



Not Afraid of the Dark

Don't miss music, a performance by the UCSB Student Dance Co. and a speech by Gayle Binion tonight at the Take Back the Night rally and candlelight march, beginning in Storke Plaza at 5:30 p.m.

Inside ...

Why Men Rape

Daniel Gomes, reflecting on Take Back the Night, dissects the twisted psychology of rape culture.

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Crazy Happenings

Check out the wacky adventures of your I.V. neighbors in this week's installment of Police Report.

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Got Wheels!

The UCSB cycling team is coming back after years of being in the basement of its league.



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It's the Fab Four!

The Kronos Quartet, that is. The world-famous performers tell all. Got moloko?

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FYI ...

Housing Plans

UCSB's plans for a North Campus housing project, which would add 500 housing units, will be discussed tonight at the 3rd District Community Advisory Committee meeting at 7 p.m. in Room H-30 at Dos Pueblos High School, 7266 Alameda Avenue. Public comment on the project will continue through Monday, April 21.

Spring in Prague

Czech author and political activist Ivan Klima will be speaking about his experiences as a concentration camp survivor and a key writer in Prague. Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, 4 p.m.

Daily Nexus

Anti-Football Faction Sues for A.S. Monies

By Davia Gray
Staff Writer

A complaint has been filed against Associated Students Legislative Council accusing it of unlawfully refusing to grant funds requested by a student group.



An A.S. Judicial Council hearing will be held tonight to determine if Leg Council violated the First Amendment and A.S. By-Laws by voting last week to deny campaign funding for Students Against Football, a group against the extensive spending involved in bringing back football to the university.

The petition for a hearing was filed by A.S. External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Colin McCarthy because he believes SAF should have been given the money it requested to publicize its stance on a spring election plebiscite that will gather student opinion on reviving the Gaucho football program.

"I don't think it was fair that other groups got money to campaign for or against ballot measures. It's not fair that Students Against Football got zero funding because they are going against what others stand for," he said.

The Leg Council vote was illegal because it violated University of California Guidelines For Funding Registered Campus Organizations And Related Programmatic Activities By Compulsory Fees, which require all funding decisions to be made regardless of the content or opin-

ions held by the group, McCarthy said.

"There could be no other reason but they felt that a plebiscite is not an important enough issue to deserve campaign money. In my opinion, that judged the content of SAF," he said. "A.S. needs to be accountable. In my opinion, I think they broke the law."

Internal Vice President Frank Orellana will represent Leg Council tonight, and believes A.S. was justified in refusing the money for SAF.

"The By-Laws state any group can come to Leg Council and apply. It doesn't necessarily mean that we must fund them," he said. "Leg Council decided not to fund them not because of their stance for or against the plebiscite. There was no violation of any laws or legal codes."

However, McCarthy believes A.S. denied students the right to express their opinion on electoral issues and fears the future ramifications of the vote.

"The reason we're making a big deal out of this is so people understand the issue involved. You can't deny student groups funds based on the content of their viewpoint," he said. "It's setting a bad precedent, and it can lead to the abuse of the power of allocation."

But A.S. is not obligated to provide funding for every group, and questions whether students should get funds to campaign for or against plebiscites, Orellana said.

"It was not the content. It was the fact that they asked for money for a plebiscite, which is only a poll. ... A plebiscite is important because it's important to get student info, but students aren't

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Raining Cats and ... Cats

Though cute and cuddly, the local kitty population must be controlled before they saturate our Isla Vista home. See story p.3

A.S. Internal VP Hopefuls Offer Variety of Viewpoints

By Jessica Zimmer
Reporter

Five candidates are running for the opportunity to work on internal issues they believe are important to students in the up-



coming Associated Students elections.

The role of internal vice president includes conducting Legislative Council meetings each week, heading various commit-

tees designated to carry out legislative projects, and keeping A.S. informed of campus issues.

Candidates for the position are junior political science and history major Kerry Kops, senior philosophy major Dio Simmons, senior political science major Zack Stillings, sophomore political science major Jake White and junior biology major Ryan Zotovich.

Currently working as a Community Service Organization officer, Kops plans to focus on campus beautification and student involvement with the athletic departments.

"I would like to get UCSB a

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Local DUI Rate Continuing to Decrease

By Patrick Reardon
Reporter

Greater attention to the dangers of drunken driving has led to a decline in the number of Isla Vista residents finding themselves at the wrong end of the law after a night on the town.

The number of local drivers charged with driving under the influence has lowered through the combined trends of increased awareness, harsher legal consequences, and availability of alternative methods of transportation.

The number of DUIs in I.V. this year appears to continue the steady decline shown from 1995 to 1996, when cases dropped from 133 to 94 incidents. Isla Vista Foot Patrol Lt. Geoff Banks attributes this to an increase in greater public consciousness of the problem.

"Increased awareness has been really helpful. More people are taking responsibility for their actions, and are beginning to realize that drinking and driving isn't cool anymore," he said. "DUIs are very expensive and they can really take a toll on you."



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Transportation alternatives such as Bill's Bus are one of several key factors helping to lower the number of drunken drivers.

Besides expanded awareness, factors including broader law enforcement efforts have led to a decrease in DUIs, according to Student Health Service counselor Marcia Bloom.

"I haven't noticed a rise in drunk driving incidents recently," she said. "There are more checkpoints out there, and with the exception of that little strip in downtown Santa Barbara, bars are closing earlier."

SHS Alcohol and Other

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Preserving Clean Air Act Goal of CALPIRG Trip

By Vikram Sighamony
Reporter

A campus organization is working to strengthen environmental legislation through a petition drive culminating with a rally in Sacramento.

California Public Interest Research Group, aiming to stop Congress from weakening the Clean Air Act, has collected signatures to be presented in a petition to Gov. Wilson on April 28 when CALPIRG organizations gather together at the state capitol.

Addressing the problems of toxins in the environment and the Clean Air Act are the main goals of CALPIRG's efforts, said Campaign Against Toxics organizer Andy Sedlock.

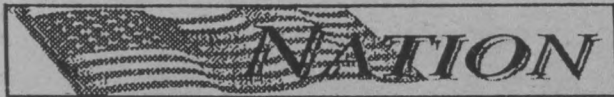
"We are working to stop Congress from rolling back funding from the Clean Air Act," he said. "We want to strengthen the act."

CALPIRG is attempting to get Congress' attention by appearing at the state capitol with the

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HEADLINERS

Gingrich To Get Loan to Pay Off Fine



WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich decided Wednesday to pay his entire \$300,000 ethics penalty from personal funds and will take out a loan to do so, Republican sources said.

Gingrich is expected to discuss his decision at a closed-door meeting with fellow GOP lawmakers on Thursday, then make a public statement on the floor of the House.

"There is a decision and it will be announced tomorrow morning," Christina Martin, Gingrich's press secretary, said Wednesday night. She declined to provide details.

But GOP sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Gingrich, bidding to put a lingering controversy behind him, had decided to pay the sanction from his own funds, and not solicit donations from supporters for any portion of it.

While tapping cam-

aign funds or soliciting donations to cover the penalty would be legal, several Republicans have told Gingrich he risked a career-ending controversy if he didn't make the pay-

stories on the subject with interest. Behind the closed doors of a GOP caucus, however, he told lawmakers he was near a decision, and would inform them before he announced it.

"He just said he and [his wife] Marianne are going to make a decision" in the near future, said Rep.

ments "in my name and over my signature" had been submitted to the Ethics Committee.

As part of a negotiated settlement, the House voted in January to reprimand him and imposed the \$300,000 penalty. Terms of that payment have been a lingering controversy in the months since.

For their part, Democrats probably would seek a vote in the full House if Gingrich decided to seek donations from supporters to make his payment.

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No details of the loan that Gingrich was contemplating, or whether it would be for the entire \$300,000, could be learned immediately. Republicans familiar with the case said Gingrich had been in close contact with the House Ethics Committee.

Gingrich declined comment on the subject Wednesday, stopping only long enough to tell reporters that he was reading their

Marge Roukema (R-N.J.).

Gingrich has been dogged by ethics charges — filed by Democrats — since he assumed the speakership more than two years ago. After nearly two years of denials, he admitted in December to violating House rules. In what amounted to a political plea bargain, he said he had failed to seek proper legal advice on using tax-exempt projects to advance his political goals and that inaccurate state-

Gingrich earns \$171,500 as speaker but is not a man of great personal wealth, and much of his family's holdings are in joint accounts with his wife or are in her name.

As one of the nation's most recognizable public figures, Gingrich presumably would be in a position to earn large amounts of money from writing, speeches and other ventures after his retirement from politics.

Israeli Prime Minister Faces Possible Indictment



TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — In a move that could bring down the Israeli government and change the direction of the peace process, police have recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for breach of trust in an influence-trading scandal.

Although scandals in Israel are not infrequent, the recommendation police handed to state attorney Edna Arbel on Wednesday was the harshest ever against an Israeli government.

Arbel was expected to announce by early next week whether to indict Netanyahu.

Police recommendations are not binding or always followed. Yet, this one has the potential to break apart Netanyahu's coalition — more brittle than ever since the allegations surfaced in January.

An indictment would ruin chances of bringing the opposition Labor Party into the government, a plan Netanyahu has been contemplating as a way of rescuing the disintegrating Middle East peace process.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, who lost elections to Netanyahu last May, urged the prime minister to sus-

pend himself from office and call new elections. "This is unprecedented," he said of the police recommendation.

Netanyahu did not react to the revelations, meeting instead with advisers and political allies including Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the spiritual leader of the Shas party, which also is involved in the imbroglio.

The scandal started with Netanyahu's appointment of a political crony as attorney general. Jerusalem lawyer Roni Bar-On resigned after only a day in office, under criticism that he was a legal lightweight chosen for his political connections.

Days later, Israel TV claimed the appointment was part of a conspiracy by senior officials who expected Bar-On to end the corruption trial of Aryeh Deri, leader of the religious Shas Party.

Deri, in turn, would ensure the two Shas Cabinet ministers gave Netanyahu the necessary backing for the Israeli troop pullback from most of the West Bank town of Hebron.

Netanyahu denied the allegations and called the inquiry. After 12 weeks and the questioning of 60 witnesses, including Netanyahu, investigators on Tuesday handed the state attorney their 995-page report.

More Muslims Die at Holy Pilgrimage Site



MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The death toll climbed to 343 on Wednesday from a tent-city fire near Islam's holiest site, while authorities struggled to save badly burned survivors and helped anguished relatives track down the missing.

The annual Muslim hajj went forward, with 2 million pilgrims praying at Mount Arafat. In their sheer numbers, they helped explain why the annual Muslim hajj seems destined to be jolted by tragedies like Tuesday's blaze.

While the Saudi government has worked to keep up with the ever-growing influx, ensuring safety for the pilgrims is a monumental task. Each year the numbers grow, and so does the demand for security and services.

On Wednesday, an Indian preacher demanded

something be done so those who make the pilgrimage, or hajj, do not have to bring along small gas cooking stoves — believed to be the cause of the fire.

"The Saudi government should start community kitchens so that individual hajjis don't have to cook their own meals," Syed Ahmed Bukhari said at the main mosque in New Delhi, India.

Driven by high wind, the blaze tore through the overcrowded encampment of canvas tents in Mina, in the plains of Mecca. Many of the victims were crushed when thousands of pilgrims fled.

The death toll of 343 — reported by Saudi television on Wednesday — was expected to climb because many of the hundreds of injured were in serious condition. Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef said

many others were unaccounted for; he asked guards and teachers assisting with the rituals to help determine the number of missing.

Scorched wooden tent poles and charred canvas littered the half-mile-long, 100-yard-wide former tent camp Wednesday. The stench of fire still filled the area as Saudi workers cleaned away blackened generators, stoves and other debris left by the fire.

Witnesses to the blaze said they heard two explosions in rapid succession and then saw flames leaping from tent to tent in the camp.

"I grabbed the Koran and I ran with my wife," said one Indian pilgrim, who would only give his name as Mustapha.

The fire centered on a part of the camp housing Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis, while pilgrims' anguished relatives back home sought names of victims.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **PAGO, American Samoa (AP)** — America's 50th national park was dedicated Wednesday on more than 10,000 acres of land covered with rain forests and surrounded by coral reef.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said workers at the National Park of American Samoa, which extends over three islands, will be devoted to preserving the area's rain-forest ecosystem, flying fox fruit bat habitat, coral reefs and the Samoan culture and archaeological resources.

"Our stewardship commitment extends to preserving for future generations those historic sites and spectacular structures that pay tribute to America's past," Babbitt said.

The National Park Service began negotiations for the land nine years ago with nine territory chiefs.

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Weather

I think summer is coming sooner this year. Even though the official date of my favorite season is a little over two months away, this schizophrenic weather and ambient mood in the air seem quite indicative of those ever so familiar overcast Santa Barbara summertimes.

First the morning fog slowly burns off, letting the sun shine for a few hours, only to roll back in before letting the sun enjoy a few more minutes of glory before settling below the horizon. I think the inconsistency is more frustrating than the actual conditions.

Either way, we still have a lot to be thankful for, regardless of the sun's presence, or lack thereof. The fact that we live in an area where the dress code usually doesn't warrant much more than a pair of shorts and sandals is more than enough to pull me through those frosty days when the mercury dips below the 70 degree mark.

Forecast: You guessed it — same damp, gray weather, fading in and out of what we would like it to be. Oh, and the ambient mood? Infatuation.

Crackdown Continues on Cat Count

By Mike Bakker
Reporter

Often seen as a playground for a high number of stray, fornicating felines, Isla Vista may be experiencing a curtailment of its reputation as a host to the creatures.

Though cat overpopulation continues to persist in I.V., there has been an overall reduction of the local feline population, said Randi Fairbrother, founder and president of Catalyst for Cats. The strays in I.V. are largely due to students leaving their cats unattended after breaks and graduation, which results in unsupervised reproduction, Fairbrother said.

"Last year was so dreadful. We had way too many cats. Most of my cats were left by students in the summer, but this year things have gotten a lot better," she said.

Compared to their canine counterparts, cats are much more adept at propagating without their human caretakers, according to Santa Barbara Animal

Shelter clerk Beth Rushing.

"Cats are an efficient animal for survival. Dogs are more dependent on people; cats are a lot more independent," she said.

Though there may be a high number of strays around I.V., the creatures are not usually considered disease carriers, Fairbrother said.

"Cats in Isla Vista are generally not dangerous. Rabies is not a big thing for cats out here," she said.

Attempts to protect and help homeless cats and keep them from reproducing have been undertaken by Fairbrother and her organization.

"We use the 'trap, neuter, release' method of colony control. We have done hundreds of cats in I.V. over the last seven years," he said.

Similar methods are used by the county in their efforts, said Jerry Pearson, a SBAS coordinator.

"The best way to keep animals under control is to

spay and neuter your pets. [This] helps everybody. It helps the animals and it helps the people," he said.

If the SBAS finds a lost feline, it is either promptly returned or placed in a new home for stray cats, Pearson said.

"If a cat has an identification tag, we are obligated by law to notify the people," he said. "Gener-

ally, a person does not start to miss their pet for 4-5 days. By then we may have already found a new

home for it. A tag is really a means to get a cat back to its owner."

For those interested in relieving the local feline problem, the Santa Barbara Animal Shelter does

have a cat volunteer group. Information regarding the program or ap-

pointments for spaying or neutering are available at 683-3368.

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voting. They are just expected to give an opinion of the issue," he said. "Ballot measures get priority over other electoral issues, and I believe a plebiscite is part of that."

McCarthy hopes the hearing will make Leg Council realize its accountability for its actions and how it deals with student money.

"A.S. has a lot of money. They get lots of funding from the student lock-in fee. ... A good part is supposed to be given out to

student groups. Part of our duty is to give money to them," he said. "It is irresponsible for Leg Council to not fund a student group, because it's the student's money, not Leg Council's. It's a big responsibility and they need to do it in a fair way."

The hearing will be held tonight at 8:30, and both sides will be able to present their arguments in an open meeting, according to Judicial Council member Matt Barrall.

"There is an open meeting, then they present their arguments and we make a judgement based on the A.S. Constitution."

Special Olympics

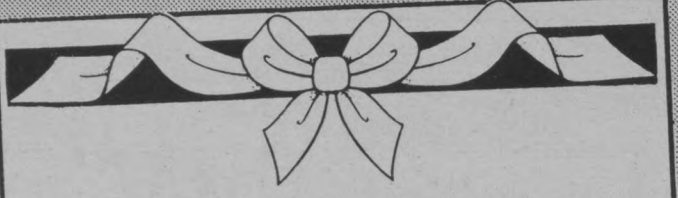


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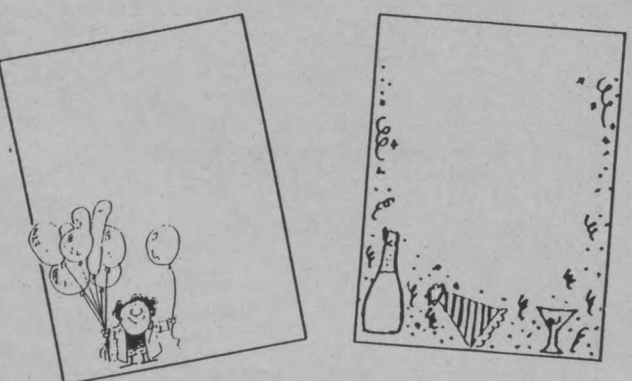
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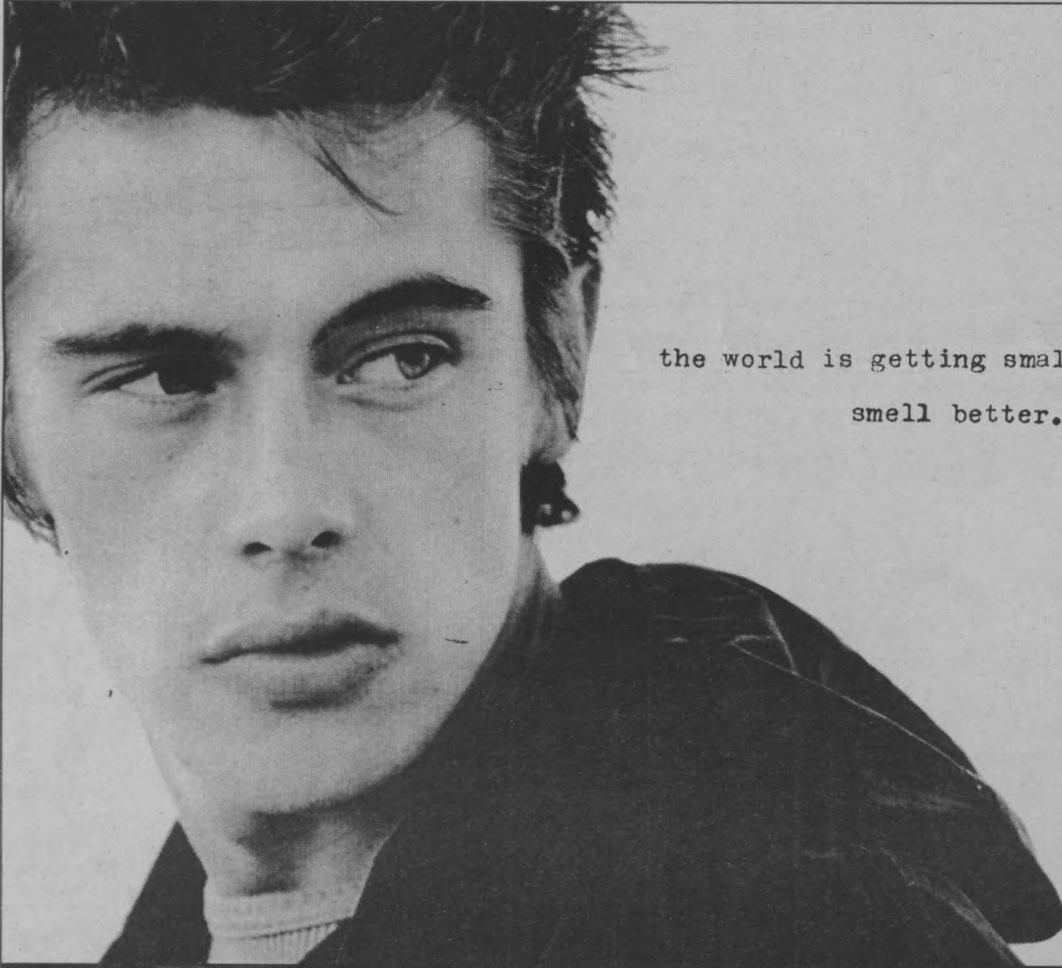


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 Gaucho statue. We're the only UC campus without a statue of our mascot," she said. "I am a proponent of the intercollegiate athletic amendment legislation we're trying to pass this quarter. I love UCSB and really want to improve it as much as I can."

President of the UCSB chapter of NAACP and co-chair of the University Children's Center Parents' Council, Simmons stresses the importance of making the campus more student-family friendly and of supporting diversity in the student body.

"I'd like to get a computer lab at [Student Family Housing] because we don't have one and there are several dorms which do. I would like to try to get access from UCSB to the university housing. ... I.V. students get shuttle access and they live much closer than we do, and we aren't able to get parking permits to campus because we live too close," she said. "I would also like to work on race relations — I feel that we could be a model for other institutions if we work together and expose each other to each other's cultures."

Now serving as off-campus rep, Stillings would like to work with banks to provide more financial options for students, as well as place more bike racks on campus.

"It costs \$1.50 per time you use your [ATM] card [at a bank other than your own]. I want to work with banks to drop their price. ... I want to work with other banks to allow them to see UCSB as a viable market for banks," he said. "There's also a problem

with students parking their bikes outside of the bike racks, and I think that's due to a lack of spaces. As Leg Council rep this year, I've worked on both sides on many issues and brought together some good legislation."

Also an off-campus rep, White hopes to increase communication between student groups and to reach out to students.

"I'd like to work to make better communication between A.S. and other student groups on campus so that they can become more knowledgeable as to what A.S. has to offer," he said. "I want to make a smoother transition between years so that A.S. can run more efficiently. ... I want to make better use of avenues like the Nexus and KCSB, using those avenues to better reach students and make information available."

Finance Board member Ryan Zotovich focused on the need to continue recreating the A.S. budget and to continue Project Greensheet, which makes class materials more affordable and available.

"A.S. Leg Council has a huge deficiency in accounting that they were supposed to tell management about. But, as of now, almost \$1 million is not being budgeted by students. So, my goal is financial accountability," he said. "I've been collecting syllabi, class outlines, lecture notes, [Reserve Book Room] contents and readers, and have scanned them onto a Web site, offering them all for free."

A.S. elections will be held April 22-23.

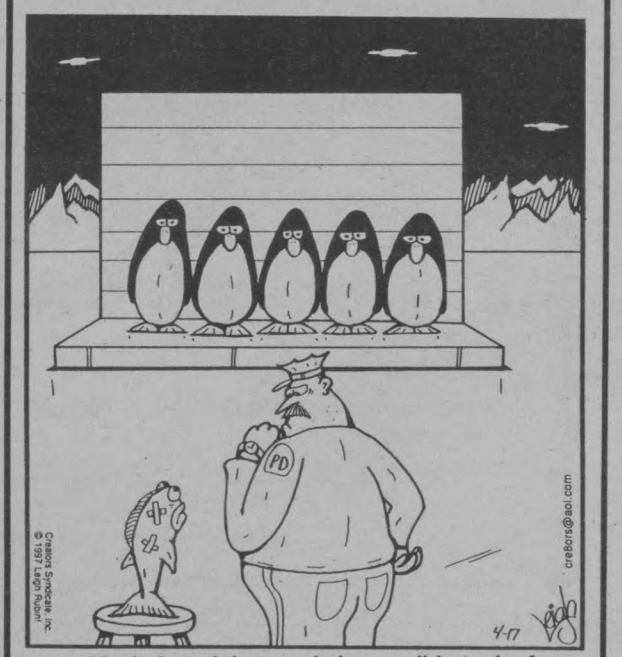
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Police Report

— Compiled by Anthony Galloway from Isla Vista Foot Patrol reports.

Festiva Fondler

Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers received a call from a female student Saturday afternoon who reported witnessing a male masturbating in his car just moments earlier.

"[The victim] said she was walking eastbound on the south side of El Colegio [Road] across from Francisco Torres when a vehicle pulled up next to her and stopped. [She] thought the driver of the vehicle was going to ask for directions," reports state. "As [she] looked into the vehicle ... she saw a dark-skinned male masturbating. The male driver had his pants unzipped and was masturbating using his left hand."

The student continued to walk eastbound while avoiding to look back at the vehicle, reports state.

"[She] did not look back until she got to Camino Corto," reports state. "When she looked back she did not see the vehicle in sight."

According to the victim, the perpetrator is described as a dark-skinned Hispanic male driving a turquoise two-door Ford Festiva.

Stoner Steals Stuff

Deputies responded to a call from Isla Vista Market last Friday at 3:35 p.m. stating that management was detaining a shoplifter.

"[The store worker] was working the front checkout stand when he saw [the suspect] walking out of the market. The store alarm sounded as [the suspect] walked through the sensors and exited the store," reports state.

When the suspect emptied his pockets a stolen box of Visine was found, reports state.

"I asked to look inside his basket for additional store items. [He] was reluc-

tant but he opened up his backpack and slowly started removing the contents. He stopped removing the contents and appeared to be pushing something down into his backpack," reports state. "I feared he may be destroying evidence or may have a weapon."

The deputy then looked inside the backpack and discovered a small bag of marijuana, along with a marijuana pipe. Although store management declined to press charges for petty theft, the suspect was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, reports state.

Bed Burner Busted

While patrolling the 6600 block of Del Playa Drive on Saturday night, I.V. Foot Patrol officers saw two young men in the process of igniting a mattress.

"I saw a white mattress laying in the roadway in front of [a building]. I saw [one suspect] holding what appeared to be a lighter in his hand," reports state. "[He] activated the lighter and applied it to the mattress in the roadway."

The mattress caught fire after about five seconds. The officers observed the two suspects standing near the mattress watching the fire, according to police reports.

"I handcuffed [one suspect] and told him to remain seated," reports state. The second suspect was unable to be caught due to interference from bystanders.

The handcuffed suspect was taken to the Foot Patrol office and was later transported to Santa Barbara County Jail for booking.

DUI

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ting a heavy focus on preventive measures, drunk driving tends to go up, and that's really unfortunate."

The decline in DUI arrests can also be attributed to alternative forms of transportation such as Bill's Bus, Banks said.

"I think Bill's Bus has been a big factor in lowering the amount of DUI arrests," he said. "It's given students who would normally be driving downtown the option of not having to get behind the wheel."

Alternative transportation is an intelligent option if you are under the influence, said junior biology major Jeff Breit.

"I don't see why anyone

would want to ride with a drunk driver," he said. "If you're too drunk to drive home, get a cab, take Bill's Bus or call a friend. ... It's not worth the risk."

Under California state law, if arrested on a DUI, first time offenders will face a fine between

\$2,000-\$4,000, loss of driver license for 4-6 months, mandatory attendance at a DUI school,

and a considerable rise in insurance rates. If the perpetrator is under 21 years of age, their driver license

may also be suspended until they are 21. Including legal fees, the average DUI arrest can cost upward of \$5,000.

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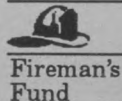
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Daniel Gomes

What Do All of These Men Have in Common?*

*they all could be rapists..

There are the media's stereotypical images of the classic rapist: the perverted stranger stealthily lurking in the shadows; the demented, fiendish psychopath; the enraged stalker posing as a repairman or hiding in the back seat of a parked automobile. They are the men we sometimes read about in newspapers or see on television programs like *A Current Affair* or *Inside Edition*.

Accordingly, the myth is maintained that rape is uncommon and is primarily perpetrated by a few crackpots and lunatics, men who are complete strangers to their victims.

Rape is unlikely to be seen, and as such is not apt to have any subsequent significance for the dominant culture and the securely established social order.

In reality, however, rapists come in all forms. "They vary in their needs, motivations and approaches to rape," sociologist

"[A] survey suggests that one in four college women were the victims of rape..."

Stuart L. Hills states in his article "Rape and the Masculine Mystique." Rape occurs much more frequently than official police statistics would suggest, and is certainly not the exclusive territory of the perverted maniac.

In truth, most rapists are the type of men that women from all strata of society are likely to know: friends, relatives, co-workers, employers, lovers, former lovers, husbands, colleagues, acquaintances, dates — all esteemed and trusted people.

So, contrary to popular belief, a woman is more likely to be raped by someone she knows and trusts than by a total stranger. The most frequent form of rape is that of "date rape."

Date (or acquaintance) rape is forced, manipulated or coerced sexual intercourse by a friend or acquaintance. It can happen anywhere, at anytime, to anyone. Studies show that date rape occurs most frequently among college students, particularly among freshmen.

A 1988 study revealed that 17 women are raped on college campuses every day. Of those, 90 percent know their assailants while 57 percent are attacked by dates. Another study shows that since 1983 there were 119 campus gang rapes. (Figures are probably higher since this number reflects only reported rapes.)

Another survey suggests that one in four college women were the victims of rape or attempted rape, and 84 percent of their attackers were dating partners or acquaintances. This same study found that one in four college men admitted having used sexual aggression with women. Again, this study does not reveal the extent of the problem since date rape often goes unreported.

So what is the explanation for this alarming situation? Are we

males malicious by nature? Or are some of us casualties of the "masculine mystique"?

Socialists suggest that the justification for rape is often obtained from established stereotypes about women which permit some aggressive men to maintain a pleasing self-image and treat women as targets of violence. According to Charles McCaghy, there are three standard male justifications for the forcible violation of women.

"Some women need to be raped." This stems from the importance placed on keeping women in their place — beneath men. As this stereotype goes, women don't know what they want. They get men all "turned on," and then decide that they no longer want to "go all the way." If allowed to get away with this sort of behavior, the next thing you know, they'll be walking all over men.

Or women want a strong man to mistreat them. That way they know the man is in charge. Or all women are phony, stuck-up "bitches," and they need a good "bang" to let them know that they aren't as high and mighty as they think. This accepted stereotype perhaps illustrates an expression of male dominance.

"Some women deserve to be raped." This justification blames a woman's reputation. Women perceived as promiscuous or as "sluts" are seen as legitimate targets of rape. Once a woman is labeled as "an easy lay," her refusal to accommodate all comers threatens the fragile male ego and triggers rape.

Other men may feel entitled to use force because they know it is not a woman's first time. These tainted reputations also facilitate "gang-bangs" or "trains." Even for the reluctant man, the fear of losing status among his male peers often outweighs natural sensibilities.

"Some women want to be raped." This fallacy stems from a widely shared chauvinistic conviction that only willing women get raped. In other words, some men believe the victim is in search of rape, or that she subconsciously wants to be raped, and that by claiming rape, she suffers from self-deceit, masking her ambivalent — but real — sexual fantasies.

Not surprisingly, in our male-dominated culture some women will ridicule and scorn rape victims by denying the credibility of their claims. Socialized to believe that only women who "ask for it" get raped, these women maintain that rape victims precipitate their own victimization or that they were not really raped. The notion that there is no such thing as rape may also partly explain why some men who rape see themselves as lovers rather than rapists.

Many people insist that although men may adopt these chauvinistic attitudes when talking among themselves, they have no intentions of actually raping. However, even though men say male bonding consisting of this type of misogynous dialogue is only "talk," the fact remains that after you pump a few drinks into some men, talk quickly turns to action.

A University of Florida study reported that one in 12 men admitted that they committed acts that are legally defined as rape or attempted rape, and 84 percent of those men who committed rape did not consider their actions criminal. The same survey found that 35 percent of college men would consider rape if they thought they could get away with it.

In another college survey, 43 percent of college-age men admitted using coercive behavior to have sex, including ignoring a woman's protest and using physical aggression to force intercourse.

11 percent acknowledged man to have sex.

Why do a disproportionate lies in the very nature of interaction between a man and woman? The interaction of their personalities, their moralities. It has strong sexual overtones is ever present.

The motivation for rape is not the goal. The humiliating and degrading communication usually results in a violent act.

We cannot shy away from the fact world. Change happens when we must do more than just the warning signs of date rape.

To reject the stereotype

"Men, they act. Don't ship turn

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Men, imagine how difficult more pounds heavier and Consider: What might a woman be afraid, perhaps too

Men need to take the responsibility to correct things will take communication from everyone. It will start with their partners are consensual

The success of any relationship feeling what your partner is never moves at her own rate wish right then. Men must do something against her will. A man Men, think before you act into a crime.

On a journey fueled by false justifications, we must cycle of the masculine nature

It is not a lot, but it has to men should not be completely respectful and unempathetic first place.

Daniel Gomes is a do

"A person may appear a fool and yet not be one. He may only be guarding his wisdom carefully."

— Zen master Zengetsu

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The Reader's Voice

NEXUS GETS SET STRAIGHT

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The Issues: A Nexus article claims that Associated Students discovered its own investments in Mitsubishi, and there was controversy surrounding it (Daily Nexus, "A.S. Bill Draws Mixed Reaction; Stance Queried," April 7). Furthermore, a staff editorial, (Daily Nexus, "Bring It All Back Home," March 7) claimed that A.S. leggies were "hypocrites" for passing a Mitsubishi boycott bill and then profiting off Mitsubishi. It also suggested the I.V. Credit Union as an investment.

The editorial ended with accusations: "Perhaps A.S. representatives can also learn a valuable lesson about what they commit to. We put our trust in them ... this trust should never be compromised. ... Do the right thing A.S. — make good on your promises and follow through with the boycott."

At issue is whether or not A.S. acted in bad faith. Before I even get into this, we need to get the facts straight.

Controversy? In reality, the Nexus didn't discover anything. They cut and pasted quotations from members of A.S. to create the notion of a controversy when one did not exist.

The facts: The Nexus quoted Investment Adviser Greg Steele's claim that A.S. had \$906,632

invested in Janus Worldwide. In reality, A.S. has about \$577,000 invested.

Irrelevant information: The Nexus told you that Janus Worldwide owns about \$13 million of Mitsubishi. That is not a relevant number because Janus Worldwide is a multibillion-dollar fund. What is relevant is that Janus' total holdings in Mitsubishi are equivalent to 0.26 percent of its total. The use of large numbers are misrepresentations of the truth.

In reality, A.S. actually holds about \$1,500.20 in Mitsubishi. Because of the way we are invested, we cannot divest this money without divesting all of our holdings at a significantly lower cost basis. Does it seem practical to dump over half-a-million dollars of a fund be-

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Furthermore, this fund is very active. On av-
erage it sells all its current holdings more than
twice a year. It is very likely this approximately
\$1,500.20 might not even exist next year.

So what's the big deal? Approximately
\$1,500.20 isn't significant. Especially when this
is an indirect investment. I stress this because
this was not a CONSCIOUS DECISION. The
Nexus makes you think it was. This is untrue.
The Nexus used big numbers to fool readers.

To complicate this further, none of this is re-
ally relevant. This bill isn't retroactive, and
therefore does not act *ex post facto*. But the real

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More Reader's Voice

GREG COMES OUT SWINGING

Editor, Daily Nexus:

For most of this year, I have been sit-
ting back and attempting to ignore the
pathetic and senseless attacks on my
person. I've endured fellow board
members, fuzzy-headed do-gooders
and other assorted troglodytes prat-
tling about dead issues, getting huffy
and morally self-righteous for no other
reason than that they are twits.

Yes, twits. I honestly believe that the
term *twit* is the most apropos of all the
derogatory terms that have suddenly
flooded my mind because of the latest
salvo of idiocy coming from my "good
friend," Mr. Eric Cardenas (Daily
Nexus, "Activism Quashed Without
Votes," April 16).

Not only has Mr. Cardenas clouded
the entire Mitsubishi bill issue in a
near-opaque haze of unthinking, illog-
ical and fallacious rhetoric, but he has
once again showed why people like
himself should never have been admit-
ted into the University system. Let us
now take a few moments to go over a
few of the "points" that Mr. Cardenas
has attempted to make.

First, Mr. Cardenas states that the



reason why I abstained from voting
on the measure is because the A.S.
owns no products, and had no reason-
able expectations of purchasing any,
from Mitsubishi. While these notions
are partially true, and should convince
some who hear them not to vote a cer-
tain way, they were not the reasons
why I chose to vote the way I eventu-
ally did.

Should Mr. Cardenas ever attempt
to learn something independently of
what is spoon-fed to him by his fellow
ill-kempt eco-terrorists, he would
soon find that when one abstains from
voting, one is doing so to make a point.
In essence, an abstention from voting
means that a voting member of an as-
sembly believes that an issue is either
not worth voting for, or else is beyond
the scope of authority of that assembly.
I believed that the latter was true, and
made the choice that I did.

Let us now take a quick look at what
has been done as a result of our foray
into the realm of unprepared, fuzzy-
headed do-goodness. Mitsubishi is
still exploiting indigenous peoples.
They are still cutting down trees, at the
behest of various nations (who, by the
way, we have not boycotted). They still
make bad cars, and excellent big-
screen televisions and VCRs.

The world has not collectively
stopped, and has yet to fall to its knees
now that UCSB's A.S. has made the
"momentous" decision to boycott Mit-
subishi. We must then ask ourselves:
What is it that A.S. has accomplished?

Well, for starters, we have ensured
that Mr. Cardenas can sleep easier at
night because he can delude himself
into believing that he has accom-
plished something significant, even
though the rest of the world would he-
sitate to agree. And we, A.S., have
made ourselves look like idiots in the
eyes of this administration, as well as
countless others', because of "The Ja-

nus Connection" and our complicity
in all of the evils mentioned above.
Seems like a fair trade, huh?

I'm proud to be the only Leg Coun-
cil member who had the courage to
stand up to the Environmental Affairs
Board/Rainforest Action Network
eco-terrorist bullies, and demand
more information and justification for
a bill that was amended in excess of 33
times in a single meeting.

Second, Mr. Cardenas has also
stated that the only organization on
the face of the planet that is capable of
determining what groups, entities or
whatever are anti-environment is the
shadowy RAN. Pardon me for having
the gall to ask, but who are these peo-
ple, who funds them, and why is it that
I should care what the heck they say?
Oops, I forgot — since Mr. Cardenas
likes them, they must be the most legi-
timate organization on the planet, in-
capable of making a mistake.

And because of this, there is no rea-
son why we should even bother re-
questing other sources of information
or take the time to think about an issue
as complex as this one has become (or
indeed, as it has been from the begin-

ning) for more than four hours.

Third, Mr. Cardenas has also stated
that our worthless investment in an in-
ternational multibillion-dollar corpo-
ration is going to prod them (the evil
rich people, that is) into ceasing their
anti-environmental activities. Grow
up! International multibillion-dollar
corporations could care less if our in-
significant investment disappears.
They still have about 5 billion other
people they can go to should they need
an additional \$20,000.

Now that we know that A.S. is not
in compliance with the Mitsubishi bill,
what do we do? Some, including Mr.
Cardenas, Dan Schneider, *et al.*, have
decided that, since it is entirely too
hard to eliminate all A.S. funds from
Mitsubishi's year-end balance state-
ment, we can invest in Mitsubishi —
just as long as we don't invest too
much. Let's hear a round of applause
for consistency!

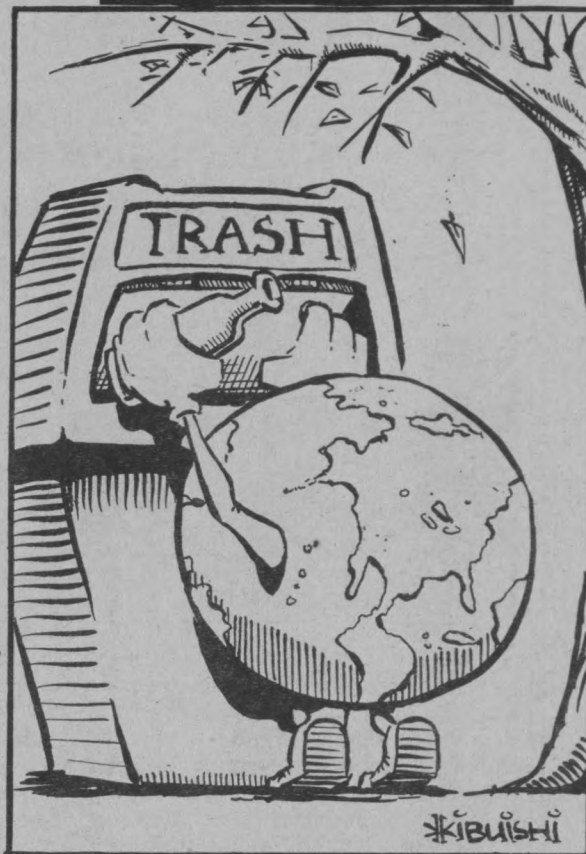
Fourth, Mr. Cardenas has stated
that I have done nothing this academic
year, and do not deserve to hold office.
Well now, everyone is entitled to his or
her own opinion. As for his comments

Fifth, I believe that my opinions and
beliefs transcend the simple
conservative/liberal paradigm. Mr.
Cardenas may be satisfied by being a
doctrinaire, unthinking socialist, and
more power to him. I like to believe
that since I actually do my own re-
search, and am able to come to my own
conclusions that are independent of
other people's conclusions, this uni-
versity has done its job by making me
an independent thinker, unsatisfied
with what others may believe or tell me
to believe.

Sixth, as for the rest of his "argu-
ments" — I don't believe in attacking
the mentally unprepared more than is
necessary, so I'll let the rest go.

GREG PRILL
A.S. OFF-CAMPUS REP

LAST CALL



Is Mother Earth Your Best Friend?

Are You as Green as Shannon and Erin?

Erin Vosti and
Shannon Dorgan

The authors of *Environmental Policy in the 1990s*
say, "When the first environmental decade was
launched more than 20 years ago, protecting our air,
water and other natural resources seemed a relatively
simple proposition. ... The sense of urgency that
swept Congress in 1970 ... reflected the rise of one of
the most dramatic popular movements in American
history."

Where the hell has all the drama gone? Saturday,
April 19, marks the 27th anniversary of Earth Day, but
it will probably pass not with a bang, but a whimper.
Sure, there are many important issues on the political
agenda today, but the health of the environment
should concern us all.

Dammit, people! It's time to love and touch your
Earth. We need to wake up and realize we are mere
visitors on this planet. Well, actually, you need to
realize this — we, of course, are already one step
ahead of the game. Our everyday actions are a veri-
table cornucopia of respect and empathy for the nat-
ural world. Why, a typical Saturday is chock-full of
eco-friendly adventure. Heed our example:

The morning started with a brisk cleanup of the de-
bris left over from the party Erin threw at her house
the night before. As Erin took her water-wise, 30-mi-
nute shower, Shannon gathered up the numerous
beer bottles strewn about the house, placing them
into a large plastic bag and promptly discarding them
in the trash. We understand all too well the need for
waste disposal — there is just too much clutter in the
world.

After our cleaning, we headed out the door to start
our day. We couldn't decide which one of our cars to
take downtown, so to avoid a nasty spat that would
dampen our spirits, we compromised and took both
cars. Erin lives barely two blocks away from down-
town, which is terrific — we saved gallons of gas.

When we arrived at Paseo Nuevo, we found that
the parking lot was full. We sat at the entrance and
idled for what seemed like an eternity, but it gave us
both time to reflect on the plight of Mother Earth and
just how sad it is that people don't realize how their
actions damage the world. Then we noticed that we
were hungry, so we turned our cars around and went
to get lunch at McDonald's, because we always hear
their name mentioned along with the rain forest. Our
natural-fiber clothing spree could wait.

On our way, we filled our gas tanks at Exxon, but
we're no fools — we chided the gas station attendant
about the whole Valdez incident, and by the look on
his face, we could tell our words had a great impact on
him.

Toward the end of the day, we went to Earthling for
coffee. Instead of agonizing over the paper/styrofoam
cup dilemma, we thought ahead and got our first cup
in paper and our refill in styrofoam. Problem solved.
We walked along State Street feeling 100 percent nat-
ural and self-assured.

Driving back home, we saw a beautiful field of Cali-
fornia poppies. We picked them all and, back home,
laid them at the feet of our stuffed condor in honor of
endangered species everywhere. What a shiny, happy
day.

Of course, we are not at all serious. We don't usu-
ally cut such a wide swath of destruction. But we must
all realize that even our littlest actions can have detri-
mental (or beneficial) effects on our Earth.

Erin Vosti and Shannon Dorgan are Daily Nexus
columnists.

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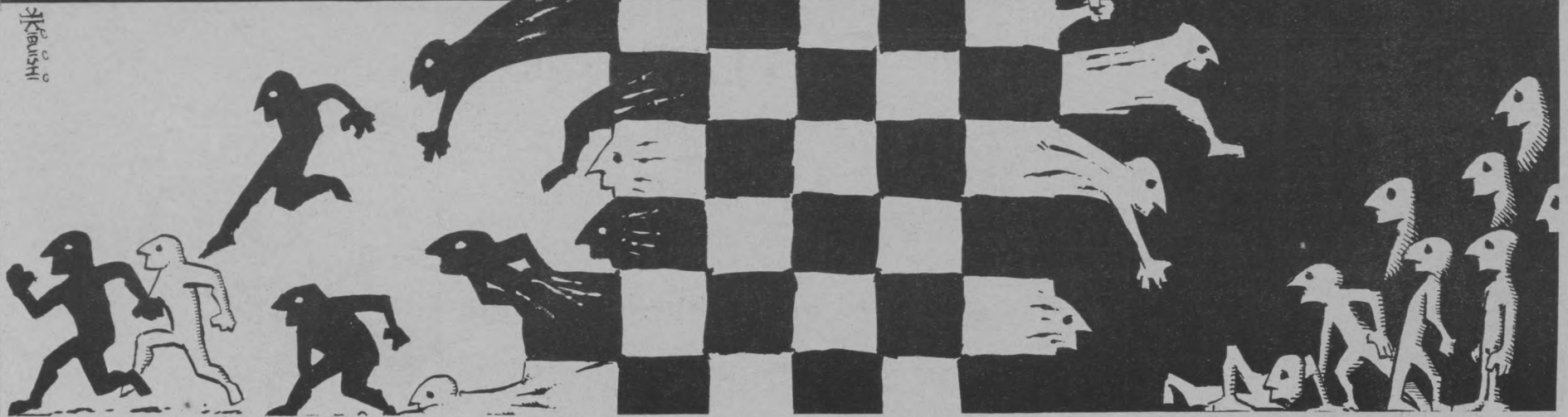
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Two Perspectives on Affirmative Action



Kirk Everist

I'm a white male and proud of my American citizenship. I would like to believe we live (in this country) in a meritocracy where hard work and success are properly and equally rewarded. I want to think that the school I work for will hire its employees and admit its students on the basis of their abilities and their commitment to excellence. Such dreams keep me going while I continue the hard work that's supposed to guarantee security and success.

But these are nothing more — or less — than dreams. I grew up in New Haven's inner city, where I was a minority. My black neighbors called me "Puerto Rican" because they didn't know any white people. I have been subjected to so-called "reverse discrimination." I am very likely experiencing it now, as prospective employers, under pressure to hire women and minority faculty members, encounter just another white male. It disturbs me and sometimes makes me angry.

But this is a small price to pay. I'm willing to pay that price.

I look at how minorities are portrayed in popular media, and I see the prejudice at work. I look at my fellow students, most of whom are women, and I recall that most of the faculty in my department are men. I remember my old neighborhood: the condemned building where we went to school, the fires that went unchecked until the smoke obstructed traffic (which was the moment the fire department was called in), the riots my parents survived, the consuming sense of despair and hopelessness. I remember my own fear when I see an unfamiliar face. And I hate these more than the frustration of my own dreams.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees equal treatment under the law. What the Constitution does not and cannot guarantee is its own enforcement. The Constitution is not a description but a prescription; it is not natural law but an ideal, a mutually shared dream that American citizens consent to believe in.

This belief is not safe, easy or cheap. It requires sacrifices, tough decisions and responsible behavior. And since we are not perfect beings, this dream will always require adjustments in the face of disturbing realities. Thankfully, it is part of the dream that we provide a mechanism for changing it when times — and people — change.

As an American citizen, I can no longer

afford to live under the delusion that people have changed as much as I want them to have changed. Barely a single generation has gone by since King's assassination — and I am not so naive as to assume that the prejudice and hate that prevailed in his day have completely disappeared in our own.

We don't have to abandon our dreams in order to face reality. We live in a plutocracy, not a meritocracy, and most wealth and power is still held by a small percentage of white men. The dream of an equal society can simply make this clearer so that we can devise what course of action is needed to change things.

The proponents of Proposition 209 argue that it abolishes legal discrimination. However, the problem in racial and gender inequality is not discrimination, but prejudice. The first definition of "discriminate" is "to make a clear distinction," or "to make sensible decisions; [to] judge wisely."

"Discrimination" simply means the recognition of differences. We need to recognize our differences in order to locate the strengths others have that we do not. A multicultural society requires discrimination in order to succeed. What it cannot tolerate is *prejudice* — that is, the tendency to judge without thinking; to discriminate indiscriminately.

The American justice system has been constructed to counter precisely this tendency, to balance the mob mentality that can lead to atrocities and apartheid. Because this system is in place, I believe my vote actually counts for something, because I know that it is not simply a self-interested act, but part of a public process of reflection and consideration. I also realize that I am not always right and that I will not always win.

I also must accept that people like me have been in charge for a long time, and that they — and I — have not been as fair as we might wish to have been, particularly to people unlike us. Only by accepting this, and by admitting that sometimes the only way to be fair is to use thoughtful unfairness, can I come any closer to embracing the hope that my dreams may someday reflect reality. I choose this course not from a need for penance but from the considered position that Affirmative Action — seeing strengths where I could not see them before — is one way (among many) to encourage a reflective society based on sound judgment and not on unthinking fear.

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Tom Brickner

Affirmative Action is something each of us has an opinion about. Some think it favors less-qualified people over more-qualified people because of the color of their skin. Others think it works to level the playing field for people who are underrepresented in the work force. I think Affirmative Action is a combination of both of these things.

Affirmative Action evaluates people on the basis of race. There is no getting around that. If you are non-white and/or a woman, Affirmative Action is supposed to work for you.

The intentions behind Affirmative Action are good, but the methods for carrying out those intentions are flawed. Your race is absolutely no indicator of your intelligence or the education you received. The most accurate determinant of the quality of one's education is the environment at home and school.

I'm not coming from the angry-white-male point of view. God knows there are fewer things more evil than the *white male*. I happen to think that you do not have to be white or male or any combination thereof in order to wrongly protect your interests. I am a man and I am white and I voted against Prop 209, the initiative that banned Affirmative Action.

I voted to keep Affirmative Action because I feel there are too many people getting the short end of the stick. I voted for Affirmative Action because I felt we needed to keep whatever legislation we had because it was better than nothing. I voted for Affirmative Action knowing full well the repercussions it might have on my life. I did this because I believe in voting for something that doesn't stand for my best interests when I feel it would be good for my country.

I am fed up with both sides of the issue railing against each other and tossing out ignorant stereotypes of those who oppose them. On the pro-Affirmative Action side I've heard a disconcerting amount of people refer to those who voted for Prop 209 as "racist" or somehow misguided because they didn't believe in it. On the Wilson/Connerly tip, I've heard even more people complaining about how those "less qualified" will destroy any good white man's chances at prosperity and pose a greater threat to our country than those red-bastard Commies did.

I think both sides have to some degree become inflamed by their self-righteousness and have resorted to branding all those who disagree with

them. I think people should try to debate the issue without referring to white people as racist and non-white people as somehow less qualified. The disagreement over this issue is more about personal ideology than about racism. Responsible people who voted on one side or another were not motivated by prejudice but by what they felt was *fair*.

Affirmative Action is a good idea enacted in the wrong way. There are people getting screwed unfairly and they deserve the opportunities so many of us have had. But just because you are non-white doesn't mean this has been your lot. The most underrepresented minority in the U.S. is the good ol' trailer-park-inhabitant, Jenny Jones-watchin' "white trash." No one has ever tried to do *anything* to help this poor group! Under Affirmative Action, these people had the lowest chance of getting into a university.

Judging someone based on their race — whether you are helping or hurting them — is wrong. It is biased in the truest sense of the word. *But*, instead of giving up there, I propose a revolutionary new form of Affirmative Action that may help to place those who really deserve special consideration into a public university:

1.) California conducts a statewide "test" of all public high schools (something it began this year). If this "test" included the average student GPA, the amount of money in the school district's budget, the relative prosperity of the surrounding neighborhood and, possibly, the average income of the students' parents, this would ensure that those in poorer neighborhoods (be they black or white) would receive special consideration when they apply. After all, the learning environment determines the success of one's education.

2.) Each school should be assigned a rating by the state, which would provide some objective determination of the quality of education the individual received.

3.) The University applicant puts this rating on their application and the University accepts a certain number of applicants from each rating.

This idea could be a pipe dream or it could really work. Right now, however, there are only two things we can be sure of: Affirmative Action as we know it is dead; and we need something to replace it because every day, people are getting screwed. I'm interested to see what you think, but if you can't resist name-calling or generalizations, please keep your ideas to yourself.

Tom Brickner is a Daily Nexus columnist.

Still More Reader's Voice

CORRECTION FROM P.6

issue is that we really don't own any significant amount of Mitsubishi. Out of our whole portfolio, we own less than a quarter of a percent of Mitsubishi.

What about the I.V. Credit Union? The Nexus suggests investing with them. As small as the I.V. Credit Union is, a half-million dollar investment in it would not bring it out of financial destitution.

In the harsh staff editorial, the Nexus said, "We put our trust in them to act collectively in ways that we cannot, and this trust should never be compromised by empty rhetoric and superficial position papers." This was a very hurtful statement because it flat-out wasn't true.

Moreover, the Nexus probably owes Dan Schneider an apology for devaluing the bill, which, like so many other bills championing the environment, he has worked so hard on.

Finally, A.S. is, and has been, doing the right thing. My job is to ensure the financial solvency of A.S. for many years to come so that it can continue to serve students. If

I and others had blindly listened to others like the Nexus, we would not be around today. A.S. has followed through with the boycott.

Since the bill, we have not made any investments in Mitsubishi and we are in the process of creating clear-cut guidelines for determining what is and what isn't significant. I will set clear black-and-white cases of what is an unacceptable investment. For example, A.S. will never own more than 10 percent of an unacceptable investment such as Mitsubishi. After that point, we'd have to sell because it would be significant. That is not a compromise, that is called being rational.

When the Nexus blows out of proportion our quarter-of-a-percent holding in Mitsubishi, that's ridiculous and absurd. In today's global economy, no one can be ignorant of international investments. We have little control over small positions that build up in undesirable companies, but once they reach a significant amount, I promise that we will divest.

In closing, I cannot express enough the disappointment and frustration that I feel with the Nexus. The Nexus failed to contact me. If it had done so, this misunderstanding could have all been avoided. When I clarified the issues in an April 9 Leg Council meeting, the

Nexus should have published a correction — it didn't.

If the Nexus wants to be known as a reputable newspaper, I suggest they review their policies and procedures. Freedom of the press is a powerful thing — it has been called the fourth branch of the government. In that way, you at the Nexus are like a part of A.S. You keep us honest and yes, you're often critical of us. Sometimes it is justified — other times it is not.

The students at UCSB trust you, Nexus. They believe what you say. Don't continue to disappoint us with your "empty rhetoric." The fallacies of irrelevance and the misleading conclusions that you draw from them must stop.

GARRICK LOUIE
A.S. INVESTMENTS CHAIR

The Nexus Eds guys are just too damned busy to sit down with y'all over coffee this Friday -- but we'll be right back next week. See ya!

CALPIRG

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petition for Gov. Wilson,
Sedlock said.

"Congress isn't ignoring the issue but is being pressured by big businesses. They're being bought-off by large polluting corporations," he said. "Smaller groups cannot compete in the same manner. Instead, they use large community support."

The issues of toxins in the environment and clean air are relevant to students as well as Santa Barbara residents, Sedlock said.

"Santa Barbara is affected by air pollution," he said. "Santa Barbara this and last year exceeded [Environmental Protection Agency] air pollution standards."

Associated Students External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Colin McCarthy agrees with the action taken by CALPIRG and commends its efforts.

"I think it's a great idea to integrate the lobby day with handing in the petition. It's a great show of involvement and the numbers which CALPIRG possesses," he said.

Student awareness about the environment helps find solutions, according to biology Professor Samuel Sweet.

"Increasing awareness can only be good," he said. "Efforts can contribute to solve a problem but no one organization can do it alone."

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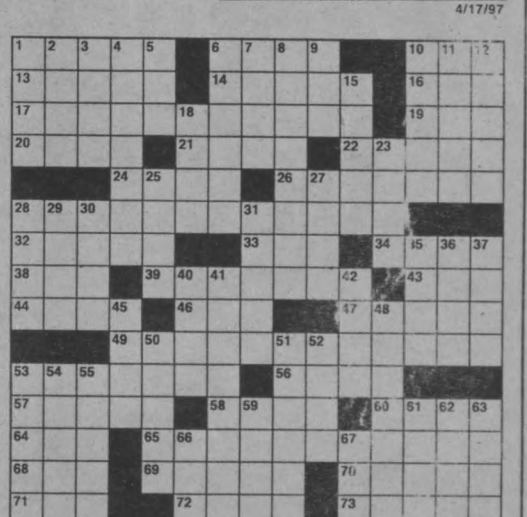
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Gaucha Cyclists Rebound From Three Poor Seasons

■ UCSB Now a Contender in Conference

By Ben Alkaly
Staff Writer

Since placing third at the National Championships in 1993, the UCSB cycling team had been in a continuous rebuilding phase.

However, the squad can officially consider itself rebuilt now that it is tied with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for first place in the highly competitive West Coast Cycling Conference.

The Gauchos have thus far posted seven first-place finishes, with two regular-season competitions remaining.

As planned, the junior and senior riders who have been competing since the lean years are now excelling. Currently, junior Jonathan Maus ranks fifth in the WCCC — racking up 265 points — while senior Riyad Nabti sits in seventh place with 249 points. On the women's side, senior Meredith Thomason is second

in the conference.

Head Coach Raul Guisado feels cohesiveness and dedication are the two factors that can be attributed to Santa Barbara's newfound success.

"They've developed quite a bit of team unity over the past three years," he said. "The standouts are mostly seniors. [We also have] a really committed group of younger riders who have had some impressive performances despite inexperience."

Senior Justin Fogarty, who ranks 30th in the WCCC, credits Guisado with the Gauchos' return to respectability.

"Raul has been instrumental in the team's success," he said. "He took us from almost no experience to a point where we can be competitive."

UCSB has two more competitions — at UCLA this weekend and San Jose State April 26-27 — in which to climb into sole possession of first place in the conference. The squad hopes to



Photo courtesy of the cycling team

BLAZING SPEED: After some lean years, the Santa Barbara cycling team is now benefiting from veteran leadership and talented youth. The squad is tied for first in the conference.

peak in time for the WCCC Championships held at Stanford University on May 10-11.

"They're looking at having a

really good shot at winning the conference and sending a team to nationals," Guisado said.

"This is the most competitive

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In Other News.....

The UCSB women's gymnastics team had an impressive performance at the USA Gymnastic Championships in Seattle, Wash., last weekend.

Senior Margie Hoeffler finished second in the vault (9.8125), third in the uneven bars (9.725) and seventh in the floor exercise (9.675) to tie for first overall in the tournament.

Teammate Alison Giorgetti was second in the floor exercise (9.825) and eighth in the balance beam (9.250).

The tournament brings together top gymnasts from all over the country as a prelude to the NCAA Championships this weekend. Unfortunately for Santa Barbara, none of the team members earned qualifying scores for the championships.

The UCSB women's soccer team has named Kris Bassler as its new head coach. Bassler succeeds John Cossaboon, who left to take over the soccer program at the University of San Diego.

Bassler, a former star defender for the Gaucho program, was an assistant to Cossaboon during the 1996 season. She is signed through December, which includes the entire 1997 season.

"I'm excited to be here," Bassler said. "I am also excited for the team and for the recruits. This is an opportunity to bring some stability to the situation and to get some things accomplished this year."

When Cossaboon left his post at the end of last season, Bassler was appointed interim coach until July 1 of this year. The current announcement will enable her to have better opportunities for the present recruiting season.

Bassler played four seasons for Santa Barbara, beginning her career in 1991. She was named to the All-Far West team as a sophomore and is still third in the school's all-time minutes list, with 6,613. She played every minute of every match during her final three seasons here.

Bassler takes over a team that has struggled in recent years, finishing 4-13-2 last season.

The UCSB baseball team lost its third straight game Wednesday when it fell to Wichita State 13-6.

The squad (18-22) was unable to recover from an early 8-0 deficit, as the Shockers (30-8) led at one point by a 13-2 score.

Senior Jorvic Salazar, usually a middle reliever, made the start for the Gauchos. He gave up 11 runs, only six of which were earned, in four innings of work.

The Gauchos used two freshmen — Matt Dailey and Troy Kinto — to finish off the rest of the contest.

Santa Barbara was led offensively by senior catcher/first baseman David Willis, who had two hits and two RBIs.

Sophomore designated hitter Justin Lehr and senior center fielder Joe Kemper also had two hits apiece.

The main man for Wichita was center fielder John Adams, who registered three hits and five RBIs, including a three-run homer.

UCSB continued its defensive woes with four errors. The team made a total of nine miscues in two games this week at Wichita.

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