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Santa Barbara Celebrates UN Day! By Kazutoyo Furuta



Above from left to right: Benjamin Cohen, Stanley Roden, Adam Green, and Peter Haslund. Below from left to right: Bushra Bataineh (Jordan), Darshan Grover (Australia), Milochka Tshibingu (South Africa), Nicholas Bian (U.S.), and Hanna Hansson (Sweden). Photos by Kazu Furuta.

On Saturday, October 25th, SBCC Adult Education Program hosted the UN Day 2008 "America's Tattered Global Image: What Can the Next President Do?" at SBCC Fe Bland Auditorium.

The program was opened by Benjamin Cohen, Professor of International Political Economy at UCSB. He spoke about political and economical dimension of America's image in the world. He pointed out the fading image of America by comparing the Clinton administration with the Bush administration. In the last 8 years, economic power declined, inequality grew, foreign debts

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UNA-USA Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Association for UNESCO, Global Humanitarian Photojournalists, Global Fellowship for Peace, Network for Africa, Coalition Against Gun Violence, Veterans for Peace, Military Families Speak Out, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and PAX 2100 Present:

2009 UNA-USA Annual Meeting "~ HELP AFRICA ~"

Saturday, February 21 / 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. / Free
The Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum
21 W. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA

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Bill Allaway Santa Barbara Association for UNESCO	Jacob Foko Global Humanitarian Photojournalists	Kyle Morford Global Fellowship for Peace	Mary Jo Terrill Network for Africa
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UNA-USA Santa Barbara County Chapter 2009 High School Essay Contest

Topic: Global Warming
"What can the UN do to ensure environmental sustainability?"

1st Place \$200, 2nd Place \$125 & 3rd Place \$75

Explain in your essay why you believe the issue of global warming should or should not be a priority for the UN. All high school students (grade 9 - 12) in Santa Barbara County are eligible to submit entries (no longer than 1,500 words). All essays must be postmarked by May 1, 2009. Mail Essays to UNA-USA Santa Barbara P.O. Box 91844, Santa Barbara, CA 93190-1844.

For more information, please contact our Essay Committee Chair, Elvia Ramirez on her cell at (661) 496-1261.

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President's Message



Happy New Year! Even with the difficult economy, I feel very optimistic that the U.S. is moving in the right direction. I believe that in short order we will mend fences with our allies, end the ongoing wars, work towards resolving conflicts around the world with diplomacy, and establish stronger environmental protections including addressing one of the most serious threats to mankind, Global Warming. I have confidence that our new President Obama will support the UN rather than attempt to dismantle it, and help the UN to become a more efficient organization with better U.S. relations.

I have confidence that our new administration will have the "guts" to tackle all of the difficult and unpopular issues facing this country and do what is best for the Nation, not just a select few. Let's support our new President and new administration. We cannot waste a minute. Americans are impatient so changes need to come swiftly. And by accomplishing changes within the U.S. we will also make the world a better place.

Sincerely,

Catherine Dishion
President
UNA-USA Santa Barbara

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William H. Allaway: The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Committee joined UNA Santa Barbara in July 2004. He has been UNESCO Chair since. The Santa Barbara Association for UNESCO is taking shape under the sponsorship of the UNA-USA Santa Barbara with assistance from

the City of Santa Barbara. Part of the mission is to promote world peace, encourage international understanding and cooperation, and promote friendship and good will through local study and training, dissemination of information, and action on priorities of UNESCO, associated clubs, and the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO.

Mr. Allaway, founder of the Education Abroad Program (EAP) based at UCSB, directed the program for more than 27 years. Prior to becoming the director, he had experience with Stanford University, University of Kansas, the Institute of International Education, and World University Service. A veteran of WWII, he holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Illinois and an Ed.D degree from the University of Denver.

Jacob Foko: After completing a degree in Spanish and Philosophy in Cameroon, he became staff photo reporter for Cameroon Radio and National Television, and Libre Afrique magazine. His work documenting poverty, education and health issues led him to Africa Express Magazine, Africa International Magazine, Jeune Afrique Economie Magazine headquartered in Paris and a national exhibit "Cameroon's 100 Faces of Poverty" shown simultaneously in that nation's ten states.

Mr. Foko received the Outstanding Achievement Award from Brooks Institute and was the keynote speaker at his graduation in June 22, 2008. He founded Global Humanitarian Photojournalists under the umbrella of the United Nations Association Santa Barbara Chapter to continue his lifelong work to raise awareness of social injustice and work towards solutions. It is the organizations goal to seek local partnerships and projects that can provide real solutions to complex problems, to eliminate suffering and improve lives around the world. He has been selected by the Career College Association (CCA) to receive a 2009 GREAT Award in recognition of excellence, achievement and talent.

Kyle Morford attended California State University Channel Islands, majoring in International Affairs. He has always been interested and involved in African politics, spending his free time studying, reading and discussing the topic with friends and professors. During college, he took on many responsibilities, such as American Red

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increased, the largest budget deficit in U.S. history, and tension with other countries increased. He suggested the next U.S. president understand countries abroad, lead by example, emphasize a role of the international organizations constructively, accommodate interests and values of others, and broaden leadership responsibility to restore a good image of America.

Stanley Roden, Mediator and Lecturer of Political Science and International Law, followed Cohen and spoke about human rights aspect of America's image. He pointed out positive aspects of America's image: Opportunity, Freedom, Justice and Fairness, are fading by the events of Guantanamo, Iraq, Afghanistan and Darfur. He stated the importance of shifting back to a cooperative attitude with a larger world view by respecting and protecting political and economical rights and social, cultural and educational rights under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He suggested the importance of closing Guantanamo, of cleaning up America's own act, of becoming a champion of law, and of joining the International Criminal Court.

Adam Green, Coordinator for Environmental Studies at SBCC, spoke about the environmental aspect of America's image. He explained that there is a 6.7 billion world population which is above bio capacity, and we are already using more than a sustainable world produces. He pointed out that a reason why the U.S. is not favored in the world is a result of the U.S., a small percent of world population, using up a major-



A SBCC Adult Education Program Presented by Santa Barbara Coalition for Global Dialogue including UNA-USA Santa Barbara

THIRST FOR SECURITY:

“Global Water and Tomorrow’s Armed Conflicts”

Saturday, April 18, 2009 / 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. / Free Admission
Fe Bland Auditorium, Santa Barbara City College West Campus
721 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA

WATER is essential to life on earth. Human beings and the animals who share our environment suffer when nature and human conduct diminish access to clean water. Both science and diplomacy are needed to promote wise stewardship and peaceful sharing of water.

A well informed public can provide support for domestic and international governmental water policies which protect this precious resource and avoid conflicts over its possession and use. The following actively involved and informative water experts will address the forum:



Richard Connor - UNESCO World Water Assessment Program Consultant: international expert on integrated water resources management and climate change adaptation

Jerome Delli Priscoli - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: expert in water and security issues; has participated in multinational negotiations about water resources on every continent

Jeffrey Dozier - Founding Dean of UCSB Bren School of Environmental Science and Management; former Senior Project Scientist for NASA's Earth Observing System

Hilal Elver - UCSB Distinguished Visiting Professor; former UN Environment Program Chair of Environmental Diplomacy

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ity of world resources. The wealthiest 20% of the world now uses about 86% of the limited world resources. These countries also produce so much waste, over-depend on other countries' food productions, and cause climate changes. He suggested the next president helps take responsibility for the world to create a sustainable environmental development.

Peter Haslund, Chairs of Global and International Studies at SBCC, concluded with the diplomatic aspect of America's image by introducing American history of the foreign diplomacy from 18c to end of WW I. He described importance of political and economical stability, of developing and creating sustainable global environment, of eliminating weapons of mass destruction; especially, nuclear weapons. He also

pointed out the importance of creating positive relationship around the world based on neutral trust and respect, of national interests rationally, of taking leadership initiative, and of committing ourselves with others. He recommended the importance of diplomatic solutions to avoid military conflicts.

International students: Bushra Bataineh (UCSB), Darshan Grover (UCSB), Milochka Tshibingu (SBCC), Hanna Hansson (SBCC) and Nicholas Bian (Westmont), shared their views of America's image. Julie Bowden facilitated the program, which was presented by Santa Barbara Coalition for Global Dialogue, including UNA-USA Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara Sister Cities, Montessori Center School, and Nuclear Age Peace Foundation also celebrated UN Day on their programs.

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Cross Shelter Manager, American Red Cross International Committee, and American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services Committee. He spent more than 2 months in the 9th Ward in New Orleans, Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina, gutting houses, working in a food kitchen, and providing counseling to thousands of victims of the Hurricane.

Mr. Morford has always had a personal connection to serving humankind, and because of this connection he began a set of programs in Kigali, Rwanda to benefit over 120 orphans of the 1994 genocide living in child headed households. Continuing with this service, he has begun Global Fellowship For Peace, a non profit aimed at working with people affected by war and genocide. He plans to grow his projects and to spread out through Africa and the rest of the world, helping to restore and uplift people whose lives have been affected.

Mary Jo Terrill, RN, MSW is a nurse and social worker, caring for families, mothers and infants, in Santa Barbara and in Rwanda. She has worked at Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital since 1993 in the area of Maternal Child Health, both as a nurse and as a social worker. She has traveled to Rwanda, Africa, several times since 2006 with Network for Africa to provide Trauma Counseling Training, to teach midwives and nurses in hospitals, and to provide comfort to orphans and widows. Her next project with Network for Africa will involve training lay midwives, and traditional birth attendants in remote villages in Rwanda, and improving the delivery of nutritious food to orphans.

Ms. Terrill worked as a nurse in several parts of this country before moving to California. She has designed programs for infants and mothers here, including the Infant Development Center for at-risk Infants and the PATH program, both at St. Vincent's. She is a member of the Board of Directors at Network for Africa and has relationships with Direct Relief International, Partners in Health, and the Santa Barbara Breastfeeding Coalition.

Draft Proposal!

by Carl Q. Christol, 9 Jan. 2009

The Landmine/Cluster Bomb Committee has presented the following resolution to the

Executive Board for Approval. If our members have suggestions or questions after reviewing the resolution, please contact either Committee Co-Chair, Carl Christol at (805) 964-6288 or Patrick Shirek at (805) 452-6387. This resolution will be voted on at the February Board meeting. We would love to hear feedback from our members.

The Board of Directors of UNA-USA Santa Barbara respectfully request the members of the Santa Barbara City Council to adopt the following, or a substantially similar Resolution, relating to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction which entered into force on March 1, 1999, of which there are present are over 150 countries participating. However, the U.S. has not ratified this Resolution. Further, The Cluster Munitions Convention, signed in Oslo on December 2, 2008 by over 100 countries and again not signed by the U.S.;

Whereas, the U.S. bears a heavy responsibility for emplacing anti-personnel land mines and cluster bombs ("bombies") in war-torn areas, and despite the universal recognition that basic humanitarian rights have been placed at risk (death and maiming) as a result of the emplacement of these bombs, and despite the fact that only limited military benefits can be claimed as a result of their use, the U.S., and a few other important countries have rejected the terms of these two Conventions, and

Whereas, each Convention sets forth in identical terms the general obligations and scope of their application, namely "1. Each State Party undertakes never under any circumstances to:

- (a) Use anti-personnel and cluster munitions;
- (b) Develop, produce, otherwise acquire, stockpile, retain or transfer to anyone, directly or indirectly, anti-personnel and cluster munitions; and
- (c) Assist, encourage or induce anyone to engage in any activity prohibited by a State Party to this Convention.

2. Paragraph 1 of this Article applies, mutatis mutandis, to explosive bomblets that are specifically designed to be dispersed or released from dispensers affixed to aircraft."

Now be it resolved that we urge the U.S. to repudiate its present negative policy and become a party to the two Conventions.

It is particularly fitting and appropriate

that UNA-USA Santa Barbara adopts this Resolution, and that it be adopted by the Santa Barbara City Council. The Resolution reflects a valued and humanitarian goal worthy of support by the City Council. It also takes into account and adopts the view of the Chairman of the Nobel Committee, Mr. Francis Sejersted, expressed in 1977, when he awarded the Peace Prize to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, consisting of a coalition initially composed of six non-governmental organizations which swelled to a network of over 1,100 groups in 60 countries. In his words "The mobilization and focusing of broad popular involvement which we have witnessed bears promise that goes beyond the present issue. It appears to have established a pattern for how to realize political aims at the global level."

The Santa Barbara City Council in adopting this Resolution adds its conscientious and informed voice to those of countless persons holding similar views and who support the stated outcome.

Adopted by UNA-USA Santa Barbara on February 24, 2009.

Attest: Mrs. Catherine Dishion, President

Maggie Carothers



My name is Maggie Carothers, and I am a new intern and secretary for the UNA-USA Santa Barbara County Chapter. I am a graduating senior at UCSB with a major in Global studies and a minor in Spanish. I studied abroad last year in Barcelona and used that amazing opportunity to the fullest, traveling Europe, exploring cultures and meeting people from all walks of life. During my time in Spain, I became aware of the differences in the world and discovered my love for politics and involvement in my community. I look forward to working with the Santa Barbara chapter UNA.

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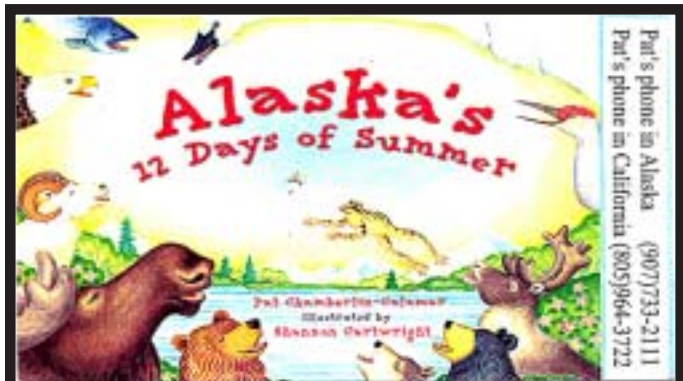
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International



UNA-USA Santa Barbara Brown Bag Forum: Adopt-A-Minefield "Clear a path to a safer world" at Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Central Library featuring Carl Q. Christol and Patrick Shirek on November 13th. There was a showing of a film entitled "Bombies" filmed in Laos identifying dangers to civilian populations following the indiscriminate emplacement of cluster bombs during a civil war. Photos by Kazu Furuta.



Montessori Center School Brown Door students collected \$1,000 for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF in 2008. Dr. Robert Muller (former UN Assistant Secretary-General), Barbara Gaughen-Muller, Deirdre O'Shea (former UNICEF Official), Catherine Dishion, Kyle Morford, Elin Pratt and Kazu Furuta of UNA-USA Santa Barbara visited the school for appreciation on December 10th.



Kazu Furuta attended Global Summit for Ecology featuring Nobel Peace Laureate Al Gore at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan on November 19th.



UCSB Students to Attend World Model UN Conference in The Hague!

By Bushra Bataineh

The Model United Nations (MUN) organization at UCSB works to develop students' international awareness and communication skills by hosting and participating in debates following the UN method. MUN students represent the views of foreign states and organizations and work to pass resolutions on issues of international importance.

International



UCSB MUN will be sending nine delegates to the World Model UN conference in The Hague, Netherlands, from March 22 to 28. The students will be representing the Republic of Liberia in six different committees including the World Health Organization, the Historical General Assembly, and the Disarmament and International Security Committee. The conference is hosted by Harvard World MUN, and it is the most diverse and the largest college level Model UN conference outside of North America. UCSB students will be competing on an international level with some of the top universities including Harvard University, Yale University, and others. Every year almost 2,000 college students from over 42 countries attend World MUN. Past locations include Beijing-China, Belo Horizonte-Brazil, and Sharm el-Sheikh- Egypt. Last year, UCSB Model UN participated for the first time in this prestigious international conference, sending 16 students to Puebla, Mexico, with the support of the Orfalea Foundation and Associated Students.

UCSB MUN has over 50 members this year, and has held fundraisers to support the World Food Program efforts in Myanmar, the TOM's Shoes foundation, and the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Program. UCSB MUN sent 16 delegates to the UCLA MUN conference in January 2009 and won 2 Best Delegate Awards. They have also been working with San Marcos High School since Fall 2008, to help them develop their own MUN and organize a state wide High School MUN Conference to be hosted at UCSB May 8th -10th, 2009. UCSB MUN hopes to continue developing, competing, and expanding students' knowledge of global affairs. UCSB MUN continues to fundraise to support its World MUN delegation, and High School MUN Conference. Due to the budget cuts, they continue to face challenges. If you wish to support UCSB MUN, please contact their President—Bushra Bataineh—at (805) 453-9019 or bushra@umail.ucsb.edu. All donations are tax deductible under the UNA 501(c)3 code.

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