



Talking Politics

State Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-Carpinteria) is scheduled to appear on campus today from 2-3:30 p.m. to hear local concerns.

Inside ...

Come, Grasshopper!

Learn the ancient art of meditation and how to find inner peace with the Zen sitting group.



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Women's volleyball lost to Long Beach State Sunday in three straight games, eliminating UCSB from the Big West Volleyball Tournament.



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Help begin planning for April's Take Back the Night at 5 p.m. today in the ESAC, next door to the Women's Center.

From the Heart

Get a free blood pressure reading this week at the Heart Care Clinic in the SHS lobby. Cholesterol testing will also be available for a low fee. The services will be offered today from noon to 4 p.m.

More Studying

Join St. Mark's Catholic Church, 6550 Picasso, at 8 p.m. today for Bible study.

# Daily Nexus

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## Labor Battle Spreads With Campus Protest

By Linda Apeles  
Staff Writer

In protest of the UC's statewide refusal to recognize student-employee unions and collective bargaining rights, approximately 50 teaching assistants and supporters marched through campus Friday afternoon, reinforcing sentiments of strikers at UCLA, UCSD and UC Berkeley.

"Union busting is disgusting!" chanted the protesters, who included mostly Associated Student Employees/United Auto Workers union members wearing blue union arm bands as well as green anti-Proposition 209 bands. Toting signs and shaking noisemakers, the group walked from the UCen to the front of Cheadle Hall, where union speakers expressed their support.

ASE/UAW staff member and English grad student Jay Stemmle spoke about the snubbing of the union's 1994 attempts to gain recognition and collective bargaining rights through the use of "obscure argument." Stemmle encouraged the group to become aggressive in order to overcome this obstacle.

"What we have to do today is break through this circular argument. What you have to do is make a little noise, have a little body and get loud," she said.

When yellow cards were passed out to the crowd, Stemmle asked protesters to fill them out with specific reasons why each individual supported recognition of the union and personally give them to Chancellor Henry T. Yang, who stood nearby listening to the speakers. She presented the possibility of Yang being secretly pro-union.

"If in fact he is quietly pro-union ... we need to give him some arguments, try to help him out. That's what these cards are for. ... It's a polite gesture," she said.

Some protesters submitted their cards to Yang with a handshake while others warned Yang of the consequences not granting recognition could bring.

"Don't forget what happened with Yale," said one protester. "We don't want this to be ugly," said another.

Yang remained impartial. "The University is now appealing the UC case. The issues ... will have implications on all campuses, including UCSB. We are waiting to see the outcome," he said. "We [care about] our students. We'll do our best to make the best learning and living environment ... for them to succeed."

ASE/UAW media liaison Glyn Hughes was displeased with Yang's response.

"I was very dismayed that he was here presenting this very



DJAMEL E. RAMOUL/Daily Nexus

Proclaiming their right to unionize, these teaching grad students marched across campus Friday.

kind face and saying that he was very interested in students' concerns, as though we haven't been trying to contact him in dialogue to tell him what's on our minds.

And to say that he's interested in student concerns [is], and should be, an insult to other

See TA'S p.6

## Auto Admirers Start the Engine of New Group

By Diane Reid  
Reporter

If you enjoy the smell of burning rubber, the squeal of hot tires on asphalt and the heart-pounding rush of adrenaline as collision is narrowly avoided, a newly formed club may be just your speed.

The Sports Car Club allows enthusiasts or just anyone who is interested in racing, watching, driving, fixing or simply admiring cars a chance to come together to share their common interests.

"I just see it as a forum for people who are interested in their cars and racing, for them to get together and have a good time in general," said Jared Holstein, club president and freshman pre-communication major.

Despite being formed this year, the club has already participated in a variety of activities, including road races, driving in the mountains and viewing videos of drag and

road races, he said.

Future plans include a tour of the Tilton Engineering Co., where the group will be shown the design, engineering and testing facilities of the outfit, Holstein said. The club has also been considering a fundraiser to help with finances.

The members of the group are quite diverse in their knowledge of cars and depth of interest, and many believe the club is a good forum to simply meet and talk about cars.

"It's just good to have a bunch of people to talk about what I'm interested in outside of school," said Andrew Norton, club member and senior film studies major.

Club member and junior sociology major Megan Murphy agreed.

"It's interesting. I don't know much about the motor and stuff, but I just love to drive, and these guys love to drive too. We have that in common," she said.

Murphy, the only woman in the club, said she gets along and feels comfortable with her

fellow car fans.

Anyone interested in cars is encouraged to join, Holstein said, adding that owning a car is not a prerequisite to membership.

"There are three or four members now that don't have cars," he said.

Though most of the club's activities have been through other organizations, members hope they will be able to host several events in the future, Holstein said.

"As we get more organization and capital, we'd like to start hosting our own events," he said.

Holstein started the club two weeks into Fall Quarter with the help of the former UCLA Sports Car Club president, Sheening Lin. Since then, 12 new members have shown interest in the group.

"When I came here I was under the impression that there was already a club, and when I found out there wasn't I decided to start one," Holstein said.

## Organization of Hilarity Highlights Skills Just for Laughs

By Tony Bogdanovski  
Reporter

Sidesplitting humor and funnybone-cracking comedy are the goals of a new campus club called the Punchline Players.

The group is open to anyone with a sense of humor and provides an opportunity for students with an interest in writing, organizing and performing in various comedic mediums to share their talents with others of similar interests, according to founder and sophomore biology major Jeff Burrow.

"It's an open bar ... for anyone who wants to perform comedy and take advantage of their skills," he said.

Since its inception at the start of Fall Quarter, Punchline Players has been formulating ideas and looking to add more members to its slapstick squad before attempting

any live performances, Burrow said.

"We're a brand-new club, [and soon] I would like to see a strong membership of about 40 people interested in bringing laughter to the campus and the community," he said.

Like other campus clubs, Burrow hopes the Punchline Players will serve as a forum for support and growth for all those involved.

"A lot of the clubs on campus deal with pre-career issues or with ethnicity," he said. "We want to be like a support group for those who want to possibly do comedy in the future."

Members of this eccentric organization have diverse comedic styles and influences, all of which converge on the goal of getting laughs.

"[Comedian] Carrot Top's [style] is my favorite because he thinks of himself as a freak and exploits himself. ... People like that are

really funny," said member and sophomore biochemistry major Chris Caster.

Burrow likes to focus on the fast-paced and intelligent aspects of comedy.

"Robin Williams has always been my favorite because he's always thinking ahead of the audience," he said.

Although experience is not required to join, some Punchline Players have dabbled in comedy before.

"I've opened for a band at [Arizona State University] and did a comedy bit — and I [regularly] open for Eddie Murphy!" joshed senior accounting major Trevor Hargrove.

Despite the joking and silliness, Burrow sees method to their madness and opportunities to help those who are less fortunate.

"We've talked to Cottage Hospital and they were interested in us entertaining the patients," he said.

# HEADLINERS

## Summit Eases Tensions; Visits Planned



**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — Despite a lack of dramatic breakthroughs in President Clinton's talks Sunday with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, both sides signaled their troubled relations are on the mend. They agreed to exchange presidential visits over the next two years.

The meeting with Jiang preceded the opening Monday of an Asia-Pacific trade conference where Clinton was pushing for an end to tariffs in the multi-billion-dollar high tech industry.

In the most upbeat remarks in at least 18 months about dealings with Washington, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Shen Guofang described the 90-minute meeting as "friendly, positive and constructive."

"Clearly the relationship has stabilized and gained momentum from where we were last

spring," said Winston Lord, assistant U.S. secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs. That was when China staged war games and launched missiles near Taiwan, and the United States dispatched a carrier battle

group to the region. In an intriguing element of their talks, Jiang told Clinton the remnants of a World War II-era U.S. bomber, believed to be a B-24, with human remains inside has been found in the southern China region of Guangxi.

Clinton was given a videotape and photos of the site, and the United States was invited to send investigators to the site and gather more information. Officials said they had only the barest details about the find.

On Monday, the president joined 17 Asian-Pacific leaders for a summit on trade issues at Subic Bay, site of a massive U.S. Navy base until 1992. All the leaders wore traditional Filipino shirts

lighted if there was a commitment to set a certain date for lifting the tariffs. A final communique was to be issued later Monday.

Nearing the end of a 12-day tour, the president flies Monday to Thailand for a daylong state visit, then returns to Washington for Thanksgiving.

Tensions on the Korean peninsula and trade disputes with Japan were reviewed by Clinton in separate talks with President Kim Young-sam of South Korea and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto.

Kim has demanded an apology from North Korea for a submarine incursion into South Korean waters in September. Without using the word "apology," Clinton joined Kim in demanding that North Korea "take acceptable steps to resolve the submarine incident, reduce tension and avoid such provocations in the future."

that fit loosely over their trousers.

The White House hinted that Clinton, after lobbying his colleagues, had made progress in trying to win approval for a call to revoke tariffs on computers, software and other high technology by 2000. Presidential spokesperson Mike McCurry said Clinton would be de-

termined if there was a commitment to set a certain date for lifting the tariffs. A final communique was to be issued later Monday.

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## Bay Area Logging Demonstration Irks Travelers



**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A weekend protest by anti-logging activists snarled traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge for hours and left many people angry, inconvenienced and asking: What's the point?

"It doesn't do a nickel's worth of good," said 80-year-old Scott Warwick, whose morning walk across the bridge was blocked by authorities. "I think the lumber company probably made a few friends today."

Nine protesters, including actor Woody Harrelson, virtually shut down

the bridge for five hours Saturday after scaling towers and hanging banners to urge government protection of the redwood grove in Northern California's Headwaters Forest.

The government is negotiating with timber groups to preserve 7,500 acres of the forest for \$380 million but environmentalists say the deal doesn't go far enough — they want 60,000 acres protected from logging.

The demonstrators were booked and released on charges of trespassing and causing a public nuisance. They face fines of up to \$10,000.

Tourists who endured a miles-long traffic backup shouted obscenities at the protesters dangling from rock-climbing gear. Many sympathized with the cause but disagreed with the method.

"Why not the Internet?" asked architect Michael Luke. "Why don't they use graffiti, post brochures in the neighborhoods where people can see their concerns every day? This kind of protest is outdated. It doesn't work."

Protest organizer Jim Ace disagreed, saying the demonstration sent a clear

message that something needs to be done to protect the trees.

"It's something that's done only when the chips are down and you have to play your trump card," he said Sunday. "I think it was a huge success, and we'll see this in the next week. There will be a ripple effect."

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## NTSB Finds Broken Rail at Fault in Amtrak Derailment



**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — A broken rail attachment was responsible for derailing an Amtrak passenger train that jackknifed and plunged into a swamp, injuring 34 people, federal investigators said Sunday.

A sidebar that attaches to the rails was broken and caused the tracks to be out of alignment when the train derailed early Saturday, said Mark Garcia, regional director of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The 12-car train was en route from Washington to Boston with 88 passengers and 25 Amtrak employees. Three passenger cars, a mail car and two locomotives derailed at 60 mph just after the front end of the train cleared a drawbridge in Secaucus, about six miles west of New York City.

The bridge operator over the Hackensack River had attempted to raise the bridge to let a tugboat pass more than two hours before the accident, but there was a problem and the bridge never opened, Garcia said.

The mitre rail, which lifts up the track to allow boats to come through, was disconnected from the train rail, he said.

The track signals were supposed to give a stop light to approaching trains if the rails are separated by more than three-eighths of an inch, but since the rails were resting on each other and they made a connection, the signals showed green, Garcia said. The other track remained connected.

## AP WIRE SHORTS

### Sunday NFL

Denver	21	Buffalo	35
Minnesota	17	NY Jets	10
Cincinnati	41	San Diego	28
Atlanta	31	Kansas City	14
Carolina	31	NY Giants	20
Houston	6	Dallas	6
Chicago	31	Oakland	27
Detroit	14	Seattle	21
New England	27	San Francisco	19
Indianapolis	13	Washington	16
Jacksonville	28	Arizona	36
Baltimore	25	Philadelphia	30
Tampa Bay	13	Green Bay	24
New Orleans	7	St. Louis	9

• **HAMILTON, Ontario (AP)** — Blowing snow and swirling winds weren't enough to stop Doug Flutie.

Flutie quashed talk that he couldn't play in cold weather by running for a touchdown and keeping the Canadian Football League's top defense off balance in leading the Toronto Argonauts to a 43-37 victory over the Edmonton Eskimos on Sunday night in the Grey Cup.

The 80 points were the second-most in Grey Cup history, topped only by Saskatchewan's 43-40 win over Hamilton in 1989.

Flutie, who was the CFL's outstanding player this season, was also named the game's top performer. Teammate Mike Vanderjagt, who kicked five field goals, was voted the top Canadian.

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## Weather

Yesterday, while I was walking along some street in Isla Vista, I came across a girl walking her dog and saying such endearing things as, "My little dog, my sweet bow-wow, my soul, my essence, I love you as I love the loveliest flower ..." Thinking these remarks on the extravagant side, I approached the awkward couple with a friendly, albeit curious, mien. Being well versed in the study of dogs and doggerel, I was able to ascertain that the dog was a rare, stately breed of poodle.

With a treat in my pocket (Hershey's kiss, melted) I bent low and offered it to the foppish mutt, who recoiled in terror. The ungrateful thing then began to bark at me without so much as a thought for my feelings.

Ah, miserable dog! Should I have proffered a lump of dung, you would have sniffed it like a fine perfume and then, no doubt, eaten it with glee! You, like all of your brethren and much of mankind as well, find in the confectioner's sweets bitterness and in the excrement du jour, infinite delight! Never again will I offer candy to a dog!

# Inner Tranquility Possible for Zen Circle Sharers

By Alexandria Felton  
Reporter

Facilitating the search for the inner self, the Zen sitting group offers a helping hand to anyone seeking spiritual peace and deeper meaning in their lives.

The group offers a forum for meditation and enlightenment in addition to informal discussion. Meetings include the Zen Practice, a meditation exercise that consists of a combination of sitting, walking, chanting and bowing, said group leader Raimondas Lencevicius.

"All the things we do allow us to perceive each moment," he said. "One moment you are very clear, and then the next moment you are not so clear."

The practice is a state of mind rather than a philosophy, Lencevicius, a computer science graduate student, said.

"It is receiving every moment, moment after moment, and discovering what is your relation to the world," he said.

The group is guided by the Precepts, which are the canons of the Zen philosophy, said Michael Bean, technical writer and local resident.

"[They are] a set of technical guidelines ... and I've found them to be very inspiring. They're similar to the [Ten] Commandments — abstaining from killing, ab-

staining from stealing," he said.

According to senior environmental studies major Jacob Newell, the Precepts are flexible guideposts rather than concrete laws like the commandments. For example, there are certain instances when lying may be acceptable, he said.

"If you are in a forest and see a rabbit and later see a hunter in a Patagonia jacket and an expensive rifle ... who asks you if you've seen a rabbit, if you tell the truth then the rabbit loses his life," he said. "You have to know when the Precepts are closed and know when they're open."

Zen traces its origins from Chinese and Japanese religions, said senior religious studies major Jeff Scharetz. "The original word actually means meditation," he said. "[Zen is] coming out of reviving the meditation. The sitting is the religion."

The group is spiritually beneficial and has made an impact on his life, Bean said.

"I've been feeling kind of unsettled, and I thought that this would be a good place to be to experience peace and bring peace to other areas of my life," he said.

Zen has helped put his own life into perspective, Newell said.

"True Zen practice is asking, 'Who am I, why am I here right now, what is my situation, and what is my function in the world?'" he said.

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PRESENTS

### YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

BY LINDA C. BLACK

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

- Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 10 - You're very lucky. Get out of your rut for a while. A change of scene will help you regain your objectivity. But don't get involved in an expensive romance; that could spell trouble. An old friend is a better choice.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 4 - Your suspicions may be true, but don't tell anybody yet. You might get a friend into trouble. Somebody may be pushing you to do something you don't want to do. If it concerns money, stall. It will be easier to be practical in a couple of days.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 9 - You can get what you want if you act now. Make contact with a person who's either far away or would like to go there with you. Start planning a trip. Later tonight, don't let news from a distance bother you. A misunderstanding may clear up naturally.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 3 - Don't let a nervous person throw you off stride. Do your job at your own pace and you'll get done sooner. If you have business with a big company or educational institution, see if you can put it off for a while. Tonight, finish paperwork you've been avoiding.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 9 - Get rid of the tensions you've built up by talking things over with friends. Don't let something you can't change mess up a good relationship. If your sweetheart has an obnoxious characteristic, accept it and it'll become less noticeable.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 6 - You may be interrupted a thousand times today. Do what you can, and don't worry if you can't do it all. The worst jobs may have to wait. Tonight, earn a new way of dealing with an old problem. Don't let your feelings get hurt by a thoughtless remark.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Today is a 9 - There is a very interesting, amusing and philosophically significant conversation to be found today. Don't forget to finish your work, too. Travel tonight could be complicated, but worth it. If you're going to visit a sibling, allow plenty of time.
- Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 4 - Try to spend the day with people who will do all the talking. You can be the amused audience. That way, you won't accidentally give away a big secret. If you're in a romance with a person who can help your career, keep quiet about that, too.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 9 - If you don't agree with an interesting person, so much the better. The discussion could go on all night and even turn into romance, if appropriate. If you have to travel today, watch where everybody's going. People could get their signals crossed.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 3 - Today, you may have to suffer incessant questions from people who don't understand what you're doing. You could get contradictory orders, too. If you get a cold shoulder instead of a smile, however, your friend may simply be lost in thought.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 10 - You're hot! Push to finish something this morning, before the boss finds out it isn't already done. Put together an interesting batch of old and new friends tonight. A person from far away is a valuable addition to your group.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 5 - Do what you already know will work this morning instead of waiting for directions. In romance, it's a good day to make a decision. A date for lunch is interesting, if somewhat confusing. If you can't get a commitment, make one yourself.

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- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp red chili paste (at Asian food stores)

Soak 4 bamboo skewers in water for 1/2 hour.

Sauté 2 Tbsp minced onion in 1 Tbsp peanut oil for 1 min. on medium heat.

Add:

- 1 tsp red chili paste
- 1 Tbsp white wine
- 1/4 cup chicken stock
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp shredded coconut

Bring to a boil. Turn down then add:

- 3 Tbsp crunchy peanut butter
- 3 Tbsp sweetened condensed milk
- 1 Tbsp lime juice

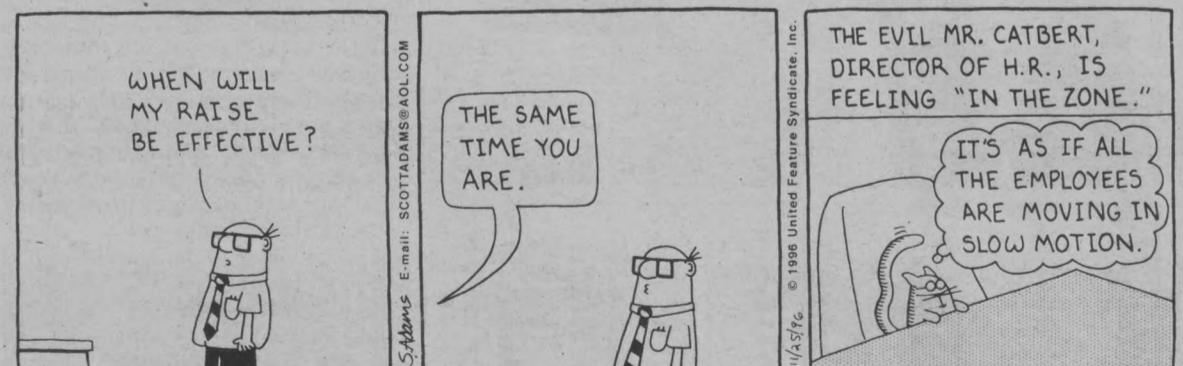
Blend and simmer gently for 2-3 min. Keep warm.

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Serve 1 skewer each with peanut sauce on the side. Serves 4.

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# OPINION

"Strange humans."

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### Is Nothing Sacred?

State's Plan to Put Bike Trail Over Chumash Burial Grounds Ill-Advised

#### Editorial

Soon, for the third time this year, state officials will go before Carpinteria's Planning Commission and propose that a 12-foot-wide bike trail be built through the city's State Beach Park — which itself rests atop a Chumash burial ground. The Chumash are upset, and they should not be alone in this.

Apparently, the Chumash, in an effort to keep the sanctity of their ancestors' final resting place secure from an often prying public, had kept the location of the burial grounds somewhat under wraps until a meeting with state park officials in June. Before the Chumash revelation, the bike trail plan had been twice rejected by Carpinteria on the grounds that it would require the removal of some 84 trees and possibly endanger a species of tidewater fish living in Carpinteria Creek.

While the state's third proposal accommodates the city's earlier concerns by rerouting the path so as to spare 28 of the trees and avoid the west end of the park entirely, no reasonable compromise can be reached on the issue of the burial grounds. The state's best offer so far — to leave the asphalt trail ungraded and seed a plant "fence" along its open

stretches — still smacks of insensitivity, as does the state's rationale for its inability to offer further concessions: that the proposed site remains a public park.

Public park or no public park, laying down a recreational bikepath over a cemetery approaches the apex of poor taste. In this day and age, Native Americans, so long abused by our nation's expansionist policies and attendant cultural arrogance, should at last have their concerns heeded by those in positions of power. It is bad enough for the Chumash that America stole the land of their forefathers, and it is unconscionable that it would turn their graves into a recreational park.

We would hope that state officials abandon their ill-advised plan, or that the city of Carpinteria retains the good sense it displayed in ruling out the state's two previous plans to reject a third.

Although state landscape planners claim their measures would better protect the site from erosion than leaving the land be, the damage done to the burial grounds' sanctity and to the Chumash community, we think, would be irreparable. In this case, living with no bike trail at all is preferable to cemetery desecration.

#### Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Just take a few minutes out of your day and we will allow us to take the pulse of the community. And remember, after all is said and done, we want to hear from you.

#### The Questions (check off)

1. Are you satisfied with your Opinion column?
2. Are you satisfied with your range of topics?
3. Do you read the editorial?
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6. Would you like to see more 209 pages?
7. Would you like to see better 209 pages?
8. Would you like to see both?
9. Would you like a vacation from the news?
10. Do our artists kick ass?

Please return this page to the editor.

or, e-mail your comments to the editor.

#### The Reader's Voice

##### Barely Aware

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Hey vigilettes! How was your "homeless awareness vigil"? Cold and wet? I'm glad you learned something, but don't overrate your new "awareness."



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How complete was your one-night adventure? Did you get an illegal sleeping ticket? Illegal camping? Public urination? Will these go to warrants and then jail, because you have no money to pay them? Will you get assaulted while serving your time? Was your night outdoors preceded by a few months of malnutrition?

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## Advice

bies, etc., with no place to shower and apply the medicinal soap or shampoo. You didn't have to choose between sleeping alone or with a "safe buddy," who may really be a clever psychopath. You also haven't had to beg, day after day, while waiting for assistance to help you rebuild your life or medically retire if disabled.

Hey vigilettes! A little awareness is better than none. This letter is designed to give you a little more, not the whole picture. You have to really live it to really understand.

Meanwhile, imagine being completely homeless (no vehicle or storage shed) while physically disabled, sane and sober, in a region much harder or harsher than I.V. or Santa Barbara. This was a real part of my past, and nobody helped me because I was unavoidably ragged-looking. I hope this helps your "awareness."

BRENT BAKER

## 209 Attacks

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing to respond to Michael Aracic (Daily Nexus, "The Reader's Voice," Nov. 12) and Travis Moon (Daily Nexus, "The People Have Spoken — They Want 209," Nov. 13). Both authors suggest that because 209 passed, people should be happy with the decision. Aracic states: "The voters of one of the most diverse states in this country voted by a large margin to say 'no' to preferential treatment." Actually, this is not altogether true.

The "voters" voted to end Affirmative Action for women and people of color and to keep in place preferences for whites and males who have privilege. Proposition 209 passed by a margin of 54 percent to 46 percent. Although a sizable majority, Prop 209 did not enjoy the huge margin of victory of other propositions on the ballot.

But why did Prop 209 pass? One of the reasons was the wording of the ballot. I would argue that the wording of the ballot was deceptive. It suggested that greater fairness and a level playing field would result

from the passage of this legislation. In fact, Prop 209 does just the opposite.

It ensures less diversity at the University of California and other state institutions and does not correct for the preferences of privilege, particularly white privilege, which allows some people access and locks others out. People of color and even a few women realized this was true, as demonstrated by their voting patterns.

When Aracic talks about the diversity of this state, he should take another look at how people of color and women voted in this election. According to exit polling conducted by the *Los Angeles Times* and published two days after the election, people of color voted against 209 in sizeable numbers.



Blacks voted against it by 74 percent, Latinos and Chicanos by 76 percent and Asians by 69 percent.

People of color realized that Prop 209 was an attack on their ability to fight discrimination in this society, and they used the ballot box to express their dissent. Women also voted against 209, but in much smaller numbers — about 52 percent. In addition, I do not want to leave out those progressive white males (aka liberals) who voted against 209 by 80 percent.

Well, if all of these folks voted against 209, who voted for it? According to the

Times poll, those who were white, male and rich were more likely to vote for the measure than those who were nonwhite, female and poor. In short, those with the "preference" of privilege voted for it.

Proposition 209 passed because there was a low voter turnout and whites were 75 percent of the electorate. In addition, it passed because moderates voted for 209 by about 54 percent. I believe at least six to 10 percent of those moderates might have voted against this deceptive measure had they realized it was anti-Affirmative Action, anti-women, anti-people of color and NOT about civil rights.

Travis Moon suggests that he is troubled by the dissent and reaction of people to the

racist and sexist. I turn his attention to the Constitution of the United States, our most important piece of legislation, ratified through a "democratic process," that stated that blacks were only three-fifths of a person. In addition, over the history of the United States, various laws have been passed that have targeted women and people of color in order to subordinate them.

In fact, many times this country has made some progress on issues of civil and human rights and then turned back the clock. For instance, after slavery ended following the Civil War, blacks made tremendous gains in both politics and education for decades until the "democratic" electoral process allowed a political compromise that cost blacks their civil rights for almost the next 100 years.

This compromise began Jim Crow segregation in the South. The civil rights progress of African-Americans largely ended until the civil rights movement in the '60s came about.

Travis Moon and others like him need to be reminded that this movement included people who challenged these "democratic" segregation laws. It is preposterous to suggest that those who fought, sued and marched against these laws were in the wrong. Indeed, today we see them as heroes.

Proposition 209 is a modern-day attempt to turn back the clock on civil and human rights. I am convinced that those who work against 209 and defy such racist and sexist laws will also one day be counted as some of the nation's heroes.

TRAVIS DIXON

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## TA'S

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campus groups that support unionization," he said, referring to groups such as Associated Students and the UC Student Association.

Among the more vocal protesters was dramatic art graduate student Andy Cuk, who presented a number of reasons why recognition is needed, including the need to provide better teaching for undergraduates.

"When we're overworked, you're undertaught. You don't get the quality education you're paying for," he said. "We are both students and workers. When we give what we truly want to give our students, we feel bad."

Cuk asked the crowd questions to prove the mistreatment of teaching assistants by the University and the activism of the union.

"Did the UC give us health insurance?" he asked.

"No, the union did!" shouted out a protester in response.

Cuk also pointed out the large amount of money the University has put into court battles with the union.

"Ask the UC why they spent \$1.5 million to fight the union last year," he said, emphasizing how the money for legal fees could have instead been used to pay TAs.

Graduate Student Association adviser and Associate Dean of Students Naomi Johnson attended the event as a silent observer.

"I think the grad student TAs have a number of concerns and issues that are very real — TA teaching load, teacher's training, and TA assignments," she said.

During the open-mic session, Judy Kirscht, Writing Program lecturer and representative for the University Council of the American Federation of Teachers and the board of the University Lecturers Union, spoke about her union's long struggle to gain recognition of its collective bargaining rights.

"We were five years in the courts and two years at the bargaining table. ... Having a union for teachers doesn't undermine the quality of education. We are the ones that ensure it," she said.

A couple of undergrad students also took the microphone in support of the protest.

"These TAs are overworked. ... They need your support," said A.S. Rep-at-Large Dan Schneider, appealing to the small number of onlookers.

"You are our closest link," he added, commenting that students communicate more with their TAs than with their professors.

Protesters were to begin discussions of striking if the University did not give recognition by 5 p.m. Friday, according to an announcement made by ASE/UAW staff member Ted Coe at the event.

As of press time, neither a decision from the UC nor a plan of action by the ASE/UAW had been made public.

"We haven't heard any details from any of the other campuses," Hughes said.

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 M(12-4); T(10-12); W(10-3); Th(10-4); F(11-1)

- Cholesterol tests (Total = \$8.30; Panel = \$12.70)
- Free blood pressure measurements

**SHS** Student Health Services

**Monday, Nov. 25**

**All week** — Free blood pressure and minimum fee cholesterol tests at the Heart Care Clinic in SHS Lobby: M 12-4; T 10-12; Wed 10-3

**All week** — Automotive Enthusiasts! Interested in wrenching, autocrossing, dragging, rallying, road racing or just meeting and yacking/ Join the Sports Car Club! Contact Jared Holstein at 968-1540 or wholsj00@mcl.ucsb.edu for more info

**All week** — Ski Club is going to Canada! A Spots still available! Payment deadline extended to Nov. 27. Sign up in front of UCen M-F 10-2

**All week** — Pick up your Golden Key certificate at CAC if you missed the reception, we are only keeping them until the end of the quarter

**8-9 am** — Student Fee Advisory Committee meeting, Cheadle 1140

**11-11-50 am** — Office hours of Shadi Alai — Student Advocate. Will advocate any and all student concerns and issues, where the student is the plaintiff against the University. UCen 2519

**12-1 pm** — Lunch and learn: Child birth and child rearing; the traditional Jewish perspective, UCen Goleta Valley

**12:30-2 pm** — A.S. Lobby meeting, A.S. conf rm

**4 pm** — A.S. Finance Board meeting, UCen State St.

**4:30 pm** — A.S. Program Board meeting, UCen Flying A

**5 pm** — Join us in planning this year's Take Back the Night event scheduled for April 1997. Event educates people about sexual assault and violence toward women. ESAC, next door to Women's Center

**5 pm** — Akanke: last meeting of the year! Learn more about Kwanzaa and a business internship, Women's Center

**5:15 pm** — KCSB Radio News staff/informational meetings, new staff always welcome. KCSB room, under Storke Tower

**5:30 pm** — Learn about KCSB Sports Radio, under Storke Tower

**6 pm** — A.S. SCORE meeting, come find out who we are, A.S. conf rm

**6 pm** — A.S. Elections Committee meeting, CAB office

**7-9 pm** — K.P. Christmas Social, come and see your friends before you leave for the Holidays! UCen Flying A

**8 pm** — Bible study at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 6550 Picasso

**Tuesday, Nov. 26**

**5 pm** — Rotaract Club general info meeting, find out how to be part of this world-wide service organization, UCen S.B. Mission

**5:30-7 pm** — A.S. Community Affairs Board meeting, volunteer to reach new heights! UCen 2523

**6 pm** — Baha'i Club: the common foundation of all religions... does this interest you? Come find out! UCen Chumash

**6:25-8:30 pm** — Zen Sitting Group meeting: sitting and walking Zen meditation. Beginners are welcome. Tea, cookies and informal discussion after practice. Girv 1108

**6:30 pm** — NOW general meeting: new members welcome (male and female), Women's Center

**7 pm** — A.S. Environmental Affairs Board meeting, Broida 2015

**7 pm** — Veterinary Medicine Student Assoc: come learn about how to get into vet school or just see how you can get closer to animals. Great speakers and more! Phelps 1416

**8 pm** — Irish Club last meeting for quarter, come learn about upcoming events, t-shirts on sale, all welcome! Girv 2116

**9 pm** — Movie: Nightmare before Christmas, get in FREE with donation of canned food to benefit S.B. Shelter Services, I.V. Theater

**9 pm** — Ski/Snowboard Team: mandatory meeting 11/26 & 12/3: if you want to compete must be at both meetings. if you have a problem give the officers a call. UCen Flying A

**Wednesday, Nov. 27**

**11 am** — A.S. Women's Commission meeting, Women's Center

**11-11-50 am** — Office hours of Shadi Alai — Student Advocate. Will advocate any and all student concerns and issues, where the student is the plaintiff against the University. UCen 2519

**Thursday, Nov. 28**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**7 pm** — Korean Christian Fellowship: come join us in our worship and fellowship, Psych 1824

**Sunday, Dec. 1**

**4-5 pm** — SIA: support group for survivors of sexual abuse, incest and rape, Cottage Care Hospital

**Tuesday, Dec. 3**

**Today** — Scuba Club general meeting today, call hotline for more info 893-8739

**6 pm** — Baha'i Club: come find out what some of our beliefs are! UCen Chumash

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**

**12-1 pm** — Professional Women's Assoc: Jonathan Robinson, speaker, "Mastering the One minute relationship" UCen Lobero

**8 pm** — Surfrider Foundation: end the quarter on a high note! Help keep the green room blue! see you there, HSSB 1174

**Sunday, Dec. 8**

**4-5 pm** — SIA: support group for survivors of sexual abuse, Cottage Care Hospital

**Friday, Dec. 13**

**4:30-6:30 pm** — Prof Women's Assoc: contact Peggy Hergenroether, 893-2101 to receive a child's wish list, Fiesta Room, FT

**Sunday, Dec. 15**

**4-5 pm** — SIA: support group for survivors of sexual abuse, Cottage Care Hospital

**Happy Thanksgiving!  
 Good Luck on Finals!  
 & Have a Great Break!  
 See You in January**