

Editors' Note:

During the past few weeks there has been an increased awareness of institutional racism and personal prejudice at UCSB and surrounding communities. It is not that racism here is growing, rather students and faculty of all colors are beginning, once again, to speak out and demand progressive change.

This issue is dedicated to the efforts of those people who dare to question, dare to demand, and dare to teach the truth about potential racial solidarity. It is also an attempt to further the process of re-education so desperately needed in our community and in our larger society.

Emma Goldman once said, "The most violent element of our society is ignorance." If this is true then we must begin today to end the "violence" and begin the healing. Oct. 14, 1968 approximately 20 members of the campus Black Student Union "captured" North Hall renaming it Malcolm X Hall.



A White Man's Heaven is a Black Man's Hell

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HE SUBJECT OF RACIAL PREJUDICE IN SANTA BARBARA cannot be easily discussed because the community's residents prefer to see the area as relatively free of the problems that plague our major cities. After all, that is why so many residents retire here — to live a halcyon existence in a breathtakingly beautiful region of mountains, sun and sea. Once you start listing some of the region's problems - high it is in Santa Barbara. rents, inflated housing costs, toxic spills on the freeways, oil slicks on the ocean, etc. — people wince and agree, but still prefer to emphasize the "positive," shaking their minds free of these vexing issues. In this respect they are like most Americans who, while agreeing here and there are problems in the nation, are quick to point out - more a matter of conviction than a reasoned argument — that the U.S. is a free society with democratic liberties and opportunities unequaled in any other country. An analysis of racism in the region is nonetheless desirable if only because it draws attention to the point of a popular Dixie was truly totalitarian, totally dedicated to song of a generation ago — a white man's upholding the myth of white supremacy from the heaven is a Black man's hell. My purpose is to give you some reflections on life in cradle to the grave. And so it is in Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara by relating some comments and incedents that I have witnessed over the past eight years. This is not going

the social sciences, but the knowledge acquired rarely impacts the thinking of ordinary citizens. Even in the heyday of the white South, such blatant acts as lynching often occurred only after other forms of intimidation failed. Dixie was truly totalitarian, totally dedicated to upholding the myth of white supremacy from cradle to the grave. And so it is in Santa Barbara.

to be a series of glaring instances of racism — white sheeted Klansmen burning crosses or the other symbols which people feel must accompany racial oppression, but of the subtle and petty little acts of tyranny and instances of ignorance which can make life quite hellish for a person of color.

The basic assumption that examples of racism must be overt and obvious to even the most myopic citizens is in fact evidence of how little the phenomenon is understood. Racism is one of the most researched topics in The minute size of the Black population in Santa Barbara and Goleta, and in the university as well, stems from the high cost of housing, the kinds of jobs available, the disproportionate concentration of insensitive white citizens dedicated to a sybaritic existence, and other factors which prevent Afro-Americans from even visiting the area.

The racism of the local population is perhaps not altogether

consciously malicious, but that is beside the point. More important is that the lack of knowledge of what racism is and how it
operates is profound. Last year I discussed racism on campus with a group of citizens, supposedly concerned with racial
problems, and I pointed out that considerable literature on racism could be found in the campus library, but they had
not made a single statement which evidenced the slightest acquaintance with

that literature. Questions from the audience after James Baldwin's Campbell Hall lecture revealed the same appalling ignorance. No one seemed to realize that ethnic studies departments with learned scholars offered courses to guide them in their readings and explorations of what seemed to them an alien subject matter.

I often point out to students in my classes that after one week's instruction they know more about racism than the average newscaster or

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journalist, but that that is nothing of which they should be particularly proud. I often wonder if the average citizen who, according to surveys, can neither recognize Dan Rather from a photo nor identify which Nicaraguans their government supports, can utter three consecutive intelligent sentences on the subject of racism.

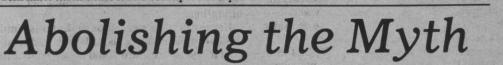
Then there are the little things that occur which bring these truths to the forefront of my consciousness. How many Santa Barbarans would believe me if I told them that on several occasions white students and professors had confided in me that they felt ill at ease in this community - it was too white for them. Clerks in convenience stores and hostesses in restaurants get nervous when a black person enters; at times you can tell they do not even bother to count the change accurately; they are so eager to complete the transaction that sometimes they give you too much change! The Confederate flag flies high above 101 and is affixed to bumpers - symbol of the "lost cause," the secessionist movement which sought to keep four million Americans enslaved and cost the lives of 600,000 soldiers during the Civil War. Today it is the banner of white supremacy, as those of you who watched the Forsyth County demonstrations realize.

Then there are the students who doubt that you are faculty when they see you in your office or when you ask to check records out of the Music Library for your class. Colleagues in other universities echo what Black professors at UCSB tell me: how students question statements about racism from Black professors as evidence of the latter's progressiveness. Or the students complain about the emphasis on Afro-American or Chicano subject matter in general introduction courses but you know from other students that they rarely ask white professors why they never include analysis of "ethnic minorities" in their courses

Sometimes white citizens - Black ones, as well - ask how one can tolerate such indignities, and I always think of something I learned a few years ago. We who believe in equality are the teachers of racists; they are not our teachers. If we believe that they are acting wrongly, we have an obligation to act correctly. In other words, the person who goes about boasting of his moral superiority while acting in a contrary fashion should not be permitted to tarnish our appreciation for right and wrong. And in another way they are our teachers: They teach us what is evil, immoral, undemocratic, and unworthy of humanity.

Then too, at times when it seems that I will succumb to their idiocy, I think of the obstacles surmounted by illiterate slaves and veterans of civil rights struggles, the citizens who suffered beatings because they believed in non-violence, or the determined stalwarts who picketed, boycotted, sued in the courts, and defeated the various forms of racial oppression. I remember, also, that the Judeo-Christian God who is constantly paid lip service by racists, like the Supreme Being of the Moslems, always favors the oppressed and the underdog - David over Goliath, the Hebrew children over Pharoah, the humble slave over the proud master, or the anonymous civil rights advocate over well-known governors and police chiefs. Many Americans, I suspect, who put their faith in nuclear deterrence, aircraft carriers, surgical strikes, and counter-intelligence, would place their bets on Goliath over David.

Then there are people I have encountered in my professional life and my travels who impress me with their wisdom. Occasionally a simple sentence from one of them inspires me - such as "Anything worthwhile takes time." (That particular statement helped me to realize that the wrong thing is often the easiest). That statement came from a colleague who is knowledgeable of non-Western societies. Along with that statement, Santa Barbarans and racists everywhere should know of the sign I read in a public office building in Minneapolis. It read "No one among us knows more than all of us." That singular statement struck me as a particularly valuable antidote for racist philosophies as well as a reminder of the basic wisdom inherent in democratic concepts and equalitarian societies.



Douglas Andrew Yates

deas are the products of material conditions. They neither appear from thin air, nor spontaneously evolve from the mind, but are the result of real situations in concrete reality.

Racism, as an idea, was the product of such material conditions. For, contrary to popular opinion, slavery was not the consequence of racist beliefs. Instead, racist beliefs were the rationalizations developed after the fact to perpetuate institutional slavery.

The expanding plantations of the New World demanded cheap labor. Giant sugar plantations in the Caribbean enslaved half a million Indians. But they soon died en masse. Next, labor was transported from Europe. White indentured servants, many of whom were convicted felons charged with petty crimes, replaced the Indian slaves. Now white hands toiled in the tobacco, sugar and coffee fields. Gradually, white labor became harder to find, and the choices were clear. Either find a new cheap labor source, or watch the system die.

Out of Africa came the ten million. A triangle of trade between Africa, the New World and Europe birthed the market for African slaves. The system of institutional slavery already existed, so when the Africans were enslaved, there was no question as to whether or not slavery should exist. The difficulty was in finding a justification for enslaving them. When the Indians were enslaved, it was because they were heathens. But the Pope no longer ruled the Western World. When the Whites were forced into indentured servitude, it was because they were criminals. But the capitalist legislators now believed that overpopulation was the best way to keep wages low. So the justification for the enslavement of Blacks developed slowly, out of the economic reality that they were necessary for the continuous prosperity of the agricultural Americas, and ultimately produced the ideology we now know as racism.

To fight the system of slavery came the Abolitionists. The first Abolitionist society formed in 1816. It was called the American Colonization Society. It was a racist organization. The Society was a coalition between white abolitionists and slaveholders with the avowed purpose of deporting free Blacks to areas outside the United States, like Liberia

The Abolitionists originally were all-white societies, who didn't permit Black involvement or membership of any form. The original Abolitionists were racists. A distinguishing feature of these conservative abolitionists is that they were gradualists. That is to say, they believed that emancipation of the slaves must be a slow and gradual process spread over many years. This meant that they counseled the slaves to be passive and patient.

The leaders were for the most part middle-class intellectuals and professionals, who never lived in the South, and for whom the realities of slavery were nothing more than mere intellectual abstractions. Their ideas, therefore, were the products of their material conditions. For these individuals, the question of slavery was a moral question, not an economic one. Subsequently, their solutions were half-baked and useless

The North had no particular economic interest in ending racial oppression. Its only goal was to weaken the political strength of the South. White slaveholders wanted to undermine the power of the slaveholder, but did not want to attack racism in all of its manifestations.

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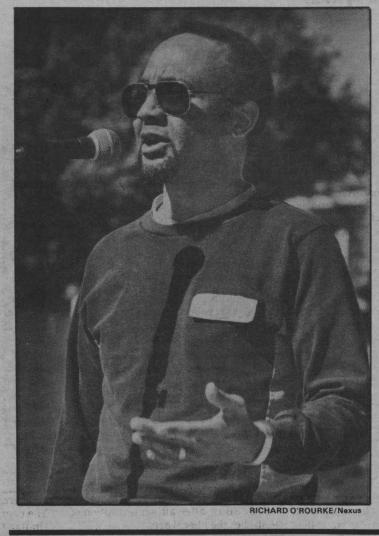
Their racism was often overt, such as when they denied membership to Blacks in their Abolitionist organizations. Other times, it was covert, such as when the American Anti-Slavery Society in its constitution proposed to elevate Blacks to a level of "equality with whites", while carefully restricting this statement to mean equal enjoyment of 'civil and religious privileges," not social equality

-Dr. Douglas Daniels

Sometimes, their racism was so hidden, they did not see it themselves. For example, one argument used by Abolitionists was that slaves were men, just like other men. This "empathy" argument reached its peak when William Lloyd Garrison said, in 1829, "Suppose that - by some miracle - the slaves should suddenly become white. Would you shut your eyes on their suffering, and calmly talk of constitutional limitations? No, your voice would peal in the ears of the taskmasters, like deep thunder; you would carry the constitution by force....The argument that the white slaves are degraded, would not then obtain. You would say that it is enough that they are white, and in bondage, and they are immediately to be set free.'

In seeking to generate sympathy, Garrison appealed to the racist feeling that the enslavement of a white person was somehow more deplorable than the enslavement of a black person. He was focusing on the equality in oppression, but not the equality in freedom.

W.E.B. Dubois explained, in "The General Strike," that the Black labor, withdrawn from the South and bequeathed to the North, resulted in emancipation. Dubois also dispelled the myth that Lincoln freed the slaves. No, it was not any white man, nor any white movement, that ended slavery. For white men and white movements are inherently racist. And they are not racist because they choose to be immoral. No human can rationally choose to be immoral. They are racist because of their material conditions.

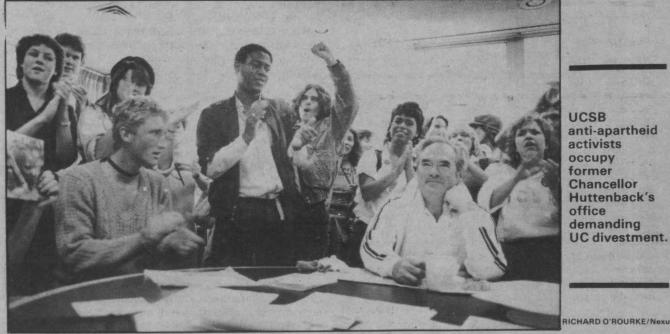


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To be anti-slavery, therefore, was not necessarily to be anti-racist.

Although the North was touted as the land of equality, the conditions of northern Blacks were far from equal. In most Northern states, Black male suffrage was either restricted or denied. Segregation existed in schools. Jobs were limited to the most menial work. Blacks enjoyed little redress of grievances. It was in this poisoned soil that the thinking of



How does this apply to our present day situation?

Well, if we do not understand our past, we will be doomed to repeat it. For example, the divestment movement which sparked a raging torrent of activism across the U.C. system, failed to gain widespread minority support because of its inherent racism. The divestment activists were not consciously racists. In fact, many were overly sensitive to minority concerns. But the material reality was that they were, for the most part, white American middle class students, trying to fight for poor Black South African workers, with separate material conditions, and therefore, separate perspectives. If the system of apartheid is going to end, it will be the result of African liberation ideology, not American moral opinion.

Today, on this campus, a movement is rising from the tired pavement and demanding racial awareness, racial education and racial representation. If this movement permits the status quo administrators or official student representatives to attend to these issues, the results could prove to be nothing more than a repeat performance of the Abolitionist movement of bygone days.

Ideas are the products of material conditions. Where are these ideas, which now confront the media, the students and the administration, coming from? From what material conditions do they arise? Without answering this question first, the answers to the other, more obvious moral questions of racism at UCSB cannot be successfully ad-

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How to Become a White Supremist

northern California - not too far away from her family.

The composition of the community where she lives is very

similar to the one in which she grew up - it is rather af-

By this time, the year is 1993. As she works, she runs into

subtle obstacles. She doesn't "move up" as fast as the

people around her. She supposes her slow progress results from her nature — she is pragmatic, and organized, she

works hard, but rarely pushes herself in the limelight. She

considers herself part of a team, and sometimes resents the

way that the men around her claim responsibility and take

credit for work in which she had a part. But, like so many

rent a small house in the same community. The neighbors

on the block are friendly, and several times a year they

have parties and other social events at which they have a

The first notes of discord in this friendly community

comes when a house down the block from Sam is sold (after

a year on the market) to a Black family. When the people on

her block begin to grumble about "declining property

She is part American Indian, but she does not look it, and

she has never really made much connection with this part

of her life. She does not think the people on the block have

anything to fear from this family, but she makes no effort to

meet them, or to assure them that they do have the support

of some of their neighbors. She stays away not because she

good time, talking about their lives and their interests.

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Robin Stevens

E NEED TO CREATE A FICTIONAL CHARACTER. To decide whether the education provided to UCSB students is adequate, let us say for the sake of argument, that a freshman named "Sam" enters the university in 1986.

Sam could be a woman or a man with any physical characteristics your imagination creates. I find Sam's sociological traits more interesting and relevant.

Sam grew up in a respected and rather affluent family, very similar in this respect to many of the students here. Her family and members in her community teach her the qualities and attitudes necessary to achieve success: We all create our own future; to get a good job after college we have to build solid educational credentials; we have to take classes that prepare us for our careers. Considering herself an achiever, Sam takes this advice seriously.

Keeping these maxims in mind, Sam chooses to be a business economics major. It will provide her with marketable skills.

So she chooses the classes she will take as she works through the requirements for the degree she hopes will land her a job in business. She hopes to work in banking, or with a large corporation as a junior analyst, or with a small firm where she would hold a more responsible position.

She enjoys her General Education requirements. In freshman English classes she reads essays and novels by some of the great writers and thinkers in the world. She takes French and French literature in translation to balance her education. UCSB is, after all, an institution of higher education. She studies the liberal arts.

To fulfill the requirement designed to give her exposure to a non-western culture, Sam takes a survey course on modern Japan. She is planning to work in California, the new center of trade for the Pacific Rim, and she knows this will be helpful. Her electives are chosen in the same vein.

Her major provides her with a knowledge of the principles on which the country's economy was founded. Milton Friedman tells her about the many different countries that participate in making something as simple as a pencil, and the professors make it easy to understand the theories and formulas on which the free enterprise system is based. They explain how a lot of the inequities in American society came about, and why they remain year after year.

Sam's classes examine recurrent complaints about American society. Women make less than men in the overall market, because they drift in and out of the work force, mainly because of their allegiance to children and family. And minorities have certain "family traits" that keep them from working hard, and moving up the socioeconomic ladder.

Sam wonders whether she will ever have children, and how she will cope with a family and with her desire for success in the business world. Something strikes her as unfair about the assumptions that they are teaching here, but she doesn't question her professors' assertions.

Upon graduation Sam lands a job with a small bank in

A Women of Color's Perspective It Is What I Am

Julia Yarbough

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me that when I walk into an executive office, the chair person looks at me and thinks, "Well, there's one more for our company's figures." I know that I was hired because I was the best and most qualified applicant for the job. Okay, so maybe part of the reason was because I fill their quotas. Why should I argue the point? I got the job, and I know it was because of my merit. If being a Black woman gives me more opportunity than my caucasian counterparts, well...that's just the way it goes. Of course, the possibility still exists that the Double-Whammy may be a hinderance. The way corporate America works, it's hard to say. On one hand, my career path could be lined with red carpet, and on the other, it could be a long, hard climb to the top with lots of racism and discrimination along the way. is prejudiced, she thinks, but because she simply doesn't know what to say. She has never really known any Black people.

The tragedy of her life, as with so many of ours, is that at no point has she been in a place where contact with people of color is a given. She was never in a situation that gave her an appreciation of the richness of diversity. Her education, which should have given her an understanding of the racist and sexist restrictions of upper middle class society, made no attempt to equip her to combat those limitations.

Her life may be stereotypical. But it is similar, I think, to the lives that many of us at UCSB lead, and those we will lead in the future. Sam could be a friend of mine. I see her qualities and characteristics in many of the people that I know.

She was never exposed to the theory that her comfortable style of living was a benefit of a racist society. Nor was she told that people are trying to implement solutions to that problem — fair solutions.

Nor did anyone teach her to recognize the differences between the socialization of women and men. No one told her the reasons why she was not "moving up" as quickly as the men around her, indeed no one even told her that this would happen.

Sam's education was simply not acceptable. In many respects, it provided her with the tools she needed in her life, in her job, for her appreciation of art and literature. (See SUPREMACY, p.6A)

exactly which situation or incident caused doubt and raised questions. Second: Actually admitting to yourself that you have discrepencies in what you "want" to feel, and what you "actually" feel. Thirdly: Deciding which approach you will use in order to solve the problem. And finally: implementing your decision in a constructive manner. The process is long. It taxes your energies. Sometimes it almost drives you crazy. Roommates and friends who cannot relate wonder happened to the "happy-go-lucky" person they used to know. Sometimes I wonder, "Why are you doing this to yourself?" The answer: Because if I go from day to day, without ever evaluating how I fit into the scheme of things, then I will never know or understand who I really am.

It is very easy to let the negative racial overtones and

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all the strengths, determination, perseverance, and unity that Black Americans have exhibited throughout history.

Black American Women stand out as a driving force behind the continuation and survival of the Black family. I am proud to be part of a heritage in which the women of the race have been, (and will continue to be) strong and independent.

I acknowledge that I am an extension of my family and my race, therefore I have an obligation to pass on to my children the importance of knowing who and what they are. But aside from belonging to a distinct racial group, it should be clear to all that I am, most importantly, a separate and unique individual. It does not matter what color my skin is, what matters is that I am a single entity working toward my own personal goals, and someone who is, at least I like to think, making a worthwhile contribution to society.

Sometimes it is hard to keep believing that I *am* an extremely special person. Unfortunately, our society is infested with far too many ideas and notions of what type of person I, and many others, should be. I believe the word for this is a stereotype. Yes, that's it. A stereotype. It's a nasty, ugly word that tries to force square pegs into round holes. It simply does not work. Until I came to UCSB, I never really faced many stereotypes. But in four short years, I have encountered quite a few. I learned that the Media, at some point, decided that as a Black woman I should be the "temptress-tigress sexual being." For men who believe this mythical stereotype, let me set you straight: THEY LIED!

I was told in several University courses that as a Black professional woman, I have what is known as the "Double-Whammy" advantage in entering the work force. That is, not only do I fall into a minority quota, but I also fill a statistic for the hiring of women. It does not really bother On a more personal level, I learned from several of my male friends, *especially* those of the caucasian persuasion, (and you know who you are) that I am too independent, and

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domineering. Some of them attribute this to my being Black. It seems hard for them to cope with a woman who has a mind of her own and exhibits some measure of emotional strength. Funny, but that's what I thought I came to this university for: to learn how to think. Perhaps it is better to feign ignorance to appease men's egos. No ... no, I don't think so.

So what's someone like me to do? I have a host of outside opinions telling me what I should be, and what I should do. How do I distinguish between the positive and negative? I suppose I could withdraw from the situation, and pretend that it doesn't really matter. I could become angry or defensive, but this seldom leads to anything constructive. The best strategy to deal with this is to take in all the information, internalize what you like and feel will be useful, and spit out what is distasteful. This process has been vital to my mental and emotional well being. The process is much easier said than done. The first step: identifying social situations weigh you down, so one must learn to adjust, and cope with it. Each situation presents a new challenge. Whether it concerns people, places, or events, the way to deal with a new encounter depends entirely on the individual and how they feel at the given time. Some of the situations that I have learned to deal with will never plague a large portion of our society. To many, they might seem trivial. But, each one of them is something that I face time and time again:

...When roommates ask ignorant questions such as, "Why are you going to the beach? Do you tan?" and then are astonished when you say "Yes."

...When professors or teachers make racist remarks in class, and the other 299 students in the lecture hall turn and look at you, waiting for your reaction.

...When you realize that because of not only the small number of Black males on campus, but also the social inhibitions of the white males, that your opportunities for dating may be severely limited...

Well, the list goes on. There are so many other factors and determinants that I could write a book discussing each one of them. I sometimes wonder if the situations I encounter will ever get easier and less stressful. And then I realize, all of my experiences up to now have made me who I am. Perhaps, in the long run, the culmination of my experiences will make me a better person. I am already convinced that it definitely separates me from the average UCSB "Suzy-Q" type, and maybe one day it will influence decisions I make for not only myself, but also for others. In the tradition of the Black female, I, and many others, will hurdle specific roadblocks in stride. Like our mothers before us, and their mothers before them, we will face the challenges that come our way and meet them full force. As an individual, I know that I am capable of doing and becoming anything that I choose. Yes, I am Black. Yes, I am a woman; but most important, and best of all, I am Me.

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Roundtable on Racism: Fou

Doug Arellanes Campus Editor

N AN EFFORT TO HEAR THE ACTUAL VOICES OF MINORITY STUDENTS ON CAMPUS, Friday Magazine held a roundtable discussion earlier this week on the problems of racism and covert discrimination against minorities at UCSB. Four students shared experiences with Daily Nexus Campus Editor Doug Arellanes, who is of Native American descent. The group consisted of Afro-American students Alan Frelix and Denise Roberts, Asian-American student Helen Quan and Chicano student Harry Lopez, who unfortunately arrived late due to scheduling errors. Space here does not permit the entire transcription of all the students' comments, but after the discussion, all agreed that sharing experiences with Friday Magazine would be beneficial to fostering a climate of racial understanding on campus.

Arellanes: I believe there is a real problem with racism and discrimination on campus. I see it when I walk around, and it's not something I am a victim of because I don't look like an Indian. My mom was white, and I don't carry it on the outside. But when people find out, it's like, (raises hand) 'How.

The group laughs.

Frelix: That's very subtle.

Quan: A typical stereotype.

Arellanes: Those are the kinds of things I'd like to bring up in this discussion, but let's get some background first. What was high school like? Frelix: I went to a supposedly predominantly white high school in a white neighborhood. There were a lot of minorities there. Basically, there was no real interaction between the

minority groups. You didn't really have too many overt problems. A lot of subtleties, People don't walk around and say "I'm a things like you said I'm sure happened. Little things. Musically, people would always have comments about the type of music that a lot of blacks, but not all blacks, listened to. Racism now is real covert and subtle, but it's just as intense.

racist." Now you don't see them and you can't fight an invisible man. -Helen Quan

Quan: I went to a high school in San Francisco, so it's a little bit different for me because my school was very diverse. We had all kinds of people. There were a lot of problems basically because of that. Like Alan said, everything was under the table. It wasn't on the surface because people don't walk around and say 'I'm a racist.' Everything was hidden. And the problem (of racism), as far as I'm concerned, is a lot more severe than in the 1950s, because in the 1950s, at least we knew where they (racists) were. Now you don't see them and you cannot fight an invisible man.

Roberts: My school was predominantly white, but I was in the (advanced) classes, so I never got to go to class with other black people. So, like sometimes in the classroom I would look up and everybody would be looking at me. It was like, 'Why?' I couldn't understand that, you know. At first, it upset me, but then I just started saying, 'Well, I'm in this class. I'm doing well. Better than a lot of the people in the class. So I don't have anything to feel guilty about. I'm just going to go to this class, do my work and go to college.' I really didn't let it bother me, because once you start letting it bother you, that's when what they do starts really breaking you down.

Quan: I just wanted to add that that's one of the main problems here. A lot of students are intimidated, knowing that they're avoided and not acknowledged. That's a big problem because a lot of students don't want to deal with it. Now, students at least are talking about it.

Arellanes: I'm from Stockton, and Stockton, it's almost geographically segregated between north and south. Where the north is predominantly white and the south is predominantly black and Chicano. And my dad had worked pretty hard to get us to the north side of town, but it was part of the desegregation at the time to bus students to schools on the other part of town. I went to a school that was entirely minorities. That's a really neat feeling that everybody in the whole school is minority, and therefore there is no minority or majority. There were white people there, but every other racial group had the same numbers. So if anything, everybody felt like a minority. It was quite a shock to come here. The first thing you see is blond hair, you know?

Quan: Here, the atmosphere is totally different, especially for me, because San Francisco is a city of color, and even though we had problems, they were a little bit different because here, you have people that come from very small towns, neighborhoods that are 99.9 percent white. And so they have very little interaction with people of another color. So it's kind of hard

that all black people can dance. I have a lot of close friends that are black, and people address those myths to me. I'm really fed up with the dorms because all the people I know in the dorms have problems with their roommates. Like Alan said, a lot of the myths are stereotypes like that. Arellanes: What have you encountered personally?

Quan: You know about an economics teacher who was talking about minority students and financial aid. I was in the class. (The professor) didn't spell it out. But he said it. And you go in the hall and people look at you. At first they see you as a minority and then they talk differently to you. My best friend is white, and they probably treat her differently than they treat me.

Frelix: And they try to speak in your slang.

Quan: And the first thing I hear when they learn I'm from San Francisco. they start saying 'Yo,' and all that stuff. And I'm like, 'Just leave me alone.

Frelix: Another thing that happens is a couple of friends of mine did this experiment. They went to a big lecture hall, and two of them sat in the middle of the row about two or three seats apart in a crowded class. And nobody would sit near them. They did this purposely. I did it myself.

Here's another problem I've had. The Pub, they had these live performances, and I have a band that performed there last year. The place was packed (when they played). We go back this year and they say, 'No, you don't cater to the type of crowd we are seeking.' Now that's really subtle. You may not even know it goes around, but it adds up.

Roberts: In the dorms I find it really hard, because all my life I have lived around black people. And it's very hard for me to adjust to living with so many white people. Like the first week, all these girls got drunk, and they were throwing water and hitting the doors, and I asked them, 'Could you

please keep it down,' and they turned down the music, but made their voices louder. I had asked my R.A. to tell them to keep it down, and he did. But (the women) kept banging on my door and making noise And I thought, 'Why do they have to get drunk? At the parties I went to back home. people didn't do that. They played music, they danced. It might have gotten a little rowdy at times, but not like here. I find it very hard to get used to.

Quan: A friend of mine is black and majoring in nuclear engineering; we were at a party. There

were a bunch of us there, talking about our majors. And he was saying his major was engineering. And the people there were like, 'What are you talking about?' They were shocked, and it told me what kind of mentality they were in. I have another friend who listens to Jimi Hendrix and all that stuff, and he dresses very decently. People think he is not a 'typical black.' Arellanes: It is difficult for me because I don't look like a minority but I feel like one.

Quan: You can't help it.

Arellanes: Exactly. You walk around and look at people and wonder, Would it matter if I did, say, have long, black hair and the darker features? How would people treat me differently?

Quan: I think that once they do find out you're a minority they're going to start applying myths to you. It's the same way as Alan said. When you're black they're going to say, 'Do you play basketball?' 'Do you dance?' It's the same thing that's going to happen. Because that's the way a lot of people are brought up. It's basically a lot of ignorance.

Roberts: I think a lot depends on the media. They say all these different things about how people are 'supposed' to be. And then you go out to the world and you want to see the same things. You're used to seeing people in this way, and when you don't you feel shocked.

Arellanes: Like The Jeffersons?

Quan: Or Good Times.

Roberts: That's a good example. People in the ghetto trying to struggle and all that. People just can't understand when black people are affluent. They don't have to struggle. They've made it.

Quan: You notice a lot of shows on TV, but how many times do you see black lawyers and doctors?

Frelix: On The Cosby Show.

Quan: I think that's the main reason it is so highly rated. Arellanes: Because it's integrated?

Quan: Yeah.

Frelix: Or what about the news? When they report crimes, rapes, murders, it's always a black person. And I'm dead positive that whites do the same things. It's just not publicized as much.... Like with the theft of the Nexuses (earlier this month) the story said four black men took them. And then with the rape (that occurred a week later), they didn't say anything (about race)

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Arellanes: What kind of things have you run into here? Frelix: I'll tell you one I always run into. Arellanes: What's that? Frelix: Are you on the basketball team?

The group laughs again.

Frelix: I'd say it happens at least once or twice every other week somebody will ask me that. Or they'll say 'You guys played a pretty good game.' I was walking on Del Playa the other night with two other friends. One was sixtwo and one was six-three. They started yelling out, 'Shaw! Vaughns! Fortson!' These guys are on the team. Six-seven, six-

six, six-five. I don't think I look anything like them. I don't really have problems with that anymore. It's to the point now where I just say, 'Yeah. I play.' Or 'No. I'm a nuclear physicist.'

Laughter

Frelix: You kind of have to look at it humorously not to get angry Quan: Because you've just had enough of it. You just get used to it. I live in the dorms so I see a lot of stuff. A lot of racist slurs. It's always there. Like

Arellanes: That's an interesting point.

Frelix: That's conviction already.

Arellanes: In defense of the Nexus, they didn't have a suspect description (in the rape), whereas in the paper theft there was a description. Just to set that straight. I do know what you mean, though. It's like George Carlin said one time that the media always refers to blacks as 'youths.' 'A 34-year-old youth was arrested today.

Quan: I was talking earlier about an art teacher who, at the time of the vandalism of the poles down by the lagoon, said, 'You've got to remember Pizza Bob's was saying four black men mumbled and all this stuff about the Nexus theft. Well. I'm pretty sure they tore down the poles.' This is in front of all these people (in the class). An art teacher, that's incredible. It happens every day, every minute. You see it all around you. You just get so sick and tired of it you just don't give a damn anymore.

Arellanes: But people are starting to give a damn now. Quan: That's right.

Roberts: Like you were saying about 'youth,' well I was at a lecture by Lillian Rubin, and she was talking about Berhnard Goetz (the "Subway Vigilante" in New York). The media were saying these guys (the four who Goetz shot) were men. Black men. And these kids, they were 19, 18, sure, but the biggest one was 130 pounds and he was 5'6". And Goetz was 5'11"

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and 160 pounds. Now, in the propaganda of the newspapers, you would think the guys who Goetz shot were these big, husky men who got on this really skinny white guy. In essence, the kids were young people, but they were young. And the media made it look like he had to defend himself from these people. They had no weapons on them, but if they did report that, it was on page 10 or something. This propaganda is really hard to conquer, but black people are at least trying to understand it, because that's the first step.

Quan: Just recognizing it (racism) is the first step. You know, we're in the eighties now, and we're in California, and all those stereotypes that we're supposed to be sophisticated and educated, especially in a university. Racism is a very dirty word. Years and years people have tried to deny it. Especially now, because people don't want to accept that. It's a dirty word, a label. You put it on somebody and people deny it. Frelix: Minorities deny it.

Quan: It's just such a touchy issue.

Arellanes: When I went out to the Navajo reservation over Winter Break, the Native Americans made me feel like, 'You don't look like me. White eyes.' But after awhile that changed, luckily

Frelix: We all have prejudices. Education is the key. Educating people on their ignorances about all races will help the problem. Eventually it has to come from within you.

Quan: We need people to point out that 'This is not real. It's a myth.

Frelix: In the past, my mother had made statements that the world is racist and so on. And I've constantly told her that my generation is different, that we're making changes. I'd really like to see that happen. People are much more open-minded now than they used to be. However, we all have to come together now and stomp down those people who are racist and those who oppress.

Roberts: In 1985, there were about 20 cases of racism in Los Angeles County. In 1986, they had 58. It's increasing, and it's been increasing for a long time. I look at the figures and most of the incidents are against black Americans and Asian-Americans. The numbers for hispanics are small because a lot of the people who have had acts like that done to them are here illegally

Quan: It's just the mood of going back to the fifties. People are a little more conservative now, that whole thing. The English-only initiative is a good example. All these things basically promote a homogenous society, which we don't have. We have a very diverse society and people have to accept that.

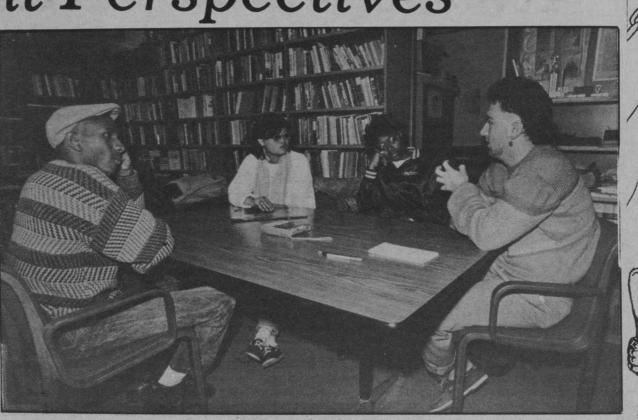
Arellanes: Let's talk about UCSB some more. One of the biggest shocks I got in coming here was noticing the sheer number of Rabbit convertibles. What kinds of stereotypes are held about the 'Barbies and Kens?'

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-Alan Frelix

Frelix How about those that you've stated? There are stereotypical people, out it only goes to a certain extent, and it is very short. Other than that, I hink there are more stereotypes against the white race in (my) high school than there are here, because my high school was Palisades High in .A., where everybody is considered a surfer and so on. But here, I know I nave prejudices, but none of them really jump out of me because all my life have lived in so many different cultures, in hispanic neighborhoods, black neighborhoods, white neighborhoods

Quan: The only stereotype I heard about UCSB was that this is a party school, and that's it. When I came down here, I heard a second stereotype, hat all the people here are closed-minded. To a certain extent, I believe hat's true.... I went to a workshop here on stereotyping. They made lists of people, first they put down 'black, hispanic,' and other stuff. Then they put down 'homosexual,' and the first thing they shouted out was 'San Francisco.' And I had my nametag on, which said S.F., and I said 'This is erazy,' you know?



Alan Frelix, Helen Quan, Denise Roberts and Doug Arellanes discuss issues of racism on campus.

Frelix: Get off your high horse. Take a look around.

Lopez: There's one thing I'd like to bring up. It involves times when I have been victimized three times: freshman year, last year and this year. It brings up a quote that I brought with me. I was at Pizza Bob's and I came out to unlock my bike. Two women came by. One, I remember, was wearing a green sweater of some sort. One spurted out, 'But that's racial.' And then the other one laughed. Then they realized I was listening and they looked over at me, rather embarrassed. When I first saw them, they didn't appear to be racist. And the remark one had made was clearly derogatory. This reminded me of a quote I had heard regarding Forsyth County (Georgia, where white supremacists threw rocks and sticks at civil rights marchers and yelled racial slurs).

"Racism is so ingrained that it only takes a spark. It lies dormant for a while, then there is a case that causes it to erupt. We become complacent for a while and then we realize how deep-seated the problems are.

Frelix: There's often a coincidence of color, class and location. People consider it very difficult for people of color to change their place of residence, so to speak. That's something that needs to be addressed. That's nationwide and that's overt. People need to realize that everyone has the same potential.... The first time somebody says to me, 'I am not a racist,' I know they are.

Lopez: Exactly. If they're not, why have they acknowledged that they are not?

Frelix: Everyone has some sort of prejudice.

Quan: We all have prejudices. I'm prejudiced against prejudiced people. Lopez: That's part of human nature. It's unfortunate, but it is part of who we are. But that is no justification for the Ku Klux Klan, the right-wing fundamentalists, the you-name-it.

Frelix: Another example I have of racism is people walking up to me and saying, 'Dance for me.

Quan: That is the myth.

Frelix: That is definitely a myth. I know a lot of black people who have no rhythm.

Roberts: One thing I have noticed is people who say, 'I'm not racist. I have a black friend

Quan: They always say that. 'My best friend is Oriental.

Arellanes: One thing that I have noticed is that when I went to orientation, they set you down in Cafe Interim, they did these great workshops, and that was it. You don't get any more of those.

Frelix: Right now, with Vice Chancellor Birch, we're trying to get a little nore orientation programming on stereotyping. Hopefully, if people are on he job, we'll get more. But I agree, it's miniscule.

Quan: One of the biggest stereotypes about Asians is that they really study hard. I go to parties and people ask me, 'Shouldn't you be studying?' Come on. Give me a break.

Frelix: Something that happened a while ago before coming here was hese white people saw my hair. And they wanted to touch it.

Again, laughter set in.

Frelix: My first instinct was, 'That's dumb. Why would anybody do that?' But then when I think about it, that's really a first step to realizing the lifferences between people. In that way, I respect people asking me questions about my race and about my culture.

Quan: I can respect people for doing that.

Frelix: It takes a lot of courage

Quan: They care. They want to know

The topic of discussion turned to the changes people can make, and how it can best be achieved. At this point, Lopez joined the discussion.

Frelix That's one thing about myself. I'm not afraid to ask anyone. I want o know. I'm all about gaining intelligence.

Quan: That's what we're here for, I think.

Arellanes: What would you tell people who believe they are too sophisticated' to learn about another culture?

Frelix: Another example is on Halloween night, there was a guy dressed up in a KKK outfit. We walked up to him and he said, 'I have a friend who is black. He knows I'm like this.' We said 'So what?' This black friend I heard later was dressed up as a slave. I have real problems with that,

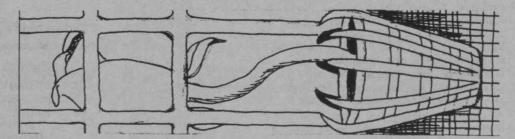
Arellanes: There is another myth, that the minority students on campus do not want to get along with whites.

Quan: We're only human. We can't survive without interaction. That is the key

Lopez: Action and interaction.

Frelix: There are steps that can be taken. Talking about racism is the first. Quan: Exactly

Lopez: The only race is the human race.



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Coming to Terms

Laurie McCullough Co-Editor, Friday Magazine

t's just before eight o'clock in the morning on a weekday in the suburbs of San Diego. My sister and I are driving to a forgotten destination. Two blocks from our parent's house we're on a main road. On one side, along a field, there's a line of Mexican men standing in groups of three or four. They're waiting for work, hoping to be chosen to pick vegetables or fruit in'a dusty field all day. Most of these men and young boys are "left-overs." I don't know where they go after the last truck comes along. As we drive by, my sister presses on her horn, leans out the window and flips them off yelling "Fucking Mexicans." I laugh in shock and ask her why she did that. "They bug me," she says.

My sister is an ordinary person, and on this day I came face to face with the prejudice that I had grown up with, the prejudice that existed in my life and my surroundings. On this day I realized that we live in a society of not only unwarranted hostility, but of utter ignorance. I realized that in my own life I existed on two planes: my intellect that said above all equality is the very essence of human dignity, and my emotions which understood my sister's reaction. Misdirected as her feelings were, they were real. I would later come to see them as examples of our system of racial separatism and white supremacy and, most of all the fear that's bourne of inadequate education.

What was I going to do? I was split in two. I could see and yet I that as long as I was divided, I We weren't prejudice, we just become an ever-increasing perpetrator of the actions and pretended each other didn't exist. sentiments that I so despised. In my heart, I knew this was wrong. Though I was faced with the

honesty of my intellectual mind, my emotions responded by their own free will. How could I hold society responsible, without being responsible for myself? Where did my prejudice emotions come from? And how was I ever going to reconcile them?

Now my mind is back in San Diego, where I grew up. San Diego lies on the border of California and Mexico. It's the second largest city in California and has, because of its location, a large population of Mexican-Americans, as well as undocumented workers. But I didn't learn this in my high school history class. Instead I learned of the horrors of the Afro-American struggles in the South, and of their many triumphs. I remember thinking how far our nation

had come. No one ever told me to look outside my own classroom door. No one ever talked about the gulf of separation as wide in our minds as the Gulf of Mexico.

Growing up, the Chicano population was always separate from my existence. When I was five, I had a baby-sitter who lived in the Chicano area of town - deemed Tortilla Flats. One day a group of Hispanic boys and girls crossed the street in front of the car I was in. One girl laughed. "Oh. They laugh like we do," I thought. Innocence at five, but I truly remember this as a revelation. They couldn't be that different from us. Yet that concept of "us" already hinted at the separatism that would later become a concrete reality

In junior high school vicious rumors of gang violence created fear among the students who were going to start high school the following year. Media coverage of previous gang violence between Chicano students and white students increased the gulf between us. We were already divided. We dressed differently, talked differently, lived on opposite sides of town, and even inhabited opposite sides of campus. We weren't prejudiced, we just pretended each other didn't exist. But now a scandal created an even greater element of distance: fear. No one wrote about the biased account presented by one local reporter when he was the one to get hit by a Chicano student in what wasn't a riot, but a dispute between two students of different color. The facts didn't matter anymore; the emotions were already created.

> Emotions grow and build upon themselves. Once you feel a

times, coming to cylindrical points at others. Emotions are backed by experience. In dealing with seeing the society I grew up in - and into - I had to see the experiences that created the

emotions of a mind of color. I'm out running, feeling proud for at least getting out today. I know that I've left a little bit too late and it's going to get dark soon. It's Super Bowl Sunday so the streets are deserted. I poop out at the end of D.P. and have to walk the rest of the way home. I'm aware of someone behind me."Walk with a purpose," my mind says. "Stay aware." I cross the street and a man of color walks evenly with me. "Hey. What's your name?"..."Where are you going?" I know I'm not suppose to run, but now I just want some sort of safety. "Hey. My name's Robert. What's your name?"





An actor from El Teatro Campesino in a 1969 performance about the concerns of Chicano farmworkers.

"Hey. What's your name." I'm scared, but I'm also pissed off. I just want to be left alone. He crosses back again. I try to cross again and a small truck pulls up. A young man says, "Do you know you're being followed?" He's white like me; I'm frightened, but now he's there and I feel safe. He drives along with me as I walk home and Robert disappears into the bushes

This was not an entirely unique event, for me or other women. But when it does happen, how do I disinguish between Robert and all men of color? Now when I run or am alone and I see a man of color or a group of men, my mind races through numerous similar past events. This is an involuntary response, yet the intellectual side of my mind knows it is unfair. My emotional mind fails to recognize that every person must be approached on the basis of their individual character. The fear of the unknown exists in this preconception of past events.

Knowing that my mind has been divided on its deepest level I can only continue to become more aware of my reactions. I can only approach this change with profound honesty, the kind no one wants to see in one's own life. I must see the emotional entrenchment of my past as it holds me, and coax my emotional mind to not fear the past - nor the present.

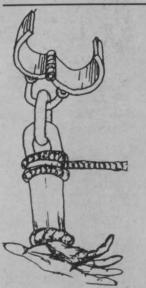
'Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Even a superficial look at history reveals that no social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concerns of dedicated indivduals. Without persistent effort, time itself becomes an ally of the insurgent and primitive forces of irrational emotionalism and social destruction. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for courage and positive action." Martin Luther King.

Social change cannot occur without the courage and honesty for the individual to make changes within his/her own life. Seeing injustice in the rest of society has become too easy of an argument for the exsistance of racial prejudice. We must see discord in our own lives by understanding the function of our reasoning powers in accordance with our subconscious emotions. Only then can we become a learned harmonious society that educates on the basis of individual character and not the ignorance of fearful unknown emotions.

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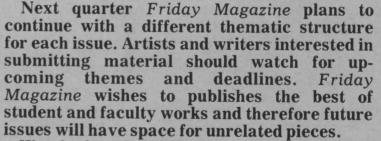
Supremacy

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But it was limited in scope.

When she entered the university it was 1986. Violent, raciallymotivated incidents in the state of California were on the rise. Nationally, only 28 percent of young black men graduated from high school. People of color and women comprised most of the

lower one-fifth of the income strata in society. The FBI verified statistics that one of three women in the country were raped. And unfortunately, her university did nothing to stop it. It would not even go so far as to require that people have the opportunity to gain the tools to combat these problems.



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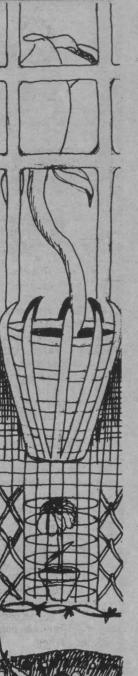
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Is it possible to lose your identity, in a world with pluralist ideals. I envision us as new reflections of Asian-American women After the shimmer and glint of the light reflected off a pool of water; I admire and genuflect, and see. The loneliness and melancholy fades A wife and a mother, alone in the STATES, your identity is more than these titles. Filipino, caring, Nurse, tired, wife, Loving. I see me. Continue to dream And envision your goals I'll help you And together we'll create a new image, a new self. As if to rub your eyes from the stark, blanch reality that your wishes for a better life were only wishes; You created a part of your self who will become her own personality, and have her own dreams. But knowingly, you created a part of you that will carry on your wishes, a goal, a culture. The crickets chirp as if to awaken me from my vision I brush the earth that nourishes the pussy willows from my clothes; standing up I see the willow's image Suspended in space by the stillness of the pond.

-Lynda Tandoc







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-Charlotte Johnson No Niggers

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We ride in automobiles too close to wrong to be right too black to be white too white to belong too long of nose too thin of lip Revered and hated irony claims us like an inheritance

-Holly Brown

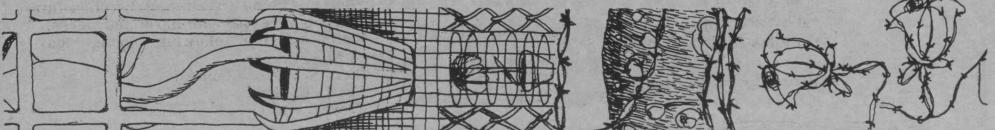
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-Lisa Baird

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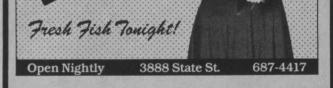
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