

Friday

November 20, 1998

30 Years!



Black Studies Dept.

**An Invitation**

A celebration of 30 years of the Dept. of Black Studies will be held Nov. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Corwin Pavilion.

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# Daily Nexus

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## Legislative Council Votes on Blood Drive Position Paper

BY NATHAN BAYS  
Staff Writer

Associated Students Legislative Council dealt primarily with one issue during its final discourse of the quarter Wednesday night.

The central focus of the meeting was a controversial position paper in support of prohibiting future blood drives from being held on campus to protest the inclusion of questions perceived as discriminatory in the blood screening questionnaire.

According to Off-Campus Rep Sabrina Easterling, banning blood drives from campus would be a drastic means of protest.

"I realize that this is discrimination, and that needs to be changed, but the lives of the people that need blood can — and will — be jeopardized if we pass this bill," she said. "I don't think that someone's decision to attempt to save a life should be put into our hands."

Student Advocate Rodney Clara compared the blood banks' treatment of gays to earlier instances of segregation practiced against blacks.

"I look back at pictures of separate drinking fountains for blacks and whites and I think, 'How could this have happened in a democratic society?' Well, I don't need to look

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## Yang Supports Student Sentiment

### Chancellor Pleads the Case of Ethnic, Gender Studies

BY TED ANDERSEN  
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LOS ANGELES — Chancellor Henry Yang showed the students of UCSB his stance on ethnic and gender studies — but there was one problem: No Gauchos were there to hear it.

During day two of the three-day University of California Board of Regents' meeting at UCLA on Thursday, Yang made several formal statements to the regents. He first addressed the source of pride and academic achievement he believes gender and ethnic studies

supply to UCSB, and he then led a presentation on our campus' outreach efforts. However, because the bus carrying approximately 30 UCSB students was stuck in traffic, they were unable to witness his first speech.

Yang read a statement to the regents about his satisfaction with the achievements of the Black Studies Dept.

"In this 30th anniversary, I would like to confirm UCSB's commitment to ethnic and gender studies," Yang said. "The ethnic and women's studies programs provide students with the essential part of a liberal arts education."

As Yang began to describe UCSB's outreach efforts to the board, the UCSB students who had arrived late stood throughout the entire 25-minute presentation

to show their support. Next, UCSB Dean of Graduate School of Education Jules Zimmer briefed the regents on the goals of outreach on campus.

"I would like to emphasize that we keep as a constant backdrop to our efforts all the goals established by the Outreach Task Force, and particularly the overarching goal: to increase student eligibility and UC competitive eligibility among disadvantaged students," he said.

In light of the recent UC-wide protests against Ward Connerly's alleged attacks on ethnic studies, External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Haady Lashkari, admitted that he was able to exchange ideas with Connerly earlier in the day.

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## SB Students Petition Fair Rental Policy

BY JILL ST. JOHN  
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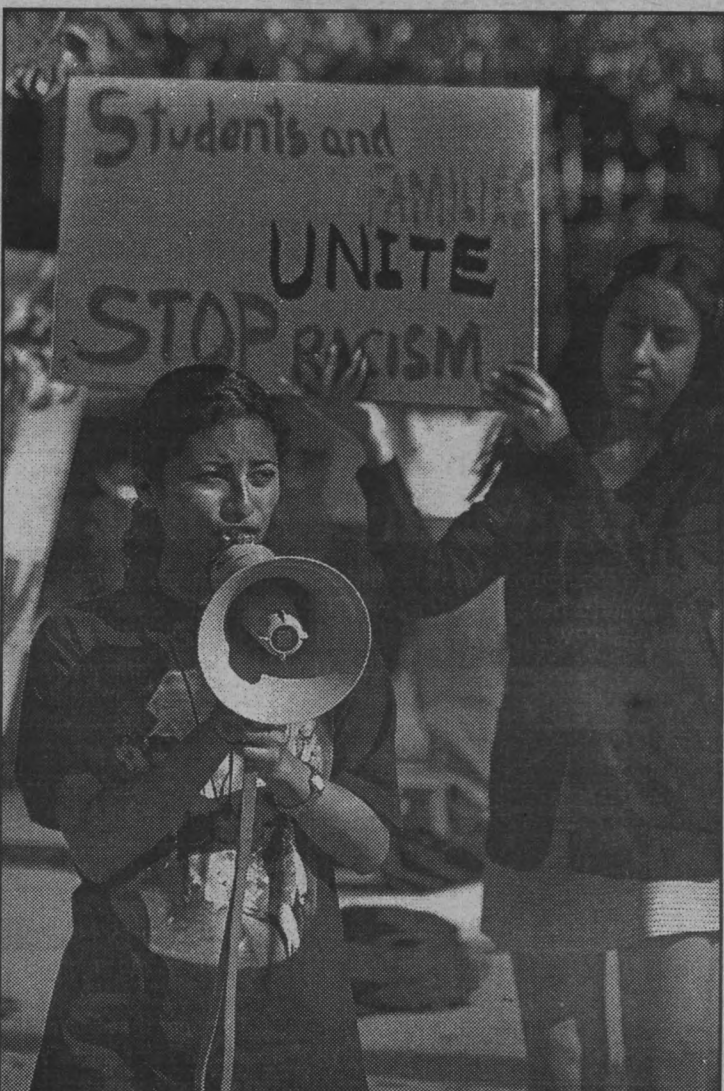
With signs bearing the words "18 families unjustly evicted in I.V." and "UCSB must take responsibility in I.V.," students organized in protest of the eviction of Latino families in Isla Vista.

About 25 people assembled near the Arbor on Wednesday at noon to inform the campus about the evictions at the Colonial, Balboa and Cortez apartments this summer. Junior Japanese and sociology major Harley Augustino, who helped arrange the event, explained that students need to be aware of what is occurring in their community.

"Basically, [the demonstration's] educational to make sure that people, especially students, know what's happening in I.V.," Augustino said. "The landlords are constantly putting the students and families against one another. If we were to unite, we would have some voice for the tenants' rights."

During the demonstration a petition was passed around in favor of a Just Cause Ordinance. This would require landlords to provide a reason for eviction, which they currently do not have to do, according to Associated Students External Vice President for Local Affairs Alonso Gonzalez.

"For the Just Cause law to pass, it has to be passed by three out of five district supervisors. This parti-



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Students outside Davidson Library on Wednesday demonstrate solidarity with many Latino I.V. families who have been evicted.

cular petition is going to [3rd District Supervisor] Gail Marshall, our representative; we're hoping that she spearheads this action," he said.

Demonstrators voiced their opinions regarding the evictions and the importance of the students and Latino families to come together as I.V. residents to ad-

dress the problem. Sophomore business economics major Lucero Marquez said the landlords' actions single out an ethnic group of people.

"This is racism staring you in the face. ... Do we want this to continue? Hell no," she said. "We are going to show the landlords that we are not scared."

## Concert To Be Held in Support of Relief Efforts for Hurricane Mitch

BY CHERYL CHENG  
Reporter

Isla Vistans will have the opportunity to help victims of Hurricane Mitch this weekend while getting down to local bands.

The Hurricane Mitch Relief Concert, sponsored by the UCSB Central American Relief Effort, will be held Saturday to raise money to help those left in the wake of the storm, which left tens of thousands missing or dead in Nicaragua and Honduras. Event organizers, Patric Vlaskovits, Brice Particelli and Pancho d'Escoto, developed the organization in their Anthropology/Environmental Studies 130A class. Vlaskovits hopes for close to 800 or 1,000 people to come out.

"The class, [which is a] Third World perspectives class, basically opened my eyes to the problems of Third World countries," he said.

Proceeds from the event will go to Direct Relief, a nonprofit organization that has provided aid to Central America for 50 years, according to Direct Relief program coordinator Daniel Smith. Direct Relief will use the money to ship these supplies to Central America, as well as to repair damaged medical clinics.

"A million-and-a-half dollars worth of medical and pharmaceutical supplies have been collected for the victims of the hurricane," Smith said. "We have worked with about 50 countries and donate about 15 shipments each month.

Bands playing at the concert — including Bona\*fide, Harvey

Kirshner, Munkafust and Rocket Air — will not be paid for their time, according to Munkafust manager Laura Temple.

"I talked to Patric two weeks ago [and wanted to get the band involved because I thought it was a] good cause, and I wanted to help out," she said. "Munkafust has performed other benefit concerts in the past for nonprofit organizations."

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity is offering its services and the use of its house as part of the chapter's mission to give something back to the world, according to fraternity Vice President Luke Carlson.

"Part of the responsibilities of our fraternity is to look out for others. Helping others and being a part of the campus and community is one of the main reasons we are not just a social [organization]," he said. "When we heard about the tragedy, we wanted to do anything to help, [which is why we decided to donate] our facilities to try and earn money and food to give to those people in need."

The event has sparked interest in students looking for a way to make a difference, freshman business major Janel Chan said.

"It sounds like it would be fun and, at the same time, help those in need. By going, people will become more aware of what is going on in Central America," she said.

Doors will open 8 p.m. and music will begin 9 p.m. at the Lambda Chi Alpha house at 6519 Cervantes Road. Admission is \$5 or \$3 with a canned food donation. Clothing and monetary donations will also be accepted.



# Top of the News

## Israel Votes to Give Up Part of West Bank



**JENIN, West Bank (AP)** — After nearly two years of U.S. prodding and bitter disputes with the Palestinians, the Israeli government gave the final go-ahead Thursday to withdraw troops from a chunk of the West Bank the size of Chicago.

The Cabinet narrowly approved the decision, 7-5, with three abstentions, after acrimonious debate. It marked a point of no return for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who, since taking office in May 1996, had zigzagged on the peace process and now faces the loss of support of key allies.

In anticipation of winning full or partial control of an additional 9.1 percent of the West Bank, the Palestinian Authority staged a jubilant independence day parade in the farming town of Jenin in the northern West Bank on Thursday.

Two percent, or 44 square miles, of the West Bank land in the agreement approved Thursday is being transferred from sole Israeli con-

rol to joint jurisdiction. In addition, 7.1 percent, or 160 square miles, of the land in the deal moves from joint jurisdiction to sole Palestinian control.

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— Ibrahim Zidan  
36-year-old Palestinian farmer

The Palestinians already have full control of three percent of the West Bank, and joint jurisdiction over another 24 percent.

All Israeli and Palestinian troops have to do is move yellow-and-black road markers the size of washing machines to road junctions to demarcate the new dividing lines.

On Thursday night, the cement blocks were still lined up at the Israeli army base of Dotan, south of Jenin. On Friday morning, Israeli and Palestinian officers were to meet to finalize the transfer with a handshake, followed by an evacuation of Israeli troops expected to be

completed in a few hours. To Jewish settlers in the area, the pullback meant new anxiety, and some were toying with the idea of returning to Israel.

"We moved here for peace and quiet, but if we don't feel safe, we are wast-

ing our time," said Miri Deutsch, 47, a housewife in the Ganim settlement of 51 families which will be surrounded on three sides by Palestinian-controlled areas after the pullback.

In Qabatieh, a town of 17,000 Palestinians, most residents were indifferent to the prospect of coming under full Palestinian rule.

"The Palestinian Authority does commit certain violations, but it's still better than the occupying power (Israel)," said Ibrahim Zidan, a 36-year-old farmer.

Israel's 17-member Cabinet just barely approved the first stage of the peace accord under which Israel is

to hand over 13 percent of the West Bank in three stages by the end of January, in exchange for a Palestinian crackdown on Islamic militants.

Only Netanyahu and six of his ministers backed stage one, with five voting against, three abstaining and two abroad.

The beginning of the withdrawal was expected to give new impetus to government hardliners to try to topple Netanyahu.

"Early elections are in the air," said Emanuel Rosen, a political commentator on Israel TV's Channel Two.

The United States has agreed to help Israel and the Palestinians pay for the cost of redeployment, but is still negotiating the amount. Israel seeks \$1.2 billion, but any money transfer would require congressional approval.

With the implementation of the peace accord finally under way, State Dept. spokesperson James Rubin said he hoped Israel and the Palestinians would develop "the kind of relationship so necessary to forge peace over the long term."

## Focus Turns Toward Starr in Impeachment Inquiry



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In the climax of a historic impeachment hearing, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr heatedly defended his investigation under insistent questioning from President Clinton's private attorney Thursday night. Clinton's own conduct was scarcely mentioned.

"That is false and you know that it is false," Starr snapped at one point in the nationally televised House Judiciary Committee hearing as attorney David Kendall accused him of prosecutorial misconduct in his dealing with Monica Lewinsky.

Kendall set the tone right from his introduction: "Let me begin with the simple but powerful truth that nothing in this overkill of investigation amounts to a justification for the impeachment of the president of the United States."

In his first 45 minutes of questioning, Kendall did not ask Starr a single question about the evidence he found in his long and costly investigation — a probe that resulted in allegations of 11 separate examples of potentially impeachable offenses.

Instead, the president's lawyer peppered Starr with questions — cross-examination style — about his own conduct, and that of others who worked for him.

Kendall's questions were a continuation of the daylong pattern in which Democratic members of the House Judiciary Committee sought to put the spotlight on Starr.

Democrats soon launched a withering attack on Starr, who fielded question for hour after hour from the witness chair.

Barney Frank (D-Mass.) asked why Starr had not told the public before the fall elections that he had found no evidence of impeachable offenses in inquiries into other areas covering FBI files, the dismissal of White House Travel Office employees and the Whitewater real estate deal in Arkansas.

When Starr responded that his mandate under the law was only to report on evidence of potentially impeachable offenses, Frank said: "In other words, you don't have anything to say unless you have something bad to say."

Questioning by Republicans was far more gentle. "I commend you for standing up to the nonsense ... that you have had to put up with today," said Rep. Bob Barr (R-Ga.).

Starr's testimony was the first the committee had taken since receiving boxes of his evidence this fall. While the full GOP-controlled House has voted for an open-ended inquiry, Republican appetite for prolonged proceedings has diminished markedly in the wake of election setbacks. Thus, it was not clear whether — or when — articles of impeachment would ever emerge from the panel.

## Boy Scout Leader Quits Because of Anti-Homosexual Policy



**PETALUMA, Calif. (AP)** — The Boy Scout troop leader who with his son rallied against the group's ban on gays has resigned.

Scott Cozza said he quit as assistant scoutmaster last week after leaders of Petaluma's Troop 74 decided not to renew his appointment at the end of the year.

His son, Steven Cozza, 13, remains an active troop member, one merit badge away from the rank of Eagle

Scout, and the Cozzas still are gathering signatures on a petition urging the Boy Scouts of America to include gay young men and adult leaders in the Scouting program.

The Petaluma troop's action came two months after national Scouting officials expelled Dave Rice, a 59-year Scouting veteran and a Troop 74 assistant scoutmaster. Rice was accused of inappropriately involving Steven Cozza in his

organization, Scouting For All, founded in 1993 to combat Scouting's ban on gays.

Scott Cozza, 45, a social worker at San Francisco General Hospital, said his removal reveals the intolerance of troop leaders and parents.

"It's real sad," he said.

Cozza, a Cub and Boy Scout leader for four years and also a 4-H leader and youth baseball coach, said he would continue to participate in troop outings. He said he stepped down "out of

respect for the parents who don't want me to be around their kids." Cathay Zortman, chair of the troop committee, said parents complained about Cozza supervising their children and his failure to be a "team player."

"He had his own agenda, which is not necessarily our agenda," Zortman said. "That interferes with the running of the troop."

The California Supreme Court ruled in March that the Boy Scouts have the right to exclude homosexuals and atheists.

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Oh, man ... this is so cool.

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## Weather

For those of you just tuning in, I'm currently in a moment of reflection, pondering the curious inequities that make men and women what they are.

Whereas girls like things to be excessively small and "cute," guys like things to be big. Even if it isn't realistically functional, if it's big, it's "cool."

You see, guys like to shop at mega-markets like Costco because they understand men well enough to sell things in huge, absurd looking containers. A man can walk out of one of these places with a 25-gallon jar of mayonnaise feeling pretty cool because not only is he now the proud owner of the largest container of mayonnaise his friends have ever seen, he has also probably saved enough money to buy himself some chili. Chili is something that is cool, too, but since this is neither the time nor the place for that, I digress.

Speaking of things that are bigger than they should be, I hear there's an oversized Corey Feldman running around campus. Now that's cool.

Forecast: If the sun were to suddenly become twice as large as it currently is, it would burn so hot that we would all surely perish in a large ball of flaming death. Still, that would be cool to have a big sun.



# Tenants, Landlords Butt Heads at CAC Meeting

By CURTIS BRAINARD  
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Community leaders and residents attempted to reach a conclusion about controversial laws surrounding local housing issues.

Nearly all agenda items were tabled at the Isla Vista Community Advisory Committee meeting Thursday night, when debates about forwarding a recommendation letter to 3rd District County Supervisor Gail Marshall, concerning a "Just Cause" eviction ordinance, ran long. Board members eventually voted 4-2 in favor of sending the letter. The debate came in wake of board member Alonso Gonzalez's motion to vote on issuing a recommendation.

"This board hasn't taken a stance on this issue at any point," Gonzalez said. "Our subcommittee drafted a letter to be forwarded to Gail Marshall. We did take into account all the discussion that has happened in drafting this letter, including a lot of good points made by tenants and landlords."

CAC Chair Yasmine Vatter objected to forwarding the letter, saying

that the subject had not been discussed thoroughly.

"I would like to see another meeting on this, to get everyone involved," she said. "We have to be afforded [another meeting] to bring this issue to the entire committee before acting on it."

According to Gonzalez, it is time to act on the recommendations of the subcommittee and leave exact specifications for enactment to the county lawyers.

"Crossing every 't' and dotting every 'i'; that's not our job," he said. "We have an obligation to forward this letter to Gail Marshall as an opinion based on common sense, about how we would like to see things in I.V."

According to Vatter, the amount of available housing is the root of the problem, and an ordinance such as this might be uncalled for.

"There are laws in place to deal with unfair and illegal evictions. People need help in recognizing and utilizing these tools. Rushing to pile on one more layer of legislation might not be necessary," she said. "The issue here is that there is not sufficient housing for all the people that want to live here... if there was sufficient housing, we wouldn't have these issues of mass evictions. We need to look at housing

first."

The fact that the action did not appear on the agenda raised questions about the motion's legitimacy, and the committee's bylaws will have to be consulted to ensure the proper procedure was followed, according to 3rd District Executive Assistant Mark Chaconas.

"I'll have to check on the Brown Act in order to see if this was an appropriate way to forward a request," he said.

I.V. resident Marisol Moreno, who was recently evicted, felt satisfied that action was finally being taken.

"I think the 'Just Cause' eviction laws will protect not only Latinos from eviction, but any low-income person or family from being faced with the painful reality of a 30-day notice," she said.

Chuck Eckert, chair of the I.V. Property Owners Association, said the committee was acting thoughtlessly.

"I think that for the committee to take the position it took at this time was way premature," he said. "I think the committee proceeded on the basis of anecdotal evidence and an uncritical willingness to come down on one side of the issue without giving adequate attention to finding out what the facts are."

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**YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE**  
BY LINDA C. BLACK

Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
**Aries** (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 6—Your ideas are starting to emerge triumphant. It's almost like judgment day is coming. As an Aries, of course you take a firm stand for liberty and justice, and you're about to be vindicated in ways that you could never have done all by yourself. The universe is on your side, and it's about to become obvious.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 6—There are rumors going around. They're all the truth from somebody's perspective, but which one really is true? You get to help sort that out, and, of course, you have your own agenda, too. It doesn't look good for any kind of surreptitious activity. If you had planned any sort of covert maneuver, forget it.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 5—You might be gathering more information now than you know what to do with. Some of it might not seem to make any sense. That's because the truth isn't always the same as the facts. Keep looking for the facts by gathering up as many people's truths as you can, and you'll see. Eventually it will sort itself out.  
**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 6—The sun is almost into Sagittarius. Venus, Pluto, the moon and Mercury are there too, in your solar sixth house, indicating health and service to others. Since Cancer's the sign of the chef, maybe you'll be cooking during the upcoming holidays. Why not take advantage of conditions and plan a menu that's health oriented?  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 6—There's a lot of talking going on. People want to clear the air. Perhaps you can put work on hold for a while and take care of these other, more personal, matters. You're in a good position to deal with some of the emerging problems, so make time to do it now. It'll be more difficult, the longer you wait.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 5—Mercury, your ruling planet, is in Sagittarius, inspiring you to mess around with things at home. It's going retrograde tomorrow. That tends to push us back to something we've done before, or to complete old business. Right now, however, Mercury's direct. You can still start something new today. But hurry.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 6—The emphasis is on education again. You're either teaching, learning or—knowing you—both. You assimilate information, then turn around and dispense it almost as quickly as you got it. You're like a conduit for information, and that's certainly going to be the case today. Pay attention, though, so you don't make mistakes.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—Money looks good today. If you can find it, you can have it. It's almost like searching for buried treasure. In fact, it may literally be that. Do the digging, and you could be richly rewarded. The biggest barrier to your success is the possibility of getting distracted by love. That doesn't sound too bad either, does it?  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 6—Mercury is going retrograde in your sign tomorrow. If you want to start new projects, you'd better get going now, especially concerning your career. A request for a promotion or raise is much more likely to go through today than tomorrow. Don't wait. Make your case; the odds are good you'll get what you want.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—It'll be hard to keep a secret today. Everybody else is buzzing with the latest news. Don't get involved. The cards are not all on the table yet. Somebody's holding something back. You can help them spill the beans by asking leading questions. That's your best plan for the day.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 6—You're just about to get sprung free, and you really are looking forward to this weekend. Looks like what you've been doing has been working. Even if it hasn't turned out exactly as planned, at least you're getting through it and on to what's coming next. And that's a party, starting tomorrow.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 5—An older person simply doesn't understand what you're talking about. You have to say it over and over again, as clearly as you can, until all of a sudden, ta da! Learning takes place! That's the moment every teacher waits for. Be persistent. This is going to be a tough nut to crack, especially if the person outranks you.  
**Today's Birthday** (Nov. 20). There's no shortage of money in your life this year, but it's not steady. It comes in bursts. Your assignment is to keep hold of it during the lean period. If you have to take a class to learn how to do that, start around January. You'll be at your smartest then. In February, you'll be more interested in stuff that's falling apart in your home. You may have to take a class in fixing things that month. April is very busy, but luckily you've had some rest. That's what you should be doing through most of March. In August, it looks like everything just sort of comes together. If you're not in the perfect job by then, apply for it. You'll probably get the very thing you've always wanted, and it's not by accident. It's because you've done the homework. In September, your friends keep egging you on to try something you've been talking about. Take them up on the challenge.

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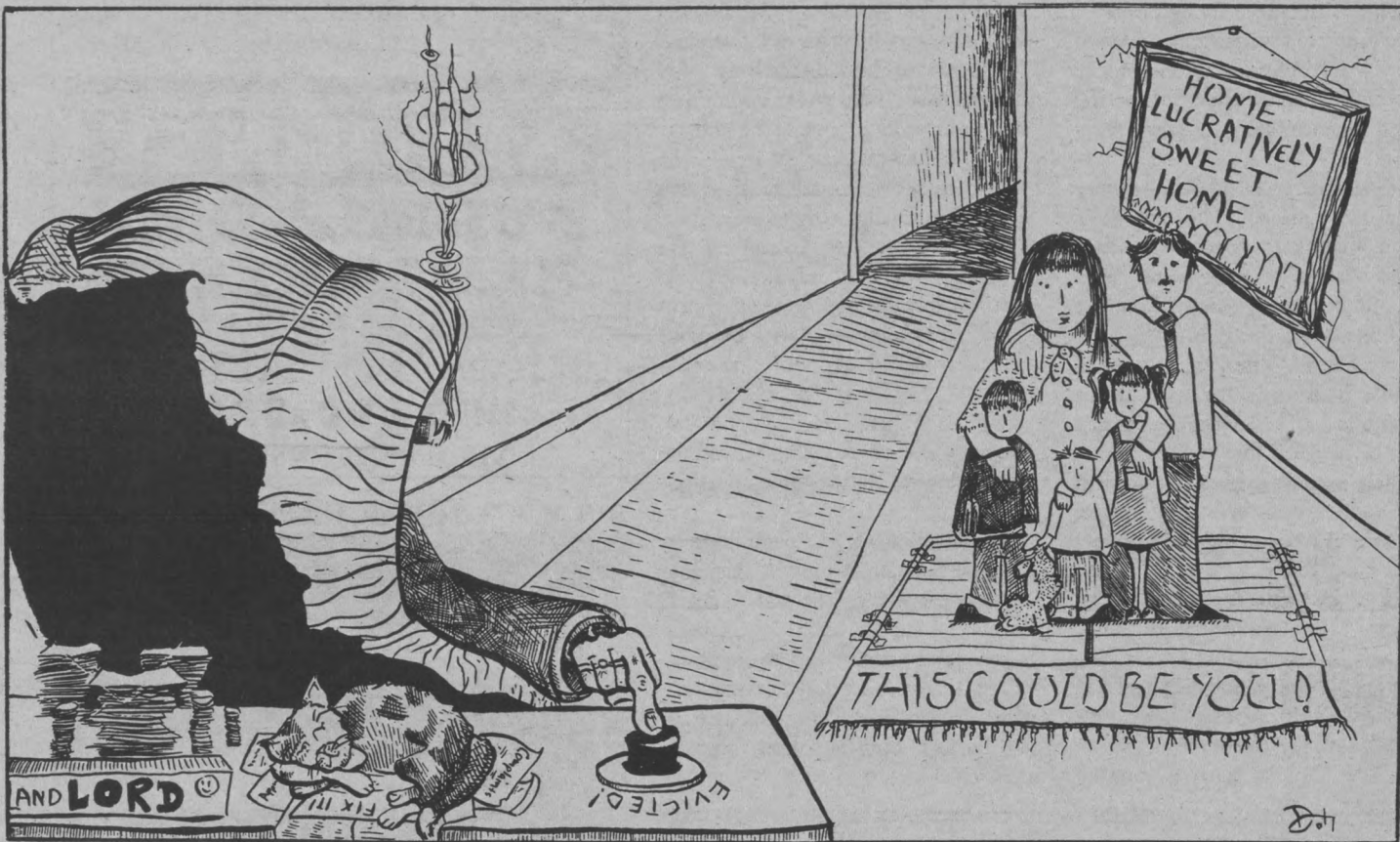
# Opinion

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LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS

## Landlords Need a 'Just Cause'

As Latino Families Are Being Evicted, There Needs to Be a Way to Put Them on Equal Footing

Isla Vista is a small community with a limited number of housing options for students and the many Latino families who live here. Many people from these families are employees at the university who put in long, hard hours, week in and week out. Recently, one group of apartment owners has taken it upon itself to evict as many as 18 Latino families from their homes to make room for students who are willing to pay the ever-rising rates.

The unfair treatment of these Latino families affects students adversely as well, and it should not be allowed to continue. Some students have decided to expose the horrible actions of these landlords and have proposed presenting 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall with a signed petition calling for a Just Cause law.

A Just Cause Ordinance would force landlords to provide tenants with a "just cause" for their eviction rather than the minimal requirement of providing the tenant with limited notice. Yes, that's it — these families were given 30 days to vacate their homes. As of right now, all that landlords are required to provide evicted tenants with is a notification of termination of their lease. With something such as the Just Cause Ordinance, many of the improper evictions taking place in I.V. right now could be curbed.

So why are landlords so eager to get rid of these families and move students in? Well, students are constantly moving into, out of and around Isla Vista. Because of this, many students don't have a wonderful grasp on rental rates, and particularly on rent increases. By evicting Latino families, many of whom have resided in the same house or apartment for a while, students can

move in and landlords can raise the rates without anyone making a big fuss about it.

The evictions also allow landlords to avoid fixing many of the problems that exist in the apartments. Some of the Latino families who were evicted requested that appliances and other fixable aspects of their apartments be attended to. They knew of these problems because they had been present for some time and the families were able to see the apartments' decline over the years. New tenants, however, cannot see these changes that have taken place, and the landlord can therefore put off making the needed improvements without their knowing.

This issue is not limited to the Latino family members living in I.V. It also directly affects current and future UCSB students. People around the university need to recognize this and begin to address the problem. The rally held in front of the Arbor on Wednesday was a good start. Support needs to be shown for the Latino community in I.V.

The Just Cause Ordinance would help everyone who lives in I.V. Its presence would help to keep landlords from evicting students for unfair reasons. Presenting it to Gail Marshall is a good first step. The process needs to be continued.

Groups such as the Community Advisory Committee, which holds open meetings with landlords every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the University Religious Center, and the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee need to take action to see that students and other Isla Vista residents have more rights and that atrocities such as the recent evictions of Latino residents don't happen in the future.

## Foes in the Finance

After Months of Waiting, Some Students

JENNIFER H.

Hello fellow students! I had previously decided not to write a column until I *really* felt the need. Well, I do now. Let me share with you the sheer incompetence of our beloved Financial Aid Dept.

It all started on a beautiful, sunny morning before Fall Quarter began. I walked onto the second floor of SAASB, ready to turn in my paperwork to get a student loan. I was so proud to be funding school without my parents' help. Little did I know the pain and frustration I was about to be subjected to.

Anyway, on with the story. The nice (or so I thought) lady at the counter took my financial aid documents and stamped them with the date. I was then told it would be *two weeks* until my tuition and refund check would be sent in the mail.

Two-and-a-half weeks later, I had yet to receive my check. So, like the good student that I am, I went to the second floor office again to wait in yet another 20-minute line. The smiling lady at the counter said "Next," and I stepped forward. I told her my story, and she fiddled with the computer (allegedly to look up my account). Then she walked away for, ohh, about 15 minutes! What the hell!?! Am I not a paying customer? But what was I to do?

So, like an idiot, I just stood there like I had all the time in the world for this lady to finish her paperwork. Who it was for, I have no idea. It sure wasn't for me. Then when she was ready to help me, *finally*, she was so confused as to the status of my account and where my money was that she had to get some help. Yep, another 10-minute wait.

When she came back, she told me I had to sign "Rights and Responsibilities Summary Checklist." For those of you who are not aware of what this document is, it states that you have read all the material sent to you and that you fully understand it. No big deal, right!?! WRONG! This was the second time I had signed this, which I told the lady. But I signed it *AGAIN!* Then she said, "Your check should be in the mail in two weeks." This was starting to sound familiar.

As before, I waited two-and-a-half weeks and still no check. My tuition still hadn't been paid. Again, I went to the second floor office and waited for 20 minutes (Might I add that I have to take time off for work for this?!). Again the lady said, "Can I help the next in line?" I was thinking, "HELP!?! When have you helped me so far!?!"

She looked up my account again on her computer. Now she was saying I was missing yet another document, my F.I.N. This is a document that says you agree to take X amount of money in loans and/or grants. As I said before, I had turned this in over a month ago, and it was date stamped in front of me!

## The Reader's Voice

### SIGNS AND DEBRIS CLUTTER CAMPUS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

As father of the curator of the Women's Center, I recently had an opportunity to spend a day on campus. In my wanderings, I was appalled to witness the blight inflicted irresponsibly on the railings surrounding Storke Tower.

The railings are virtually covered with remnants of gray duct tape, much of it there for such long periods that what remains of the unremoved tape is stark, sunbaked, fabric-covered adhesive.

It is a condition not worthy of a world-renowned university. Free speech and civic responsibility are

not mutually exclusive — they can coexist if assertive leadership is brought to bear on this sorely neglected problem.

An authoritarian solution would be to kick ass and take names, but universities, being bastions of free speech under the guidance of creative stewardship, require more freedom.

If I were chancellor, I would require that only those students who have taken a workshop in paper sign installation and removal be allowed to post signs. All signs not bearing a valid registration number and properly installed with nondefacing methods would be instantly removed.

Those seeking a registration number for their signs must post either a monetary or work-pledge

bond to assure that their sign is removed in the allotted time. Assertive, creative leadership can guarantee free speech that does not deface the people's property.

JACK ARNOLD

### AUTO SAFETY IS NOT A BAD IDEA

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing two responses, both of which are directed toward Hotline messages. First off, regarding the one that appeared in the Wednesday, Nov. 11, column titled "The Sensitive Type": If people would not resort to stealing cars to get their sorry asses around, car alarms would not be necessary.

Sorry to make their jobs a little more challenging, you know, make them think.

Furthermore, I see people (and a great number of them drunk) intentionally setting off alarms just for the hell of it. Those are the people that you should be pissed off at, not at the people who are trying to keep their wheels where they last parked them.

There are, however, cases of the alarm being too sensitive. When people have excessively loud exhaust, loud systems or stereos and they cruise by, the alarm will trigger. The solution to that scenario would be to turn down the sensitivity.

Secondly, in response to the Hotline message, "You Saw My Blinker," which appeared on Tues-

## More Reader's Voice

day, Nov. 10: Daylight running lights actually serve a purpose. In Quebec, Canada, automobiles are equipped, by law, with daytime running lights.

This means that each time they start their engines, the headlights come on. Well, you might say again, "that is stupid." Here is the point — the use of headlights during the day, believe it or not, makes other cars more visible, thus reducing the incidence of accidents.

I'd rather be able to SEE another car than to MEET one head on. I use my low-beam headlights during the day, and I appreciate other drivers who do. Using high beams during the day would distract anyone.

Sometime, when you are really bored, you should read those lovely

little signs on trailer trucks. something. "I headlghts SAFETY" is a TEAG.

### CAPITAL BEST SYS

Editor, Daily Nexus: Keenan Lar into the heart your column (Jualism Ruins," Nov. that I also think wasteful. We driven society, looking for big But I whol



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**HOT LINE**

**Financial Aid Department**

**Students Are Still Not Being 'Shown the Money'**

I told the sadistically happy person my story. She, of course, could not help me, told me I must reorder this form and that it would get to me in, of course, *two weeks*. Starting to sound like déjà vu? I thought so, too.

I waited my two weeks and, yes, it did come in the mail, the first thing they had said that was true. I signed the damn paper — *again* — and went to the second floor office to wait in yet another 20-minute

every time I come in, you need me to sign yet another document. What is the problem with my account?!

She punched a few keys and told me what I dreaded most, I need to sign the "Rights and Responsibilities Summary Checklist." That's right, yet again!

What the HELL am I to do?! So I signed the DAMNED PAPER! I slammed the paper down, again, and asked through my gritting teeth, "Is there anything else I need to sign?" She said "No. Your check should be in the mail in two weeks." Yes, I think I will scream.

After all this, I wonder why I thought in this world that any money is free. They might say you don't start paying back your loans 'til you graduate, but they lie. You do pay, and it is constant. You pay in aggravation,

**Greeks Aren't That Bad**

**MICHAEL DUTRA**

It occurred to me about a week ago as I was walking to campus under a pink-glazed, sunset-filled sky. I heard it off in the distance like the sweet chimes of the ice-cream man. "Blaa ... blaa ... blaa ... cause we're the best!"

And sure enough, as I neared the sound's source, it became apparent that it wasn't a sweet sound like the ice-cream man's chime. It was a greek cheer!

Then a newfound admiration hit: It was of a nirvana compassion for 18-, 19-, 20- and 21-year-olds cheering. They were cheering, for crying out loud! Just cheering! And all my deep-seated resentment for the greek system suddenly dissipated. Admiration filled its place and brought a smile the size of Greece (not that big) to my face. Here is why:

When they're old and wrinkled, who can say they used to cheer late into the night like a bunch of high school cheerleaders? The greeks can!

Who can say they have a personal pitcher at Sam's To Go with their very own name on it? The greeks can!

Who can go to a single store and choose from an infinite selection of *different* black spandex pants? The greeks can!

Who can assure that all beige Polo hats will be bought from our department stores? The greeks can!

Who can teach such high-quality ladies and gentlemen the social skills to take society with blazing gusto? The greeks can!

Who can withstand booth tanning year round, and leather-tight, golden-brown skin like a real trooper? The greeks can!

Who can guarantee the Volkswagon company that all shipments of the new '98 Jettas will be sold to true car connoisseurs? The greeks can!

Now don't think any of this is criticism because it's not. It is sincere admiration. I have, of late, come to admire those who partake in actions and activities that I'm simply incapable of doing.

For example, let's take the naked guy at Berkeley. I admire him! Hell, there is no way I could walk around campus among thousands of people wearing only my birthday suit. Could you? I didn't think so.

Or how about Satan? I admire Satan! There's no way I could do the things that Satan can do: Killing and burning people takes a special quality that is not bestowed upon the average American. So let's admire together because it's inherent in our nature to be able to do certain things, while others are sadly far from our reach.

*Disclaimer:* The aforementioned list of admirable qualities was not in any way opinion, but was founded on hard statistical data accumulated over four years of qualitative and quantitative research here at UCSB.

*Michael Dutra is a senior law and society major.*

**Movie Titles:**

"If I Still Know What You Did Last Summer" took place two years ago, then shouldn't it be called "I Still Know What You Did the Summer Before Last?"

-Mark Barry

**Sit Down and Shut Up!**

"OK, underclassmen, I know you're anxious to leave considering your attention span is only worth about 45 minutes, but if the professor says: 'here's something to think about,' or 'this is important,' you should probably listen instead of packing your folders up and gabbing with your friends. Just sit tight and shut up. You may actually learn something.

-Someone who actually listens during the last five minutes of class

**Money, Money, Money:**

The Pentagon plans to spend \$50 million on Viagra for troops and retirees in the coming year.

**??????????**

There is a Honda ad in an October *Time* magazine that reads: "Don't let lawnmowers propel enough scary things into the air?" Which just raises the question: What is the purpose of the ad?

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CORY OSBORN / DAILY NEXUS

line. I practically slammed down the papers on the counter and said, "Is there anything else I need to turn in? I am having financial problems as a direct result of this 'cat and mouse game.'" The lady said, "No, that's all you need. Your check will come in two weeks."

Let me tell you now, if I hear "two weeks" again I will kill somebody.

Then, to make me even more infuriated, she told me I could apply for an "Emergency Loan," for which they would cut my check immediately, but I must pay that back within the quarter, after I get my real check. Ohh and by the way, there is a \$7 processing fee.

What the HELL!?! So you mean to tell me you SCREW up my account this many times and now you can cut me a check immediately, but I have to pay a processing fee!?! I had had it! Whether I needed the money or not, this was a matter of principle now. I mean, the sheer gall! That was two-and-a-half weeks ago.

You might think my problem is over now and that I got my check. Sorry, I wish this was a happy ending. I went in there today, absolutely *pissed*. No, they still have not paid my tuition, and I have yet to receive my check. I yet again waited in a 20-minute line to talk to another lady. This time I was fed up! I walked right up and said, "I don't mean to be a bitch, but I NEED HELP. I have been in here time and time again, and

long lines, frustration and, yes, sometimes tears. The logical side of me thinks they are here to help us, but I am wrong. They are here to pay their own rent, utilities, etc.

They are far more concerned with their own needs than ours. They have proven this to me time and time again. It is a wonder to me that the students have not formed a militia to hunt them all down.

I keep thinking, please God, tell me why I am paying such an exorbitant amount of money to receive NO HELP from those who are PAID to help me. Since I've paid their salary, as well as thousands of others, can I fire them? Can I hire students who will be both competent and compassionate, unlike those staff members now?

In closing, I hope others who are going through the same trouble will find comfort that they are not alone. Maybe student government can help. I know they don't get paid for it, but they will still help. I have also decided not to sign my name to this. Please do not think I am a coward, I only do not want to give the Financial Aid Dept. an actual reason to screw with me, not that they could find my file anyway! And to my new enemy, watch out. The students will not take this for much longer. Your days are numbered.

*Jennifer H. is a senior microbiology and aquatic biology major.*

**Voice**

signs on the back of tractor-trucks. You might learn something. "I am driving with my lights on for YOUR SAFETY" is a good start.  
TEAGAN ST. HILAIRE

**CAPITALISM IS THE BEST SYSTEM!**

er, Daily Nexus: Keenan Lampkin: Before I get to the heart of my response to your column (*Daily Nexus*, "Capitalism Will Drive World to Ruin," Nov. 18), let me first say I also think that people are too selfish. We live in a consumer society, and we *are* always looking for bigger and better. I wholeheartedly disagree

with what you interpret as the source of the problem. Capitalism will not be the force that eventually drives the world into ruins. If we do ever come to that point, it will be the product of apathy and a lack of reason in the human makeup.

Capitalism leads to the least amount of wastefulness. Everyone has to work for what they earn, and in turn they appreciate and maximize the usefulness of their goods. Waste doesn't come from capitalism, it is derived from excessive affluence and apathy.

Furthermore, consumerism is not this malicious force bent on destroying the human makeup. Consumerism and capitalism are the only true forms of direct democracy. The way we spend our money is equivalent to one market

vote.

We all get this vote, and we get to exercise it every time we buy a product. If we make poor choices, or bad votes, it is because of our own fallibility, not because the system is corrupt.

I don't feel that products are the keys to my happiness, but I will acknowledge that these products have 1.) Provided jobs for citizens, 2.) Created capital for businessmen and the nation and, most importantly, 3.) Made my life easier and more convenient.

I don't equate that convenience with my happiness, but I do recognize that it is a means to an end. Namely, the products and consumerism that you criticize free up my time, which I can then devote to my relationships, intellectual

pursuits and interests — which do lead to my happiness.

Greed does not always lead to destruction. Because people want money and to improve their quality of life, they will work hard to serve or create products for others, who in turn make their own lives more productive and enjoyable.

It is unfair and irresponsible to blame consumerism for your desire to spend hours in Ross looking for those few bargain name brands.

You spend your time looking for these name brands either 1.) Because you value their quality above the other brands, in which case you are paying for the better quality good which you prefer and voluntarily pay for, or 2.) You buy these goods because you feel pressured to present yourself in a certain way to

impress your friends and the people you meet.

And while modern day marketing does skillfully prey on the insecurities of its consumers, you are ultimately the one responsible for the products you buy, not the system that produces them.

People are only "apathetic mindless puppets herded up for the picking," if they choose to be so. The real problem is not the system, it is the bad choices people make within the system.

Keenan, you seem like a pretty intelligent and reasonable person, and I like your analogy of life as a play, but I choose not to be a passive victim of its story and I know that other people don't have to be either.

JASON NAZAR



# Rave Energy, Issues Mix for Dance

BY KATY O'MARA  
Reporter

Pounding beats and an opportunity to dance the night away will be available this weekend to raise money for and awareness of student activism.

An electronic music and dance event titled POWERAVE, sponsored and organized by the Office of the External Vice President for Statewide Affairs, will be held this Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the UCSB Hub. The proceeds from the \$5 entrance fee will benefit student travel to United States Student Association this winter in Washington, D.C. The event will provide the campus community with an opportunity to get involved, according to EVPSA Haady Lashkari.

"The rave is a night where students can come together and dance and have fun and be educated on current issues coming up," he said.

According to Lashkari, the USSA conference plans to address such issues as grassroots organization, lobby visits between students and their elected officials and testifying in official congressional hearings. He also noted that the conference is open to all who want to attend.

"Any student can apply that is interested in going, and applications will be available soon," Lashkari said.

According to POWERAVE co-organizer and Student Lobby co-Chair Larissa Hansen, the event's title showcases its purpose.

"When I think of the word 'power,' I think of the students and the potential they hold to take action on issues concerning the student movement," she said. "I think [the words] go hand in hand because raves are about harnessing the positive energy that each of us holds within us."

The four DJ lineup playing funky techno/house will help out the variety of campus organizations raising awareness about student issues all night, Hansen said.

"The DJs have ... the ability to influence the momentum of the crowd with the music. They can bring up the energy and — just as fast — slow you down," she said. "We want groups there to pass out information, or have petitions to sign, or just there to make a presence."

On-Campus Representative Mel Fabi, one of last year's rave-goers, expressed the positive atmosphere of raves and the opportunity they provide for students looking for nighttime activity.

"It is an alternative to I.V. where friends and dancing blend together for a great cause. There's no drugs, but it mirrors the underground spirit, but with a positive tone."

There is no age limit, and no alcohol or drugs are allowed.

# International Merchants To Showcase Wares

BY JERRY BEERS  
Reporter

Holiday shoppers will have an early opportunity to get started on their browsing while learning about cultures from around the world this weekend.

The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara and Global Visions are hosting Ethnic Art '98 weekend, which will showcase rare handmade folk arts and crafts, music and food from all over the world for exhibition and sale. The event, in its 11th year running, is an occasion for participants to enjoy a variety of cultural experiences and ornate foreign arts and crafts, according to Unitarian Society administrative assistant Linda Hanna.

"I hope that the participants would get an appreciation for some of the finer arts and crafts from around the world," she said. "It's just a wonderful, relaxing event where you can come and shop, listen to music and eat good food."

Artisans from more than 20 countries around the globe will bring their diverse body of wares,

event volunteer Pat Kruger said.

"The goods are very well done, very well priced," she said. "There are Christmas ornaments, sculptures, masks, jewelry, musical instruments, carved flowers, clothing from Central and South America, beautifully made baskets from Bali, and much more. Even if you don't buy anything, it is fun to see and you can sit around, listen to music and eat."

In past years, handmade items from countries such as India, Haiti, Peru, Chile, Indonesia, South Africa, the Philippines and Brazil attracted from 500 to 700 people, according to event coordinator Michal Schaffer.

"There are many regulars from Los Angeles who drive up to do holiday shopping because they know that these are unique products at low prices," she said. "The prices are very low because there is no middle man. I import all of the items directly."

The Ethnic Art weekend has evolved from a small display to a large fundraiser, with its primary purpose as a way of thanking the Unitarian

Society for their efforts, explained Schaffer.

"It started 11 years ago as my way of giving something back to the Society because they have supported my work in Central America," she said. "The Unitarian Society was the first church in Santa Barbara to take in refugees from wars in El Salvador. The program started as a display of the refugees' work and grew from there."

Features of past Ethnic Art events have included an open music session that will run all day Saturday, according to Schaffer.

"The All City Acoustical Jam has been a real focal point for great musicians in Santa Barbara County. They play bluegrass, folk, Celtic, Latin and other styles of music," she said.

Ethnic Art '98 will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, at 1535 State St. Admission is free and all profits from food sales and a portion of merchandise revenues go to the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara. For more information, call Michal Schaffer at 899-0058.

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## COUNCIL

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back because now it's happening right before my eyes," he said.

In a very narrow vote, Leg Council members voted 6-7 against the position paper, with seven abstentions from voting.

Queer Student Union co-Chair Cecilia Sapp expressed frustration over Leg Council's decision to further endorse blood drives on campus.

"A lot of the arguments that I've heard tonight are similar to arguments made against taking action for African-American rights, Asian American rights and women's rights, and I can't believe that I sat through a regurgitation of this," she said.

## REGENTS

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"Connerly got real defensive when I talked to him. He came out and he said, 'Well, I was just questioning this one aspect of the department, not eliminating it,'" Lashkari said. "From his view, he wasn't posing a threat to [ethnic or gender studies], but in a lot of other peoples' eyes he was."

Toward the end of the meeting, the students in attendance stood up chanting, "ticktock, ticktock," and were escorted out by the UC Police. UCLA A.S. EVPSA Elizabeth Geyer gave a brief synopsis of the purpose be-

An ad hoc committee was voted on and approved by Leg Council members in an effort to address the issue of discriminatory practices of blood drives outside of the statutes of the position paper, according to Off-Campus Rep Jen Matthews.

"This really is an issue that is too important to too many people to ignore," she said. "Although we were not able to come to a compromise on the bill that came before us, we are willing to compromise, and we do want to find something because we do believe that this is discrimination."

In other business, money that was originally allocated to a conferences account in last week's meeting was transferred to an unallocated fund in accordance with the veto imposed by A.S. President Erin O'Donnell.

hind the act.

"Time is ticking, and we are going to come back stronger. The mentality of [UCLA] is people waiting for students to take over and shut things down," she said.

During the committee on building's session, Regent David Lee expressed frustration about what he believed to be the committee's lack of analysis in the approval processes.

"If I just come over and say I approve everything, I can do that. I'm just trying save on costs because I thought that's what I'm supposed to do," he said. "It's against me to come over here and approve \$1.2 billion and

not know where this is going. It's not our money, it's the state's money."

The committee on finance discussed the recent 1999-2000 UC budget proposal made at October's meeting. During this portion, Connerly said he was not satisfied with the budget's predetermination of funds before actual revenue is accounted for.

"With respect to the budget, I've never liked the process, but I don't know what we could do about it," he said. "The fact that we formulate our expenditure plan before we know how much we have to spend just seems backwards to me."



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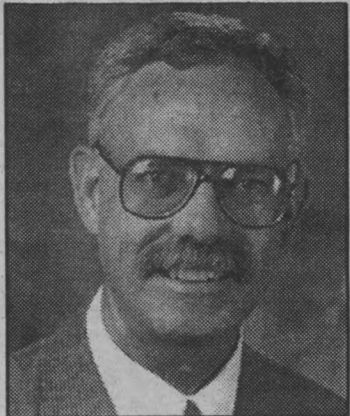
## UCSB Gunning for National Respect Season Preview

BY STEVE WENDT  
Staff Writer

It's going to be a hard act to follow, but expect the 1998-'99 UCSB women's basketball team to be bigger, badder, faster and better than last season's Big West Conference Champion Gauchos team.

UCSB Head Coach Mark French, whose team is currently ranked #22 by the Associated Press, returns all five starters from last season's 27-6 team. But in a seemingly unfair twist of fate for other Big West teams, the bench is one of Santa Barbara's strengths, too. The only thing this Gauchos team appears to be short on is weaknesses.

The fast-breaking Gauchos can flat-out score points. The Gauchos averaged 82.6 points per game last



Mark French

season and hung 101 points on Northwestern in UCSB's opening-game victory Wednesday.

Santa Barbara lost no impact players from a year ago and have gotten stronger in the post with a very capable (and very tall), recruiting class. But the truly special part of this squad is its returners.

Sophomore guard Erin Buescher — '97-'98 Big West Player of the Year, Freshman of the

Year, Big West Tournament MVP and U.S. National Team member.

"Erin understands people are going to focus on her," French said of the 6'3" Buescher, who averaged 17.1 ppg and 8.7 rebounds per game. "She's going to be double-teamed and triple-teamed. She's not going to surprise people. Going out and shutting down the phenom will be a big goal on [opposing] team's scouting reports."

Junior forward Kristi Rohr — First Team All-Big West, 15.7 ppg, 6.6 rpg.

"Kristi Rohr is our most impressive player in the preseason," French, the Big West Coach of the Year, said. "She is fabulous. She is shooting the ball well from the perimeter and playing strong in the low post. She is really solid and is going to be much improved from last year."

Junior guard Stacy Clinesmith — First Team All-Big West, All-Big West Tournament, 14.0 ppg, 4.3 assist per game.

"She can run our plays with her eyes closed now," French said of his floor general from Spokane, Wash. "But the thing that makes her a special player, as sizable as her skills and talents are, it's her heart. She is a real warrior."

Sophomore center Nicole Greathouse — Big West All-Freshman Team, All-Big West Tournament, 9.9 ppg, 8.3 rpg.

"She was a rebounding dynamo for us last year," French said of the Ventura native. "I think she's going to score a little more, but she's a great passer, too."

Junior wing Tawneé Cooper — 10.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg.

"Coop has been spectacular," French said. "She is so explosive offensively; it's breathtaking. If I had to give the ball to one player and say, 'You're going to play one-

on-one for my life, I'm not so sure I wouldn't give the ball to Cooper."

Senior wing/guard Stephanie Shadwell — 4.9 ppg, 3.5 rpg.

"She probably has the best understanding of the game — in terms of a coach on the court — that we have on the team," French said. "She never turns the ball over and always make the right pass at the right time."

Senior guard Sheila Frial — 1.8 ppg, 1.3 apg.

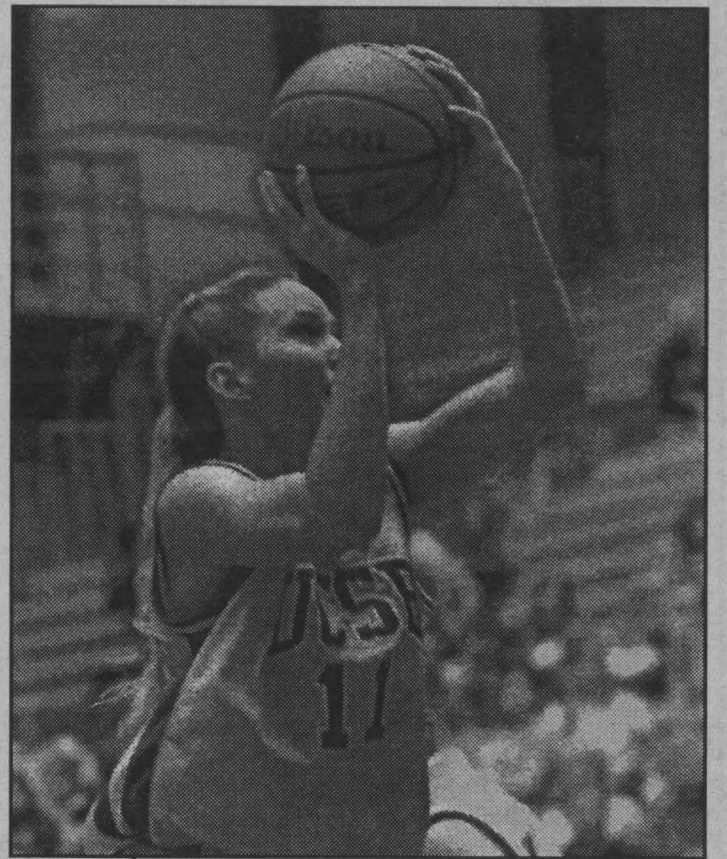
"Because of our style of play, Sheila plays a huge role in our program," said French, who enters his 12th year at the UCSB helm. "At the defensive side, Sheila can actually pick our level up a notch."

French's starting five won't be set in stone, simply because of the depth his team possesses. At least 10 of the 13 players that suit up will see sizable playing time. Adding to the Gauchos attack will be incoming freshmen Kayte Christensen and Lisa Hansen, as well as sophomore Rachele Rogers, who sat out last season after transferring from University of Washington. Rogers and Christensen will make an immediate impact with Christensen as a natural scorer in the post and Rogers as a tenacious competitor out at wing.

Rounding out the roster and likely to see time because of that barrels-blazing Santa Barbara style will be freshmen wing players Melissa Harrison and Kristyn Miller, as well as junior point guard Melissa Corpus, who sat out last season with a medical redshirt.

With the Big West title almost a foregone conclusion, the consensus among the Gauchos is that last season got the UCSB name out and circulating, but respect is the new goal.

"We definitely know we can do better than last year," Greathouse said. "Obviously we want to con-



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

**SHE'S BETTER THAN YOU:** Defending Big West Player of the Year Erin Buescher and the Gauchos will feature a high-octane offense.

tinue to improve and move up the rankings and go further in the NCAAs."

After Santa Barbara came within five points of the Sweet-Sixteen a year ago, the element of surprise will not be an ally this season.

"We have an opportunity to repeat our success and go even further; however, it's not going to be as easy because we're no longer a sleeper," Shadwell said. "People are going to be gunning for us now."

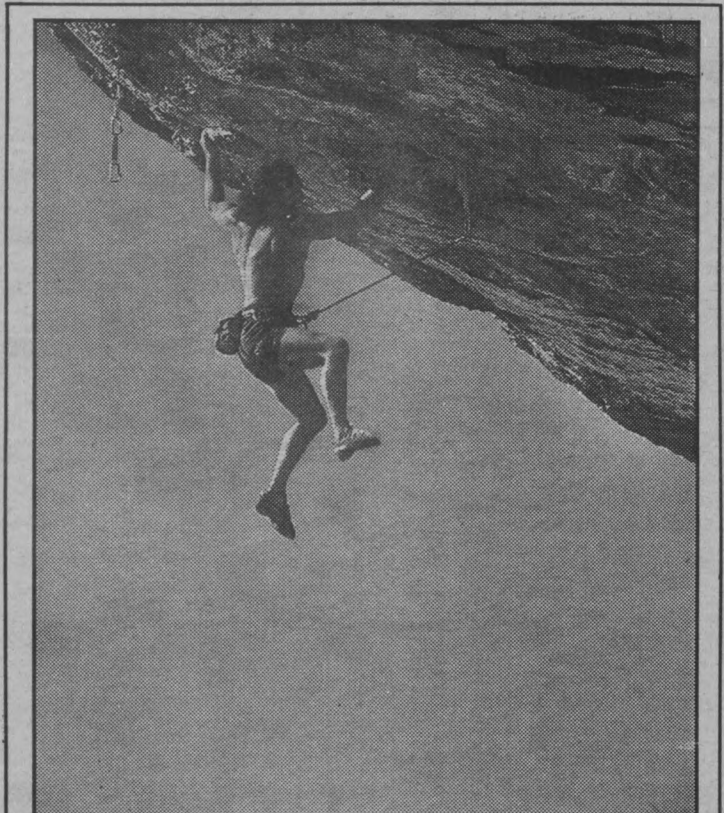
The teams Shadwell spoke of are the early season opponents on the Gauchos' schedule. UCSB has lined up a list of high-caliber opposition in order to elevate its program from big fish in a small conference pond to national power. Santa Barbara will face the likes of Wisconsin, Syracuse, BYU, Baylor, Vanderbilt, Arizona,

Arizona State and USC before starting its Big West schedule.

"We only want to play the best," Cooper said. "We want the national recognition, and we are starting to get that respect. We aren't going to sneak up on teams anymore."

With the precedent set by last year's efforts, French is eager to see how his team will react to the budding fruits of success.

"It will be interesting to see if we've lost any of our hunger because now we've got a national ranking," said French, who enters the season with a career record of 308-221 (201-121 at UCSB). "Or will that taste of the national ranking and getting that close to the Sweet-Sixteen just give us even more energy fire?"



**Hanging Tough**

Courtesy UCSB Arts & Lectures

UCSB Arts & Lectures hosts mountain climber Stevie Haston, who's featured in "Over Rock and Ice: An Evening with the British Climber," Nov. 23, at 8 in Campbell Hall. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$8 for general admission.

## UCSB Looks for First Win of Williams' Era

The Warriors will be coming to the Thunderdome on Saturday night. But the choking that might come with them won't involve sue-happy Latrell Sprewell or asphyxiated Coach P.J. Carlisimo.

The choking from the floor of the 'Dome on Saturday might be heard from the UCSB men's basketball team if they are unable to pull this one off.

Winning 22-straight games over the other school in Santa Barbara is just one of the things that UCSB holds over Westmont. Another thing the Gauchos (0-2 overall) can dangle in the Warriors faces is the record between the two schools. Santa Barbara holds a slight advantage over the school on the hill, 37-4.

Coming off a heartbreaking, last-second loss to the University of San Francisco on Wednesday night, the Gauchos will look to salvage something out of their two-game homestand before they head

to Portland next Wednesday.

Only two Warriors (0-0) players stand above 6'5", and this might



Josh Merrill

mean a rebounding advantage for Santa Barbara. The Gauchos have been out-boarded in their two games thus far, but in Wednesday's loss, UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams was pleased with his forwards' progress through two games.

"[Even though] we still got out-rebounded, I thought we did a better job overall of blocking out," Williams said.

Leading the Gauchos will be senior B.J. Bunton, who has averaged 14.5 points per game and is the leader in minutes, despite playing with bone spurs in his right foot. Senior Josh Merrill will be key as he will be the tallest man on the court Saturday. Merrill leads UCSB in rebounds with 16, which equals out to eight per game. Junior Erick Ashe has been solid for Santa Barbara as well, averaging 10.5 ppg, while hitting 44 percent of his three-point attempts.

Westmont will look to senior Bryan Hahn, who had 18 points in the Warriors' last exhibition game Wednesday, and senior Ken Knabke, who dumped in 15 points to lead them.

— Matt Hurst

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