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Bush Brings It On

The Texan Governor Has the Right Idea

On Nov. 7, UCSB students will be voting in the most important election since their coming of age. With the House, Senate and presidency up for grabs, it's imperative that students turn out at the polls and make an informed decision about their future.

Of all the candidates for president, Vice President Al Gore is far and away the wisest choice a young voter can make when casting his or her ballot. Beyond the fact that he has much more experience in the political sphere than his two closest rivals (Gore has been in elected office since 1978), George W. Bush and Ralph Nader, Gore also brings to office a peerless knowledge and familiarity with domestic and international issues the others lack. Gore's position on taxes, foreign policy, the Supreme Court and the environment are far more advantageous to students than those of his chief rival, Bush.

Tax cuts are an important issue where the candidates have quite different views. As Gore pointed out in all three debates, Bush's tax cut is aimed primarily at the wealthiest 1 percent in America, a group that, according to the Center for Budget Studies, has seen its income rise 41 percent since the mid-'90s. At a time when the gap between rich and poor is widening, Gore is rightfully championing middle-class tax relief. This manifests itself in a deduction of the "marriage penalty" along with an expansion of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and other credits that will help the struggling student.

The largest and most dramatic differences between the two candidates, however, come in the arena of the environment and the Supreme Court. One would have to look far and wide to find a candidate with a more shameful environmental record than Bush. According to EPA records, Texas leads the nation in toxic emissions, suspected carcinogens in the air, overall cancer risk and 10 other categories of dangerous air pollutants. Bush supports oil drilling in the largest remaining rain forest in Alaska and has deregulated environmental law in Texas. Add his vice-presidential nominee's extensive ties to the oil industry, and the Bush-Cheney ticket looks extremely unsavory to anybody who values environmental protection.

Under President Bill Clinton and Gore, logging on public lands has been reduced by 80 percent from 1990 levels and more land has been protected as national parks or monuments under their administration than any other since Teddy Roosevelt. Gore strongly supports energy conservation and production of new technologies to relax our dependency on foreign oil.

To many students, the single most important issue of the presidential election is the Supreme Court. With two to three justices expected to step down in the next four years, the president, who is in charge of selecting nominees, will likely decide the future of the Court's current 5-4 conservative tilt.

The two Clinton appointees, Ginsburg and Breyer, have done a terrific job in protecting abortion rights and expanding civil rights for homosexuals, and Gore will certainly appoint like-minded justices. Bush, on the other hand, has held up devoutly pro-life Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia as models of judicial prudence, and favors appointing justices committed to pro-life principles.

As has been widely noted, one of the largest advantages Gore has on Bush is knowledge and experience. This manifests itself most acutely in foreign policy where Gore has 22 years of experience working on foreign problems to Bush's zero. Beyond the embarrassment of mispronouncing nationalities and failing a "Who's Who" of global leaders, Bush does not support signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty which would place a global moratorium on nuclear weapons testing and supports removing American troops from the Balkans, even though this would most likely destabilize the region. Gore, on the other hand, supports both these measures as well as paying our full U.N. dues and reacting to international crises in multilateral ways.

When looking at the issues and characters of the two leading presidential candidates, there really isn't any choice at all. Bush lacks the vision, experience, rhetorical skills, knowledge and leadership to be an effective president — all qualities that Gore has demonstrated in 22 years of public service. As residents in the Big Kahuna of the Electoral College, it is important to vote for Gore on Election Day.



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Look around you. You see the next generation working, studying and traveling. Soon our parents will begin to retire and we will take up the mantle of policy-making. The future could hold the greatest achievements and the worst disasters ahead. While we enjoy economic prosperity now, we will soon face issues such as Social Security, defense and judicial rights, to name a few. These problems will not go away by ignoring them. Regardless of your political ties, VOTE. As we go out into the job market and raise families, these issues will plague our future if we do not solve them today. George W. Bush offers solutions to the problems. Al Gore will try to convince you that his ideas will work best, but they are merely quick fixes.

Social Security will accumulate massive debts by 2025 if it is not reformed. Our parents will never see the money they invested, and we will bear the burden of supporting the elderly while paying those debts. Bush proposes that the economic surpluses be reserved solely for Social Security, not be used in any other government program or for investment in the stock market. Bush believes that the government should not automatically put more than our current rate of 12.4 percent to help us begin our own savings accounts and mutual investments.

We are America's next middle class. Some of us might strive to go beyond, but

we will all share the responsibility for paying taxes. In order to encourage business growth and innovation, the Bush tax plan provides the opportunity to expand personal financial growth. Instead of paying taxes, we can use that money to start a business, and corporations will be allowed to put more funds into cleaner energy. Gore will argue that the Bush tax plan will serve only the rich. Bush wants to introduce a tax reduction for the poor by 100 percent; the rich will only receive a 13 percent cut. Rather than sinking money into an ever-growing bureaucracy, the best way to alleviate pressure on the poor and increase financial growth is to take less in taxes.

The United States is the hegemonic power in the international system. However, our military is outdated for the conflict we will face in the future. The rise of terrorist attacks and nuclear proliferation pose a grave threat to the United States — a threat we cannot effectively counter. Bush proposes a \$1 billion increase in military pay to get soldiers and their families off food stamps. He wants to deploy anti-ballistic missile defense to protect our allies and us. During the information age, Bush recommends that we rebuild military intelligence services to keep us prepared for any rising threats. He also feels that the U.S. over-expands its influence through a military presence. He will never order U.S. troops to serve under U.N. command and says that no troops will be deployed unless America's interests are at stake.

Three Supreme Court justices will resign in the next term and the president's power to make new appointments could alter the interpretation of our constitution. Gloria Steinem, while on campus last week, expressed grave concern over reproductive rights. However, Steinem does not realize that Bush will not threaten a woman's right to choose. Such a move would be political suicide. If pro-choice policies were altered in any way, I believe he would emphasize the new RU-486 so that an abortion can truly be in the privacy of one's home, and de-emphasize surgical abortions that occur later in the term and at a clinic.

Tension between the environment and corporations must be resolved in the next term. Issues about energy and conservation will draw more attention in the next few years. The president's role in this conflict will determine the outcome of the debate between environmental concerns and corporate interests. Bush advocates more personal responsibility, such as joining private organizations that clean up and conserve the environment. He supports the idea that the government should not give out any more leases for oil drilling and supports higher standards for the Environmental Protection Agency. Bush believes in reorganizing the bureaucracy so that funds do not go toward legal fees, as in the case of Superfund. Bush will uphold environmental concerns, but he wants to make every cent count so that other generations will enjoy our natural resources.

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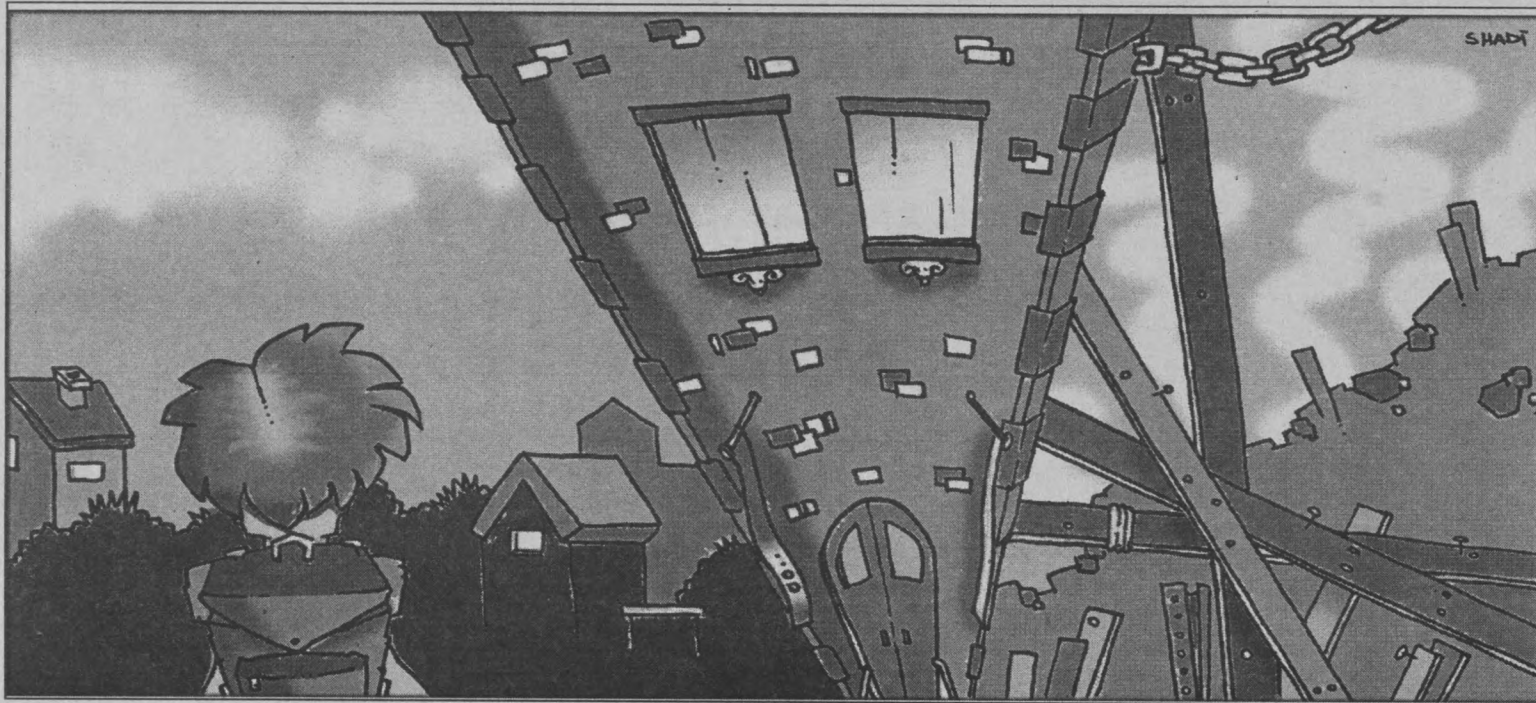
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Double-Digit Dilemma

California Teachers Struggle With the Inadequacies of Largest Pay Raise in Years

California educators have good reason to be proud of a governor that they helped put into office. Gray Davis, who was supported by teachers unions in the 1998 election, recently ushered an extra \$1.8 billion into state general funds for education. It is high time that California started to own up to its long-outstanding debt to teachers. Unfortunately, this allocation is limited by problems inherent in the public education system.

With advent of this new cash cow, teachers across the state are looking forward to the first double-digit loan in many years, something they rightly deserve. But, in comes the proverbial catch. School districts are given almost complete autonomy over their budgets; the state is allowed to provide only large block grants with no specific destination designated. The \$1.8 billion are general funds which the districts are free to use as they see fit. The majority of California's school districts are choosing to use the funds to raise teacher salaries and many agreements have already been nailed down. However, in districts such as Santa Barbara, negotiations are still underway and many educators have expressed their discontent with the situation.

Teachers across the state have demanded a minimum 10 percent salary increase, which would put about an additional \$300 in the bank every month. Many districts have approved a greater raise than this, but the amount is largely dependent on the financial situation of the each district. Santa Barbara school district's 1,000 teachers earn an average of \$42,000 per year. Unfortunately, enrollment in Santa Barbara schools has fallen by 300 students in the last two years. Because districts receive a given amount of cash for each head, those that face declining class size would be forced to cut other programs to compensate a salary hike. Many teachers have taken to the picket lines to demand their fair share,

and the situation highlights inherent problems born into the public education system.

California's multi-faceted social, economic and demographic environment necessitates greater autonomy for school districts. The state is simply incapable of addressing the particular needs of each and every school. Unfortunately, school boards are not always as capable as people would hope, and often escape close scrutiny. Bonds as well as state general fund money are nearly always poured into projects other than the most crucial investment — teachers. The \$42,000 that Santa Barbara teachers pull in annually is good compared to salaries statewide, but still completely inadequate. Teachers are invaluable to the well being of the community at large, and most put in hours above and beyond the call of duty. School districts often waste vital funding on nice, modern administration complexes and cosmetic beautification. Quality science and computer labs are essential; carpets, heating and air-conditioning all create a more comfortable learning environment; and sports facilities are well and good, but teachers must come first.

Districts do misallocate funding, but they have their hands tied as well. Nowhere near enough money is being given to public education in California. This \$1.8 billion is great, but it is a token compared to what our schools need. Governor Davis should be commended for following through on his campaign promise, but he has a long way to go before schools are brought up to par. Taxpayers must be convinced that a quality education is something nobody can afford to live without. Greater oversight of local school boards could help, but the only permanent solution to the problems plaguing underpaid educators is a lot more money.

The Reader's Voice



WHO'S WORTH WHAT AND WHY?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

We are writing in response to a statement made in the article about the community currency project (Daily Nexus, "Time is Money Under I.V.'s New Program of Balanced Reciprocity," Oct. 23). Judging by what we gathered from the article, community currency is a great way to promote community spirit and involvement, and to use resources that Isla Vista residents have to offer.

This project, which entails the exchange of services from one resident to another, is a great way for people to interact and help each

other out. We were shocked, however, by the statement by IVRPD director candidate Lee Gientke, in which he compared the value of time between students and local community members. His exact quote was, "It's more of a philosophical thing for me. ... It devalues a person's educational skills for those of us who've spent thousands of dollars and spent years attending school for higher degrees to say that an hour of your time is equal to that of someone who's only gone to high school."

Mr. Gientke obviously has a very skewed impression of self

worth. Although he may have spent thousands of dollars on an education, his statement overlooks the fact that higher education is out of reach for many people due to lack of funds and/or the elitist education system — this does not mean such people are of less worth. Gientke completely devalues groups of hard-working community members who have lived in I.V. for several years and provide the bedrock for a stable community. Although higher education may provide us with skills, what is learned through life experiences and hard work is

equally valuable, and often more applicable to our daily lives.

His statement was even more appalling because of his candidacy for IVRPD director. He obviously holds the idea that I.V. projects should only benefit the students who live there. This is not an acceptable attitude for a person wishing to undertake the responsibility of upholding the community. If he really cares about I.V., he should be concerned about the people who live and work there; he should attempt to unite the community rather than distinguish skills and worth on the grounds of education and money spent.

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Black Laissez

Box The Lessons To
BRENDEN BUHLER

Herds of wildebeests are kept in perfect balance — starvation keeps the numbers down and lions, red in tooth and claw, kill off the young, the old, weak and the sick.

It's the invisible hand of nature. The economy is supposed to keep itself in perfect balance. Unemployment and low wages keep rising prices in check, while corporations circle around themselves and tear more plunder out of the earth.

It's the invisible hand of the free market, keeping things in balance. The poor will still be poor and the rich will still be rich.

Which is fine, from a certain point of view. But there are people (the Republican Party pops to mind like a bubble in a sewage pipe) who like to dress up the idea like a whore past her prime.

Free, unfettered competition makes things better for everyone. Open everything up to competition. Let business attend to business and everything will be jolly for everyone.

Bullshit. The free market is only friendly to those lucky few on the top of the food chain, eating wildebeest hide. Without walls limiting its behavior, the free market will leap into the crowd, maiming janitors and devouring children.

During the Industrial Revolution capitalism had no chain around its neck, no muzzle on its jaws and no end to its appetite. Life was a special gutter misery for coal miners. The economy may have run on coal, but it ran over coal miners. They worked under miles of earth, in hot, dark tunnels, choking on cancerous dust. To reach the seams, where their eight-hour shifts began, they had to stoop and crawl up to three miles. Miners had scabs on every bump on their spines from scraping against rock and beams; the black dust that crept in tattooed every cut. For their work, miners were paid enough

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sez-Faire Leaves Out Little Guy

ons To Be Learned from Unfettered Capitalism in Early America

live in luxurious tenement houses with
five people to a room and enough to
feed their families hearty portions of
malnutrition. Unionizing workers were
beaten and shot, often by their govern-
ment.

At the same time, childhood was
light and happy. Children were welcome
to frolic in factories, to use their dainty
fingers to play with fun and exciting
machines that crushed and chopped and
mashed and twisted said fingers. The
irrepressible little rascals, at least those
with attached and func-
tional limbs, were paid
only the finest pen-

Then there were no more Morgans,
Carnegies or Rockefellers because regu-
lations broke the trusts.

But regulations did make workers
soft, sort of. Union leaders ceased to be
workers and became professional and
corrupt glad-handers like Jimmy Hoffa.
Union leaders delivered votes to the
likes of Richard Daley and developed
ties to organized crime. But life was bet-
ter. Working in a factory meant living in
your own house in the suburbs, feeding
your family and watching football on
Sundays.

Government regulations, in time,
also protected the environment and,
occasionally, forced corporations to
clean up the messes they made.

Except in Texas, where long-
horns continue to struggle
with the mystery of fire.

So, now everyone
seems to think deregulation is good. Take the
gloves off of companies
and let them duke it out
in the free market, we say.

First, we broke up
and deregulated the phone
company. And what wonders
that brought. Once upon a time there
was just one big, huge phone
company that ignored its
customers, and they had
Bell Labs, which would
reinvent the world
every few years.
Now we have won-
ders beyond number
— solicitors, slam-
ming and rate
plans that baffle
physics professors.

Thank God we got rid of the big
phone company.

Recently in California, we deregulat-
ed electricity, which has just been a
glowing success. But only a very dim
glow, what with the brownouts and
blackouts and all. Also, this one didn't
seem too cool with the old people in
San Diego this summer. You may
remember that some of them sweltered,
dehydrated and died.

Comrade Brendan Buhler is a Daily
Nexus assistant campus editor and is mak-
ing a great leap forward. His column,
Black Box, appears every Thursday.



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After protests and strikes, and of
course more beatings and shootings,
things changed. Workers were allowed
to unionize, employers were required to
take care with the lives and limbs of
their employees, and children were sent
to school instead of mills.

What kind of shit was that?
After all, had capitalism not been a
loving and caring force? Surely no one
could complain about its treatment of
men like J.P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie
or John Rockefeller. Besides, surely all
of this limb-having and food-eating
would make the proletariat soft.

Bill's Bus Fills Void Better
Left to Local Government

ROGER SKJETNE

Isla Vista is the problem, so they attempt-
ed to consolidate control over this penin-
sula.

If there is one thing I have learned
about problem solving, it is that restricting
freedom will eventually lead to more
problems due to the dissatisfaction engen-
dered in the population. Instead, one
should always seek the solution that gains
the most for all parties involved. We
already have local law enforcement which
tries hard to stop drunken drivers and is
quick to nab those that swerve or drive too
fast. But, they are
swimming against the
current in this case.
Drunken driving can-
not be reduced by
stopping those that are
already drunk.

A few weeks ago, I was at a party at
O'Malleys on the second floor — a
Serbian party celebrating the hopeful end
of the Milosevic era. It was a great party,
with an intense cultural atmosphere that
even made me dance, but this is not the
theme of my letter. While walking back to
my apartment downtown, Bill's Bus
passed me, jammed up with people. It is
kind of boring to
walk home by your-
self, so you need
something to think
about, and I started
thinking about Bill's
Bus. More specifical-
ly, I started thinking

about how bad the service is for students
in Isla Vista who want to go downtown to
a club. My arguments in this article are
based on what I have been told and what
I have seen. I lived in Isla Vista for three
years, during which time I saw some of
the craziest parties, some of the most bor-
ing parties and a lot
of OK parties.

UCSB is viewed
as one of the biggest
party schools in
America. This hon-
orable recognition is
not due to the fact
that UCSB students
drink or party more
than students at
other schools.
Rather, it is the result
of the unique Isla
Vista society. In this
small community, the
most densely popu-
lated area west of the
Mississippi, there
lives more than
10,000 students —
dynamic youths crav-
ing action and fun.
However, Isla Vista
has no night clubs or
discotheques (in my
eyes Study Hall
doesn't count for
anything but a tiny bar), so consequently
Isla Vista has become the number-one
town for private parties.

The history of Halloween in Isla Vista
tells everything. Nevertheless, UCSB tries
really hard to be viewed as a serious acad-
emic institution in the eyes of the general
public. With two recent Nobel Prize win-
ners, the university has obviously come a
long way in the professional arena, but
among the general population, it is still a
party school. Why is this? Why do we
continue to party in I.V. when we have
Santa Barbara with all its clubs and discos
just down the road? The sole reason is
transportation.

I have been told that Bill, unfortunat-
ely, lost his son in a drunken driving acci-
dent. Hence, he has devoted his life to
driving students between Isla Vista and
downtown at night, to reduce drunken
driving. Is this really Bill's responsibility?
Let us see what the other involved parties
do. UCSB tries hard to get rid of its party
image. The university understands that

It is not at all Bill's responsi-
bility to provide a bus ser-
vice for students that want
to go downtown at night.

Local government must encourage the
public to understand that drunken driving
is bad, and that individuals must take
responsibility for making mature decisions
about their own actions. More important-
ly, however, government must provide a
service for those people who see driving
under the influence
as their only solution
to get home!

The Goleta
and Santa Barbara
community wants
UCSB to be ranked
as one of the nation's
top universities.
Therefore, authori-
ties have a responsi-
bility to provide suf-
ficient means to stu-
dents. Students are
their customers, stu-
dents are UCSB and
UCSB is students.
Those in positions of
authority have most
likely been students
and did their fair
share of partying.
They need to recog-
nize that students
need to have fun and
authorities need to
deal with it.



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It is not at all Bill's responsibility to
provide a bus service for students that
want to go downtown at night. That old
bus of Bill's is probably a danger in itself.
A more efficient bus service between Isla
Vista and State Street at night will reduce
drunken driving immensely. Once devel-
oped, the police should advertise such a
service.

Consequently, this service would alle-
viate the number of private parties in Isla
Vista and UCSB would be no different
than other schools with regard to students
having fun. An efficient bus service, even
at night, is the smallest thing that the
Goleta and Santa Barbara community
could provide for its dear students, and it
is clearly in the best interest of the univer-
sity. After all, Santa Barbara is not famous
for its movie stars that live behind hedges
in big houses. Santa Barbara is known for
the University of California. Students are
the foundation, give them the necessary
service tools to build.

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