

"Prep 101: Miss Birnbach" talk by Lisa Birnbach to be presented

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Call Mummy and Daddy, cancel your squash match, put on your Lacoste shirt and bring Muffy. It's time to get down and get preppy.

"Prep 101: Miss Birnbach," an evening with Lisa Birnbach, the author of "The Official Preppy Handbook," will be presented at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

"It is the inalienable right of every man, woman and child to wear khaki," wrote Birnbach. "Looking, acting, and ultimately being prep is not restricted to an elite minority lucky enough to attend prestigious private schools, just because an ancestor or two happened to arrive here on the 'Mayflower.'"

At UC San Diego Birnbach will give the audience pointers on how to fake being a preppy. Subject matter will include the virtues of pink and green, nicknames, yacht clubs, lacrosse matches, Bloody Marys, top-siders and alligator patches.

"In a true democracy," adds Birnbach, "everyone can be upper class and live in Connecticut. It's only fair."

Birnbach was born in a refined hospital on the upper East Side of New York in September of 1956. She learned prep firsthand at the Lenox School (1962-71) and the Riverdale Country School (class of 1974). She spent her freshman year at Barnard College and graduated with honors from Brown University in 1978.

After a grand tour to Europe and a short stay at an advertising agency, Birnbach joined "The Village Voice" as a staff writer in April of 1979. In 1980 Workman Publishing released "The Official Preppy Handbook" and she "gave up squalor for the 'Preferred Lifestyle.'"

Ticket prices are \$5 for advance general admission and \$6 at the door; \$4 for UCSD students in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets are available at Ticketron outlets and the UCSD University Events Box Office, 452-4559.

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