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# IVCC ORGANIZES COMMUNITY VOICE

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Nearly 200 Isla Vistans packed themselves into St. Marks Thursday night, for the scheduled meeting of the Isla Vista Community Council (IVCC), and succeeded in democratically reorganizing the structure of the Council.

As it now stands, IVCC will consist of 11 members. Eight of these representatives will be elected by residents of their precinct (See map, p. 4). The remaining three will be elected "at-large."

Before Thursday night's meeting, the Council was organized to include eight representatives from various interest groups and eight elected representatives; each of the 16 would have had an equal vote.

The eight groups which would have sent representatives include the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, a businessman or realtor, homeowners, religious, the University, A.S. Government, Social Service and Special Projects.

About midway through Thursday's meeting, the "Committee of Concerned Residents of Isla Vista," which had gathered the signatures of 650 I.V. residents in two days, presented a petition voicing criticism of the Council's original structure and calling for its reorganization.

Although it supported the "theory underlying the foundation of the IVCC," the petition pointed out that many of the interest groups which were represented, "...already exert power and influence in Isla Vista," and that, "the main function of the Council should be to serve the largest number of I.V. residents, not to duplicate power already exerted."

Many of the criticisms voiced by the signers of the petition had been brought up by individuals earlier in the meeting, and several problems were discussed and acted on during the remainder of the evening.

Many of those present expressed agreement with the petition's criticisms, and eventually it was overwhelmingly adopted in a voice vote.

Later, those present declared themselves an official Town Meeting and the chairman, Brian Vandervoet, concurred. Legitimate steps could then be taken to change I.V.C.C., and all those present became voting participants in restructuring the body.

In a vote of 2-1 (103-54), the people present chose to repeal the structure of the original council.

Several alternative proposals were suggested and the one providing eleven elected representatives was endorsed.

Various other actions were taken during the remainder of the evening in an effort to set forth the procedures and regulations for the upcoming election on May 5.

### ONE MAN—TWO VOTES

It was decided that each registered voter would cast two votes; one for a candidate from his precinct and one for a representative-at-large.

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The people make the community







There's more  
to I.V....

than meets  
the eye



## Isla Vista...

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Any person can register to vote providing he/she is 16 years old or older and either a resident of Isla Vista or the principal (such as the manager or owner) of a business in I.V. Door to door canvassers will register voters between Monday, April 27 and May 3. Street people and other persons who miss the canvassers can register at the central filing agency at 6560 Pardall.

Candidates must meet the same requirements as voters and must file a nominating petition with the signatures of 30 constituents of his/her precinct by Wednesday, April 29.

Since much confusion and objection arose concerning the rules for passing proposals in accordance with the plurality defined by the old structure, the people agreed that the new Council would themselves determine, by a majority, how the plurality should be defined.

### BUSINESSMEN DISCUSSED

Much discussion centered around the role of businessmen and realtors in IVCC. Some felt that they should have some representation, others felt that they should act in an advisory capacity to the Council, and it was finally decided that they could lobby for positions.

The main objection to eliminating businessmen and realtors, as well as some of the other more influential interest groups, from the Council, was that these persons do have power that should be used.

But as one I.V. resident present put it, "The residents of Isla Vista have to determine their future for themselves. We'll make the realtors and the Supervisors come to us with rent strikes and other concerted, community action."

After the meeting, one of the eight temporary original Council members, Loe Jacobsen of the Isla Vista Association (homeowners), expressed guarded optimism with the new

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# CÁSTULO

## A.S. President

### de la Rocha

When I first arrived on this campus, I remember a generally apathetic student body; a university irrelevant and out of reach to Chicanos, Blacks and other minorities; a faculty unresponsive to general social and political issues; and an administration ignorant of student grievances and of student living conditions in Isla Vista.

Today UCSB and Isla Vista are undergoing dynamic change. Our community is caught in a cross fire between those who seek truly creative change, those who seek accommodation, and those who seek reaction and repression. Unfortunately, the crisis situation on our campus is not solely limited to internal problems, but rather, it encompasses broad issues confronting the entire nation. Hence, UCSB and the University community has come into national focus.

With issues of this scope, an individual or body of persons, cannot possibly hope to bring realistic change in a one year period. But I believe that I can and will make a forceful impact to bring solutions to the problems we face. For this, I can stand on my personal experiences. As a student committed to change, I have served on numerous committees and commissions. Through these bodies, I have affected visible change within the structure and governance of this University. This experience has provided me with the knowledge and experience to lay the ground work for true student input in this university.

I stand committed to three principles: 1) Student self-determination 2) Effective student participation in the governance of Isla Vista 3) Effective student participation in University governance. The concept of self-determination simply means the right of students to have some control over that which is affecting the destiny of their lives. Our experience on this campus as well as the experience of students on other campuses, has been the denial of student access to positions or bodies that render decisions which affect our lives. This is exemplified by the refusal of the Santa Barbara Division of the Academic Senate to allow students to participate in Senate meetings and in its committee system, that is, other than token representation (as student "observers" or "consultants"). I firmly believe that students, although not "professionals," as described by various members of the Academic Senate, are reasonable human beings who have constructive and positive ideas in academic matters. Therefore, I propose that students have, at the minimum, 1/3 of the votes of the Academic Senate and equal representation in each committee of the

Senate. As well, students must have access to all information and voting power in committees and administrative boards in the various colleges and departments at UCSB.

When students are placed in positions where they can positively affect policy decision, then matters dealing with general education requirements, language requirements, and independent studies can be dealt with effectively. Until then we can only hope for token concessions.

Many times in the past there have been efforts to affect these changes. But these efforts have been fruitless because they have been done by individuals with no organizational support. I propose to establish a student Senate of student organizations—radical, liberals, moderate, conservative, service clubs, RHA, sororities, fraternities, etc.—to discuss and act on issues which involve the entire University community, i.e., Academic Senate meetings, the bookstore, UCen, EOP, new colleges and departments, etc.

The concept of self-determination is equally applicable to the Isla Vista community. The Isla Vista Council is the first step toward the development of a true political base for our community. It is in need of much work. I propose to make this body into a political leverage which will deal with those institutions which have been insensitive to the needs of our community. The Isla Vista Service Center is also critical and rightfully should receive top priority in funding. In Isla Vista, the function of the Associated Students should be to commit its human resources to develop a solid political institution for our community. A body which active agencies will have to deal with, as well as to provide the services that are essential to the well being of the Isla Vista community.

In running for A.S. President, I pledge my total energies to working for UCSB students in the confidence that my experiences in the Barrios (ghettos), in A.S. government, in University committees and commissions, and in the State Legislature will enable me to move our community toward an effective solution of the major problems confronting us.

### PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. Associated Students Executive Vice-President 1969-70
2. Organizer of UMAS (M.E.C.H.A.) 1968
3. Member of the Chancellor's Commission to Investigate Institutional Racism 1968-69
4. Member of the Chancellor's Committee on University Governance 1970
5. Presented the Outstanding Undergraduate Award (refused to accept)
6. Member of A.S. Finance Board and Communications Board 1969-70
7. Delegate to the Western Hemispheric Conference to stop the War in Vietnam, Montreal Canada 1968.

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structure. He based his optimism "...on the likelihood that the new council will be dedicated to the development of a self-governing community as originally planned."

**ORIGINAL PURPOSE ACCEPTED**

He felt that the most crucial point was that although the old composition was rejected, the original purpose was accepted.

But, "whether (the new council) will serve the community's best interests, remains to be seen," Jacobsen cautioned.

Jacobsen emphasized that businessmen should be given "sufficient" voting power so that they would be "...obligated to take a position."

His hope was that the new Council would recognize the importance of the University, the business community, the Associated Students, and the Board of Supervisors as sources of power "which should be contributory to Isla Vista self-government or converted or neutralized."

Ken Van Leer, who represented the commercial interests on the old Council, expressed little surprise with the changes. He felt that the same changes would have occurred anyway once the members on the Council of the originally planned structure were elected.

"It seemed to be what the community wanted at this point," was the way Bob Siberry, former religious group representative, summed up his feelings.

**CREDIBILITY**

He pointed out the increased credibility that the new structure will have with students, and he, too, expressed confidence that the deposed special interest agencies would help out in whatever ways they could.

During the meeting, criticisms were leveled at Mabel Shultz of Beaumont-Gribin Von-Dyl, but she was not present at the meeting, and EL GAUCHO was unable to reach her for comment.

The strongest supporter of the commercial interests at the meeting was Barbara Simmons of the Isla Vista Travel Center who

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Getting together...

means working together

8:30 p.m.

# Spring Sing tonight at Campus Stadium

*Are You Against*

## FREEDOM OF CHOICE?

*"Our" A.S. Government Is!*

That's why they're afraid we'll vote for the amendment to make A.S. membership voluntary (Look out, kid, they keep it all hid). They want to continue to extort \$33.00 from each of us every year (\$132.00 in four years!) to bankroll their special interest political power trips. 25 YEARS of forced membership is enough! Let's liberate ourselves. Let's make "student" government responsible to ALL the students. Let's turn out Monday and Tuesday and vote. For a CHANGE.

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- Barry Posner, A.S. Committee on Educational Policy
- Dave Abrecht, I.F.C. Representative

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EL GAUCHO **editorial**

After two months of explosion and violence, the arrest of over 200 persons, the burning of a bank, and the death of a student, we, the residents of Isla Vista, have the opportunity to bring ourselves together and gain control of our community.

Our hope lies in the reorganized Community Council—revamped so that all its members will be elected by and answerable to the people of Isla Vista.

We have come to the realization that now is the time for self-determination in our community; we, as residents, must accomplish the changes we have desperately needed for so long.

We can no longer tolerate the ghetto conditions which were created in I.V. by the same power structure which has imposed on us a police-state atmosphere (the State of Emergency is still in effect) to protect private property.

We all want the cops out; we all want I.V. to be ecologically sound; we all want control of our community and our lives. For the first time, with the IVCC, self-determination is in our hands.

The days of obsequious students prostrating themselves before paternalistic magistrates to gain minimal concessions are over. The people now have a legitimized body to speak for them, to act for them, and to deal with County and administrative officials on equal terms.

Regardless of whether we condemn or condone the past strife and violence, we must

face up to the fact that it has occurred, and that much of our present power has arisen from it.

With the establishment of food and living cooperatives and the organization of boycotts and strikes against the exploitive businessmen and realtors, they will be forced to help out or get out.

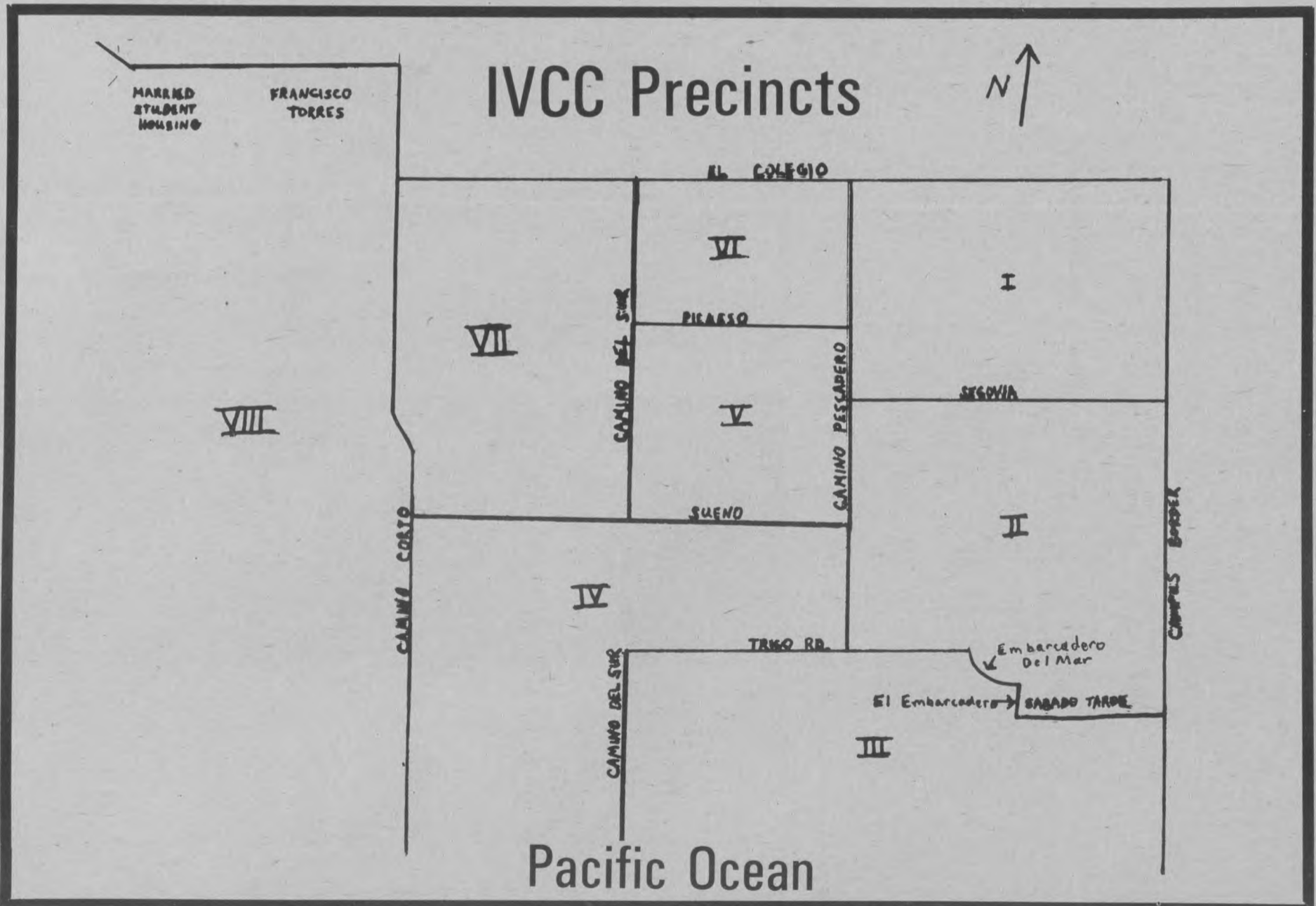
Thursday night, someone suggested that a businessman, realtor, Supervisor and Administrator be given a vote in the IVCC so that they would "have to" respond.

Consider where the interest of these people lie. We will not be their pawns any longer. Our position now is a very strong one, and with a responsible new IVCC, we can build out unity and strength even more.

The businessmen do not need a vote to make a statement, to take a stand on the issues that we bring forth. All we are asking is that they assume a humane stance as contributing and equal members of the community, not as possessors of inherent power and influence.

The credibility that the IVCC will have in the outside world will depend on how those we elect implement the basic purpose of the Council set forth in the original structure and adopted at Thursday's Town Meeting: "To act as a non-partisan community base. To develop a community."

How our representatives will do this, who they will be and whose interests they serve will depend entirely on us. We are a community, and we've got to get ourselves together.



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insisted that the students would get nowhere if the aid of those with influence was not enlisted.

Miss Simmons represented a definite minority Thursday night. The overwhelming majority had favored declaring the assembly an official Town Meeting and giving the residents of I.V. legitimate self-constituted power.

## AHOY!

### I.V. kneedsya

People are needed to make the IVCC elections and voter registration happen.

There will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the URC building (upstairs), 6518 El Greco, for all those interested in helping out.

For additional information, contact Marge Thorpe at 968-4916.

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