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bermuda shorts, the Middle-Class Mom either completely ignores her screaming and quarreling children, or else she is cruelly and vigorously beating them in a fruitless effort to make them behave.

The Guardian Writer

A wholly unimportant-looking person, the *Guardian* Writer is embarrassingly pathetic as he observes what goes on around him, hoping to gain yet more useless ideas to write even more trivial articles for serious people who never read them.

He remembers that the only reason he stepped into this unsanitary place is that his meager wages enable him to purchase a slab of boiled cow flesh.

Well, unfortunately, there's no more space to describe the rest of this motley crew of characters, but what can you do? Fodder for another day are the old ladies who successfully sue for a billion dollars after purposely scalding themselves with hot coffee, and the trailer-park trash who put fake bugs in their food to get free burgers and lots of attention. Maybe I'll just be quiet and eat my burger. Hmmm... make that two burgers.

LETTERS:

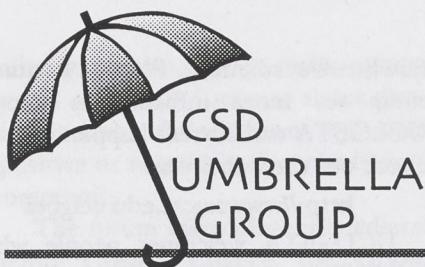
Bible should not have to conform

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Bible that keeps us posted on how we are changing as people, and who better to write it than Ryan Olson? We could even establish some new commandments. For example, homosexuality is OK if you only sleep with cool people, or you can kill somebody if they were really bad, and finally, believe this new Bible, but only for a couple thousand years; then when we come to that point we'll incorporate new commandments, commandments that aren't outdated.

Your article states, "If we are not careful, we might find ourselves on the road [to hell] with [the Promise Keepers]." Is this some kind of joke? Where the hell do you think you're going? Trust me, Ryan, you are well on your way.

Micah Michelli and
Brad Moore



UNDER THE UMBRELLA

Volume 2, No. 1, Autumn 1997

A quarterly publication of the Umbrella Group, the officially recognized UCSD faculty/staff association for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered employees and their friends. Under the "umbrella" are the UCSD Medical Center Bisexual, Lesbian, and Gay Network, the Lesbian Support Group, and Queer University Employees.



Largest UCSD Contingent Ever for AIDS Walk 1997

The weather was perfect as the crowd began to gather October 5. The area south and east of the 6th Avenue-Quince St. intersection in Hillcrest had begun its transformation the day before. Banners and flags, long rows of tables, trash receptacles, open-sided tents, and even a modular building all stood at the ready. The Classic Faire catering van (ARAMARK/UCSDMC Nutrition Services) entered the cordoned-off walk area at zero-early-hundred hours Sunday morning and claimed its designated table at the beginning of the alphabet. UCSD had made the "A" list. Within two hours on that warm, sunny, and invigorating morning the team, aptly named "all@ucsd" had assembled.

The idea of an inclusive UCSD AIDS Walk Team was born in several minds at once—with members of both the Umbrella Group (and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (CACLGBTI)) working to make it a reality. Now it was all coming together. Assembled and representing all parts of UCSD were our

beloved Chancellor, faculty, students, administrators, families, friends, babies, puppies, and staff from too many departments to name.

An accurate head-count might be asking too much since team members were being added even during the Walk. It took two frames to photograph all of the bright and smiling faces!

Team co-captains Sarah Archibald (Brain Imaging) and Rich Belmontez (EH&S) were assisted greatly by area coordinators Jean Terio (IRPS), Theresa Rellaforde (Muir), Theresa Oyos (HNRC), Eileen O'Callahan (Chancellor's Office), Maggie Houlihan and Lynne Clark (CADRE), and Kevin Milligan (Price Center). The design for a Team T-shirt was investigated by Mary Ann Callery from Transportation, and a few lucky people were able to sport the creation. Significant advertising and reporting support were provided by *The Guardian*.

Do it again next year? You bet! Hope to see you there.

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AIDSWalk Path of Remembrance

A way from the hustle and bustle, the Path of Remembrance offered a place to reflect on why we have an AIDS Walk at all. Pictures, cards, and flowers offered in memory of the many people lost to this epidemic were on display around the Organ Pavilion. Also on display were several quilt panels from the Names Project. The Path of Remembrance was a place for people to remember loved ones they have lost to AIDS. There were many tears at this emotional site but for many it was also the reason they participate in the Walk.

Begun on a small scale last year, this year's memorial was organized and expanded by Paul Estala, owner of New Reflections hair salon on University Avenue in Hillcrest, and a host of dedicated volunteers. Many thanks to Paul, Cullen, Barbara, Dan and others for this meaningful addition to the Walk.

OUT at the Library

New books at the Social Sciences and Humanities Library include:

Encyclopedia of Feminist Literary Theory

Heterosexual Dictatorship: Male Homosexuality in Post-war Britain

Homosexuality in Cold War America: Resistance and the Crisis of Masculinity

Queers in Space: Communities, Public Spaces, Sites of Resistance

Volcanoes and Pearl Divers: Essays in Lesbian Feminist Studies

The Bear Book: Readings in the History and Evolution of a Gay Male Subculture

Autopornography: A Memoir of Life in the Lust Lane

Honey, Honey, Miss Thang: Being Black, Gay, and on the Streets

Cassell's Encyclopedia of Queer Myth, Symbol, and Spirit: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Lore

Bookmark the UCSD "Gay and Lesbian Studies" page for resources at the Social Sciences and Humanities Library and beyond:

<http://gort.ucsd.edu/sdunlap/gaylesb.html>

OUT and About with the Umbrella Group

First Fridays continue into the New Year with the following events:

Friday, Nov. 7, 6 P.M. at Bourbon Street, 4612 Park Boulevard, near Adams.

Friday, Dec. 5, 6 P.M. at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's, 308 University Avenue.

Friday, Jan. 2, 6 P.M. at Marc's, 3940 Fourth Ave #200 (just north of University, upstairs).

And a special holiday diversion at Diversionary Theater!

Friday, Dec. 19 at 8 P.M. OUR GAY APPAREL at Diversionary Theater, 4545 Park Boulevard. Tickets available through the Diversionary box office at 220-0097. Join us at 7 P.M. at Bourbon Street for an eggnog, or at 7:45 P.M. in front of the theater for this perfect antidote to holiday tension.

A Note from the Social Director:

Want to introduce others to your favorite new (or old) hangout? Do you have ideas for special outings and excursions? To get your event on the social calendar, send an e-mail with details and contact information to Sam Dunlap (sdunlap@ucsd.edu).

UCLGBTA and You

The University of California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Association (UCLGBTA) is the umbrella lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender organization for all of the University of California campuses. The organization includes students, staff, faculty, and alumni from all campuses, laboratories, and the Office of the President. UCLGBTA is a support network for the leaders of the LGBT organizations at each campus and a means of exchanging information system-wide. The organization holds quarterly steering committee meetings and an annual conference each February. There are two steering committee members from each campus.

Current steering committee members for UCSD are Sarah Archibald (sarchibald@ucsd.edu) and John White

(jowhite@ucsd.edu). Please contact them for more information about UCLGBTA and current happenings, or check out the website at:

<http://www2.ucsc.edu.uclgbta>

UCLGBTA welcomes people who would like to become involved as members or leaders of the organization.

Exposed: UCLGBTA's Ninth Annual Conference

UCLGBTA's Ninth Annual Conference, "Exposed!", will be held February 6-8 at UC Santa Cruz. Keynote speakers include Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign, and University of Michigan faculty member Tomas Almaguer, who is researching queer communities, especially gay Chicanos. UC Santa Cruz artist-in-residence Loren Cameron will have a showing at the UCSC Faculty Gallery, and there will be entertainment by lesbian comedienne Marga Gomez. This conference is always educational and great fun. For more information, check out the conference web site at <http://www.porter.ucsd.edu/Exposed!> or call 1-800-866-6263. You can also contact Sarah Archibald at 622-5884 or sarchibald@ucsd.edu.

"Homosexuality and Public Life" at UCSD

Chancellor Robert C. Dynes will be on hand to introduce the panelists at "Homosexuality and Public Life," November 12. The one-day, community-based conference, designed to educate the UCSD community and members of the public about issues affecting the lives of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender people, their families, colleagues, and coworkers, is the culmination of 18 months of hard work by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues (CACLGBTI).

Panel members include UCSD faculty, national, and local speakers, with keynote remarks by Kerry Lobel, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Event organizers hope that panel presentations on the

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UCSD Hosts Conference On Being Out And Public

By Kendall Klym
For Update

SAN DIEGO — Kept in the closet for one year and three months, a conference titled "Homosexuality and Public Life" will finally grace the campus of the University of California, San Diego beginning at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 12.

The conference, which is the first of its kind to be held at UCSD, was postponed in August of 1996 because of expected controversy surrounding the Republican National Convention, held from August 12 through 15, 1996.

Now coming out in all its glory at the Price Theater, the conference will feature both national and local Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual leaders who will challenge stereotypes and shed new light on issues regarding sexual orientation in politics, the military, families, minority communities and society at large. Members of the public may interact with experts in specially designed panels addressing those issues.

"This is clearly a first for us," said Gerald Lowell, UCSD associate vice chancellor and university librarian. "I think it's a powerful reflection on the importance UCSD places on making sure all faculty, staff and students are recognized along with the issues affecting them."

Karen Marshall, executive director of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center, said she believes the conference will not only benefit the university but will also serve as an educational tool for the greater San Diego Gay community.

"Our community is poised for a change," Marshall said in reference to what she considers a fragmentation of community members who have diverse opinions relating to a variety of Gay and Lesbian issues. "People get targeted on an issue and think that everyone should be behind that issue. With the conference, we will hopefully get a dialogue going that will enable us to learn how to come to agreement instead of attack each other."

Lowell said one of the university's goals

is to educate and to inform the community at large.

"This is an opportunity for all of us to



Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

learn and to make sure we have a productive environment for all members of the community."

Representing the queer community in San Diego as well as those throughout the United States will be keynote speaker Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In a telephone interview from her office in Washington, D.C., Lobel said she will discuss legal protection of people with differing sexual orientations.

Despite the state's track record as a leader in civil rights issues, she noted, it

still does not have a civil rights law that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"First and foremost, every state should have this," Lobel said emphatically. "It's very important that we develop a comprehensive strategy that looks at local and state models dealing with civil rights. I'd like to see people from both the community and the campus talking honestly about ideas and actions that reflect this issue."

The City of San Diego passed legislation in 1990 to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in the workplace and in housing. The law is known as the Human Dignity Ordinance.

Addressing the topic of discrimination as it refers to both the queer and minority communities will be Thomas Allen Harris of the

UCSD visual arts department. Harris has produced the award-winning documentary film *VINTAGE Families of Value*, which will be shown at the conference.

"This is about the intersection of race and sexuality," Harris said in reference to the film, which deals with the interaction of straight and Gay members of three African-American families. "It is important to make space (for Gay African-Americans and other homosexual minorities) to be themselves and to be out."

Harris said the conference will serve as a forum to integrate issues of sexual orienta-

tion with those of family.

"It creates space for people to be more compassionate in regard to differences," he said.

The conference, which is open to the public for free and will last until 5:30 p.m., includes the following topics:

8:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions from UCSD chancellor Robert Dynes and Lowell.

9:00 a.m. Military panel hosted by Keith Meinhold, a retired officer of the U.S. Navy, and Allan Berube, author of *Coming Out Under Fire*. Bridget Wilson, a local attorney, will moderate.

10:30 a.m. Politics panel hosted by Christine Kehoe, San Diego City Council member and Sheila James Kuehl, California State Assembly representative. Harry Hirsch, chairman of the UCSD Political Science Department, will moderate.

12:05 p.m. Showing of Harris' film *VINTAGE Families of Value*.

1:30 p.m. Family panel hosted by Melinda Paras, former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Leslea Newman, author of *Heather has two Mommies*. Rafael Hernandez, a UCSD dean, will moderate.

3:00 p.m. Community panel hosted by Elias Farejaje-Jones, queer activist, and Tony Valenzuela, community activist. Karen Marshall will moderate.

4:30 p.m. Keynote speech by Kerry Lobel.

The conference, which was organized to complement the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change Conference in downtown San Diego, will also include a kick-off reception by invitation only at the home of Dynes.

"The point here is the issue of timing," said John White, a key planner of the conference and a member of a UCSD advisory committee developed in 1994 to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues. "There were problems of nervousness before because of the Republican National Convention. With the Creating Change Conference in town, I think there will be good energy."

Speakers empower gays, lesbians

Assemblywoman, SD councilwoman share thoughts at UCSD

CHRIS MORAN
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LA JOLLA — The cowardly lion in the Wizard of Oz was definitely gay.

Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl used that metaphor with an audience of activists and students at UC San Diego on Wednesday. The lion was

not a coward, though, she said.

In sojourning to the mythical land of Oz in search of courage, he found it within himself.

Kuehl said that's a lesson gays and lesbians can take to heart: that even as they seek equality in mainstream society's institutions, they will discover they're already equipped with the lion's

courage, the scarecrow's intellect and the tin man's heart to succeed and be accepted in those institutions.

"Everything we need in order to do this, we've already got. We just don't know it," Kuehl said.

The first openly lesbian assemblywoman and Assembly

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speaker pro tem in state history used the Wizard of Oz as a parable for civil rights activism in the '90s as she spoke at UCSD's Homosexuality and Public Life Conference.

The San Diego City Council's first openly lesbian member sat next to Kuehl and seconded her message of self-affirmation. Councilwoman Christine Kehoe, who was introduced as the future first openly lesbian member of the House of Representatives (she plans to challenge Rep. Brian Bilbray, R-Imperial Beach), asked the crowd to follow her lead of participation in government.

"It brings us into the mainstream, where tons of us already are," she said.

The UCSD Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues organized the forum as a preview for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's 10th annual Creating Change Conference.

The four-day leadership training conference opens today at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn

on the Bay, 1355 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego.

Wednesday's conference was an academic forum.

Four panel discussions dissected the roles of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people in government, the military, family and community.

That the expert speakers are also considered pioneers in

their fields demonstrated the work the gay and lesbian community still has ahead in its civil rights crusade.

At the same time, they shared success stories to inspire a new generation of activists to carry the movement forward.

They also insisted that while they are in the spotlight, they are only a few among the many gays and lesbians in their fields.

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Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, for example, touched off a national debate about gays in the military after his disclosure in May 1992 on ABC's "World News Tonight" that he was gay.

Now retired from the military and a frequent speaker on the lecture circuit, Meinhold emphasized Wednesday that many of his shipmates were gay, and that even most of his heterosexual co-workers supported him as he fought against the Navy's attempt to discharge him as a result of his disclosure on national television.

Meinhold said the purpose of his fight was not merely to save himself from a discharge. The military is important, he noted, as the second largest institution of education for young adults after the country's colleges and universities.

"We have to look at our young people and where they are trained and where they learn," Meinhold said. The military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy must be changed, Meinhold said, because it teaches and institutionalizes homophobia.

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speaking in a rare history class at UC San Diego. Kuehl used the metaphor to describe the role of the military in the fight for gay rights. She said she was inspired by the courage of young adults who are being educated in the military and who are being taught to challenge the status quo.

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Passing out causes, pamphlets -- and oh, yes, selling books

ByNina Garin

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Step into the somewhat cluttered Groundwork Books at UCSD and it becomes obvious they're selling more than the average paperback. Along with carrying hard-to-find poetry, leftist political theory and the latest textbooks, Groundwork also gives its customers a lesson in humanity.

Started in the early '70s by a group of activists selling literature off a rusty rack before there was the UCSD Student Center, the store has since expanded to become a nonprofit co-op, where employees follow the principle of fairness and equality while educating customers on social issues as well.

"We're collectively run," said employee Jeff Corvett. "That means we don't have bosses; we all work together to operate the bookstore. Our goal is to help people find literature and information about what goes on in society, and how to empower themselves to deal with those things."

Just to the right of the entrance is a table where shoppers can sign a petition against sweatshops or pick up pamphlets about volunteering. Even the casual browser can learn about social issues by reading the many fliers posted around the store.

Along with supporting the in-house activism, the staff of 15 to 20 employees and volunteers also hold weekly events called T.G.s (Thank Groundwork It's Friday), where they DMP educate students about current events, corruption and anything else the staff members feel strongly about.

While it may seem as if the store members are too busy crusading for social causes to worry about selling books, employee Kendra Isaac said they strive to find nontraditional literature.

"We try to get stuff that isn't readily available," she said. "We like to deal with small publishers. We also like to give professors an alternative place to order textbooks."

Groundwork boasts an extensive women's studies, postmodern, and gay and lesbian collection.

"There are hardly any retail co-ops like ours at all," she said. "I couldn't think of a better place to work. We have no hierarchy here. You work because you believe in the store."

What's hot at Groundwork Books:

"I can think of one item, and it's not a book: The Darwin Fish seem to sell the most. We also sell a lot from the postmodern and gay and lesbian sections."

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1. Some of the crew at Groundwork Books and Community Resource Center, UCSD Student Center, (619) 452-9625. 2. What's hot at Groundwork Books

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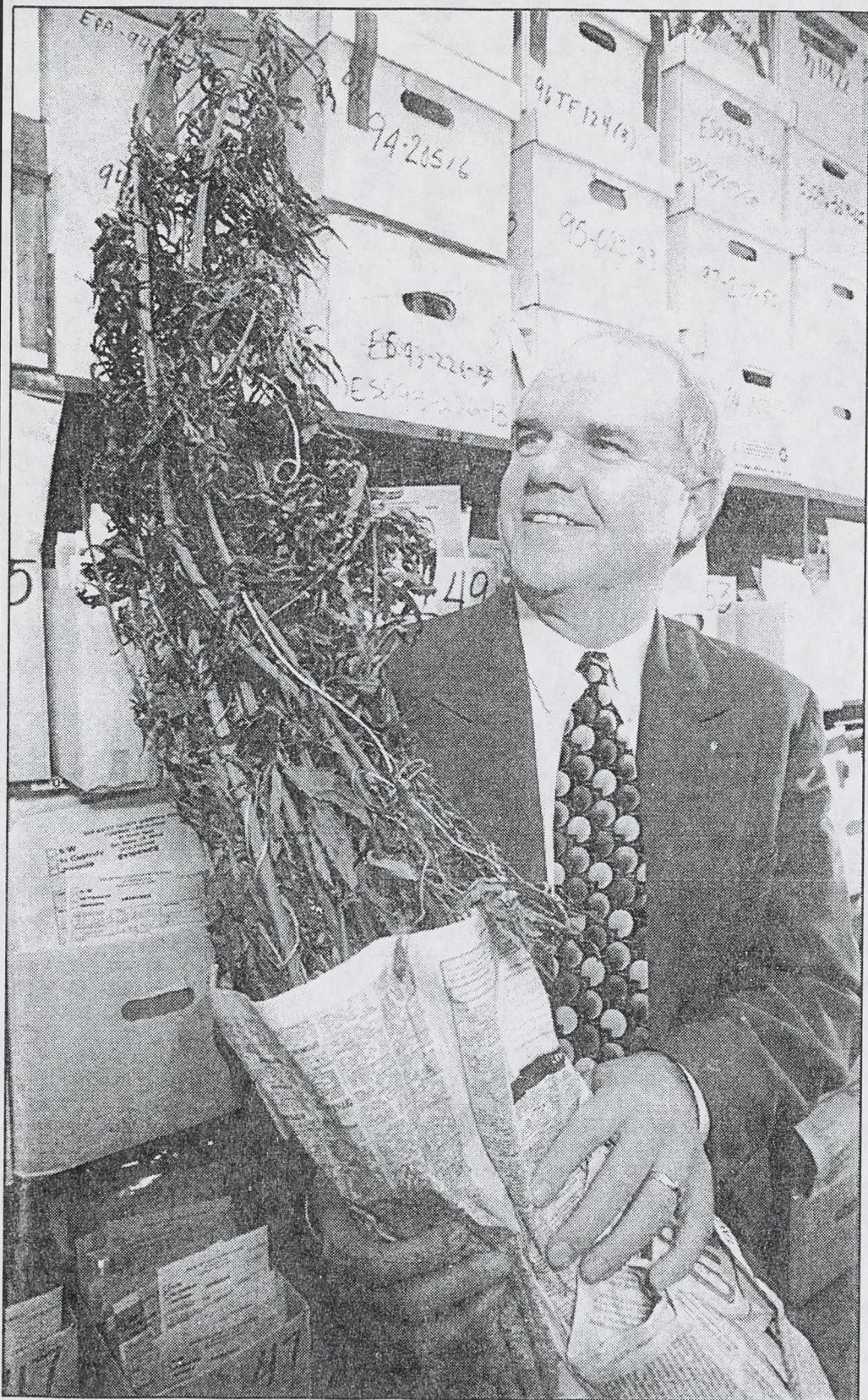
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Government pot: San Mateo County Supervisor Mike Nevin showed off a 5-pound marijuana plant yesterday at the sheriff's evidence room.

Same-sex benefits backed by UC panel

But Wilson opposition makes final vote uncertain

By Jeff Ristine
STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES — A University of California regents' committee yesterday recommended UC extend health-care benefits to same-sex domestic partners of its faculty and staff, but the hotly debated matter must survive a final vote today amid Gov. Pete Wilson's all-out effort to block the policy change.

An aide to Wilson refused to rule out the possibility that the governor would fill two vacancies on the 26-member Board of Regents in the hours preceding this morning's showdown in an effort to carry the vote. Wilson filled a third vacancy on Wednesday.

Issues of fairness and UC's need to remain competitive with other universities already offering domestic partners benefits were balanced against arguments over the institution of marriage and a fear of lawsuits in the most politically charged meeting since the board's July 1995 vote to end affirmative action practices in student admissions.

The regents' finance committee voted 9-3 to support domestic-partner benefits, but today's ballot is bound to be much closer. At least five regents who did not participate in the committee vote spoke out in support of Wilson's position yesterday while others remained silent.

"The issue is whether or not the university . . . is going to treat something less than marriage as the equivalent of marriage," said Wilson, who is a regent by virtue of his office but generally does not attend board meetings. Approving domestic-partner benefits for gay and lesbian partners of UC employees, he said, would place an unwanted spotlight on UC "as a role model for the value of marriage and family."

But Regent Ward Connerly said the board should be proud to take a stand and "embrace the principle of equity."

The proposal had been on the verge of tacit approval from the regents — to be implemented without a formal vote — at

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rights they would be giving up. A majority of the entire court then ordered a rehearing before the larger panel, consisting of Chief Judge Procter Hug and 10 randomly selected judges.

There was little discussion yesterday of whether voters had known what they were deciding, an indication that the court intends to decide whether the term limits themselves are constitutional.

Several judges made their views clear that Proposition 140 was valid. Judge Andrew Kleinfeld said that if California can prohibit noncitizens or felons from running for office, it should be able to ban long-term incumbents.

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Southern California's air, while improving in the last few years, remains the most polluted in the country. Past pollution health studies have concentrated on regions like the East Coast, where pollution has a different chemical profile.

state regulators.

But Fran Vitulli, a spokeswoman for the State Water Resources Control Board — the agency that oversees enforcement statewide — calls reduction of toxic releases into sewage treatment plants "a real success story in California." She says water quality has increased

since the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972.

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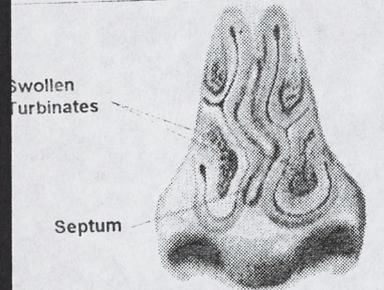
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Opposite-sex partners might sue, Wilson says

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their September meeting in San Francisco. But Wilson, who did not attend that meeting, sent word at the 11th hour that he wanted the matter put to a vote.

Yesterday's vote came after a long line of gay and lesbian UC employees stepped up to a microphone and told the regents about the difficulties they suffer in being unable to provide health care for their partners.

Suanne Daves, a physician and associate professor of anesthesiology at UC Irvine, said health benefits for her partner Susan was "one of the things that tipped the balance" in her decision to accept a job offer from the University of Chicago. That institution, she said, "offers an

environment and a climate that is missing here."

Gerald Lowell, librarian and an associate vice chancellor at UC San Diego, said domestic-partner benefits will be "an important retention issue" as he decides whether to stay in his job. He called it "a matter of fairness, a matter of justice, a matter of equity."

But Wilson and others argued that the proposal discriminates against UC employees with opposite-sex partners whom they live with but have not married.

"It would be like having a statute that protects black people, but excludes Latinos," said Regent Tom Sayles.

Wilson quoted a UC Berkeley law professor who argued that excluding opposite-sex domestic partners would be illegal under California law.

"We are running the very, very high risk — the probability — that we are going to be sued successfully," Wilson said.

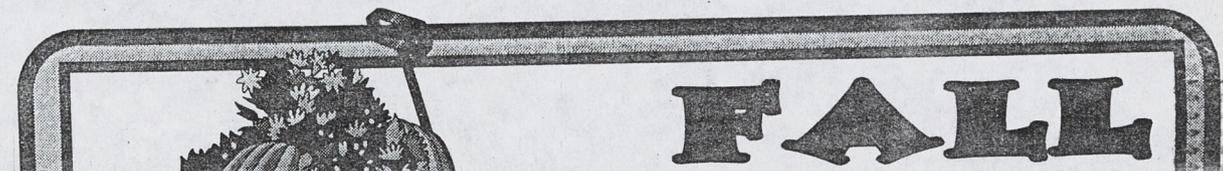
The debate, which traces back to a proposal first raised 16 years ago, is rife with interesting political sidelights.

Connerly, who led the charge against affirmative action two years ago, is bucking Wilson on this issue. Likewise, Meredith Khachigian, who also voted to scrap affirmative action and yesterday spoke of her "very conservative, Republican background," was on the majority side of the committee vote.

"I have some gay friends who have really educated me on a lot of gay issues," said Khachigian.

Sayles, one of the three "no" votes, was one of the most passionate speakers in favor of affirmative action in 1995.

Joining Wilson and Sayles was Regent Sue Johnson, who said she was siding with "a large segment of the general public out there that can't conceive of this university . . . (being) supportive of alternative lifestyles."



UCSD Hosts All-Day Forum On 'Homosexuality and Public Life'

EVENT: Chancellor Dynes sponsored the one-day conference

By Ya-Lei Yang
Staff Writer

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender leaders from around the United States gathered at yesterday's "Homosexuality and Public Life Conference" from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Price Center.

The conference was aimed at educating the entire San Diego community about issues that affect the lives of gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgendered people and the people in their lives.

"I think the 'Homosexuality and Public Life' conference is a good thing to have at UCSD," said Roosevelt senior Penny Fish. "It is a great opportunity for the entire community to become more aware of issues that they normally aren't aware of."

"Homosexuals are still a minority that need rights and the issues proposed during the conference are ones that definitely need to be addressed," she added.

Chancellor Robert Dynes invited the conference leaders to his house Tuesday evening and made opening remarks at the event yesterday.

"This is a significant day. We have a lot of important conferences and in my view, this is one of them," he said. "I hope this conference will engage you in a way that is thought-provoking... I would like to believe that we can lead the country in developing respect for all our friends and neighbors."

Several local and national speakers participated, addressing issues such as homosexuals in the military, politics and family.

The military panel included Attorney Bridget Wilson as moderator; Keith Meinhold, the first openly gay man to retire from

active duty with full military honors; and Allan Bérubé, who is the author of the award-winning book *Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II*.

"My personal reflection is as a historian and as an activist in the nearly two decades I've spent trying to make sense of the U.S. military's profoundly irrational anti-gay policy, a policy begun in World War II and that continues today," said Bérubé.

Following the military panel, the politics panel — moderated by UCSD Political Science Department Chair Harry Hirsch — addressed issues concerning homosexuals in politics. San Diego City Council member Christine Kehoe and Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl (D-Los Angeles) spoke about their own personal experiences as lesbians in politics.

UCSD junior Scott Heath, co-chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues, said he enjoyed the event.

"This conference is an extremely exciting opportunity for dialogue and discussion on the issues that homosexuals face within society," Heath said. "The UCSD community is coming together to discuss often-difficult issues related to both differences and similarities that we might have."

"Lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people need to be welcome as a part of the community, and not just tolerated," he added.

Keynote speaker Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National

Gay and Lesbian Task Force, concluded the conference by praising the strides that have been made for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. She spoke about a conference she attended last weekend, a conference that drew the likes of President Bill Clinton, Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche.

"We are at a very interesting time... it was a moment that I never thought I'd see... to see the sitting president saying gay and lesbian," she said. "Talking quite conversationally about sexual orientation and hate crimes against lesbian, gay, and transgendered people was quite an event."

Yet, Lobel advised the community not to become complacent with the cultural gains that have been made in recent days.

"As a movement, we feel that since we have made such tremendous cultural gains, our work is done but it is not," she said. "Culturally we have made tremendous gains, but politically we are still lagging behind."

"The majority of American people believe that the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered enjoy equal rights under the law."

Community members, along with students from other schools attended this conference as well.

"My friends and I traveled from Santa Barbara to San Diego just to get this information," said Cecilia F. Sapp, a third year Film Studies student at UCSB. "This demonstrates just how important this information is, and how it isn't that accessible."

Associate News Editor Leena Shankar contributed to this article.

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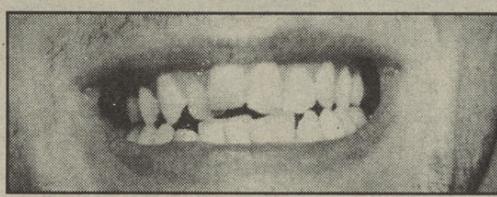
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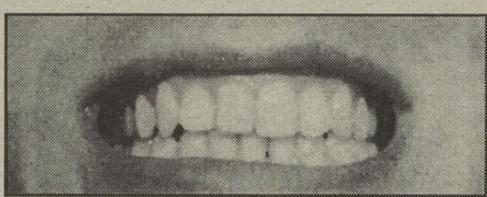
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Guardian Cannot Change Without Your Input

Everywhere you go, you hear people bashing the *Guardian*. We're biased. We're sensationalist. We're out of touch with the campus. We wouldn't know news if it came up and bit us in the notebook.

So what?

For the last couple of days, our editor in chief has sat with an enormous *Guardian* sign in the Price Center Plaza. Where were you? Other than a couple of visiting high school students and a veteran who went through Marine boot camp at UCSD when it was still Camp Matthews, not one person stopped by.

We do the best we can, but we can't do this without you. We need to know what you think of us. Give us your feedback — positive or negative, constructive or not, we'll take it all. Either swing by the office and tell us, give us a call or write a letter to the editor.

Remember, we won't know you're upset unless you tell us.

Ryan Olson, one of our news editors, will be at the Price Center Plaza today from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If it rains, he'll be under the Theater awning.

Speak now or forever hold your peace.

Props and Flops

 Congratulations to our men's and women's soccer teams for reaching the Division III playoffs. Both squads have done UCSD proud by finishing out strong regular-season play.

The UC Office of the President and the nine UC campuses put technology to good use when they made applications available online to all prospective UC students. 

 The audience member at the CIA recruitment meeting who threw bones at the speaker, Michael Mau, showed poor taste and a lack of respect for the recruiter.

Although we welcome the recent arrival of the Pacific Theatres Gaslamp 15, it was foolish not to provide parking for the additional people the theater brings to the Gaslamp District. 

OPINION



EQUALITY REDEFINED IN THE WAKE OF PROPOSITION 209

COMMENTARY: An increasing number of states are refusing to put up with the ridiculous legal challenges posed by politicians and other opponents of Prop. 209



CHRIS SCHREIBER

My Biased Opinion

The racial tide has finally turned. While not all politicians, and not even all judges, have come to grips with the new application of fairness, it is plain that the inexorable advance of the truth and Prop. 209 continues without their assent. For the moment, at least, justice has prevailed, and its ultimate victory seems assured.

The refusal of the United States Supreme Court to review the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals' strongly worded ruling that Proposition 209 — the California state proposition which outlaws state- and local- government racial quotas — is constitutional is justice's latest victory.

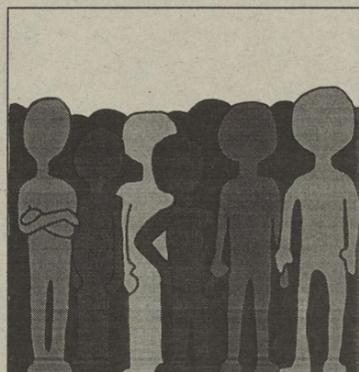
The 5th Circuit's opinion from last year's *Hopwood* case stated that public universities could not employ quotas, given the more palatable name "affirmative action," to attain what their administrators felt was proper racial diversity.

Additionally, the Supreme Court's 1995 ruling in *Adarand* demanded that federal "affirmative-action" programs must be held to strict scrutiny.

When one considers these three cases, one cannot help but notice a distinct trend. It becomes apparent that the highest courts in the land are leading the effort to make sure that people are judged on their individual merits.

However, even with all the momentum toward fairness, do not think that racial-bias proponents are going softly into that good night.

Led by the recalcitrant Clinton Administration, the quota queens and



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kings of the liberal left are howling about "disparate impact." Those with any power are doing their best impersonations of former Alabama Governor George Wallace in advocating or trying to force non-compliance with the court rulings and the will of the people as expressed in constitutional Proposition 209.

The mayor of San Francisco, Willie Brown, is the most prominent of the many local politicians who have threatened to refuse to comply with Proposition 209. The liberals will likely do little to change anything unless forced to by further lawsuits or by gubernatorial influence.

However, they pose a much smaller threat than do the Clinton bureaucrats.

The U.S. Department of Education's Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Norma Cantu, a longtime foe of individual rights, tried to use the muscle of the executive branch to force the University of Texas to refuse to comply with the 5th Circuit's *Hopwood* decision. She also made threats against the University of California after the UC Regents voted to end racial quota programs.

Cantu only backed down when the negative publicity she generated made things uncomfortable for her superiors. It would not stretch one's conception of reality too far, though, to speculate that she is looking for other ways to stymie those universities, as well as any others who dare to assume each individual should be judged according to his own record.

More legal challenges are waiting in the wings, and should provide interesting debates as they become more widely known. In one case, dealing with racial preferences in university admissions, the Center for Individual Rights filed a case challenging set-asides at the University of Washington.

Another education-related case on court dockets involves a young white girl excluded from a federally funded science program because her skin lacked sufficient melanin content.

The most intriguing case, however, involves an African-American graduate student suing the traditionally all-black Alabama State University because he did not qualify for a scholarship that is offered to white students. The intention of the scholarship was to "diversify" the student body.

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Elsewhere

Prankster Confesses After 32 Years

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Alfred R. Berkeley III, now president of the NASDAQ stock exchange, admitted to being part of the most infamous prank in the University of Virginia's history; the case had remained unsolved for 32 years. In 1965, Berkeley and a group of four other students placed a 250-pound black calf on top of the Rotunda, which is 50 feet in the air. The calf died shortly after it was removed from the roof due to shock, dehydration and a sedative overdose. While many students saw the situation as a prank, many others were upset about the cow's demise.

— *The Daily Cavalier*

Police Find Missing Body Parts

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse police discovered last Tuesday the body parts of April Gregory, a Syracuse University sophomore who had been missing since May 1996. Her former boyfriend, Terrance Evans, confessed to the crime and has since been charged with second-degree murder. Following his confession, police searched Evans' home and found decomposed body parts in the basement, behind walls, in closets and in the attic. Burned legs were found in the attic. Evans had allegedly tried to destroy the victim's limbs by burning them in his garage, however, due to the smoke and stench, he had to put the fire out and later covered up the odor with perfume. The Gregory family lives next door to Evans.

— *The Daily Orange*

Students Upset Over Use of Mace

FORT WORTH, Texas — Texas Christian University students, excited by their football team's only victory of the year, ran onto the field last Thursday and began to tear down the goal post. Police reported that the students grabbed and assaulted police officers who were protecting the end zone. In response, police sprayed the students with pepper spray. Mel Thomas, the assistant athletic director, said he saw one officer thrown to the ground and kicked in the head. However, students deny these accounts. The only injuries reported were due to the pepper spray.

— *The Daily Skiff*

Spoken...

"We're second-class citizens treated with inequity by a first-class institution. We aren't able to realize the full range of benefits at UCSD."

— Gerald Lowell
University Librarian



Champions Three Times Over

Women's soccer returned from Pennsylvania with its place firmly etched in the record books as it won its third consecutive national championship

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Congress' rejection of "fast-track" trading authority is bad business

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Regents Approve Domestic Partnership Benefits

Board Narrowly Grants Privileges

DECISION: Wilson's last-ditch attempt to pack board fails to muster enough votes to defeat sweeping measure

By Erika Snider
Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — Capping off a two-day meeting, featuring protests and an unusual visit by Gov. Pete Wilson, the UC Board of Regents voted Friday to extend health-care benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian university employees. According to the proposal's supporters, this move will help retain employees and keep the university competitive.

The proposal was approved 13 to 12 with one abstention, despite Wilson's efforts to prevent the item from passing.

Wilson appointed three new regents on Wednesday and Friday, all of whom were allowed to immediately become voting members of the board. All of the new regents voted against the proposal.

The vote came down to Regent Velma Montoya, a Wilson appointee. She proposed a failed amendment to the item which would not allow current retirees to receive domestic-partner benefits.

When the item came to a vote, Montoya asked Chairwoman Meredith Khachigian to return to her after everyone else had voted. When it was Montoya's turn to vote, the item stood 13 to 12. According to university rules, a tie would have defeated the proposal.

Montoya chose to abstain, saying that



Ryan Olson/Guardian

Protest: "Pete Wilson" explains to protesters at UCLA Thursday that the regents are his puppets.

although she approved of the proposal in general, she did not favor granting retirees domestic-partner benefits.

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Years-Long Struggle is Almost Over

It's finally over. After more than a decade of struggling for the same basic rights accorded to heterosexual couples, the domestic partners of gay and lesbian UC employees will finally have the same health and retirement benefits that their married coworkers have long enjoyed.

Of course, their victory was not an easy one. Gov. Pete Wilson has been attempting to derail the proposal since September, when he engineered a two-month delay by demanding that the entire board vote on the issue instead of allowing UC President Richard Atkinson to

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proceed on his administrative authority.

When it appeared that the regents were going to reject his overtures, Wilson crammed three new regents onto the 26-member board in a shameless, last-minute attempt to sway the vote.

Wilson appointed lobbyist Ralph Ochoa to the board on Wednesday and announced Friday morning that businessman John Hotchkis and former schoolteacher Carol Chandler would be joining the board as well.

To nobody's surprise, all three voted against the proposal.

Wilson's longtime argument has been that granting domestic-partner benefits would undermine the institution of marriage. When that argument appeared to be losing its sway over the board, Wilson tried again: in an appeal to the basest motivator of all, the almighty dollar, Wilson warned that the extension of benefits would lead to multimillion-dollar discrimination lawsuits by unmarried, heterosexual employees.

Fortunately, a narrow majority of regents rejected Wilson's argument and instead allied themselves with his usual yes man, Regent

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Winterfest to Arrive Jan. 31

By Julia Kulla-Mader
Co-News Editor

The A.S. programming office is in the midst of planning Winterfest, a free, grand-scale winter-musical festival headlined by the band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

The festival, which has a philanthropic theme, will take place Jan. 31, 1998, in RIMAC Arena.

According to student Steve Roberts, Winterfest coordinator, Winterfest will be the first large-scale winter music festival ever at UCSD.

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Kennel Tapped as New SIO Director

APPOINTMENT: UCLA executive vice chancellor is scheduled to take office in 1998

By Mary Higgins
Senior Staff Writer

UCLA physicist and executive vice chancellor Charles F. Kennel is scheduled to take the helm of UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) in 1998.

The UC Board of Regents approved Kennel's appointment last Friday at its monthly meeting.

"I am truly honored to be selected to serve as director of the world's greatest institution of its kind," Kennel said. "My first objective as the new

director is to continue to do those things that [SIO] does so well."

Kennel will succeed Director Edward A. Frieman next spring, becoming Scripps' ninth director since the organization was founded in 1903.

"I've been part of the University of California all my life," said Kennel, who plans to begin working part-time at UCSD in January.

Kennel's background is in physical science, with a bachelor's degree in astronomy from Harvard and a doctorate in astrophysical sciences from Princeton.

"I've spent a good deal of time working on the earth sciences," Kennel said. "Space observa-

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Radio Free Europe President Speaks

AIRWAVES: Thomas Dine explains radio's role in expanding democracy to former Communist nations

By Kara Carlos
Staff Writer

Thomas Dine, president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), spoke Wednesday at UCSD's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies about the importance of bringing democracy to Central Europe and the former Soviet Union via radio.

RFE/RL is a private, non-profit corporation that receives grants from the United States to broadcast daily news and analysis of current affairs to a region stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean. RFE/RL was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 by Estonian President Lennart Meri.

"In terms of American foreign policy, we don't sit in the back seat... we drive," Dine said. "Should we export democracy? Absolutely, yes."

Prior to becoming president of RFE/RL, Dine was assistant administrator for Europe and the New Independent States at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

According to Dine, although communism was defeated in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union, the transition to democracy is not complete. Only nine countries are completely democratic, he said.

Dine added that Croatia and Bosnia are not considered democratic, while "anti-democracy" is rising in Armenia and Slovakia.

Dine said RFE/RL promotes independent media by reporting in

an open and transparent manner.

"We report the truth," Dine pronounced. "We emphasize a world without ideology and stress the use of compromise instead of force when it comes to conflict."

RFE/RL broadcasts local news in 23 different languages with 18 bureaus across 11 time zones in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. It broadcasts 700 hours a week from its operations center located in Prague, the Czech Republic.

One of the concerns that Dine addressed was how effective RFE/RL was in democratizing other countries.

"While monitoring independent journalism, we've seen improvement in the depth of free speech," Dine said.

One student responded to RFE/RL's broadcasts in Slovakia even after the Slovakian government denied renewal of its license to air.

"I think democratic radio stations help countries that are in shambles," said Marshall freshman Tom Vu. "The only time I disagree with broadcasting democracy is when a country has decided against it. It's up to them whether or not they will be democratic."

According to various independent media surveys, RFE/RL is the most-listened-to foreign radio broadcaster in the Eastern European region. Although most listeners are upper-class decision makers, Dine said other journalists listen to RFE/RL to find out newsworthy material before starting their daily routine.

civilization, like his fellow Regent Stephen Nakashima did, Connerly made an altogether convincing argument for equality and fairness.

Saying he placed just as much emphasis on the importance of marriage as Wilson, Connerly nonetheless argued that committed gay and lesbian couples are entitled to the same benefits as any other couples.

For once, we find ourselves agreeing with him.



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— Thomas Dine
President
RFE/RL

ETCETERA...

THE NORM By Michael Jantze



BRIEFLY...

Rhodes to Speak at UCSD Library

Richard Rhodes, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, will be discussing the humorous, serious, timely and sometimes bizarre aspects of technology today at 4:30 p.m. at the Geisel Library. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the UCSD Libraries.

This lecture is free and open to the public. A new library exhibition that illustrates the development of U.S. techno-culture will open in conjunction with the discussion.

Rhodes won the Pulitzer Prize in 1986 for his book *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*. This book also won the National Book Award. Rhodes is an author of over 15 titles.

Rhodes' latest work, *Deadly Feasts: Tracking the Secrets of a Terrifying New Plague*, follows the threatening emergence of a new group of deadly brain diseases that kill 100 percent of the animals and humans they infect. An example of one of these diseases is the so-called "mad cow" disease.

'Health and Hunger in the Global Village' Discussion to be Held

The International Affairs Group is presenting a discussion about issues concerning poverty and sickness that the world faces going into the 21st century. This event will be held in the Pepper Canyon Lodge at 8 p.m. tonight.

The panelists include Lori Buschbaum of Project Concern International, Matt Packard of St. Vincent De Paul Village and Elisa Sabatini of World Share.

This program is sponsored by the Graduate Student Association and the Associated Students. Refreshments will be served. Students are also invit-

ed to donate canned food, dry goods and clothing to St. Vincent De Paul Village. These donations will be accepted at the door.

For more information, call 534-2261.

Visiting Scholar Lecture Series To Present Kosio Minchev

The Center for Research in Computing and the Arts (CRCA) is hosting Kosio Minchev, a video-installation artist from Bulgaria. The event will take place at the Visual Arts Facility, off Russell Drive on Tues., Nov. 25. The installation in the gallery can be viewed from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Minchev will speak at 5 p.m. in the Visual Arts Facility Performance Space.

Minchev's projects and installations portray the duality between man as creation and man as creator. He resurrects objects which are forgotten witnesses to human existence.

This event is free and open to the public, and a reception will be held afterward.

Theater and Dance Department to Present 'Mad Forest'

The Department of Theatre and Dance will present the play "Mad Forest" in the Mandell Weiss Forum Studio on Sat., Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

"Mad Forest," by Caryl Churchill and directed by Anne Kauffmann, explores the lives of two families in post-revolution Romania.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door one hour before showtime.

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CONCERT: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will headline

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A.S. President Souley Diallo said one of the goals of the 1997-98 A.S. Council is to have more large-scale concerts like the annual Sun God Festival.

"We felt that the most productive programming events were the large ones," Diallo said. "Students obviously enjoy the Sun God festival. It's one of the hallmark events at UCSD."

Roberts also said the festival fits with the goals of this year's Associated Students council, which allocated \$30,000 for the event.

"The Campus Quality of Life Survey pointed toward a general dissatisfaction with events on campus," Roberts said. "The A.S. is moving towards bigger and better programming."

Roberts said student organizations will set up booths at the festival and partake in a food and clothing drive for St. Vincent De Paul Village, a local charitable organization.

The groups will begin collecting food and clothing on their own before the festival.

The organization that gathers the most food and clothing will be awarded various prizes, including \$100 cash, a dinner party and a free Sun God booth.

Roberts said individual students will also be encouraged to bring in food and clothing to be eligible to win various prizes.

Roberts added that the clothing and food drive helps to make the event more of a festival and less of a concert.

BENEFITS: Struggle fought over previous 16 years

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"The proposal is supposed to strengthen the university's ability to recruit faculty," Montoya said on Saturday. "But if the benefits go to retirees, I see no logic. We don't want to recruit retirees."

According to the proposal, drafted by UC President Richard Atkinson, the estimated cost of providing health benefits to employees' same-sex domestic partners would be between \$1.9 million and \$5.6 million.

In order to qualify for benefits, a couple must each be at least 18 years of age, have lived together for at least 12 months, show mutual financial support and sign a contract stating that these conditions have been met.

Wilson made a rare appearance at the meeting last week in order to express his disapproval with the domestic-partner proposal, and to encourage the board to vote against it.

In a Nov. 18 letter to Atkinson, Wilson stated that he felt the approval of this proposal would undermine the status of marriage, and that this result was of greater consequence than providing domestic-partner benefits.

"The state does have a responsibility to adopt and follow policies that recognize and value the special status of marriage," Wilson wrote. "That responsibility in my judgment heavily outweighs the argument offered in support of creating this new benefit for

unmarried partners of staff and faculty."

Wilson also said in the letter that the approval of domestic-partner benefits for only homosexual employees would open the university to lawsuits from heterosexual employees who would be ineligible to receive such benefits.

According to Wilson, by granting benefits to same-sex couples, the university would be legally obligated to grant the same benefits to unmarried heterosexual couples — a move he believes would further devalue the status of marriage.

During the meeting, Wilson reiterated the points he made in his letter to Atkinson. Wilson also said that "in the worst case scenario," if an employee's domestic partner does not have health insurance, they could be eligible for Medi-Cal, the state's healthcare program for the poor.

Regent Tom Sayles argued that the domestic-partner proposal was discriminatory against heterosexual couples, and that it was "like having a statute that protects black people but ignores Latinos."

Other members of the board expressed their support for the proposal. Regent Ward Connerly responded to Wilson's remarks that the proposal would devalue marriage.

"I respect the institution of marriage, after 34 years of it," Connerly said. "But there are values that transcend marriage: the value of equality, the value of individual liberty and the value of letting people pursue happiness on their own terms."

Lt. Gov. Gray Davis also mentioned that by approving the measure, the university would remain competitive with private universities that offer such benefits packages.

"The regents have a fiduciary obligation to keep this university competitive," Davis said. "We've heard today that at least some people are going to take a job elsewhere because they don't like the environment, they don't like the lack of benefits that are accorded to people who happened to be married."

Prior to approval by full the board, the item was discussed Thursday by the Regents' Committee on Finance. As part of the discussion, a one-hour public-input session was held.

Twenty-five members of the public came forth to speak on the issue, including gay and lesbian university employees as well as student protesters from the UC Berkeley-based Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action by Any Means Necessary and the University of California Student Association. The groups led a demonstration outside of the meeting prior to the public-input session.

Many of the gay and lesbian employees said that if the board

failed to pass the proposal, they would be more inclined to accept offers from other universities that did offer domestic-partner benefits.

Suanne Daves, the director of anesthesiology training at UC Irvine, said that when the University of Chicago began recruiting her, "the one factor that tipped the balance toward accepting the position" was that university's domestic-partner benefits package.

"The University of Chicago acknowledges my relationship and offers an environment and climate that is lacking here," Daves said. "The affirmation for my life choices diminishes the pain of homophobia that I have experienced from years of living

in an intolerant society." Several UCSD employees also voiced their concerns, University Librarian Gerald Lowell. Both Lowell and his partner are university employees, and he mentioned the concern they both have over the lack of domestic-partner benefits.

"We're second-class citizens treated with inequity by a first-class institution," Lowell said. "We aren't able to realize the full range of benefits at UCSD."

"The extension of domestic partner benefits is important to me as I weigh whether or not to stay here," he added.

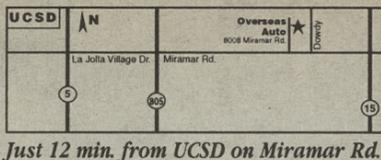
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Diversity Expert Jane Elliott Educates UCSD Community

EVENT: As a teacher, led brown eyed, blue eyed experiment

By **Quyen Tu**
Staff Writer

Jane Elliott, nationally renowned diversity expert, spoke about how different racial groups can coexist in America in a presentation entitled "Brown Eyed, Blue Eyed" on Monday in the Price Center Ballroom.

Elliott gained national attention in 1968 when she tried to teach her third-grade, all-white, all-Christian class about what it was like to be a racial minority in America the day after Martin Luther King's assassination.

On this day, she divided her class according to eye color. The brown-eyed children were told they were superior to the blue-eyed ones. As a result, the relationship of

brown-eyed children to blue-eyed children was similar to that of whites to people of color in American society.

The favoritism was reversed the next day.

Elliott said the results of the experiment were devastating. The blue-eyed students began to believe they were inferior and the brown-eyed ones began to believe they were superior.

"I was shocked at how quickly my students became what I told them they were," Elliott said. "I didn't know about the power of racism."

Since that fateful day, Elliott has dedicated her life to challenging people's racial assumptions.

"I've been offended by racism for about 64 years, and by sexism for 64 years," Elliott said. "Sexism and racism have gone on for far too long."

Elliott said she is convinced

that television plays a big role in perpetuating the racism in this country.

"We have all been taught how to feel about other people as a result of watching too much television," she said. "We are more racist in this country as a result of television."

According to Elliott, children learn to be racist in school.

"A white person who was born, raised and schooled in the United States of America is conditioned for 12 years to the myth of white superiority," she said. "A person of color is taught that white people are superior to non-whites."

Elliott said that she believes white people judge racial-minority groups by second-hand experiences. Conversely, she said, people of color base their opinions of whites on actual experiences.

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Scientists Explore Sun's Origin

SCIENCE: Chemistry Professor Thiemens to lead study group

By **Anna Vaisman**
Senior Staff Writer

To put together the pieces of the solar system's evolutionary puzzle, scientists from UCSD and other institutions plan to determine the composition of the sun by collecting and analyzing samples of solar wind from space.

Once the samples are brought back to Earth, UCSD chemistry Professor Mark Thiemens will take charge of the project's highest priority, namely measuring the solar wind's oxygen content.

"Nothing like it has been done before," Thiemens said of the pro-

ject, which is part of the Discovery program spearheaded by NASA.

According to current evolutionary theory, the solar system began as a huge cloud of molecular dust, the solar nebula, which formed about 4.5 billion years ago. Part of the cloud was unstable and collapsed, forming the sun.

The rest of the dust swirled around and eventually condensed in various locations, forming the planets. Proportions of isotopes throughout the solar system should therefore mirror those of the sun and solar wind, particularly in the amounts of oxygen isotopes.

Isotopes are different forms of the same element that vary in their numbers of neutrons, one of the building blocks of atoms.

"Other elements are smaller in abundance [than oxygen]," Thiemens said.

"It's a sort of chain of inference," said Jay Bergstralh, a NASA Discovery Program scientist. "We have been able to name all the elements in the sun, but not the proportions and isotopes."

According to Thiemens, analyzing solar wind is like going back in time. "Without knowing what you started with, you're completely in the dark."

To better analyze the substance, Thiemens will construct an improved, more sensitive mass spectrometer, an instrument that separates isotopes according to their masses.

The new mass spectrometer is See **SOLAR**, Page 10

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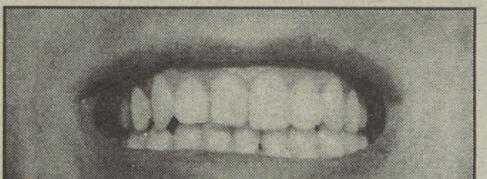
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Students Missed Out On LGBA Conference

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender leaders from around the United States gathered last week for the "Homosexuality and Public Life" conference in the Price Center Theater.

Only a few UCSD students attended the conference. In fact, the majority of student attendees were somehow affiliated with the event sponsors.

Speakers included San Diego City Council member Christine Kehoe, Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl (D-Los Angeles) and Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Given the magnitude of the event, it is strange that students would choose not to rub elbows with some of America's political elites.

Students can't blame their lack of attendance on poor publicity. Fliers for the event were first posted at the start of the school year; in fact, many are still up. Furthermore, the conference lasted all day — from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. No one has nine straight hours of classes.

Considering all this, one has to wonder if students chose to not attend the conference simply because they are uncomfortable with the topic of homosexuality. If so, they missed out on a great event.

Biology Department Should Have Sought Student Input

In an effort to reduce the already overwhelming number of students pursuing biology majors at UCSD, the biology department and the Committee on Educational Policy has established eligibility criteria for declaring any of the six biology majors.

The requirements will include an overall GPA of a 2.75 in several lower-division prerequisites and will only affect entering students in fall 1998.

The decision is a fair one, and is in the students' best interests. Creating eligibility requirements will eliminate those would-be biology majors who would likely fall behind. It will also force those students who truly desire a biology degree to work harder, increasing student quality.

Elimination of these less-motivated students will create a flattering reputation for this university and the already excellent biology department.

Still, more students should have been involved in the biology department's decision. Issues such as major requirements need to be evaluated by those who are affected most — the students. We at the *Guardian* hope that more care is taken in the future to include student input in decisions that directly affect them.

Props and Flops



Thanks to everyone who paid their respects to two great men by attending the memorial service for Yitzhak Rabin and the service for William McGill.

Wolfgang Berger performed a great service by acting as the interim vice chancellor of marine sciences for the past 15 months.



The NCAA used poor judgment in selecting frigid Pennsylvania instead of balmy UCSD as the site of women's soccer Final Four. Soccer in the snow? We don't think so!

Having a beautiful campus is a laudable goal but the signage committee's decision to move a sign that publicizes the services at the Old Student Center off the street is ridiculous.



OPINION



WHY UC REGENT WARD CONNERLY IS AN IDIOT

COMMENTARY: Connerly, the political right's most vociferous proponent of Proposition 209, asserts a contradictory and inherently flawed argument



GRACE JANG

Against The Grain

Aside from being Pete Wilson's minstrel puppet and an obsequious peon of ultra-conservative white Republicans, UC Regent Ward Connerly is naive, foolish to the point of embarrassment and blind.

In adopting the most reactionary position of the right, and reveling in the back-slaps of right-wing extremists and the laudatory speeches of other head-up-the-ass buffoons like Newt Gingrich, Connerly has wheedled his way into conservative white America as its token black man.

All of his life, he has strived to be an "American" by his own right and, as he said in an interview with "60 Minutes" on Sun., Nov. 9, his own life is a testimonial that anyone can "make it," if only he pulls himself up by the bootstraps.

Connerly "made it" as the only person of color in an all-white fraternity and, later, as the student body president of a college in which he was one of only a few blacks at the school.

How was this possible, especially during the 1960s? According to Connerly, who, despite dire poverty (he ate a slice of sweet potato for breakfast, walked several miles from school to have another slice of sweet potato for lunch, and for dinner — guess what he had — another slice of sweet potato), struggled to succeed and, "made it" because he pulled himself up by the bootstraps.

To this, one of Connerly's cousins replied, "That is a lie!" She told "60 Minutes" that, growing up, Connerly



Connerly is a victim of his own lies. He denies that he is a member of any group; he is merely an "American." He claims that affirmative action delegitimizes the "individual." His logic is wrought with bad faith.

was a boy who had "a loaf of bread under each arm" and had "always wanted to be white."

She says that he could not have "made it" without help from the African-American community, which he fails to acknowledge as his own (Connerly shuns the term "African American" because he has "never been to Africa" and "does not plan to go there").

Okay, so now we know that Connerly is not only a sycophant, but a liar, as well. I suppose that this should be expected from someone who claims his "mentor" is Pete Wilson. To do this, you've got to be a

liar — a liar good enough to convince yourself that Wilson is capable of "mentoring" anything more than his oppressed-white-male syndrome.

Connerly is a victim of his own lies. He denies that he is a member of any group; he is merely an "American."

"American" — the term is a loaded one. To many hopeful immigrants, the word is a catch phrase for all that is ideal: work hard enough and you can have that "American dream," complete with middle-class status, college-educated children and a white-picket fence.

Implicit in this vision is the notion of the individual: you, yourself, must strive to obtain that job, the pay raise, the house on a hill — and once you have it all, chalk it up to "just desserts." You had faith in the American concept of "rugged individualism"; hence, you were handsomely rewarded.

Bullshit.

All major schools of thought advocate that the "individual" is a socially-constructed being; individualism is an ideology, an unattainable ideal. No wo/man is an island. Turn to ancient Greek philosophy — inherent in all cogitations is that the pure individual simply does not exist.

Affirmative action is rooted in the time-proven, basic concept that each person is not an insulated individual, but, rather, a member of at least one group. The idea of an individual is never separate from that of the group, as a group is comprised of individual members.

Connerly, one of the most militant opponents of affirmative action, claims that affirmative action is "un-American," that it delegitimizes the "individual." His logic is wrought with bad faith: Membership in a group is

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Humanitarians Gather for Discussion on Homelessness

HELP: UCSD hosts forum on "Hunger in the Global Village"

By **Quyen Tu**
Staff Writer

Representatives from St. Vincent De Paul Village, World Share and Project Concern International gathered for an informal discussion entitled "Hunger in the Global Village" last Monday at the Pepper Canyon Lodge.

Matt Packard, a representative of St. Vincent De Paul Village, told the audience what he envisions as the purpose of the organization.

"St. Vincent de Paul Village is a rehabilitation center for the homeless built on self help," Packard said. "The continuum of care and services are designed to provide available opportunity [for people] to become self sufficient."

Packard said the village houses about 900 people each night and offers a variety of services such as medical care and counseling to its inhabitants.

Elisa Sabatini, who coordinates the international aspect of World Share, said her organization is an offshoot of St. Vincent De Paul Village with the addition of an international focus.

"Self Help and Resource Exchange was founded by people with support from St. Vincent de Paul," Sabatini said. "We expanded into Mexico in 1983 with support from the United States Department of Agriculture."

When the funding from the government became insufficient, Sabatini said World Share turned to local support to continue its program in Mexico.

"Activities in Mexico are based on a loan program to local farmers," Sabatini said. "It actually generates enough income from the interest and management of those funds to pay our cost."

Project Concern International concentrates its efforts on the homeless problems of countries around the world. The organization is funded by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, USA International Development, corporations and private donors.

"Project Concern International focus on improving the health of communities in the countries where we work," said David Coono, a representative of the group.

The organization itself has gone through three stages of transformation. In the beginning, Project Concern International focused on directly providing services to people. It then shifted to prevention by educating people. Currently, the project is teaching other organizations how to provide the necessary aid.

Packard stressed his belief that it is important to invest money into fighting the homeless problem.

"Making change now, investing resources now, is going to make the difference in the long run and not be a drain on the tax dollar," he said.

Packard said that charitable programs that give aid to the homeless are beneficial to society, not a drain on taxes.

"People graduate our program and they are tax payers," Packard said.

"They're functional members of the community and that's what [society] wants to see."

Packard said he believes organizations that are dedicated to helping people get back on their feet are essential to alleviating the homeless problem.

"Once [people] make the decision to change, the tools need to be there, available to them to be able to get their lives back together," Packard said. "If they are not, it can be a recidivistic."

Sabatini said she believes that consumerist behaviors, encouraged by the current economic system, contribute to the problem of homelessness.

"People are poor not because they are stupid," Sabatini said. "People are poor because of a system of [economics] that doesn't work."

Packard added that he believes society is very reluctant to accept the problems of homelessness as one of its responsibilities.

"People are poor not because they are stupid. People are poor because of a system of [economics] that doesn't work."

— Elisa Sabatini
World Share

OUTREACH: Mail ballot motion fails by one vote

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Dynes said he is excited because approval of the report permits him to begin fundraising for the project.

"I'm going to go out and start raising money — as much as I can," Dynes said.

According to Dynes, the multi-faceted report allows for a lot of flexibility on the part of the university.

"We need a broad menu of solutions because different people have different needs," Dynes said.

According to Dynes the plan will allow the university to divert resources from programs that are not working to ones that are.

"We will have in place a set of appraisals," Dynes said. "If they're not meeting what the goals are, we'll squeeze them down and use the resources someplace else."

In October, Dynes assembled the UCSD Pre-Planning Action Team — the group is charged with preparing

for the implementation of the report.

The team of 14 faculty members is expected to present its recommendations in December.

Sociology Professor Hugh Mehan, who was a member of the task force and is now on the action team, said he is glad Dynes appointed the action team before the Academic Senate approved the plan.

"We've got a running start," Mehan said. "It was very clever of the chancellor to have this action team go simultaneously with this vote because we are three months ahead."

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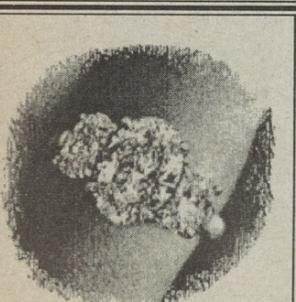
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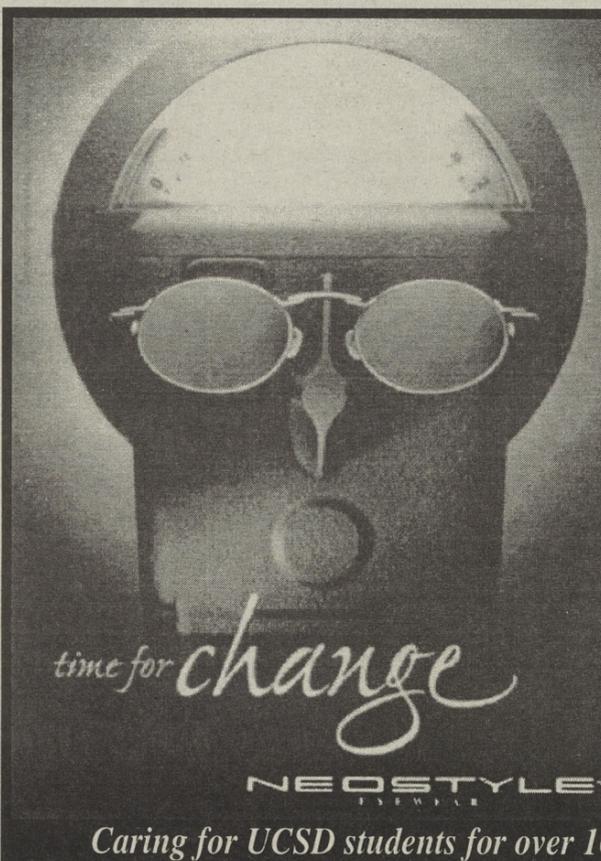


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OPINION

Perfectly Preposterous Propositions

In order to bring a hasty end to many of society's most pervasive and nagging problems, our writer has a few surprising propositions for California's next election

By Simone Santini

Contributing Opinion Writer

So Proposition 209 was upheld by the Supreme Court after all. Barring any unlikely events like a sudden wave of sanity sweeping the country, it is now official that we should not try to make up for *de facto* discrimination.

Proposition 209 is the worthy conclusion of a wonderful trilogy that includes Proposition 184 (which made California the only place in the world where one can serve life in prison for violently stealing three slices of pizza) and Proposition 187 (which pushes one to criminality because one's parents immigrated illegally in order to give one an alternative to criminality).

After these three propositions, I am convinced that Californians will pass just about every nutty idea put on the ballot.

Because of this, and as a guest in this state, I have decided to give my humble contribution by suggesting to the benevolent attention of the Californian voters a few propositions that I believe would go very well with the aforementioned triplet. I am sure that among these propositions, every voter will find that particular one that speaks to his or her conservative heart. The numeration I give to the propositions is, of course, arbitrary. Definitive ones will have to be assigned before going to the ballots.

Proposition 221: Creation of the S.E.A.

The State Endowment for the Arts (S.E.A.) will replace the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for funding California art. Its goal will be to promote true art, unjustly penalized by those lefties in Washington. It will promote healthy and wholesome forms of expression, like paintings of dogs playing poker, elevator music, action movies and the X-Files.

Proposition 222: Elimination of teenage crime.

According to this resolution, the number thirteen to nineteen will be replaced with the numbers thirshort to nineshort. As the "teen" numbers cease to exist, so will teenagers and, therefore, teenage crime. There might, of course, be the mounting problem of shortage crime, but that doesn't sound as bad.

Note also that teen pregnancies will be transformed into short pregnancies, with evident savings in health care expenses for the taxpayer. Teen sex will become short sex. Some teens might not like this, but churches will be delighted.

Proposition 224: Health care reform (California Style)

We will deal with health care just like we deal with all other social problems. This proposition will make it illegal for anybody without a sufficient income to get sick. Violators will be prosecuted and sent to jail, and their children will be thrown out of public schools. A "three strokes and you're out" provision will be enforced.

For those people who still insist on being sick, their treatment plan will model the very efficient and successful American judicial system.

Whenever you are sick, instead of consulting a doctor you will go out in the street, gather a group of people at random, accurately eliminate everybody who has even the faintest knowledge of medicine, as well as those equipped with an unhealthy dose of common sense, until you have reduced the number to 12. Then you explain your symptoms in a way that goes from baffling all the way to utterly incomprehensible, and let them formulate a diagnosis.

Proposition 225: TV reform

TV programs will be censored with respect to sex and violence; but mostly

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Proposition 225 TV Reform	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proposition 226 Inclusion of Liberalism in the List of Recognized Diseases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proposition 227 Elimination of the Prefix "Homo-" and All Similar Prefixes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proposition 229 Ban on Sex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Proposition 226: Inclusion of liberalism in the list of recognized diseases
Liberalism will be declared a pathology. Symptoms will be defined as an unhealthy concern for the disadvantaged, a unwholesome interest in the problems of society as a whole, a worrisome tendency to analyze problems rationally rather than relying on emotional and sensationalistic arguments, an altogether exorbitant dose of tolerance, and an excessive amount of culture.

BALLOT: Eliminate teens, eliminate teen crime

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sex.

While a healthy dose of violence is necessary to forge young minds into real Americans, kids must be absolutely protected from the dangerous knowledge of the names and aspects of certain parts of the human body. They might decide that the whole sex thing is more fun than shooting each other, with evident disastrous social consequences.

Whenever a character in a movie pronounces the name of a forbidden part of the body, the voice will be loudly "beeped" over, or dubbed in a very obvious way, so that the parents will know that we are taking care of the moral fiber of their children. Exposure of parts of the body of dubious morality will, of course, be forbidden.

Morally questionable movies will be heavily censored but aired anyway for the sake of business. To make up for those, TV stations will

have to air more healthy movies with a lot of violent action and characters with the IQ of a paramedic, as well as talk shows dealing with the most lewd aspects of sexuality.

Oh, wait. We already have that.
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Too bad that since we are conservative we won't use any public money to assist them — they will have to find their own treatment (see Proposition 224 for suggestions.)

Proposition 227: Elimination of the prefix "Homo-" and all similar prefixes.

In order to prevent our youth



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from falling into the deviant and horrid abyss of homosexuality,

"Homo-," "Hom-" and all similar prefixes will be eliminated from the dictionary.

For instance, there will be ethereopathic medicine instead of homeopathic medicine. Homonyms will disappear from the English language (thesauruses will be banned), the *Iliad* will be rewritten by Etherer, and the name of our species will be transformed into Etherosapiens. Satanic cults, which refuse to go through a lot of trouble just for the production of an etheruncullus, will be given 30 days to negotiate an exemption.

Proposition 229: Ban on sex.

Sex will be made illegal for everybody. People will be allowed to have sex only so long as they don't have fun doing it, are eaten by guilt afterwards, convert to some major religion with conspicuous monetary donation, or any combination thereof.

Hopefully these new propositions can solve all of California's social and political problems. Our streets will be safe, no one will be having sex and peace will reign in our neighborhoods.

GREEKS: Guardian gives fraternities respect

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report on Greek events, showing how they benefit the community. But it will also continue to report on daily occurrences — whether it be a disciplinary action or what-have-you.

To those members of the Greek system who get upset over *Guardian* coverage I have one thing to say: if you're going to criticize the *Guardian*, fine, but I can't tolerate criticism without action. If you believe there is something wrong with the way the *Guardian* handles its coverage, write a letter! That is what the newspaper is for. Nothing will ever change if people sit back and rest on their laurels.

Both the *Guardian* and the Greek system are vital components of the UCSD community and contribute to its livelihood on a daily basis. Let's not strain relationships because of a few simple ideological disagreements. We can learn to coexist. Really.

Simone! Come see Ann at the office so you can get hired! Get paid for this story!

Elsewhere

Federal Agents Search Apartment
BERKELEY — The Secret Service searched the apartment of *Daily Californian* columnist Guy Branum last Monday and interrogated the UC Berkeley student journalist about his recently-published commentary entitled "Chelseafuckers." In the article, intended to rally support for the 100th annual UC Berkeley-Stanford University football game, Branum urged students to "show your spirit on Chelsea's bloodied carcass" and disclosed which dorm Clinton lives in. Branum said that one Secret Service agent told him the investigation was born after First Lady Hillary Clinton read a short news item about Branum's column in *USA Today* and discussed it with an agent.

— *The Daily Californian*

Police Break Up Hawaii Dorm Party

HONOLULU, Hawaii — A party sponsored by the University of Hawaii Residence Council got out of control on Nov. 8 when the crowd grew to between 300 and 400 people. "Too many people were simply invited," said Geminaino Arre, head of Student Housing Services. "The problem was that the party was much more successful than they had anticipated." According to campus security, the density of the crowds made it difficult for the police and security to contain the party-goers. Officers used pepper spray and the crowd reacted by swearing and throwing bottles. However, there were no injuries or arrests.

— *Ka Leo O Hawaii*

Dartmouth Student Jailed for Stealing

HANOVER, N.H. — The former editor in chief of Dartmouth University's *Dartmouth Review*, an off-campus conservative weekly, will begin a six-month jail sentence Monday for embezzling thousands of dollars from the paper. E. Davis Brewer plead guilty to Class A misdemeanor theft at Grafton County Superior Court on Nov. 10. In addition to the jail time, Brewer was also fined \$500. During his tenure as editor from 1995 to 1996, Brewer allegedly stole more than \$8,500 and used the money to pay his tuition, among other expenses. He has paid back all but \$90. According to the Senior Associate Dean of the College Daniel Nelson, Brewer may or may not be re-admitted to Dartmouth College.

— *The Dartmouth*

Spoken...

"I'm going to go out and start raising money — as much as I can."

— Robert Dynes
UCSD Chancellor



Hoopin' It Up

Excitement builds as UCSD's outstanding basketball teams get under way this week

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A student was raped at UCSD last Sunday, raising the question of how safe the campus is.

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Early Sunday morning, a UCSD woman reported being raped on campus by a male student. UCSD police officers arrested the underage suspect, who was then transported to Juvenile Hall. The victim and her assailant are both students at Warren College.

According to the police, the assailant is classified as a "known offender" - meaning that he was not a stranger to the victim.

Detective Sergeant Robert Jones said that the case is currently being investigated, and that he cannot be sure of where it will go from this point.

The identities of both parties involved are being protected. The See **CRISIS**, Page 8

Assembly Approves Report

DECISION: Academic Senate votes 58 to 5 in favor of K-12 Outreach Task Force's findings

By Ryan Olson
Co-News Editor

The Academic Senate's Representative Assembly overwhelmingly embraced on Tuesday plans for a model school and other means of outreach to San Diego's underserved communities.

The senate approved the report 58 to 5. Each of the senate's standing committees, as well as the Senate Council, recently endorsed the plan.

However, several committees noted that they had reservations about the report, centering mainly on the accountability of the project.

The report is the product of the UCSD K-12 Outreach Task Force that Chancellor Robert Dynes assembled last June after the faculty voted 362-293 against Marshall Provost Cecil Lytle's proposal for an on campus charter school.

The assembly defeated a motion for a campuswide faculty mail ballot on the report by a 20-43 vote. One more vote would have mandated the mail ballot.

Proponents of the mail vote said that it was necessary to receive input from the faculty. However, opponents of the proposal said that sufficient time had elapsed for the faculty to add their input to the proposal.

Dynes said he was pleased that the Academic Senate approved the report.

"I am delighted that we can continue to move forward with this bold initiative to build upon existing outreach efforts and increase UCSD's role in the academic preparation of students in our community," Dynes said.

The UCSD K-12 Outreach Task Force presented its report in early September after numerous summer meetings. The report calls for a multi-faceted plan to expand outreach programs in the community in order to increase diversity at UCSD. The plan includes the creation of a model school and the expansion of existing outreach programs.

See **OUTREACH**, Page 3

Interfraternity Council Expels Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity

GREEKS: Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity suspended

By Erika Snider
Staff Writer

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) Judicial Board ruled last Sunday to remove the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity from the IFC.

According to the ruling, the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity did not abide by the IFC's constitution

and it failed to encourage interfraternity spirit among its members and a spirit of cooperation with the university and the city of San Diego when it was involved in a violent incident with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity on Nov. 14.

After the incident, the seven other fraternities in the IFC filed grievances with the IFC's Judicial Committee against the two fraternities. These grievances led to the committee's investigation of the

incident and the judicial board's eventual ruling.

Delta Sigma Phi is no longer considered a student organization. The fraternity cannot reapply for membership to the IFC until winter 1999.

The IFC Judicial Board's ruling stated the hope that the fraternity will use this period of expulsion for "interfraternal relations improvement." Additionally, the board stated that it believes the sanction imposed is one of "leniency to

allow the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity to address its numerous problems."

The decision, which was announced at last week's meeting of the IFC President's Council, can be appealed by the fraternity to the IFC Executive Board. The executive board consists of the president and vice presidents of the IFC member fraternities.

According to IFC President Issam Sweis, the Delta Sigma Phi See **OUSTED** page 2

Student Center Enhances Offerings

IMPROVEMENTS: Popular hangout now has another ATM and more outdoor seating and tables

By Kara Carlos
Staff Writer

In case you have not noticed, the Student Center management has made an effort this quarter to enhance student services at the popular hangout — improvements include concerts at Porter's Pub, Hump Daze, another ATM, and more outdoor seating and tables.

Student Center Manager Matt Xavier said he hopes the changes will help attract students to the Student Center during their free time.

"I'd like this year to be a renaissance for the Student Center," Xavier said. "When I was a Revelle student, I spent many hours here going to TG's or dances, hanging out with friends, kicking back in the fireplace lounge.

"But after the Price Center opened in April of '89, the focus shifted over there."

Xavier said he thinks the Student Center and Price Center can prosper at the same time.

"I think the Price Center and the Student Center complement each other," Xavier said. "We don't offer the same services in our complex, so we aren't in competition."

One of the main distinctions between the two is that the Student Center houses more student-run cooperatives and A.S. services than the Price Center — including Student Cable Works, *The UCSD Guardian*, the Grove Caffe, A.S. Lecture Notes and Soft Reserves, Groundwork Books and the UCSD

Bike Shop.

According to Xavier, student reaction to the changes has been extremely positive.

"I've never heard of such a positive response from just adding some chairs next to the General Store," Xavier said. "More students are utilizing the extra lounging space and businesses are doing better."

More changes are expected to occur. The University Centers Advisory Board is focusing on revitalizing the Student Center and a marketing committee has been formed to promote the services to students, faculty and staff.

Future plans for the Student

"I think the Price Center and the Student Center complement each other. We don't offer the same services in our complex, so we aren't in competition."

— Matt Xavier
Student Center Manager

Center include expanding Porter's Pub into the adjacent patio area, renovating the second level, installing directional signs and expanding the patio area in front of the Hump. The corridors overlooking the patio on the second level will be furnished with tables and chairs.

Although most students said they thought location

played a major role when deciding whether to go the Student Center or Price Center, they agreed the Student Center has a unique ambiance.

"I think it comes down to location," said Revelle sophomore Chalida Anusasananan. "The Student Center isn't as central as the Price Center, but if I'm over there I'll hang out because it's nice and peaceful."

the outcome of the appeal, they will be allowed to petition the Executive Board for another appeal.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which was also involved in the incident in question, did not receive the same sanction as Delta Sigma Phi. Sigma Alpha Epsilon chose to remove itself from the IFC shortly after the grievances were filed by the seven fraternities.

According to Sweis, Sigma Alpha Epsilon will no longer be a student organization or a member of the IFC for the next academic year. They will be permitted to return to the IFC for the fall rush of 1998.

OUSTED: Fraternity can appeal decision

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fraternity announced after last week's meeting that they intend to appeal the decision to the Executive Board. The results of the appeal range from no modification to the ruling to slightly altering the decision to overturning the ruling completely.

"Anything is possible right now," Sweis said.

Any amendments made to the ruling will require a two-thirds approval of the Executive Board. If the fraternity is not satisfied with

ETCETERA...

THE NORM By Michael Jantze



BRIEFLY...

UCSD Students Receive Awards

A new tradition has started at UCSD; on-campus students nominate fellow students, resident advisors and residence-life programs for "Of the Month" awards, which recognize outstanding forms of leadership within the UCSD residential-life community.

The winners for September were Scott Richardson, Eric Tatner and Snehal Naik. Naik moved on to the regional competition and won honorable mention.

Winners for October included Lydia Hamilton, Naik, Sean Hawes, Kat Sripathy, Laura Anne Hardaker, Kevin Kinney and Kevin McGinnis.

The categories are student, resident advisor, social program and community service.

These awards are given through the National Residence Hall Honorary chapter at UCSD. For more information or to nominate a fellow student, RA or residence-life program, contact Laura Anne Hardaker at 642-2002.

Revelle College to Hold Holiday Faire At Plaza This Week

Revelle College will be holding its eighth annual Holiday Faire on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event, held in the Revelle Plaza, will provide students with an opportunity to do their holiday shopping on campus.

Off-campus vendors will offer a wide variety of wares: men's and women's clothing, hats, shoes, socks, accessories, backpacks, sunglasses, wind chimes, stained glass, sand paintings, sun catchers, clocks, decorative items, herbal soaps and lotions, incense and oils, the "world-famous" bed desk and a diverse selection of jewelry.

Baked goods and fresh, hot kettle corn will also be available to the students.

All Students Invited To 'Women and HIV/AIDS' Discussion

In honor of World AIDS Day, the Women's Center will host a panel to discuss women and HIV/AIDS today from noon to 1 p.m. at the Women's Center.

Panelists will include Marie Pedringiz from PACTO, a local Latino AIDS organization, Eliza Sobo from the UCSD Cancer Prevention and Control Program, and Laura Stanley, a graduate student in anthropology.

An individual panel from the Names Project, dedicated to the memory of "Patsy," will be on display at the Women's Center from Monday to Friday this week.

These events are recommended for student peer counselors, premedical students and those interested in working in the community on health issues. All students are invited; for more information, call 822-0074.

Medical School Dean's Office Selling Used Books

The UCSD School of Medicine Dean's Office invites all UCSD students, faculty and staff to participate in the 12th annual holiday used-book sale and craft fair on Fri., Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dean's Office lobby.

All funds collected will help to purchase educational toys and materials for UCSD's pediatrics division and will provide holiday gifts for the children hospitalized at the UCSD Medical Center-Hillcrest during the holidays.

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administrator for Europe and the New Independent States at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

According to Dine, although communism was defeated in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union, the transition to democracy is not complete. Only nine countries are completely democratic, he said.

Dine added that Croatia and Bosnia are not considered democratic, while "anti-democracy" is rising in Armenia and Slovakia.

Dine said RFE/RL promotes independent media by reporting in

tions help countries, that are in shambles," said Marshall freshman Tom Vu. "The only time I disagree with broadcasting democracy is when a country has decided against it. It's up to them whether or not they will be democratic."

According to various independent media surveys, RFE/RL is the most-listened-to foreign radio broadcaster in the Eastern European region. Although most listeners are upper-class decision makers, Dine said other journalists listen to RFE/RL to find out newsworthy material before starting their daily routine.

JUSTICE:

This time, we side with Connerly

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Ward Connerly. While anyone that read last Thursday's commentary by Grace Jang knows, some of us are hardly big fans of the man.

Still, he's not all bad. Instead of spouting nonsense about gay rights leading to the downfall of Western

civilization, like his fellow Regent Stephen Nakashima did, Connerly made an altogether convincing argument for equality and fairness.

Saying he placed just as much emphasis on the importance of marriage as Wilson, Connerly nonetheless argued that committed gay and lesbian couples are entitled to the same benefits as any other couples.

For once, we find ourselves agreeing with him.

MOVIES TO SPEAK AT UCSD LIBRARY

Richard Rhodes, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, will be discussing the humorous, serious, timely and sometimes bizarre aspects of technology today at 4:30 p.m. at the Geisel Library. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the UCSD Libraries.

This lecture is free and open to the public. A new library exhibition that illustrates the development of U.S. techno-culture will open in conjunction with the discussion.

Rhodes won the Pulitzer Prize in 1986 for his book *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*. This book also won the National Book Award. Rhodes is an author of over 15 titles.

Rhodes' latest work, *Deadly Feasts: Tracking the Secrets of a Terrifying New Plague*, follows the threatening emergence of a new group of deadly brain diseases that kill 100 percent of the animals and humans they infect. An example of one of these diseases is the so-called "mad cow" disease.

'Health and Hunger in the Global Village' Discussion to be Held

The International Affairs Group is presenting a discussion about issues concerning poverty and sickness that the world faces going into the 21st century. This event will be held in the Pepper Canyon Lodge at 8 p.m. tonight.

The panelists include Lori Buschbaum of Project Concern International; Matt Packard of St. Vincent De Paul Village and Elisa Sabatini of World Share.

This program is sponsored by the Graduate Student Association and the Associated Students. Refreshments will be served. Students are also invit-

ed to donate canned food, dry goods and clothing to St. Vincent De Paul Village. These donations will be accepted at the door.

For more information, call 534-2261.

Visiting Scholar Lecture Series To Present Kosio Minchev

The Center for Research in Computing and the Arts (CRCA) is hosting Kosio Minchev, a video-installation artist from Bulgaria. The event will take place at the Visual Arts Facility, off Russell Drive on Tues., Nov. 25. The installation in the gallery can be viewed from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Minchev, will speak at 5 p.m. in the Visual Arts Facility Performance Space.

Minchev's projects and installations portray the duality between man as creation and man as creator. He resurrects objects which are forgotten witnesses to human existence.

This event is free and open to the public, and a reception will be held afterward.

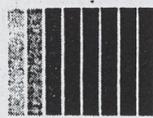
Theater and Dance Department To Present 'Mad Forest'

The Department of Theatre and Dance will present the play "Mad Forest" in the Mandell Weiss Forum Studio on Sat., Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

"Mad Forest," by Caryl Churchill and directed by Anne Kauffmann, explores the lives of two families in post-revolution Romania.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door one hour before showtime.

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