



A.S. Elections Result in Run-off, New Fees

BY ZACK MUSA
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Staff Writers

The seeds of next year's crop of student leaders were sown Wednesday as students cast their votes during the last day of Associated Students spring elections.



From a pool of 15,223 eligible voters, 4,631 students participated in this year's A.S. elections, representing a 30.4 percent voter turnout. All positions have been finalized except the office of president, which will be decided in a run-off election between Joshua Darrieulat and Erin O'Donnell next week. Despite a decrease in voter attendance from last year's 36 percent, A.S. Elections Committee Chair Colin McCarthy said he was pleased with this year's elections.

"The campaigns went very well, I think the [voter] turnout went very well," he said. "The candidates had a positive campaign — more than they've been in the past — and we were able to get the results out earlier than in the past."

Danny Costa was elected as internal vice president, receiving 65.81 percent of the votes. The positions of external VPs for local affairs and statewide affairs will be filled by Alonso Gonzalez and Haady Lashkari respectively, Gonzalez receiving 54.6 percent of the votes and Lashkari with 78.26 percent. A.S. presidential campaign results stated that O'Donnell received 46.14 percent of votes while Darrieulat received 19.62 percent.

As other candidates celebrated their victories or headed home in defeat, Darrieulat said that he has already begun planning his campaign strategy for next week's run-off elections.

"I'll be standing outside the voting polls encouraging students to vote," he said. "And if I'm lucky, I'll be able to talk to a few student



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Joshua Darrieulat and Erin O'Donnell will wrestle for the A.S. presidency in next week's run-off election. Neither received a majority Wednesday.

groups along the way."

After weeks of campaigning, O'Donnell said that she is also ready to continue her crusade towards the presidency.

"I'm going to work just as hard, if not twice as hard in the run-off," she said. "And I know I still have all of my support to help me continue pushing in the next week.

Winning by a 45 percent difference, Costa said he was delighted that his efforts paid off.

"I was surprised the margin of victory was so much," he said. "I was trying to meet every individual student during my campaigning, that was my goal."

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Fun With Verse

Budding poets are invited to share their work and listen to others at an open reading tonight at 7 in the MultiCultural Center Lounge. Admission is free.

INSIDE:

Cyber-Terrorism

Somebody has watched "War Games" one too many times. A hacker group infiltrated the military's Global Positioning System, stole files and threatened to sell the info. This and more mayhem ...

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... period.

Today's Opinion page gives women props for having to endure the monthly cycle of womanhood. Read and reflect upon this beautiful aspect of nature.

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Interviews Spectacular

This week we shoot the poop with Third Eye Blind, Royal Crown Revue, and Emmanuel Lewis. OK, two out of three ain't bad.

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Simon Says ... WIN!

UCSB's Simon Shen has posted 16 victories on the tennis court this year, including 10 in a row. He's also a pretty good guy.



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All are invited to tonight's Increase the Peace meeting at 5 in the CAB office, UCen Room 2523.

Author Will Lecture on Environment

BY JON MAUCELI
Staff Writer

Saving the world with a much-needed breath of awareness will be the subject matter of a lecture on campus this Friday.

Author and two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee David Brower, who will be giving a lecture titled "CPR for the Earth: Conservation, Preservation, and Restoration," is considered a key contributor to the advancement of environmental affairs, according to Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Associate Director Leonard Wallock.

"David Brower is regarded by many to be the founder of the modern environmental movement in the United States," he said. "He has spent a lifetime working to achieve a sustainable future in environmental reform."

During the lecture, which is part of a weeklong conference, "California's Environment and the Economics of Sustainability," Brower will be addressing environmental stability and improvement, according to Environmental Studies Program lecturer Bob Wilkinson.

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A.S. Awards Local Earth-Friendly Groups

■ Campus Departments, I.V. Businesses Honored for Recycling Efforts

BY ANNE BINGHAM
Reporter

Three green arrows directed campus environmentalists to believe that if you reuse it, you may just get it back in the form of a certificate.

The third annual Associated Students Recycling Program awards were distributed on Wednesday to the UCSB departments and Isla Vista businesses that demonstrate the best recycling and waste management efforts. First place winners included the Environmental Studies Program for the category of academic departments, the University Art Museum for non-academic departments, Alternative Copy in I.V. for copy shops, Espresso Roma in I.V. for coffee shops and the Chicano Studies Dept. for most improved, according to Outreach Coordinator Esteban Solis, a senior environmental studies major.

"We give [the recycling awards] out to recognize departments for their outstanding recycling efforts, source reduction and reusing," he said.

Solis said that although the process of choosing winners — which included interviews, detailed questions, and department comparisons — was time consuming, it was also extremely worthwhile.

"We go to the departments around campus and meet with the management services officer or administrative assistant — basically whoever is aware of the recycling in the department," he said.

Environmental Studies Program Chair Jo-Ann Shelton, who received the award, explained that the department's success with recycling has a lot to do with awareness.

"We're very pleased to be recognized for our recycling efforts and that the campus puts so much emphasis on it."

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Officers Serve Customers To Benefit Special Olympics

BY SARAH MASON
Reporter

Traditional steak-slinging servers were replaced by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's officers at the Outback Steakhouse in Goleta during a fund-raising luncheon.

Deputies served customers from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday as the Outback opened its doors for special lunch hours to raise money to send local athletes to the June Special Olympics at UCLA. The fifth annual "Tip-a-Cop" event consisted of officers waiting on customers and donating all of their tips to the Special Olympics. According to Special Olympics Area Director Anita Ho, this year's fund-

raisers have been extremely successful.

"It's really fun for people to watch officers act nervous," she said. "We've already raised close to \$8,000, and there are still two events that will take place."

Sheriff's Dept. Information Officer Sgt. Jim Peterson said that the most important aspect of the event is where the money ends up.

"We're all having a great time," he said. "I think my biggest tip so far was \$232. But it is for such a good cause — that's what matters."

Isla Vista Foot Patrol Lt. Butch Arnoldi, who coordinates law enforcement participation in Special Olympic events, said officers are extremely willing to be active volunteers. Over 200 law enforcement

officials are scheduled to take part in an upcoming 80-mile torch run that will also benefit the Special Olympics, he added.

"I have waiting lists of officers who want to participate," Arnoldi said.

Donations also come from a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribute Foundation called Angels Care, which will be matching all funds raised from the "Tip-a-Cop" meals and T-shirt sales at each of the events, according to Special Olympics Area Director Tom Turner.

"The Special Olympics is a year-round event and athletes train the whole time," he said. "As a sponsor

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Top of the News

Puerto Rico Gov. Lobbies for Statehood



SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—The U.S. government freely assails one Caribbean island — Cuba — for its undemocratic ways while leaving the 3.8 million U.S. citizens of another — its own possession Puerto Rico — essentially disenfranchised, Gov. Pedro Rossello complains.

Rossello, who favors Puerto Rican statehood, called on Washington to keep what he called a longstanding "promise of full democracy" for Puerto Rico.

The governor was interviewed by The Associated Press on the eve of his departure Wednesday to lobby in Washington for approval of a U.S.-sponsored plebiscite process offering Puerto Ricans a choice among statehood, independence or the current semiautonomous commonwealth status.

The legislation was approved by the U.S. House of

Representatives last month by a mere one-vote margin, and is in danger of stalling in the Senate before the 1997-98 term ends. Some members of Con-

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Puerto Ricans choose to end their hybrid commonwealth status and opt for either statehood or independence. Under the commonwealth, they pay a local income tax in lieu of federal tax; have been subject to the military draft; and have no vote in Con-

million disenfranchised U.S. citizens," the governor said.

While interviewed, the governor sidestepped a question of history that is stirring debate here this centennial year: Was the U.S. takeover of this Spanish colony in 1898, during the Spanish-American War, an invasion, or was it done at the invitation of islanders?

The U.S. troops who landed there encountered light Spanish resistance and a warm welcome from the colonized islanders.

Rossello described the debate as "sterile." "The reality is the invasion or invitation, whatever you want to call it, was well received in Puerto Rico," he said.

He added, "The reception came with a promise of liberty and democracy for Puerto Rico, and I think at the end of that 100-year period, we're finally asking that that promise of full democracy for Puerto Rico be implemented."

— Pedro Rossello
governor, Puerto Rico

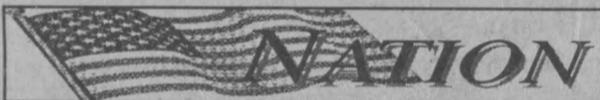
gress oppose the bill as an unwanted opening to establishment of a Spanish-speaking 51st state. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.), with whom Rossello planned to meet during his visit, has shown little interest in advancing it.

The bill envisions plebiscites every 10 years until

gress or in U.S. presidential elections.

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Pentagon Files Hacked by Masters of Downloading



NEW YORK (AP) — In what one security expert said may be the most serious such intrusion to date, computer hackers have broken into a Pentagon network, stolen software for a military satellite system and threatened to sell it to terrorists.

The hackers, who call themselves "Masters of Downloading/2016216," claim to have broken into the system in October but waited until last week to contact security expert John Vranesevich and tell him about it.

The stolen software coordinates the military's Global Positioning System, which is used to target missiles and also enables troops to pinpoint their positions with extreme accuracy.

The system uses dozens of satellites and has been a key component of the U.S. military since the Gulf War.

Defense Dept. spokesperson Susan Hansen said the Pen-

tagon's Defense Information Systems Agency is looking into the matter. She said the stolen software does not contain classified information.

However, Gideon Samid, a computer security expert who has done work for the Pentagon, cautioned that most intrusions tend to be far worse than the government acknowledged.

Vranesevich — who was recently involved in tracking the Israeli hacker known as "Analyzer" who broke into Pentagon computer systems in February — said the intrusion could be one of the most serious break-ins of a government network to date.

The theft "should concern a lot of people," said Vranesevich, who interviewed the hackers on his website. "Most hacks fall into one category: when a group of kids do the cyberspace equivalent of graffiti. This group is in a whole different category."

Vranesevich interviewed them via Internet chat and e-mail, and posted pictures of the stolen software in action on his website.

House Committee Approves of Doctor Says Confessed King Retribution for Tainted Blood Assassin Has 'Days to Live'



WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee approved a bill Wednesday to exempt from tax a proposed settlement for thousands of hemophiliacs who contracted the AIDS virus through contaminated blood.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Porter Goss (R-Fla.) would establish a \$750 million settlement fund to compensate hemophiliacs infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, due to contaminated blood between 1982 and 1987.

An estimated 7,200 hemophiliacs would qualify for \$100,000 payments from the fund.

Hemophilia is a hereditary condition that results in excessive bleeding due to inadequate coagulation of blood, and people suffering from this condition receive frequent blood transfusions.

The bill is named for Ricky Ray, a 15-year-old Florida boy who died of hemophilia-associated AIDS in 1992.

The House Ways and Means Committee unanimously agreed to exempt these payments from federal taxes.

The bill also says the payments won't threaten a hemophiliac's benefits under the Supplement Security Income system.

Goss said the settlement fund was necessary because the federal government failed to protect the blood supply.



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray is in a coma, his kidneys have shut down, and doctors have given the confessed assassin of Martin Luther King Jr. only days to live, Ray's brother said Wednesday.

Ray, 70, has been in critical condition since being taken to Nashville Memorial Hospital on Monday, but officials there refuse to discuss his situation further.

"The doctor, he says it looks real bad," Jerry Ray said by telephone from his home in Smartt, Tenn. "He thinks it could be a few days."

Jerry Ray said his brother has been in a coma since Tuesday morning and that doctors haven't been able to raise his blood pressure enough with medication to put Ray on dialysis.

Pam Hobbins, a spokesperson for the state Department of Correction, declined to comment.

James Earl Ray suffers most notably from cirrhosis of the liver. He has been in and out of the hospital more than a dozen times since December 1996.

"The doctor says he's a cat with nine lives, but he seems to be using them up," Jerry Ray said.

James Earl Ray is serving a 99-year prison sentence for King's 1968 slaying. He confessed but has been trying ever since to recant and get a new trial.

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Weather

Have you ever wondered why graduating seniors get the right to vote in springtime A.S. elections, considering their decisions may or may not potentially have any future bearing on them? Or does it?

It can be argued that the seniors are the ones who know the campus and its issues the best, considering they have been here for longer than anyone else (transfers and child prodigies excluded), and with their sagacious, rational decision-making skills honed by their four, five or six years attending UCSB, they are ensuring the future Gauchos a social and intellectual environment more improved and more expensive than their own.

More later ...

Forecast: It may rain, but we'll probably get off pretty easy. Today will be full of all sorts of surprises, so hope for the best, prepare for the worst ...

CHARITY

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of our events, Angels Care is really helping to make it all possible."

Other "Tip-a-Cop" dinners that were located in Solvang and at Carrows on Calle Real also drew large donations. According to Ho, a Carrows manager donated the entire \$900 garnered by local Highway Patrol officers to the fund.

"We will probably come close to \$20,000 this year," Ho said.

Patrons also enjoyed drawings for prizes — including gift certificates from Lazy Acres, Anna's Bakery and Kelly's Coffee and Fudge. For Santa Barbara resident Leslie Lund, the luncheon was a great chance for citizens to share a laugh at the expense of local law enforcement.

"Our waiter was [Butch Arnoldi]," she said. "The best was watching him learn from the waitresses how to abbreviate the orders. I just loved eating great food for a great cause."



Officer Dave Dorsey of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. serves food to an elated customer at the Outback Steakhouse on Wednesday. Proceeds from the "Tip-a-Cop" event will benefit the Special Olympics.

Jeanne Bootjer, another local resident, said that it was fun to see police officers in a situation where average citizens were telling them what to do.

"We came today because Special Olympics does so much for special needs.

What's better than promoting these athletes?" she said. "It's also fun to give police officers a hard time."

Upcoming events at the Big Yellow House in Summerland on Thursday, May 14, and at Marianne's Italian

Villa on Thursday, May 21, will also involve the Santa Barbara Sheriff's and Police Depts. earning tips to benefit Special Olympics, according to Ho. Students interested in volunteering for Special Olympics events can contact Turner at 564-5421.

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It Happens Every Month ...

54 Percent of UCSB Students' Needs Aren't Being Served

Blood! Cramps! Attitude! No, Marilyn Manson has not pulled his tour into our beloved seaside villa, but the editors of the *Daily Nexus* are here to reiterate a topic that has been discussed before yet desperately needs to be considered again. Of the 31 editors here at the *Nexus*, 13 are female and have decided to bring before you the vast complaints many women have — complaints that usually grace the pages of women's magazines but are crucial in continuing to express the voice of women. Let's talk about an oft-dreaded topic: The Period.

Before many girls begin their menstrual cycle, public schools have fed girls' prepubescent minds with the notion of 'the period' as a wonderful transition into womanhood, complete with hazy fields of flowers and a sensitive discussion with a loving, understanding mother. The grand affair resembles nothing less than a holy religious ceremony, and ideas of choral music and halos appearing with the infamous blood stains haunt the minds of many girls watching these flicks during sixth grade health class.

When the magical day does arrive, unfortunately there is nothing but a bit of blood. No angels sing, no halo appears and no girl's backyard suddenly grows a thousand daisies for the event. Alas, most girls learn, the dive into "womanhood" is nothing more than a huge pain in the lower abdominal region. (Not to mention pregnancy, PMS, leaking, embarrassment and the whole adolescence shenanigan.)

By the time most females have reached college, their menstruating cycle has definitely kicked in. The excitement over the period has long since vanished, and now the monthly ritual is nothing more than either an excited "I'm not pregnant!" cheer or a "Christ, does anyone have a tampon?" whisper. So, for a campus with females accounting for more than half of its student population, why is there a lack of tampon and pad dispensers on campus? And why do these dispensers, when available, carry 2-inch-thick pads — unheard-of since the 1970s — that haven't yet adapted to contemporary Dri-Weave™ technology?

Now, most girls on campus understand the following scenario: You've been busy, you've totally forgotten that your period was even creeping around the corner, and then boom! Out of nowhere, in the middle of lecture, you feel the problem begin. (To put this scenario into masculine terms, pretend you have a giant cut in your armpit that bleeds for several days each month and cannot ever, ever be seen, smelt or in any way acknowledged to anyone but perhaps your closest, best friends.)

You sneak out of lecture to the bathroom, and, yes, your prediction was correct. Your eyes search the bathroom's walls — not a pad dispenser in sight. Frantically, you search your backpack,

hoping that you preplanned months ago for this, but no luck. You return to lecture and possibly, if you're brave, work up the nerve to ask the girl sitting near the exit if she has any feminine supplies. If she demurs, your mission begins.

On campus, the UCen Corner Store fortunately sells small boxes of tampons for less than \$3, and if you have the cash, you can kick down the money, make your illicit purchase and be on your way to a day of other concerns — like scoring ibuprofen for cramps.

So why is the period still such a stigmatized thing? Why do women fear purchasing the necessary products in front of men, sometimes even waiting for women cashiers to ring such products up? Women may whine and complain about their monthly ritual, but why do so many men and women still insist on proclaiming the period's "grossness"? Is it our disapproval of the natural event that has prevented adequate dispensers for a very common need?

At the *Nexus*, we look forward to a day when women of all menstruating ages can walk into a store, slam a box of tampons on the counter and say, "Ring me up, Scotty!" We look forward to a day when men don't run in fear from the very mention of the words "period," "pads" or "tampon."

For the record, periods are not gross — they are a fact of life. Dispensers are a necessity, and the fact that they exist in relatively few UCSB women's bathrooms is a shame. The lack of their presence hurts not only for the women who occasionally must rely on them, but also for the corporate world of the makers of these products, who could be reinventing such dispensers and putting them in public bathrooms everywhere, gaining profit as well as good advertising. What dispenser couldn't make a bundle off a slogan like "We Care" at a time when such supplies are needed most?

Without spitting out too much more feminist rhetoric, let us reflect briefly on the time 300 years ago when most poor women in Europe, for example, did not even own underwear. Thankfully, the days of rags or belts are also over, and we have far more sterile, clean products available. Would that social attitudes about the menstrual cycle had advanced as quickly!

So, women, be proud that you handle your womanhood so well, and while it is a far cry from the serenity of the films shown in sixth grade health class, it displays the remarkable ability of women that should be respected and admired by all. But until the day that these basic needs are provided for in the construction of every public bathroom, let us continue in the fight to give women the respect they deserve.

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The Reader's Voice

NO NEED TO TAKE ADS TOO SERIOUSLY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Let me begin by saying that I agree with Mark Leatham about what is precious in life (*Daily Nexus*, "Advertisements Abuse TV's Power," April 14). He is right by claiming "that appreciating friends, love relationships and one's career is so much more important, so much more rewarding in life than pursuing materialism." However, I believe he is overreacting to a television commercial that is not meant to be taken seriously in its claims about relationships and friendship.

But then again he is a philosophy major and probably takes everything in life too seriously.

The advertisement he is so offended by is designed to persuade people to buy a certain truck. It is not meant to promote or denounce ethical values. By taking a "blatantly ridiculous attitude" toward relationships and friendship, the producers of this ad make it clear that they are not serious. Apparently Leatham cannot perceive the obvious because he is pursuing silly notions of how "they" have an agenda.

Of course, they have an agenda to sell as many of their trucks as possible. These claims that they are brainwashing us and are behind a systematic conspiracy to undermine ethical values is absurd. Once again, let me state the obvious by saying you should not believe everything you see on television. Those who produced the ad most likely do not "get more fulfillment from their truck than from marriage, friends or jobs." They have what is known as a sense of humor.

What is really funny is this outlandish claim that they have abused their power by advertising what is not true. They should not be held accountable for allegedly promoting unethical values, it is not their fault that someone takes TV commercials too seriously. Perhaps, I should say what is obvious to most of us who watch TV. Not everything in TV commercials is true. Taco Bell, for example, claims to sell Mexican food. Every week they air commercials that they hope will persuade us to eat at Taco Bell. This claim is false because most Mexican food tastes good, while most of the food at Taco Bell tastes like crap. Every time I have to eat at Taco Bell I am reminded of how true this is. However, I do not become upset, cry like a baby and write a letter to the *Nexus* claiming that Taco Bell has abused its power.

Ultimately, I determine whether I eat at Taco Bell or not. I cannot hold advertisers accountable for my choices. If someone decides to believe that a truck is more valuable than relationships, they have every right to do so. But no one should try to avoid responsibility for personal choices by claiming they were misled by television. Perhaps I have been "brainwashed" by the "Powers That Be" and am incapable of understanding Leatham's article. Maybe I don't take commercials seriously enough. No, I think I am not offended by that truck commercial because I have a sense of humor.

By the way, I was only joking when I wrote that people who major in philosophy probably take life too seriously. This should be obvious, but I think it is better to state the obvious in this case, lest I be accused of hating people who major in philosophy.

ISAIAS BRAVO

A MODEST PROPOSAL FOR BIKEPATH PROBLEMS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to Monday's article about bikepaths (*Daily Nexus*, "Campus Group Addresses Bicyclists' Concerns," April 13). I have a few money-saving suggestions in support of repaving them.

Michael Jabbar said that out of the four crashes he has been in, the ones on smooth pavement or mud were the least painful. So why don't we make all the bikepaths mud? This will be much cheaper than repaving and constantly maintaining smooth paths, and it will be much less painful. If we're gonna fix something, we might as well fix it right. Just remember to wear your old clothes when you ride to class.

The next issue is slow people. With mud paths, there will be no need to make them wider because you can just push them out of the way. It won't hurt ... it's just mud.

What about pedestrians and skateboarders? We can put ramps on either side of the bikepaths. As long as everyone gets a good running start, they should make it across. Bikers might want to remember to duck, though.

Overall, mud bikepaths would make school much safer and way more fun. But that's just one man's opinion.

STU DAVIS

IT'S NOT THE MONEY, BUT THE METHODS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

A recent opinion by Henry Sarria (*Daily Nexus*, "Support Native American Self-Reliance," April 13) called for support for the petition being circulated by Californians for Indian Self-Reliance. It is true that Native Americans have been shamefully abused, lied to and forced off of ancestral lands. It is true that many are now living in conditions of poverty. It is true that self-reliance is an admirable goal for Native Americans.

However, I must question the wisdom of seeking self-reliance through gambling revenues. Gaming is not a wealth-creating activity, but a wealth-redistributing activity. That is, money changes hands, but no goods are produced and no services are rendered. Those who win do so at the expense of those who lose, and those running the games profit off the mathematical ineptitude of those who play. Worse yet, gaming promotes a sort of anti-work ethic and leads to addictive behavior among 1-2 percent of gamers.

While gaming may provide Native Americans with some much needed cash, what is the cost? Are we providing them with an opportunity to be self-reliant? No, we are providing them with an opportunity to be leeches on society, draining funds from those who do not understand that the odds are against them, that more people will lose than will win, and that in the long run, even those who seem lucky will lose more than they win. We are undermining their moral fabric, making them dependent on gaming revenues, which in turn makes them dependent on the society that engulfed them. After all, if they play their own games, their net cash remains the same. Gaming requires outsiders to play. This is not self-reliance; it is merely swapping one form of servitude for another, more lucrative, form.

Something must be done to help Native Americans out of their current plight; that much is clear. But gaming is not a good long-term solution. Let us find solutions that truly bring self-reliance instead of a cheap imitation.

JERRY JAMES

A.S. ONLINE BOOK EXCHANGE SAVES \$\$\$

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is a response to the article in last Thursday's *Nexus* ("Book Buyback System Screws Students Over," April 9) about how students are getting screwed when they sell their books to local bookstores for 10 cents on the dollar.

Undoubtedly, students are taken advantage of when they purchase books for exorbitant prices and they sell the same books back at "firewood costs." As a student, I have adopted the philosophy that I would much rather donate my books than give the bookstores a profit. However, there is a solution!!!

Last year, the Associated Students Business Services Committee created an online book exchange where students could enter the title of the book they had, the class it was for, and their phone number and e-mail address. One large problem was that not many students used this service since there were some flaws with the book exchange. In addition, countless books remained in the database for weeks after they were sold. The Business Services Committee has greatly improved the book exchange this year. Currently, the main problem is informing students of this free, wonderful service that will hopefully save students big bucks.

As a representative-at-large with the Associated Students, I will be building several sandwich boards that will be located at various locations on campus. These boards will feature fliers about what A.S. is doing, how people can get involved, as well as a plethora of other informative posters. At the beginning and end of each quarter, the sandwich board will be used to promote the use of the book exchange. I hope that many students use this service to save money.

Students can access the book exchange by typing: <http://books.as.ucsb.edu>

JOSHUA KROM

NEGATIVE LABELING IS NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is a response to Kevin Chen's opinion on Monday, April 13, "Don't Confuse Culturism, Racism." You are reading the *Daily Nexus* and do you know where you are at, Mr. Chen? Let me remind you that you are not in China. You are in the United States, and most members of this society are socially constructed to condemn anyone who eats dogs. After all, dogs are considered "man's best friends" here. Dog-eating is not a "normal" practice in this society and when you are labeled as "dog-eater" you are considered to be a "deviant."

And do you know what the dominant majority do to "deviants"? they put them away and deprive them of their livelihoods.

"Culturism" and "racism" are problematic terms. I agree with you that eating dogs is considered a "normal" diet to the Southeast Asian culture — it's a culture thing. If Ms. Halliburton's comment was made in parts of Southeast Asia, then those surrounding communities would not have considered the comment to have any racial implication. However, the same comment has a different meaning in the U.S. — it implies racism.

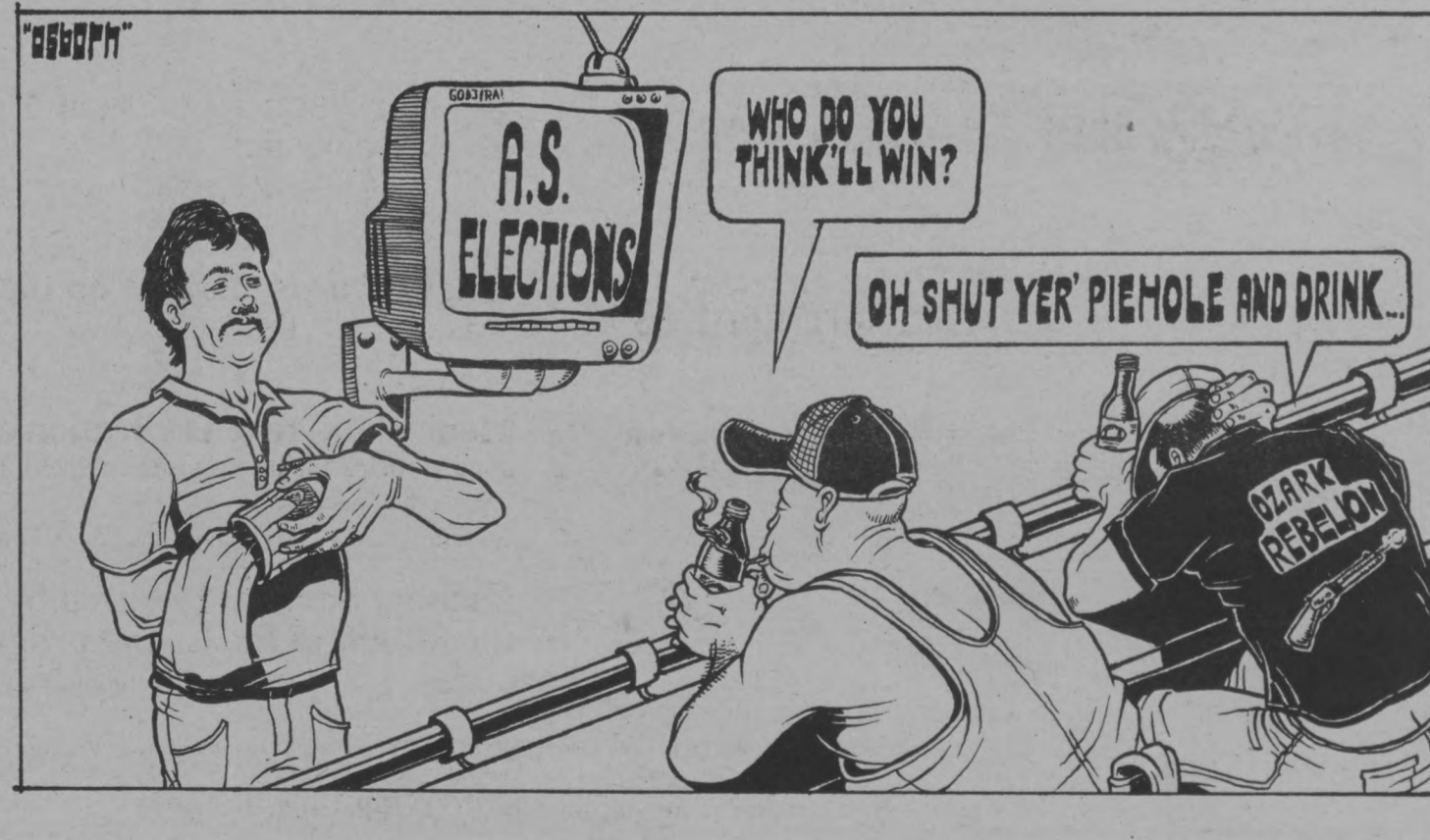
In an attempt to define the meaning of racism, you claimed, "Racist comments are generalizations about a race." You are wrong! Making a general statement about a certain race does not necessarily mean racism — it is stereotyping. Racism is negative stereotyping toward a particular race because it involves the malicious condemnation of social ills or racial differences in order to elicit the inferiority or superiority of a particular race. For example, if Ms. Halliburton says, "Dog-eating is considered to be a part of the Chinese, or the Vietnamese culture," then she is stating a cultural fact or a cultural criticism — but not a racist remark. However, her comment was a projection of the social ills (i.e., dog-eating) on specific racial groups by "scapegoating" and condemning the Vietnamese and the Hmong for the declining of the dog population in I.V. Her comment implies that the Vietnamese and the Hmong are inferior to other races because eating dogs is "disgusting." If that was not a racist remark, then I don't know what the fuck is.

And if Ms. Halliburton is a Vietnamese making such comment, it still constitutes racism! You can call it the worst kind of racism. You are confused with the definitions of "culturism" and "racism," nonetheless you had the guts to arrogantly educate the students here at UCSB. How dare you!

You also mentioned that your relatives living in China eat dogs. Imagine that your relatives are now living in the United States. Through the media or what have you, the local community labeled your relatives as dog-eaters. How do you think some members of this society will treat your relatives when they see them in the public? Have you ever had the experience of being barked at? If your relatives are lucky, they will be looked upon with disgust and contempt. If they are not so lucky, they are either spit at, beaten or stabbed. You don't think so? Let me remind you about the immense implications of negative labeling. Negative labeling had led to lynching when this society labeled blacks as an inferior race. Negative labeling had led to genocide when the Nazis blamed the Jews for Germany's economic and other downfalls. Negative labeling had led to gay-bashing when this society condemned (still does) homosexuality. History will repeat itself if we allow it to, Kevin.

TAM S. PHAM

THINK by OSBORN



SPEAKER

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"David Brower is regarded by many to be the founder of the modern environmental movement in the United States," he said. "He has spent a lifetime working to achieve a sustainable future in environmental reform."

During the lecture, which is part of a weeklong conference, "California's Environment and the Economics of Sustainability," Brower will be addressing environmental stability and improvement, according to Environmental Studies Program lecturer Bob Wilkinson.

"David Brower will be looking at broad environ-

mental issues beyond sustaining our environment, meaning it is not enough to sustain what we have," he said. "Restoration must be part of the equation as well."

Brower, former Sierra Club head and Earth Island Institute founder, will also be stressing the importance of personal and racial cooperation, Wilkinson said.

"Another big part is not just the natural environment, but also we need to look at the human systems as well, such as the community and race relations," he said. "[Brower] feels that this is also an integral part of the environmental issue."

Human alliance and environmental reform go hand in hand, according to

Brower.

"There would be no human systems had there not been an inhabitable human environment," he said. "Since the industrial revolution, we have proved that we can trash the earth better than anyone. Now we need to begin to restore it."

Brower also expressed his faith in humanity's ability to improve the situation.

"We have a very intelligent human race, no matter what its color, and we can all work together to solve environmental problems," he said.

The free lecture will be held at noon on April 24 at Corwin Pavilion. For more information call Arts & Lectures at 893-3535.

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sis on recycling," she said. "We're concerned about sustainability in the future. We have students very active in Earth Day and the Environmental Affairs Board."

Alternative Copy's efforts to recycle has required thorough and conscientious handling of paper products, according to Jim Larson, assistant manager and customer service representative.

"We try to keep waste down by using a recycling bin and recycling readers," he said. "We try to recycle plastic bindings if they're in good shape [and] we don't use any virgin paper whatsoever."

Excessive traffic through the University Art Museum sometimes makes recycling and waste reduction difficult, but a variety of methods, such as using old scraps for children's projects, has helped the program work, according to Art Museum Public Relations Coordinator Sharon Major.

"We really consumed and recycled a lot through Children's Day," she said.

According to Solis, the awards encourage different factions on campus and in I.V. to initiate or continue successful recycling programs.

"People within these departments are more aware and ask more questions," he said.

RESULTS

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According to Gonzalez, he was grateful to the student body for their votes.

"Thank you very much for having the confidence in me. I hope to live up to everyone's expectations," he said. "Being elected among three good candidates without going to run-offs is great."

After hearing the results, Lashkari said he was looking forward to executing his future agenda.

"One of the first things I want to start out by doing is to get to know all the Leg Council members, and I want to hold a grassroots organizing weekend," he said.

The five elected representatives-at-large are Lindsay Condict, Sara Azadi, Olyvia Rodriguez, David Klein and Jenny Davies. The 12 candidates who will be working as off-campus representatives next school year include Jill Burdick, Pete Burns, Kami Leo-

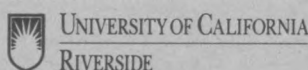
nard, Jennifer Tobkin, Jennifer E. Matthews, Jessica Naponelli, Jennifer Elkayam, Alana Tillim, Mariah Hoskins, Shelene Yoshida, Judy Liao and Sabrina Easterling.

Mel Fabi, Mary Hosseini and Elsie Tanadaja were voted in as on-campus representatives. The sole representative for university owned off-campus housing will be Jennifer S. Matel.

All A.S. measures except the Student Commission On Racial Equality initiative passed. Both campus fee measures passed, with 66.97 percent of voters approving the Intercollegiate Athletic Initiative and 75.65 percent approving the UCen Initiative, according to McCarthy.

McCarthy assured that all campaign posters must be removed by Monday morning, with the exception of those for the presidential campaign run-offs.

Staff Writers Ted Andersen, Jennifer Atkinson, Nathan Bays, Alexis Filippini, and Jill St. John contributed to this story.



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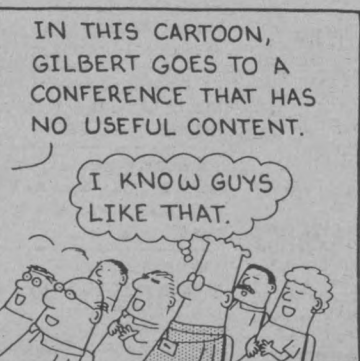
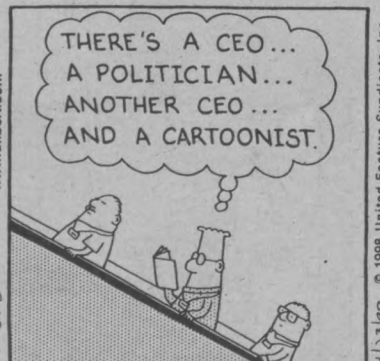
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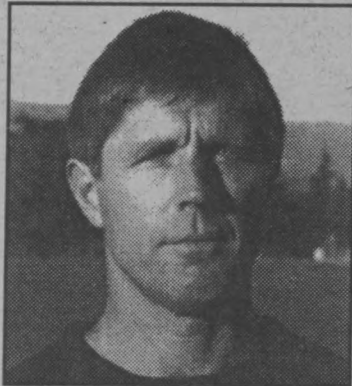
THE BIG 2-0

Ken Preston Has Been a Mainstay at UCSB for Two Decades.

BY SHANE CULBERTSON
Staff Writer

Like a bottle of fine wine, Ken Preston has improved in both quality and value over time as head coach of the UCSB men's volleyball team. Having just completed his 20th season at Santa Barbara, the 50-year-old father of three isn't quite yet ready to uncork a career that has spanned over three decades.

"One of the better aspects of coaching is that it keeps me young," Preston said. "That, plus I enjoy what I'm doing. I can see myself coaching for at least another five years."



Ken Preston

\$400 and really didn't have much of an idea of what I was doing."

After five years at Cal Poly, Preston coached the women's team at Cuesta Junior College for two years before he landed the head coaching position at UCSB in 1978. It appears that he has learned a thing or two about coaching since that time as the Gauchos have posted a 381-234 (.619) record during his tenure.

The most telling sign of Preston's success as a coach is not to be found in the statistics, however, but rather the respect he has garnered from players and fellow coaches over the years. Known for his intense work ethic, Preston always equips his team with thorough scouting reports and videos of the opposition before each match, all of which is greatly appreciated by his players.

Graduating senior Jeremy Darner cited the Gauchos' recent playoff match against Hawai'i as a classic example of Preston's preparedness.

"He always does his homework," Darner said. "In Hawai'i he prepared footage from four of their matches which covered all of their rotations. It is incredibly helpful to go into a match knowing the hitting tendencies of the players on the other team."

First year UCSB Assistant Coach Lee Nelson, who played for Preston when the Gauchos reached the National Championship game in 1988, was amazed to learn the amount of time Preston dedicates towards his profession.

"It was a very different experience playing under him as opposed to coaching with him," Nelson said. "I didn't realize how much effort he had put into scouting opponent's teams and looking at different lineups for our team. It came as a surprise the amount of time and effort he puts forth."

The information a coach may conjure up for his players goes for naught if it isn't delivered in a manner they can understand. It is here, too, that Preston excels as a coach. As far as his players are concerned, he is just one of the guys.

"He is able to relate to us on a level other than volleyball," said senior Adam Renfree, who spent four years under Preston's tutelage. "He gets along well with his players on a personal level. I consider him a friend and a good guy both on and off the court."

An avid surfer, runner and tennis player, Preston has to remind himself at times that he is a coach and not a teammate.

"I'm not a real strict stand-offish type coach, and possibly that's not the way I should be," Preston said. "There are other coaches who keep more of a separation from their players."

"But I tend to relate well with the kids because I still see through 20-year-old eyes. I'm pretty young at heart, and I like to stay active. Sometimes I'll look in the mirror and be surprised to see this 50-year-old guy."

Women's Tennis Update

Eleventh-seeded UCSB fell 5-1 to #6 Pacific on Wednesday in the first round of the Big West Championships in Ojai. The Gauchos finished their season with a 4-16 overall record.

Men's Tennis Eyes First Conference Crown

BY NICK SOBOLESKI
Staff Writer

When the #32 UCSB men's tennis team faces its adversaries from the University of the Pacific in the first round of the Big West Conference Championships on Friday at 2, the Gauchos will have a lot going for them.

Santa Barbara has picked the ideal time to play its best tennis. The Gauchos have stormed through the second half of the season — winning 11 of their past 12 matches — and remain unbeaten at home. In addition, UCSB has the advantage of playing in its backyard — the sleepy mountain town of Ojai.

Sophomore Simon Shen expressed the sentiments of a team that is currently firing on all cylinders and hungry for an NCAA Regional berth next month.

"Everyone is healthy and playing well," Shen said. "We're going in as the #2 seed, and we expect to be in the finals with Boise [State.]" Senior team captain Ross Duncan believes although the two teams can't possibly face each other until the finals, the pairing is a foregone conclusion.

"We should really win [the match with UOP] fairly easily," he said.

If Duncan's first round prediction proves correct, UCSB will then face a talented New Mexico State team on Saturday at 3.

"New Mexico's tough," Duncan said. "They've beaten some decent teams, but I feel we should win."

If the two top seeds advance as planned, on Sunday at 11 fans will see a rematch of a Jan. 25 dual meet that the Broncos won 6-1 indoors in Idaho. Duncan feels there are different circumstances this time

around.

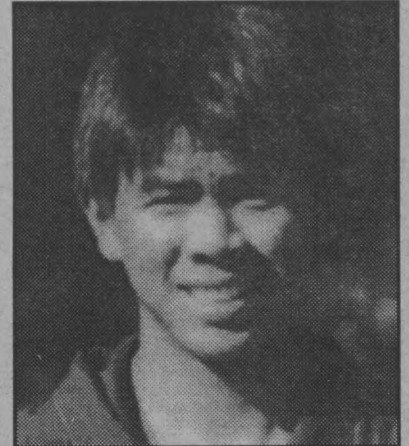
"We'll see how much of a factor playing outdoors late in the season is," he said. "They have one or two guys hurt and there is some controversy going on with their lineup."

It seems that every Santa Barbara player has picked up his game as of late. Sophomore Simon Shen is currently riding a 10-match winning streak, while fellow sophomore Jong-Min Lee takes his stellar 16-4 record into the #1 singles position.

Duncan commented on his 10-8 performance at the three spot.

"Preseason is preseason," he said. "Postseason is where the big stuff comes. I feel like I'm peaking. It's what I've been working toward. That's what made last season so successful. We all managed to pull it out when it really counted."

Athlete of the Week



SIMON SHEN

Simon Shen Trades in Hard Work for Wins

BY BEN ALKALY
Staff Writer

It's too bad Casey Stengel passed away before he had a chance to meet UCSB's Simon Shen — the former Yankees' manager probably would have retracted his "nice guys finish last" statement.

The personable Shen has been finishing first quite a bit lately for the #32 UCSB men's tennis team. The sophomore currently holds a 16-3 overall record — including 10 straight wins — playing primarily in the #4 singles position. His stellar mark was most recently bolstered by a 6-2, 6-0 pounding of Fresno State's P.J. Dormire last Saturday.

Modestly, the Taipei, Taiwan, native refuses to take credit for his team-best record.

"The reason I'm doing well is because Darren Potkey, the assistant coach, and I have been working a lot in the mornings," Shen said. "He has a lot of experience and is teaching me a lot of things on the court and off the court. The other thing is I think I'm more focused this year."

Shen's focus has translated to success in doubles as well. This season, he has teamed with senior Ross Duncan in the #2 spot for a stellar 10-1 mark.

"He always comes out ready to play, and we both have the same emotional intensity," Duncan said. "In doubles, it's a short match, so you have to get real

intense ... I think that makes a big difference."

But Shen's title as the Gauchos' "money man" has not come easily. His collegiate career got off to a rather ominous start when he tore his left anterior cruciate ligament after only three matches in 1996. The undeclared major redshirted his freshman year, then rebounded to post a solid but unspectacular 14-11 record in 1997.

"When he blew out his ACL, it was a major setback to our program," Head Coach Don Lowry said. "Watching him come back, he did a great job of sticking to the rehab. I think tennis is the most important thing to Simon. It's a priority in his life."

Lowry would love to reward Shen's impressive work ethic with a more prestigious position in the lineup.

"The only reason why Simon isn't playing higher is that the other three guys playing above him are doing a great job, too," he said. "Simon doesn't get the credit he deserves because he's not playing in the 'glamour' positions. But he's certainly just as valuable on the team."

For now, Shen is happy wherever he competes, and he is currently focused on helping UCSB capture a first-ever Big West crown. However, he will allow himself one personal goal.

"I hope to reach the 20-win mark. I want to finish the season strong," Shen said.