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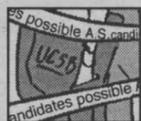
Photographer Lorna Simpson will give a free lecture tonight at 5 in I.V. Theater on Women and the Visual Arts as part of the Art Symposia Series.

# Daily Nexus

UC Santa Barbara

## Opinion

Associated Students wants you ... to run for elected office.



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## Sports

Ouch! The UCSB softball, men's volleyball and women's water polo teams went a collective 2-5 over the weekend.



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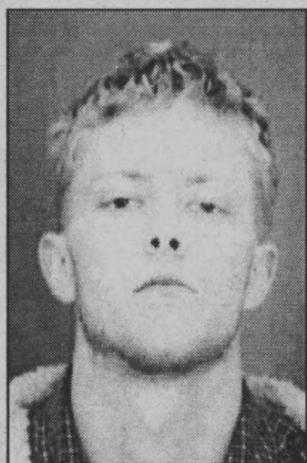
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Michelle Mai



Trask Bailard



Julia Merkel

## Drug Investigation Ends in Arrests

Three UCSB students were arrested Friday in a drug raid that netted a total of three quarters of a pound of cocaine and a small amount of MDMA, known on the street as Ecstasy.

Michelle Mai, 20, Julia Merkel, 21, and Trask Bailard, 21, were booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail for sale of a controlled substance and conspiracy to commit a crime, with bail set at \$100,000 each. According to Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Lt. Mike Burrigge, Friday's arrest occurred at 10:15 p.m. outside of Carrow's Restaurant in Goleta, and was the result of an extensive investigation of the suspects' residence on the 100 block of La Venta Road in Santa Barbara.

"The arrests came after a four-month investigation by county narcotics officers," he said. "The

arresting officers were assisted by members of the Gang Enforcement Unit and the Sheriff's Dept.'s Problem Oriented Policing Unit."

Burrigge said the gang unit was involved, but the suspects are not gang members. "The reason for [the gang unit's] involvement is because we were trained together and they lent a hand," he said. "The conspiracy charge comes in the fact that there were three of them together conspiring to commit a crime."

The street value of the substances seized is estimated to be in excess of \$45,000. Both Mai and Merkel have posted bail, while Bailard remains in custody. The investigation into the source of the narcotics is ongoing.

—Jeff Lupo

## Various Groups Benefit From Redistribution of A.S. Monies

BY BRENDAN BUHLER  
Staff Writer

Taking away with one hand and giving with the other, Associated Students Finance Board enriched its budget by \$2,660.81 at Monday night's meeting, despite dishing out \$4,869.25.

The board began the meeting by reclaiming \$7,530.06 in unspent student group funds and honoraria from Fall Quarter before moving on to new budget requests.

The largest allocation of the night was in response to a \$2,534.25 request by Off-Campus Rep Shilen Patel for the purchase of a new A.S. Macintosh PowerBook laptop. He said the laptop would streamline the A.S. secretary's minute-taking at Legislative Council and Finance Board meetings, and would be available for other uses as well.

"I think the greatest advantage of the PowerBook would be the time saved with the keeping of minutes. Also, it would give us the ability to make presenta-

tions," he said.

Nina Kobayashi, secretary for Finance Board, said that using a computer to take notes would save her time. "It would save me a good two or three hours," she said.

The allocation was approved without opposition.

External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Sergio Morales received the second-largest allocation. The board granted him \$860 for a conference he and four other UCSB students plan to attend in Washington, D.C. Morales had already received funding for two plane tickets at last week's meeting, and was requesting money for an additional ticket and per diem expenses for three people.

Board member Tawnya Dinsmore opposed the additional funding. "I was in favor of [the funding given last week] because I thought it would benefit A.S. However, travel is very expensive and I think this money could be used to benefit more students than we would by sending one or two people to a conference," she

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## Relative of Republican Presidential Hopeful To Speak on Education Tonight

Students eager to hear presidential candidate George W. Bush speak at UCSB may have to settle for the next best letter in the alphabet.

George P. Bush, Florida school teacher and nephew to George W. Bush, will be speaking tonight at 7 in the University Center's Lobero Room, Bush 2000 UCSB Co-Chair Doug Hutchinson said.

"[George P. Bush] will be representing his uncle for the students at UCSB. Since [Bush] is a teacher, he'll be

focusing on [George W. Bush's] attitudes towards education reform," Hutchinson said. "Education reform in Texas was a big issue for George W. Bush when he campaigned in 1994 for Texas governor, but now that he's running for president, he'll be addressing the issue on a national level. Since [George P. Bush] is a teacher, he'll be talking a lot about W. Bush's views on education."

Chair of College Republicans at UCSB Nick Farrah said George P. Bush will also try to show people a more

personal side of George W. Bush.

"[George P. Bush] has known [George] W. Bush as an uncle his whole life. He'll be telling stories about W. Bush that will hopefully make people want to vote for him," he said.

Farrah added that former 35th District Republican Assemblyman Brooks Firestone will accompany Bush.

— Dan LeFranc

## Third-Party Candidate Appeals to Campus Voters During Evening Political Discussion

BY JEFF LUPO  
Staff Writer

U.S. Senate Green Party Candidate Medea Benjamin spoke to approximately 50 students at the MultiCultural Center on Monday night, covering issues such as sweatshops, the World Trade Organization and voting in the upcoming March primary election.

Benjamin, who is also a founder and director of a watchdog organization called Global Exchange, said one of her primary concerns is to see the banishment of sweatshop labor used by large U.S. corporations.

"It's not OK to go find the most repressed workers you can and exploit

them. We're now just starting a campaign against the Starbucks corporation who is so big now — worth \$2 billion — they're opening two stores a day," she said. "I really feel like we're in an historic time; a good time to be challenging these systems on so many levels."

Benjamin said she opposes other large capitalist groups, such as the WTO, and challenged listeners to support free trade with their consumption choices.

"We can't leave unchallenged these faceless, undemocratic systems such as the WTO, the World Bank and the [International Monetary Fund]. Nobody in the presidential or senate race right now is seriously talking about

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### Retrospective

Mara Vishniac Kohn addresses a Monday night Campbell Hall crowd about the life and work of her late father, Roman Vishniac. Vishniac spent a career recording the rich culture and customs of 1930s Eastern European Jews through his photography.

# Top of the News

## Internet Sales Tax Goes Under Debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and the nation's governors grappled with one of the thorniest issues of the Internet age Monday, debating whether states should be allowed to charge sales taxes for online purchases.

With tens of billions of dollars in revenue at stake, Clinton said states should decide quickly among themselves what to do. "It may have to involve some simplification of sales taxes," presidential spokesperson Joe Lockhart said. "But this is something they will have to work out ... with some urgency."

Clinton met with members of the National Governors' Association for two hours in the White House. Aside from Internet taxes, the group discussed trade with China; Lockhart said general support emerged for granting permanent nor-



mal trade relations to Beijing — a contentious issue facing Congress.

Sales taxes are the single-largest source of revenue for most states and local governments — about \$150 billion overall. Some argue it is unfair to penalize traditional brick-

**[It is] not the right of the government to tell us whether we can or can't [tax Internet sales].**

— Jesse Ventura  
Minnesota governor

and-mortar businesses by exempting online sales from taxes; others say online taxation would slow economic growth by shackling the Internet.

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis of California said he opposes Internet sales

taxes because they might "kill the golden goose laying the egg." He said "money is just pouring in over the transom" in California — \$10 billion beyond what was estimated two years ago — because of increases in personal wealth, stock valua-

tions, expanding opportunities and productivity gains.

Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening, also a Democrat, said everyone agrees that Internet access should not be taxed, but there is no agreement on

the sales tax question.

"We are concerned that if the states lose, on the average across the country, 40 percent of their revenue, what would happen to education and other services?" Glendening said.

The federal government should butt out, Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura said. "I support the right of each state to make that determination," said Ventura, an independent. He said it is "not the right of the government to tell us whether we can or can't."

A commission headed by Gov. Jim Gilmore (R-Va.) is studying the Internet tax question and is due to send its recommendations to Congress in April. A federal law placing a temporary moratorium on taxes aimed specifically at the Internet expires in October 2001.

## European Official Presses Russia to End Fighting

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Surrounded by war-ruined buildings and shattered lives, Europe's top human-rights advocate called Monday for rebuilding Chechnya's capital and said he would press for an investigation of claims of atrocities.

Human Rights Commissioner for the Council of Europe Alvaro Gil-Robles made the statements on a one-day trip to Grozny, accompanied by Col. Gen. Gennady Troshev, the top commander of the Chechnya offensive, and Sergei Yastrzhembsky, acting President Vladimir Putin's news media point-man for Chechnya.

The trip did not take Gil-Robles to sites where refugees and human rights groups have alleged that Russian troops committed atrocities such as executions and torture.

Gil-Robles brushed off questions about atrocities and said, "I am fully satisfied with our cooperation and with the assistance Russia has rendered to make this visit possible."

He added that he would continue to press for investigation of human rights abuses when he returns to Brussels on Tuesday. He said Russian authorities had agreed that a human rights group could open an observer mission in Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city,



within two weeks.

Clearly shocked by the vast damage suffered by Grozny during six months of war, Gil-Robles said: "It is necessary to stop this war as soon as possible. It's necessary to help this population."

Troshev and Yastrzhembsky both said the fighting, now focused in the southern mountains where rebels have their last strongholds, could be concluded within a few days. However, other Russian officers have indicated a long fight might still be in store.

The Russian military wants to vanquish the rebels before spring melts the snow that now hampers rebel movement, and before new foliage gives them better concealment.

Rebels fled Grozny en masse in early February, leaving a city where skeletons of bombed-out apartment buildings tower over the streets, dotted by tangles of twisted pipe and pitted by deep bomb craters. Plumes of black smoke from blasted oil refineries rise on the horizon.

Some Russian officials have suggested that Grozny was so devastated that it would not be rebuilt, but Gil-Robles said "the reconstruction of Grozny is very important. It is a symbol for the Chechen people."

## AP Wire Shorts

SANTA PAULA, Calif. (AP) — A trucker died in the Highway 150 crash of his oil tanker, which ruptured and spilled up to 4,000 gallons of light crude Monday into Santa Paula Creek, authorities said.

Residents in the agricultural community of Santa Paula were warned the creek was fouled by the oil spill, but there was no apparent threat to the town's water supply. Light crude has the consistency of motor oil.

The rig pulling two tankers overturned in Steckel Park, a few miles north of the city of 26,500, at about 7:32 a.m., CHP Officer Dave Ebbitt said. There was no fire.

The name of the trucker and the name of the trucking firm weren't available.

One of the tanker's 4,000-gallon tanks ruptured, but it was unknown if the tank was full and how much escaped into the swift-moving creek. The other 4,000-gallon tank, which contained diesel fuel, was intact and was pumped empty.

Santa Paula Creek flows out of the Los Padres National Forest into the Santa Clara River, where it then drains into the Pacific Ocean 25 miles away in Ventura.

Cleanup operations were being handled by Oxnard-based Foss Environmental Services.

LONG BEACH, N.Y. (AP) — A dead man found on Long Island may have been a stowaway who fell from a jetliner arriving at Kennedy Airport.

A woman walking her dog found the body Saturday night behind Long Beach Hospital. The condition of the body suggested the man had fallen several thousand feet, said Nassau County Detective Sgt. William Cocks.

The Federal Aviation Administration examined flight patterns and schedules and said the body most likely fell from an American Airlines flight from the Dominican Republic, *Newsday* reported Monday.

Police speculated the victim had hidden in the landing gear and fell when the gear was lowered. The wheel well is not pressurized, and police believe the man could not have survived the flight.

The identity of the man and cause of death had not been determined Monday. Police said he carried British coins and cigarettes bought in Spain.

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## Weather

You know what my favorite word is? Squat. It's just fun to say it. Squat. It fills up your mouth when the letters come out. Squat. When you get older though, squat changes to shit in your vocabulary, and that's too common and doesn't fill your mouth up as well. Squat.

### Correction

The Friday, Feb. 25, Opinion article "No on Measure U" erroneously stated that the Santa Barbara County jail was broken into; rather, a storage area unaffiliated with the jail was broken into.

The *Nexus* regrets this error.

# Police Report



### The San Francisco Treat

At approximately 2:27 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, an Isla Vista Foot Patrol officer on Pardall Road heard several loud people in front of the office. When the officer walked outside, he saw two males standing in the middle of the street getting ready to race on foot. Reports state a subject asked the officer who he thought would win the race, and the suspect, a 20-year-old male, looked at the officer and stated, "That's the police! He's stupid!" and laughed.

According to reports, someone yelled, "Go!" and the two males began to run. The suspect tripped after 10 yards and fell and rolled in the street. An officer then walked to the middle of the street and helped the suspect to his feet.

According to reports, the suspect showed signs of intoxication, and the front of his pants was saturated with an unknown liquid.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Santa Barbara County Jail. Reports state that while the suspect was being booked, he repeatedly challenged the officer to fight, saying, "Give me three seconds with you, bitch, you corn-fed Rice-a-Roni!"

### Arrest Me, Please

At approximately 8:12 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, deputies responded to a report of vandalism on the 800 block of Camino Pescadero. The suspect, a 20-year-old male, was breaking windows in an apartment building. According to reports, when a tenant opened a side door and confronted the suspect, he said, "Do you have a fucking problem?" While the subject closed the door and locked it, the suspect tried to force it open.

The suspect fled the area, and officers were advised he had left Six-Pac Market, where he was asking for bandages. The suspect was next seen walking eastbound on Pardall Road in front of Java Jones, with his arms raised in the air, saying, "My arm is bleeding — can

anybody help me?" The suspect then walked into the middle of the street, causing traffic to move around him. He then walked to Java Jones, where he grabbed a patron's bicycle and threw it into the street. According to reports, the suspect then walked away and punched a business sign.

When officers contacted the suspect, he threw his arms in the air and began yelling at the officers, stating he had a warrant out for his arrest and was looking for the officers. The suspect was arrested on counts of vandalism, public intoxication and an outstanding warrant, and was transported to Santa Barbara County Jail, where his bail was posted at \$2,500.

### I'm Not Going to Ask You Twice

At approximately 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, officers patrolling the 6500 block of Del Playa Drive contacted a 22-year-old male who, according to reports, was being "loud and challenging." Officers advised the suspect to go home, and he was unwillingly led away by a friend.

According to reports, the suspect returned shortly and continued in an unruly manner, calling one of the officers a "bald bastard." When contacted, the suspect began to resist, tensing his muscles and pulling away. When the suspect was told to place his hands behind his head, he "clenched both fists with the middle finger of each extended," at the back of his head.

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

### No Points for Honesty

At approximately 11:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, officers contacted an 18-year-old male staggering in the middle of the street on the 6500 block of Sabado Tarde. According to reports, the officers asked the suspect how

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# your Daily HOROSCOPE

by Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 4 — You may find another opportunity soon. Unfortunately, it looks more like a problem. You have to wait. Don't push and try not to get upset. Don't let on how angry you are. Keep looking around for the lesson you're supposed to be learning, instead.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — The Capricorn moon is shining merrily down on you right now. Your experience could help you avoid a difficult situation today. Your friend isn't quite so lucky. Offer assistance if you can, but meanwhile cover your own best interests.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You could be undergoing some financial stress. Look for ways to save money. You have to spend some, too, which doesn't help. Keep shopping for the best possible price. And, don't feel like you have to bail out a friend. He or she will manage.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You might be able to delegate some of your responsibilities and to give yourself a break. You've been dealing with some rather stressful situations, and you've earned as much relaxation as you can manage. Be gentle with a sensitive person, too.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're still in the mood to play, and there's simply not time for that any more. If you want to stay out of trouble and in line for that big promotion, look sharp. Don't make anybody else have to look for you, in order to get the job done!

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You have a grand trine in earth signs today. That's good. It helps you be even more competent than you already are. There is something that won't go right, but that's OK. You will most likely prevail, no matter what happens.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 5 — Your work should be a little bit easier today, especially if you work out of your home. There may be a bit of a conflict with a partner, mate or perhaps your attorney. The other person wants to do something that you think is a big waste of time. Compromise.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You learn best by doing. If you do that now, you'll be amazed at how quickly your skill level improves. Your job may kind of get in the way, but don't let that stop you. It's quite possible there's a better job, doing something you love, just around the corner.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Money, business, work and you — those are all linked together right now. There's no shortage of money out there, and they're printing more of it all the time. The challenge is to get it into your pocket. Well, it looks like you can if you're willing to work. Go for it.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — There could be a bit of excitement at your house, later. Be careful around sharp objects and make sure others do the same. Sharp tongues count, too. Schedule a confrontation for another time. It'll be hard to find a compromise now.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 4 — You have a few deadlines to make, so get busy. If you can push yourself, you could bring in a little extra money. That would certainly be comforting, wouldn't it? Finish up something that's only partially complete, and that will help you feel better, too.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You may suddenly realize you have a whole team on your side. You're not in this alone. That's the good news. The bad news is there's not enough money to do everything you want. Don't go into debt to bail them out. You can generate more if you all work together.

**Today's Birthday** (Feb. 29). Your friends keep you headed in the right direction. Heed their advice in March if you're confused. There's not enough money to do it all in April. Advice is easy to come by in May, but skill still takes practice. Work's required to make progress in August, but a lucky break could help increase your income around December. Schedule a visit with friends for January and finish loose odds and ends next February.

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said.

Fellow board member Ben Robertson urged the committee to consider the proposal in broader terms. "Don't look at it as just one person going to Washington [D.C.], because that person will come back and get involved on campus."

The board recommended the allocation by a vote of 8-3, with one abstention.

Finance Board unanimously approved \$575 for Community Affairs Board to hold a picnic for those involved in the family literacy program.

Finance Board Vice Chair Lindsay Dunn said it was recognition for a deserving program. "I think this is one of the most worthy things that Associated Students does," she said.

Rep-at-Large Jessica Ehrlich asked the board for \$250 for the Isla Vista "Rock the Park" festival. "The point of the

event is to promote volunteerism on campus and in the community. ... It's an annual event that has been called the Isla Vista Care Fair in previous years," she said, before adding, "but this year we decided to get a little funky with the name."

The board also allotted \$350 to ASIAN! (Asian Sisters & Brothers for Ideas in Action Now!). The money will pay for a speaker at its Thursday conference on the prison system.

ASIAN! representative Alison Satake described the event as educational. "Prisoners are people and they are in our society," she said. "We need to be aware of what's going on in our prisons."

In other news, the board granted the UCSB Technology Club and the campus branch of Habitat for Humanity \$150 each.

Finance Board's allocations are pending approval by the Legislative Council at its meeting Wednesday.



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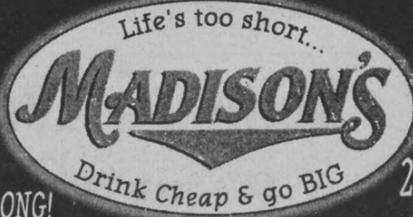
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### Staff Editorial



LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS

## Selling a Local Institution

Corporate Ownership of the Santa Barbara News-Press Would Be Bad for the Community

The Santa Barbara News-Press has been around since 1855 and is now up for grabs — for anywhere between \$50 million and \$100 million. The New York Times Co. bought the community-oriented paper in 1985, and is selling the News-Press, six other small papers and nine telephone directories. Several companies, including Knight-Ridder, the nation's largest newspaper corporation, have expressed interest in purchasing the 45,300-daily circulation paper. The recent trend of newspaper chains buying up local papers could continue with the sale of the News-Press.

Community coverage has held high priority even under New York Times Co. ownership, which also holds the paper to a New York Times-quality standard. Not quite Los Angeles and not quite rural, Santa Barbara's unique atmosphere comes through in the News-Press, but this local flavor could be compromised if it is bought by a strictly profit-motivated corporation. As the tradition of family-owned press dies out, local papers have a growing responsibility to represent community interests in their local coverage.

Two potentially dangerous situations are corporate ownership, which could lessen the paper's community focus, and purchase by a company that already owns nearby competing papers, such as the Times Mirror Co, which owns the L.A. Times. Hopefully, the News-Press will remain under separate ownership from nearby Times and L.A. Daily News. If not, quality inspired by competition is in danger of being compromised, as is a consumer's choice in news sources. The Times already has a Ventura edition; it would be a shame if the News-Press became its Santa Barbara edition.

**Not quite Los Angeles and not quite rural, Santa Barbara's unique atmosphere comes through in the News-Press, but this local flavor could be compromised if it is bought by a strictly profit-motivated corporation.**

Since the Daily Nexus can't buy the News-Press, we offer some suggestions for the future owner. Most importantly, keep it local. Santa Barbara County residents can turn to the L.A. Times or other big papers for national news, but depend on the News-Press for more than just movie times. The paper has a duty to the community, and should not be run with profit as the main goal. Obviously, journalistic integrity is of the utmost importance, and we hope the paper's new owner will keep improved news coverage and community responsibility in mind.

## We Deserve Better

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TONY BIASOTTI

Last Thursday afternoon, as I sat hunched over my concrete-reinforced bunker of an office under I was startled by chants of what sounded like "Fuck the police."

The shouters succeeded in getting my attention. I opened the window I discovered it was indeed "Fuck the police" they were shouting. The scene wasn't an NWA student-run rally against Prop 21, Pete Wilson's draconian juvenile- and gang-crime measure.

The fact that there was a rally in Storke Plaza wasn't what got my attention — that's common enough. It was the unfortunate character of the rally, which later featured student leaders carrying papier-mâché pig heads and expounding on the general philosophy of "Fuck the police."

The rally had a turnout of around 100 people. That's actually not bad by today's standards, but UCSB has 20,000 students, many of whom, as compassionate, rational human beings, oppose Prop 21 and everything it stands for. I consider myself one never consider joining Thursday's rally, and obviously would the vast majority of students. Why not?

The easy answer is, "UCSB students are apathetic, true, many of us are. It's hard enough to get student rat's ass about the community they live in, much less political matters. But the apathy answer is a cop-out. The real question: "Why are UCSB students apathetic?" The answer, I think, lies in the present nature of activism on campus; one that could be more dangerous.



## The Reader's Voice



### VOTE NO ON PROP 22 BECAUSE IT VIOLATES SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

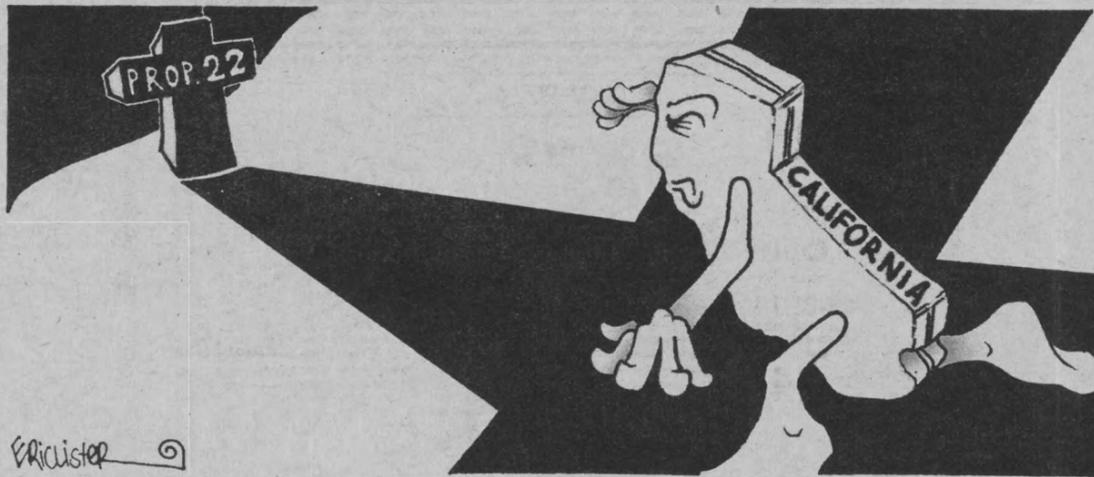
A major election is coming up shortly that will decide many new and important propositions within our state. We can't help but notice all the propaganda being passed out and posted. In the Nexus there are two full pages devoted to it. Voting is good; it allows us to speak our minds in a country where freedom is allowed. I am writing in regard to one of the propositions: Proposition 22. It's written in only 14 words but speaks of much more. It says, "This measure provides that only marriage between a man and woman is valid or recognized in California." That's it, but the connotation is much more. Don't get me wrong, I'm a strong and practicing heterosexual, but I would like to think I can look beyond the petty differences of sexual preference.

Our country is based on the fact that everyone has the right to choose their own religion, vote for their desired leader, speak as they wish about whom they wish and choose the sex they most want to be with, whether it's the same or the opposite. Prop 22 calls for us to pass laws that are based on the moral codes of religion, primarily Christianity. I'm not trying to get down on religion, but sometimes it butts its head into business that it should stay clear of, like the running of our governments. The fact that gays aren't accepted is because the Bible knocks gays and calls homosexuality immoral. I don't really practice any religion but self-preservation, and I don't want the morals of my country based on the ideas of a God that not everyone believes in. Besides, what right does the Bible or the government have to tell me who I can and can't be with? If it is stated in the Bible that homosexuality is bad, that implies that it was around in the holy days.

I mentioned that I'm skeptical about religion, but what I do know is the path of human nature. Prostitution is the oldest profession in the world and it's never going to go away; that tells me something about human nature — it can't be changed no matter what constraints are put on it. With homosexuality being around for so long, and the

Bible preaching it's wrong for 2000 years, then I consider it human nature and it will never go away. I have a few gay friends and I consider myself to have an open mind, but I can't, for the life of me, figure out how a man can't like the beauty of a woman; it's unimaginable. Nevertheless, they like the same sex and I shouldn't be able to do a damn thing about it.

When voting March 7, think of one thing: the question of whether church and state were really separated. And, if they are two distinct categories like they're supposed to be, then why am I voting on an initiative that alarmingly seems to put them back together?



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Living in this country allows us to be individuals. Personally, I don't want my life guided by the Bible; I want it to be guided by me. And if the Second Coming finally arrives I guess I'll be damned, but until then please don't try and force your beliefs on me — it will only piss me off more.

SHAUGHNESSEY H. RYAN

VOTE NO ON PROP 22

Editor, Daily Nexus: The last time I voted was in 1996. I was 18 and I voted for Clinton. I was told that Clinton was the best choice. I was told that Clinton was the best choice. I was told that Clinton was the best choice.

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spirit of no activism that preceded it. The worst thing about this new spirit of activism is the activists themselves.

By calling police officers pigs, gangsters and Klansmen, student activists and their allies in the faculty alienated every sympathetic student who may have known a police officer genuinely dedicated to public service — or worse, a minority police officer so dedicated. They alienate everyone who opposes Prop 21 because it infringes on the rights of the accused and treats youth unfairly, instead turning the issue into “us vs. them”: real people vs. “pigs.”

I maintain that there are a great number of UCSB students who aren't apathetic, who would get involved on behalf of their interests as students and citizens, were it not for the company they would have to associate with to do so.

Look at any flyer for a radical cause on campus and you will notice two things. First, it gives you a headache to read. There seems to be a rule that a leftist flyer must use at least five fonts in every sentence.

Second, you will notice that every issue is painted with a brush dipped in ignorance and even hatred, appealing to people's worst instincts and attracting borderline lunatics who would protest anything. Race is always a factor, and it is used to create maximum divisiveness. Scapegoating of the worst kind is common; there is always an enemy (landlords, regents, cops), they're always white, and they are ridiculed as fat, greedy capitalist pigs.

Maybe I'm expecting too much. After all, these are budding activists, just now learning how to organize and protest. And of course, these tactics are used by people of all ages, across the political spectrum and at all levels of government. But the fact that we are still learning makes it even more important to keep an open mind. Just because these tactics are common doesn't mean we have to use them; as university students, we can and should expect more. At an institution of higher learning, we should be learning to express dissent intelligently and sift through facts and arguments to find the truth for ourselves. Instead, student activists are teaching us a lesson in dogma and demagoguery.

*Tony Biasotti is the Daily Nexus opinion editor.*



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**VOTE NO ON PROP 22 BECAUSE IT INFRINGES ON PERSONAL FREEDOM**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The last time we checked the Constitution of the United States it provided its citizens with basic freedoms. However, we must have been mistaken, because upon reading the text of Proposition 22, we realized that this is not the case. This proposition directly discriminates against all people who are not heterosexual. Stating that marriage can only be between a woman and a man passes the judgment that all others are somehow inferior and thus are not worthy to be considered for the same rights.

Many supporters of Prop 22 have manipulated religion to suit their prejudices, just as was done 30 years ago regarding the legalization of interracial marriages. During the 1950s and 1960s interracial marriages were deemed improper and wrong. We now seem to be repeating our past mistakes. Prop 22 gives the government the right to limit the ways in which people can express love for one another. By stating that marriage must consist of a woman and a man, this proposition stamps the badge of inferiority on all non-heterosexuals. No one in this country should feel as though their lives are limited because of someone else's prejudices. After all, wasn't America founded on the notion that all its citizens are free to live as they choose without governmental interference?

Religion was not established to endorse or support the oppression of human beings. Many religions are against Prop 22, stating that its supporters are distorting a belief system based on love and equality. Prop 22 promotes hatred, by making non-heterosexuals second-class citizens.

Proposition 22 is intrusive and invades the private decisions of individuals. We're voting NO ON 22 to protect basic human rights and implore you to do the same. To learn more about Prop 22 come to the meetings on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Associated Students Lobby, or e-mail <ucsbnoonknight@aol.com>.

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The President oversees fiscal and personal matters of Associated Students and is the official representative of A.S. The president appoints all chairpersons of boards and committees, in addition to appointing student representatives to university, administration, faculty and other advisory bodies.

The Vice President for Internal Affairs (IVP) is responsible for chairing the weekly Legislative Council meetings, using parliamentary procedure. The IVP is also involved in overseeing committees such as Finance Board, Constitution & By-Laws, Business Services and the Bicycle System Improvements Committee, in addition to dealing with other campus issues.

The External Vice President for Local Affairs (EVPLA) represents A.S. in Isla Vista and Santa Barbara County affairs and acts as a liaison between A.S., Isla Vista governmental entities and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. Community Affairs Board, Isla Vista Community Relations Committee, Environmental Affairs Board and Program Board are among the committees the EVPLA oversees.

The External Vice President for Statewide Affairs (EVPSA) serves as the A.S. representative on the University of California Student Association Board of Directors and works with the Statewide Affairs Organizing Director to represent A.S. in state, federal and UC systemwide matters. The EVPSA oversees Student Lobby, Women's Commission, Student Commission on Racial Equality, Queer Commission and other groups.

The 24 Legislative Council Representatives are the policy-making body of Associated Students. They are responsible for writing and debating bills including position papers, By-Law changes and directional bills. The Legislative Council also approves all appointments made by the A.S. president, in addition to approving the actions of all A.S. boards and committees. Members of Legislative Council also sit on various Academic Senate and advisory committees.

The Legislative Council is apportioned so that each representative represents approximately 1,000 students, with the exception of the Representatives-at-Large, who represent approximately 3,000 students each. This year, the number of Legislative Council members has increased with the addition of two Off-Campus Reps and one Rep-at-Large to account for the expanding UCSB undergraduate population. The job descriptions of the various representative positions are as follows:

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The three On-Campus Representatives must live in one of the six on-campus residence halls. The On-Campus Reps also sit on the Residence Halls Association Coordinating Board, serve on an internal committee for RHA and attend Composite Hall meetings.

The University Owned Housing Representative must live in one of the university-owned apartment complexes, which include Family Student Housing, Santa Ynez, El Dorado and Westgate Apartments. The University Housing Rep also sits on the Single Student Apartment Community Council (SSACC).

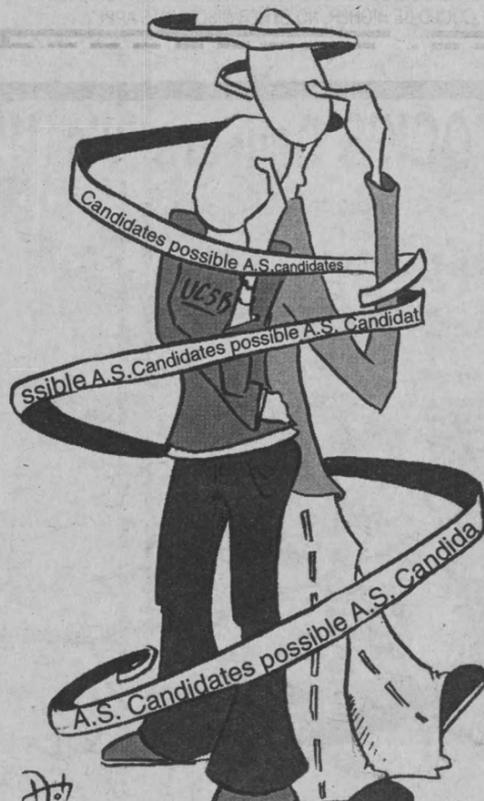
The 14 Off-Campus Representatives represent students living in privately owned housing in Isla Vista, Goleta, Santa Barbara and the surrounding communities. The Off-Campus Reps must attend community meetings such as the I.V. Community Advisory Committee, the I.V. Tenants Union and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

The six Representatives at Large can live any-

where and represent all UCSB undergraduate students. Reps-at-Large are responsible for attending community meetings, RHA meetings and SSACC meetings.

Declarations of Intent to Run forms are currently available at the A.S. Main Office (near A.S. Notetaking and the MultiCultural Center). If you have any questions, please come in to the A.S. Main Office and meet your current elected representatives. You can also contact the Elections Committee at (805) 893-2053 or <elections@as.ucsb.edu>. We hope you will take this opportunity to consider running for office and contributing to the leadership of UCSB. Your voice and participation are important to us. Rock the Vote by declaring your candidacy today!

*Mel Fabi is the Legislative Council University-Owned Housing Rep, and Shaina Walter is an On-Campus Rep.*



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free trade except the greens," she said. "We have to change our status quo. There are many ways to do this, such as choosing what we want to buy, what we want to wear and by coming up with alternatives. It's a question of how we want to change the structure of our basic value structures of our country."

Benjamin dubbed the Green Party "the political party of the future," because its political stances may appeal to young people feeling torn between the Democratic and Republican parties.

"Why does half of the population decide to just not vote? It's because they feel the Democrats and Republicans don't adequately represent them. I really feel the Green Party can do this. It's the party for the young

people; it's the party that will challenge the system," she said. "We'll show that a party with no money coffers such as the Democrats and the Republicans can still get people excited. We'll show that it's not all about television commercials."

Environmental Affairs Board Chair Ariana Katovich said she was excited to hear Benjamin speak. "It's such an awesome experience to hear from other political parties other than the normal old blah, blah, blah Republicans and Democrats," she said.

Junior sociology major Deborah Overton said hearing Benjamin speak may influence her in future political decisions.

"When people think of politics in this country, it's normally just about the Democrats and Republicans. Today really helped me realize that there are other powerful political parties out there," she said.

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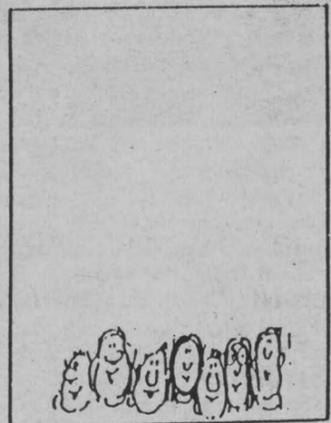
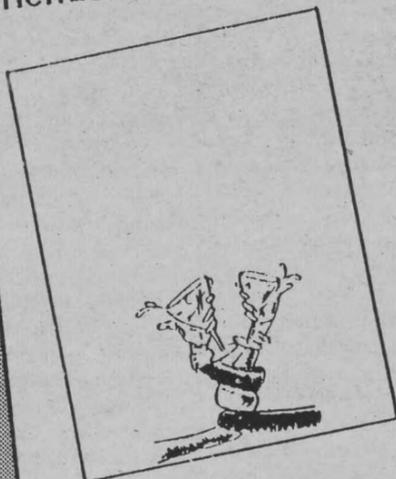
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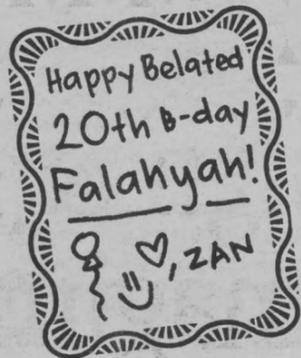


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# Sports



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**I WAS RAISED BY DOLPHINS:** Sophomore goalie Yvonne Conard makes a save for the UCSB women's water polo team, which went 1-2 in the Gaucho Tournament to earn a seventh-place finish this past weekend.

## Santa Barbara Locked out of Own Party; Places Seventh in the Gaucho Tournament

BY KEITH BUSAM  
Reporter

Note to the UCSB women's water polo team: Next year, invite six less teams.

Santa Barbara hosted the Gaucho Tournament at Campus Pool this past weekend, taking seventh place in a two-day affair won by #5 Cal. The tourney included 12 of the top 15 teams in the nation, and all of the teams in Santa Barbara's conference, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

But before the Gauchos (6-9 overall, 0-2 in the MPSF) started tournament play, they first had a scheduled home match against UC Davis on Friday afternoon — their first at UCSB this year. The game was hard fought, with both teams trying on the lead for size. In the end it was UCSB that played tighter defense down the stretch and made the critical shots. The Gauchos defeated the Aggies 4-3 in a win that gave them momentum heading into the weekend.

UCSB started tournament play in convincing fashion Saturday morning, racing out to an early 2-0 lead against UC San Diego's Tritons. The Gauchos never looked back, and cruised to an easy 8-3 victory.

The win against UCSD set up a match with Cal. The Gauchos got out to a quick start, jumping all over the Bears for a 2-1 lead at the end of the first quarter. But Santa Barbara suffered a mental lapse in the second period and surrendered four unanswered goals. That was enough to put the game out of reach, and Cal pulled away

for a 9-4 victory.

"We actually played really well," said junior driver Cathy Holmberg after the loss. "They got a few quick goals off of counter attacks, and that was the difference. I don't think the score reflected how well we played."

If the Gauchos were sulking after their loss to Cal, they didn't show it in their next match as they squared off against the University of Hawai'i — a team that had taken care of Santa Barbara relatively easily earlier in the season. Santa Barbara tied the game in the second half with a key goal by senior driver Lynn Nisbet. However, with just under one minute remaining, Hawai'i scored two quick goals, to steal the game, 7-9.

"We played a lot better this time, but so did they," Nisbet said. "We definitely played as a more cohesive group than we have in the past. The Cal game was a real turning point for our team. That game gave us the confidence that we can win no matter what."

The final game of the tournament for the Gauchos was against #7 San Jose State. Santa Barbara battled the Spartans the entire game, with the score tied 5-5 entering the last period. UCSB scored twice in the fourth period while San Jose was only allowed one goal. Santa Barbara walked away with the victory and seventh place in the tournament, 7-6.

"We just made up our minds to keep our consistency level up," senior two-meter Holly Rodrigues said of the victory. "We need to keep pushing in the right direction, and this weekend we did that one game at a time. Hopefully we can keep it up."

## UCSB's Weekend a Wash in More Ways Than One

BY ZACK O'NEILL  
Staff Writer

I think I can, I think I can, I th — *doh!*

The UCSB softball team hosted a tournament appropriately named the UCSB Invitational this past weekend and went 0-for-the-Invite, dropping games on Friday and Saturday before the rain made the Campus Diamond field soggy and everyone had to go home.

Santa Barbara (5-6) was edged by the Boilermakers of Purdue University on Friday, 3-1, and fell in extra innings to Iowa State on Saturday, 8-5. The two losses dropped the Gauchos' record to below .500 for the first

tournament play 4-0 - scored in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to build a 3-1 lead, and after holding Santa Barbara scoreless in the seventh won the game by the same score.

"We matched up well with both teams," UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly said. "It was just a matter of who would get a hit. Against both teams, we just couldn't get that key hit."

On Saturday, the Gauchos took the field against the Cyclones of Iowa State and fell behind 4-0, despite solid pitching from junior Erika Koivula, who was hampered by a groin injury and was eventually replaced by Murphy. ISU took its four-run lead into the bottom of the fifth, when UCSB staged a rally to get back into the game.

Following a lead-off single to right field by senior catcher Kendra Wood, senior first baseman Jessie Ziese blasted a home run to left-center, to halve the Cyclones' lead and bring UCSB to within two runs at 4-2. Freshman rightfielder Sarah Brown followed Ziese's homer with a single, and after advancing to second on a bunt, senior Tonya Dias (relegated to the 'designated player' position due to Achilles tendonitis) had a pinch-hit single to knock Brown in and bring UCSB to within a run. Dias then scored on another RBI single by freshman catcher Lauren Rousselet, knotting the contest at 4-4.

The game proceeded to go into extra innings, where Iowa put the Gauchos away on a three-run homer from the bat of Cyclone infielder Erica Martinez in the ninth. UCSB dropped to 5-6 with the loss, which is where the Gauchos now stand.

"We didn't deserve to lose that game," Rousselet said of UCSB's loss to Iowa. "That game was definitely a step for us. We made the routine plays in the field, which is what we haven't been doing lately."



Lauren Rousselet

time since the first weekend of their season. Despite the 0-2 effort on the weekend, UCSB's players still find hope in the fact that the team is probably yet to reach its full potential.

"I think we're still just learning how to play together, and we just need to play a lot of games," said senior shortstop Mandy Edwards, who stole home in the fifth inning for UCSB's only run Friday. "It's just going to take us some time. We have a lot of potential, we just haven't fulfilled it yet."

Junior Abigail Murphy allowed only two runs on six hits in four-plus innings of work against Purdue, but a dormant Gaucho offense gave her no support, managing just four hits. Purdue (8-7) - which ended

## #15 Gauchos Learn That Against #1 Pepperdine, the Waves Ride You

BY BRITTANY LANGAN  
Staff Writer

You can predict the tides, but there's no telling what the Waves will do.

To have the best team in the nation on your own home court surely is intimidating, and the #15 UCSB men's volleyball team knew there was no getting around playing #1 Pepperdine — a team that has owned them in recent years. The top-ranked Waves rolled into Santa Barbara this past weekend riding the momentum of five straight wins over the Gauchos, including a pair of three-game sweeps in 1999.

Last Saturday at the Thunderdome, the Gauchos had a chance to break their losing streak against Pepperdine (10-1 overall, 8-1 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation), as well as a nagging six-game winless streak that had been with them for nearly a month.

The match itself was one of ebb and flow, but in the end the Gauchos (4-7, 3-6 MPSF) fell in line with the rest of Pepperdine's victims in a 14-16, 15-8, 15-7, 15-9 loss.

"It's easy to figure out why we didn't win," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "We lost because we didn't receive their serves well. Their jump serves were good; they moved the ball around [to] different areas and we didn't respond."

Santa Barbara had a promising start in game one, coming from behind 14-11 and scoring five points to beat Pepperdine, 16-14.

"We had a strong first game," sophomore setter Britt Galang said. "We came out and played well — everyone was working hard. When we were down 14-11, everyone contributed to bringing us back and that was impressive."

Once beaten, however, Pepperdine was not about to back down. The Waves reloaded in the second game and fired a round of serves and kills that hit the Gauchos' defense hard, causing the score to fall in the Waves' favor, 15-8.

"It felt good to win the first game, but we knew we had to play harder the next game," sophomore outside hitter Andy Rivera said. "Their serving killed us because it took us out of our defense. It got better in the second game and they took over in the third."

UCSB wasn't water-logged after the second game, but

the Gauchos were struggling to stay afloat, and the third game followed in the same fashion as the second: an early Pepperdine lead, 4-1, followed by a few rounds of pulling and tugging on both ends before the Waves broke away and won, this time by a score of 15-7.

"Pepperdine will beat you if they get on a roll with their serves," Preston said. "They had a couple of runs in every game. We sided out well and we blocked well, but we needed to receive serves better and play better defense — we gave them 11 aces."

The Gauchos stepped up their playing in game four, doubling their kills from the second and third games combined, with 18. However, it wasn't enough to knock down Pepperdine, which had five players reach double-digits in kills. The Waves broke away from a 9-9 tie and scored six straight points for a 15-9 victory and the match.

"I felt a lot better about our playing than our game against LMU," Galang said. "There was a lot more enthusiasm throughout the game and we were up in spirit the whole time. [However] there's always a part of the game that we're not doing well. We need to have a game where everything is working for us."