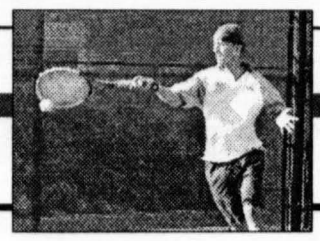

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CalPIRG has phones ringing off the hook

Group convinces students to call LaSuer and demand change

By LAURA McGANN
Staff Writer

The UCSD chapter of the California Public Interest Research Group was out campaigning on Library Walk Wednesday for a familiar cause — increased renewable energy — but its tactics used in this instance were a little different.

The group provided cell phones for people to call state Assemblyman Jay LaSuer's office and encourage him to vote for Senate Bill 532 as part of "Speak Out Day," where CalPIRG members from the UC campuses encouraged students to call local state officials.

LaSuer, a Republican, represents Assembly District 77, which runs up against the southeast border of the city of San Diego. District 77 includes the cities of La Mesa, El Cajon, Spring Valley and Bonita.

CalPIRG targeted him because the organization's members believe he is a critical swing

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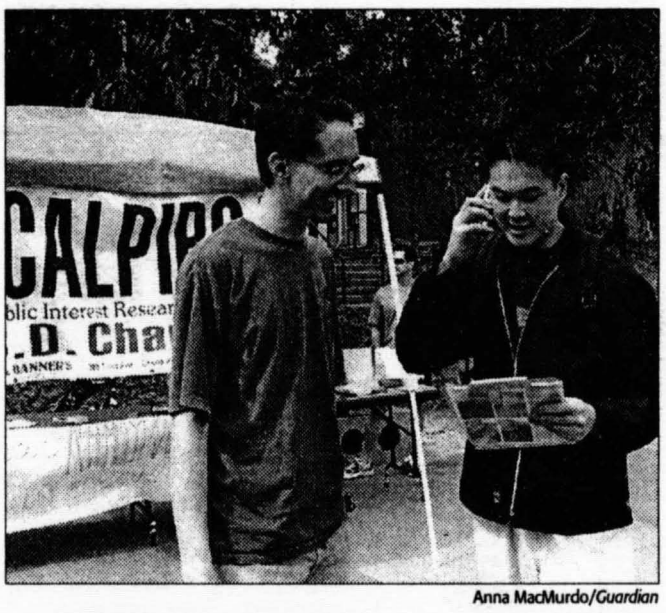

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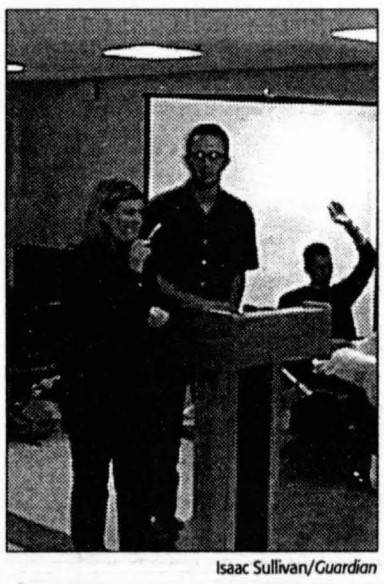
Long distance: CalPIRG member Chris Noddings (left) looks on while UCSD student Kevin Hsu makes a phone call to Jay LaSuer's office.

Council considers change in its meeting procedure

Caucus spawned from complaints by A.S. Senate chair about conduct of vice president internal



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Making nice: Jenn Brown (left) addresses the A.S. Council with Nick Lieberknecht (right) by her side at Wednesday's meeting.

By MARGARET O'NEILL
Senior Staff Writer

The A.S. Council held a seldom-used council caucus Wednesday night sparked by e-mailed accusations of misconduct of the Vice President Internal Jenn Brown by Senate Chair Nick Lieberknecht.

In an e-mail that went out to the council early Tuesday morning, Lieberknecht brought allegations against Brown. One of his concerns, he said, would be "grounds for impeachment" pending an explanation.

Following negotiations between Lieberknecht and Brown, the caucus agenda was changed to address concerns about how council meetings are conducted.

For a substantitive part of the three-and-a-half hour council meeting, Lieberknecht and Brown led a discussion focused on the members' opinions of the proper conduct of meetings.

The main concern addressed was the lack of adherence to the rules of parliamentary procedure, and how to best enforce them.

The council, in an informal poll, overwhelmingly favored finding some sort of parliamentarian to either lead or advise the vice president internal in leading the meetings.

The position of parliamentarian is currently in the constitution, but Brown said she has not been able to find anyone interested in and qualified for the position.

Issues of personal behavior and treatment of the public during meetings were also addressed.

The caucus concluded with Lieberknecht's announcement that he wishes to work with other

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UCSD catches the apathy bug, few students turn out to vote

On-campus polls located at Price Center, Muir college

By STEVE LEHTONEN
Senior Staff Writer

Yesterday's primary election saw San Diegans narrowly defeat a proposed beach alcohol ban, the rise of a novice politician, and the lowest voter turnout in years.

UCSD residents had the opportunity to vote for local and state issues at one of two on-campus polling centers. The polls were placed in the Price Center Ballroom and at John Muir College in the Half Dome Lounge.

Polls opened at 7 a.m. and remained open until 8 p.m. Pollsters reported the turnout was low.

Gene Olson, poll inspector at the Muir college site, remarked, "The turnout is quite sparse. We're here until eight, so hopefully it will pick up."

It did not.

Preliminary data from the San Diego County Registar of Voters shows UCSD resident turnout was indeed low. Because overall turnout data has yet to be compiled, the results are not official.

If the turnout for Proposition G, the beach alcohol ban, at the two UCSD polling places can be applied to the overall turnout on campus, then 6.6 percent of registered UCSD residents voted.

According to the Registar of Voters, 94 on-campus votes were cast in the Proposition G contest. There are 1,412 voters registered to cast ballots at on-campus polling sites.

The 1,412 figure may be misleading, however, because of absentee ballots and former residents who remain registered on campus from the 2000 presidential election.

Poll inspector Edward Washburn from the Price Center Ballroom polling place concurred.

"It hasn't been that busy," he said.

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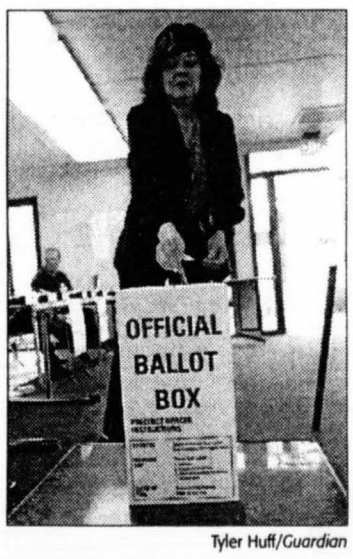

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Election time: Thurgood Marshall College Resident Dean Yolanda Trevino casts her vote at the John Muir College Half Dome Lounge polling station.

Grad students pass on paying more fees

Undergrads will now have to pay a larger fee if the referendum passes

By MARGARET O'NEILL
Senior Staff Writer

The UCSD Graduate Student Association balked at its lack of involvement in crafting the athletics fee referendum, resulting in increased cost for undergraduates should the referendum pass.

Graduate students chose to be excluded from the referendum, so if it passes, only undergraduates will pay fees to finance the National Collegiate Athletics Association program.

The new version, amended to exclude graduate students from the vote, passed the A.S. Council last week.

The amount requested via the referendum had to be changed as a result of the withdrawal of 3,500 people. To maintain the current Inter-Collegiate Athletics budget of $1.4 million, the total amount of the referendum has been increased to $28.25. It was $26.50 previously. The referendum will provide some $1.4 million per year for ICA.

Of the $28.25, $26.70 will go to ICA. Twenty cents will go to spirit organizations such as the pep band and the cheerleaders — a change made to the referendum by the Internal committee and approved by the A.S. Council. The remaining money will go to sports clubs and recreation clubs.

Voting on the referendum will occur during the A.S. Council general elections, second week of spring quarter. Undergraduates can vote via StudentLink.

GSA President Catherine Salsman said she objected to the

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"An all-campus election doesn't allow graduate students a voice."
— **Catherine Salsman**
GSA President

Voting:

Some students loathed the political ad campaigns

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The low turnout at UCSD was mirrored at the state level. This election was the second-lowest in California primary history, beating only the 1994 primary when then-governor Pete Wilson was up for re-election.

Students say they had their reasons for not voting.

"I didn't vote because when I was trying to make an informed decision, it ended up being too time-consuming," said Revelle senior Karina Corbett. "When it became time to vote, it was too late."

Marshall senior Julia Rotino found the ad campaign of Republican victor Bill Simon repulsive.

"The reason I didn't vote is because every time I see the name Bill Simon, I begin vomiting uncontrollably," Rotino said. "I didn't think the people at the polling place would appreciate having to clean up after my regurgitated dinner."

Nevertheless, those who did vote on campus appeared enthusiastic about voting and the process itself. Muir College Council Chair, junior Elizabeth Erwin, remarked on her investment in voting.

"I think it is part of being a citizen," Erwin said. "I may not care about everything we are voting on, but I should still be informed on it."

Roosevelt senior Laura Ginn also expressed her belief in the importance of voting.

"The presidential election proves that every vote counts," Ginn said. "If you don't vote, you have no room to complain."

Proposition G would have placed an around-the-clock ban on alcohol consumption at selected beaches in those areas. The ban was defeated by a mere 1,117 votes; 78,338 to 74,220.

Many students opposed Proposition G, seeing it as unnecessary or an infringement upon personal liberty.

Erwin remarked on her desire for autonomy.

"I'm 21 now, so I want the right to drink where I please," she said.

Colleen Shannon, an employee of the San Diego Super Computer Center, shared a similar sentiment.

"There are laws against being drunk in public and against harassing other people," she said. "I don't think it is necessary to further restrict people. I have never drank at the beach, but if I wanted to I would want to be able to."

Poll workers noted that many students voted on the nonpartisan ballot.

"There are a lot of nonpartisans," said Poll Inspector Edward Washburn. "This is nice for this election because you can vote for any governor candidate you want."

Washburn's wife Elizabeth, the assistant poll inspector at the Price Center, remarked on the fine decorum of UCSD voters.

"Most students that voted were well-prepared with their books already marked," Elizabeth said.

Simon was the big winner in the Republican primary for governor, defeating prominent opponent Richard Riordan with nearly 50 percent of the vote. Simon will take on Democratic incumbent Gov. Gray Davis, who walked away with his party's nomination in November's general election.

Proposition 42 passed easily. The measure will allocate funds from gas taxes over the next five years toward repairing roads and improving mass-transit systems and infrastructure.

Other passing propositions included 40, which allocated billions in bonds to protect parks and clean the ocean. Proposition 41, which frees up funds for the purchase of new machines for state-of-the-art counting of votes, also passed.

Proposition 43, which amends the state constitution to have one's vote counted, passed, as did Proposition 44, which restricts the practice of chiropractors who have committed crimes, including insurance fraud.

The only statewide proposition that did not pass was 45, which would have given voters the right to petition to extend term limits for state senators and Assembly members.

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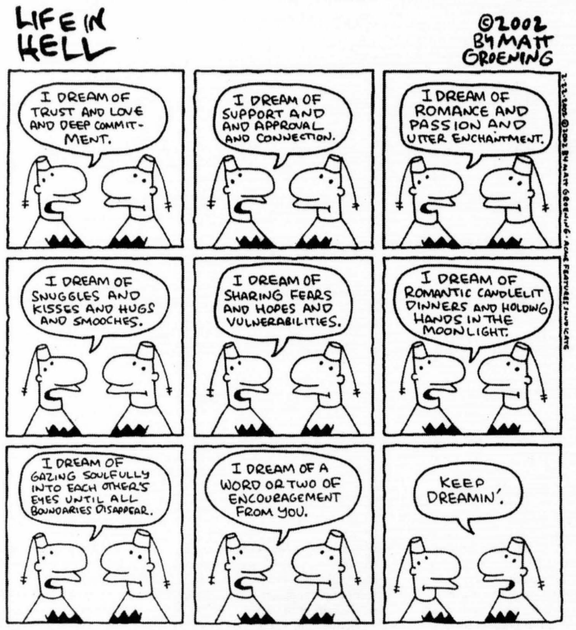

BRIEFLY

JSOE to house education program for research

The Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center has announced that its education program will operate out of the Jacobs School of Engineering at UCSD. Scott Ashford, an assistant professor of geotechnical engineering, has been named as the director of P.E.E.R.'s education program.

P.E.E.R is a partnership between nine West Coast universities that primarily researches the engineering methods used to protect structures and land from earthquake damage. Since establishing its education committee in 1998, P.E.E.R. has offered research opportunities to undergraduate students from the participating universities.

The National Science Foundation annually grants $300,000 to P.E.E.R.'s education committee, which in turn has set up internships for qualified students. Another P.E.E.R. program is the "Earthquake Engineering Scholars Course," where 30 students from affiliated universities visit different campuses over four weekends for a crash course in earthquake engineering. The education committee also discloses new developments in earthquake engineering to middle-school science teachers so they can use such information in their curricula.

UCSD to hold conference on Africa's changing politics

A conference assessing the transitions of democracy, state formation and identity in modern Africa will be held March 8. The event is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Santa Cruz-San Francisco room of the Price Center.

The conference will examine the political control and the post-colonial building of African states that have led to political and economic crisis. Speakers from UCSD and several other universities will be on- hand to discuss the shift from authoritarian to democratic political systems over the last decade, emphasizing how violence, communications, human rights and globalization efforts have changed during this period.

In particular, the nations of Botswana, Congo, Rwanda, Senegal and South Africa will be considered as case studies.

UCSD's African and African-American Studies Research Project and the newly established Institute for International, Comparative and Area Studies sponsor the conference. Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

Study claims problems with sweaty palms are genetic

UCLA scientists have presented strong evidence that hyperhidrosis, the condition commonly known as "sweaty palms" syndrome, is a genetic disorder that has gone largely unreported in the medical world.

According to Samuel S. Ahn, the principal researcher and a professor of vascular surgery at UCLA, a dominant gene may cause the condition. Ahn said, the medical community generally believed the syndrome to be stress-related.

The study suggests that as much as 5 percent of the population may suffer from excessive sweating from the hands and feet – more than the 1 percent proposed by some older studies.

The UCLA report also recognizes that sweaty palms play a significant role in daily life and careers. Examples stated that exceptionally sweaty hands could impair a banker from handling money or a police officer from handling a gun correctly. The study also suggests that the rates for genetic inheritance of the syndrome from a hyperhidrosis sufferer to its offspring are high – between 28 and 50 percent depending on the situation.

Funding for the research came from the California Vascular Research Foundation. The full text of the study can be found in the February issue of the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*.

'Jihad vs. McWorld' author to speak at UCSD on March 11

Benjamin Barber, a distinguished political scientist who wrote the popular book "Jihad vs. McWorld," will present a lecture titled "Can Democracy Survive the War between Jihad and McWorld?"

The lecture is part of the Helen Edison Lecture Series and will be held March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Price Center Ballroom.

Barber examines how the colliding forces of globalism and tribalism are influencing the world, especially in the current climate. His book was first published in 1995 and has garnered attention after the Sept. 11 attacks.

ERRATA

In the "Marshall passes fee referendum" article that appeared in the March 4 issue of the *Guardian*, it was incorrectly reported that the $2 student activity fee will be implemented this spring quarter. The fee will be implemented in fall quarter of 2002.

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Student org is hoping to change LaSuer's vote

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vote on the issue.

Senate Bill 532, also known as the Clean Energy Bill, would double the percentage of renewable resources the state's electrical corporations would be required to use by 2010 from 10 to 20 percent.

CalPIRG provided students with scripts to read that concisely covered why the group was urging them to call.

Students who did participate felt the event was a positive one.

"I think it's a good idea, and something needs to be done about the energy crisis," said student Sara Patton.

The tactic of inundating government officials with telephone calls has been effective in the past, according to CalPIRG organizers.

"UC Santa Barbara's CalPIRG was able to get their local Assemblyman to say yes to a bill after only an hour of phone calls," said CalPIRG member Chris Noddings.

Barry Jantz, district chief of staff for Assemblyman LaSuer, said the calls will be taken into account but the language in the final bill is what will be the overriding factor when LaSuer votes.

Nevertheless, students believe in the the effectiveness of the tactic.

"Government is sensitive to mail right now; calls are easier," said student Sharlene Weng. "It shows them that people on campus actually care. It really makes a difference."

LaSuer's office logs the calls in relation to the issues and bills to gauge public support, but it also notes coordinated efforts by groups, Jantz said.

The energy issue itself is a major concern for many students as well.

"I'm particularly interested in the energy topic because for our generation and the generation to come, the issue of renewable resources will be so important," said CalPIRG member Cassie Burdyshaw.

"We would like to see these renewable resources include wind, solar and geothermal," Noddings said.

Currently, the bill is in committee and has not reached the Senate floor. The last vote in September failed; 11 of the Utilities and Commerce Committee members voted: seven in favor and four against. Seven members abstained from the vote, including Assemblyman La Suer.

CalPIRG hopes to swing LaSuer's vote because he has been supportive of renewable energy bills in the past.

"We think that if it came to the floor, people would support it because it is good for California, for the economy and the environment. It would bring jobs to California," said CalPIRG member Chris Draper.

The bill, CalPIRG members believe, would also be good for the health of Californians.

Jantz said he expects the bill to go back to committee to be revised and amended once the bill is finalized, and LaSuer will take a stance on it, but now it is too early in the process for that to happen.

"I hope we can get Assemblyman LaSuer to not only protect the environment but also the health of all Californians by saying he will vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 532," Noddings said.

CalPIRG hopes that events such as these will increase student participation in the political process.

"I think students definitely have a voice; they just need to use it," Draper said. "That's why we are here."

Overall, Nodding calls the day a "great success" as CalPIRG beat its goal of 75 calls by 3 p.m.; at that time they had logged 105 calls.

Fee:

GSA representative was not included in the vote

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referendum because no graduate student was included on the task force that developed it.

She said that the GSA representative was included later, as an afterthought, and did not have a vote.

Salsman also said that "an all-campus election doesn't allow graduate students a voice" because there are only 3,500 compared to 18,000 undergraduates.

The GSA suggested that two separate elections be held, but A.S. Commissioner of Athletics Robin Shelton decided to go ahead with the referendum without the graduate students because of the timeliness of the issue.

Salsman stressed that graduate students still want to be involved in intercollegiate athletics.

"I'm not saying that graduate students aren't interested in sports," she said. "We are still talking to [the A.S. Council] about how this will affect graduate-student involvement in athletics in the future."

The athletics budget faces massive cuts because it has been operating on temporary funding since the move to Division II two years ago.

Student representatives designed the referendum to maintain the current level of funding.

"It's a 1.9 percent increase [in total student fees] to maintain the quality of the athletics programs and to allow the campus spirit and social environment to continue to grow," Shelton said.

For the referendum vote to be valid, at least 20 percent of undergraduates — about 3,500 students — must vote. The referendum requires a simple majority to pass.

Council:

Caucus focused on adherence to parli-pro

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members to propose legislation to address current concerns.

There was no discussion of Brown's behavior specifically.

"This is a discussion that is long, long, long overdue," said Marshall College Chair Adam Sharki.

Lieberknecht's e-mail was titled: "Council Caucus: Senate the Office of the Vice President Internal." It addressed three complaints against the Office of the Vice President Internal: the handling of the recently added Senate office space, the unprofessional legislative meetings and the questionable appointment of a committee representative on the part of Brown.

Brown and Lieberknecht conversed late Tuesday and early Wednesday and worked out solutions and explanations over the first and third items addressed in the e-mail.

After his addressing of concerns over the office, "it resurrected as a big priority in [Brown's] mind," Lieberknecht said.

The issue of the improper appointment was addressed in the conversation and Lieberknecht said he no longer considers it an issue.

The caucus addressed the second concern brought up by Lieberknecht.

Warren junior senator Lauren Lee stressed that having a parliamentarian would be beneficial to the council when it comes to maintaining a bias-free environment.

She said believes that someone who can introduce legislation should not be allowed to chair the meeting.

Members of council expressed concerns over the way the caucus was reached.

"While I think this [discussion] is good, I don't necessarily like the way we arrived here," said Vice President External Dylan deKervor.

Lieberknecht said there was a reason for the way he addressed his concerns.

"If I just talked to Jenn [Brown] personally, no one would know that [the concerns] were being addressed," he said.

Some senators supported Lieberknecht's complaints.

"I know a lot of us are not appreciative of the way council has been conducted," said Eleanor Roosevelt College Junior Senator Wendy Ho.

Others disagreed with Lieberknecht's claims.

"I really don't see anything inappropriate going on at all," said Warren College Sophomore Senator Kevin Hsu.

The timing of Lieberknecht's complaints have come under fire, as elections are coming up and the candidate filing deadline is Monday.

The timing "makes the move look very political," said Roosevelt Freshman Senator Harish Nandagopal.

"I believe it would be naive to say that pre-elections politics do not have a role in what people choose to say, how they say it, and sometimes more importantly, what they choose not to say, especially in a council setting," Sharki said.

Commissioner of Communications Catherine Algeri said she believed political motives were not absent from the caucus.

"I feel disappointed because I really do feel that people have let their elections politics come into this space," she said.

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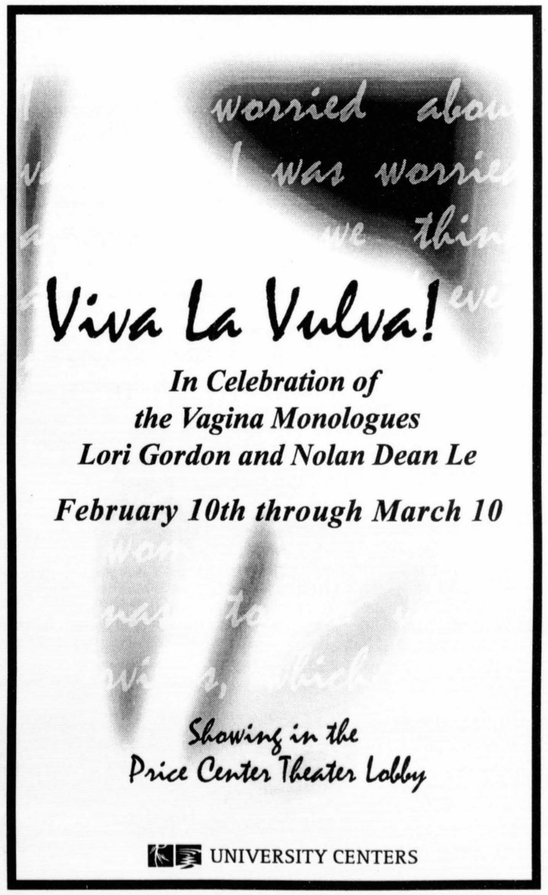

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Alcohol law merits revision

If you do the crime, then you should be willing to do the time. That was the message sent to underage people attempting to buy alcohol via a recent settlement between a University of New Hampshire student and a New Hampshire store owner — and it has set a precedent for store owners.

Durham, N.H. Marketplace owner Chuck Cressy attempted to sue 19-year-old Jeremy Reney in a New Hampshire Superior Court because Reney used his brother's ID to purchase alcohol from Cressy's store. Cressy was fined $250 for selling alcohol to a minor. He then tried to recover $12,000 from Reney in a civil suit, an amount equal to the total he spends annually on deterring underage alcohol sales. The matter was settled out of court, but it does set a precedent for store owners to sue underage people who buy alcohol from them.

The *Guardian* agrees with the principle that if a minor attempts to buy alcohol, then he is willingly breaking the law and should be punished for it. There is, however, one problem that we have with a store owner's right to sue underage purchasers of alcohol: We feel that the minimum state standards of checking IDs are not enough and invite abuse on the part of store owners.

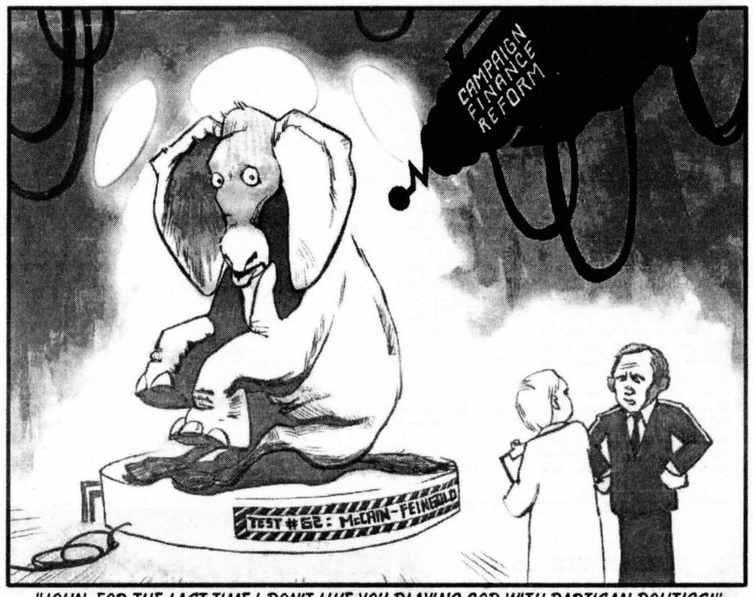
Store owners who simply look at a driver's license should not be rewarded for their laziness — or greed — by a court settlement. We feel that the minimum standards should be raised by states to require license-scanning equipment to verify valid driver's licenses.

If a store has satisfied increased state standards for checking identification, then we feel that there should be legal recourse for a store that is stuck with a fine that can range from $100 to $500 and could include a suspension of the store's liquor license for one to 10 days. Such burdens should not rest squarely on the shoulders of store owners if they did make an effort to check the ID and scan it.

Underage purchasers of alcohol know that they are breaking the law when they attempt to buy it from stores. Some go to great lengths to deceive cashiers, many with great success. It should not be the burden of the store owner to keep up with all of the tricks and technological advances of underage purchasers of alcohol, as long as they follow the preferably higher standards of the law on identification checks.

We feel that this is a good precedent that allows liquor-selling businesses to have their day in court with those who willingly commit the crime, but we do warn that stricter minimum standards for I.D.-checking are needed to keep store owners from abusing this precedent.

OPINION



"JOHN, FOR THE LAST TIME I DON'T LIKE YOU PLAYING GOD WITH PARTISAN POLITICS!"

Pat Leung/*Guardian*

Digging for trouble: why Alaska's pipeline will not solve oil woes

Impractical solution to America's energy crisis is also frought with security problems

By ANDREW QUADRI
Senior Staff Writer

President George W. Bush needs to stop considering oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. You don't have to be an environmentalist to feel that way, either.

Drilling in ANWR, according to its proponents, would supposedly fix our dependency on volatile imported oil markets, especially those in the Middle East. Superficially, it looks like a great deal: By increasing domestic oil production, we reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Unfortunately, it isn't quite that simple.

You may already know that less than a year's worth of oil lies in ANWR, and that the lower 48 states would not see any of it for at least 10 years. There are some endangered animals that a few people care about, too, I understand. Those facts aren't terribly important because those facts alone won't stop the push for drilling.

Remember that the oil is in northern Alaska. Oil coming out of Alaska is shipped through Valdez, which is in southern Alaska, where the ocean isn't blocked with ice all year. As a result, it must be transported through the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's 800-mile-long Trans Alaska Pipeline, which carries 17 percent of domestic oil production at present.

Most of the pipeline is above ground — read "vulnerable" — and during winter, it's difficult to access or repair, according to Alyeska.

Alyeska spokesman Tim Woolston said that it is "a monumental task to protect every inch of that pipeline 24 hours a day."

The U.S. Army proved that it's more than "a monumental task" to defend the pipeline: It's impossible. A 1975 *Los Angeles Times* story reported that the Army concluded that it was "impossible to prevent determined saboteurs from shutting down TAPS for a year or more."

Not much has changed since then.

What's worse, you don't even have to be a determined saboteur to shut down the pipeline — just drunk. A drunken Alaska resident, Daniel Lewis, punctured it with one shot from his 0.338-caliber rifle. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil leaked and the pipeline was shut off for two-and-a-half days.

The loss: $60 million in delayed oil shipments alone. The scary part: This mishap occurred *after* the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, on Oct. 4, 2001.

Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles, who strongly supports North Slope oil development, said: "Clearly, the fact that one person with a rifle can do this much damage is a point of concern in terms of vulnerability." Clearly, he is a master of understatement.

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Essentially, the Trans Alaska Pipeline is a vital part of our economy and because it is one big, impossible-to-defend pipe, it is the biggest and easiest terrorist target in the country.

So our government thinks that we should reduce our diversified foreign oil dependency by shifting it to a centralized, decaying and vulnerable piece of domestic infrastructure? That doesn't make any sense to me.

Only 22 percent of imported oil comes from the volatile Middle East; we import most of the rest from safer sources in the Western Hemisphere. If we want to reduce dependence on Middle Eastern oil, that's great. I'm against importing $500 million worth of "evil" Iraqi oil every year as much as the next guy. But let's eliminate that dependency in a way that makes sense.

We can eliminate the need to import Middle Eastern oil by improving energy efficiency at home and on the road. That means buying energy-efficient appliances, driving cars that are more fuel-efficient, and driving less, period. EPA reports indicate that improving nationwide automotive fuel economy by three miles per gallon is all it would take to make imported Middle Eastern oil a relic.

What does this mean? Quit buying gas-guzzling vehicles and quit driving them alone everywhere. No one can force you to quit, but you should remember that your private decisions have public consequences. If you can't be bothered to get out of your car and walk or bicycle once in a while — to make some changes in your life — you are part of the reason we have to worry about bastards like Saddam Hussein.

Efficiency is not austerity and I hope that lazily sitting behind a steering wheel isn't your only joy in life. You might even like the world outside your car. If you can bike when it's practical to do so — say, to work or your local supermarket — do it. A $20 rack holds two bags of groceries. Get one and use it. You'll go to the store more often, but you'll save money on gas, exercise your legs, and clear your conscience.

The day after the terrorist attacks, Bush said that "we will not allow this enemy to win the war by changing our way of life." Not even if it means that we must continue being myopic about drilling in ANWR and that we must keep wasting energy to maintain our ties to Middle Eastern tyrants? Give me a break.

Letters to the Editor

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Editor:

The Graduate Student Association is holding a fee referendum on StudentLink from March 4 to March 15. The referendum seeks to increase the grad student activity fee from $8 per quarter to $12 per quarter. This fee was instated in 1988 and was last raised in 1994 to the current $8 per quarter.

Why does the GSA need a fee increase? The GSA gets about $80,000 a year. The number of departments and events using GSA funds has been increasing. Since 1999, we've spent about $92,000 yearly. We used reserve funds for the deficit, but these are nearly exhausted. Our share of vending machine income may drop to one-seventh instead of one-sixth. If we don't generate more revenue, we will have to make more cuts. We've already reduced our contributions to the University of California Student Association and to the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students. We cut back funding to graduate student lounges and departmental programs and symposia.

Why is the GSA overbudget? Our exposure to the graduate population has increased. The attendance at GSA-sponsored events has grown faster than the grad population. Per our financial by-laws, organizers can request funding from the GSA for events that enrich grad student life. Such funding has been and is increasing faster than revenues.

In 1997-1998, we gave over $21,000 to grad orgs and departments, with a $78,000 budget. Last year, we gave $24,100 of our $80,000 budget. We want to continue to meet demands and fund organizations or departments that come to us with a worthy request.

The $4 increase will generate about $36,000 a year in revenue. This will cover the deficit and should meet increased demand for GSA money for seven years.

—Frank Chang
GSA Vice President Finance

Yes, Virginia there is life after graduation

Exciting offers exist outside the corporate world

By SUSAN FORE
Staff Writer

Please do not tell me that you are planning on spending your entire summer after graduation working at Wal-Mart. There are much more rewarding jobs out there.

Who cares if you have a degree in communications and have no idea what you want to do for the rest of your life? Looking into interesting occupations is worth it. The pay can be better, the location always is, and the stories are sure to be passed on through generations.

As a theater major, I have no clue what I will do after graduation. So, I thought, why not work and travel at the same time?

I was looking on the call board in the theater department and noticed a flyer for Stiletto Entertainment. It's a casting agency for singers and dancers who work on cruise liners.

I know this job may not be for everyone, thankfully. But this got me thinking about other positions that might be available on cruise ships. I searched online and discovered many different positions that need to be filled: those of hosts, waiters, bartenders, areas in retail, cooking staff, crew and more.

Although I do not want to be an out-of-work actor (a.k.a. waitress) for my summer job, after researching the pay that these people make on a cruise liner, I am seriously reconsidering. Try $2,000 to $4,000 per month for positions that receive tips. Remember, if the passengers have enough money to take a cruise, they generally have enough money to tip well. And regardless of occupation, base pay is still $300-$500 a week.

Ever wish someone would pay you to visit the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, Mexico, Alaska, Europe, Hawaii or South America? These are some of the places cruise liners sail, which is far better than staying in the same town I've lived in as far back as I can remember.

Location is everything. Although one might not get as much time on land (this is, after all, a job), the time on shore leave is priceless. Tell me about another occupation in which someone else pays for your food, lodging and travel to places most of us would never otherwise see.

Perhaps the ocean does not quite wet one's whistle. There are still other opportunities for more interesting and adventurous occupations than one can find at Safeway. For example, working as a ranch hand has great rewards for those wanting to stay on land and still get away from skyscrapers and rush-hour traffic. Not all ranches provide riding lessons for their beginning workers, but there is always room to advance.

For those living in California, Yosemite National Park is always hiring summer help, including trail guides and camp crew.

If you like rafting, there are opportunities to be river guides at various whitewater locations such as the Colorado River and the Snake River.

Yes, these jobs sound like a ton of fun, but what's the catch? You have to be willing to take a leap of faith and try something you have never done before. You must be willing to give up a summer or more of being a couch potato and living off your parents. You have to be willing to make money and take time to think about what you really want to do for the rest of your life. You must be willing to work harder than you've probably ever worked before.

That's all there is to it. The hours on cruise liners are long, and the work on a ranch or at a national park is physical. Still, I would rather be out in the sun sweating or singing on a stage than sitting behind a desk filing someone else's crap for eight hours a day.

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'Kiss Me, Kate' sings out over a battle of sexes

There's much ado about the latest musical playing at the Civic Theatre

By SABRINA MORRIS
Staff Writer

San Diego brushes up its Shakespeare with the beloved Broadway musical "Kiss Me, Kate." Based on a book by Sam and Bella Spewack with music and lyrics composed by Cole Porter, this is a musical backed not only by strong direction, but also by a timeless plot and outstanding performances.

The exceptional achievement is a classic battle of the sexes mixed with the many antics of a play-within-a-play story line.

Big Broadway actors Rex Smith and Rachael York star as Fred Graham and Lili Vanessi, a divorced acting couple caught in the postmarital throes of bickering, yet underlying romance.

Set during post-World War II America in the backstage of a tryout for a musical based on Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," egotistical actor-producer Graham and his brash ex-wife Vanessi comically squabble their way through this memorable story. And much like Shakespeare's Petruchio and Kate, it's a battle of will to the end.

Both actors show stunning chemistry on stage with their immense singing voices, amusing acting styles and great ability to work together.

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Art of the Flesh

The art of tattoo transcends time and culture as it is traced throughout history

By Anne Cong-huyen, Staff Writer

Recently, I dragged myself into a tattoo shop in Pacific Beach and had a pretty darn cool design tattooed on my back. With the flutters in my stomach, I was surprised that I actually had the courage to do it. Not only was I shelling out over $200 to have this thing painfully and permanently injected into my dermis, but my father was going to kill me.

I am no criminal, nor am I an aspiring rock star. I don't own a motorcycle. Yet I have a tattoo.

Tattoos date from prehistoric times and have been an important part of human culture throughout history.

Professor Ernesto Silva of the UCSD visual arts department said he feels that images are an integral part of human culture.

"As a painter and a sculptor, I definitely believe in the power of images whether you put an image in a painting or draw it on the sidewalk with chalk or tattoo an image your body," Silva said. "I think they all have the potential to be as powerful and as meaningful as each other."

Although they exist in many cultures, tattoos have played many different roles in each. The ancient Greeks and Romans, for example, used tattoos to identify slaves and criminals.

In early Japan, decorative tattooing became popular (and associated with organized crime) in the 17th century and was used by the "Yakuza" (seen as defenders against the oppressive regime) to show lifelong commitment and strength.

The spreading popularity of Japanese tattoo extended to foreigners in the 19th century when Japanese artists tattooed foreigners. Traditional Japanese designs, however, cover the back and extend over the limbs. These traditional designs depict themes such as courage or fidelity, and symbolize the merits of the tattooed person.

The influence of Japanese tattoos later spread to England where it burgeoned as the social elite became patrons of this exclusive art form.

Many people now see tattoos as desecrating the body, or as an act of rebellion, but tattoos can be a personal artistic representation. Tattoo artists themselves see their work as true art and take their profession very seriously.

"Tattooing is a legitimate art form," said Randy Janson, a tattoo artist at Avalon Tattoo in Pacific Beach. "Tattooing is a service and I see myself as the practitioner. Someone requests something and I am able to make their dreams come true."

Some medical professionals in the past believed tattoos to be motivated by perverse or repressed sexual desires. In the United States, tattoos seem synonymous with leather-clad bikers or rock stars.

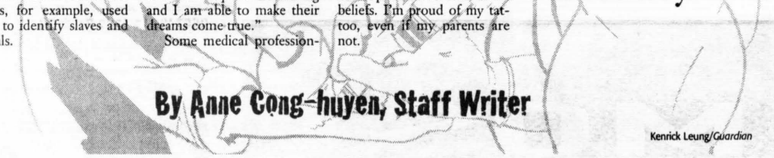
But in some cultures, such as the Samoan or Maori cultures of the Pacific Islands, tattoo is a distinguished form of art in which only highly respected men represent their historical legacies and virtues for public view upon their flesh.

"The way I see tattoos, at least at the moment you get one, it seems to be a very strong belief in something, and it becomes a transformation of your skin like a constant and long-term representation of yourself," Silva said.

Whatever its origins or representations, tattoo is an art form that combines beauty, pain and commitment.

Despite the extensive and colorful history of tattoos, I'm sure my father still won't approve. But my tattoo is an artistic representation of myself, as other tattoos have been representative of countless other people.

My tattoo helps link me with centuries of people all over the world who committed themselves to symbols that represent them and their beliefs. I'm proud of my tattoo, even if my parents are not.



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Make some time for a 'hole-in-the-wall'

Forget Starbucks, the hidden world of coffee shops provides charm

By KEELY HYSLOP
Staff Writer

The warmth, the aroma, the temporary jolt of much-needed consciousness, a moment given wholly to the senses. Now that's a good cup of coffee, but couldn't that also be a good coffee shop?

There are coffee shops in every city in the world, but the coffee shops of San Diego seem to hold a kind of mystery. Tucked amid the bustling metropolis and concealed in quiet residential areas is an entire hidden world strung together by coffee beans. Here are a few landmarks to get you started.

Café Crema

Café Crema is a bustling crowd-pleaser, located on Garnet Avenue in the heart of Pacific Beach. Offering live music every Saturday night and the ever-popular "Dirty Productions — word spoken night," an open mic event the last Thursday of every month, Café Crema is fun and vibrant.

Kensington Coffee Co.

Kensington Coffee Co. is an excellent place for coffee drinkers who don't like coffee. From an extra-sweet white chocolate mocha to an out-of-this-world caramel-covered milky way, this place houses all manners of delicious, succulent quasi-coffee confections as well as the classics for the more diehard coffee-loving types. Its bright fuchsia walls and pleasantly discordant furniture give this coffee shop a homey, grandmother's attic kind of feel; a good place to linger with a special friend.

Lestat's Coffeehouse

Lestat's Coffeehouse is interesting and quirky. Nestled in a part of Normal Heights that is often referred to affectionately as Abnormal Heights, Lestat's showcases local artworks on the walls and the sound of fencing classes overhead. This provides a classic coffeehouse atmosphere, but with a twist. The house offers live music daily between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. in the newly renovated cafe area and an open mic on Monday nights. Lestat's is a good mix of the liveliness of Crema and the coziness of Kensington. It also has a wonderful candy selection.

Gargoyle Café

For a taste of antiquity, try the Gargoyle Café. The main Moroccan tea room features hand-stenciled columns, colorfully tiled tables and cushy seats in front of the antique window screens. On the first Saturday of each month you can watch the Urban Tribal Dance Company's belly dancers for a $5 cover. The drinks are wonderful; I especially liked the feisty fresh lemonade, and the chocolate syrup-oozing iced mochas.

Caffe Italia

Nearby, for a complete change of pace, try Caffe Italia. The decor has a cutting-edge feel of urban meets organic. The cafe can be a little crowded and noisy (especially during lunchtime), but this only adds to its energetic charm. The coffee is fabulous, but the real star here is the gelato. A large cup can easily feed three people. The waitresses are kind and the portions are generous.

So, farewell. Happy coffee shop visiting. Happy coffee drinking. And remember: Friends don't let friends go to Starbucks.

For those interested in visiting the establishments mentioned, here is a list of their addresses:

Gargoyle Gallery & Cafe
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(Little Italy)

Lestat's Coffeehouse
3343 Adams Ave.
(Normal Heights)

Kensington Coffee Co.
4141 Adams Ave.
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1704 Italia St.
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1001 Garnet Ave.
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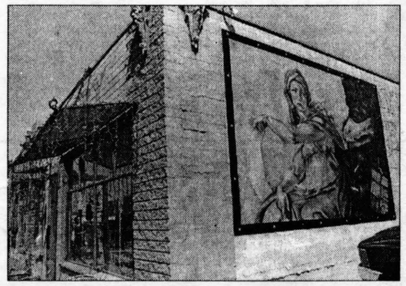

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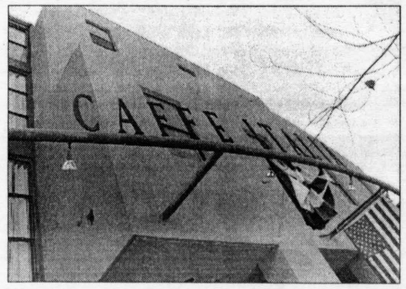
Gargoyle Café (above): This coffee shop in Little Italy provides a quaint Moroccan tea room for those with discriminating tastes.

Caffe Italia (below): Also located in Little Italy, Cafe Italia provides a clash of both worlds as organic meets urban streets. Although their coffee is good, try the delicious gelato.



album review

Fever
Kylie Minogue
Capitol Records

★★★

Remember going to the roller rink in third grade and waiting for that '80s cover of "Locomotion" to come on? Thirty-three-year-old Aussie pop princess Kylie Minogue can claim responsibility for that track, and she has returned to American shores after a 13-year hiatus. The Stateside release of Minogue's newest album "Fever" denotes her attempt to recapture the United States and establish herself as worthy of mononomial nomenclature here.

All of her albums since the late '80s have been wildly successful in Australia, the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

However, the United States, as always, has proven the hardest market to crack. Capitol Records evidently believes that the United States, enjoying a climate of tentative acceptance for dance pop, is ready for Minogue at long last.

The ubiquitous "Can't Get You Out of My Head" is not all that's served up on this release.

The album is a bearable sampling of poppy house and trance cuts, all Kylified with the singer's breathy vocals and super-sappy demeanor. There's the requisite Spanish guitar house track, "Your Love," and the soaring, trancey "Fragile."

It's hard to point to any one track as filler, when most discerning ears would probably tag the whole album as a sampling of pop pap. Though it may be this, it's still a fun foray into the world of Euro-happy house and smooth production.

Indeed, Minogue has a track record of working with successful producers and writers. Her other huge '80s hit, "I Should Be So Lucky," was produced by yesteryear heartthrob Rick Astley's production team, and the biggest hit from her last album, the frisky "Spinning Around," was co-penned by none other than the great Paula Abdul. On "Fever," Minogue resurrects '80s diva Cathy Dennis for songwriting assistance, and Dennis lends a hand on three tracks, including "Can't Get You Out of My Head."

"Fever" won't win any Grammys next year, but that's not to say it's unworthy of your attention. Take this one to the discoteque, though, and not the roller rink.

— Jennifer Sposito
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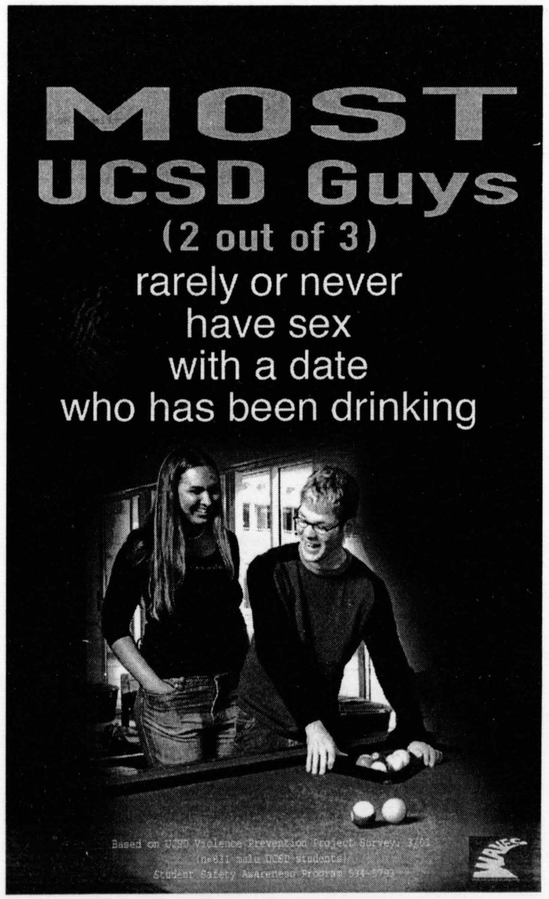

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Kate:

Protagonists' comedic one-liners bring about laughter

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York captures the crowd with her hilarious solo of "I Hate Men," sending the audience (especially women) into roaring laughter.

Smith then recaptures the spotlight with comic one-liners and entertaining interaction with other characters by aligining himself with the rest of the male cast.

With enjoyable classic songs such as "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," "Another Op'nin, Another Show," "Wunderbar," "Too Darn Hot" and several other components that contribute to the overall success of the production, this comedy musical is a triumph.

"Kiss Me, Kate" plays at the San Diego Civic Theatre through March 10. For more information on tickets call (619)220-TIXS.

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On-stage antics: Lili Vanessi (Rachel York) and Fred Graham (Rex Smith) display chemistry and talent in "Kiss Me, Kate."

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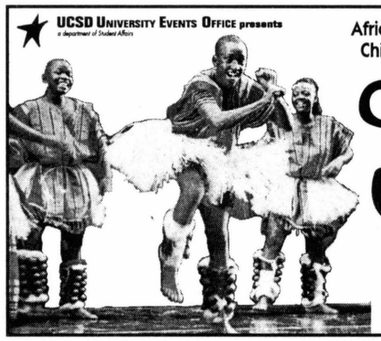

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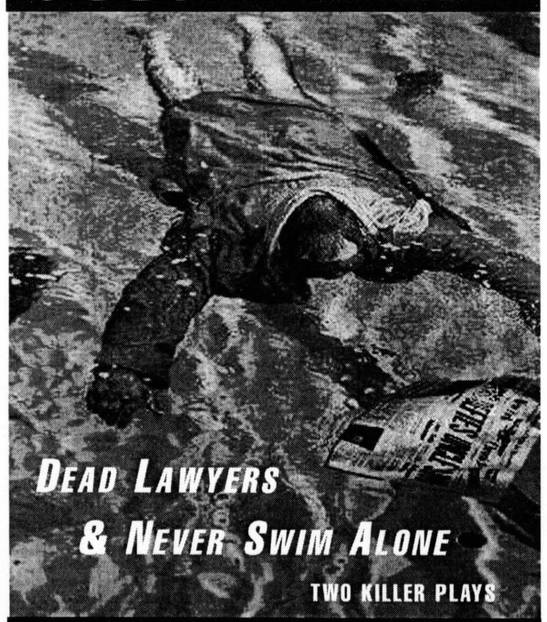

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Dashboard Confessional takes the next step to stardom

By DAVID BYNUM
Staff Writer

Dashboard Confessional is no stranger to the San Diego music scene. In fact, he sold out his show tonight at 'Canes Bar & Grill.

Last year on the very night of the SunGod festival, they — or should I say *he* (Chris Carraba is the sole member of the original act) — played Che Café. One might think it difficult to draw a crowd on such a night. After all, halfway across campus was a drunken orgy of free entertainment with acts such as Face to Face.

Paying $5 to get into Che Café didn't seem like a reasonable alternative. Yet a crowd was there, with a line stretching deep into the forest an hour before the show started. Long-haired individuals with small pins of their favorite bands sat, talked and smoked in anticipation of the evening's events, fully aware that they were missing what is often cited as the one party UCSD has going for it, and they were all seemingly unbothered by that fact.

Inside, the crowd was packed together while Carraba complained onstage about the feedback and not having any water, playing a song or two in the meantime. He seemed to be the only one pissed off that he was missing SunGod.

Since then, Carraba has come a long way. He is the personification of the Emo genre. The somber subjects of his songs are offset by poppy guitar rhythms. But he distinguishes himself from other solo acts with his cleverly touching lyrics and vocal range. His stage name is derived from a song in which he sings about long drives home when he talks to his car about his life.

With a new release on Vagrant Records ("So Impossible EP"), a lot of radio play and an MTV debut, he has a little bit of backing for his big-stage dreams. His sold-out gig at 'Canes tonight is probably a good halfway indicator between relative anonymity and stardom. A lucky few will get to see what Carraba has to say about where he is now.

The Dashboard Confessional show with The Anniversary, Ben Kweller and Legends of Rodeo is sold out. Look to the hiatus calendar for details.

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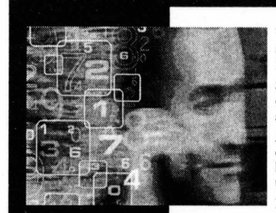

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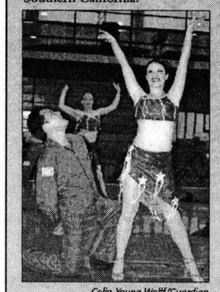

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Dancesport: UCSD dance competitors sparkled last weekend

MEN'S ULTIMATE

The men's ultimate disc team traveled to compete in the Stanford Invitational last weekend and got mixed results, going 2-3 over the two-day tournament.

UCSD's Squids got off to a rocky start, losing to UC Santa Barbara due to unpreparedness and shaky play.

In its second game against the No. 2 seeded University of Oregon, UCSD's solid offense took Oregon into overtime before losing on Oregon's hail-mary fling at the last second.

In the third game UCSD easily handled Tufts University and continued its momentum with another win against the University of British Columbia.

That was as far as UCSD would go; the Squids lost to defending national champion Carleton College. UCSD led at one point but sloppy play spelled defeat for the Squids.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

Women's rugby shut out UC Santa Barbara and Occidental College last weekend to up their perfect record to 7-0.

UCSD traveled March 2 to face the former No. 1 Southern California team, UC Santa Barbara. The game went down to the last minute until Kristin Hartos nailed a clutch conversion to put UCSD up 3-0 and hand UCSB the loss.

The next day's match against Occidental had a different tone, as UCSD jumped ahead early and secured the 43-0 rout with a strong line defense.

With its two victories last weekend, the No. 1 ranked UCSD women's rugby team secured a place in the nationals in Florida.

EQUESTRIAN

The equestrian team had its final tournament of the season last weekend. Riders dominated the show and also qualified for regionals.

In the Open Division team captain Lisa Calvino grabbed second in fences competition, while newcomer Kate McComas took second in the flat event both Saturday and Sunday.

Outstanding performances will send captain Calvino along with Zoe Jarocki to regionals.

— **Isaac Pearlman**
Sports Editor

Golf competes at SLO tourney

Gale shoots a 221 for fifth but team places seventh

By ANU KUMAR
Staff Writer

Playing in its fourth tournament of the season, the UCSD golf team participated in the Cal State San Marcos Invitational on Monday and Tuesday. The event, held at San Luis Rey Downs in Bonsall, Calif., found the Tritons struggling, finishing in seventh place in a field of 11 teams.

Cal State Stanislaus led the tournament from the start, and a combined score of 894 gave it first place in the invitational. Stanislaus was the only team to shoot better than 298 in any one round, and the Warriors hit scores of 294 in each of the first two rounds of the tournament.

Grand Canyon University took second place, finishing nine strokes behind Stanislaus. Cal State San Bernardino and Point Loma Nazarene tied for third place with combined scores of 906 to round out the top four teams.

The Tritons got off to a bad start in the first two rounds of the event, shooting 311 in each of their Monday rounds. UCSD managed to improve by six strokes on Tuesday and finished the tournament with a score of 927.

"Three hundred and eleven is too high of a score to have in any tournament," UCSD golf head coach Mike Wydra said.

Individually, the Warriors' Bill Sutt was the only golfer in the entire field to break 70 in the tournament. Sutt finished in first place with an individual combined score of 214, two shots better than Chris Galeski of San Diego State. Rounding out the top three spots, Point Loma's Josh Colace finished one stroke behind Galeski.

UCSD junior Ryan Gale finished in a tie for the fifth spot, along with Mark Lawless of Stanilaus and Ethan Potts of Point Loma. These golfers all shot scores of 221.

Gale had scores of 70, 74 and 77 in the tournament. The Tritons' top finisher was the only golfer of the five UCSD participants to break 80 in the first round, and Gale was one of only two Tritons to shoot better than 80 in the second round.

The par-72 course at San Luis Rey Downs yielded many high scores from the tournament field. Golfers struggled on the course, which featured tight fairways and unique putting greens that caused problems for many people on the putting surfaces.

"We had a couple of our regulars struggle on the course and found it not to their liking," Wydra said.

The Tritons will next take part in the Cal State San Bernardino Invitational on March 11 and March 12. Wydra and his team will use the event to prepare for the Southern California Intercollegiate Championship, which will be held March 13 and March 14 at the Auld Course in Chula Vista.

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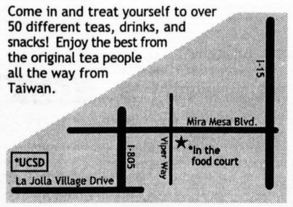

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–Jeffery T. Anbinder

SPORTS

Dancesport

The duo of Bouey and Marion took home 14 firsts over the weekend

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Back East ballies put up meager fight

Men's tennis dispatches Boston College with little ado

By STEPHANIE MORIARTY
Staff Writer

UCSD's solid 9-0 sweep against Division I Boston College on Monday continued its excellent year and boosted the Tritons' record to an unprecedented 10-0.

The beginning doubles tandem of Sameer Chopra and Bryan Swatt boosted the spirits of the Tritons because they were down two breaks at 4-6 and came back to win the pro set in a tiebreaker 9-8.

UCSD's Jeff Wilson and Everett Schroeter stomped on BC's No. 2 team of Chris McCoy and Marc Lucero, beating them 8-0.

The Tritons' No. 3 doubles team of Dan Albrecht and Sean Nagel secured the doubles sweep for UCSD with its 8-4 victory over the Eagles' duo of Ross Pytko and Paul Colahan.

For the most part, the Tritons also dominated the singles matches, but Chopra's singles match was a true tennis battle.

Chopra remained mentally tough and pulled out the first set 7-6, winning the tiebreaker and continuing his strong play to pick up the win in straight sets against BC's No. 1 Justin Slattery.

The No. 2 spot, occupied by Swatt, also won in straight sets (6-3, 6-3) like the rest of the Triton squad.

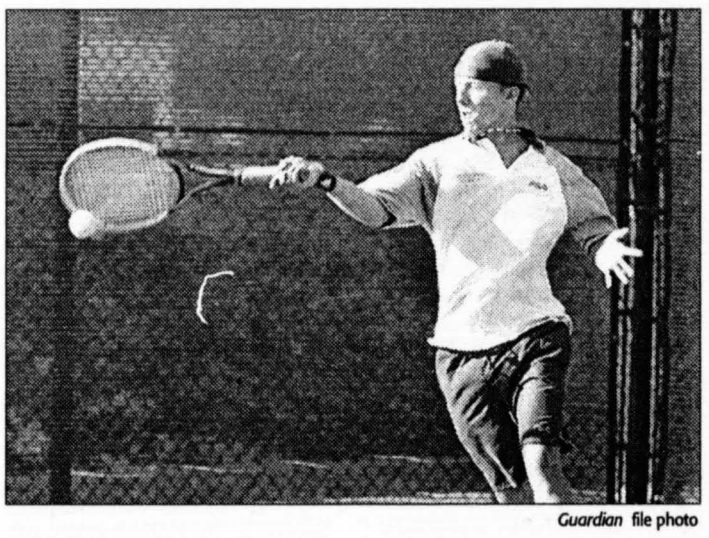
No. 3 player Wilson and No. 4 Blake Wilson-Hayden, both sophomores, sealed 6-1, 6-4 victories by playing strong yet composed tennis.

Emil Novak and Schroeter, in the No. 5 and No. 6 singles positions, also showed the Eagles what UCSD tennis is made of, securing 6-2, 6-1 and 6-1, 6-1. Both were commanding wins that aided the 9-0 overall victory.

Head coach Eric Steidlmayer was thrilled with his team, especially the efforts of Chopra and Swatt in both singles and doubles; not to mention the rest of the team stepping up to a Division I squad and sending the opponent back to Boston with a huge bagel.

"I think that today showed how much we have improved since last year and how we are improving this season," Steidlmayer said. "The individuals I look to are Bryan Swatt and Sameer Chopra. Bryan would not have been able to win that doubles match three months ago. He has really progressed in his mental abilities."

Steidlmayer was just as pleased with his No. 1 player.



Guardian file photo

Men's tennis: Mike Meyers rips a forehand earlier in the season and even with his eyes closed has helped the Tritons to a rousing 10-0 start.

"The same can be said for Chopra," he said. "Last year, he wouldn't have won the match that he won in singles today. He won on pure guts today, pure and simple. He played with less than his best and still fought extremely hard to pull out the win."

The positive momentum of the Tritons should help them in their matches this weekend against the Division III Redlands, a top team in its division.

The Tritons will also face Cal Poly Pomona, ranked No. 21 nationally, a tough team that they have had trouble with in the past. Both matches are away, and it won't be until April 5 when the squad is at home again playing a match against Gustavus Adolphus College.

Women's crew ahead of schedule

Crew performs well against UCI and Long Beach

By ISAAC PEARLMAN
Sports Editor

The UCSD women's crew team kicked off its spring season with two road dual-meets last weekend, taking on UC Irvine Saturday morning, then traveling the other direction to compete against Long Beach State the following day.

The Tritons, traditionally a late-blooming team, viewed their Irvine match Saturday as an early chance to see where the team stands against the better—prepared Anteaters, who came into Saturday's race with three February scrimmages already under their belts.

In the five-race event, UCSD managed to hold its own against UCI, winning the junior varsity eight event as well as the novice four race.

Sophomore Stefanie Barriere, competing for the first time at stroke, led the Tritons' varsity eight to a second place finish against the Anteaters, ending with a time of 7:18.0 to UCI's 7:07.1.

Head coach Patti Pinkerton was pleased with her varsity team's peformance.

"We were 11 seconds behind them. That's the closest we've been in three years," she said. "We lost, but I felt that we were well ahead of where we want to be."

The UCSD junior varsity eight one-upped the varsity team by beating their Anteater counterparts, posting a time of 7:42.2 — good enough for a seven-second victory.

Paced by the leadership of sophomore Elizabeth Jones, the Tritons came from behind to take the race by a comfortable margin of two-and-one-half boat lengths.

The Triton novice four boat picked up the second win of the day for UCSD, coming in less than five seconds ahead of the Irvine team with a time of 9:29.8. The boat was stroked by Michelle Pitsley, who led the young team in what was the racing debut for most of them.

The next day in Long Beach Calif. the Tritons ran into a snarl as the organization of the meet fell apart and forced the teams push up the race times and be out of the water by 8 a.m.

"The head coach at Long Beach wasn't a terrific organizer," Pinkerton said. "Because he didn't book the stadium, we had to be off by 8 so the races got moved up 20 minutes. It's a long way to travel and not get fair results."

The Tritons experimented with their boat lineups and suffered from it, as the varsity eight lost by five boatlengths to the '49ers.

"I tried changing the lineup, and it didn't work," Pinkerton said. "There was just no magic in the boat."

Despite the encouraging results last weekend, the women's crew team still has a ways to go before getting to mid-season form.

"We are not at race-pace yet; there's a few tactical things we need to tighten up," Pinkerton said.

Four fencers foil the opposition on their way to nationals

UCSD swashbucklers place second in combined standings

By BRYCE WARWICK
Staff Writer

Exceeding all expectations and asserting itself as a force to be reckoned with, the UCSD fencing team qualified four individuals to the National Collegiate Athletic Association national championships.

The team placed second overall in the men's and women's combined standings, right between traditional regional powers Air Force and Stanford.

The women were second overall and will send three fencers to the NCAA national championships in Madison, N.J., from March 21 through March 24. Of the three fencing weapons — foil, epee and sabre, the Triton women will be represented in two, with Raelyn Jacobson and Josephine Roberts going in the epee division and Keeley Vega competing in foil.

The men's team will send senior captain Andrew Anfora in the sabre division.

Anfora came to the sport only four years ago, but head coach Stuart Lee says it's good to see homegrown talent succeed.

"Andrew was the big surprise for me," Lee said. "He's really fenced well for me, and it has surprised everyone how he's grown as a fencer."

With a complicated qualification process that involves a combination of strength of schedule, placement at regionals and politics within the sport, even some Triton athletes who can make a strong case for qualifying did not make the cut.

Senior Wesley Bellanca won the men's foil division but his low initial seeding prevented him from qualifying for the national championships.

Christine Megowan placed third in the Epee division between two of her teammates but also fell short.

With the largest group of UCSD qualifiers ever and a strong group of nonqualifiers, Anfora notices that the Tritons are gaining recognition.

"We're starting to make waves at the regional level," he said. "In the four years I've been on the team, we've gone from being relatively a joke to a solid cohesive team."

Expectations vary while the Triton fencers head to New Jersey, but it's clear that they view this as an opportunity.

Vega said, "My only expectation is that it will be a great opportunity to fence some very strong fencers."

Indeed, like they have been all season, the Triton fencers will look to exceed expectations in New Jersey and put UCSD on the national fencing map.

Trip North a success for Dao and company

Women's tennis picks up two victories in the city by the bay

By COREY HOLMAN
Staff Writer

The UCSD women's tennis team continued its dominance on the West Coast with a successful road trip to San Francisco last weekend.

The Tritons opened their trip with a 4-3 victory over Division I University of San Francisco on Saturday afternoon.

Playing under the Division I scoring system, in which the three doubles matches count as only one point, the Tritons took the lead with doubles victories from the No. 1 team of Lyndsey Tadlock and Julie Westerman (8-6) and No. 3 team Jasmin Dao and Kristina Jansen (8-3).

Dao and Jansen improved to 9-0 on the season, the only undefeated Triton doubles pairing.

In singles action, Jansen, Westerman and Tadlock each remained undefeated on the season, picking up straight-set victories.

Dao, playing in the tough No. 1 singles spot, dropped her sixth match of the season but played even with USF's Gabriela Ruiz.

The next day, the Tritons headed across town to face California Collegiate Athletic Association foe San Francisco State. The Tritons dominated the much weaker Gators, picking up an easy 9-0 victory.

Jansen set the pace for UCSD, teaming up with Dao at No. 3 doubles for an 8-0 victory. Jansen then swept USF's Tiffany Leslie 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5 singles.

Those victories were the third time this season Jansen did not drop a game in both of her singles and double matches.

Mary Hung kept up with Jansen with a 6-0, 6-0 sweep at No. 4 singles. O-Neil (7-5, 6-1), Tadlock (6-1, 6-1) and Westerman (6-2, 6-0) each picked up relatively easy victories.

More importantly, however, Dao picked up her third singles victory of the season, defeating Amanda Wilson, the only player for SFSU with a winning record, 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 singles. Dao, the lone freshman who sees regular time, now has a record of 3-6 at No. 1 singles.

UCSD moved up to the eighth spot in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings, but recent losses by No. 6 Abilene Christian University and No. 7 Rollins College have given the Tritons the opportunity to move up when new rankings come out in two weeks.

The Tritons move to 10-0 on the season and lead the CCAA. Six of their wins have been over CCAA opponents.

UCSD returns to action against Beloit College March 9 at UCSD's North Courts at 10 a.m. The Division III Buccaneers feature All-Americans Julia Lebedeva and Tanya Kopylova.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9: Mission Bay: Women's crew vs. UCSB, 8 a.m.
March 9: North Courts: Women's Tennis vs. Beloit, 10 a.m.
March 9: Baseball Stadium: Baseball vs. Poly Pomona, noon.
March 9: Canyonview Pool: Water polo vs. UCSD Alumni, 11 a.m.
March 9: Canyonview Pool: Water polo vs. Pomona Pitzer, 1 p.m.
March 9: RIMAC: Men's volleyball vs. Cal State Northridge, 7 p.m.