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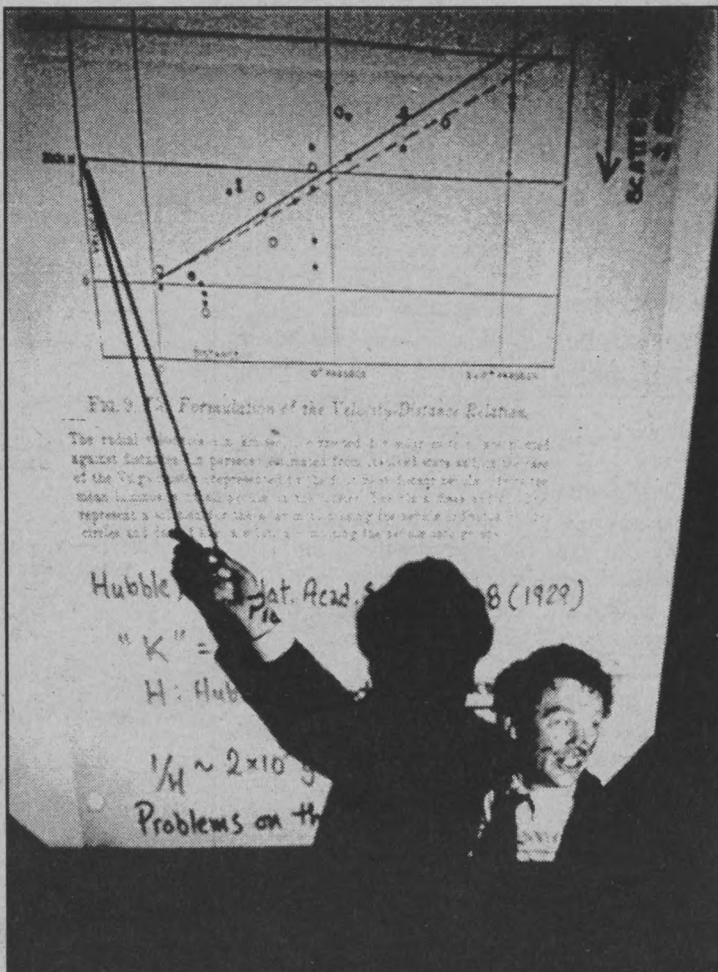
The Latin Connection and Fiel Promesa present an evening of Mexican music and dance at the UCen Hub tonight at 8:30. Tickets are \$5.

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Harvard professor Robert Kirshner presents his astronomical findings during a lecture concerning supernovae and the end of the universe, hosted yesterday by the Institute for Theoretical Physics.

## Guest Professor Shares Thoughts on Universe

BY NATHAN BAYS  
Staff Writer

The fate of the universe was the topic of discussion Wednesday night in a public lecture by a noted astronomer.

The lecture, hosted by the Institute for Theoretical Physics, showcased Harvard University astronomy Professor Robert Kirshner, who talked about his observations and predictions for the universe.

Kirshner opened by attempting to impress upon the audience the nearly timeless age and incalculable size of the universe.

"Like I tell my undergraduates, the duration of your life compared to the age of the universe is like the duration of a sneeze compared to the time it takes to get your degree," he said.

Kirshner, like many astronomers, has devoted his research to the behavior of the universe. His specialty is the behavior of supernovae, which are exploding stars that shine as brightly as a billion suns. Their intensity makes it possible for observers on Earth to accu-

rately document the very distant astronomic events.

"We are just beginning to see light from galaxies which are deep into the universe, about 3 billion light-years away, or 3 billion years into the past," he said.

The findings from these supernovae and from other interstellar events have given astronomers the ability to closely examine the nature of the universe.

"We live in an expanding universe, meaning the distances between things keep getting bigger," he said.

Kirshner tried to shed some light on the issue of whether the universe will continue to expand, or whether it will eventually stop its expansion and contract upon itself.

"Our goal is to take this deep philosophical question, 'Will the universe last forever?' and turn it into a single number," he said.

Kirshner was successful in expressing the complex ideas associated with the expanding universe to the general audience, said Matt

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## Permanent Administrators To Fill Temporary Positions

Although the majority of high-ranking administrators in the College of Letters and Science are on "acting" status, more permanent positions will be installed as L&S looks to the future.

Within the College of Letters and Science, there are four deans and one provost, who comprise the higher positions of the administration for the college. Currently, the provost and three deans are in acting, or temporary, positions, according to Dean of Undergraduate Studies Alan Wyner.

Wyner, Dean of Social Sciences Ed Donnerstein, Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts Patricia Cone and Provost Edward Zimmer-

man are all on acting status. The only dean on a permanent basis is David Chapman, dean of Mathematical, Life and Physical Sciences.

Having administration positions filled by acting deans is not something that is out of the ordinary, according to Wyner.

"There's always going to be turnover in administrative positions," he said. "The fact is many of us enjoy administration for a period of time, but fundamentally we are educators at heart."

Gretchen Bataille, the provost prior to Zimmerman, resigned midyear, which forced the college to find an acting provost in order to fill the position as soon as possible, Zimmerman said. In addition to overseeing the college and

being a spokesperson, the provost acts on behalf of the other deans in matters outside the college, such as fund raising, he added.

Although there have been no problems with the current organization of acting deans, more permanent positions are being sought and will eventually be filled, according to Zimmerman.

"I know there will be a start to the intensive search process for a provost at the end of this school year, and I think there will be an attempt to begin the search for at least one more permanent dean in the College of Letters and Science," he said.

— Jess Booth

## A.S. Questions Fate of Newsletter, Possibility of Adopting Bill's Bus

BY ZACK MUSA  
Staff Writer

Group project reports, the amendment of a bill, and the lack of new issues of *Campus Point* were discussed by reps at Wednesday night's Associated Students Legislative Council meeting.

*Campus Point* is a new weekly magazine funded in part by A.S. monies. During a report made by Editor in Chief Wes Morgan, some council members were disgruntled over the publication's perceived inefficiency.

"We gave them \$10,000," said Rep-at-Large Matt Barrall. "They've had people quit, they've had writers that won't do their job [and] their editors don't want to print stuff about A.S. because they don't feel that they're beholden to us — which they're not — but it is an A.S. newsletter."

Rep-at-Large Jessica Green felt that A.S. should not give up hope on the fledgling publication.

"They were trying to make it work and that showed a lot of good faith," she said. "I think there's a lot of potential for a good publication here. Let's not give up hope on it, but we can't keep throwing good money after bad."

Out of the \$10,000 given to the magazine by A.S., \$3,000 was allocated to the publication *Experimental Thinking*, \$2,000 was set aside for an A.S. press secretary and \$2,000 of the remaining funds were spent printing the first issue, according to Morgan.

In an effort to conserve money and restructure the organization, the

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### Just Kickin' It

The Los Angeles Galaxy show off their moves during an exhibition game against Mexico's Atlante. The game, which took place Wednesday in Harder Stadium, resulted in a 1-1 tie.





# Top of the News

## 'Drug Cocktail' Doesn't Eliminate AIDS



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A drug "cocktail" that revolutionized the treatment of AIDS is unable to wipe out reservoirs of the virus hiding in certain blood cells, researchers discovered in a find that dims hopes for a cure.

The finding means that patients may have to take the AIDS drugs for the rest of their lives — while hoping for new types of treatment to stamp out the final traces of infection by the virus that causes the disease.

Three separate teams of scientists reported finding evidence that the HIV virus lurks in inactive white blood cells in patients who have been taking the drug cocktail for up to three years and seem otherwise free of the virus.

Combinations of drugs that block two enzymes that the HIV virus uses to repro-

duce have been enormously effective in stopping the infection. In thousands of patients, HIV virus in the

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authors of a paper in *Science*.

Despite the disappointment, Dr. Robert F. Siliciano of Johns Hopkins said that studies did find good news. He said none of the latent viruses studied had de-

— **Joseph B. Margolick**  
researcher  
**Johns Hopkins University**

bloodstream has been reduced to near-undetectable levels, and CD4 blood cells have rallied to normal levels.

The success of the drugs raised hopes by some experts that HIV could be eradicated completely from the bodies of patients.

"Although we held out hope that the eradication hypothesis might pan out, I don't think that people really thought it would," said Dr. Joel Gallant of Johns Hopkins University, one of the co-

veloped a resistance to the drug cocktail.

This means, he said, that as long as HIV patients continue to diligently take the three-drug cocktail "they have an excellent chance of surviving the infection for a long time without developing symptoms of the disease."

All three of the studies found the latent virus in what are called resting CD4 lymphocytes, which are immune system white blood

cells that are primed to defend against antigens from bacteria or from other foreign molecules. Until they encounter antigens that are their specific target, the blood cells are inactive, or resting.

The researchers found that the HIV virus had injected its DNA, or genetic instructions, into the DNA of a small fraction of these resting blood cells.

It is believed that when the resting blood cells were awakened, as by a new infection, then the DNA of the cells would start making new HIV virus. The researchers conducted experiments that showed that the latent HIV virus would start reproducing once the resting blood cells were awakened.

"Originally, there was hope that these resting cells would decay and after a certain amount of time they would all be gone," said Dr. Joseph B. Margolick, another Hopkins co-author.

## Court Drops Smoking-Tax Reallotment Challenge



**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — In a reversal that anti-smoking advocates called "mysterious and unfortunate," the state Supreme Court has changed its mind and dismissed a challenge to the shift of \$63 million in tobacco tax money from anti-smoking education to health care.

A four-justice majority had agreed to review the case in March, but in an order Wednesday, the court dropped the case without explanation and directed the reinstatement of an appellate ruling in the state's favor.

Frederic Woocher, a lawyer for anti-smoking advocates who sued the state, called Wednesday's reversal "mysterious and unfortunate." The case involves revenue from Proposition 99, a 1988 initiative that increased cigarette taxes by 25 cents a pack.

Of the money raised, 20 percent was to have been spent on educational programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use, 5 percent for research into tobacco-related diseases and 10 percent for health care for the poor.

But the measure allowed the Legislature to make amendments to that formula by a four-fifths vote. So in 1994, Gov. Pete Wilson, joined by the Legislature, started shifting tobacco tax revenue from education and research to health care.

Then, in 1995, they reduced education spending from 20

percent to 10 percent of the total, reduced research spending from 5 percent to 1 percent and increased health care spending from 10 percent to 22.5 percent, a total transfer of \$63 million.

In defending the transfer, the state said tobacco tax revenue had declined because the number of smokers had dropped, the needs of the health care system had increased and smoking prevention efforts could be targeted at young people and pregnant women during health care screening.

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, the American Lung Association and other pro-Proposition 99 groups — with the notable exception of organized medicine — challenged the legislation on both legal and policy grounds.

They said the funding shift did not further Proposition 99's purposes and would undermine the best anti-smoking, pro-health programs in the initiative.

Sacramento Superior Court Judge James Ford blocked the funding shift but was overruled last December by the 3rd District Court of Appeal.

Proposition 99 "contemplates a changing world" and was not intended to create inflexible percentages for each program it funded, as long as the money was used for the purposes of the law, the court said.

"For example, if the tobacco-related health education component of the [law] reduced smoking dramatically, less funds would be needed for education," said Justice Rodney Davis in the 3-0 appellate ruling.

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## Weather

In spite of the seemingly ominous weather prediction for the next couple of days, this weekend looks to be full of some much-needed, quality R & R. Make it a priority, I say.

Though usually an opponent of spending free time indoors, I'm actually looking forward to chillin' on the couch like it was Sunday all weekend, sippin' on Tension Tamer tea and listening to some Billie Holiday while watching the world keep itself dry. Try it.

Forecast: Continued early morning showers throughout the weekend, with the strong likelihood of a major storm tonight. Is this what we have been waiting for? Maybe. Either way, enjoy this weekend — we deserve it.

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## Consequences, Causes of Storms To Be Discussed

By Hamin O  
Reporter

With an intense El Niño anticipated by meteorologists, several campus professors have organized an awareness workshop for students this week.

El Niño is a change of winds along the equator. Customarily, winds journey from east to west as they circle the equator. During El Niño, this trend reverses, causing ocean waters to warm up, and increasing precipitation in California, according to Ross Grayson, manager of the Santa Barbara County Hazardous Materials Division.

Currents from the ocean are usually predicted easily due to their constant temperature, position and velocity. In an El Niño year, however, the changes in the winds cause inconsistent weather patterns. During El Niño, California will receive a warmer, more humid climate, Grayson said.

Seminars were held throughout the week concerning the status of El Niño, also called the Southern Oscillation, according to geography Associate Professor Joel Michaelsen.

"It is an objective way to educate our students," he said. "It will make people at the university and community aware of El Niño-related researches."

During the workshop, a computer demonstration will be presented by Diane Schweizer, a graduate student in geography. Schweizer was involved with the project for two years

and the computer demonstration will be released to the public at the end of this month. The demonstration will deal with the previous ocean trends of El Niño.

"We got involved with the project because El Niño is a good illustration on the coupling of the atmosphere and earth system," Schweizer said. "It also teaches how the earth operates as a system. If it were any easier, they wouldn't call it science."

Staff research associate Pete Peterson encourages the public to attend today's workshop.

"I think students should be aware of the environment," he said. "We know it is an intense El Niño. The human concern and the consequences are still undetermined."

Peterson added that this El Niño is expected to have more powerful effects than the previously documented occurrences of the early 1980s.

"People know a lot more than 10 years ago," he said. "It is a multivariied phenomenon. There are good websites and they are being updated along with added animation. We are pulling our resources to one conference."

Today's workshop, to be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the MultiCultural Center, will feature presentations from graduate students and an overview of the El Niño process. There will be an open forum toward the end of the workshop to answer any questions concerning El Niño.

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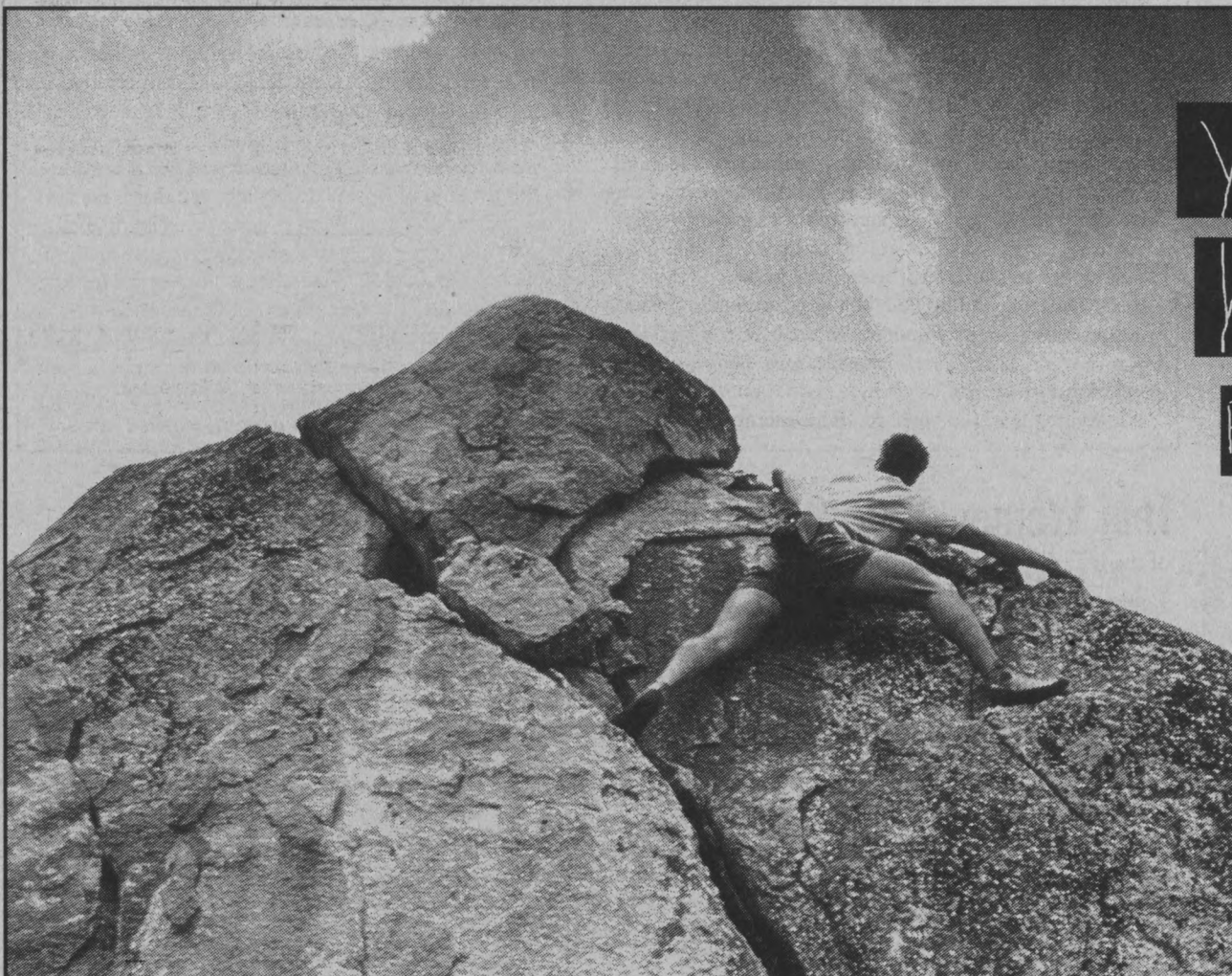
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# World News Perspectives

Compiled by Alan Traeger

## Survey of Pakistani Discrimination Laws

Amnesty International press release

Pakistan's Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, vowed before elections in 1993 to do away with laws which discriminate against women — yet today women in Pakistan remain disadvantaged and are denied their human rights.

"Women are raped with impunity, become prisoners of conscience and face cruel, inhuman or degrading punishments under laws which explicitly discriminate against them," Amnesty International said in a report released Dec. 6, 1995.

At any one time, hundreds of women are imprisoned under the Zina Ordinance, a law that punishes extramarital sexual intercourse. Some have been convicted on the basis of procedures and rules of evidence which are clearly discriminatory and are considered to be prisoners of conscience by Amnesty International.

"They should be released immediately and unconditionally and the law be amended to prevent such imprisonment," Amnesty International said.

The Zina Ordinance also applies to rape. Under this law, when maximum penalties are at stake, specific types of evidence must be produced which exclude the testimony of women. By bringing a charge of rape, a woman is taken to admit that unlawful sexual intercourse has taken place. A rape victim can therefore be punished after a trial in which she was given no chance to testify.

Maximum penalties under the Zina Ordinance

include death by stoning or public flogging. While Amnesty International acknowledges that these two punishments have not been carried out recently, it remains concerned that they remain on the statute book and might once again be imposed.

Even if a woman's testimony is admitted, rape victims are frequently convicted of unlawful sexual intercourse if they fail to establish beyond doubt that they did not consent.

Young girls are particularly at risk of having their human rights violated.

When they reach the age of puberty, as young as 11 or 12, they are considered adult and can be subjected to all punishments reserved for adults.

In one example, 15-year-old Jehan Mina was raped by her uncle and cousin. Her family filed a complaint of rape. In the absence of a witness, the alleged rapists were acquitted, but Jehan's pregnancy following the rape was taken as evidence for unlawful sexual intercourse: she was sentenced to 100 lashes in public and 10 years' imprisonment, which was later reduced to 10 lashes and three years' imprisonment.

In addition to such discriminatory laws and legal practices, women in Pakistan are sometimes detained when male family members cannot be found. While in custody, many are raped and subjected to other forms of torture.

The government's systematic failure to stop these practices is compelling evidence of official acquiescence in them.



A hill-tribe woman shows the message "self-determination" before meeting Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh at Government House. The woman was among representatives of women's rights groups who yesterday urged Gen. Chavalit to pay more attention to their rights in administering the country.

## Interpretation of Islamic Laws on Women

BY AYATOLLAH SAYED ALI KHAMEN  
Tehran Times (Tehran, Iran)

### Roots of Western Viewpoint on Women's Position

The ancient Roman Empire is considered the pillar of today's European civilization. What characterizes European and Western culture are beliefs and practices which were held or practiced by people during the days of the Roman Empire. Women were accustomed to makeup and the use of jewelry. They were respected. But what for? To fill the physical needs of men. Such was the contempt women were held in the eyes of the prevailing society.

When Europeans launched the Industrial Revolution, cheap labor to work in factories set up by Western capitalists was in great demand. Women were encouraged to clamor for freedom so as to pull them out of their homes to work in factories ostensibly to fill their own pockets.

What is today used as a rallying call to allow more freedom for women in the West is an offshoot of this particular event in history. The oppression borne by women in Western culture and the erroneous understanding of their role in cultural and literary life is alarming.

In the past women were oppressed, but this all-encompassing oppression as a part of the system is more marked in recent days. The current hallmark of the Western woman as a member of society is her attractiveness to the opposite sex. This in turn stems from an erroneous concept of her role as a tool to satisfy the physical requirements of the opposite sex and all in the name of freedom. The situation, in fact, makes women an instrument to encourage lewdness on the part of men.

Westerners tyrannized women not only in the area of work and industrial activity but also in the arena of art and literature. A look at Western artistic creations, stories, novels and paintings will bring to light the West's masochistic view of women. She is taken as an icon of sexual fulfillment, disregarding her maternal and dignified role as the preserver of the species.

Today Western civilization attempts to compensate for its deplorable moral backwardness by ostensibly supporting calls for better treatment of women. In so doing, however, the human concepts regarding women have been overshadowed by propaganda issues and political and economic matters.

### Women's Status in Islam

In creation, there is no difference between woman and man. Islam wants women to grow intellectually, spiritually and scientifically, and to be active in social and political affairs.

The great teacher of the Islamic Revolution, the late Imam Khomeini, highlighted the role of women in the Revolution and gave them due credit for their part in the development of the Islamic society and its ensuing Islamic and revolutionary maturity.

Currently there is an obvious difference between the sci-



entific, cultural, social, artistic and political status of women and their past degradation and decadence. Today's Iranian woman is more active than before in social, scientific, political and artistic activities.

Iranian women have demonstrated their consciousness and level of understanding of their God-given roles that are remote from the vortex of corruption created by the Western world, and have contributed significantly to historical developments at the international level. They have demonstrated that women's value will not justify what Zionism has done to martyr many of their sons and to make a mockery of the importance of chastity and motherly responsibility.

In the course of the Islamic Revolution, Iranian women have demonstrated that the woman's role is no less than that of the man's, if not greater. Such was the case in the imposed war. If women did not inculcate in their sons the value of martyrdom men would not have found the incentive to rush to the battlefields.

### Hejab

Hejab does not mean isolating women. A person who accepts the proper concept of hejab would be wrong to say that hejab unjustly discourages the unconditional and unbridled mixing of men and women in society. In the eyes of Islam such an intermingling is detrimental to both men and women and to society. Hejab in no way hinders the participation of women in political and social activities.

### Work Outside the Home

Islam favors women working to the extent that work does not hinder her fundamental duty, i.e., raising children and meeting the demands of family life. No country can have a work force consisting only of men. Women all over the world are actively engaged in different fields of endeavor. But the kind of work outside the home that is encouraged is that which does not run counter to her spiritual dignity and value. Women should not be a source of shame or an object of humiliation. Arrogance is a detestable trait for all human beings. The exception is in the case of a woman dealing with unfamiliar men. Women should show arrogance in the face of unfamiliar men and not yield to their selfish motives. This is prescribed so as to preserve woman's dignity. This is the model of a Muslim woman.

## Thai Women Take Stand With Newly-Chartered Constitution

BY SANITSUDA EKACHAI  
Bangkok Post (Bangkok, Thailand)

The present Thai Constitution states that men and women have equal rights. But it would be naive to believe this provision alone can magically bring an end to discrimination.

Although all subordinate laws and regulations must be amended in line with the highest law of the land, women must go on our knees every time we want an organization to change their unfair rules.

Worse, we can do nothing if they refuse.

Many universities still use a quota system that favors male students. If your daughter wants to be a vet, an archaeologist, an agro-economist, a marine scientist or a forestry official there is a good chance she might not win a university seat simply because of her gender.

Such die-hard bias explains why many occupations remain male strongholds. For example, there is only one woman district chief in the whole country.

I was very happy, therefore, to learn

that the Women and Constitution Network is trying to give the new charter some fangs regarding women's rights.

The network is an alliance of women's rights advocates and female drafters of the new constitution who want to make sure the clause on equal rights is more than just empty words.

The network wants the new charter to specify a definite time frame for amendment of all subordinate laws and ministerial regulations that violate women's equal rights.

It also wants violators punished, and the violated compensated.

In order to do this, there needs to be a special rights protection agency to monitor discriminatory practices. More importantly, the agency must have the authority to make both government and businesses comply with women's constitutional rights.

We must thank the National Commission on Women's Affairs for many legal improvements in women's lives, including longer paid maternity leave and harsher laws on the sex trade.

It is lack of authority that has made the commission's efforts to ease wo-

men's plight much more difficult than they should be.

The Family Law, for instance, allows a husband to divorce his wife on grounds of adultery. For a wife to end the marriage, however, she must prove her husband has been supporting another woman financially while publicly recognizing her as his wife. The commission wants to amend this law so a woman can use adultery as grounds for divorce as well.

The Council of State says no. They argue that the present grounds for divorce are already equal "according to men's and women's nature as well as the traditions of Thai society."

Equality according to human beings' natural tendency and old practices to exploit others?

We can no longer let the council or any other gender-biased organization have the last word if, or when, they want to end discrimination. There is still too much systematic discrimination that needs to be checked and changed.

We now have a chance to give the new charter more teeth. Don't let this opportunity pass us by.



## Group Revamped to Enhance I.V.

BY JODIE STOUT  
Staff Writer

A committee dedicated to improving Isla Vista is in the process of being disbanded because Santa Barbara County and UCSB representatives are disappointed with its performance.

Third District officials are planning to end the services of the Isla Vista Enhancement Committee to make room for another, more effective version, according to 3rd District staffer John Buttny. Though the idea is new to the public, Buttny has been working with UCSB in creating a new organization for some time.

"We haven't notified the people yet," he said. "We are now in the process of disbanding and creating a new committee, the Isla Vista Community Advisory Committee, to begin in January. We're working with the university right now with this transition."

Plans for the new committee embody ideas that were focused on by the IVEC, but the new organization will strive toward a new, refreshed outlook, Buttny said.

"We want to get more active with the Foot Patrol to deal with community-based issues and have the committee work with various agen-

cies," he said. "The old committee did handle some of these things on a casual basis, but has been very ineffective. We need new people involved and we need to go in a new direction."

In 1990, the IVEC was created by UCSB and Santa Barbara County. Each founder contributed four representatives, who elected a chair to head the committee. The group then began to deal with issues involving

Since 1994, the committee that was put together hasn't done much.

— John Buttny  
3rd District staffer

I.V., said UCSB Dean of Students Yonic Harris.

"The university, the county and the community were partners in developing the Isla Vista Enhancement Report," she said. "Once the report was issued, the university and county appointed representatives to the Enhancement Committee. The university and the county provided money to support the committee, so we were partners in making sure the committee met and had adequate resources to operate."

According to Buttny, the committee was disbanded in 1992 following the 3rd District supervisorial elections and was reinstated in 1994. Because the IVEC has not accomplished much since then, 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall has begun working toward advocating the IVCAC as an alternative.

"Since 1994, the committee that was put together hasn't done much," Buttny said. "When Gail Marshall was elected, she wanted to create a committee of her own."

Currently, the university has not seen any sort of plan created by Marshall and Buttny, Harris said.

"As yet, I haven't seen what the county is proposing," she said. "I know John [Buttny] is working on it, and I know that he was working with Gail Marshall to try to get a group that would be more active around issues and be more of an advisory body for the county and university. The Enhancement Committee had been focusing on enhancement recommendations and Marshall wanted to broaden their responsibility."

The committee was not accomplishing enough for the community, according to Harris, who hopes there will be more life in the prop-

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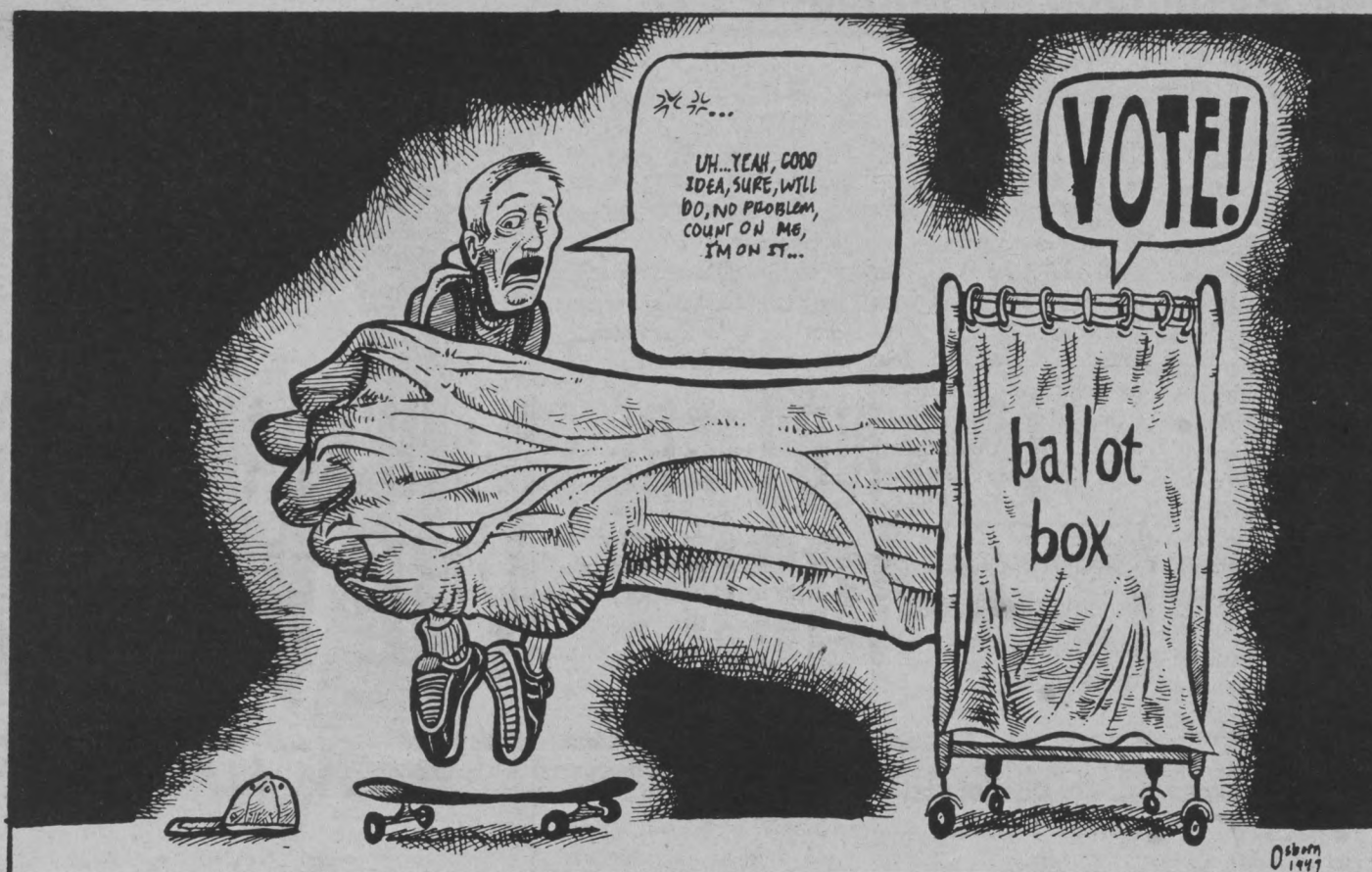
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## Staff Editorial



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# The Out-of-Season Election

## 22nd District Must Do Its Part to Fill Capps' Seat

**I**t was, from one point of view, just another piece of government paperwork. Just a chore that had to be done, and finally got done, even if it did come in just under the wire.

But Gov. Pete Wilson's 11th-hour proclamation setting Jan. 13 as the date of the primary election to fill the seat left vacant by Walter Capps' recent death is, for this congressional district, the issue that ought to be on everybody's mind.

Not the escalation of hostilities with Iraq. Not the trial of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski. Not the investigation into President Clinton's fund-raising practices. And for God's sake, not El Niño. The special election is what the talk of the town — of several towns — needs to be.

Whatever else goes on in the wide world, the 22nd Congressional District needs to focus on itself and think long and hard about what kind of representation it is going to need in Washington now that UCSB's beloved professor has left us.

There isn't much time remaining before the deadline for voter registration, Dec. 15. The time between now and then is, for most people, filled with family gatherings, gift buying and the usual holiday hustle and bustle, not to mention Fall Quarter finals. But registering to vote — a necessity if you've changed your address since the last time you voted — is a simple process, requiring at most five minutes' time. And with the likelihood of voter registration drives being in overdrive the whole time, finding a place to spend those vital five minutes should not be too difficult, however busy you are.

Remember: As a citizen of the United States, it is your right and your responsibility to vote in any election you can. As a resident of the 22nd Congressional District, it falls to you and to all the district's citizens to listen to what the candidates have to say about themselves, their qualifications for office, and their aims if elected, and to go to the polls and vote for the person you believe will best represent our district in the United States House of Representatives.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Walter Capps would have wanted you to vote. As a teacher and as a person, the civic responsibility of citizens was something he tried to instill in others around him for as long as he was here to do so. The most powerful proof of this is the fact that he ran for office, and when he lost his first race, he ran again, because serving in Congress was what he understood to be his duty. Without question, Walter Capps would have wanted all of us to vote in this special election.

Another thing making this special election so notable is that the balance of power in this district has begun to swing. Capps' election to the House made him the first Democratic representative from the 22nd District in several decades. With his seat now vacant, both Democrats and Republicans are scrambling — the Democrats to keep their newfound seat in the House and the Republicans to win back their accustomed place.

Add this to the fact that the special election will be a so-called "open primary" — voters of any party affiliation may vote for any candidate on the ballot — rather than a traditional primary,

in which voters select only among candidates from their own party. And add the fact that if a candidate wins a majority, or 50 percent plus one vote, in the primary, that person wins the seat without a runoff election — and one may see that this campaign, while brief, has the potential to be extraordinarily intense.

If there is a runoff election, by the way, it will be held on March 10 — right before our next set of finals and right before Spring Break. But for the voters which have already taken the trouble to register for and vote in the primary, this should be no burden.

Another interesting factor is that there are four Republican candidates running in the primary: former county supervisor Mike Stoker, Tom Bordonaro, René Bravo and Assemblyman Brooks Firestone. However, there are as yet no Democratic candidates, and the only likely contender is Lois Capps, the late congressman's widow. If she runs, then in the primary election the Republican vote is likely to be split, while the Democratic vote will most probably not be.

This is where we come to the question of the infamous "UCSB/I.V. bloc vote," which has been the subject of a great deal of misleading propaganda and stereotype-mongering during the recent Goleta West Sanitary District elections. If the propagandists are correct, Isla Vista as a whole will overwhelmingly vote for one candidate, presumably Lois Capps in this case, and thereby tip the balance of this election in one great mindless lurch.

It's worth thinking about. Certainly, Isla Vista and UCSB contributed a great deal to the victories of county Supervisor Gail Marshall and Congressman Capps in the last major election. Perhaps, however, this occurrence was no unthinking mob action but instead a concerted statement by the students of UCSB and Isla Vista that these candidates were truly the ones we felt to be the best people for the job.

And now we've got another chance to do it. To be heard, to say which person we want to see finish out the rest of Walter Capps' term. Whether we split our votes or terrify the surrounding communities by casting our support behind one particular candidate, let's do it! As long as we're going to be branded as a bloc, let's go to the polls and make our voices heard.

We have already lost one great voice in support of our endeavors, as students and as members of a university community, to make something of ourselves and contribute something to the world at large. However we do it and whoever we vote for, we must make the effort to examine each candidate and vote for the one who will best speak for us and watch out for our interests up there on Capitol Hill. Even though it cuts into our leisure time and our accustomed holiday business and busyness, even though it seems like one more chore, one more errand, one more piece of governmental red tape, it is our responsibility and we must live up to it.

For as long as we vote, however it may all fall out in the end, we can be sure of one thing:

Walter would be proud.

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# Tell Me Again About Political Prisoners

## MIM, RAIL Fall Short of the Truth About "Prisoners of Conscience"

HENRY SARRIA

The issue of "political prisoners" is, and always has been, quite a complex issue simply because of the fact that it involves the incarceration of an individual based on his or her ideology.

At this point, I must strongly disagree with organizations such as the Maoist International Movement on their interpretation of what a political prisoner is, based on their "goals."

First of all, the goal of ending oppression by building "public" power to seize power through armed struggle smacks of the "think as you suffer the consequences" mentality, the same mentality used by China's so-called "Cultural Revolution" — in which "intellectuals" (the same people the Khmer Rouge had a problem with), of whom even helped the late Chairman Mao seize power, were treated as common criminals simply for possessing the potential to express an opposing point of view. With this said, we now turn to MIM's criticism of the U.S.' current prison system when it comes to the treatment of "political prisoners."

Much worse charges can be leveled at any Marxist-Leninist state. All one has to do is go back to the beginnings of the Russian Revolution, when Feliks Dzerzhinskiy, the head of the Cheka (which later came to be known as the KGB), had executed over 35,000 "political prisoners" in a one-night operation under Comrade Lenin's direct order. And how about the purges? Remember those days? Many Russians still do. And like the military tribunals organized by Fidel Castro's brother Raul once Fidel took power in his homeland, Cuba, just to consolidate power to Fidel.

In these trials, hundreds of true Cuban patriots who helped Castro take over (my father, a high-ranking officer in Castro's army, included) were tried in a kangaroo court on trumped-up charges. In the dust settled, many were imprisoned (as was my father) or executed as "enemies of the state," all in the name of Marxist-Leninist-Maoist ideals.

Now, here in the U.S. you don't get jailed for ideology as one would in a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist state, and the fact that organizations such as MIM exist prove this. However, you can be arrested for committing actual physical crimes which involve theft, endangerment or hurting and/or killing someone.

Stockpiling illegal weapons and explosives, or acts of assault, are all acts — regardless of ethnic or racial background or political ideology — and there's a consequence for those actions: jail. Based on the charges leveled at the U.S. prison system by groups such as MIM

and the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist League, it would seem that most of the complaints are based on the fact that someone got caught doing something physically illegal and tried to explain the act as supporting their ideology.

Practices involving the incarceration of "draft-dodgers," the only true "political prisoners" in recent U.S. prison history, have stopped with the end of the Vietnam War, and one fine book on this subject that I can recommend for anyone to read is *Going to Jail* (Grove Press Inc.) by Dr. Howard Levy and David Miller, both true political prisoners. In this book they describe the experiences they faced as political prisoners in the U.S. jails as a result of their beliefs.

One point they make extremely clear, though, is that while it does



suck to be thrown in jail for espousing a certain ideology, incarceration in a U.S. prison is MUCH better than a prison in another country, especially a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist state. You can almost equate MIM's and RAIL's view to that of a freshman bitter at the police because he or she got an MIP while walking down the street with an open container — but this would be making a petty issue of the cause of true political prisoners sitting in prisons throughout this world.

They do exist, unfortunately. It would be so nice if we didn't need police, judges, juries, sentences, jails and prisons, but unfortunately we do have real criminals in human society, so what to do?

I know the solution is not an armed struggle for power, since the outcome of that would only result in a new "class" taking absolute power, which would eventually be corrupted in the name of the

ideology of the new ruling party. We're all only human, and history does tend to repeat itself time and again.

If MIM's and RAIL's gripe is with the U.S., and its history, heritage and economics, then may I recommend that they address said issues and not smoke screen it with something that has no true contemporary substance when applied to the entity they're trying to apply it to? It can backfire, based on the history of the beliefs and ideology of said organizations.

If you truly do care about the issue of political prisoners, then get involved with Amnesty International, because they stand for ALL true prisoners of conscience everywhere. Don't use the plight of real political prisoners to further a long-dead ideal. Yes, it is true that the U.S. justice and prison system are not the best, but there's much worse, and some of those worse ones hold more political prisoners than real criminals (murderers, rapists, thieves and thugs), and in most cases the political prisoner doesn't get a fair trial, if one at all.

One aspect of the U.S. prison system that does make it a hellhole is the treatment of prisoners by prisoners, but I'm sure this is a topic

that Prisons Awareness Week covered, as well as abuses by guards who are no better than the criminals they police ... but then, would we need them if there was no crime?

In any case, my only request of organizations such as MIM and RAIL is to please refrain from considering someone who has committed a physical crime, such as shooting a police officer in "self-defense," a prisoner of conscience. There's simply no comparison, since an act is deadlier than an idea, even if the idea follows the "goals" of MIM.

Henry Sarria is a longtime resident of Isla Vista and a frequent contributor to the Daily Nexus.

## The Reader's Voice

### ANTI-UCF ARGUMENTS MISGUIDED, ERRONEOUS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to Erika Sullivan's letter in The Reader's Voice, "Halloween Flier Offensive—Mistaken," Nov. 4) regarding what she describes as an inaccurate flier that she received in my mailbox on Halloween from University Christian Fellowship. She feels that UCF propagates lies and untruths characteristic of the Christian faith, and that by doing so her beliefs are compromised and disrespected.

In reporting on the misstatements of the flier, however, she also mistakenly alludes to Christianity and the history of the old pagan religious festival of Samhain. Sullivan writes that All Saint's Day was not meant to coincide with the festival of Samhain "to honor the people of their beliefs, ... but rather to Christianize a festival that the people refused to honor." Are these two statements not the same? Would the Roman Catholic Church Christianize it for any other reason than to influence people's beliefs and practices? This cannot be a lie if it fits her description of Samhain. After using a tautology as her reason for being, she inconspicuously moves onto her belief and the idea that festival of Samhain "need [have] names of gods ... attached to it." Sullivan vents her feelings about "her beliefs," and the notion of "her people" in the name of Christianity, yet never states what her beliefs are. And when she makes it clear that she is not of the Christian faith, she seems to know everything about it. Unfortunately, she errs in this area: she states that Satan is a Christian idea, and that Samhain was around before "Satan was ever born." Satan is not exclusively a Christian idea; the word was initially made reference to in the Hebrew Bible of Genesis, written in about 1450 B.C. Moreover, if you are going to meet the argument on Christian grounds, then it is correct that Satan was born — he was created, and this before any

earth or any of us, and certainly before any festival of Samhain.

Despite Sullivan's misconceptions about Christianity and the festival of Samhain, she may be right in that, originally, the festival was held to celebrate love and hope. I accept this notion and concede, as does Sullivan, that these should be what the festival celebrates — in which case Sullivan has slammed exactly the ideals that she stands for. Christianity is based on faith, love and hope (Colossians 1:3-6), and these come from God. We cannot love the way God calls us to on our own; we do by His power, because as selfish people we do things by our own motives, without others in mind. By this premise, the festival of Samhain or Halloween ought to have God's name attached to it, if it was indeed a festival of love and hope.

Whether or not these fliers should be passed out during such occasions is an entirely separate issue which everyone is divided on, but with which Sullivan seems upset. I receive papers and fliers all the time that I disagree with or believe to be inaccurate, but that is a product of and, in my opinion, a benefit of attending a diverse university. Encountering opinions adverse to one's own comes with the territory of having any beliefs at all, and one cannot possibly expect or hope that their point of view will never be challenged, especially in a college environment.

This is not to badmouth Sullivan's opinion or right to her beliefs, both of which she is entitled to. What she is not entitled to is confusing the public with incongruous statements about a faith which is not her own and with her feelings which may mask the truth of what Christianity, or even what Halloween, is all about. And although I am not involved with University Christian Fellowship, I am indeed affiliated with the body of believers on this campus and feel that maiming (even unintentionally) any on-campus student organization is entirely unacceptable.

MATT BENTON

### NO, THE SPICE GIRLS REALLY ARE MINDLESS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to the article in *Arts-week* about the Spice Girls by Jolie I. Lash, and their hypocritical rallying cry, "Girl Power!"

I don't know much about the ideals of feminists, but I am sure that the Spice Girls are not what the feminist movement needs. They are not great movers and shakers of the world. They do not greatly advance the women's movement as Lash would have you believe.

They are nothing more than media whores with



no talent who have no problem showing a little skin to sell an album. (I apologize to any of you honest working women out there. At least you know what you are.) They are not the first to discover how stupid people can be swayed by the media. (Marilyn Manson has that title, as far as I can

tell.) They have writers that tell them to sing this or that inane "catchy" phrase. They have designers looking for the easiest way to show off their bodies while keeping them in their pre-formed, politically correct roles (women in sports and the military, etc.).

They are not a beacon of inspiration for women everywhere, as Lash would have you believe. They destroy young women by promoting the idea that a pretty face and no musical talent will get you into pop-rock stardom. They also destroy intellectual drive. Never in my life have I heard less intelligent lyrics. Rap songs tend to tell a story. Rock paints a picture or tells a story. Jazz and blues tell feelings; paint a mental picture. (By the way, I listen to "jazz and schlock 'n' roll" as well as other music, and I am not one of those "crusty old men with beer bellies.") The pop-rock of the Spice Girls has the most empty, meaningless lyrics in the world.

Speaking of empty, the Spice Girls remind me of the Monkees a lot. They, like the Monkees, were created for the media by a brilliant producer. (I certainly give the producer credit for a great idea.) They, like the Monkees, cannot play any instruments. They, like the Monkees, were chosen for how they looked on camera. They have a movie. The Monkees were made for TV. They, like the monkees, sing songs that have no meaning, only catchy phrases. (Generation next / Generation next / ah Generation next). The lack of intelligence in these lyrics with loaded phrases impresses me. The Spice Girls, like the Monkees, had good writers to help them get to the top.

For the women, young and old, of today, I hope that the testosterone-driven popularity of the Spice Girls ends real soon. For all the women out there who were duped by great promoters into believing the Spice Girls are the best thing for the women's movement today, I pity your lost souls.

A final note on media whoredom: as Peter Steele of Type O Negative so eloquently put it, "Eat s\*\*\*, white-trash media lackeys. F\*\*\* you and your weak world. Die."

ROBBY DESMOND

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## Campus Comment

Interviews by Kerri Webb  
Photos by Alan Jacoby

If anyone in the world could call and leave a message on your machine, who would it be?



It would be Mr. Clean telling my roommate to clean up the floor.

Erin Thompson  
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communication



[The Artist Formerly Known as] Prince, and he would say 'Owww!'

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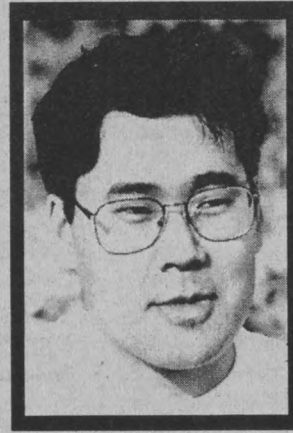
Ernie from Sesame Street, and he said that he doesn't like rooming with Bert anymore and wants to know if he could crash at my place.

Eddie Mirza  
freshman  
computer science



It would be George Washington and he would say 'Couldn't you give me more than a dollar?'

Deborah Bruhl  
senior  
law and society



It would be Buddha calling to tell me to get a life.

Jeff "The Warrior" Inami  
employee  
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Johnson, a senior Japanese major.

"He's very energetic and he made a lot of jokes to keep people interested," he said. "I wouldn't mind having him for an astronomy professor."

Dr. Keith Schofield, who works in the UCSB Materials Research Lab, was impressed by the lecture, but felt that another viewpoint may have been valuable.

"It was really nice to see real experimental data — it really is mind-boggling data — but he really talked about his own work to some degree," he said. "I mean, there

are results that disagree with him."

Despite the impressive data, Kirshner was unable to offer a conclusion on the ultimate fate of our universe.

"We don't know, but we're going to find out," he said.

Kirshner's lecture was one of a series hosted by the ITP in an effort to make science more accessible to the general public, according to ITP director David Gross.

"The goal of the lectures is to reach out and beyond the physics and astronomy communities," he said. "It's important for scientists to communicate their findings to the general public."

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paper's staff will not produce its third issue until January, at which point it hopes to keep the paper on a weekly publication schedule, according to Morgan.

"We could put something out next week if we wanted to, but that would be taking a chance and wasting a lot of money that we don't have right now," he said.

"You're already doing a pretty good job of that," Barrall responded.

Barrall also threatened to can funding for *Campus Point* if they did not keep their publication date in January.

"If this doesn't come out in January we need to really seri-

ously think about if this is worth it and if we need to cut our losses, because they are not doing a quality job, they're not doing any job. This is a joke...this [paper] is nothing.

— Matt Barrall  
rep-at-large

ously think about if this is worth it and if we need to cut our losses, because they are not doing a quality job, they're not doing any job. This is a joke...this [paper] is nothing," he said.

Leg council also passed a position paper in favor of Bill's Bus, 15-0-0. Additionally, Off-Campus Rep Sam Dalesandro pondered eventually incorporating the service, which shuttles intoxicated students from Isla Vista to Santa Barbara and back, into A.S. operations.

"Bill's Bus is [operating] on a month-to-month basis and he's not sure where he's going, and I see that as a service that we can't afford to lose around this community," he said.

— Reporter Yasmin Jackson contributed to this article.



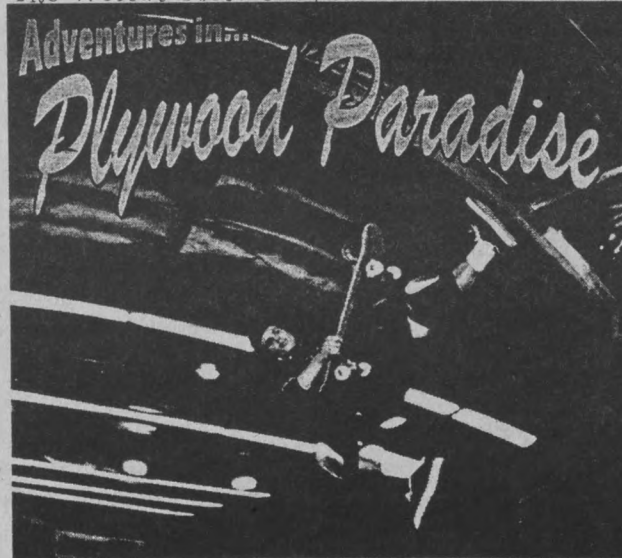
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"It certainly needs some energy, direction and purpose," Harris said. "It had become sluggish because attendance was not good. We need an energized group that can mobilize the community. A group that would take some leadership would be very nice."

Associated Students Vice President for Local Affairs Leila Salazar also said that the IVEC lacked initiative.

"It really was a committee that gave recommendations. It wasn't an action committee," she said. "Even if they knew there were things they could take care of, [they] hadn't really done anything."

A very valuable portion of the IVEC was its annual report, according to I.V. Recreation and Park District Director Pegeen Soutar, who served on the committee for two years. With cooperation between UCSB and the county, things will get done, she said.

"The enhancement report itself was really wonderful," she said. "It was a great piece of work. It takes a lot of community and school backing to make a lot of the stuff happen that's in the report."

The disbanding of the IVEC is necessary, but if the goal of

the new committee is weak, it won't help, said IVRPD Director David Fortson.

"I expect the university and the county will put significant weight on the recommendations and actions of the [new] enhancement committee," he said. "If they don't, then it's just another waste of time. The mission statement is key. If it doesn't have any teeth or have scope, it will fail. But if the mission is strong, then it will accomplish a lot."

According to I.V./UCSB Liaison Catherine Boyer, the general idea behind creating an organization similar to the IVEC is positive for the community.

"I think that people at the university would agree that having some sort of forum in the community to discuss community issues would be great," she said. "It serves the community well if issues come up and people need to discuss them. It would be important."

I.V. needs the support of both the county and the university in order to improve, Harris said.

"I would hope that we would continue to cooperate," she said. "That's the beauty of the IVEC. We're all much stronger if we work together. We all agree I.V. needs attention and support. So if we develop a committee that is more productive and can take on projects and can work with all segments of the community, that would be fine."

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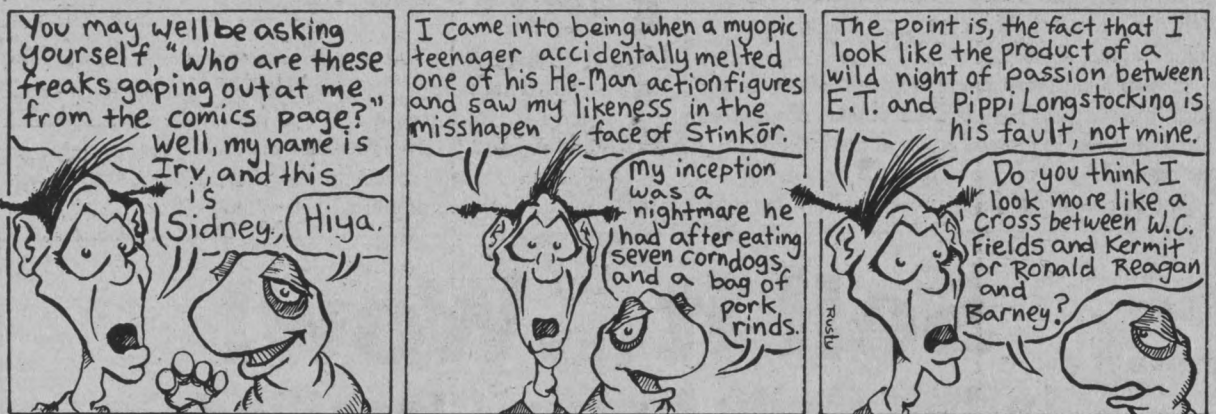
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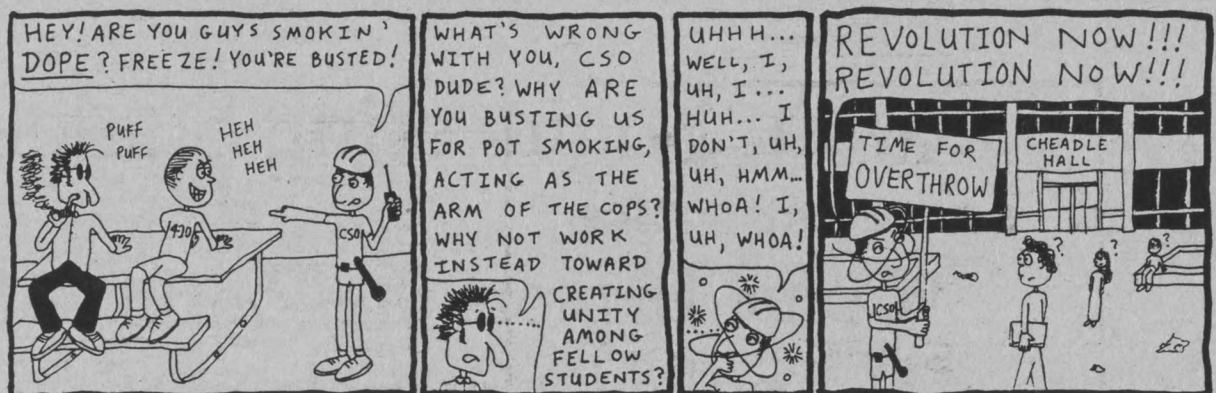


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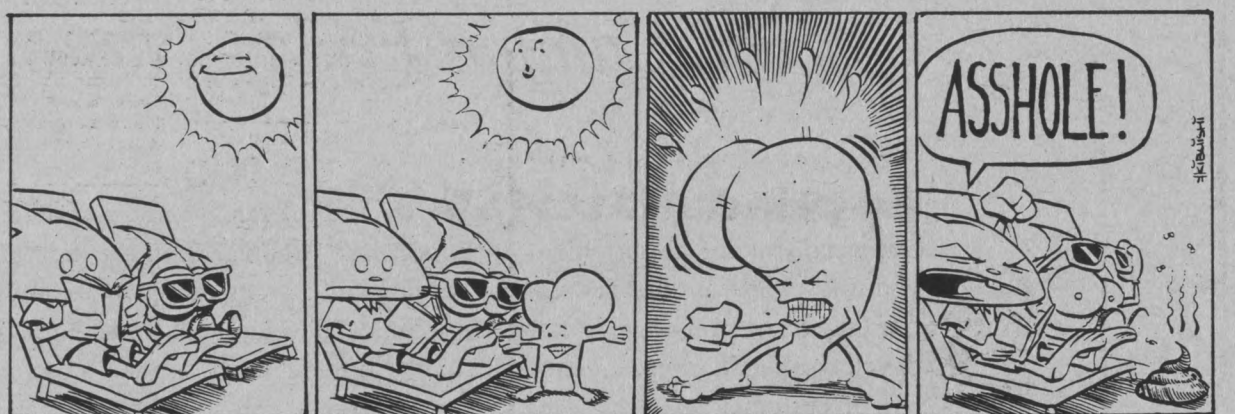


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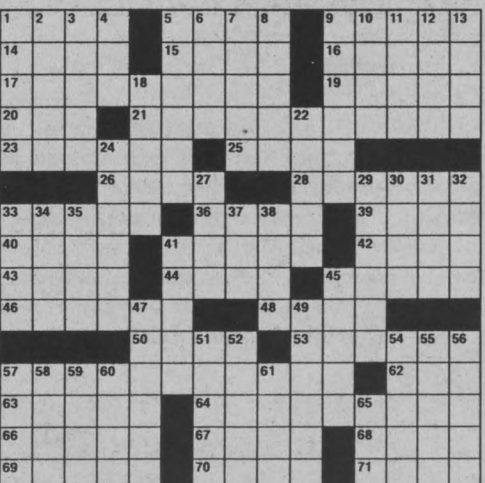
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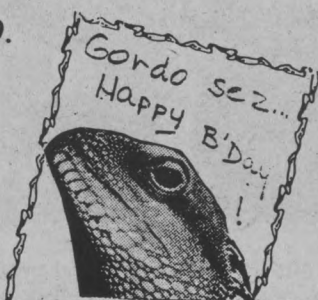
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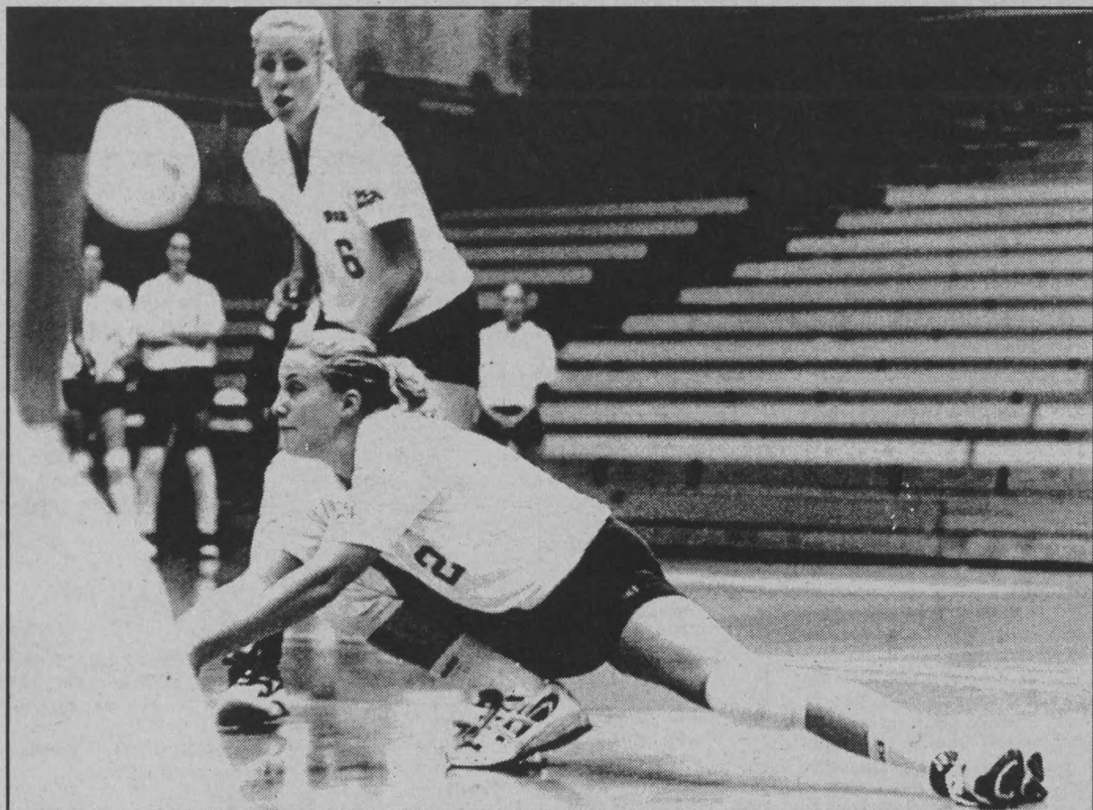
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# Sports



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**NICE DIG:** Sophomore Roberta Gehlke looks on as junior Erin McCown digs a ball against New Mexico State Thursday night. The Gauchos' straight-set win over the Roadrunners improves their record to 25-3.

## Volleyball Sweeps Roadrunners in 3

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE  
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's volleyball team defeated New Mexico State in its last home match of the regular season last night, 15-10, 15-7, 15-4. Although the score indicates the customary easy victory for the Gauchos, Head Coach Kathy Gregory was not particularly pleased with the win.

"I thought we were past the point where we would be flat for games," Gregory said. "We had balls dropping in front of us tonight. The attitude needs to be more competitive."

The Roadrunners (9-18 overall, 5-10 in the Big West) hung around for most of game one, pulling to within 10-8 before Santa Barbara (25-3, 13-2 in the Big West) ran off seven of the next nine points to take game one.

Sophomore setter Tanja Hart said UCSB did not come out ready to play.

"The first game we didn't focus," Hart said. "They didn't make the points, we made the mistakes."

Hart didn't make many mistakes in the opening set. In fact, she was highly responsible for the Gauchos' ability to come out on top. Hart reeled off three aces, and had two kills and 17 assists in the game.

Gregory is happy to have the 1996 German olympic team's setter on her side of the net.

"She is unbelievable. I mean, she is the best," Gregory said. "I don't know where we'd be without her. Probably in the middle of the pack somewhere."

Game two was much the same as the opener for the #6 Gauchos. They let NMSU hang around until the score got close at 8-6, and then

turned on the afterburners and left the Roadrunners in their dust. Sophomore outside hitter Roberta Gehlke did much of the damage, recording seven kills.

In the final game UCSB took care of business, allowing New Mexico State only four points. At one time in the game, with sophomore middle blocker Heather Bown at the service line, Santa Barbara ran off nine consecutive points.

Hart said the Gauchos were a different team by the end of the match.

"The third game was pretty good," Hart said. "We wanted to play well."

Gehlke and Bown were the offensive leaders for UCSB, recording 15 and 12 kills respectively. Bown was particularly efficient, getting her 12 kills in only 15 tries for a .733 hitting percentage.

## Stakes Run High for Polo

BY SHANE CULBERTSON  
Staff Writer

There is a possibility that the UCSB men's water polo team will be passing the ball around the pool this Thanksgiving rather than turkey around the table.

The Gauchos (9-10, 1-7 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) can avoid such a scenario by winning at UC Berkeley this weekend. If Santa Barbara fails to win Sunday's game, and loses its last regular-season match Nov. 22 at UC Irvine, there is a chance it will find itself in a Thanksgiving Day playoff for a spot in the MPSF Conference Tournament.

Nothing is certain at this time as to what exactly will happen to the Gauchos if they lose both games. A preseason conference meeting of coaches and referees decided that there would be no games on Thanksgiving. That decision, according to UCSB Head Coach Joe O'Brien, might be subject to change.

"They decided that the referees were not going to be available on Thanksgiving Day at a meeting back in May," O'Brien said. "Three coaches, including myself, weren't present at that meeting, so nothing was actually finalized. We'll know more by the end of this week."

O'Brien explained that there is a possibility that the traditional playoff between the bottom four teams in the conference might be nixed. In that case, the top eight teams at the season's end would be granted automatic berths in the conference finals.

"That format would be the most beneficial to us," O'Brien said. "We're in seventh place right now, and have a good chance of remaining there for the rest of the season."

Gaucha sophomore Brian McCorduck would rather concentrate on beating Cal than getting caught up in the uncertainties of the playoff situation.

"We were still in the midst of getting our team together the last time we played them," McCorduck said of a 9-2 loss to the Bears on Sept. 21. "We're like a different team now. We plan on giving ... them a better match up north."

In order to be more competitive this time around, UCSB is going to have to contain Cal's leading scorers: senior All-American Brent Albright and junior driver Phinney Gardner. Both have over 30 goals this season.

O'Brien believes the best way to go about defending against the two is to play the same style of defense UCSB has played all season.

"We will double at times and try to fill in the lanes to stop them," O'Brien said. "But for the most part we want to do what we have been doing, and that's keeping ball pressure at the perimeter."

The match was a homecoming of sorts for New Mexico State Head Coach David Noble, who was an assistant at UCSB for the last three years.

"I give David a lot of credit," Gregory said. "They served well, and they had a quick attack. I thought they did some good things."

Santa Barbara will conclude

conference play Sunday at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo at 2 p.m. The Gauchos swept the Mustangs (16-9, 8-6 in the Big West) in the Sept. 27 home game, but Gregory expects a more difficult match this time around.

"Cal Poly is going to be a tough match on the road," Gregory said. "It will be a tougher game and we are going to have to play better."

## Hobbling Hoops Squad Takes on Lithuania

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Maybe everybody just wants to be like Raymond Tutt. It makes sense, considering he is the leading returning scorer in the Big West at 24 points per game. If Santa Barbara had 12 Tutts it would be virtually unstoppable.

Unfortunately, the Gauchos haven't been emulating Tutt's play, they have been emulating his injury. Junior forward B.J. Bunton became the latest player to fall victim to a left ankle injury last week, joining Tutt and senior forwards Matt Pinkney and Kealon Wallace on the sidelines. The best thing Santa Barbara has going for it right now is that Saturday's game with the Lithuanian Silute basketball club does not count in the standings.

UCSB could suit up anywhere between nine and 12 players in Saturday's exhibition, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Thunderdome. Tutt and Pinkney are definitely out, but Wallace and Bunton could play, depending on how they feel during the team's afternoon shoot-around.

"We have a rash of ankle injuries that seem to have come upon us," Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "Right now, out of our squad of 15, we have nine people in practice."

Bunton's presence in the paint could be missed if his

inflamed left achilles tendon sidelines him. The Lithuanian team's 70" center Raimondas Leikus is a powerful player, according to Pimm. Bunton's absence could leave it up to junior forward Josh Merrill and freshman forward Mike Vukovich to slow him down.

But the most intriguing matchup on the court will be at the point guard spot. Senior Les Bean and freshman Brandon Payton will go head-to-head with ex-Stanford star Dion Cross.

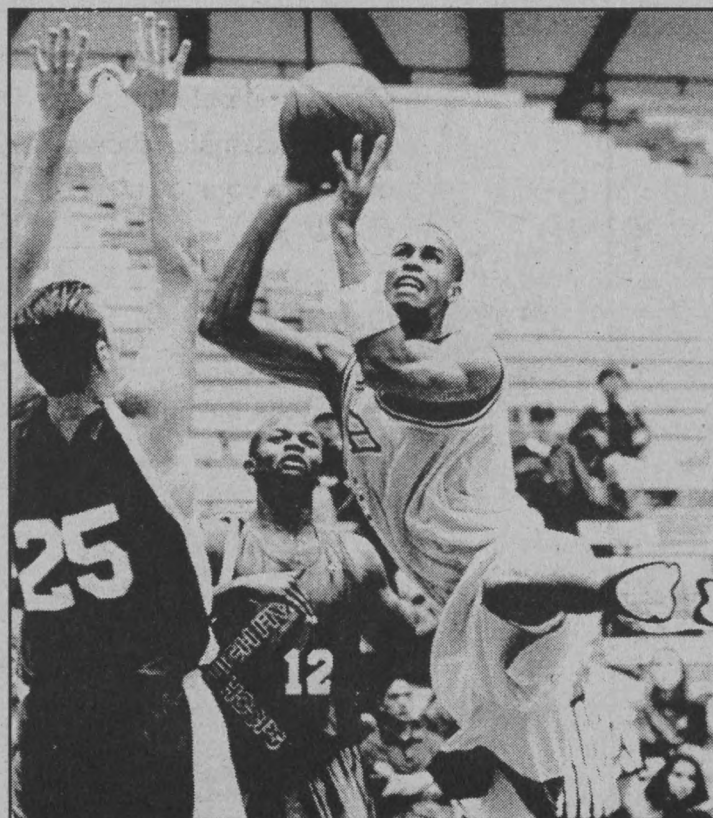
"I'm very excited about that matchup," Bean said. "I'm going to play as hard as I can and just try and contain him."

The Lithuanian team played two games against other Big West schools last week. They came from behind to beat UC Irvine, and surrendered a late lead in a loss to University of the Pacific.

"It looks like they have the makings of a good ball club," Pimm said. "We know that they are a very good team and they'll be tough on us."

With the Gauchos' first non-conference game coming up Nov. 22 against Westmont college, Pimm is anxious to get his full squad back onto the court.

"Hopefully we'll get healthy one of these days and get a chance to get our whole squad out there," Pimm said. "But until we do, there's nothing we can do except bust our butts, and the guys that are healthy play their hearts out."



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**KICKER:** Senior forward Dwayne Williams is one of only nine healthy players on a Gaucha squad decimated by injuries.