UCSB Race Issues: Not Entirely Black and White

**BLACK HISTORY**

**Subtle' Racism, Uneven Minority Numbers Affect Recruitment, Retention**

BY ERIC SIMONS

Staff Writer

At an overwhelmingly liberal college like UCSB, outright displays of racism are rare.

So, a series of incidents directed at two individuals in the residence halls during Spring Quarter 1999 moved the university to respond. Two years later, UCSB has a hate incidents response coordinator to deal with the much more common and subtle forms of racism on campus.

"There is racism on this campus, and there's racism in society," said Brandor Brook, who took the position last summer.

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"In terms of percentages, UCSB does not reflect the state of California. Whites, who make up 64 percent of the campus population, include 73 percent of graduate students, made up a shocking 52 percent of the state population in 1998. Blacks, who make up 3 percent of the UCSB population, constituted 7 percent of the state's population, at 30 percent of the state population, make up 15 percent of the UCSB population.

Brod said he receives reports on a sporadic basis, with most taking the form of graffiti or minor vandalism. The crime is usually ones of ignorance rather than true hatred.

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County Debates Future of SB Shores Park

**By Alison Dougherty**

Reporter

For lovers of the Ellwood Coast, it appears that less is, in fact, more.

The Santa Barbara County Park Commission hosted a public information gathering, which drew approximately 100 people Wednesday evening to debate the design of the Santa Barbara Shores Park Master Plan. The plan will determine the future of a 18-acre parcel located adjacent to the Sandpiper Golf Course as well as the property owned by developer Randall Fox. The site contains many environmental resources, including monarch butterfly aggregation sites, natural grasslands, wetlands and wildlife.

The Park Commission held public input regarding future development of the property, and a presentation regarding various alternative plans for the site, before sending the plan back to the Parks Dept. staff for further work.

Director of Parks Dept. Jennifer Briggs said the master plan is being revised due to changes in the landscape since a 1993 environmental study.
Capitol in Olympia and briefly trapped about 30 people atop a swaying Space Needle, 605 feet above the city. It was "a very long, very rough, quake," said Monty Emamzadu, who was trapped in her law firm's 19th-floor office in downtown Seattle.

Pamela DeSayo, who scrambled onto a fire escape in a Seattle office building, said, "Everyone was panicking." The quake hit at 10:54 a.m. and was centered 35 miles south of Seattle, according to the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo. It was the strongest to hit Washington state in 52 years.

Experts said its depth — in a fault about 33 miles underground — spared the Northwest catastrophic damage. Officials said millions of dollars spent to remodel buildings and highways to protect those who had paid off. Damage could run into the billions, but that was considered light in a highly developed area with more than 3 million residents.

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A real positive thing that some of what used to be acceptable in places truly no longer is," Brod said. "Even the most bigoted person now, in their right mind, wants no association with neo-Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan. That wasn't necessarily true 35 years ago. There were mayors who openly said they were KKK members. You don't find that anywhere."

Few cases involve hatred leveled at individuals, like the 1999 residence hall incidents, where the targeted racial epitaphs were scrawled on walls. "Sometimes well-meaning people are just ignorant," Brod said. "It's not that either one of them is being racist or evil or does anything that meets the definition of a hate crime or a hate incident. It's the pure, literal meaning of ignorance. They just don't know."

Gerard Pigeon, who served as chair of the Black Studies Dept, from 1974 until this academic year, said the professors in his department often listen to student complaints. Many of these cases are less than benign, but never get officially reported. "If it was reported, you'd see there is racism. It's not as overt as it was, but there are still some people around who believe in the superiority of the European people," Pigeon said. "The atmosphere [on campus] is, at least for minority students, not an atmosphere of bliss, because people can come out of the bunh at any moment and insult them."

The same applies for the minorities among the 9,000-plus students in Isla Vista, alongside the town's permanent residents. UCSB's External Vice President for Local Affairs Alejandro Juarez, who has worked extensively in the I.V. community as a founder of the Isla Vista Tenants Union, said landlords can be as guilty of racism as students. "The only problem with landlords is that it is harder to hold them accountable for their actions," he said. "In 1998, when 33 Latino families were evicted from Balboa, Cortez and Colonial, no one questioned why the majority of people who were evicted were Latino."

Most students do not interact in a meaningful way with I.V.'s large Latino community, Juarez said. "We treat the Latino community as if it was a glass wall," he said, "not noticing it unless we run into it."

Elizabeth Montaño, the chair of El Congreso, has seen these problems recently for Hispanic students in the on-campus residence halls. "Most of it comes out of ignorance," she said. "If you've never been around people different from you, it's fear of what you don't know."

The problems make it difficult to keep students positive about the school, and some, Montaño said, have considered leaving. The university tries to keep the atmosphere positive, and aggressively recruits minority students who have been admitted to the school. "We want everyone to feel that the campus environment is one that's supportive to them," Dean of Students Yonie Harris said.

Despite this, the number of minorities enrolled in the freshman class for the last three years has remained close to constant, with whites making up a large proportion. See RACISM, p.6
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Candlelight Vigil Allows People to Share Emotions

VICKY LEUNG

Tonight, be a part of the unity. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., in Storke Plaza, we will join together in a time for remembrance and reflection. This event, organized by several volunteers and local businesses, is a gathering that will unite many people in our community. Although we do have planned spoken addresses from Chancellor Yang and 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, this is an “open mic” event for everyone.

We want you to attend because this “open mic” event will give you the opportunity to share your emotions, memories and thoughts. By sharing your personal stories, the power of remembrance will help keep the spirits of Ruth, Christopher, Nicholas and Elie alive and beating within our hearts. Even if you are in disbelief or mourning, all of your feelings are valid. The mixture of feelings is one thing we can share with each other and should feel comfortable expressing. There are people that will be there to support you in this time of grief.

Between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., we will continue our unity for remembrance by forming a procession from Storke Plaza to Little Acorn Park, the site of the accident. Volunteers will be handing out candles and yellow ribbons to everyone in the procession. We will also be handing out flowers so that once we reach Little Acorn Park, you can place your flower at the site honoring their spirits, because we shall never forget.

But even with this opportunity to speak, we are also providing another opportunity for you to reach out to the victims’ families. To begin tonight’s remembrance gathering and procession, Associated Students Program Board will be presenting the band Gravity Willing in Storke Plaza at noon. There, you will have the opportunity to write and submit letters to the family of the victims. Your letters will be personally delivered to the families on behalf of the Associated Students. Additionally, your opportunity to write letters will be available later tonight at the remembrance gathering and procession.

Join us in unity tonight because you are part of the UCSB family. We need you there. UCSB has faced a lot of tragedies this year, and we should not forget those who have passed away in recent months. Please take this opportunity tonight to remember and reflect also on Miyaka Geh, Patrick Hsu and Dave Lindsay, because they were all outstanding members of the UCSB family that we also deeply miss. We welcome any students honoring their memories at the vigil tonight.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I extend my deepest sorrow and condolences to the victims, families and friends who have been hurt in this tragedy. Even if you do not plan to speak or write a letter tonight, please come to help support each other. Tonight, let us rest our heads on each other’s shoulders. Tonight, let us share our emotions and thoughts. Tonight, let us remember our lost community members.

Tonight is an important night because the brilliant lights across our hearts are scars of memories that will never be erased.

MADD Offers Advice for Students Who Are Grieving

FRANK HAMILTON

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Finally, if you have spiritual beliefs, pray. Pray for peace for yourself and comfort for the family and friends of these young people and, yes, even the driver of the car.

Whatever you do, try to remember that your friend is standing next to you and watching what you are doing.

If you have any questions about tonight’s event, or would like to volunteer, please contact me at vleung@umail.ucsb.edu or Mel Fabi at 893-5085 or mel@uc.ucsb.edu.

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"I encourage the commission to save active uses for a more central location in the community and preserve this site for more passive uses," he said.

All those who spoke expressed essentially the same view — the park should be preserved for passive recreational use. Santa Barbara City College student Emily Draws said she is concerned about the changes that developing the property would entail.

"The thing I love about riding my bike from I.V. to the trails in the park is that you can't see a single building or light," Draws said. "If we put in ballfields, I fear the lighting and being able to see man-made things. I think that by putting all this junk in there, you would ruin it."

Florence Klein, a two-year resident of I.V. and longtime Goleta resident, agreed with Draws.

"My response to [developing the area] is a welling nausea at the options given to us," she said. "The commission's job is to protect what the public holds dear, and that is this beautiful piece of land. There are many parks and ballfields around the Goleta Valley, and we don't need to put more here. There's always an opportunity to develop, but once we do, there's no turning back. I say we draw the line in the sand here with this property to protect the Goleta Coast."

After public comment, the members of the Parks Commission expressed its views concerning the possible development of the site. First District Commissioner Suzanne Perkins summed up the board's position.

"Things have changed on this site in the last 10 years, and all the change has been positive," Perkins said. "Things have grown and come back; there's abundant wildlife. I certainly agree with all of you; we need an active recreation site, but this is not the right spot for it. I would like to see development focus on a passive, open-space park."

"We are obligated to look at all the alternatives, but we've heard the message tonight," Briggs said. "We're looking not to create a passive park, but a reserve."

Another meeting will be held March 29 to review the revised master plan.
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how annexation of Isla Vista into Goleta would affect the ReVision Isla Vista project, which currently receives funding from the county, UCSB and Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District.

Proponents of the annexation, such as Off-Campus Rep Josh Baker, said I.V. residents are already financially supporting Goleta business, and this would allow them to have more access to their own tax dollars.

"Students largely support the movie theater and the Costco shopping center [as a whole]," he said, "but our tax dollars are not going to us."

The resolution was tabled to give Leg Council more time to research the impact of annexation before taking an official stance on the issue.

The Daily Nexus
Because you can't look at Internet porn in class.

When a student dies, it's never easy.

There's never an acceptable way for someone so young to lose their life. It's always tragic. Everyone is acutely aware of the potential of that life and the value of the years that were lived. How does one deal with the grief, the seeming pointlessness of it all?

A college student named Steve Sawyer once had to deal not with another's death but with the imminent end of his own life. He was a hemophiliac who contracted HIV and hepatitis C from unscreened blood transfusions. Yet he lived his last few years with great hope and fulfillment.

How? Find out in his own words. What he shares may help you deal with the hurt, sadness or disappointment you may be experiencing. His story will pick you up and possibly give you a new perspective on life.

For a free audio tape and/or free article of Steve's talk, *Living with Hope*, call 403-8184 or 403-8344

Campus Crusade for Christ at UCSB invites you to our weekly meeting Real Life in Chemistry 1179 for a time of prayer, processing and a message to encourage you during this tragic loss. All are welcome. **THURSDAY at 7PM, Chem. 1179.**

don't settle for less
UCSB Readies for UOP, Long Beach

By Matt Heitner
Staff Writer

The UCSB women’s basketball team had a wake-up call earlier this season in the form of back-to-back West losses to Cal Poly and Irvine. The Gauchos had become a bit complacent during their 49-game conference winning streak, and perhaps a couple of defeats were just what Santa Barbara needed. Since the losses, UCSB has rebounded, remaining unbeaten since February 15. However, the Gauchos are in third place in the Big West at 9-5. A second work stoppage in seven years would be disastrous, especially with a fans base that still resents the first strike. Is this what baseball has come to? The problems in the game today are many, but let’s start with the greed of the owners. The Gauchos will determine the seedings and play for the cash, or will it fade further into the background of sports? It was this type of greed that led to the strike of 1994, and could lead to another one, sooner than you think. Is this what baseball has come to? The problems in the game today are many, but let’s start with the greed of the owners. The Gauchos will determine the seedings and play for the cash, or will it fade further into the background of sports? It was this type of greed that led to the strike of 1994, and could lead to another one, sooner than you think.

Santa Barbara Prepares for Battles Against USU, BSU at End of Season

By Elay Appelbaum
Staff Writer

The UCSB men’s basketball team finds itself in position to gain revenge and remain above .500 against Utah State tonight at 7 p.m. in the T-dome.

Spring training starts this week in Arizona and Florida to mark the beginning of the Major League Baseball season. That’s right — baseball is back — meaning spring can’t be far away.

For baseball purists, there is nothing better than this time of year. Go take in nine innings, have a brawl, drink a beer. The way you watch a game hasn’t changed for as long as it has been played, and you get the feeling that you’re part of a tradition when you’re at the ballpark. Baseball is a game of history, a sanctuary from the past. The game is thick with nostalgia, passed down from father to son. Dads tell stories about the game’s true heroes — the players they used to imitate on the field. Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle at the plate. Sandy Koufax and Bob Gibson on the mound. That’s what baseball’s all about.

But lately there has been something wrong with the players of our national pastime. Instead of playing because they love the game, they play because they get paid. Culinaming with Alex Rodriguez’s 10-year $252 million contract, baseball has been in a deep dip.

In the last week alone, Los Angeles Dodgers right fielder Gary Sheffield and San Francisco’s outfielder Barry Bonds have both refused to report to camp unless they want more money. Ten million dollars a year isn’t enough, they say, not when A-Rod gets $25 mil. Can you imagine the Mick saying he wasn’t going to play baseball because he wasn’t getting paid enough?

It was this type of greed that led to the strike of 1994, and could lead to another one, sooner than you think. Baseball didn’t play a World Series in ’94, the only time in one over one hundred years that the Fall Classic hasn’t been played. It took fans around the country a long time to forgive baseball for its sins, only warming to the game in the last few seasons. A second work stoppage in seven years would be disastrous, especially with a fans base that still resents the first strike.

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