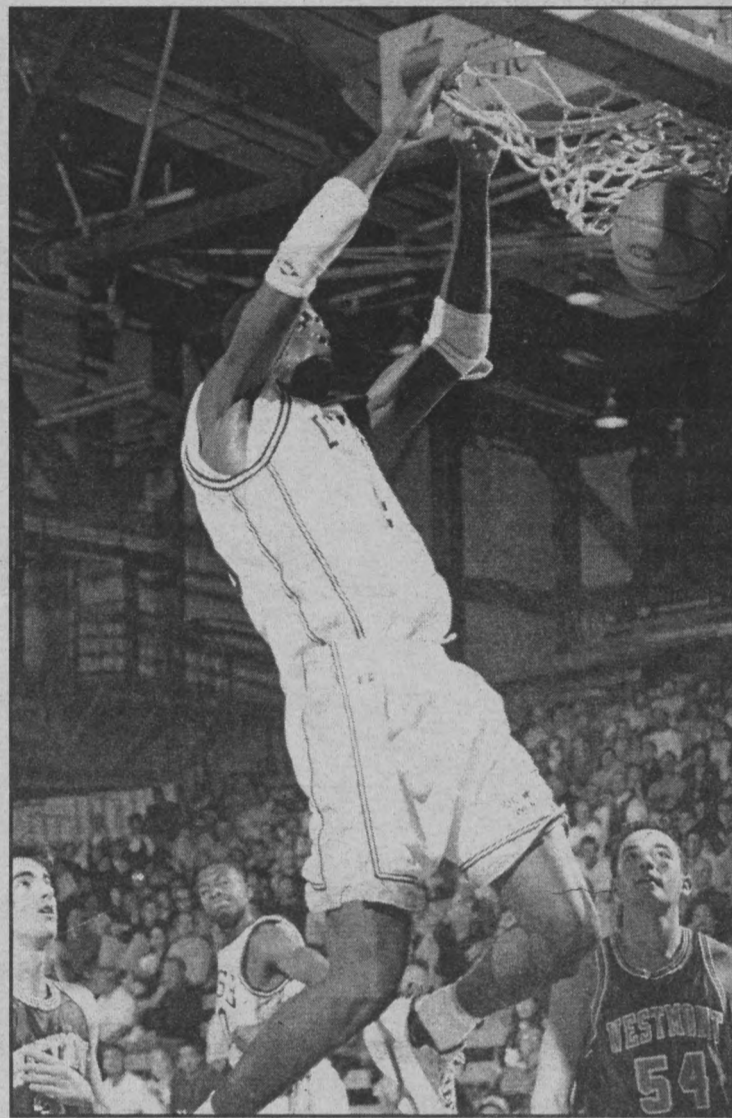
this season, as he is ranked eighth in the Big West in rebounds and second in blocked shots. While intimidation may not be a statistic kept by the Big West, it would be a category in which Ndiaye would excel.

"He is a great defensive player," said UCSB sophomore forward Mike Vukovich, who is also Ndiaye's roommate. "He blocks a lot of shots, but I think he bothers [alters] a lot of shots too. When he bothers shots, he just makes [opposing players] miss."

While Ndiaye may be able to hold his own on the basketball court, his array of weapons expands beyond the playing floor. A native of Dakar, Senegal, Ndiaye is fluent in four languages: Ouolof (his native tongue), English, French and Spanish. If Ndiaye had no athletic abilities in addition to his broad intellect, he might have been studying in France alongside his twin sister, who studies engineering in Paris.

"After students graduate [in Dakar] they usually go to Paris to study," the bio-psychology major said. "But if I had went to France, it would have been difficult for me to play basketball. It's much easier to be a student athlete in America and that is why I came here."

Ndiaye's mentality when he steps onto the basketball court is like his mentality when stepping into a lecture hall: he puts forth



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**RIM RATTLER:** Junior center Adama Ndiaye played in Senegal, Texas and Oklahoma before joining the UCSB men's basketball team.

all of his effort.

"I think I just go into the game wanting to play hard every time," Ndiaye said. "I want to do anything I can to help the team win and stay focused on improving each game."

Scholar/athlete, warrior/philosopher — call him

what you like — but Williams is simply glad to have Adama Ndiaye on his squad.

"He is a phenomenal guy to have on the team," Williams said. "He's bright, intellectual, a hard worker and he is fun to be around. I'll take a whole team of those guys."

## Solid Infield, Consistent Bats and Strong Pitching Key for UCSB Baseball

### 2000 Season Preview

BY BRIAN CHONG  
Reporter

Take me out to the ball game! The UCSB baseball team has begun its 2000 season after it matched up against the University of Utah and Centenary College at the Cal Poly Classic Jan. 29-30, and opened up at home against cross-town rival Westmont on Tuesday.

The Gauchos (2-1 overall) have won their last two games, and are looking to keep the momentum going. UCSB had a mediocre season last year with a record of 27-26 and 14-16 in the Big West Conference, but the Gauchos are confident in posting a record much higher this season.

"We were 27-26 last year, but we're looking forward to a much improved record," junior pitcher Bing Cain said. "We're a much better team this year in all aspects, especially fundamentally."

The Gaucho squad is off to an encouraging start although it lost five starting players from the '99 team to graduation. However, returning players bring experience back to the program, and a few talented prospects have stepped in to help

fill the Gauchos' vacancies.

"It's still too early to tell, but I think we're deeper," said UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema, entering his seventh season with the Gauchos. "We have more options on the hill, we can go deeper into the bullpen and we have some options on the bench with hitting and running."

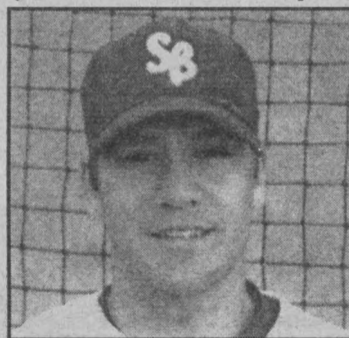
Pitching Coach Tom Myers has a difficult task in choosing the starting rotation of the team, with 14 different arms all capable of standing on the hill for the Gauchos. To bring in new pitchers was an important task for the coaching staff during the off-season.

"We've made it a priority as a staff to bring in some arms and we got that," Brontsema said. "Now it's up in their hands to step up and take the innings."

Senior right-hander Gabe Neboyia returns as the most consistent starter for the Gauchos despite a record of 4-7 with a 5.67 ERA in 1999. Senior lefty Troy Kinto also returns, after a great '99 season. Last year, Kinto had the leading strikeouts

ratio in the Big West with nine plus strikeouts per nine innings. He ended the season with a respectable 4-3 record with a 5.48 ERA, and now brings a great amount of experience into the 2000 season.

The important question for the coaching staff at this point is the role of the closer. Sophomore Chris Quiroz filled in



Chris Quiroz

that role as a freshman last year and impressed everyone. Quiroz was named an All-American, led the Big West Conference in saves and broke the school record for saves with 10. Quiroz is eager to start, but that will depend on whether the closer role can be filled by another pitcher.

"He's great in that role," Brontsema said. "He'd like to start, and he can, but if we can't find anyone to fill his role, we may need to keep him in that role."

The Gauchos have three solid players who can fill in the role of an everyday catcher: juniors Jimmy Walker and Donnie Warrecker and freshman redshirt Taylor Vogt. All three players are off-sea-

son recruits and possess unbelievable talent.

"It's a two-man battle between Walker and Warrecker," Brontsema said. "Donnie has done a good job showing consistency. He hasn't done anything to lose the spot, but he's being pushed hard by Walker."

The infield and outfield are highly competitive positions for the Gauchos. The infield consists of the one-two punch of shortstop junior Jeff Bannon, who batted .286 with a team-leading 13HRs and 46 RBIs, and junior Chad Peshke, who batted .316 with a team-leading 75 hits.

"The infield has been tabbed as the strength of our ballclub, and they haven't done anything to prove otherwise," Brontsema said.

Outfield is a position with six high-potential players who all have the ability to start. Juniors Chris Crawley, Dan Kemper and Jeff Carter, sophomores Andy Campanella and Jared Schumaker and freshman Ryan Spilborghs will all compete intensely for a starting job.

"We're going to give our guys the opportunity to do some stuff," Brontsema said. "By the time conference rolls around, I think by then we'd have a good idea of who our three or four guys we're going to use are."

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