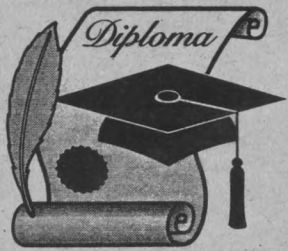


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Stepping Forward

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Do We Have an NBA?

The NBA and its owners need to shape up. Fans need to be considered over the issue of money.

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Junior Charlene Conley is key for the UCSB volleyball team. She is our Athlete of the Week.

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A black-bellied plover forages through kelp to find food at the mouth of the Goleta Slough, one wetland site that will be restored using state and federal funding.

Funding Will Help Restore Environment

BY DAVID DOWNS
Reporter

The wetlands of California's coast will be receiving a much-needed tide of relief this winter, in the form of state and federal funding.

The Southern California Wetlands Clearinghouse will receive \$5.6 million from Gov. Pete Wilson's Ocean and Coastal Initiative to create, acquire and restore over 700 acres of selected wetlands between Tijuana and Point Conception. Of the 41 selected wetland sites to be restored over the next 40 years, seven, including the Ventura River Estuary and Goleta Slough, are slated to begin work immediately.

The task of reclaiming wetlands will include everything from removing industrial pollution to restoring tidal action to the wetlands. UCSB graduate David Pritchett, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services biologist, foresees more planning before restoration can begin in either Ventura or Goleta.

"Right now, there's still a lot of planning and designing to complete. At Ventura River, the State Coastal Conservancy still needs to complete acquisition of the site before it can be restored," he said. "The site in mind is called the Ventura Beach Resort. It's a motor home campground, but it's right in the flood plain, and it used to be wetland. ... The biggest challenge I see is removal of the old fill material and proper circulation of ocean water."

Endangered plants and wildlife will benefit from the funding, according to Wayne Ferren, director of the Museum of Systematic Ecology at UCSB. The restoration could even bring back wildlife no longer present in Goleta Slough.

"There are a number of plants no longer found in Goleta Slough that could be reintroduced," he said. "We're thinking about reintroducing the clapper rail, which are federally listed as endangered. They haven't

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SB Band Kids Absent From Election Parade

BY SARAH KENT
Reporter

An election day parade intended to promote voter turnout was plagued by a last-minute cancellation and found itself lacking in numbers and noise.

Nearly 20 students and community members teamed up Tuesday at noon for the "Bring Out the Noise, Bring Out the Vote" parade, which wound through campus and looped around Isla Vista. In an unexpected development, the paraders were forced to march without one crucial element — Santa Barbara High School's 60-piece marching band and color guard, according to event spokesperson and recent UCSB graduate Nick Robertson.

"Our original plan was to have the Santa Barbara High School Marching Band and Color Guard come here and march with us to I.V.," he said.

According to Robertson, the marching band was cancelled for political reasons, despite the fact that the parade was planned as a nonpartisan event.

"Basically, [that] morning they talked about this event on the radio news," he said. "Calls came in that since [the campus] is such a liberal area that the very presence of a band to boost voter participation is a partisan event. We think that's bullshit."

Santa Barbara High School Principal J.R. Richards denied that political reasons were the cause of

the band's withdrawal. According to Richards, the school supported the event and the cancellation was due to the fact that the organizers had not obtained a proper permit.

"We got a lot of calls, but [the paraders] didn't have a parade permit, so [the band] didn't march," he said. "It's too bad; it was a good opportunity to earn money for the school. We thought [the event was] effectively neutral. It wasn't the phone calls that made the decision. It was the parade permit."

Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. public information officer Sgt. Mike Burridge confirmed that the proper procedures had not been followed by the "Bring Out the Noise, Bring Out the Vote" marchers.

"In order to have a parade, you need to go through a permit process," he said. "Last week [the organizers] told us that they were going to have a parade. The sheriff called the principal and said that they didn't have a permit, and that's it."

Despite the lack of an official band, many paraders brought instruments of their own and piped out a few tunes. Although he was pleased with how the parade turned out and felt that it still made an impact, Robertson expressed disappointment that the students could not participate.

"I think that the turnout we saw and the spirit we saw out there shows that we have the energy to prevail, with or without the march-

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Campus Bikepath Accident Sends Student to Hospital

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

A collision on a campus bike-path hospitalized one student Wednesday afternoon.

At approximately 4:10 p.m., two student bicyclists crashed into each other near Storke Tower. According to freshman art major Steve Templeton, who escaped the accident with minor scrapes, he attempted to pass student Tonya Selmer on the right when she cut in front of him to turn.

"I was trying to cut around her, and she cut me off and we collided," he said. "She looked like she

fell straight on her head."

Political science and economics major Iva Bozovic, who had medics called from the International Student Office, explained that the accident caused a brief stoppage in traffic as students gathered around the victim.

"I just saw her laying on the ground and a bunch of people standing by," she said. "I went to the office to have someone call the paramedics."

Rules are in place for the safety of bicyclists, who have the same responsibilities as motorists, according to University of California Po-

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Reps Consider Funding Bill, Sexual Assault Paper

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

One position paper was passed and two bills were tabled Wednesday as Associated Students representatives dove into another week of legislation.

Finance Board Chair Christina Costley introduced a bill seeking to repeal a By-Law change made two years ago that eliminated the conferences fund from the A.S. accounts. According to Costley, the funds, which were drawn into the capital improvements account, would better serve students if they were used to fund officers' conferences.

"Being in this difficult position, I have to tell people there is no money to fund these conferences ... Why is this? Because conferences was eliminated," she said. "We are constantly getting requests to attend conferences by people on this campus, and this would establish a special fund for conferences."

Off-Campus Rep Mariah Hoskins explained

why A.S. Executive Director Tamara Scott spearheaded the bill two years ago.

"She wanted A.S. to stay on the cutting edge of modern technology, and as you can see, A.S. is not on the cutting edge of technology," Hoskins said.

Leg Council also voted unanimously in favor of a Review of Sexual Assault Cases Within Student Conduct Board position paper. Off-Campus Rep Jill Burdick, the paper's author, noted that many cases reported to Student Conduct are not dealt with through disciplinary action.

"The Student Conduct Committee reports on sexual assault cases on campus," she said. "Most of the time they don't see cases because of lack of evidence. That is a big reason. The purpose of this bill is to try these cases anyway."

Tabled until next week because of questionable language was a position paper, written by Off-Campus Rep Jennifer Matthews, asking for Leg Council's support of a spring ballot measure that would increase financial aid for students with med-

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Top of the News

Bin Laden Charged With African Bombings



NEW YORK (AP) — Exiled Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden was charged Wednesday with masterminding the embassy bombings in East Africa, and authorities offered a record \$5 million reward for his capture.

A federal indictment charged bin Laden and Muhammad Atef, the military commander of bin Laden's alleged terrorist organization, with conspiracy in the Aug. 7 bombings at U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Twelve Americans were among the 224 people killed.

The indictment portrayed bin Laden as the director of a powerful terrorist organization with roots in several countries. His influence even reached a Brooklyn office that provided aid to refugees from the war in Afghanistan in the 1980s, it said.

The conspiracy charges filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan alleged that the embassy attacks were the culmination of a terrorist

There's no doubt he has the resources to stay hidden.

spond vigorously and unrelentingly to such terrorist acts."

Lewis D. Schilliro, assistant director in charge of the FBI's New York office, said the men were being tracked down by the largest contingent of agents his agency

— Lewis D. Schilliro
FBI assistant director,
New York office

campaign that had escalated since 1992.

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White said bin Laden kept increasing his hateful rhetoric until February when he directed Muslims "to kill Americans anywhere in the world they can be found."

"In a greater sense, all of the citizens of the world are also victims whenever and wherever the cruel and cowardly acts of international terrorism strike," White said. "And it is up to the authorities of the world to re-

had ever sent abroad to investigate a crime.

But he conceded that everything the FBI could do along with the \$5 million reward — the largest ever offered by the State Dept. — might not be enough to track down bin Laden, who is believed to be living in Afghanistan.

"There's no doubt he has the resources to stay hidden," Schilliro said.

If convicted, bin Laden and Atef could face the death penalty.

U.S. law provides for the trial in the United States of those charged in terror attacks against American citizens, even if carried out on foreign soil. Two other suspects in the bombings were sent to the United States because Kenya was wary that a trial in the African nation might invite new terrorist assaults.

The indictment also charges four other men with participating in bin Laden's organization.

Bin Laden's targets allegedly included members of the U.S. military in Saudi Arabia and Somalia as well as Americans employed at the two bombed U.S. embassies in Africa.

Bin Laden already was indicted by a grand jury in U.S. District Court in Manhattan in June. The grand jury was convened after 19 U.S. soldiers were killed when a bomb exploded in June 1996 in Saudi Arabia, and suspicions arose that bin Laden was involved.

State Democrats Win Majority, Plan for Change



SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's Democratic lawmakers, jubilant over gains in the Legislature and the governor's office, are dusting off all the bills vetoed by Republican governors for the past 16 years: measures dealing with health care reform, gun control, gay rights and protection of the environment.

Democrats picked up at least seven seats in Tuesday's election — two in the Senate and five in the Assembly. Three Republican incumbents were defeated.

The new Democratic margins are 25-15 in the Senate and at least 48-30 in the Assembly. The edge in the Assembly would increase if Democrats win two races that were too close to call and will be decided by absentee ballots.

The Democratic wins, along with the election of Democrat Gray Davis as governor, mark the first time since 1982 that the governor has shared the same party as the majority of both legislative houses.

Now that Democrats have comfortable majorities and a governor, they can try again with the hundreds of bills vetoed during the GOP administrations of Gov. Pete Wilson and former Gov. George Deukmejian.

Democratic candidates around the country, including Davis, promised they would pass laws to curb health maintenance organizations or other managed care plans. About 17

million Californians get their health care through such plans.

This fall Wilson vetoed several HMO reform bills, including one to create a commission to regulate HMOs and to require HMOs to cover mental illness, contraceptives and vaccines for children.

"This opportunity for Democrats is also a warning," said Ed Howard of Consumers for Quality Care, a group advocating HMO reforms. "You make HMOs a big issue, and you had better perform, or we will vote someone else into office."

Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa (D-Los Angeles) said the Legislature is likely to quickly consider a new school accountability bill. Wilson vetoed a bill this fall that would have given the state's 250 worst performing schools \$50 million to help them improve classroom instruction. Wilson said schools that don't teach students should be sanctioned, not given money.

Labor issues likely to be considered include a pay raise for state workers, who haven't gotten one for years, and a return to overtime pay after eight hours of work a day, which was abolished by a Wilson-appointed commission.

Assembly Republican leader Bill Leonard of Upland warns that Democrats will succeed only if they stick to the items they promised and not stray to things like raising fees for businesses.

"We will act as watchdogs of this administration," he said.

Kevorkian Convicted of First Crime, Asks for Jail Time



ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — Suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian was convicted Wednesday, his first trial loss, on two misdemeanor charges for a confrontation with police when he dropped off a body at a hospital.

The verdict came one day after longtime Kevorkian lawyer Geoffrey Fieger lost his Democratic bid for Michigan governor and voters rejected a measure that would have made Michigan the second state with legalized

physician-assisted suicide. Kevorkian opposed the measure as too restrictive.

Judge Daniel Sawicki fined Kevorkian \$700, plus \$200 in court costs.

Kevorkian has acknowledged being present at about 120 deaths, and said he would not stop his campaign on behalf of assisted suicide.

"You think I'm going to obey the law? You're crazy," he said.

The judge had stipulated that if Kevorkian did not pay the fine, he would have to

serve 60 days in jail.

Even though he won't spend any time behind bars, Kevorkian asked for the maximum penalty of 90 days. "Without a maximum penalty, I don't think that's justice," he said.

City attorney Charles Semchena Jr. said later that he agreed with Kevorkian on the maximum jail term, saying the fine was "pretty much a slap on the wrist."

After two days of deliberations, the jury convicted Kevorkian of interfering with police and resisting arrest. It acquitted an associate, Dr. Georges Reding, of the same charges.

Kevorkian and Reding were charged in a May 7 confrontation with police outside William Beaumont Hospital, where officers impounded Kevorkian's car as the two men delivered the body of Matt Johnson, 26, a quadriplegic from Aptos, Calif.

Assistant City Attorney Jim Marcinkowski said the officers were justified in questioning Kevorkian and impounding his car because they saw a body inside.

Kevorkian has been acquitted in three Detroit-area trials covering five assisted-suicide deaths.

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Weather

I've been pretty sick all day long, but thanks to Ny-Quil's cherry-red haze of sleepy euphoria, I'm here now and ready to share with you all my reflections upon one very special election the other day.

I'm talking about the passionately contested Minnesota gubernatorial race, wherein Reform Party candidate and former wrestler Jesse Ventura body slammed his now comical opponent Hubert Humphrey III with a surprise victory.

Now as far as I know, Ventura is the only former wrestler thus far to go on to a successful political career, but one can only hope that he is certainly not the last. Personally, I do not think that just because a person has a reputation of wearing funny spandex costumes and hitting people with chairs on TV, they should not be able to make and oversee the laws we all live by.

Forecast: As long as you didn't just lose the governor's chair to a guy nicknamed "The Body," it should be a very sunny day indeed.

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lice Sgt. Robert Jones. However, unless a conspicuous violation such as riding on the sidewalk takes place, tickets will not be given for accidents, he said.

"Unless there is a wanton regard for public safety, we

generally do not give citations for bicycles," Jones said. "You could probably say that 90 percent of these accidents are due to a violation of right-of-way. I think some kind of education would help, but I think the hard part is that students get overwhelmed with safety information when they get

here."

Officer Kevin Gutierrez said that due to the campus construction, bikepaths have become more hazardous.

"We have anywhere from 16,000 to 20,000 bikes through campus a day," he said. "With the parking structure, they are taking out bikepaths — so things are

more congested."

According to sophomore computer science major Victor Burke, widening the paths would alleviate some of the danger.

"They are too crowded," he said. "I think it would be nice if they were widened, but I know the money is not available."

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been seen or heard from since the early '70s, and we would hope that in restoring the overall functioning of Goleta Slough we might be able to bring back clapper rail. There are lots of different things that could happen that are going on, and certainly for some endangered birds, like the Belding Savanah sparrows, it could be a big deal."

According to the Resource Agency Assistant Secretary Craig Denisoff, the criteria by which the seven initial sites were chosen include financial considerations, self sustainability,

connection to marine environment, site availability and near-term potential.

"These projects were not selected because, out of all 41, these were the top seven. These seven were the most ready to go," he said. "In terms of feasibility, there were plans in place and designs in place. All of those things, as you know, take many years ... as soon as we got the dollars we were ready to start turning dirt."

Anyone interested in obtaining more information on the Clearinghouse or getting involved with any of the projects can access www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov, the State Coastal Conservancy website.

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ical emergencies. According to Costley, the paper was unfairly taken off the table by A.S. Internal Vice President Danny Costa, who referred it to an ad hoc committee instead of allowing discussion to continue.

"There was no vote for tabling or calling the question so the chair can't take it off. I have all the respect in the world for [the Internal VP] but you can't just do this," she said. "If I could do this as chair of Finance Board, there would be a shitload of requests I would table immediately."

During public forum, Queer Commission Chair Joe Lee brought up a situation that he believes is an act of discrimination on the part of the Community Affairs Board blood drive. According to Lee, a portion of the blood drive eligibility questionnaire discriminates against gay men.

"Unfortunately there was an A.S.-funded event today that practiced discrimination towards homosexual males," he said. "We want the university to not practice discrimination. It kind of hurts when I want to give blood but I can't because of question #30."

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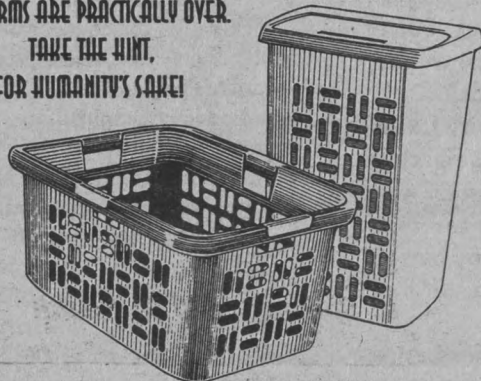
ing band," he said. "[But] it would have been great to have them out there with us, and it would have been a great opportunity for the high school kids. It's too bad they were deprived of that."

Senior theology major

Corey Linberg, who participated in the event, maintained that political motives were behind the band's absence.

"The fact that they shut down the band is for purely political reasons," she said. "Even without the band, we still came out in force."

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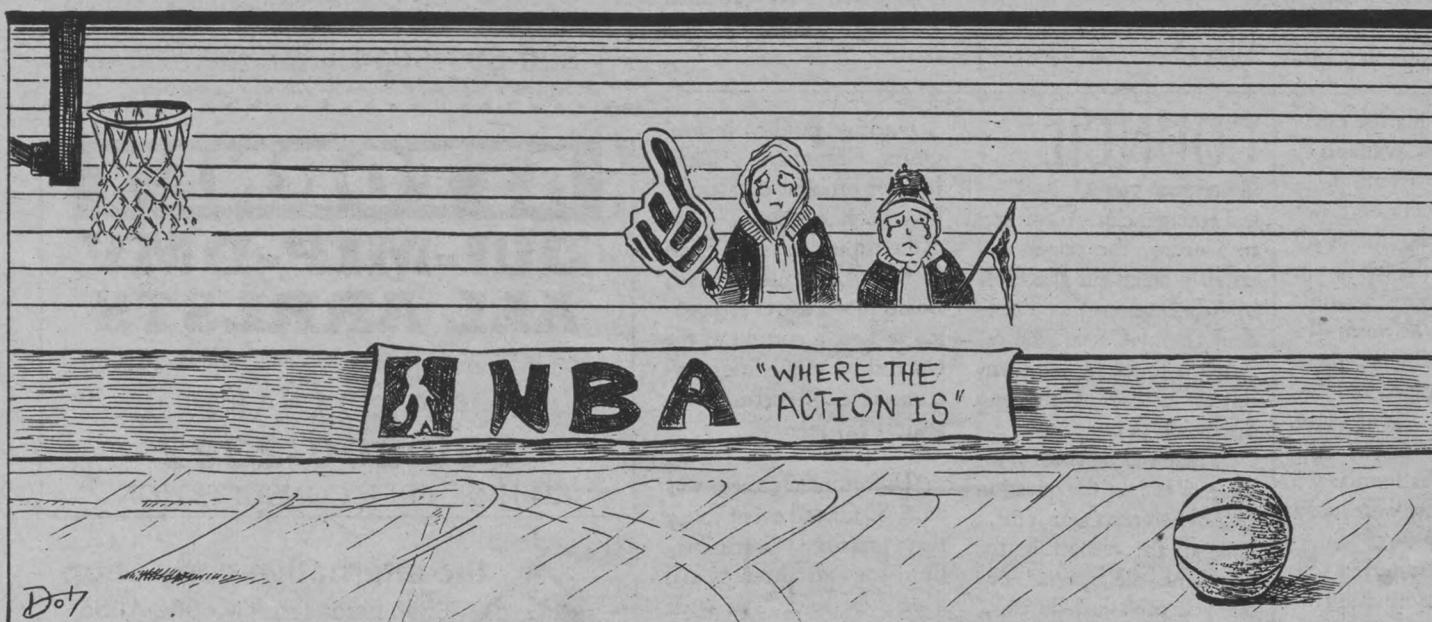
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Stop the Whining

NBA Players and Owners Need to Stop Their Silly Bickering and Return to the Court and the Fans

The NBA lockout that has consumed much of the sports world over the past months is not seeming to come to any sort of conclusion soon. The players and owners are still both crying foul, and the season is in jeopardy of not even occurring.

Both parties need to stop whining and get back onto the court as soon as possible if NBA executives and players hope to maintain fan support. These 'entertainers' are complaining about an amount of money that is astronomically high and terms and conditions that they should have to deal with.

The main dispute revolves around what is known as the Larry Bird exemption, which allows teams to re-sign a current member of the team at any price. The owners want to put into effect a hard salary cap that would restrict the amount of money for which a player could re-sign with his current team.

At the root of the problem is free agency and the presence of a free labor market. The players claim that a salary cap restricts their movement within a free market economy and does not allow them to earn the salaries they potentially could if the situation is left alone.

To this, the only logical answer is the following: Shut up and quit crying about your already sky-high salaries that only allow you to pay off child support on your illegitimate children. Professional athletes get paid to play a sport that children and adults have to find time outside work and school to play. Plus, they get to play in front of thousands of fans who adore them for their ability and style.

Not many office executives can claim that they are supported merely for what they do, and they are certainly not paid millions of dollars to do it. The same goes for students, who are paying to become educated and to discover their purpose in life.

Granted, professional athletes, such as basketball players, provide a service to the community through their job, but to bitch and moan about their salaries when others are working twice as hard to support their families is ludicrous.

The funny thing is, people are supposed to feel sorry for the players because they are being screwed out of what is rightfully theirs. How are people supposed to feel any sort of remorse when players are choking their coaches over petty disputes and complaining about salaries that are already overly high? And how are people to feel sorry for the owners when they are locking the players out of training camp?

All that situations like the NBA lockout or the Major League Baseball strike or NFL strikes in the past bring about is a loss of fan support and a pushing of fans away to other sports. Fan loyalty is an integral part of any professional sports organization, and placing barriers between the fans and players only serves to hurt everyone involved.

The ones who are truly hurt by the lockout are the stadium workers, ticket sellers, etc., who are out of jobs because some players decided they wanted to make a couple more million dollars.

What are they to do as they sit at home watching Sportscenter to see if any progress was made that day? They are the ones who have a family to support and mouths to feed. Maybe the players should call them up and see what they think about the whole situation. That might offer an interesting perspective.

The solution is to earn back the respect of the fans, and the way to do that is by getting back onto the court and producing a good product. It took baseball until this season to fully gain back the fan base it lost during the 1995 strike, but it can be done.

America Under A

The Government Is Getting Entangl

JUSTIN M. RUHGE

Creeping Socialism? Do we really want socialism in the U.S. of A? Or is it already here?

A new euphemism for socialism is Natural Capitalism! However you slice it, when government gets in the act in any phase of our lives, that is socialism! Most as individuals tend to be capitalists, but men as a group want self preservation and tend to seek a form of socialism for that end.

A few men and a lot of resources will seek capitalism while a lot of men and limited resources will seek a socialist system.

America is and has been under attack by creeping socialism for the past century. Those that do not have part of the big apple tend to seek the security of the group sponsored by government.

The call is for equality of wealth and security well-being — jobs, health, social equality and old age security. Taxes are levied to take money from the rich — who someone thinks have too much — and distribute it to the poor. In this century this struggle has been the paramount feature of our history. The effort has been to level the financial field, and it has brought upheaval and chaos throughout the world.

The Communist Revolution went too far and simply replaced the oppressive royalty with an extreme form of socialism, while the National Socialists in Germany (Nazis) got lost in Aryan culture and genocide and totally truncated the value of the thrust of their social change.

Many countries began to nationalize everything either in the name of fascism, communism or socialism — Germany, Russia, Mexico, France, England, Spain and Italy to name only a few. Early in the century, the U.S. also turned down the road toward socialism. The 16th Amendment to the Constitution initiated the income tax, and from there we have been on a socialist roll.

The women's movement for social and financial equality has supported bigger government to help achieve its goals and by so doing promoted socialism. The female "have nots" seek their piece of the apple. Bigger government aided and abetted by liberal politicians all at the expense of the taxpayers. The same can be observed for the minorities in this country. More and bigger government has been driven by meeting their demands.

The Reader's Voice

MURRAY IS TOO NARROW-MINDED

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Keith Murray's letter (Readers' Voice, Oct. 28) bothered me, and I have heard his sentiments echoed by many students. He said that the only worthwhile classes at a university are language, history, economics and science classes, and that art classes and ethnic/gender studies classes should be abolished.

While the prior more concrete subjects provide us with communication, business skills and microwave ovens, they do not necessarily improve the quality of our lives. It is very easy to be trapped within a world that is outlined only by concrete cultural, social and physical laws.

By living in a predefined world, our minds are confined; our morals are given to us and we don't understand anything beyond this limited

picture. If we think and learn only within predefined thought regions, life is just like a class in memorization.

Of course, language, history, economics and science are not entirely concrete; every element of a subject area is not defined as true or false. These areas of non-concreteness allow us freedom to interpret a world outside of the world that has been taught to us. These areas are called art. This is what really improves the quality of our lives.

When someone grabs on to something outside of our current field of understanding and then shows it to other people through a medium of his choice, whether it be through language, science, new interpretations of history or pure "art," he is momentarily freed from the trappings of culture and technology.

This "breaking away" not only

improves his own quality of life, but has the potential to improve the lives of everyone who looks at it critically and interprets it with his own mind.

We don't dismiss new innovations in science and economic theory as silly. We look at them critically and try to understand them. Although they give us a deeper understanding of the physical and social rules that form our concrete world, they do not necessarily improve the quality of our lives.

Learning about a new innovation in science requires little original thought because the new idea is not meant to be interpreted. Respecting a work of art and trying to interpret it improves the quality of our lives by forcing us to look around the boundaries placed upon us by culture and technology. This is why art classes should be respected at the university.

Art is an integral part of innovation in every subject area; it is that which drives technology and human understanding. Pure art classes may not teach someone how to survive in the "real world," but they epitomize intellectual freedom and exploration, the main purposes of a university. If someone wants to learn how to build microwaves, he should go to a trade school instead.

DOVE WOELTJEN

ISLA VISTA NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE!

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Help me ... Help me ... it's me, Isla Vista!!! Would you like to see more services like increased safety, community cleanups and more available housing? If so pay attention to the signs around campus and Isla Vista with "Help improve our community" and "Love Isla

Vista?"

These are advertisements for the A.S.-Isla Vista Community Relations Committee. IVCRC is a committee that deals specifically with community issues. For example, one of our projects was distribution of recycling bins along with Environmental Affairs Board. Besides recycling there are MANY more I.V. issues that we need help addressing.

Here is where you as a concerned Isla Vistan can step in. Our committee needs more input on how we might improve our community. We are looking for more students to assist in organizing projects and allocating funds to community-oriented groups.

Currently IVCRC is discussing issues such as community lighting, I.V. Youth Projects and much, much more. Our meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the I.V. Community Service Center located on Embarcadero del Mar, directly behind Déjà Vu.

More Reader's Voice

We greatly appreciate your participation and invite you at our next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Cesar Coronado at (949) 261-1111 or e-mail at <ceasar@ceasa.com>

DAVID D. CONFUSION

Editor, Daily Nexus: We would like to have David Downs' class. It is not a class (Daily Nexus, Oct. 28), remember we appeared in the paper.

First of all, we expected to have him when we signed Mr. Downs' contract. He would know America was

all submissions, but please include your name and phone number. For columns, is three pages, typed and double-spaced; for letters, one page. All submissions of the *Daily Nexus* upon being turned in and are edited for length and clarity.

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er Attack by Socialism

Entangled in the Personal Lives of the Public

Is creeping socialism the only way to bring about change in our society? Big government can never do it better than the private sector. It is always less efficient and more expensive.

The social upheavals in the world have always been the result of unbridled greed and a refusal of the "haves" to share with the "have nots." It's a characteristic of humanity that a few "know" how to make it big and the majority do not. So the majority use big government to get something to live on!

On the scene today is one of the most pernicious forms of socialism. It is called Environmentalism or "protecting the environment." This "Ism" is to many a "religion" based on saving the resources around us. But it is entirely in the realm of big government.

There is no "market" for this "Ism" except in big government. It invents nothing or produces nothing but more government and more paper regulations. Environmentalism has grown as a "socialist industry" at every level of government from city to federal government. It "make work" for bureaucrats and biologists who would not have a well paying job otherwise.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Fish and Wildlife and the Corps of Engineers have become gigantic agencies promoting this new social movement that is paid for by the taxpayers and promoted by many politicians because it is a "look good" to do so, but achieves little or nothing to protect the environment.

It started out as a benign idea for conservation and cleaning up of the Great Lakes — which needed it — and saving the bald eagle, our American symbol, but from there has been warped into a national political agenda for liberals who see it as a way to promote big government and political careers for themselves at the expense of the taxpayers, land owners and industry.

Only the government has jobs for the environmentalists, so it has become another form of socialism that in its extreme will lead to a food shortage and financial disaster for this country as we try to use big government to save all the species in the world and all the habitat in the world from the ravages of an ever growing human population, now almost 6 billion.

As this scenario develops, only the government employees will have jobs and access to any remaining food, while the rest of the taxpayers will be out of work and on famine rations.

Socialists abhor private property rights. They believe the government should manage all the property



for the good of the masses. Everywhere we see groups supporting the purchase of open land in the guise of protecting the environment. But the real motive is to take it away from the greedy developers and to place it in the hands of the "trustful" government.

Most politicians and voters have no idea that what they are supporting is socialism. Most have no idea just where the funds come from to support all these government programs. Higher and higher taxes and fees on taxpayers, and in particular industry, are what fuels the big government machine.

Forty-two percent of our income every year is taken from us to run one bureaucracy or another at the federal, state, county and city levels. It's not the government that provides the services, it's our taxes that do! Today two parents must work — one to pay the taxes and the other to sustain the family — because of this outlandish tax burden to sustain our social programs.

If what Americans want is socialism, then we should know or be told by the politicians that is what we are getting and just what it will cost us in business and jobs in the future. We can not get something for nothing!

Business will stop operating when the tax burden becomes too large and will either go out of operation or have to be nationalized to continue to provide the jobs that will be lost.

This will happen at the expense of the taxpayers and other businesses. Many other countries clearly state that the politics or their political parties are socialist, but in the U.S. this is taboo! Government programs are always cloaked in benign euphemisms. But more government is the growth of socialism. Is this what Americans want? The Russians have found out how badly this system works!

There are only a few things that the government "has to do" by law, but almost all other things can be either eliminated or accomplished by the private sector better than socialism can do it.

The government should "own" nothing! Social and financial equality can be accomplished in the private sector by public awareness programs and education. The government should only be used as a last resort to solve our social problems. But, just what do Americans want?

We cannot have it both ways! Less government is better government. Less taxes promote business, which provides jobs, which leads to a better quality of life in the long run than can be provided by government!

Justin M. Rubge is the president of Goleta-based Concerned Taxpayers.

Voice

e greatly encourage your participation and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the IVCRC Chair at Corona at 893-2566 or by email at <ceasar@as.ucsb.edu>.

DAVID DOWNS, A CONFUSED FROSH

or, *Daily Nexus*: We would like to respond to David Downs' column, "I.V. Madness: Not Out of the Ordinary" (*Daily Nexus*, Oct. 26). We can't remember when such ignorance was in the *Nexus* (well, maybe never).

First of all, we think we all expect to have a safe place to live when we signed our leases. And, if David Downs would check his facts, he would know that the Bank of America was burned in protest, not

in fun.

And since Mr. Downs was recovering from an admitted hangover, we don't think that he should make judgments and say that people drink themselves into comas. As in any city, there are varying degrees of alcohol consumption.

And this talk of parental drug abuse? Is Mr. Downs speaking from his own experience? He certainly wasn't talking about ours. Also, what about his Bay of Pigs reference? He mentions it after spewing (pun intended) about vomiting and fire extinguishers. Is there any real relevance at all? We think not.

Perhaps Mr. Downs, being the stereotypical freshman, wanted to seem more educated, as he would've been had he bothered to do any research. At least we give him a D for his effort.

Hopefully by next quarter ... well, next year ... hmmm senior year ... OK, graduation day, Mr.

Downs will be over his growing pains and be a little wiser for the wear. In any case, he should think before he writes and not vice-versa. Best of luck Dave!

GWYNNE ELEK
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NEXUS IS NOT OUT OF TOUCH

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

I read with great trepidation the ignorant letter written to the *Nexus* by Eric Cardenas (Reader's Voice, Nov. 2).

In this letter he flagrantly displays his conspicuous lack of knowledge on the issues he is complaining about.

He complains that the paper has become "more conservative," i.e., it disagrees with his opinion.

He then singles out editor Kerri Webb for her opinion on the stu-

dent walkout two weeks ago. So, Ms. Webb has personal opinions? Does that shock you, Mr. Cardenas? Should she submit her opinions to you in advance for approval?

The diatribe continues with his advocacy of Measure K, which he believes, mistakenly, will save Santa Barbara County's oak trees.

This is ridiculous and untrue. The oak trees he cries about are on private FLAT land that the owners want to use for agricultural use, namely the planting of vineyards.

To anyone who has ever been over San Marcos Pass or into the Los Padres National Forest can clearly see that the oak tree is everywhere. The mighty oak thrives in this county, and it is mostly found on the hills and mountains, and deep in the national forest.

And, of course, if the *Nexus*

doesn't see things the way Mr. Cardenas does, then he concludes that the paper is "out of touch" with the students. Possibly he is out of touch.

THAD MITCHELL GEGNER

WRITE US!

The *Daily Nexus* appreciates all the interesting things you write in, as do the 20,000 readers, so continue this great pattern and keep contributing your letters and columns!

HOT LINE

Thief!!:

"I just wanted to let you guys know that Matt Hurst is using other people's quotes. The one today was a tequila ad, and he is using stuff that is not his."

-Amanda Johnson

Seductive:

"This morning, I woke up, looked in the mirror, and said ... Sexy."

-Cory Osborn

Undoubtedly not the most modest man on campus.

Flash This:

What's the deal with all the flashers seen on Halloween? Is this a costume for the future or just a perverted joke? Excuse me if I don't enjoy watching a guy unfurl his coat only to see a giant plastic piece of anatomy. Halloween is frightening enough without having to deal with some sick fuck who is just displaying his sexual inferiority.

Quote of the Day:

"When grown-ups do it it's kind of dirty -- that's because there's no one to punish them."

-Tuesday Weld

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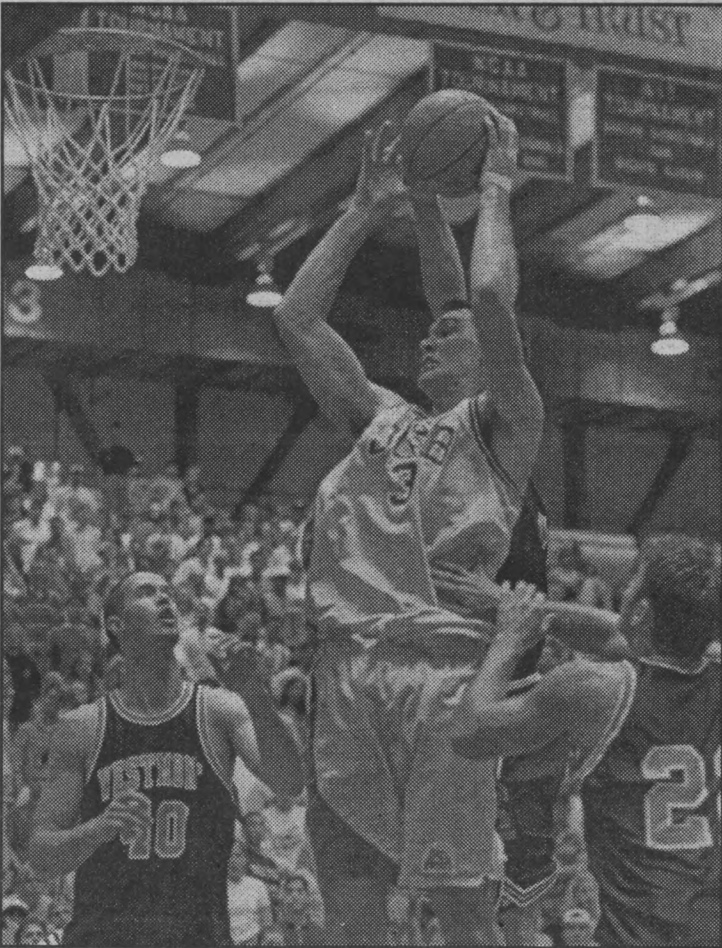
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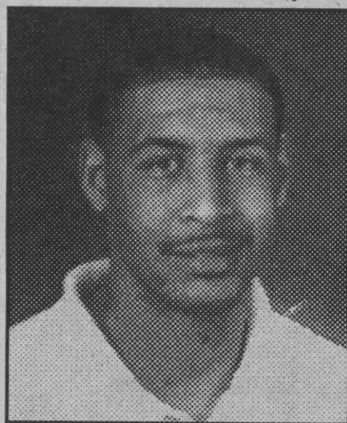
SHOWCASING THE SKILLS: Senior Josh Merrill and the UCSB men's basketball team will demonstrate their skills at 7 p.m. in the T'Dome.

UCSB Basketball Ready To Start Williams Era Tonight

BY MATT HURST
Staff Writer

All right Gaucha fans, time to break out those Thunderdome lightning bolt foam things, put on that face paint and don those UCSB beanies with the yellow ball on the top. It's basketball season.

Tonight at 7 in the Thunderdome, the UCSB men's team will take on its first opponent in the Bob Williams era. The team: High Five America. Who are they? A



B.J. Bunton

professional traveling team that played at Cal State Fullerton on Tuesday night, racking up 116 points but still losing by nine to the Titans.

While Santa Barbara officially kicked off its season less than a month ago with Midnight Madness, the team will play its first exhibition game without its top returner: senior forward B.J. Bunton. Bunton has bone spurs in his right foot and will miss the first exhibition game this season.

"I think I'm going to hold him out," Williams said. "We could

play him, if it was a game that counted, we probably could play him. At this time I don't want to risk anything, I don't want to aggravate it, I don't want to have this be a lingering problem, so we're going to try to get it feeling good."

Without Bunton, the starting lineup for the game will be composed of junior Derrick Allen at the point, sophomore Brandon Payton as shooting guard, junior Erick Ashe as swing man, senior Josh Merrill in the power forward spot and sophomore Adama Ndiaye posting up the middle.

"Right now the point is an open position and nobody has stepped out as the favorite," Williams said at Big West Conference Media Day.

The lineup is based on the team's practices up to this point, but according to Williams, that doesn't mean we will see this starting group all preseason.

"These five guys have stepped up a little bit," he said. "They're playing with a lot of confidence, they're playing consistently hard. I want to start a smaller, quicker lineup, I want to look at it awhile, then we'll be bringing in the bigger guys behind them. It's just for this one exhibition game, nothing's even close to set in stone."

As for the game, the players look at it as a good way to get the season rolling and view the matchup as a new experience with their new teammates and coach.

"I'm ready for some new blood," Payton said, referring to High Five America. "I'm ready to get going, get it started, seeing how it's going to be and get in the flow of things."

NBA HATE-FEST: DAY 3

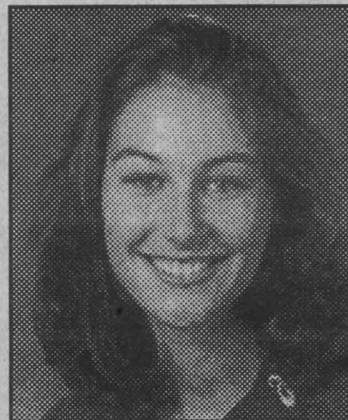
Volleyball Looks to Stop #10 UOP Tigers

Into the Tigers' den.

The #7 UCSB women's volleyball team will battle the #10 University of the Pacific Tigers in Stockton tonight at 7. This Big West Conference grudge match will see Pacific try to avenge an early season loss to the Gauchos, who this time are going after UOP without senior All-American Katie Crawford.

Crawford has been sidelined since Oct. 8, the match immediately following the last UOP vs. UCSB meeting. Her dominating presence will be sorely missed against the heavy-hitting Tigers. On a brighter note, Crawford is expected to have the cast on her right hand removed later this week.

Santa Barbara (22-3 overall, 11-1 in the Big West) must con-



Katie Crawford

tain a pair of outside hitters in juniors Jennica Smith and Elsa Stegemann in order to be effective in Stockton. Stegemann leads the Tigers (19-4, 10-2) in kills per game with 4.31, and Smith ham-

mered 31 kills in the previous meeting between the two universities.

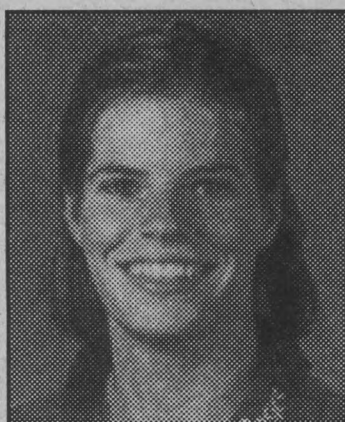
UCSB is no slouch at outside hitting, however. Junior All-American Roberta Gehlke leads the conference in kills per game (5.22) and digs/contest (4.06). Her complement, junior Charlene Conley, has been white-hot herself. The current *Nexus* Athlete of the Week (high praise indeed) hammered 13 kills against the University of Idaho and 12 vs. Cal Poly. Her hitting average is a team-high .341.

The Gauchos are fresh off three consecutive three-game sweeps and hope to keep the momentum rolling.

— Steve Wendt

Correction: Tuesday's Sports Spectacular had a misprint. The Party Bus to the Long Beach State volleyball game will leave Saturday @ 3:30 p.m.

Athlete of the Week



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CHARLENE CONLEY

A Smiling Conley Is a First-Rate Killer

BY STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

Charlene Conley looks like the girl next door. But despite her pigtails and wide smile, this UCSB junior is a holy terror on the volleyball court.

The gravity-defying outside hitter has blossomed this season for UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory's #7 Gauchos. The explosive environmental studies major recently demolished the University of Idaho and Cal Poly inside the Thunderdome. Conley notched 12 kills against the San Luis Obispo school, and posted a .407 hitting average in the three-game sweep. Conley wasn't finished with her assault, however.

The team leader in hitting percentage (.341) continued against Idaho. Conley mopped up the Vandals to the tune of 13 kills and at an astronomical hitting clip of .813. Her percentage for the week was .558.

"Charlene is playing better than anyone on the team right now," Gregory said. "Now that we've been leaving her in for the back row, her defense has been great and so has her serving."

After being substituted out following her front-row rotations in the past, Conley is now playing back row with consistency. The Gaucho has enjoyed the results.

"Now that I've gotten an opportunity to play back row, I've been working on my defense, my serving and hitting out of the back row," said Conley, who posted a

4.5 GPA at Orange High School in Orange, Calif. "[In the back row] you're more included in all the action. You have more responsibilities and stay into the game more."

Conley has come back from a serious knee injury that forced her to sit out her freshman season. The redshirt year was spent on the books, an area in which Conley also excels, but with a year of eligibility left, the outside hitter might just have to postpone her degree in order to rack up accolades of another sort.

"She's very smart and has a high GPA," Gregory said. "When I recruited her, Charlene wanted to become a top all-around player, and she has started to become that. I'm looking for her to be a First-Team All-Big West pick and an All-American nominee."

As good as her defense has been, Conley is still at her most devastating to opponents when soaring at the net. Her high averages have been a testament to just how dominating she can be, but Conley merely credits repetition.

"I've just gotten into a groove and put it all together," said Conley, who is averaging 4.24 kills per game for the 22-3 Gauchos. "We just have so many games under our belt that you get that way."

Pretty modest for someone who teams with fellow junior Roberta Gehlke to make up what is arguably the top duo of outside hitters in the nation. But what do you expect from the girl next door with the wide smile?