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# 6th AIDS Walk draws largest crowd, almost 2,000



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Diverse crowd: Scouts join other marchers in the 6.2-mile walk yesterday.

By STEVE SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

A Boy Scout with a puppy on a leash. A grandma pushing a stroller. A clergyman with his family.

AIDS came face to face with the stuff of Norman Rockwell yesterday as nearly 2,000 people hiked the San Diego bayfront to combat a disease that plays no favorites.

"We were blind about it for so long. We thought AIDS only affected gays. Now I don't think anybody is safe," said 60-year-old Anna Bates of Chula Vista.

Perhaps it was Magic Johnson. Perhaps they lost a friend or a relative to the disease. Perhaps they feared their own mortality.

For whatever reason, the sixth annual San Diego AIDS Walk along Harbor Drive drew its largest, and perhaps most diverse, crowd ever, organizers said.

At times, it looked like Middle America on parade. There was Boy Scout Troop 980. There were folks like Tony Rodriquez, a former fry cook from Lemon Grove. Advised Rodriquez: "Practice safe sex. Always use a rubber."

Event director Garrett Dettling said the recent announcement that basketball star Magic Johnson is infected with the AIDS virus appears to have finally shaken the long-held perception that only gays or drug users are struck by the disease.

"It took AIDS and AIDS awareness out of one population and finally put it into the entire population," Dettling said.

Organizers hope to raise \$300,000 from the event, but it was too early yesterday to tell if they met the goal. "I'd like to think we did, but we may fall short of it," Dettling said.

The 6.2-mile walk wound from the County Administration Center on Pacific Highway to Harbor Island and back. Participants enlisted pledges for the morning event.

Leading the walk was 18-yearold Henry Nichols, a Cooperstown, N.Y., resident and Eagle Scout who has AIDS.

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# Walk: Close to 2,000 participate

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Nichols, a hemophiliac, picked up the AIDS virus during a blood transfusion in 1983, before blood supplies were carefully screened for the virus.

He disclosed his condition in March — and has been traveling the nation to battle ignorance over the disease ever since. Johnson has made his work easier, he figures.

"It's going to open a phenomenal number of eyes," Nichols said.

Still, he said he was angry about President Bush's admission, after the Johnson revelation, that the White House had perhaps not done enough to help fight AIDS.

More than 124,300 people, Nichols said, have died of AIDS in the U.S. "and it takes one basketball player for the president to realize this is a problem. So it was more than a little bit annoying."

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Word that Nichols would walk in yesterday's event attracted bands of fellow Boy Scouts, including 11-year-old Nick Silva of Bonita. "(The walk) is a great thing be-



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Walkers: Participants in yesterday's fundraiser walk along Harbor Drive.

cause you're helping people with AIDS," Silva said. "There should be more awareness about it."

Also joining the crowd was Maurice Luten, a nutritionist based in Southeast San Diego who wears a cape and Zorro-style mask and dubs himself "Captain Health."

Luten said ignorance about the disease is rife in pockets of Southeast San Diego, as in many other parts of the city. "There's a lot of confusion about it," he said.

"AIDS doesn't care if you're rich or poor, or black or white," he said.

Money raised from the event will be shared by the AIDS Foundation San Diego and the Center for Social Services, an agency specializing in mental health counseling. The center's clients include those with the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

Grants also will be provided to

groups that provide direct services to people with AIDS.

Last year's walk raised about \$155,000 and attracted about 1,400 people, according to organizers.

Last month, 49 cases of AIDS were reported in the county, bringing the number of cases diagnosed among county residents since 1981 to 2,947. Of those, 1,874 have died.

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# Universities escalate war on ingorance about AIDS UCSD peer educators stress the importance of safe sex

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Rodrigo Salas stood last week before a gaggle of college students, a foot soldier in the fight against a stealthy enemy.

In Room 2115 at the University of California at San Diego, Salas launched into the same spiel he has delivered in other classrooms. Some of the students shifted in their chairs.

AIDS is a killer, the message began. Not just of dope fiends or the promiscuous or some other group but of people like you, the run-of-the-mill college student.

Salas pointed to national statistics indicating that one in 500 college students has tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. "That's a real scary figure," he tells the group.

But is anybody listening?

In recent months, UCSD health educators have joined universities nationwide in redoubling AIDS education programs in light of concerns that their safe-sex message is not sinking in.

Despite years of workshops and other education efforts, some students still are oblivious to the risks of contracting the disease, said Christine Oakley, chairwoman of UCSD's HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Task Force.

"Our main goal is to break through that barrier of denial that exists with some students," Oakley said.

Margaret Nellis, an education coordinator with the American College Health Association, said, "Many of us are grappling with what we need to do to be more effective."

One possible answer was in Room 2115 on Friday, where Salas and a colleague led a presentation as part of a peer program now in its second year at UCSD.

Salas and fellow peer educator Grace Duenas spent an hour playing a video and leading a student discussion, preaching abstinence and safe sex practices.

The pair appeared in the regular Friday afternoon class, normally a Latin literature course, at the request of the professor. "Students are hearing about all this, not by somebody lecturing to them. They hear about it, hopefully, from somebody they can relate to," said the 22-year-old Salas.

Duenas, a 19-year-old sophomore, was inspired to become a peer educator after viewing an AIDS memorial quilt that was displayed at UCSD last year. The mammoth quilt includes panels donated by students from Columbia University and other major campuses. The quilt, Duenas recalled, "was really sad and touching, and it just made you feel like you had to do something."

UCSD has about a dozen volunteer AIDS education peers. They receive frequent training to keep them abreast of the latest statistics and AIDS research.

"We can only go where we are asked" by faculty, said Oakley. But, she added, "we've had a wonderful response to it."

Health educators say other segments of the population also harbor a sense of denial regarding the risk of AIDS, but college-age students pose a particular challenge.

Because many students are living away from home for the first time and are flush with a sense of freedom, they don't want to be reminded of their mortality, experts say.

"They don't perceive themselves to be vulnerable," Nellis said. When you're a college student, Salas said, "you don't want to have something stop the new freedoms that you've found after living at home for 18 years."

Several studies indicate that most college students are not practicing safe sex. One study this year by the University of Maryland found that only 48.5 percent of the heterosexual students questioned always or almost always used condoms during intercourse. Among gay students, the rate of condom use was 36.8 percent, the study found.

A 1990 study by the Centers for Disease Control and the

Baltimore-based American College Health Association found that about one in 500 undergraduates was infected with HIV, the AIDS-causing human immunodeficiency virus.

Nellis said such studies have caused universities to rethink AIDS education programs, which have been prevalent since the mid-1980s. Increasingly, campuses are turning to peer programs like the one at UCSD to bring home the message that HIV spreads as easily in dormitories and student apartments as it does off campus. "Peer programs are one direction that many of us have suggested," Nellis said.

For the first time, UCSD will host at least three major

public-awareness campaigns this year, including a week of campus events coinciding with the AIDS Walk San Diego on Nov. 15. Health educators also offer freshman orientation programs on sex and AIDS.

San Diego State University has embarked on at least two major AIDS initiatives, including a peer program that also visits classes in the San Diego Community College District.

In addition, the federal Centers for Disease Control has asked the Montezuma Mesa campus to help

craft an AIDS education strategy for universities.

Caption:
Getting the message across: Grace Duenas and Rodrigo
Salas wage an anti-AIDS war in a UCSD classroom. Universities are
stepping up efforts to stem the disease. (B-2)
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AIDS Awareness: County Steps Out to Show Support 4,000 of all walks hope for strides in record fund-raiser

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From 3-month-old Perry Shirzad to Milt Lewis, 81, a cultural and generational cross section of the county turned out yesterday for the region's largest AIDS fund-raising event -- AIDS Walk San Diego. Lewis, an Army veteran of World War II, drove alone from Encinitas to show support.

"Hey, we're spending all kinds of money on wars, but here's a disease that's wiping whole countries off the face of the earth," said Lewis, who composed and sang a song for the walkers as they crossed the finish line.

An estimated 4,000 people, double the number last year, showed up yesterday at the County Administration Building for the 6.2-mile AIDS Walk along San Diego Bay. Final figures were not available, but organizer Ted Seastrom estimated contributions at greater than \$200,000.

In 1986 when the event was established, the vast majority of the participants and supporters were gay white males who had watched dozens of friends die. But as several walk veterans noted yesterday, things have markedly changed.

Far more heterosexuals -- several wheeling baby carriages -- took part this year. Much more cultural and racial diversity than in previous years also was apparent.

"It's surprising, but many people here say they don't know anyone with AIDS -- they just came because they heard it was a good cause," said Kathy Stafford, an AIDS organization volunteer.

Baby Shirzad's parents, Missy Barley and Amir Shirzad of Hillcrest, said five of their friends have died of the disease. And as they crossed Pacific Highway to taunts from bystanders shouting, "Fags!" they knew the real story.

"We know this is not just a gay disease," Barley said.

Said the Rev. Nicholas Christiana of the AIDS Chaplaincy Program: "People are realizing now, after seven years, that it's a disease affecting people from all walks of life."

One who doesn't know anyone with AIDS, 20-year-old UCSD student Monie Yee, said she came because "of the stories about Magic Johnson and Ryan White (the Indiana youth who died almost six years after being infected with the AIDS virus through a blood product). . . . It's not just in the gay community."

Marsha Anderson, a nurse at the county's adolescent psychiatric hospital, brought her two children, Lamar, 16, and Donesha, 14, "because I want them to be aware about the risks of AIDS." Esther Figueroa, a mother who works at the Logan Heights Family Health Center, admitted that at first she was reluctant to come. "Some people in my Hispanic community say, 'Oh, AIDS -- that's bad. That's gays.' Even my parents and my kids say that," she said. "But being here is helping me learn that, hey, we'r e all human. It's OK to be different."

Many gay women also took part, such as Lisa Sholk, a lesbian who works in the Tri-City Hospital emergency room in Oceanside. She and friend Kim Turner, who works at a Hillcrest coffeehouse, have known many San Diegans who have died. Sholk collected \$345 from co-workers to donate to the cause.

But the walk also attracted many of those hit hardest by the disease. Todd Blaize, who has AIDS and attended the event in a wheelchair, said "just seeing all these people out here, that they care" made his attendance worth it. Blaize, who was diagnosed with AIDS four years ago, navigated the AIDS Walk course assisted by a friend. Another hard-hit walker was Frank VanTil, 44, who works in the county Department of Probation. He said he lost his companion, James Wright, to the disease in Septemb er and came to the walk in his memory. By soliciting donations among his co-workers, VanTil said, he raised \$180.

Martha Baron carried a banner embroidered with pictures of her son Chuck and daughter-in-law, Sarah, both drug users, and her grandson Johnny, who she said was infected at birth. All three have died of the disease.

Caption:

1. Upfront: Mayor Maureen O'Connor, in black shirt, walks just behind the lead banner carried by Joy Galloway and Scott Parker. 2. No weakling: Joni Strong takes a break from the 10-kilometer AIDS Walk on the rocks along Harbor Island Drive. The annual event, the sixth for what was once called Walk for Life, reflected a greater diversity this year. (B-2) 3. RAISING AIDS FUNDS, AWARENESS With the downtown skyline as a backdrop, participants in AIDS Walk San Diego head out along Harbor Island Drive yesterday. An estimated 4,000 people, double the number who took part in last year's walk, raised about \$200,000. (A-1:1,2) 4. STEPS AGAINST AIDS Some of the 4,000 people who participated yesterday in the 6.2-mile AIDS Walk San Diego stride along Harbor Island yesterday. (A-1:3) 1,2,3,4. Union-Tribune / CHARLES STARR 4 PICTURES

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# My View/Guest Column

# Extremists behind the effort to discriminate against gays

By Paul Harris Guest columnist

An open letter to the citizens of Colorado and any future Americans who try to rationalize discrimination against lesbians and

I am a resident of California and have visited your state on two occasions. I have found it to be a beautiful state with very friendly, caring residents who seemed to have a strong will to protect their environment.

You may think that it is none of my business, but I'm really hurt and feel ambivalent about ever visiting your state again after your vote on Amendment 2, the antigay initiative.

I wonder if you know what the consequences of your actions mean to me and many other law-abiding, taxpaying, patriotic Americans across our country who happen to love people of their own gender.

I wonder if you really know what the motives were of the people who pushed this initiative. I wonder if you really can claim to be loving, tolerant, caring Coloradans anymore.

My experience has been that the ultra-conservative fundamentalists have been behind almost every one of these hate initiatives in our country. They have effectively hidden their true agenda, which calls for deciding how each one of you will lead your own lives in areas of marriage, sex, religion, censorship, education, etc.

censorship, education, etc.

Many of them would have gay people imprisoned, or relegated only to jobs as hair stylists or even put to death. These are the same people who used to say that gays were all stereotypical, and that AIDS was strictly a gay disease.

Now that these so-called Christians have been proven wrong, I've yet to see a single one of them apologize for the lies which they have perpetrated.

Twenty years ago, many of these same fundamentalists kept saying to us, "Why can't you promiscuous gays just settle down and find a single partner? You are sick and will never get any respect from us unless you settle down."

Well, now that many lesbians and gay men have settled down with one life partner, the hypocritical fundamentalists still hate us, much less recognize our love as real and legitimate.

Many of them try to rationalize their own ignorance and bigotry by saying, "We love you, we just can't accept your sinful behavior."

Well, to those of you out there who have heard the news, after 300 years the Catholic Church finally has admitted it made a mistake by persecuting Galileo for professing that the world is not flat.

Back then, too, the church tried to rationalize this ludicrous belief and later tried to rationalize slavery, based on its reading of the Holy Scriptures.

As it was wrong then, and still has not paid for its sins, might it be wrong again on this issue?

To those who are conservatives, and claim to love our country, you'd better recognize that the Bill of Rights clearly calls for a separation of church and state. This was to protect the rights of all from being invaded by the religious beliefs of extremists.

I think the two areas that bother me most about this rationalization of hate is that the experience of many lesbians and gay men has been that those who have fought us the hardest to prevent us from attaining our equal rights have often been those who have had their own hangups about their own sexuality.

This self-hatred has been manifested in anti-gay violence and anti-gay laws. Be wary of the individual who condemns us so loudly. His psychological dysfunctions should not serve as excuses

for enacting intolerant public policy. He or she may be in a closet of their own.

The second aspect of this issue that disturbs me, but is never even challenged by you, the heterosexual majority, is the use by the fundamentalists of the terms "special privileges" or "favors."

I first heard these terms used in 1980 by fundamentalists in Davis, and it lives on unchallenged.

Have you ever examined the fact that you as a woman, Hispanic, Vietnam veteran, elderly person, disabled person or, ironically, as a believer in any religion, are protected against job discrimination and in housing based on these "special privileges"?

It is utterly outlandish that these religious zealots tell me it's OK for me to be fired from my job even if I'm an excellent employee simply because I am gay, yet they are protected from firing because they choose to follow a certain religion. Tell me who has the "special privilege."

No one chooses to be gay, anymore than someone chooses to be heterosexual. Hating religionists, quit telling me who I am, why I am what I am, or what I am like unless you are me!

Some of you mightier-than-thou folks seem to know more about what gay people are like than gay people themselves. Rational people ask the source directly when they want to find out about issues. Don't accept the word of religious extremists who have a great track record of hypocrisy, persecution, bigotry, and would still believe that the world is flat if not for the "queer" ideas of people like Galileo.

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LOS ANGFLES -- In an effort to meet students wishes to see more Asian-language classes offered at UCLA, the College of Letters & Sciences is currently allowing registered students to take and get credit for extension classes in elementary Vietnamese free of charge. Students who take the class can look forward to having the \$325 cost paid by the college. Student groups claim that a change in curriculum is necessary to meet and reflect the diverse student body at UCLA.

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By Sheryl Wolcott, Senior Staff Writer

OME WILL TELL YOU THAT IT ALL STARTED WITH LAST YEAR'S audits that resulted in an attempt by the administration to secure financial records by breaking into the General Store Co-op in the dead of night. Others may say it began in 1989, when lease renewal negotiations broke down over installing university locks on the co-ops' doors. Still others allege it has been going on since the co-ops set foot on the UCSD campus, 15 years ago.

It is no secret that the student co-ops and the UCSD administration historically have trouble seeing eye to eye.

"We're not asking for anything unreasonable at all," said the administration's lead negotiator, Director of Student Programs Lynne Peterson. "They're very forthright that they're political organizations, and they're political organizations before they're enterprises... it makes it more difficult."

"The co-ops have attempted to accommodate the administration. The administration hasn't moved at all," said co-op negotiator and Groundwork Books member Chloe Burke.

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finalize the ceding of oversight of the co-ops and the space they occupy in the Student Center to the A.S. and GSA, according to Fifth College representative Andrew Clark.

The current General Space Agreement gives the UCB control over the use and allocation of space in the Price Center and the Student Center.

"The power will be returned to the A.S. and GSA, where [I think] it belongs," Clark said.

According to UCB Chair Chris Burnett, the UCB would like to join the A.S. and GSA in the co-op oversight committee if an agreement is reached. Burnett cited the UCB's experience in dealing with the co-ops in the past as the reason he wanted them to be included.

The board did not vote on two competing versions of the General Space Agreement drafted by Burnett and University Center Director Jim Carruthers.

According to Clark, Carruthers' version directly contradicts the arguments in the board's complaint filed in Superior Court last November, which seeks to challenge the university's contention that the UCB is merely an advisory body and is subject to control of Vice Chancellor of Undergraduate Affairs Joe Watson.

Carruthers also reasserted the administra-See **UCB**. Page 6

# Harassment, Derogatory Fliers Directed at Gay Awareness Week

**CRIME:** Obscene phone call and anti-gay flyers mar the beginning of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual celebration

By Albert Grabaldi

Staff Writer

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness Week got off to a rocky start over the weekend with two separate cases of harassment.

On Saturday evening, a 30-minute obscene phone call was placed to the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association (LGBA) office. Recorded on the LGBA's answering machine, the phone call was reported to campus police.

"It was a half-hour phone call

full of obscenities and outrageous, vulgar comments," said LGBA Chair Michael Lambert. The call cast an early shadow on the early activities of Gay Awareness Week, which kicked off on Monday with a variety of workshops, seminars and guest speakers.

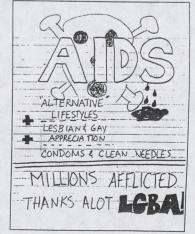
In another incident spawned by the commemoration week, a number of flyers were posted on campus degrading existing posters circulated by the LGBA. "There were at least 10 negative flyers spotted around campus; we have retrieved most of them and have sent them to campus police," Lambert said.

One of several versions of the flyer said "You know a homo? Well... I'm sorry!" Another flyer suggested that "alternative" lifestyles caused the AIDS epidemic.

The UCSD Police are reportedly investigating both the phone call and the flyers for possible violations of UCSD Student Conduct Codes and existing state laws.

According to UCSD Student Conduct Codes, "Fighting Words' are those personally abusive epi-

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One of the anti-gay flyers circulated around campus.



# LGBA: Awareness week marred by flyers and phone calls

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thets which... [are] likely to provoke a violent reaction whether or not they actually do so. Such words include, but are not limited to, those terms widely recognized to be derogatory references to race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability and other personal characteristics."

Students charged with violations of the conduct codes may be subject to suspension and criminal proceedings.

Ironically, the events preceded a seminar on hate crimes which took place Monday afternoon. About 20 people attended the seminar.

"Many times hate crimes are not reported because victims take some abuse as the norm when they choose a certain lifestyle," said Karen Marshall, administrative director of "The Center," a lesbian and gay men's community center.

As defined at the seminar, a hate crime includes any act, physical or verbal, instigated by hate, that threatens the safety of the victim.

"These crimes must be stopped, and the way to stop them is to report them immediately after they occur so that there will be official statistics to support the obvious growth of hate crimes," said Moksha Todd, coordinator of the center's Anti-Violence Project.

A number of information packets were distributed to the group demonstrating how to report a hate crime and the guidelines used by

police in their investigations of hate crimes.

Around UCSD, sentiment toward awareness week met with varied amounts of support.

"I see no problem with it. Everyone has the right to be whatever and do whatever they please and no one should be allowed to interfere with a peaceful celebration," said Warren College sophomore Steve Giadrone.

Not all sentiment was positive, however.

"Is their life led by choice, or is it biologically or psychologically dictated? I think that the homosexual community need[s] to form a consensus about this, which so far they haven't, before they can expect a positive recognition from society," said a Warren student who asked not to be identified.

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UCB: Burnett to represent board in co-op negotiations

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tion's opinion that the board has no right to retain independent legal council, and he warned the board members that they may be personally liable for the legal costs that they incur during the negotiations.

The board also debated approving a position statement prepared by GSA representative Steve Dubb in their Monday meeting but postponed voting on the proposition.

Also before the board is a proposition to publish this proposal in the *Guardian*.

"It's important to make a conscientious effort to keep the people

aware," Third College representative Erin Hemmings said of the proposal.

The statement outlines the board's argument with the administration over outside legal counsel that lead to the complaint filed in Superior Court last November.

However, some members of the board disagreed with the statement.

"Most of the positions [in the statement] are self-serving to the co-ops," Goodman said during a recess.

"I don't think the entire student body is getting a fair representation of the issue. For the most part, [the statement of position] is propaganda."

The board will debate the issue again and hopes to vote on the proposals next Monday.

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# **Gay Couple Lectures About Marriage**

**RIGHTS:** Denial of marriage sparks couple's quest for equal treatment

By Melissa Jacobs

Staff Writer

Guest speakers Craig Dean and Patrick Gill began UCSD's annual Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness Week with a talk on same-sex marriage.

After being denied a marriage license in November, 1990, because same-sex marriages are not specifically authorized in the Marriage Act or the Human Rights Act, Dean and Gill filed a lawsuit against the District of Columbia. Dean claimed in an article that "by refusing to give us the same legal recognition that is given to heterosexual couples, [the District] has degraded and devalued our relationship as well as that of every other gay and lesbian couple."

Currently, no state in the United States will legally recognize samesex marriage. According to the Equal Marriage Rights Fund, a legal defense fund formed on behalf of same-sex couples, it is possible for gay couples to have a wedding ceremony, but without any legal benefits. Among these benefits are the right of both spouses to be on each others' health, disability, life insurance and pension plans, to receive tax exemptions and deductions, to jointly own property and to be next-of-kin in the case of death, medical emergency or mental incapacity.

"We want 100 percent of the marriage rights," Dean said.



Jennifer Vann/Guardian

Patrick Gill (left) and Craig Dean lectured Tuesday about their struggle to gain a marriage license in the District of Columbia.

Dean claims that the District of Columbia has violated its genderneutral marriage law, as "nowhere does it state that marriage must consist of a man and a woman or that a married couple may not be of the same sex."

He also said that it violates the Human Rights Act because "it explicitly prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation." It is under this act that "every individual shall have an equal opportunity to participate in the economic, cultural and intellectual life of the District and to have an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of life," Dean said.

"Marriage is not about the procreation of children... it is about the creation of family. People talk about gay and lesbian couples as being non-traditional families, yet I was brought up in a family that promoted... the same values of love, respect [and] commitment," Dean said.

In another article, Dean wrote that 6.1 percent of American society is made up of gay and lesbian families with children, according to the American Bar Association.

"Some say that gay marriage is a threat to the family, yet the opposite is true. The lack of ability to marry is a threat to our families. Why should [these families] be denied the advantages and protections granted to other families?" Dean asked.

Since the original filing, the couple has faced numerous hearings and court appearances. A judge ruled against them in June of 1992, after which an appeal was filed.

They face a hearing sometime during this summer, and an actual decision is expected in 1994. Dean and Gill hope that their case, if won, will serve as a model for the rest of the United States.

Their case has received much

### A.S. MEETING NOTES

**Constitutional Convention By-laws** — The A.S. referred new regulations for an A.S. constitutional convention back to the Rules Committee. Once passed, the regulations set up guidelines for redesigning the A.S. constitution. Such a redesign will probably take place later this year.

**Third College Leadership Board** — Plans for the 1993 Third College Cultural Celebration were presented by Third College Chair Rubén Durán and Co-Chair Surafeal Asgedom. A request of \$8,000 for Culture Quest was requested. The day-long event will include a street fair with food and merchandise booths, a children's section with arts and crafts, story-telling and llama rides. Two stages will showcase musical and dancing talent from around the world and an art exhibit. A decison regarding allocation of funds will be discussed at a later meeting.

**The Koala** — Two artists are being considered for the contract for design and layout of the Koala logo. The council will see samples from both artists before selecting one for the graphic design job.

**Appointments** 

- David Kim as A.S. External Executive Lobby Director
- •Nick Endres as A.S. External Local Area Lobby Director

- Compiled by Ritu Saxena, Staff Writer

national publicity, resulting in radio broadcasts, newspaper articles and television appearances.

"It was a coming-out process to America at large," Gill said. Dean added that they have encountered serious incidences of discrimination, which in turn gave them the motivation to stand up for what they believed in.

"We saw no honorable alternative but to pursue it... because if we didn't, we would be agreeing... with some dysfunctional notion of our society that somehow gay and lesbian relationships don't deserve the same protections or are less valuable than straight relationships. We had to at least try," he said.

Dean added that fundamentally, it has been a battle for rights. "The issue is truly a civil rights issue... they don't have to change the law as it already stands. All they have to do is honor it.

"We may be different in the way of whom we love, but we are not different as humans."

### **ERRATUM**

In the Jan. 19 edition of the *Guardian*, in the article entitled "Students Protest Budget Cuts," Muir College student Nick Endres was incorrectly identified.

Journal, which lambasted Daily Cal Editor in Chief Virginia Matzek for desecrating the spirit of the First Amendment.

Responding to this rhetorical crucifixion, Matzek wrote in the Dec. 2 edition of the Cal: "If you're a typical Daily Cal reader, you're probably pro-choice, and you're definitely savvy enough to recognize an outright attempt to mislead you."

But, she neglected to add, apparently not savvy enough to recognize a paid advertisement when they see one, nor diverse enough to cherish any opinion other than that of the pro-choice crowd.

In her defense, one of the reasons stated for rejecting the ad was because it looked too much like actual newspaper copy. Fair enough. Why not then simply stipulate, as most newspapers do, that the ad bear a "paid advertisement" label at the top of each page?

I suspect the real reason for not running the Student's for Life insert has something to with what Matzek says after she makes her too-close-to-the-real-thing argument. "It didn't help much that this ad was full of what — in my opinion — were questionable statistics and graphic, alarmist text and photos," she writes. Opinion belongs in the opinion pages, where there is a desperate need for such novelty points of view.

The moral of this story? In Berkeley, even paid speech isn't free.

# **Guardian Writers' Meeting**

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Will Rogers' prophecy that Americans would "drive to the poorhouse in an automobile."

Last fall I looked out my window east of UCSD and watched bulldozers turning huge tracts of canyon land into a parking lot. I walked east and saw hills, once covered with desert vegetation, now being paved over for industrial sites where the parking lots took up 10 times as much space as the buildings.

do continue to drive, in the long run, are going to have to be powered by other means: ethanol, solar energy, etc. Otherwise a thousand Kuwaits await us.

Gore envisions the creation of more costefficient "information superhighways." Information superhighways, Gore writes, "would link supercomputers, work stations and 'digital libraries' to create 'co-laboratories' and taxes as good energy conservation policy, not an ideological bone to pick.

Thinking that we can pave the planet with freeways and parking lots is the really bizarre stuff. In a world of over five billion people, we can no longer let them get away with murder. Better to pave the world with "information superhighways" and leave some space for our children to grow in.

### ATHEIST SHOULD THINK BEFORE NEXT CONFESSION

#### Editor:

This letter is in response Damen Scranton's commentary ("Confessions of an Atheist," Jan. 21). I would like to take this opportunity to remind Scranton that it was not the Christians who initiated this dialogue. It began with an article by a contributing writer who declared that the Bible did not specifically oppose the practice of homosexual intercourse.

The articles that were written subsequently were, in fact, intended to show the writers, by quoting the Bible specifically, that the Bible does, in fact, specifically condemn this practice. It was only after these Christians' responses that the dialogue ensued.

Clearly, the Christians who responded to the initial article were acting to correct an error in the conclusion of the author's article and not trying to capriciously attack an innocuous group of individuals in print.

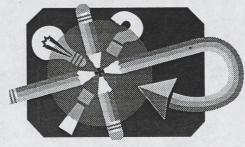
In fact, many people seem to have taken this opportunity to propagate the culture of victimhood by pointing an accusing finger at those individuals who responded in an attempt to clear up a misconception.

I, like most Christians I know, have no intention of going into someone's bedroom to check what they are doing. However, when organizations like the Boy Scouts are having certain groups trying to ram their agendas down their throats (no pun intended), we have to question whose rights are being taken away.

Richard Marymee

#### **Editor:**

I could write a long letter concerning Damen Scranton's commentary except that it doesn't merit a long response.



# FORUM FORUM

The Guardian welcomes letters from its readers. All letters must be no longer than three pages, typed, double-spaced and signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and clarity. Send all letters to:

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It would seem that his only knowledge of religion derives from media images, historical generalities and his own unhealthy experience in the Catholic church. By parroting concepts that sounded very new and rebellious 30 years ago and by harping on typical worn-out stereotypes of religious believers, he succeeds in becoming a stereotype himself.

For a person who is idyllically without "feelings of hatred or resentment toward anyone in this entire world," he is surprisingly unhesitant to insult and make light of anyone whose beliefs deviate from his own. I am confused as to how making abstract references to Catholics as "a people who have been at the root of so much conflict and bloodshed throughout the years," and using phrases such as "those damned Hindus" and "those pesky

Jews" can be perceived as not hateful.

I am also unclear as to how he can consciously make the statements, "religion seems to represent the bottom line when it comes to a person's being," and "[Religion] is a source of strength and... belief that transcends time, space and thought. Religion is truly an intricate part of life," and simultaneously blurt that, "religion is a crock."

Scranton generously admits the value of a human being's right to life. What remains in question is a human being's right to believe in anything that Scranton does not agree with. "Those who feel," he states, "that... they have a right to devalue the lives of other human beings by berating them, condemning them or even resenting them need to sit down and think about it for a moment."

As for the *Guardian* itself, this is the last time I will deign to peruse its pages. I would question any newspaper which considers the statement "a big pile o' dog doodoo" a valid form of criticism.

John Sweeney

#### Editor:

Damen Scranton has misinformed many people on the subject of atheism. Atheism is not the lack of a religion; it is the belief that there is no God.

I suspect he is not a real atheist. He did use the phrase "God almighty," but did not give any evidence to support the opinion that God does not exist. People who believe in God are religious, people who don't are atheist, people who aren't sure are agnostic, but Scranton appears to be one of the people who don't care.

David Wasserman

### **Elsewhere**

### Pugno Retains Seat Despite Recall

DAVIS - Receiving more than 72.5 percent of the vote in UC Davis' A.S. special election one week ago, **Executive Councilmember** Andy Pugno will retain his seat despite efforts to recall him. According to ASUCD Elections Committee Chairperson Erin Braddock, the voter turnout was surprisingly high, even with the bad weather prohibiting. Pugno said so many students braved the rain to vote because they felt strongly about the issues. Pugno was accused by various campus groups of racial and sexual discrimination as well as extreme political views with respect to his responsibilities in office.

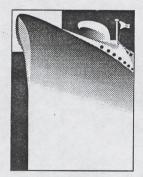
### Plan Seeks Answer To Parking Problem

SANTA BARBARA — When UCSB's Long Range Development Plan construction projects are finished early next century, the campus will be about 2.900 parking spaces short of its needs, according to the new Campus Parking and Transportation report. Offering several options to ease the parking crunch the university parking report includes bolstering the university vanpool system, construction of parking garages and creating satellite parking at the campus perimeter.

### New Registration By Phone To Start

DAVIS — Beginning fall quarter 1993, UC Davis will shift from the present registration process used for the last 13 years to a new computer automated system called RSVP (Register Students Via Phone) Very similiar to UCSD's T-reg, course request forms would become obsolete, and what used to take four weeks to organize will take thirty seconds to complete. UCD is one of the last UC campuses to implement the system.

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**SPECTACLE:** Four UCSD students took their classes on the high seas.

**SPORTS:** UCSD women's swimming team upset Div. III dynasty, Kenyon.

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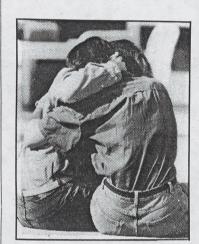
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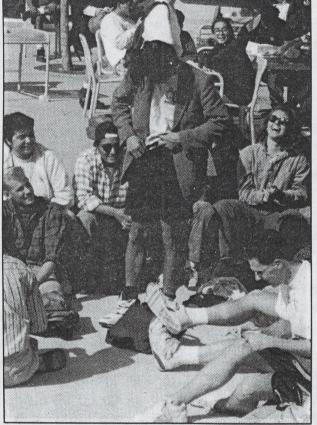
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# RALLYING EXPERIENCES

One hundred students turned out to protest against hate crimes and homophobia on Friday to mark the end of Lesbian, Gay Bisexual Awareness Week.



A woman consoles her friend after she made an emotional presentation at the rally.



hotos by Jason Ritch

Muir Junior Siamak Malek checks his pants after standing next to several gays, lesbians and bi-sexuals, completing his "scientific experiment" to prove that there is no "logical" reason to be homophobic.

# WRC Explains Their Dissolution

**ORGANIZATION:** Women's Center emphasizes that services will remain without political collective

By Gaye Johnson Staff Writer and Sheryl Wolcott

Senior Staff Writer

Members of the Women's Resource Center (WRC) broke their silence Saturday regarding the organization's dissolution, emphasizing that only the political collective of the WRC dissolved. The student organization, which provides services such as peer-counseling and informational resources will remain.

The decision to go public followed what individuals within the former collective said they considered to be a general anxiety after the announcement of the dissolution. Many women

of the collective said they felt that the distinction between the two portions of the center was not made clear, and consequently that many students were under the impression that the services provided to women had been discontinued.

Several members of the dissolved collective stressed that the group's breakup was not a "violent schism."

According to WRC members, the dissolution stemmed from a WRC retreat Jan. 16 and 17, which was to focus upon issues of white women's privilege, women's sexuality and spirituality. The retreat also spent time training WRC volunteers. However, the program ran behing schedule, limiting the time allotted to the discussion of white women's privilege, individuals within the organization said.

The women of color said that they felt that the See **WRC**, Page 3

# Co-ops Avoid Eviction with Agreement

**CRISIS:** Co-ops, administration agree to Memorandum of Understanding before deadline

By Eric Schmidt

Senior Staff Writer

The UCSD student cooperatives have reached an eleventh hour agreement with the administration, just before a Jan. 31 deadline would have shut the co-ops down.

The agreement follows almost two years of intense negotiations. At a Saturday meeting, co-op members and administrators ironed out 20 points of contention which had hindered a tentative agreement reached early this month.

The negotiations centered on points in a "Memorandum of Understanding" which University Counsel Joanna Beam found unnacceptable.

Under the agreement, the co-ops will be considered as a new form of student organization overseen by the Associated Students and Graduate Student Association.

The co-ops will be granted leases by the University Center Board (UCB).

University Center Director Jim Carruthers, who attended most of Saturday's meeting, said "I thought it looked positive. There were some little things to be straightened out, but nothing substantive."

Now that the points of contention have been worked out, the agreement will be handed to co-op and administration lawyers for approval, according to Food Co-op members Patrick Kaliski and Joe Schear. After review, co-op members will meet to sign the document.

Schear said the administration agreed to vouch for the co-ops as non-profit organizations before the Internal Revenue Service. Although the co-ops will wait six-months for word on their tax-exempt status, they will remain non-profit entities, Schear said.

The co-ops had been untaxed student organizations before the crisis of co-op status last year. The new agreement will shift the co-ops out of the university umbrella, Schear said.

### Berkeley Professor Criticizes UC Administrative Expenses

By Dan Krauss

Senior Staff Writer

An independent investigation of the UC budget has concluded that the university spends an excessive amount of money on administration.

UC Berkeley Physics Professor Emeritus Charles Schwartz, who has been a long outspoken activist and critic of the university, estimates in his study that of the \$523,508,000 spent on administration, roughly half is "excess fat that can be trimmed." A cut of this size would "completely cover UC's present budget deficit," he said.

Schwartz, who has released two reports regarding his inspection of

the UC budget, attempted to tackle the question, "Has there been a long-term growth in the size and cost of UC's administration which exceeds the real needs of the university—its faculty and students— and therefore presents us with a bloated bureaucracy that ought promptly to be trimmed?"

Schwartz approached the question by analyzing data concerning the number of employees in the UC system over the last 25 years, which allowed him to avoid the difficulties of adjusting for inflation.

According to Schwartz's figures, the rate of growth in general administration employees is double that of

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97% Gen. Admin.

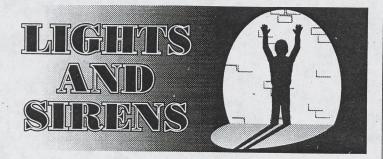
Students

Source: UCB Professor Charles Schwartz

### **UC Growth**

The university administration has grown much faster than the student population over the last 25 years, according to UC Berkeley Physics professor Charles Schwartz. The figures represent the growth of each group since 1968.

René Bruckner/Guardian



#### Friday, Jan. 22:

**4:15** p.m.: A student reported the theft of a wallet from the Main Gym. *Loss:* \$45.

**4:35 p.m.:** A 23-year-old non-affiliate was arrested for petty theft of library materials at the Central Library. She was cited and released.

**11:58** p.m.: A female student reported receiving an obscene phone call at Fifth Dorms.

#### Saturday, Jan. 23:

**12:31** p.m.: A female student reported receiving an obscene phone call at Third Dorms.

**11:30 p.m.:** An employee reported the theft of a 1988 Toyota pickup from Lot 305. *Loss:* \$5,500.

#### Sunday, Jan. 24:

**1:25** a.m.: Officers report concerning an unfounded call of a suicide attempt at Tenaya Hall.

### Monday, Jan. 25:

12:05 a.m.: A student reported the theft of a 1979 Toyota Celica from lot 208. Loss: \$1,000.

12:15 p.m.: An officer report concerning harassment of a student on campus.

**12:34 p.m.:** A student fainted at the Sunshine Store due to unknown cause. Taken to Scripps Memorial Hospital.

**9:00 p.m.:** A student reported receiving an obscene phone call at Tioga Hall. **11:55 p.m.:** A student reported the theft of a 1987 Nissan Sentra from Lot 208. *Loss:* \$3,000.

### Tuesday, Jan. 26:

**8:36 p.m.:** A student complained of dizziness at the Cancer Center and was transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital.

### Wednesday, Jan. 27:

**10:00** a.m.: A student fell and injured an ankle at the Recreation Gym. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital.

**3:50 p.m.:** A staff member injured their left ankle, right knee and hip on the sidewalk east of Lot 306. Taken to Internal Medical Group Urgent Care.

**5:45 p.m.:** A staff member reported the theft of a 1990 Jeep Cherokee from Lot 608. *Loss:* \$13,000.

**6:30 p.m.:** A faculty member reported the burglary of a 1981 VW Rabbit from Lot 608. *Loss: None.* 

**8:00 p.m.:** A student reported the theft of a 1989 Toyota 4-Runner from Lot 305. Loss: \$10,000.

### Thursday, Jan. 28:

**10:10** a.m.: A student reported the theft of a calculator from Galbraith Hall. Loss: \$400.

12:38 p.m.: A 45-year-old female non-affiliate was arrested for outstanding warrants for 4 counts of petty theft at Gilman and Myers. Taken to San Diego

# WRC: Political collective of Women's center dissolved

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issues important to them were being overlooked.

The first indication of the dissolution appeared Friday, Jan. 22 when a sign was posted on the door of the WRC, stating, "The WRC dissolved Thursday night."

Suzanne Scarboro, who wrote the sign, said, "I knew it was supposed to say 'political collective," and I just forgot."

Members of the former political collective said they hope to form a new collective based on the active participation of women of all backgrounds.

Betty Hai said that she, like many of the other women of color in the collective, "took time out to go to this retreat because I wanted to educate white women." However, she said, "I felt very frustrated... people were saying 'why is it called white privilege?' We wanted to talk about women of color, not how uncomfortable white women felt with that label."

Debi James, a white woman who was at the retreat, agreed.

"A lot of people didn't have the understanding that this was really a time to challenge yourself," James said. "People in general showed a lack of commitment to discussing [white women's privilege]."

The discussion ended when members of color walked out of the forum.

Many members of the former collective said the remaining white women agreed that without the full

membership, the WRC political collective could no longer exist.

Seunghee Cha was one of the women who walked out of the discussion at the retreat.

"Speaking for myself, this was no longer a safe place," she said. "I realize that I can only be a woman in the WRC when I shove my color to the side. When you bring all women together, you have to deal with all of the issues. I was born Korean and a woman at the same time, and the collective just wasn't a safe place for me to explore my identity."

Other women of color who were involved with the former collective said that they felt that the WRC had historically failed to adequately address issues of race.

Hai said she noticed that other campus feminist groups for women of color do not associate with the WRC.

"I felt that the women in WRC thought they were doing us a favor by listening to our problems," she said.

"The WRC started out for whatever reason as a white women's group," Leng Loh said. "There is a psychological phenomenon when you walk into a room full of white faces and you don't see yourself there."

The individuals of the former collective emphasized that not all women involved were at the same place in terms of awareness.

"There is a wide continuum of awareness among the white women," Shannon Turner said.

"We're all women and all discriminated against," Lisette Lahana said.

"But I didn't realize that this notion of 'all women' is basically

constructed around white women," she said.

"I think it was a crashing realization on some people," she added.

Both women of color and white women who had been involved with the WRC said they were optimistic about building a new group.

"The problem is that we have a racist history," James said.

"The pain was there. What's going on now is an acknowledgement of what's going on all over campus," she added.

Cha added, "I hope that people don't point fingers at the WRC," and said she hoped the WRC is setting an example for other campus groups to encourage discussions of racism.

James also addressed the absence of university funding for a campus women's center.

"We wouldn't have to worry about all the anxiety over the services not being provided [following the WRC's dissolution] if we had a fully-funded women's center," she said.

Members of the former organization said that the future of the collective will be the focus of discussions already planned.

The women interviewed said that they didn't view the dissolution as a drawback, but rather as an "empowering move that has been taken for internal reasons, and will only strengthen the purpose and legitimacy the organization has on campus," as stated in a Jan. 27 memo addressed to concerned university members.

A discussion group of women addressing white privilege is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oasis Annex.