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Bombs Away!
Artsweek reviews a three-hour movie with a doomed romance, sinking ship and thousands of casualties ... No, it's not "Titanic."

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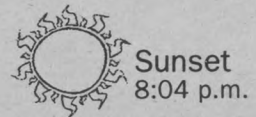
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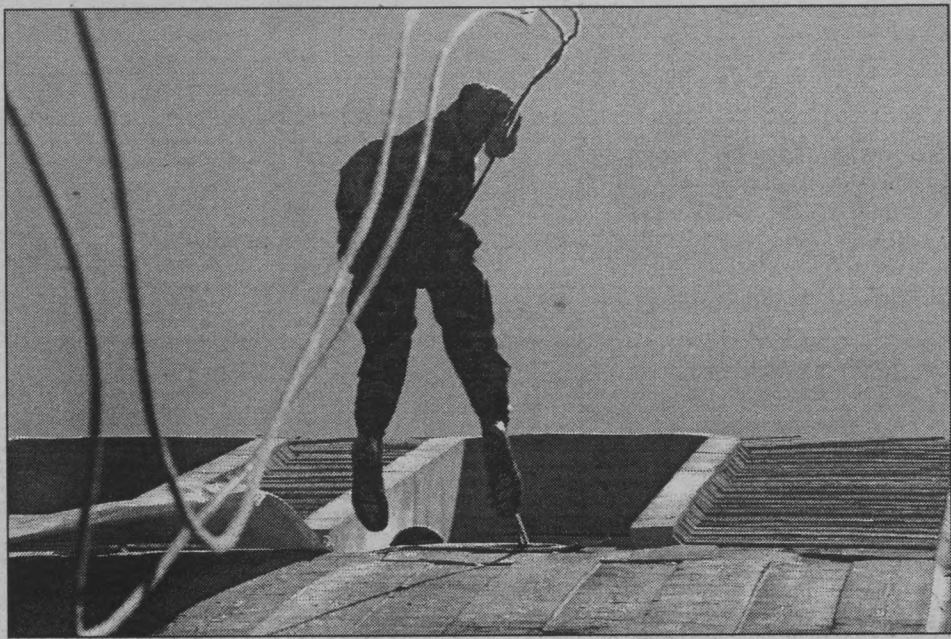


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Dropping a Line

Junior history major Adam Beduar descends from Storke Tower on Wednesday. Members of the UCSB Division of the ROTC rappelled down the belltower as part of the Sober Graduation Festival. The event was held to promote responsible drinking during graduation this year.

UCSB Sees Increase in Behavioral Misconduct

Incidents Include Cases of Fraud, Forgery, Stealing, Threatening E-mails

BY JASON LA
Reporter

The number of student behavior misconduct cases this year has been growing closer to the number of academic incidents, causing concern among campus officials.

Brandon Brod, conduct educator and hate incidents response coordinator, said while the

number of misconduct cases has been consistent for the past 10 years, the nature of the cases has changed. This year the committee has dealt with 13 behavioral cases, nearly as many as academic, which is unusual, Brod said.

"The Student and Faculty Conduct Committee mostly deals with academic matters: cheating, crib notes, plagiarism," he

said. "But they do occasionally deal with behavioral matters, although only the more serious matters."

There were two cases this year involving students who threatened a faculty member or teaching assistant which both started as a dispute over the student's grade in a course. The students then sent the TA or faculty member "vulgar and very threatening" e-mails, Brod said.

In both cases, it was a

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Vendor's Stall Goes Up in Smoke

Early Wednesday morning, a vendor stall near the UCen burned to the ground in what officials said appeared to be a deliberately set fire.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. received a phone call about the fire at 5:18 a.m. and was able to contain the fire in approximately 20 minutes.

Although they are still investigating the cause of the fire, Fire Marshal Joe Kennedy said the fire's origins are suspicious.

"There are no electrical ignitions, there's nothing sort of mechanical, there is no rea-

son that this thing would just start by itself, so I'd say, on the surface, it appears to be a malicious mission by somebody who decided to burn something," Kennedy said.

Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Harkins said the booth had approximately 600 small and 50 large pictures, all but one of which were burned to the ground on Wednesday, amounting to an estimated \$10,000 worth of damage.

Officials cleaned the rubble with shovels and a hose on Wednesday and will sandblast the charred walls this morning.

Harkins said the vendors will probably not be able to set up their merchandise until noon.

The burned merchandise was from a company called Dahan Galleries, which sends representatives to sell their merchandise on various campuses. The representative in charge of the stand, known as Jay, is the only vendor to leave his merchandise on campus overnight.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Kennedy at 893-3008.

—Angela Potter

Horowitz Speaks on Liberal Oppression of Conservatism

BY SARAH HEALY
Staff Writer

David Horowitz was supposed to attract a crowd of protesters similar to the crowds who packed Isla Vista Theater for Ward Connerly and Ollie North's lectures.

When Horowitz spoke at UC Berkeley, he was taunted, jeered

and eventually walked off stage.

"The moment you've all been waiting for," Horowitz said as he stepped to the podium Wednesday night in Buchanan 1910.

But the crowds of angry protesters never materialized. Instead, the audience clapped respectfully and laughed at

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The whole reason I did the ad was because only one side gets to debate its views on a campus like UCSB.

— David Horowitz
editor, *FrontPage Magazine*



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David Horowitz addresses a nearly full audience on Wednesday for the American Heroes Lecture Series, presented by the College Republicans.

Recent Fossil Research Disputes Traditional Model

BY JOSH BRAUN
Staff Writer

Scientists' most basic assumptions about the fossil record may be going extinct, thanks to the work of a large research team at UCSB's National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis.

The researchers assembled information about the fossil record on a computer database called the Paleobiology Database, and results suggest that the number of species on earth has not been growing as rapidly as previously thought — and possibly, it has not grown at all. John Alroy, a postdoctoral fellow at NCEAS and one of the project's founders, was one of 25 authors of a paper published May 22 in *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Paleontologists — researchers who specialize

in reading the fossil record — have long taken for granted a model of diversity known as the Sepkoski Compendium. This model says that the number of species on the planet has long been increasing.

You get a much more reliable estimate if you did it the way we did it with interpolation.

— John Alroy
NCEAS project co-founder

"Sepkoski's work showed this really enormous spike [in diversity] that goes back about 250 million years," Alroy said. "You get this huge, huge, huge climb that's like a straight line going up."

The new data from Alroy and his team indicate that the Sepkoski Compendium might be wrong because its conclusions are based on oversimplified data. Jackson Sepkoski of the University of Chicago, who conceived the model, made a database containing the names of different organisms and the dates that they first and last appeared in the fossil record. Most

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Top of the News

Indonesia Votes to Impeach President



JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A near-unanimous Parliament censured Indonesia's democratically elected president on Wednesday and demanded his impeachment, ignoring raucous protests from legions of his followers who encircled the heavily guarded legislature carrying knives and sticks.

Humiliated by the 365-4 vote, President Abdurrahman Wahid could be ousted within two months by the People's Consultative Assembly, the same body that elected him 19 months ago after the fall of the dictator Suharto.

If Wahid is toppled, the assembly, made up of 500 members of Parliament and 200 appointees, would

also certainly endorse Vice President Megawati Sukarnoputri as his successor. She is his main rival and the daughter of the nation's founding leader, Sukarno.

"Things look final for the president now," said Arifin Panigoro, the head of Megawati's parliamentary faction.

Wahid's spokesperson, however, said the president

"I am quite confident that their conscience will surface and their rational thinking will surface for the sake of the country," said Foreign Minister Alwi Shihab.

Wahid pleaded for restraint. "Just be patient. Just be calm," he told supporters.

After a rowdy debate, seven of the legislature's 10 factions backed impeach-

she rejected Wahid's offer to share power. Neither she nor the president had any comment after the vote, and neither attended Wednesday's parliamentary session.

About 6,000 Wahid supporters, many carrying sticks and knives, rallied at the gates of the heavily guarded legislature. Nearly 1,000 broke through a fence around the complex, but were stopped by four lines of troops backed by armored vehicles and tanks.

Mobs in East Java have burned churches, mosques and the offices of political opponents. Many have taken oaths to die for Wahid, who formerly headed Indonesia's largest Muslim organization.

Wednesday's vote was the latest step in a complex and largely untested constitutional process that has weighed heavily on Indonesia's transition to democracy.

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—Alwi Shihab
Indonesian foreign minister

had "no intention of quitting" or invoking earlier threats to declare a state of emergency and dissolve Parliament. Supporters and aides of the nearly blind Muslim cleric still hope he can negotiate with hostile lawmakers to save his presidency.

Members of Wahid's party walked out before the vote, and a faction representing the military abstained. Only a small Christian group voted in support of Wahid.

Megawati pushed Indonesia's political crisis a step further last week when

Germany OKs Compensation for Holocaust Labor



the Nazis during World War II.

After months of wrangling over a \$4.6 billion fund sparked by U.S. lawsuits against German companies, payouts are now expected to start next month to what could be more than 1 million forced and slave laborers, most in eastern Europe.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, speaking before Parliament voted, expressed satisfaction that a new Germany, symbolized by Berlin's revival as the capital, had stepped up to show responsibility for its past, 56 years after the war's end.

"I want to start with a word which I think reflects the relief we all feel today," Schroeder declared. "That word is: 'finally.'"

The near-unanimous vote capped two years of intricate negotiations and months of legal wrangling over the dismissal of U.S. lawsuits, the "legal peace" that German industry had demanded as a condition for financing the fund 50-50 with the government.

In neighboring Poland, home to an estimated 500,000

surviving laborers, Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek welcomed the decision.

"This was the day we were all waiting for," he said. "We are aware that this is not full compensation, because that is not possible. But it is a fair sum."

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Russian Energy Minister Replaces Gazprom's Chief Executive



MOSCOW (AP) — The board of Gazprom, the world's largest natural gas company, tightened the Kremlin's grip over the business Wednesday by replacing its chief executive officer with an associate of President Vladimir Putin.

Gazprom's directors voted unanimously to replace Rem Vyakhirev, whose contract expires Thursday, with Deputy

Energy Minister Alexei Miller.

The move was seen as a government attempt to assert more control over a company sometimes described as a state within a state, because of its size and clout.

Gazprom's roles include politically sensitive tasks such as keeping inefficient but influential industries running with cheap gas and extending Russia's sway in countries it supplies with energy.

In the past, it has enjoyed considerable independence from the government, which owns 38 percent of Gazprom's shares.

"Gazprom is more than just a company," Putin said as he met with Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov, Miller and Vyakhirev at the Kremlin. "It provides a quarter of all budget revenues, and the entire national economy depends on the gas and energy industry."

Gazprom, with total sales of \$17 billion last year, is a key export earner for Russia. But its management has been accused of insider dealings and diversion of cash flows.

"The government wants to make Gazprom's finances more transparent, and that would certainly

play a stabilizing role for the entire economy," analyst Sergei Vasilyev of the Moscow Carnegie Center.

Gazprom Chair Dmitry Medvedev, who is also Putin's deputy chief of staff, proposed that Vyakhirev's contract not be extended, said spokesperson Arseny Annenkov.

Putin praised Vyakhirev for keeping domestic gas prices low, but he said it was time for the government to have more say in Gazprom.

"One of the main tasks is not only to preserve, but increase the government's role in the company," Putin said.

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It's almost time for our hot, passionate (yet genderless and sexless) love affair to end ... but that doesn't mean we can't still be friends.

Over the past few weeks, I have spent countless hours of intense drinking and half-assed planning (I pulled my first UCSB all-nighter on Tuesday) to bring you 104 pages of pure Weatherlove.

Weatherdeity (and A.S. Notes) willing, the *Weatherbook* will go on sale for \$6 today in front of the *Daily Nexus* office in Storke Plaza after 12 p.m.

Thursday's forecast: Buy my book. It's good.

Weathercorrection

Tuesday, May 27's "Weather" column by the Weatherhuman failed to mention that the Weatherpageant entry submitted by the "Library Bookmarkers" — Steve Johnson, Megan Bagdonas, Kerri Brownfield and Anne-Cecile Thomman tied for first place. The Weatherhuman is an idiot.

The Weatherhuman regrets this error and would never do anything to hurt the bookmarkers' feelings.

P.S. To Steve's mom: I'm sorry I disappointed you.

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- Brandon Brod conduct educator and hate incidents response coordinator

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male student who threatened a female TA and faculty member. The police were called in, and formal charges were filed.

"These were two very serious threats," Brod said. "The committee is very concerned about what they see of the rise of threats against faculty and TA's."

Other cases included a student stealing and forging a prescription from Student Health Service

and a student who stole another student's paper from the department office and submitted it as original work. Also, a student working in the Financial Aid office stole a financial aid check and cashed it, Brod said.

Since Fall Quarter, 23 students have been suspended from UCSB for academic misconduct.

This year, a total of 36 cases were brought to Associate Dean of Students Joseph Navarro, who handled nine of them. The Student and Faculty

Conduct Committee reviewed the other 27 cases. Eleven others are still pending.

The committee is composed of an equal number of appointed students — mostly undergraduates — and faculty members.

Navarro and Brod work with the committee to handle cases of academic and behavioral misconduct at UCSB. Faculty members or instructors may choose to deal with the case on their own by failing the student in the course, or they can choose

to have Navarro or the committee review the case.

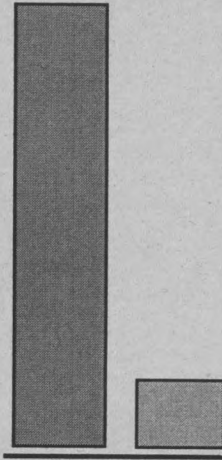
If the instructor or faculty member decides to refer the matter to the committee, then the committee holds a hearing to investigate the issue. Upon investigation, the committee could recommend a penalty if they found the student guilty, or refer the complaint back to the instructor.

Normally, the standard penalty given for academic misconduct is a suspension for two quarters, though "there isn't a rubber stamp that we use for every case," Brod said.

"It's up to Vice Chancellor Michael Young to actually decide the penalty. The committee and I can only give a recommendation," Navarro said.

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By Linda C. Black

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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 - Just when you were about to go under for the last time, somebody throws you a line.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - You've been looking for a new idea, and the odds are good you'll find it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You're starting to increase your speed. You'll soon be racing toward your goal again.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Plan to take it easy tonight. You can have a dear friend over, somebody with whom you can talk freely.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - You've had just about enough frustration to last for a while.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - You've made your point. Now, stand up for yourself and demand what you're worth.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 9 - You're back in charge and rarin' to go. Travel, new enterprises, even educational programs launched today should do amazingly well.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 4 - It's possible for you to find the perfect thing for your home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're just about finished with the exams.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - It might be time to negotiate a new deal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - Work is over for this week, or it might as well be.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - Something you want for your home is available.

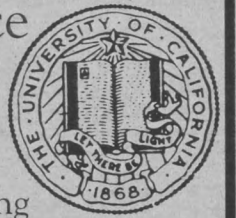
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The University community joins together to give praise and thanks to those graduates who have demonstrated excellence during their years here.

The Thomas More Storke Award for Excellence,

symbolized by a bronze medal forged by Francis Minturn Sedgwick, is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship and extraordinary service to the University, its students and the community. This year this distinction is awarded to:



Erin Malia Fowler

The Jeremy D. Friedman Memorial Award

is presented in grateful recognition of outstanding leadership, scholastic excellence, and innovative contribution to student and community life at the University of California, Santa Barbara in memory of Jeremy D. Friedman, undergraduate 1979-83.

Courtney Rae Ross-Tait

Alyce Marita Whitted Memorial Award

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

This year's winner is:

Debra Lynn Jones

The following students have been selected as recipients of this year's

University Service Awards

Given in recognition of unselfish and dedicated service to the University, its students, and the community.

*Lisette Anaya
Dawna Irene Ballard
Princess Rashaunda Banks
Katherine Dawn Brennan-Thompson
Kathryn Elizabeth Cardozo
Grace Mangulabnan Credo
Ebony Cherray Frazier
Tanya Laree Grimes*

*Ariana Suzanne Katovich
Charlene Cecilia Martinez
Amber Jeanne Mills
Nicole Noelle Niederdeppe
Austin Amanda Quinn-Davidson
Johanna Marie Romero
Elnaz Shahabi
Hun Siev Taing*

Below are listed those students who are receiving the

University Award of Distinction

given to seniors and graduate students who have contributed greatly to the quality of life by giving unselfish service to others within a particular area.

*Jennifer Rose Clasen
Oscar Alejandro Fierros
Verónica García Gaona
Jeremy David Johansen
Alison Gail Keleher
Carrie Ann Mugridge*

*Kimberly Michele Sanfilippo
Alison Rebecca Scheer
Lindsay Gayle Stevenson
Deena Ruthanne Strohmman
Joan Marie Vignocchi*

Vice Chancellor's Award for Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship

This award is presented annually to one or more graduating seniors and graduate students who embrace the principles of scholarship, leadership, and citizenship—through activities that enhance UCSB's academic environment, contributions to a consequential project, or extraordinary service to the campus community.

This year's awardee is:

Sydia Monique Lopez

The following seniors have also been selected by their campus organizations to receive awards for scholarship or special achievement.

Alpha Lambda Delta Award

The Alpha Lambda Delta Award recognizes the graduating senior having the highest cumulative grade point average of all graduating Alpha Lambda Delta members.

This year's winner is:

Michelle Valentina Wagner

Mortar Board Award

The Mortar Board Award is given each year in recognition of the graduating senior having the highest cumulative grade point average in the graduating class, combined with the fewest number of transfer units.

This year's recipient is:

Avery H. Lee

Award winners, their families and interested faculty and staff are invited to join Chancellor Yang and Mrs. Yang for the University Awards Ceremony and Reception at the University Center Corwin Pavilion on Friday, June 15, 2001 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The Low Down

Opinion

Fear and Boring:

THE PATHETIC FUTILITY OF A FAILED SPECTACLE



DAVID DOWNS

Something terrible and weird is happening here in Buchanan 1910. It is a gorgeous Wednesday evening, yet the lecture hall is actually filled with warm bodies, and they are all actually paying attention to the guy beyond the podium as he doles out his drivel.

There are plenty of better, more productive things to do on such a fine evening than attend this lame lecture: NHL playoffs, barbecues, mid-week keggers. Yet everyone here is enraptured, possibly comatose. The collective attention span of this oldish, whitish, Republican audience dwarfs the summed attention span of the last 30 screenings of "Citizen Kane" by the Film Studies Dept.

If this is the kind of attendance fiery rhetoric can bring a lecturer, I wish every professor I had was a raving Maoist or some neo-Nazi convinced the holocaust didn't happen. At least it would be interesting, and I would probably attend more lectures.

I take in David Horowitz in all his trollish elegance as he squats behind the podium ranting about how all my professors are crooked leftists. He looks like my mental picture of Elseworth Toohey from Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*, and I ask myself, "Would I pay thousands of dollars to bring this man to speak on behalf of my organization?"

The College Republicans did. Horowitz fetched a second-class fee far lower than Oliver North or Ward Connerly. That makes sense because Horowitz is a second class media circus act, a travelling wannabe P.T. Barnum who promises a mild media circus and his own freak show of paranoid ideas and bitter snarls.

Horowitz could've asked for a heftier sum if he had helped betray America like Oliver North, or was the asshole du jour like Ward, but he's not. He's just an aging journalist who writes lousy books aimed toward ultra-right wing conservatives desperate for a modicum of respect for American history and ideology. He says he became a right-winger after the Black Panthers shot his friend, but I suspect having to raise four children had a lot more to deal with it. Being a crazy right-wing loudmouth means instant publicity in a politically correct world. And it pays better.

By virtue of the packed room I give Horowitz a little credit, though. Slave reparations is a really dumb idea. If we as a country owe anybody money, it's the Native American blackjack dealer who works at the Chumash Casino. We owe the Indians big time, and I would support legislation that allows Indian gambling casinos to never let the white man win.

That said, Horowitz piggy-backed off the stupid reparations idea and won the cholesterol-hardened hearts of every oldtimer who didn't watch his friends get blown up in Iwo Jima

some black boy could buy more crack with free slave money. It is now the fourth time in 20 minutes Horowitz is mentioning the dumbness of reparations and he's tolling the sentiment of the old and embittered like a massive gong.

Reparations are a shake-down! [GONG!] Campuses are too liberal! [GONG!] The environmentalists won't let this room be air-conditioned and they suck! [GONG!] Socialism means being ruled by the cast of Jerry Springer! [GONG!]

Horowitz is a shuckster and a jiver and it has taken him five decades to find a song and dance that pays well.

"Thank you leftists. I'm now out of the conservative ghetto," Horowitz says, "I'm in demand now." Horowitz goes on to say conservative students are laughed out of the class when they speak up, but a quick consultation with peers confirms my own opinion that he's full of shit. No one ever speaks up in class for any reason unless it's to answer that oh-so-obvious question about a text, or unless he's that one requisite Christian who refuses evolution on the grounds of Satanism.

Student: But the Bible says! [insert one of the myriad of Biblical fallacies]

Professor: The Bible says shut up, sit down and be quiet. Does this look like a church? No?

Okay then, about fossils ...

True, some students claim to have had Marxist, feminazi professors capable of castration by stare. But I have never encountered the famed feminazi, and students who have are fairly anti-"whatever Marxist bullshit" the mythical feminazi was spewing.

My general conception of the student body is that we aren't innocent little kids being indoctrinated by leftist professors hell-bent on socialism. Maybe it's because we're mostly white or maybe because all we know is the bloody, ruined socialism abroad in the '80s, but most students here are interested in the dollar. We want cash. We want a fat, easy job and no income tax. We want two beemers, a wife with jubbies like Mt. Everest and a personal introduction to the owners of the world. We'll start our own charity, thank you.

We awake in the morning, not fearing right-wing oppressors stealing the People's capital, but pondering the means to

afford that oh-so-essential, three-foot, hand-blown, glass Terminator bong from Hempwise. A comedian on TV captured the sentiment pretty well. "I'm fed up with the political process. I don't give a fuck. I can't be a Democrat because I like to spend the money I earn. And I can't be a Republican because I like to spend the money I earn on hookers and drugs."

And maybe that's the moral at the bottom of this Horowitz nonsense. You start out young and leftist with a penchant for drugs, casual sex and pretty idealism. Then, as every generation has done, you grow older, do less drugs, have less sex and become more cynical due to the amount of mind-numbing, spirit crushing, alienated labor our economic system demands.

The Black Panthers didn't kill Horowitz's Marxism. What killed it was 40 hours a week, every week, until death, as a pathetic, ineffectual, leftist journalist. Electric bills, car payments, health insurance for six, a crippling mortgage — the mundane servility of the modern free world would've broken even Lenin.

Come to think of it, I think I'm starting to hang a little right.

Senior David Downs once again has to prove his worth to the Financial Aid Office; they want to cut him. He struggles to avoid the real world every Wednesday, here on the Opinion page.



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Opinion

The Bigotry, Misconceptions Behind the Ten Points

A Point-by-Point of How David Horowitz's Neo-Conservative Arguments Against Reparations Fall Flat

ADAM KAISERMAN

I commend the *Daily Nexus* for following its own guidelines and not publishing David Horowitz's hate speech as an advertisement, but supporting free speech by publishing it as an opinion piece ("The Controversial Argument the *Nexus* Refused to Print," May 29). Nonetheless, the article written by Horowitz is clearly a bigoted document and must be spoken against.

In his opinion, Horowitz makes 10 points. All of them are either historically inaccurate, ridiculous, lies and/or outright racist. In his first point, Horowitz says, "There is no single group clearly responsible for the crime of slavery." I beg to differ. White people are to blame for the institution of slavery as it was in America. It is true that Africans did trade slaves to very white sea captains but the African conception of slavery was not one of permanence. You were a slave for a while, then you were free. It was white colonialists who changed the African conception of slavery for Africans and then exported slaves to America like inhuman cargo.

In Point Two Horowitz, in his brilliance, states that, "If slave labor created wealth for Americans, then obviously it has created wealth for black Americans as well." My experience with slavery as a first-generation American might only be through reading books such as *Beloved* and watching *Roots* on video, but something tells me that the wealth in the South was far from distributed fairly in the pre-war South. The master lived in a mansion; Kunta Kinte lived in a shack. Similarly, Point Three ignores the facts of the Civil War and the conditions of slavery in the South. Horowitz says, in his point, that "350,000 Union soldiers ... died to free the slaves." Horowitz here has given the elementary school answer for the cause of the Civil War when he should at least be acquainted with the high school

American history answer to the cause of the war. Yes, slavery did help to start the Civil War, but the principal issue at hand was what had plagued the country since its beginning: state rights vs. federalism. Similarly, one has to at least raise an eyebrow when Horowitz writes, "many blacks were free men or slave owners themselves." It is true that some blacks were free and perhaps even some were slave owners, but to say "many" is a lie and in

of the American system. This leads into Horowitz's seventh point where he claims that reparations are, "one more attempt to turn African-Americans into victims." This argument is as weak as a bed-ridden aenemic. I don't see too many white supremacists in full Ku Klux Klan regalia trying to get reparations for blacks in order to lower their self-esteem. The attempt for repatriations, brought on by blacks themselves, is not a foolish attempt

obvious flaw in this argument is the simple fact that black people wouldn't have been slaves if it hadn't been for white people enslaving them. For those of you too immersed in privilege to realize what this means, here is an example: You own a car. A complete stranger steals your car and runs it into the ground. When the car thief is done with the car he decides to give it back to you. Do you really feel like you should thank this car thief?

Finally in Point Ten, Horowitz, as the brilliant "intellectual conservative" that he is, states that blacks should recognize all that they have in America, that, "African-American citizens are the richest and most privileged black people alive — a bounty that is a direct result of the heritage that is under assault." What is most striking about this is that it asks blacks to be thankful for a heritage of lynch mobs and slavery. As a Jew, I suppose Horowitz would like me to be thankful for the Nazi Holocaust. After all, if it hadn't been for mass genocide, my grandparents would not be refugees and I wouldn't be privileged to go to UCSB. Horowitz also fails to notice that in America, whites too are far better off than whites in other countries, except for countries like Sweden, where just like UCSB they have many blondes and few blacks. America is a prosperous country but there is great inequality between whites and blacks.

Emancipated black slaves were promised 40 acres and a mule but it appears that the only jackass around here is David Horowitz. There are great racial injustices in this country that need to be made right. "Real American Heroes" such as Ward Connerly and David Horowitz may have the G.I. Joe (a figure that is problematic enough) tag line but they hardly fight for truth, justice and the American way. Instead they advocate lies, hate and ignorance.

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this implication it is racist.

The whole of Horowitz's other points falls simply under the category of racist arguments. In Point Six Horowitz touts that, "West Indian blacks in America are also descended from slaves but their average incomes are equivalent to the average income of whites." What Horowitz here fails to either notice or recognize in this argument is that blacks in the West Indies make up the majority, not the minority. It was in Haiti, after all, that the first successful slave uprising was held. Blacks from the Caribbean have an advantage over American blacks for the simple reason that they have not had to deal psychologically with the institutionalized racism

to turn themselves into victims, but to empower themselves by righting historical wrongs. Argument eight is equally as racist as it assumes that welfare is a means of reparations and that it is exclusively used by and available only for black people.

It is Points Nine and Ten where Horowitz decides to burn a metaphorical cross and become the crème de la crème of racists. Here Horowitz claims that black people should be ever so thankful to whites. In argument nine he claims that if it hadn't been for the white antislavery movement, black people would still be slaves and that black people should be thankful for their emancipation. The most

The Reader's Voice



INTOLERANT LIBERALS ARE NO BETTER THAN BIGOTS

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

After seeing the response to Ward Connerly's visit, Ollie North's visit and the reaction that David Horowitz received in Berkeley recently, it is clear to me that the most closed-minded groups in America today are the left-wing politically correct and the college activists. Since when is your viewpoint so perfect and so right that another person that disagrees with you cannot even speak without being heckled and jeered at? The left-wing socialist progressives in this country have so infused their viewpoints with the concept of "good" that any idea con-

trary to their own is by nature "bad." Since "bad" is undesirable, debate over ideas has been snuffed out, for who would EVER side with "bad?" This labeling of alternate viewpoints as "bad" makes any idea not in line with what is politically correct not only wrong, but not even worthy of discussion or having the right to be expressed. David Horowitz has a right to speak, and if you see yourself as an American and respect other peoples' right to speak their minds and use their brains for more than just succumbing to mob mentality, then you will listen. If you wish to protest, do it outside, because for every activist tearing into this man tomorrow night, know that there are a hundred other people who would rather just hear him speak and then reflect rather than react.

GORDON SILLIKER

NEXUS HOROWITZ SPREAD WAS TASTEFULLY DONE

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

I would like to congratulate and thank the *Nexus* for its coverage of the "David Horowitz episode" in Tuesday's paper. The *Nexus* stuck to its guns. It did not allow any one person, group or side to dictate its actions; it was able to do what apparently many other college publications were not — that is, to stay above the fray when so many from both extremes wished to make them the center of it.

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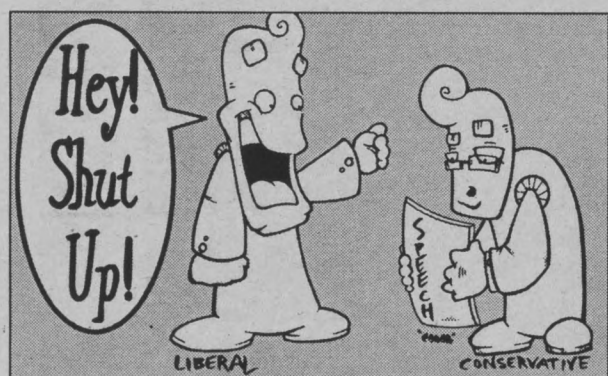


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It is all too rare these days to be exposed to information through media that is truly informative and considerate. I applaud the *Nexus* for running what may have always been, and definitely is now, a relevant opinion piece presenting Horowitz's views on slavery reparations. Equally important is the thoughtful and, for once, insightful staff editorial explaining the *Nexus*' decisions regarding the situation.

All too often I am greatly disappointed with the apparent thought process behind the *Nexus*' opinions, decision and also the accuracy of the information presented. I hope that the *Nexus* will endeavor to be this thoughtful and independent with all that it does, not just politically sensitive issues like this "advertisement."

BRIAN MCGUIRE



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HOROWITZ

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Horowitz's jokes.

Recently, Horowitz has become known for an advertisement he wrote and sent to 73 collegiate newspapers, titled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Blacks Is a Bad Idea for Blacks — and Racist Too." Following the controversial reception the ad received — notably at Brown, Princeton and Berkeley — he embarked on a speaking tour at colleges around the country.

In his lecture, Horowitz pointed to students from universities where the advertisement was run who protested on the grounds that it was racist and offensive.

"I consider it offensive that white America — it's not just white America but other groups in America — should be accused of being responsible for every percentage point in the gap between some blacks and other people which are accused of every problem that the black community faces," Horowitz said.

Horowitz said people who share his views on the reparations movement but are afraid to express their opinions suffer under what he believes is a system of racial McCarthyism. A similar system of oppression of conservative views, not just reparations, restrains university stu-

dents from expressing beliefs that are not politically correct, he said.

Horowitz said he had more freedom as a Marxist during the 1950s attending Columbia University than conservative students have on college campuses today. He sent the ad to campus newspapers to address what he believes is a decline in free speech.

"The whole reason I did the ad was because only one side gets to debate its views on a campus like UCSB," he said. "What I see going on here is an attempt to demonize me; I see a lot of name-calling as an attempt to stigmatize my ad in such a way that people can't even consider the argument. The whole idea of a university is rational exchange of ideas and bound knowledge. How can you know things if you don't have the freedom to entertain a different view?"

Although he was once a part of the Black Panther movement, Horowitz turned from all leftist activities after experiencing conflicts with the Panther members, whom he dubbed "gangsters."

He said he has marched and campaigned for civil rights since before some students were even born, but the civil rights movement has now betrayed the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because under the system of repa-

rations, blacks in America would be favored.

"How are you going to tell José Martinez — I mean [his family has] just got in this country essentially 10 years ago, and [he] is struggling to put bread on the table for his children — that he has to pay reparations for an institution that has been dead for 136 years? He's going to have to pay this to Johnny Cochran and Jesse Jackson, who are multi-millionaires," he said. "The reality is there is a huge black middle class in this country."

Sophomore psychology major Elliot Gann said he believes Horowitz made broad generalizations and cited inaccurate statistics.

"He said there was an extremely large black middle class which is a base statement because you're not specifying what constitutes middle class," Gann said.

Katherine Cody, a senior political science major and College Republicans member, said Horowitz touched on an important subject.

"I've had a lot of professors openly bash the conservative movement and openly spout leftist ideas and say really harsh things about conservatives," she said, "and I think that politics should not necessarily be part of the learning experience."

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FOSSIL

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databases since, say NCEAS researchers, have been more of the same.

"The typical global database almost looks like a phonebook," said Arnie Miller, a project member and geology professor at the University of Cincinnati. "You can actually go through them and see a list of names, along with the time of first known appearance and last known appearance."

NCEAS researchers claim that a list of this type is not enough data to construct an accurate graph of species diversity over time.

For a variety of reasons, the fossil record is incomplete. Some geological eras laid down more rock and therefore more fossils. Some fossils are found only in relatively inaccessible areas of the world, such as deep oceans or large deserts. Some animals have been the subjects of more interest than others.

In the end there are many reasons for the large gaps in the fossil record. Even if the earth retained a perfect record of life, it is probable that more recent species would be overrepresented because their fossils are more exposed and easier to recover. It is not surprising that classic diversity graphs show a constant increase over time in the number of known species.

This is where the

NCEAS' Paleobiology Database differs from classic diversity curves: it takes into account these gaps in the fossil record.

Alroy compared mapping species diversity to taking a census. "People in certain neighborhoods tend to be missed. People in certain socioeconomic strata tend to be missed, along with certain age groups, etc," he said.

Alroy said that the way the database counts species is similar to the way the census systematically adjusts its numbers to include underrepresented groups. "They make a lot of local estimates based on detailed relationships between what kind of a person you are and how likely it is that you're going to be captured in a census," he said.

Of course, the census can make an educated guess about the total number of people who are out there to be counted. Paleobiologists, on the other hand, have no idea how many organisms may have constituted a species or how many species may really have been on the earth at a given time. So NCEAS researchers have used a slightly different method called interpolation.

Interpolation does not attempt to determine the population of a certain type of organism. Instead it attempts to identify the frequency of organisms in proportion to one another;

for every organism of species A, there will be two of species B, four of species C and so on.

To do this, the researchers needed to make all their data equally reliable. Since they could not make the poor data better, they did this by placing a lower value on the best data.

"[This] of course makes people upset because people have a sort of built in dislike of doing things where you make the data equally bad everywhere," Alroy said. "They like to do it the other way around where you try to pretend what it would be like if the data were perfect. That's everyone's natural inclination, but that turns out to be a bad idea for statistical reasons. You get a much more reliable estimate if you did it the way we did it with interpolation."

The net result of constructing a diversity graph in this way is a number of species that does not spike but remains relatively constant over time.

"Our results are more compatible with what's called a density dependence model where the number of new species you can make is a function of how many are already out there," Alroy said. "If the world were crowded with species, it'd be hard to make more of them and if the world is empty and doesn't have a lot of species, it's easy to make more species."

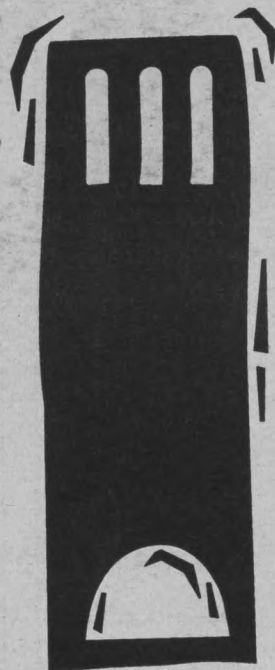
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Sports

Gauchos Conclude Stellar Season Ranked Fourth in Nation

BY CLANCY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

If you didn't get a chance to watch the UCSB men's lacrosse club team perform this season, you missed out on quite a show.

Santa Barbara finished its season in St. Louis as the fourth-ranked team nationally in college club lacrosse.

The Gauchos' success started early during their regular season play, with the team compiling an 8-4 record, good for first place in the Southern Section of the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League. After rolling past UCLA in the first round of the conference playoffs, the squad traveled up to Davis to compete in the Final Four of the WCLL, a tournament that placed the two top finishers in the Northern Section against the top finishers from the Southern Section. The first-place finish in league for Santa Barbara made it the top seed from the south.

"This was definitely a cool experience for the seniors," senior attacker Matt McClure said. "It was the first time we ever got to be at the top of our league."

Santa Barbara faced highly touted California-Berkeley to begin its quest

for the WCLL title at Davis. It was in this 10-7 decision that the Gauchos accomplished something they had not done in the past four years: they defeated the Golden Bears.

The championship game of the WCLL pitted UCSB against Northern Section power Sonoma State. In this match, Santa Barbara would try to avenge its first loss of the season, a 7-5 defeat.

Sonoma State came out of the blocks on fire, scoring the first seven goals of the game to give the squad an early boost. UCSB responded with some firepower of its own, but the rally came just a little too late and Sonoma State pulled away with a 10-7 win for a first-place finish in the WCLL.

"We obviously had a really slow start, letting them get ahead 7-0," senior midfielder Dave Ellis said. "But we came back in the end. It was just too late."

The runner-up finish in the WCLL translated to a #9 ranking for this Gaucho club as it headed to St. Louis to compete in the National Club Lacrosse Tournament. Santa Barbara faced the top-seeded squad from Michigan in the quarterfinals of the nationals. Instead of being intimidated by its opponent's rank-

ing, UCSB did some intimidating of its own as it chewed the Wolverines up and spit them out on its way to an astonishing 10-9 defeat. Though Michigan may have had more individual standouts, the Gauchos attributed the cohesion and unity of the team as the main factor in what allowed it to prevail over the Wolverines.

"[Michigan] had a lot of really good players," McClure said. "But we have a really good team. The reason we beat them was that we all played solid as a team. Not just one of us shined; we all played well."

With this win over Michigan, the Gauchos were matched up against another familiar opponent from California with Stanford. With an 11-10 win over the Cardinal already under its belt from earlier in the season, UCSB was confident heading into the game, knowing that it could compete with Stanford. However, things just didn't go that way for the Gauchos, falling in the semi-final matchup by three goals.

"Stanford's defense played really well," Ellis said. "There were a lot of opportunities we didn't capitalize on, a lot of shots we missed. But they played a good game."

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The UCSB men's lacrosse team enjoyed a solid 2001 season. Santa Barbara claimed victories over national powers such as Michigan and Stanford en route to being ranked #4.

nationals as the #9-ranked team, a win over Michigan and a strong effort against Stanford, the Gauchos soared through the rankings to the #4 spot.

"We are definitely proud of our season," Ellis said. "Of course we were disappointed with our loss [to Stanford], but in all we had a really good season. We had never made it that far before, so it was nice to go out on this note."

Though UCSB began the season with a four-game winning streak, the Gauchos were encountering a slight struggle learning how to play as a cohesive unit with each other. Many first-year players were relied on for their ser-

vice in pivotal roles on the team after the departure of seniors from the year before. But by the end of the season, the Gauchos were playing their best lacrosse of the year.

"We were having some problems at the beginning of the season, but we were really playing well at the end of the season," junior midfielder Cameron Ahler said. "Our defense was young, but they definitely stepped it up in all aspects of the game."

The future is looking bright for the Gauchos, and the team hopes to duplicate, if not surpass, the feats they attained this year for next season. UCSB has the personnel

to do so, returning its two top point scorers. Sophomore Ben Schooler scored a team-high 41 points with 16 goals and 25 assists, good for the 20th spot in WCLL statistics, while freshman Hank Caulkins, scored 38 points on 27 goals and 11 assists. The Gauchos will be losing, however, a solid group of seniors.

"We will definitely feel the impact from the guys we lose this year," Ahler said. "Next year should be interesting to see how we adjust, but we have a lot of solid returners coming back and a lot of high quality recruits coming in, so we will have the potential to do well."

Black Tide Falls Short of Goal, Loses to Carleton College in National Semifinals in Boston

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Not winning a national championship will not mar the great season the UCSB men's ultimate frisbee club team had this year.

The Black Tide was defeated 15-10 in the semifinals of the UPA National Tournament in Boston this past Saturday by Carleton College, the eventual

National Champions. The closely contested match was decided by a few critical plays. Unfortunately for the Black Tide, all the big plays of the day went Carleton's way.

"We played good all around but no one had an outstanding performance," senior co-captain Nick Fiske said. "We had some miscues at bad times that led to some really dramatic swings in the game."

Carleton senior Alex Nord played like someone on a mission against UCSB.

Nord caught seven goals and threw for three. The 6'5" senior had a noticeable advantage over the shorter Santa Barbara defenders.

"[Carleton's] offense was really focused on getting it to [Nord]," Fiske said. "Whatever we did on defense, they would just find a way to throw him the frisbee. They did a good job of isolating him one on one."

The Black Tide began the UPA National Tournament weekend with several quality wins, however. UCSB defeated North Carolina 15-11 and Harvard 15-7 in pool play on Friday. Santa Barbara also took a very close match against defending champion Brown on Friday, 15-14.

"The game against Brown was a test of desire," junior Kevin Buchanan said. "We didn't play as well as we could have, but we really wanted to win. I think that's what it was about, who wanted to win more."

UCSB faced Michigan the next day in the quarterfinals. Michigan had trouble containing the Black Tide offense and had an equally hard time scoring against Santa Barbara's smothering zone defense. UM attempted to keep the game close by continuously going for the big play, throwing deep down field whenever they could. The Black Tide, however, prevailed in convincing fashion,

15-9.

"We played a great game against Michigan," UCSB graduate Dan Schneider said. "They had one of the better players in the country on the team, but I think we did a great job stopping him. We stuffed them cold."

UCSB finished the season with a final record of 29-2 on the year. Although Santa Barbara did not get the national title it coveted, the players have no reason to hang their heads: the Black Tide still took home the UPA Regional Tournament. They were ranked number one in the nation and played well enough to get into the National Semifinals.

"There were a lot of great moments," Schneider said. "It was a good year. Any year you make it to the final four is a good year. I think the fact that we were disappointed that we didn't win the title is the mark of a championship team. We had a hell of a year."

Instead of dwelling on what could have been this year, UCSB has already started looking forward to what can be next season. With a large majority of its players returning, Santa Barbara should once again be a national power in ultimate frisbee.

"A lot of our younger players — second and first year guys — learned a lot about the game and what it takes to do well this year," Fiske said. "I think the experience will make us very good next year. I think we're going to be an incredible team next year."

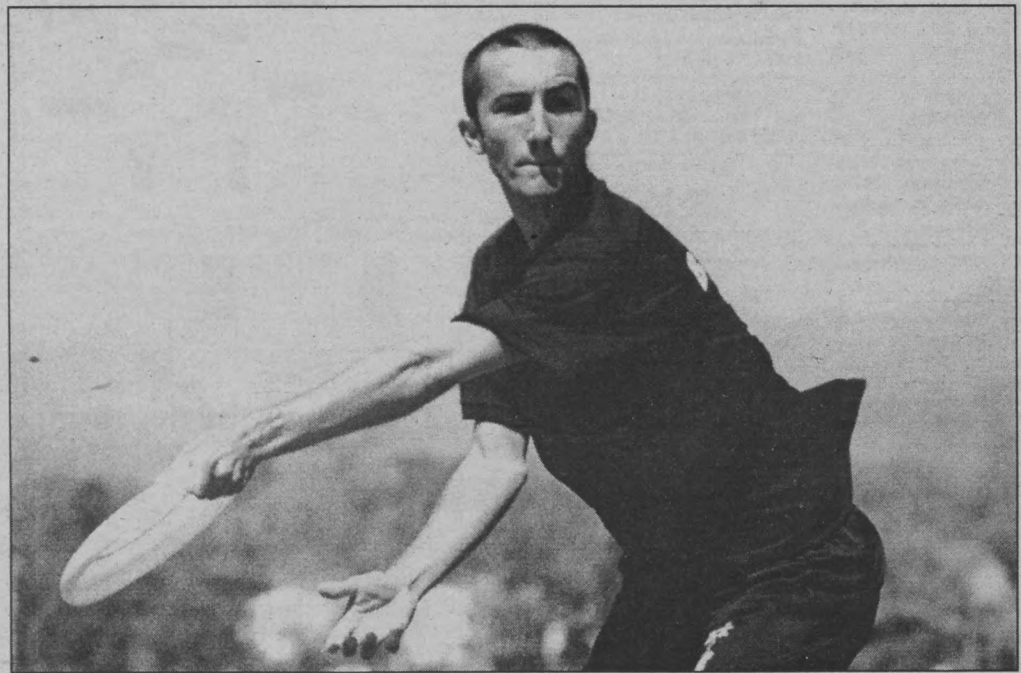


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The Black Tide could not complete its goal of winning the national championship this season, losing to Carleton College in the National Semifinals. UCSB had been the top-ranked team in the country.