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Woody Harrelson speaks tonight in Campbell Hall at 7 on "Simple Organic Living." Free tickets are available at the A.S. Ticket Office.



Reefer Madness

The U.S. Supreme Court infringes on state and patient rights in its 8-0 decision banning the distribution of medical marijuana.

See Opinion p.6



UCSB Tramples Bruins

The #20 UCSB baseball team avenged an earlier loss to UCLA with a 10-4 win Tuesday afternoon.

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UC Regents To Consider SP-1 Repeal at Meeting

Admissions Policy Change Would Not Affect Prop 209 Statewide Ban

BY JENNIFER BENTLEY Reporter

The University of California Board of Regents will convene today in San Francisco to decide whether Affirmative Action will be brought back as part of the UC admissions policy.

Standing Policy 1 (SP-1) overturned Affirmative Action in the UC system shortly before California voters passed Prop 209, which ended Affirmative Action statewide. Under the SP-1 guidelines, campuses cannot use race, sex or creed as a basis for admitting students. If the regents repeal SP-1, which is the first item on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting, Affirmative Action would still be banned under Prop 209.



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- Edith Sargon **UCSB** external vice president for statewide affairs

groups, such as the UC Student Association and student regents supporting SP-1, have lobbied to get it on the board's agenda. The board intended to discuss the policy in its March meeting.

"It's a really controversial issue. It's the first time in a long time that the regents have been faced with an issue when it's clear there is a huge number of students asking for the policy to be UCSB repealed," External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Edith Sargon said. "We're trying to hold them accountable. It's one of the few times that the regents are being forced to answer to the students."

The delay, UC Office President of the spokesperson Tray Davis

See SP-1, p.8

Regents set a precedent by

Campus Comment: Should the UC

repealing SP-1? See p.9

Police Arrest Carpinteria Man for Murdering Woman After Dispute

Authorities Respond to 911 Call, Find Victim Shot

> BY JENNIFER B. SIVERTS Staff Writer

A 70-year-old male Carpinteria resident allegedly shot and killed a 37year-old female after a domestic dispute Monday evening.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dispatch received a 911 call at 5:03 p.m. from the suspect, Charles Watson Ford. Ford told dispatchers he had shot and killed someone and was going to kill himself at his Elm Street residence.

Dispatchers kept Ford on the telephone while deputies responded to the scene. Upon their arrival, deputies evacuated approximately 15 to 20 residents at an apartment complex across the street from the scene, and approximately 10 to 15 people who were present at a nearby skatepark and Amtrak

stop, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Public Information Officer Lt. Mike Burridge said.

"This residence is the last one on Elm Street, just south of the Amtrak stop. The train stop and the skatepark are about 50 yards away. Both places at this time in the evening can have a lot of people present," Burridge said. "We evacuated immediately, because at that point you don't know what the suspect is capable of, what his intentions are or what his next move is going to be. You have to do what you can to protect the people in the surrounding area."

Once the perimeter of the residence was almost secure, Ford told dispatchers he was going to exit his home and surrender to deputies. At 5:38 p.m., the suspect emerged from his residence naked - not at the request of deputies and was taken into custody immediately. According to Carpinteria Station Lt. Butch Arnoldi, Ford appeared to

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Tribal Rhythms

Shane Zotigh, a member of the Native-American Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma, performs a traditional warrior dance for approximately 100 people outside of the Women's Center on Tuesday afternoon as part of National American Indian Culture Week.

Mentor Program Aims to Help Young Latinos

BY BRENDA CASTILLO Reporter

A program involving UCSB students and professors aims to give Latino students in local elementary schools a head start in studying their future.

Next fall, Latino elementary school students in the Santa Barbara area and their families will be targeted as part of Engaging Latino Communities for Education (ENLACE). The program pairs up elementary school students with students and professors at UCSB and Santa Barbara City College and community members for four

The goal is to help Latinos in Ventura, Oxnard and Santa Barbara raise high school academic performances and obtain access to

[The students] need to know that they are not dumb, but limited. ... Our job is not to make miracles. They are smart. We just need to give them the extra push.

> - Susana Coracero Sociology 194 student

higher education, project coordinator Rufina Cortez said. An estimated 54 to 90 families — which must be a first-generation U.S. family and have a sixth-grader with other siblings - will be eligible for the program. Specific families will not be chosen

See ENLACE, p.10

Regulators Draw Up New Power Rate Plan



SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - State power regulators decided Tuesday how to divvy up the biggest electric rate hike in California history, boosting rates by as much as 80 percent for residential customers who

use the most power. More than half of the residential ratepayers served by the state's two largest utilities will see no increase at all in their rates. But for those who consume the most, the new rates translate into an average increase of \$85 per month for electricity.

The plan, approved 3-2 by the state Public Utilities Commission, affects about 9 million customers of the state's two largest utilities, Pacific Gas and Electric Southern and California Edison Co.

The new rates, which will appear on June bills, were approved seven

benefits for lower-income people.

dated a \$5 billion rate percent increase. hike. The plan's passage came after a week of intense lobbying by industrial, commercial, agricultural and residential groups - all trying to influence how the PUC would allocate the rate

average rate increase for all residential customers of the two utili-

weeks after the PUC man-kilowatt hour. That's an 80

That translates into an average increase of \$85 from \$232 to \$317 — on monthly bills.

For Edison's heaviest residential users, the rate hike is 71 percent — or an average increase from \$194 to \$265 on monthly bills.

Industrial customers of PG&E and Edison face rate hikes of about 50 per"It has got ramifications well beyond anything that we can begin to understand."

Tuesday's vote took place amid the jeers of protesters, who wore tombstone-shaped placards that read: "R.I.P. Affordable Energy."

The final plan was a revised version of the plan released by PUC President Loretta Lynch last week. Lynch reworked her plan after an outcry from businesses proclaiming the proposed rate hikes would doom California's economy and a critical statement from Gov. Gray Davis.

Since it unanimously approved rate hikes in March, the PUC has crammed a year's worth of work into six weeks, struggling to fashion rates that simultaneously recoup the \$5.2 billion the state has spent buying power for the customers of the state's two largest utilities and trigger enough conservation to help fend off some of this summer's expected

This is probably the worst economic calamity the state has ever seen.

Senate Committee Approves Tax Cut Package

Finance

 David Marshall Gregg Industries chief financial officer

ties is 19 percent. But lowincome ratepayers and those who use the least electricity will face no rate hike at all.

The biggest losers are the biggest users.

Residential ratepayers are divided into five tiers, and those in PG&E's top tier — about 9 percent of that utility's residential customers — will see electric rates jump from 14.3 cents to 25.8 cents per iron foundry in El Monte. rolling blackouts.

WASHINGTON (AP) -

approve a bipartisan tax cut

package after supporters

fought off amendments

pushed by outnumbered

Democrats to increase the

Senate Committee voted Tuesday to cent, while commercial and agricultural ratepayers will see less significant increases.

The increases will be retroactive to March 27 the day the record rate hikes were approved.

"This is probably the worst economic calamity the state has ever seen," said David Marshall, chief financial officer at Gregg Industries, a 400-person

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Wire Shorts

jections.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The envoys President George W. Bush sent to Europe and Asia to sound out allies and others on missile defense heard pretty much what the previous administration had heard: skepticism, and lots of it.

The 14-6 vote cleared the way for the 11-year, \$1.35 trillion bill to reach the Senate floor, with debate to begin

Thursday and final votes on Monday. Republican leaders

hope to reach a rapid final tax cut deal with the House

and get the bill to President George W. Bush by

Senate," said Sen. Charles Grassley, the committee chair.

joined in opposing many amendments and on the final

vote by four of the 10 Democrats: Sens. Max Baucus of

Montana, John Breaux of Louisiana, Robert Torricelli of

"This is a starting point, not the final," Breaux said.

New Jersey and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas.

"We are a long ways from getting a final product."

"We hope to move the bill very quickly through the

Grassley and the panel's other nine Republicans were

There were a few isolated voices of support, but it is clear the administration has more explaining to do before it convinces the rest of the world that it is time to build an anti-missile shield.

Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said Tuesday as the final stop on the consultation tour was ending in Ottawa that the reaction abroad had been mixed.

"There was some positive reaction and a sense of, 'Yes, this is doable,'" he said. The positive reactions came in Australia and Poland, he said, while acknowledging that others were skeptical. He did not indicate whether the questions and skepticism had changed the views of Rumsfeld, who is a driving force behind the administration's effort to build a missile defense.

"We'll factor their comments and reactions into our thinking and see where we go from there," Quigley said.

The bill, which contains the core of Bush's original tax

cut plan, would slash income taxes across the board, cre-

ating a new 10 percent rate for a portion of every taxpay-

er's income, retroactive to Jan. 1, as an economic stimu-

lus. The top 39.6 percent income tax rate would drop to

36 percent and most other rates would fall by three per-

Among other things, the measure would also gradual-

ly repeal the estate tax, ease the marriage penalty paid by

millions of two-income couples by 2010, gradually dou-

ble the \$500 child credit and expand tax-favored contri-

Democratic amendments intended to boost the immedi-

ate economic stimulus, reduce the 15 percent rate to 14

percent, accelerate the pace of marriage penalty relief and

delay cuts in the top 39.6 percent tax rate until Congress

had passed a universal prescription drug benefit under

Daschle of South Dakota, were sharply critical of the

legislation as tilted toward the wealthy, too costly and

unwise given the uncertainty of long-term budget pro-

Some Democrats, including Minority Leader Tom

The Finance Committee on Tuesday defeated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, still trying to resuscitate the weak economy, cut interest rates a half point further Tuesday, pushing borrowing costs for millions of Americans to the lowest level in

It was the Fed's fifth half-point reduction this year, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, speaking for Defense extending a rapid-fire string of moves in its most aggressive easing campaign under Chair Alan Greenspan.

Since the first of the year, the central bank has pushed its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, from 6.5 percent down to

Economists said the Fed clearly signaled in a brief statement that it was prepared to cut rates even further. Many predicted another reduction at the next meeting on June 26-27.

Weather

Fat people can drink a lot.

I'm not basing this argument on simple logic, or even the cruel stereotypes surrounding those drunken porkchops wearing mumus at the Orchid Bowl.

got my hands on a "Blood Alcohol Educator" CD-ROM, courtesy of the Sheriff's Dept.

The game asks you to pick a gender and weight, and then lets you go to town on a full virtual-bar. You control how fast you drink, and the game shows you how your blood alcohol content changes.

Naturally, I chose to take some heifers out for a few drinks. Here are a few of the highlights:

- A 400-lb. man (I call him Chachi) drank 36
- beers in 17 minutes before slipping into a coma. A 400-lb. female (I call her Mona) drank 27 airline miniatures in 13 minutes before flatlining.

Thanks for a great night, Sheriff Thomas.

Wednesday's forecast: It's all fun and games (for 17 minutes) until Chachi slips into another coma.

Police Report

Cognac: Is It in You?

At approximately 12:16 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers patrolling the 6600 block of Del Playa Drive observed a 19-year-old male stumbling in front of a residence.

The suspect was carrying an open bottle of Rémy Martin cognac. When contacted by the officers, the suspect appeared to be confused and disoriented.

Officers then noticed the suspect had an unsteady gait as they walked him to the curb. The suspect told the officers he was going to walk approximately five miles home to his residence.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the IVFP station. While at the station, the suspect became very depressed and began to cry

The suspect was transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed pending sobriety.

No Shirt, No Shoe, No Chance

At approximately 2:43 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, IVFP officers investigating a report of a fight in progress at a residence on the 6700 block of Trigo Road were directed to a 20-year-old suspect who had been involved in the fight.

The suspect told the officers he was going to spend the night at the apartment where the fight had occurred. The resident of the apartment was concerned there may be another incident and asked the suspect to leave.

The suspect went outside to attempt to find his lost shoe and shirt. The suspect admitted to having been involved in several fights and told the officers that his shoe was stolen from him. The suspect then explained his level of intox-

Stories from the files of Isla Vista Foot Patrol. ication to the officers by saying, "I didn't come here to read a book. Yeah, I'm wasted"

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed pending sobriety.

Rebel Without a Clue

At approximately 12:22 a.m. on Friday, May 11, IVFP officers enforcing a noise violation on the 6500 block of Del Playa Road observed occupants at the party being uncooperative and throwing beer onto passersby from the balcony.

Officers contacted a male subject who was holding a beer and asked him for his identification. A 24-year-old male 'suspect interrupted the officers, demanding they leave his residence and telling the other male subject not to provide identification.

The suspect began to yell profanities at one of the officers and moved close enough to bump the officer. Another officer moved the suspect away from the officer. The suspect was holding a beer, so the officers checked his identification to verify he was of age and told the suspect to stay inside the residence.

Shortly after, the suspect exited the residence and continued to yell profanities at the officers. When the officer obtained the suspect and told him he was under arrest, the suspect immediately tensed and refused to cooperate. One small burst of mace was used, which terminated his resistance.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed pending sobriety.

— Compiled by Jennifer B. Siverts from the Isla Vista Foot Patrol Reports

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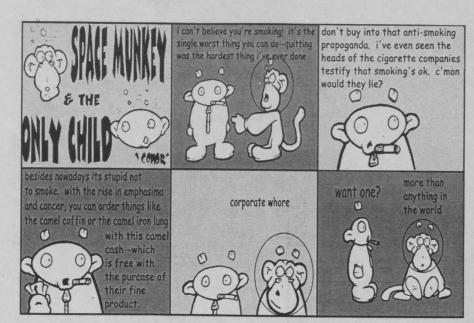


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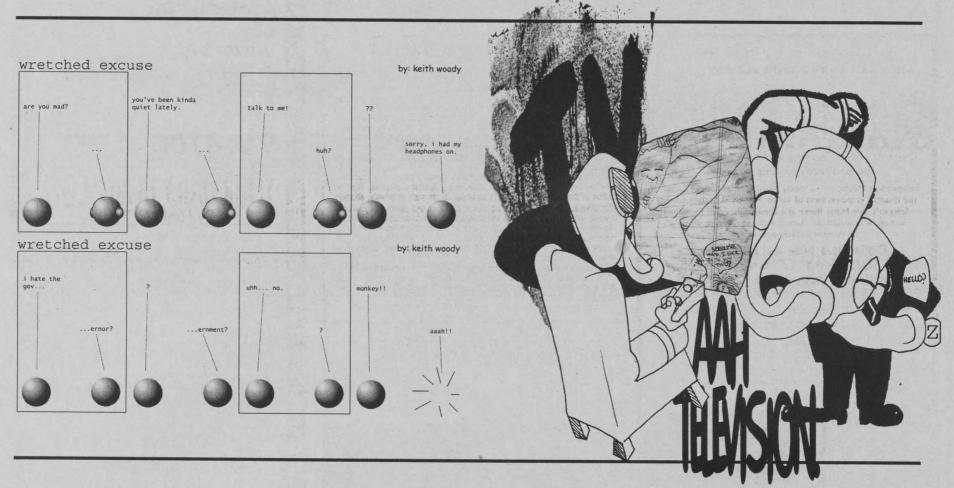


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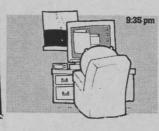














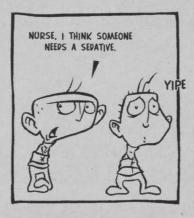




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MURDER

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have symptoms of alcohol intoxication when he emerged from the res-

"He was extremely intoxicated, in fact when he was ordered out of the house, he fell down face forward and scraped his face across the driveway pretty badly," Arnoldi said. "When he fell there were no deputies within 25 feet of him, so it's not even questionable as to whether the injury may have been caused if he had been pushed to the ground."

When deputies entered the residence, they located a deceased female lying on a bed in one of the bedrooms with an apparent gunshot wound. Deputies also discovered a 6inch stainless-steel .357-magnum handgun in the living room. Arnoldi

said authorities have identified the woman, however her name will not

Basically it was a domestic dispute and the gentleman was angered because the lady wanted to terminate the relationship, so he decided to shoot her and threatened to shoot himself as well.

> - Butch Arnoldi Carpinteria station lieutenant

be released, until the next of kin is

"Basically it was a domestic dispute and the gentleman was angered because the lady wanted to terminate the relationship, so he decided to shoot her and threatened to shoot himself as well," he said.

There is one other male subject who resides at the Elm Street location, but he was not present at the time of the shooting, Arnoldi said.

"There was one witness to the incident who was at the skatepark and heard the gunshot, but he didn't come forward until later on," he said.

According to the Sheriff's Dept. records, Ford has no previous criminal history. He has been cooperative since his arrest and was booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail on one count of murder, with no chance

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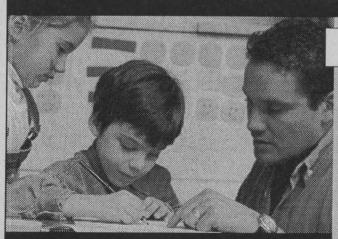
We will consider what advocates of an original intent approach to interpreting the Constitution like Robert Bork would say about the death penalty. Then we will investigate whether Ronald Dworkin's approach with its stress on unwritten principles can provide grounds for declaring capital punishment unconstitutional. This will lead us into a comparison of the merits of Dworkin's general theory of jurisprudence with H.La. Hart's rule-based approach to the law. Then we will look at how advocates of Legal Realism and Critical Legal Studies movements would criticize Dworkin's approach to the law.

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This course is highly recommended for pre-law students as well as those with an interest in public policy issues. The student's grade will be a result of two multiple choice tests and a short paper. The course prerequisites for this course, have been waived, but students who don't meet the original requirements won't be able to RBT unless they email the instructor for an add code at dbh1@umail.ucsb.edu

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Today's Birthday (May 16). Review your budget this year and plug up the leaks. Waste less, and you'll have more to play with in May. A brilliant idea makes you wealthier in June. In July, offer friends advice instead of cash. They'll return the favor by helping you work smarter in September and October. Changes affect your cash flow in December, so stay alert. Don't quit your day job, which pays well in February. Let yourself splurge for a good cause in March.

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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 5 - You may be in the mood for love, but it's hard to make the connection. Your own worries aren't helping, but they may be hard to ignore. Slow down, and don't push. Do more listening than talking, even if you don't feel like it

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Your best-laid plans are in for a few changes. Something you ordered costs more than you thought, or it doesn't turn out as imagined. The

show will go on. Change your expectations.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You've got what seems like a great idea, but it's hard to sell. Others seem to block you every inch of the way. Maybe in your excitement, you forgot to find out if this fits in with what they want. Better

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Others are struggling, frustrated, grumpy. You're a natural nurturer. If you're a good cook, too, there's your opening. Provide good, healthy food. Otherwise they may forget to eat, and that makes them

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - It might seem like your forward motion is blocked, and it is. This is a temporary condition that will last through tomorrow. Part of the problem is that you're having bigger fantasies than usual. You want

things you can't afford, yet. Use this as motivation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Do you get to travel or take a class while your mate has to stay behind? Work and family responsibilities seem to be getting in your partner's way, but your path is clear. Take lots of photos or good notes.

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You can share everything when you get back home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 6 - Focus on your work, especially the creative part. Your goal shouldn't be travel or education yet. First, pay off an old debt. You have no idea how much freer and wiser you'll feel, unless you've done this before. before

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Provide a soft shoulder for a loved one. Things are going well for you, but someone you love has troubles. This might be a child, but you'll know who. It's the person who looks as if they could

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Are you arguing about a household matter with your mate or roommate? Roommates include dogs, cats, fish and houseplants. If you're not aware of a problem, ask. You could get an earful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - There's

more on your to-do list than you could ever accomplish in one day. Instead of going faster, slow down. Pushing isn't going to help, and it might make matters worse. If you hold still, what

you want will come to you quicker.

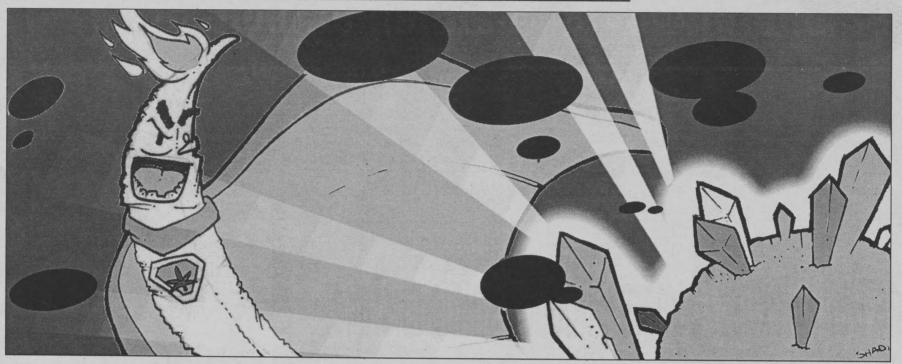
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Just do whatever is required, and don't make waves. There's enough confusion already. Don't bring up the topic of money. Don't worry about it, either. If you think you need more, get a book that

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - This is a frus- \mathcal{S} trating day. Even if you're right, which is quite possible, it's hard to get what you want. But you can keep others from doing what you don't want, and there's some satisfaction in

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Up in Smoke

U.S. Supreme Court's Decision To Ban Medical Marijuana Usurps the Rights of California's Chronically III

he ruling has been made and D.A.R.E. would be proud. On Monday, our nation's highest court unanimously said "no" to marijuana. The decision is an affront to California's sovereignty, but more significantly, it leaves California's gravely ill - many of whom rely on marijuana to ease chronic pain and nausea — with few legal remedies.

The conservative U.S. Supreme Court has once again allowed federal law to trump states' rights. In this case, the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Co-op was sued for distributing marijuana to the seriously ill. The co-op claimed these patients had a "medical necessity" that usurped federal drug laws banning distribution of cannabis. The justices disagreed. In an 8-0 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that federal law absolutely prohibits the distribution of marijuana throughout the United States, even in the case of seriously ill patients, and thereby invalidates measures adopted in California and eight other states. The high court ruled that "medical necessity" is no defense to the distribution or use of drugs — such as marijuana, ecstasy and heroin classified "Schedule I" under the Controlled Substances Act 1970 (CSA). Although this ruling is a significant setback for the medical marijuana movement, it seems unlikely that it will completely derail efforts to provide pot as a medical option for the chronically ill. Where there is a will, there is a way.

California is a state forging a new direction in the War on Drugs. Proposition 215 passed with a significant majority in 1996 and was the first piece of legislation in the nation that allowed seriously ill people a right to obtain marijuana for medical purposes. In 2000, California voters overwhelmingly supported Prop 36, which endorsed drug treatment over incarceration. With such strong popular support for medical marijuana, it seems highly unlikely that California juries will persecute cancer or AIDS patients for resorting to cannabis to assuage their condition. In fact, with Prop 215 on the books, California's law enforcement officials are barred from arresting or prosecuting anyone with a doctor's recommendation for using medical marijuana. This leaves federal agents in sole charge of prosecuting medical marijuana use in California.

The Supreme Court's decision will do nothing more than cripple cannabis clubs such as the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Co-op — drive medical marijuana use further underground and intensify debate over its drug scheduling.

In 1970, marijuana was placed under Schedule I of the CSA, alongside all other drugs with no known medical use. But evidence is mounting and support is solidifying for the medical efficacy of pot. The California Medical Association argues that there are appropriate medical circumstances for the use of doctor-recommended marijuana. A 1999 study commissioned by the U.S. drug czar concluded that marijuana eases pain and nausea in cancer patients. It is becoming increasingly difficult for U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to ignore the logical, scientifically grounded arguments of medical marijuana advocates. Now is the time for him to consider rescheduling pot.

There is simply no justifiable reason why the demonization and irrational fear of massive cannabis distribution should interfere with both a state's right to regulate the health of its citizens and the intensely personal and painstaking decisions made by physicians and their chronically ill patients.

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The Reader's Voice

RE-28, REPEAL SP-1 AND SP-2

Editor, Daily Nexus:

We, the students of the University of California, have been fighting for the repeal of SP-1 and SP-2, which eliminated Affirmative Action, since their inception in 1995. Students have been mobilizing and organizing for the repeal of SP-1 and SP-2 because we feel that this action has created an unwelcoming environment for underrepresented students. The UC Student Association (UCSA) advocates on behalf of all UC students and has consistently expressed student opposition to these discriminatory policies.

Yes, it is true that Proposition 209 is in place in the state of California, but that does not mean that the board of regents can not take a stand against anti-Affirmative Action policies. To repeal SP-1 and SP-2 would be a symbolic and powerful action that would declare the UC system an open environment to all students of all backgrounds and hold the University true to its educational mission. With Resolution 28 (RE-28), the efforts of UCSA and students statewide will be lost because this resolution sidetracks the real issue at hand.

Resolution 28 is offensive to students because it states that it will replace both SP-1 and SP-2 while reaffirming every element of these policies. Again, we see that the regents have fallen short of listening to the students "requests that they eliminate SP-1." In the language of RE-28 it states that students were "proud" to have been admitted to the university without Affirmative Action. Yet this is solely because students who were qualified to be admitted were not, while others who were highly qualified did not even dare to apply because of the uninviting nature of the

THE UC REGENTS MUST REJECT University admissions process. Once again, the regents are twisting the student opinion with a diluted attempt to make us believe that they are taking a positive stand on Affirmative Action, but they are not rectifying their previous actions. Furthermore, RE-28 claims that the university has treated all students equally in the admissions process, when in reality, underrepresented admissions have dropped drastically systemwide.

Therefore we strongly urge the board of regents to vote no on RE-28 and vote yes on repealing SP-1 and SP-2. If the regents pass RE-28, they will reaffirm the perception that the University is an un-welcoming institution for underrepresented students. The time has come for the UC Regents to vote on repealing SP-1 and SP-2.

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THE SUPREME COURT BRINGS THE DRUG WAR TO PATIENTS' BEDSIDES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In this great nation of ours the Supreme Court is supposed to have the final word on the difficult legal issues of the day. On Monday, it ruled 8 to 0 that federal laws banning the sale or distribution of medical marijuana trump the rights of the states to promote the health of seriously ill

So why does this feel so unsatisfying, so incomplete? Perhaps because we have just witnessed the elevation of the sanctity of the War on Drugs to new, absurd heights. Now the right of seriously and terminally ill patients to seek the medication that helps them has taken a back seat to law enforcement's interest in making war on the casual marijuana user. This would be hilarious if it weren't so tragic.



The Supreme Court's decision is even United States as a nation of laws, not of what sick and dying people have said abo Court considered only the opinion of the foisting the War on Drugs on an increasi neither apolitical nor expert in the medica U.S. Congress.

Lastly, the Court's decision is based or existing law. Thanks to the decision, mar

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raduation Is the Time to Find Yourself — Then a Job

FLYNNE HUSTEIN

Are you sick of hearing the dreaded question, "What are you ng to do after you graduate?" I think this is a sore subject that y soon-to-be graduates share.

would say that a major problem is that many students don't e a clue what their future plans are, even in the short term. ne are fortunate enough to have an inkling of what field they t to pursue, but there are plenty that don't even know that h. What exacerbates the problem even more is the pressure raduating seniors to get everything figured out ASAP. As if e isn't already enough going on in the seniors' busy lives: tak-GREs, MCATs, LSATs and GMATs, the whole graduate ool application process, job interviews, etc. And, personally, I en't found those "inspirational" job-hunting books all that

at the gym I saw a guy wearing a shirt that said in big letters CENT GRADUATE," then underneath in smaller letters, y I take your order?" I, too, got caught up in the whole mess ot knowing what the hell I want to do, and the fact that I'll to make some kind of decision in the next few months used e a scary thought. After being bombarded by everyone from dentist to family friends, I concocted a generic answer along ines of, "No, not law school, I actually don't really know." It to the point where you're so sick of the dreaded question you get angry when people ask it, and then stressed because can't get your mind off of it. And isn't it the worst when e semi-random people offer you advice such as, "I think I really love being a [fill in the blank]. I have a friend that's at line of work and loves it."

ecently I received a call from my much older brother who d me how everything was going, and I found myself venting frustration on him. He gave me the best advice that I've d so far. He talked about how he rushed to get a steady job on as he graduated and wound up working a string of borinrewarding jobs for years. Then he finally fell into a busithat he really liked and worked his way from there. Now an entrepreneur, runs his own business and is really happy it. The point is that he never slowed down to take time and e out what he really loved to do. He said people should take time just after graduation to find themselves and not rush o get any old job, but search for what really interests them. aid people in their early 20s can take time to travel and soul th (something he feels he missed out on), but once they get e in their early 30s it's no longer as appropriate. The other thing about taking time to find one's self is that the peo-

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ple who are asking you the dreaded question often think that it

After some consideration, I decided on a short-term plan that is not perfect. But hey, at least I am working on a plan. I'm going to get a job that I like in one of several fields that I think I could possibly enjoy, and try it out. That doesn't mean that I'm stuck permanently in that particular occupation. However, this will give me the chance to see what I like and don't like, and get some experience to put on my résumé. Since the job will not likely be my dream job, I won't have the pressure to stick with it if I hate it. This plan also eliminates the possibility that I'll be unemployed for long periods of time, waiting for the perfect job to fall into my lap. I can also support myself, if for no other reason than to reduce the amount of mooching from my parents

and/or to avoid being stuck for too long in the black hole of my hometown (I think many of you can relate).

Possibly, later on, I'll partake in some kind of graduate school, but I really don't see the rush. I mean we just got finished with so many years of schooling, why rush into more? Especially if you're unclear about what field you're interested in, put off graduate school until you find something you're passionate enough about to go back to school for. Like I read in a recent horoscope, "In the race between the tortoise and the hare, the tortoise always wins." We're young, and there isn't a real rush to have everything figured out.

Flynne Hustein is a senior law and society major.

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is even more hollow because it sees the rs, not of human beings. Regardless of said about the efficacy of marijuana, the n of the very institution that is not only increasingly reluctant nation but is also e medical properties of marijuana — the

based on some novel interpretations of ion, marijuana is held to a higher stan-

dard than any other drug in the federal approval process. According to normal federal guidelines, a drug merely has to be demonstrated as effective and safe to be approved. The Court has now carved a special condition for marijuana - it has to be MORE effective than current synthetic (and patentable) drugs. As a result, the government has pushed Marinol as a substitute for marijuana. As Marinol is basically THC in a pill, it calls into question the government's motives for banning marijuana in the first place, the main psychoactive ingredient being THC. Of course, the government now claims that marijuana's main threat is its ability to cause cancer, which has little meaning to a terminally ill patient and makes one wonder how cigarettes remain legal under such logic.

In the end, the Court's decision represents the triumph of power over reason and process over justice. The War on Drugs has been spared for at least a few more dark and dismal years.

JOHN CORBETT

A STUDENT'S TRANSLATION OF THE GAUCHOHOLIC PARTY PLATFORM

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Stephanie Tavares' article on the resurrection of UCSB football (Daily Nexus, "Gaucho Gridiron: Play, Punt or Pass?" May 8) provided me with a motive to take a look at the vaunted Gauchoholic platform.

Let's see ... hey, they're addicted to me! I don't play football and I don't see how football will provide me with a better education, but since my A.S. President-elect is so gung-ho about it, it must benefit me somehow:

1. They'll listen to me: OK, football is NOT a priority!

2. UCSB will have more blue-lights than Kmart: At the end of 1999,

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according to Kmart, it had 2,173 stores. If there is at least one "blue-light" per store, that means Hampton and the Gauchoholics should have 2,174 phones by the end of their term. Football is a good start.

3. We understand all languages — Greek, Spanish and Jock: Well, Hampton sure has Jock down!

4. They'll make sure I have a desk: Maybe they'll send the football players to kick the crashers out of the seats enrolled students should be in.

5. Brian will fight for your right to party: In light of UCSB's recent and ongoing tragedies, I don't even have to comment on the idiocy of this statement.

6. More grass: With the defeat of the sports initiatives, we already know the students aren't interested in the type of grass the Gauchoholics are promoting. Football is played on grass, right? Take the hint.

7. Tidal Wave II defense: You WILL need that football team!

8. We'll cut your student fees: The football program will cost how much? Did you say lock-in fee? This will reduce my fees how? Coming to a campus near you, "Read My Lips II," directed by Brian Hampton.

9. The Broida bikepath: A.S. already proved it can't produce on this one. Football appears to be the logical alternative.

10. Finding parking: Expanding athletics is sure to alleviate this problem! Ride your damn bike.

11. A dead Dead Week: After all, one needs time to study for their Jock 101 final.

12. Again, they are addicted to me: and football and broken campaign promises before taking office.

Yes sir, the Jockoholics are off to a fine start.

SP-1

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said, is due to SP-1's complexity, which has been studied very carefully over time for deliberation, review and analysis.

"Obviously something could happen in the next week that could affect it, but it's set for the agenda, which means it would be legal for the board to take action," Davis said. "Regent [Judith] Hopkinson will be introducing a proposal to repeal SP-1. Regent [Ward] Connerly authored the original SP-1 resolution, and Regent [William] Bagley over the last few

months has indicated that he wants to replace SP-1."

Some regents are in favor of the repeal, such as Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, who has supported students fighting against SP-1. Associated Students Legislative Council Rep at Large Eneri Rodriguez said 11 regents were recently leaning in favor of the repeal, which needs 14 votes to pass.

"[Bustamante] spoke at the last meeting, and it was actually a little disturbing because the student protesters at UCLA were a little rough with him because they are really frustrated," she said. "He has been the voice of this repeal. He's been the representation of the students' voice among the regents, and a big ally and supporter, but doesn't want to push the repeal until he's sure it's going to pass."

Regents differ on what action to take on the measure, said Kevin Nguyen, the executive director of the American Civil Rights Institute and a spokesperson for Regent Ward Connerly. Some regents want to rescind SP-1 while others want to update the policy to reflect trends within the last five to six

"Lots of the regents, Connerly included, want

to take this opportunity to update SP-1, and to of course stay within the legal realities. They believe in the ability of people to rise to their highest potential and that we shouldn't consider people as members of various groups, but as individuals who demand equal opportunity," he said. "This is a good opportunity for the regents to reaffirm that commitment to expanding outreach and to ensure the process is as fair as possible, particularly for a public institution that needs to maintain the con-

fidence of taxpayers."

Nguyen said it is hopeless for people to expect
California voters to change

their minds about Prop 209, and that it is within the regents' power to help the UC move on.

"There's an emerging consensus among the Regents, particularly the new ones appointed by Governor [Gray] Davis, who are coming to the conclusion that the [Pete] Wilson-appointed regents have believed for a long time that we all need to move on," he said. "They've seen the polls and they know the general sentiment that exists in California at large. Voters aren't going to budge, and they're not going to reconsider 209, and if they were forced to they would vote

the same way, and probably by a wider margin than before.

"At every meeting people make a stink about this issue when they must know they can't change the policy. At some point it gets numbing, and the regents, quite frankly, have tuned out a lot of the radicals a long time ago," Nyguen said.

Demonstrators from the UCSB campus, including Sargon and Rodriguez, will join students from other UC campuses to protest the policy at the meeting Wednesday and Thursday. Sargon said

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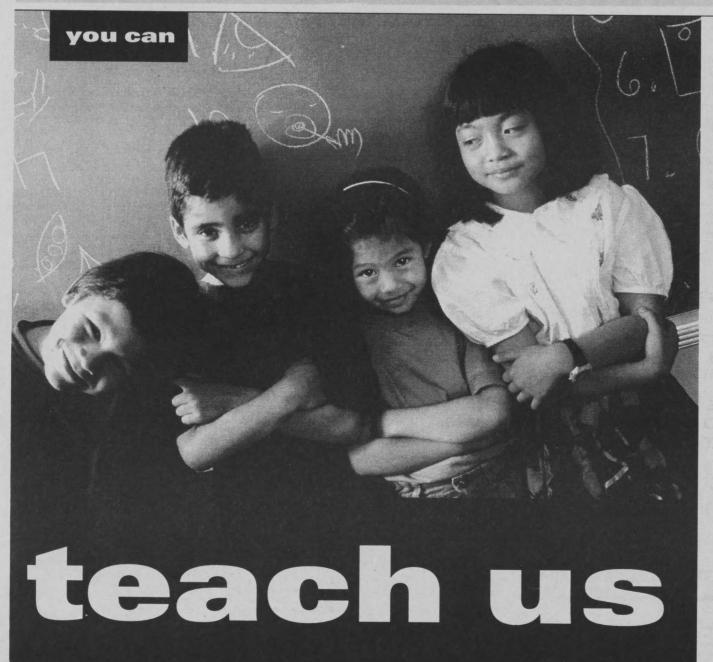
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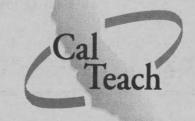
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Do you think the UC Regents should set a precedent by repealing SP-1?



Totally. Arguing SP-1 is reverse racism doesn't make up for 500 years of oppression. Give minorities a chance at higher education. Ryan Kivlen junior

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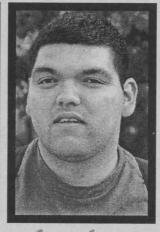
Absolutely, Ward Connerly is a house

> Steven Wong Asian American studies lecturer



It would be a good idea. It would show that the UCs stand behind minorities. That would give people more faith in the UC system.

> Kristien Arnout freshman math/economics



Yes. They should bring back Affirmative Action, and try admissions policies to get minority groups into colleges.

Jesus Mendoza freshman undeclared



I do. I think the regents should come out in favor of Affirmative Action. We need more black people on campus.

Jasmeen Smith sophomore pre-law/sociology



No. Without Affirmative Action, students from lower income families have the chance to prove they can make it into a UC.

Fernando Cerda sophomore history

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she believes Affirmative Action is necessary to help bring more underrepresented students and students of color to a campus where approximately 60 percent of the students are white.

Nyugen said society's problems couldn't be fixed with Affirmative Action

because it does not get at the heart of the problem.

"The problems that exist in our society that pertain to social inequity are largely a function of class and not of race," he said. "Certainly racial discrimination still exists, but the UC has never been a part of that — it has never engaged in prejudicial policies."

ENLACE

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until program coordinators determine the exact number of sixth-grade students enrolled in the next school year at the targeted schools.

"We are looking for an increase in opportunities for Latinos. Specifically, we are looking for an increase in the attendance at four-year institutions," Cortez said. "We know this will not be an immediate resolution, but we will work with these students for the next four years to ensure they get the information and opportunities they need to be prepared and be eligible to attend four-year institutions."

As part of the ENLACE program, UCSB is offering Sociology 146, Special Topics, to students who want to participate. The class serves as a continuation of Sociology 194, Special Topics, where ENLACE codirector Denise Segura is training 24 students this quarter to serve as mentors to work with the designated families for Fall Quarter. Segura said she believes many Latino students face economic hardships and do not meet high school requirements that would prepare them for college.

"Only 4 percent of Latino high school students meet UC requirements when they graduate from high school," she said

The program also depends on inputs from the families to find out if their children are improving or if the program meets their specific needs.

"It is important to allow these communities to say what they need and what they want," ENLACE codirector Professor J. Manuel Casas said.

Many of sixth-graders' parents are immigrants and do not speak enough English to help students with their homework, Casas said. This situation puts these children at a disadvantage because they might not know about resources to get to college and think they can't afford it.

Susana Coracero, a Sociology 194 student, was interested in the program because she grew up in a similar community to the elementary school students and attended a school that didn't recognize needs for Latinos. She said she believes Latino students are taught to believe that they are "dumb" because they don't perform higher academically.

"[The students] need to know that they are not dumb, but limited," Coracero said. "Our job is not to make miracles. They are smart. We just need to give them the extra push."

The program includes 70 different partnerships between businesses and schools from Oxnard, Ventura and Santa Barbara city colleges, as well as other high schools around these communities. The K.W. Kellogg Foundation donated \$1.5 million two weeks ago because of the program's emphasis on helping Latinos.

"There's other programs aiming at other students, but very few directly at Latinos. This program is definitely one of a kind," Casas said. "Depending on how well the program works and how students, parents, teachers and communities feel, then we will look to expand, but it all depends on communities."

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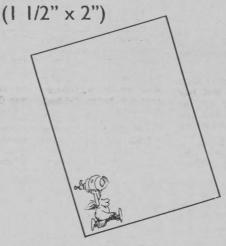


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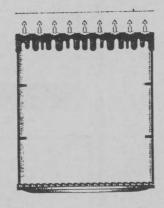
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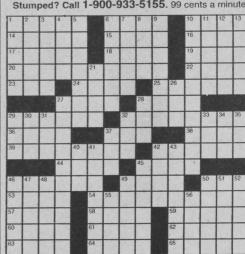
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Santa Barbara Rips UCLA for 15 Hits in 10-4 Victory

BY MATT HEITNER Staff Writer

The #20 UCSB baseball team wasn't about to let UCLA slip away this

After dropping a 6-5, 14-inning decision to the Bruins earlier this year, the Gauchos made amends Tuesday afternoon at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. Santa Barbara (38-13) pounded out 15 hits, leading to runs and a 10-4 nonconference victory.

"These guys have been good at handling the task at hand," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "They've done a good job at being focused. They kept that going today."

After freshman starter Matt Vasquez sent UCLA down in order in the top of the first, the UCSB offense went to work in the bottom of the inning. Senior designated hitter Mike Kolbach got things going for the Gauchos, reaching on a single. Kolbach then advanced to third on a double from second baseman Chad Peshke man hurler threw seven and came around to score on senior third baseman Dave Molidor's ground-

Santa Barbara added to its lead in the bottom of the third, going up 2-0. Sophomore Ryan Spilborghs led off the inning with a single,



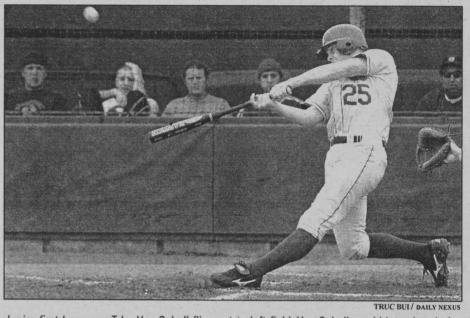
Ryan Spilborghs

extending his hitting streak to a school-record 30 games. Spilborghs eventually scored on a Peshke sacrifice fly.

UCLA knotted the game at 2-2 in the fourth inning, as Bruin left fielder John Campanella ripped a 3-2 pitch over the leftfield fence. But the fullcount pitch was the only mistake Vasquez would make all day. The freshsolid innings, giving up only two runs on three hits.

"[UCLA] has a good lineup with strong hitters," Vasquez said. "I was just trying to go after them and make them put the ball in play. That's what I try to do every day."

UCSB quickly answered the Campanella blast with two runs of its own in the bottom of the fourth. After senior shortstop Jeff Bannon struck out, junior left fielder Jed Stringham senior catcher Donovan Warrecker both reached on singles. Spilborghs then loaded the bases with a walk. With the sacks full, sophomore outfielder Jared Schumaker came to the plate and bounced a grounder toward UCLA second baseman Randall Shelley. Shelly cut down Spilborghs at second, but the Bruin's attempt to turn two went awry, as shortstop Josh Canales' throw to first rolled into the UCLA dugout. Both Stringham and Warrecker



Junior first baseman Tyler Von Schell flies out to left field. Von Schell would later break the school record with his 18th homer of the year in Santa Barbara's 10-4 win versus UCLA.

scored on the errant toss, giving UCSB a 4-2 lead.

Both teams went scoreless in the fifth and sixth, before Santa Barbara exploded for six runs in the seventh inning. The big blow was delivered by Molidor, who bombed a three-run jack well over the center-field fence, 400 feet away.

Junior first baseman Tyler Von Schell followed

the Molidor blast with a solo shot of his own for back-to-back round-trippers. The homer was Von Schell's 18th of the year, breaking the team record.

UCLA notched two runs in the top of the eighth inning, before senior closer Jamie Gonzales finished the Bruins off in the ninth.

Next up for the Gauchos is a three-game series with Cal Poly. UCSB is still in the hunt for the Big West title and will be looking to take all three games from the Mustangs.

"We need a sweep," Molidor said. "We're not going to settle for two out of three. Anything less than a sweep would be disappointing.

Gauchos Bolt to Long Beach State for 2001 Big West Championships

team will be competing in the Big West Championships today and throughout this week at Long Beach State University.

The first event today at noon will be the 100-meter dash, followed by the long jump, shot put, high jump and 400 meters during the course of the day. The heptathlon events will start at 12:30 and will include the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put and 200 meters.

Last season the men surprised the pack with a strong showing, garnering a fifthplace finish. The women's squad hauled in

The UCSB men's and women's track at 10th place, but figure to improve drastically with many strong performers all across the board.

> Sophomore Amber Newsome will be in the first heat of the 100-meter-dash preliminaries. Junior Kesha Wood will be in the third heat. Wood and Newsome will also compete in the 200 meters, along with freshman Jasmine Washington.

> Sophomore Jasmeen Smith and senior Ali Pearson will compete in the 800 meters. Freshman Cosette Smith, senior Jessica Lunt and sophomore Katie Appenrodt will try to advance past the

1,500 meters. Smith, Lunt, Appenrodt and junior Lisa Dunn will try their luck in the 5,000 meters.

Senior Damien Dawson will compete in the 200-meter dash along with sophomore Zach Ring who will also compete in the 100meter dash. Freshman Nohel Corral will try to get a solid time in the 400 meters along with senior Kgosi Chuenyane and junior Andrew Ostarello.

Much of the Gauchos' hopes for success will rest on the shoulders of junior Josh Horton in the 5,000 meters, along with sophomores Brandon von Guenthner, David Monico and junior Aaron Sharp and freshmen JT Service and Chris White.

Other competitors include seniors Kent Roberts, Joey Tosta, Baruti Armstrong, Matt Besmer; juniors Scott Sellman, Paul Anderson, Octavious Gillespie, Adrian Dilley, Kevin Howard and Patrick Turner; sophomores Bryon Lamorandier and Kevin Weaver; and freshmen Preston Biller and Jesse Barich.

- Nexus Staff Report

What's Next? Straight From Womb to NBA?

MATT HEITNER

And the exodus continues.

Last Friday, North Carolina shooting guard Joseph Forte announced he would forgo his final two years of eligibility and enter the NBA draft, bringing the total number of underclassmen leaving school early to 38. Can you believe that - 38! The list contains some pretty impressive names, too. In addition to Forte, Arizona's Richard Jefferson and Gilbert Arenas, and Seton Hall's Eddie Griffin, are all college superstars ready to make the jump to the NBA.

But what about the other 34?

The list includes players that would benefit from one more year in school Tayshaun Prince from Kentucky and Jason Richardson from Michigan State) and several players who have no business entering the NBA draft (Bobby Simmons from DePaul and Gerald Wallace from Alabama). The list also contains six high school players, a record.

Now I'm not one to complain about how players should stay in school, get an education, blah, blah, but players pulling the trigger early is getting out of hand. Do these college players think the NBA won't be around if they wait another year to come out?

And what about the high school players? They have no idea what they're getting into! Can you imagine going from having your mommy waking you up for class to living on your own, paying your own bills and cooking your own meals?

Granted that the NBA isn't exactly the real world, but these young players are still in for a shock. The change in the level of competition from college to the NBA is huge. Every night in the NBA you go up against world-class athletes,

not some no-namer from NMSU.

Just look at the tribulations of some of the recent players who left school early. Point guard William Avery left Duke after his sophomore season without Coach K's blessing and now rides the pine for the Minnesota Timberwolves. How about another Dukie, Corey Maggette? The only player to ever leave Duke after his freshman year now struggles to get minutes on the Los Angeles Clippers.

The best two examples of why not to jump from high school to the NBA are found on the Indiana Pacers: Jonathan Bender and Al Harrington. These two guys went straight to the pros and are now fixtures on the Pacer bench.

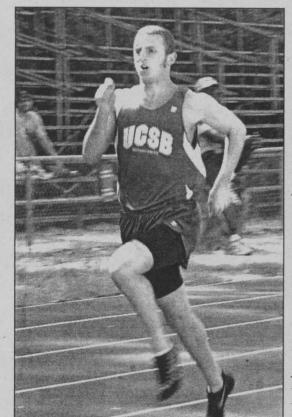
Of course there are those rare players that have the talent to skip college and still dominate the NBA. Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady both left high school for the NBA and are now perhaps the best two players in the league.

But players like Kobe and T-Mac are the exception, not the rule.

Leaving school early not only hurts the players, but the program they leave behind. The college game loses a little something every time an All-American goes pro too soon. Case in point: If Rasheed Wallace and Jerry Stackhouse had stayed at North Carolina for their entire four years instead of leaving when they were sophomores, they would have played with Vince Carter and Antawn Jamison. Can you imagine those four players at UNC all on the same court? It could have been a team for the ages.

So, as much as it pains me to say this, congratulations Casey Jacobson at Stanford and Jason Williams at Duke. You guys have the right idea.

Stay in school, play some ball and have some fun. Because before you know it, your college days will be over, and you'll be getting schooled in the



The UCSB men's and women's track team hopes to

outrun all of its opponents this week at Long Beach.