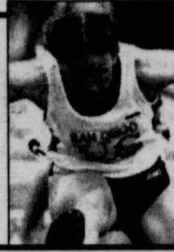




Source of Success

Four students and long-time friends are successfully exploiting the Internet community with their own million dollar source code search engine

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Running to Victory

The track and field team had great success this weekend as the women came in first and the men third during the UC San Diego Collegiate Invitational

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Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague Gains New Momentum

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Confounding the many critics who long called the international tribunal here a mere fig leaf for Western shame, the court dealing with Yugoslav war crimes has just completed an extraordinary month.

It has opened the first U.N. trial ever to focus exclusively on sexual violence against women, including gang rape and the use of women as sexual slaves as part of a war strategy.

It has begun the trial of one of the top generals alleged to be responsible for the carnage in 1995

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National

Nineteen Marines Die in Crash of Aircraft Plagued by Troubles

WASHINGTON — A Marine Corps aircraft in the final stages of its introduction crashed in Arizona on Saturday night, killing all 19 Marines on board and renewing questions about its safety.

The MV-22 Osprey plunged from the sky and exploded at a small regional airport in Marana, Ariz., 15 miles northwest of Tucson, as it was preparing to land, said a Marine spokesman, Capt. Rob Winchester. The Osprey is a technology hybrid with rotors that swivel so that it

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Collegiate

Group Claims It Set University of Iowa Laboratory on Fire

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The group that has recently targeted University of Iowa minority dental students claimed responsibility for intentionally setting a Thursday morning fire in a Dental Science Building laboratory, University of Iowa officials said.

A dental student received an e-mail in which the group said it caused the fire, said Ann Rhodes, University of Iowa vice president for university relations.

The e-mail was under inves-

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Spoken

"With the changing demographics of our society, we can't help the 'mixing of the races.'"

— J.D. Hokoyama
President of L.E.A.P.
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German Scholar Addresses Armenian Genocide

Hilmar Kaiser, from the European University Institute in Florence, presented new evidence of crimes

By REBECCA WOOD
Staff Writer

German scholar Hilmar Kaiser introduced for the first-time archival evidence of Shukru Kaya's involvement in the Armenian genocide at UCSD's Institute of the Americas auditorium on April 5.

During April 1915, in what is now the Republic of Turkey, 1.5 million Armenians were massacred in the Armenian genocide.

Kaiser, a professor at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, explained how the Armenian deportation, to concen-

tration camps was planned and led by Kaya, director of the settlement of immigrants.

"Kaya was an expert on social engineering and movement of populations," Kaiser said. "Kaya's role was similar to Eichmann's in the Holocaust."

He said there are campaigns underway to deny that the Armenian genocide happened.

As in the United States, "freedom of speech includes denial," Kaiser said.

He explained that economic motivations are behind the denial.

Kaiser also said the Holocaust, although it did not occur until

years later, "served as the most important singular concept of genocide."

Kaiser also said that only about 5 percent of the work needed to uncover the atrocities of the Armenian genocide was actually done.

In his lecture, Kaiser also explained the mechanics of the crimes and attempted to clarify ideological explanation of the genocide.

"It wasn't the threat of the Islamic religion that motivated the Turks," he said.

Kaiser said he grew up in an ethnically diverse, Turkish neigh-

borhood in Germany and witnessed his community's denial of the genocide, which was a motivation for his work.

Kaiser did extensive archival research and is a specialist on the Armenian genocide and Ottoman-German relations. He has also written numerous pieces on the topic of the Armenian genocide.

The lecture was hosted by the departments of history and sociology and the Armenian Student Association. There will be an annual international commemoration of the Armenian genocide April 24.

Asian Pacific Islander Group Leaps to UCSD

Concluding a 12-city tour, L.E.A.P. brought a race relations discussion to campus

By ALEX J. LEE
Staff Writer

UCSD hosted a roundtable discussion titled "The State of Asian Pacific America: Transforming Race Relations" last Wednesday in the Price Center.

The discussion featured Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, an Asian Pacific American organization, also known as L.E.A.P.

San Diego marked the final destination for L.E.A.P.'s 12-city U.S. tour, which began in Washington, D.C. at a national press conference and later included cities such as New York, Boston, Miami and Chicago. It was the second time UCSD has hosted the event.

The panel of speakers at the roundtable discussion included J.D. Hokoyama, president of L.E.A.P.; Edward J.W. Park, director of the Asian Pacific American Studies Program at Loyola Marymount University; Yen Le Espiritu, professor of ethnic studies at UCSD; and Leland Saito, associate professor of ethnic studies department at UCSD.

A series of four topics were addressed by each of the speakers. First, the speakers introduced the audience to the Asian Pacific American challenge to race relations. Second, there was a segment on racial identities, classifications and the 2000 census. Third, the speakers discussed racial interactions and hate crimes. Finally, there was a segment on national race policies and Affirmative Action. Finally, new possibilities and multiracial collaborations and coalitions were discussed.

Hokoyama began the roundtable agenda with an introduction to the present state of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. He referred to such recent incidents such as Sen. John McCain's reference to Vietnamese Americans as "gooks," citing it as a chilling reminder of the continued rele-

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Fire:

University said incident is still under investigation

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tigation by University of Iowa Public Safety, she said. Rhodes said she did not know whether the student who received the e-mail was a member of a minority group or if the e-mail was threatening in tone.

The fire broke out just before 10 a.m., when a lab coat apparently was ignited by a Bunsen burner, said Steve Parrott, the director of university relations.

The fire was put out by a dental student who used a fire extinguisher, and nobody was injured, Parrott said. The Iowa City Fire Department responded to an alarm, but the fire had already been put out by the time firefighters got there, he said.

The group claiming responsibility for the fire goes by four names — Minority (sic), Minoritygetout, the Committee of Minority Flight and Minorityout — none of which investigators have found to be recognized hate groups.

University of Iowa officials said the incident was under investigation and were not releasing any additional information on the matter Thursday evening. They also would not speculate whether the incident was the responsibility of someone within the College of Dentistry.

— The Daily Iowan

Colleges Encouraged to Regulate Corporations Providing Apparel

LOS ANGELES — While students on the East Coast are voicing their dissent of sweatshops through protests and sit-ins, UCLA will host a Students Against Sweatshops conference this Saturday.

The purpose of the statewide conference is to urge universities to join the Workers Rights Consortium, a group of universities aligned to monitor what goes on at factories where college apparel and goods come from, said Arlen Benjamin-Gomez, the organizer of Students Against Sweatshops at UCLA.

Although many students on the East Coast are staging protests to get their universities to join the WRC, UCLA has already established a code of conduct regarding sweatshops. Conditions in factories that produce UCLA clothing are monitored by Business for Social Responsibility, a consortium led by Harvard University, according to UCLA's code of conduct for licensees.

Founded a year ago, the WRC joined another organization, the Fair Labor Association, in trying to curb sweatshop behavior. Since it was founded, universities such as Brown University, the University of New Orleans and Oberlin College have joined.

— Daily Bruin

Death of University of Georgia Student Linked to Hazing

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — University of Georgia officials said the death of Georgia sophomore Benjamin Folsom Grantham III in a traffic accident last week was related to a fraternity hazing incident.

Grantham, an Alpha Tau Omega pledge, was riding in the cargo area of a sports utility vehicle driven by a fellow fraternity member when the vehicle flipped over and hit a tree.

Four other ATO pledges who also were in the car survived the crash.

An autopsy has shown Grantham was handcuffed at the time of the crash and may have been blindfolded as well.

Two other passengers were hospitalized.

No charges have been made yet regarding the incident.

— Cavalier Daily

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8 PM DINNER: FRANKS & BEANS, HARP ROLLS
9 PM LECTURE: "WIMP NO MORE!"
10 PM OPEN MIKE POETRY YELLING
12 AM LIGHTS OUT (SNOORING IS ENCOURAGED)

SATURDAY

- 7 AM BREAKFAST: GOLD CEREAL, DRY-OLD BROWN RUFFING
8 AM SEMINAR: "THE JOY OF POUNDING NAILS"
LECTURE: "HOW TO SWAP YOUR FINGERS LIKE MELTONE"
11 AM STRUTTING AROUND
NOON LUNCH: MYSTERY SURPRISE
1:30 PM GUEST POUNDING
2:30 PM FLOUDA SWIFTING
3:30 PM LEAPFROGGIN'
DINNER: LEFTOVER MYSTERY SURPRISE
8 PM FILM: "KING KONG/THE INCREDIBLE MEL LIMPET"

SUNDAY

- 1 AM ONJIA BOARD SEANCE: JOSEPH CAMPBELL SPEAKS FROM BEHIND THE GEARIE
6 AM SQUIRRELS SEA CHAIRTY SING-ALONG: "RANBY MATEY" "DREAM TO BE A SEASO" "49 BOTTLES OF LEGS ON THE WALL" "MORE BREAKFAST: BANAN
9 AM RUNNING NARSED THROUGH THE LINDSEY
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NOON LUNCH: "BEEP JERRY ON FIRE
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Federico Capasso, respected worldwide for his innovative research on man-made semiconductor materials and inventor of the quantum cascade laser, will give a free public lecture titled "Bits and Quanta: The Impact of Quantum Physics and Technology on the Information Age" at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Center for Magnetic and Recording Research auditorium at UCSD. The public is also invited to attend a reception preceding the lecture at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Sylvia Flores at 534-6221.

Students Called to Submit Research for Publication

Students interested in having their research published can submit it to the U.S. Grants office for publication in the UCSD Journal of Undergraduate Research. Papers should be brought to the third floor of the Price Center, room 3.346. Students must be undergraduates and the deadline for submissions is Friday, May 5.

Programs Abroad Office to Host Information Sessions

The programs abroad office will host several events during the coming weeks for students interested in studying abroad.

For students interested in studying in Latin America will be held Tuesday from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the International Center Conference Room.

For students interested in studying in South Africa, an information session will be held on Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the International Center Lounge.

A session for students interested in studying in Australia or New Zealand will be held Wednesday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the International Conference Center.

For students interested in the Semester at Sea study program, an information session will be held Tuesday, April 18 in the International Center Conference Room.

Committee for World Democracy to Show Film

The Committee for World Democracy will present a viewing of the film, "Serpico" in Solis Hall, room 104 on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Al Pacino stars in this adaptation of Peter Maas' book about Frank Serpico, a New York police officer who exposed corruption within the Police Department.

Cesar Sanchez, from the Coalition Pro-Derechos de la Raza, San Diego, will speak at the event. For more information, send an e-mail cwsd@ucsd.edu

Quincy Troupe to Appear at Bookstore for Book Signing

UCSD professor and author Quincy Troupe will appear at the UCSD Bookstore Wednesday at 5 p.m. on the first floor. He will speak and sign copies of his books.

This event will feature his most recently published book "Miles and Me," a candid account of Troupe's friendship with jazz musician Miles Davis.

For more information, call 534-3149.

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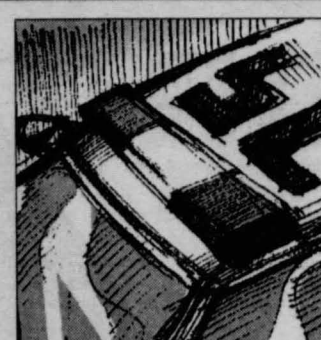
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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Lights & Sirens is a selection of entries compiled from the log book of the UCSD Police Department. UCSD crime statistics can be obtained by all persons from the Police Department or at http://www.vcba.ucsd.edu/police



Sunday, April 2 5:00 p.m.: A staff member reported a burglary to a red '84 Toyota pickup in Lot 007. Loss: \$319.

Monday, April 3 5:43 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a backpack from the first floor of the UCSD bookstore. Loss: \$139.

6:10 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a silver Raleigh M30 bike from the northwest corner of Tioga Hall. Loss: \$280.

Tuesday, April 4 12:06 a.m.: A student reported the theft of vehicle parts in Lot 415. Loss: \$150.

6:10 a.m.: Officers impounded a maroon '89 Ford van from Gilman Drive for registration expired over

six months. Stored at Star Towing. 9:55 a.m.: A 52-year-old female nonaffiliate suffered a twisted ankle after tripping over an umbrella stand at Club Med. Victim sought private treatment.

12:15 p.m.: Officers arrested a 51-year-old faculty member at the UCSD bookstore for petty theft. Cited and released.

1:44 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a white '92 Plymouth Voyager from Lot 702. Loss: \$10,000.

4:00 p.m.: A student reported vandalism to a blue '00 BMW 323i in Lot 701. Damage: \$2,000.

Wednesday, April 5 8:45 a.m.: A nonaffiliate reported the theft of a cellular phone from Pryatel Field. Loss: \$200. 10:16 a.m.: Units and paramedics responded to a 34-year-old staff member having difficulty breathing at the UCSD bookstore. Victim sought private treatment.

Thursday, April 6 10:08 a.m.: A staff member reported vandalism to a window at Sverdrop Hall. Loss: \$300.

3:45 p.m.: Officers arrested a 25-year-old female student in Lot 503 for misuse of a disabled placard. Cited and released.

10:23 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a black Trek 7000 B18 bike from the bike racks on the south side of Hubbs Hall. Loss: \$400.

Saturday, April 8 4:47 p.m.: A student reported indecent exposure in Lot 201.

— Compiled by Vincent Gragnani News Editor

L.E.A.P.:

Asian Pacific Islander population grows rapidly

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vance of race in America.

He added that since 1960, the Asian Pacific Islander population has doubled each decade. In 1998, there were approximately 10.5 million Asian Pacific Islanders in the United States. By the year 2020, a population of 20 million Asian

Pacific Islanders is projected. Hokoyama argued that this significant growth means that Asian Pacific Islanders should no longer be ignored in policy debates.

"Unfortunately, the extremely high number of Asian Pacific Islanders in higher education hasn't translated into higher positions in the private and public sector," Hokoyama said. "In other words, we're not there where the power is and I think that's where we need to focus our efforts on."

Hokoyama said diversity is here

to stay, and that as racial demographics shift, society will continue to redefine how different races interact.

"With the changing demographics of our society, we can't help the 'mixing of the races.' It has tremendous implications in terms of coming together."

Park and Saito followed with segments addressing the need for transforming race relations in the United States in response to the

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SOURCE FOR SUCCESS

Four students from UCSD and Cal Poly create mohomine, an Internet company, which may be UCSD's next Qualcomm or MP3.com

Last summer, with two makeshift computers, a large sack of white rice and one solid idea, four friends set out to change the world of computer programming. Nine months later, their company, mohomine, has received over \$1 million in funding and controls one of most powerful search engines on the Internet.

On a whim, the four computer science majors, three from UCSD and one from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, took a chance and decided not to take the internships they had lined up. Instead, they pooled their resources and began programming. "We really thought the idea was solid. We thought it was solid from a technical standpoint and we thought it was solid from the perspective of 'Hey, this could be a real business,'" said Sameer Samat, chief technical officer and co-founder of mohomine. "We took whatever money we had in the bank and bought whatever equipment we could at the time, which wasn't a whole lot, and started building this thing."

By Aug. 1 of last year, the entrepreneurs had successfully created and launched www.sourcebank.com, a search engine designed to help software developers track down reusable source code — instructions written for a computer program in a particular programming language — and research papers on any given subject.

According to Sourcebank's Web site, it is a vertical portal run by mohomine's customized search technology (mohoEngine™) that "relies on a set of 'spiders' and 'harvesters' to spider-targeted portions of the Net."

Unlike typical search engines, mohoEngine™ has "spiders" and harvesters that preserve the properties inherent to the resources they gather. This means that Java source files are not handled the same way as a Web site or research paper. The mohoEngine™ backend knows that each file type has structural and content differences that can help provide more useful information for searching source code and other domain specific documents.

The problems the students encountered searching for and finding source code to reuse for their class assignments prompted them to create a search engine that

would assist them.

"There's a lot of code out there and especially at a time when developing software is so expensive, reusing code is great," Samat said. "At the same time, software reuse seems really hard, because finding source code out there is next to impossible, especially a year ago."

It was like a nightmare. We heard "reuse code" in school, and then when we got home on our machines, it was like "Where do we go?" There had to be a better answer. The general search engines really weren't helping at all. They're not designed to go after this kind of stuff, they're not designed to find this stuff. That's how we got started."

Starting out

The four students have known each other for some time.

"I've known Josh Dammeier, who is one of the UCSD students, since second grade," Samat said. "We went to middle school and high school together, and he was my roommate in college first year. Chris Harris, the other UCSD student, we met on the first day of college. Josh and I did. He was our suitemate. He was particularly loud, so we had to meet him. We've been friends ever since. Sean Brady, who is a Cal Poly student, I've known since first grade."

The three UCSD students are all Muir students. Harris is from Sacramento and the other team members hail from San Jose.

In the beginning, Sourcebank was driven and owned by Revolution9, a limited liability company also started by the students last summer. Shortly after the launch of Sourcebank, the students sent out a press release telling the world about their technology, and their company took off.

The next day was the beginning of their success.

"The phone really rang. Constantly," Samat said. "The interest in doing source code search was overwhelming. We released the press release. I went to sleep, and the next morning when I woke up at around 11 a.m., I had eight or nine messages on my voice mail from various venture capital firms, lots of different partnership opportunities basically saying, 'Here's a lot of money. What do you want to do with it?' We weren't asking for money. So, when we got these calls, we really didn't have a strategy to deal with them."

For the next three months, they

went through a process of deciding the fate of Revolution9 and Sourcebank. Several times the company was close to a merger, but the deals didn't offer them exactly what they wanted, said Samat.

"Sure, the financial component was there, but really when the question came up, 'So where is the technology going? Are we going to be able to make the product that we feel really stands out in the marketplace and exercises the skills that we have?' Basically, are we going to be doing something cool or not?" The answer was sort of muddled. We weren't getting the right answers."

After mulling over the constrictive offers with his three colleagues, Samat began looking for answers. He spoke to a close friend who is "pretty high up" at one of the big search engines interested in buying Revolution9.

"We sat down, and he basically gave me the advice, 'You don't want to sell this thing. You want to really think about getting some money.'"

For the first time, Samat and his co-founders thought about holding on to their company and looking for investors.

To entertain offers, the four stu-

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mohoMiners: The mohomine team, including the four founders sitting in front (from left to right), Cal Poly student Sean Brady, and UCSD students Chris Harris, Sameer Samat and Josh Dammeier

Four students from UCSD and Cal Poly create mohomine, an Internet company, which may be UCSD's next Qualcomm or MP3.com



Story by Marc Comer, Senior Staff Writer

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The Editor's Soapbox

Those who fail to stop others who perpetrate hostility support it and reinforce it themselves

By JULIA KULLA-MADER
Editor in Chief

I've been accused my whole life of just not "getting it" when it comes to sexual insults. I don't think it's funny to joke that aggressive women are "dykes" or that men in committed relationships are "pussy-whipped."

Every time I don't laugh at sexual insults, I'm told that I'm uptight or no fun. Well, perhaps I'm crazy, but I don't think that an essential part of having fun is hurting people. Sexual remarks have real consequences, ones that those who deliver them can't always see.

Most people would probably tell me that I'm being over-sensitive; that while the occasional feeling may be hurt by sexual insults, no permanent damage is done. I beg to differ.

I'm convinced that women and men rarely talk about the repercussions of sexual insults because it's embarrassing to do so. They fear the social stigma of being labeled a wimp, soft and sensitive, girly, gay or a bitch. Yet, just because people don't talk about a problem doesn't mean that it doesn't exist.

I'm a pretty vocal, confident person and, in most cases, I am not afraid to say something when I'm offended. But, when I'm the target of sexual insults, I just freeze. I don't say anything, instead I just feel ashamed, as if my behavior somehow justified the remark.

The fact is that sexual insults leave those they target powerless, they are the equivalent of a punch

in the stomach, and all you want to do is curl up into a ball and cry. Yet, that would be unacceptable.

Instead, you have to suck it up. Well, I'm tired of sucking it up. I'm tired of acting like it doesn't bother me when I am called uptight for not laughing at boys' bathroom humor. It does and after 22 years I finally realize that I am not responsible for bringing it on. The only thing I am responsible for is perpetuating it by not complaining vocally enough in the past.

I wish someone could have told me that I didn't have to take sexual insults when I was younger. Like other boys and girls, I spent a lot of junior high school miserable because I couldn't avoid sexual taunts. Junior high, which is effectively a holding pen for hormonally driven youth, was my personal hell.

I spent my entire sixth grade avoiding school because I was tired of being tormented — two boys had taken it upon themselves to make my life a living hell.

At first, they would just yell insults at me. The favorite was "Julia, you're flat as a board and easy to screw." In retrospect, I realize these boys probably had absolutely no idea what this insult meant. But, that didn't matter to me. I would cower every time one of those jerks came near me.

Nevertheless, the fact was that I managed to handle the constant teasing, even when it later escalated.

About halfway through the school year, as if to prove their point, my two tormenters began



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stabbing me with pencils and turning them into my back, in an attempt to demonstrate their insult. Sure, I was embarrassed and developed a passionate hatred toward my tormenters, but to tell you the truth I didn't realize that what they were doing was really all that wrong.

None of the teachers who witnessed me being teased ever said anything. In fact, when I asked to move seats in science class because one of the bullies was jabbing pencils into my back, my teacher calmly explained to me that "that's what

junior high school boys do."

Well, it shouldn't be what junior high school boys do. My teacher, Mrs. Scraeder, was condoning the boy's behavior by not punishing him. She was no different than the other junior high school boys and girls who stood by and just watched the bullies tease me both verbally and physically.

When my friends did try to protect me, they were usually labeled with an insult of their own. My friend Amy, who had gone through puberty early, was nicknamed "the watermelon queen" after she tried to help me. My friend Matt was labeled a "fag" after he yelled at the two guys teasing me.

As my experience demonstrates, the problem with sexual humor is that it is completely acceptable to do nothing if you witness it. In addition, complaining about a "joke" only opens you up to being insulted. As a result, there is an incentive to say nothing, or, even better, to join in on the fun to prove your coolness.

Admittedly, sexual humor in college is often not as blatant or openly offensive as junior high school insults. Instead, people engage in more subtle sexual ribbing. However, that doesn't mean the insults are any less offensive. If anything, they are more offensive because, as opposed to in junior high school, people now understand what they mean. When someone calls a guy "pussy-whipped" because he values his girlfriend's opinions or calls a woman a "dick tease" because she doesn't want to

sleep with every man who expresses a sexual interest in her, this person is well-aware of the implications of their sexual insults.

In addition, just like in junior high school, people are still reluctant to criticize sexual remarks. In college, it is still not cool to complain about sexual humor or to defend someone who is being insulted. More importantly, sexual insults are seen as innocuous, yet impulsive.

When someone who is subjected to a sexual insult complains, the reaction is often like that of my science teacher Mrs. Scraeder. "Oh, that's just boys being boys." Or, they might respond, "Well, he/she didn't think you'd be so sensitive. It's not that big of a deal."

Well, it is that big of a deal to me. I don't like having people make any presumptions about my anatomy or bedroom behavior. Plus, I don't think that I'm going out on a limb to say that many men and women feel the same way I do and are just afraid to say anything.

As a result, I've come to the conclusion that people who make sexual insults either: A) intend to hurt those the insult is aimed at, whether consciously or subconsciously; B) think the insult is actually funny; or C) just don't think before they open their mouths. I really don't have very much to say to people who fall under category A, other than that perhaps you should seek psychological help. But, for those who fall under categories B or C, I urge you

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mohomine:

Company success tied to good idea, great timing

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dents founded a new, incorporated company, mohomine, with Sourcebank as its flagship, and essentially scrapped Revolution9.

Being a limited liability company, Revolution9 was unable to move forward as Samat and his cohorts had hoped it would.

"When you get your company funded, the capital structure needs to be such that you can issue stock and move forward and do more funding later and make sure that things are set up right. Being naive about when we set up Revolution9, we made it an LLC, a limited liability company. It's much easier to issue stock and do other things like that when you're incorporated."

The four friends realized that reorganization was necessary to get funding, develop and grow.

With the birth of mohomine, the company named Neil Senturia, a prominent San Diego technology entrepreneur, chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

"Neil helped organize the initial funding and is also, of course, our CEO," Samat said. "Neil ran a company called ATCOM, which he

recently sold for all kinds of money. He ran a software company before, and this seems natural for him. Neil is in his 50s. He's adult supervision, I guess."

Samat attributes the company's success to timing and the open source movement.

"The idea is simple: Don't reinvent the wheel," he said. "Someone said that all source code

The team of four had only two computers dedicated to running Sourcebank. One was a two-year-old Pentium 200, and the second a \$700 machine Samat "slapped together from Fry's."

essentially is borrowed from three original lines of source code that were written and now they are copied and pasted in different ways. And of course that's not directly true, but a lot of it is. [Our success] was a combination of a pretty OK idea and really good timing.

"This is the time for the open source movement," Samat added. "It's really hit the main stream. You see articles on the front page of sections of *The Union-Tribune*, and two years ago you would never see an article about source code."

Funding and Resources

The four computer science majors started with limited resources.

"The entire, initial set of stuff we did was self-funded, from the

beginning of summer until the point where Neil showed up. My bank account was terribly close to being totally empty. Josh was complaining every day that something better happen quick. You know, we had the big bag of rice in the kitchen. [Our resources] were running pretty low, which isn't to say we didn't have sources.

"And the second thing was that

we really felt that if we could do it all ourselves, it would mean more. The coolest thing to me about building Sourcebank was, from an engineering perspective, the limited resources we were given."

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"We got the whole system to run, run well, and do its job with just these two machines, with a lot of Ethernet cables strewn across the whole house."

When Senturia and other investors came to evaluate the technology behind Sourcebank, they asked to see the server room.

"Everyone was like, 'Are you kids for real? This is ridiculous.' But it did the job, and I think that was the coolest part is that we got it done on those two things. Now, those two machines are just taking up space in the office. They don't run, but I absolutely refuse to throw them away."

Academics

Samat hopes mohomine will be

a guiding light for other UCSD students and future UCSD entrepreneurs.

"Other schools get a lot of attention, especially in [Silicon] Valley for their computer science programs — Stanford, Berkeley, et cetera. We would read about that stuff in the paper, and I personally never got why that kind of thing never happened here at UCSD. UCSD is really known for biotech and biotech startups. For us, this is hopefully semi-demonstrative that UCSD can play in the same game."

While mohomine is only in its infancy, it has the potential of becoming San Diego's, and UCSD's, next MP3.com or even Qualcomm.

According to Samat, students must focus on the practicality of their studies.

"UCSD is a very theoretical institution," he said. "It's very predicated, at least on the engineering side, and I think that it's easy to lose focus of the practical aspects of what you're learning. For me it was very discouraging to essentially see other schools with the same type of program, their students getting out there, getting the support of the administration, getting the support of the department and going out and doing things like this, and not having that kind of momentum at UCSD."

Samat truly believes that mohomine's success could happen to anyone, even in your own backyard.

"This has been a real ride for us, but I don't think that, by any means, we're the smartest people with the best ideas at UCSD. There are tons of other people, and I just hope that they know that you can actually do this. I know that if they were at Stanford or Berkeley, they would feel like they could. Being one step removed from all that, maybe we need a little bit of a jump-start. If [mohomine does] well, we can help show that you can really get out there and do that."

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Soapbox:

We must consider the repercussions of our actions

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to think about the possible repercussions of sexual insults before you deliver them.

From now on, I promise to say something every time I, or someone in my company, is subjected to an offensive sexual insult, and I urge others to follow my lead.

It's not enough to just not laugh at sexual insults, instead they should be challenged. It's time for college relationships to be governed by respect and tolerance, not antiquated junior high school practices.

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What would you like to see A.S. Council do next year?

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"I would like to see them get a few more shows, like the TGs that they used to have. I would like to see more social events like the TGs and the Price Center, more stuff along those lines."

Steve Bernasconi
Revelle senior



"I would like to see them make all of the places on campus that don't allow skateboards and bikes into places that are skateboard and bike available."

Taha Gaya
Muir sophomore



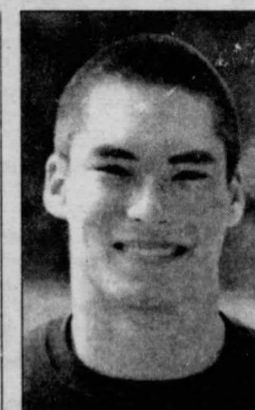
"I would like to see more activities around campus and more support for the theater department."

Dana Brennan
Marshall junior



"I would like to see more parking lots open so that it's not a bitch to park everywhere. Especially student parking."

Ryan Guest
Muir freshman



"I think I would like a lot more programming and stuff like that, because in the years past, UCSD has been a pretty bumpin' place for concerts and theater and stuff. This year, it has kind of deviated a little bit."

Ed Langstroth
Revelle freshman



"I would like to see more trees. Instead of eucalyptus trees, different kinds of trees. More blooming trees."

Roger Churtis
Revelle freshman

mohomine:

Company will soon be hiring for various positions

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His advice to future entrepreneurs: Competition lurks, be wary.

"Basically, at this point in time, no matter what you do, even if you just have an idea in the back of

your head, and you think it's great and it's even harebrained, you can almost guarantee that there are five other people out there looking to do that same thing. With the Internet and how quick things move and how much money there is available out there, you always have to assume that you are two steps behind everyone else, even if you don't know where everyone else is.

Samat said that he expects competition.

"It hasn't surfaced yet. It will show up. The key is to always assume you're behind and run as hard as you can every day. Basically the right mentality is important."

Mohomine is looking to bring high-caliber UCSD students on board. Mohomine isn't only looking to hire computer science majors

"We like smart people, really smart people," Samat said. "I personally don't really care if you're computer science or not. It's great if you are. It means you probably have some experience. We're looking to fill out a team that is technical at least from my perspective."

"We feel very connected to the school, and we know there are a lot of bright people there. We would like to get a lot of them involved. Right about now, we're at the

point where we're ready to accept lots of resumes and have a lot more positions to fill. By Oct. 15, we project that our engineering team will be 35 to 40 people."

Mohomine currently has about 30 employees; nearly 20 are part of the engineering team. For more information about working for mohomine send e-mail to mohomine@mohomine.com or visit www.mohomine.com.

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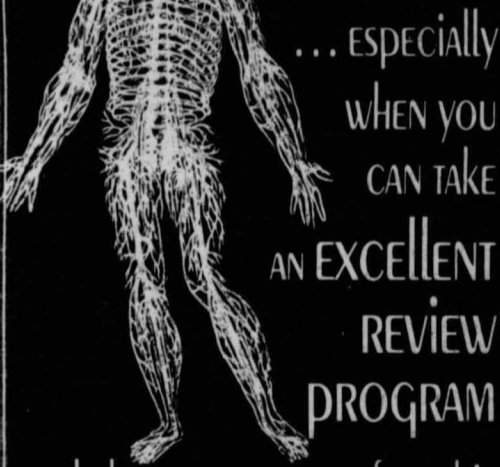


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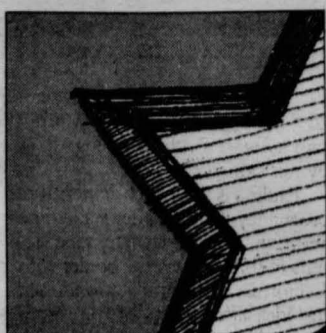
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Wednesday you should be cooled down, so do something fun with your friends. On Friday and Saturday you may be in the mood to clean out your closets. Do it because then you'll have a good excuse to pamper yourself on Sunday.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

A lot of work needs to be done this week, so pace yourself. Monday and Tuesday shouldn't be bad. Your intuition's good, but don't get drifty. The boss could be watching you on Wednesday. You could get a raise if you're good at what you're doing. By Thursday the heat should be off, and on Friday you may have extra time to run and play with your friends. That theme carries on through Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Expect fun and games this week, with the possible exception of Monday and Tuesday. Figure out whether or not you're paying too much; you might be. Wednesday and Thursday are lots of fun, but travel doesn't look good. Do something romantic close to home instead of going out. Be prepared for an inspection on Friday and maybe one on Saturday, too. Relax with the family on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Monday and Tuesday could be busy. Change things around at home and don't put up with anything you don't like. You'll find the money if you look hard enough on Wednesday and Thursday. Travel on Friday and Saturday and consult an older person on Sunday. You could get some good advice.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're studying this week if you're wise, which you are. You may be doing something the hard way at work, however, on Monday and Tuesday. You hate it when that happens. You may get a boost from a partner on Wednesday or Thursday. By Friday you should have a better routine. You may find another source of income on Saturday, so use the funds to travel on Sunday.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

This week you're concerned about money — and maybe romance, too. Can't afford a gift on Monday or Tuesday? No problem. On Wednesday and Thursday you may find extra work that will bring in the cash you need. Look for it, of course. Spend time with your mate on Friday and Saturday and buy presents for each other on Sunday.

Birthdays This Week

April 10: You can have the home of your dreams this year. Use experience to inspire bold action and turn fantasy into reality.

April 11: Get your nest cozy and comfy so you can snuggle into it with that special someone. Worries lead to action.

April 12: This year you're hot — and getting hotter. Love shines on you, and abundance is yours. Play by the rules.

April 13: Handle your relationship issues this year so you can get on with making your fortune.

April 14: You've worked hard before, and you will again, but this year, work smart. Start now.

April 15: This is a good year for cleaning house, closets, your workspace and your mind. Get organized, too.

April 16: You and your mate or partner have a lot to discuss. It's a good year to resolve legal issues, too.

By LINDA C. BLACK
Tribune Media Services

Aries (March 21-April 19)

On Monday and Tuesday watch where you're going. A lesson will be learned; try not to learn it the hard way. You're getting smarter on Wednesday, and romance looks good on Thursday, too. Don't travel on Friday if you can avoid it. This weekend's good for cleaning your place and shopping for bargains. Stick to your budget. A partner-type game's good on Sunday. Tennis, anyone?

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You're being nagged mercilessly to finish old projects on Monday and Tuesday. Just do it. You might take some time off around Wednesday or Thursday to complete a big project. From Friday through Saturday you could do well in romance. Don't go far or spend much, however. Save the paperwork for Sunday. You'll be in the mood for it then.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Your friends are fun and provide a lot of support for you this week. Have them help you find more money on Monday and Tuesday. A conflict between what you want to do and what you have to do could arise on Wednesday. A friend can help you with that around Thursday. Stay home as much as you can Friday and Saturday and clean house. Fix the place up nice because you'll want to entertain a sweetie on Sunday.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You're pushing toward your goals this week. That could be exciting, especially Monday and Tuesday. You're smart, but you're up against tough competition, especially Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday ask for the money. Friday and Saturday are good for studying. You may be exhausted by Sunday. Give yourself plenty of time to rest and to count your winnings.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're gonna have fun this week, but maybe not on Monday and Tuesday. Finish old business then and don't complain too much. Making overseas contacts will be easier on Wednesday and Thursday. You'll be confident and good looking then, too, so be bold. Be practical Friday and Saturday but buy yourself a new toy on Sunday. A book would be perfect.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You may have some money problems on Monday and Tuesday. Don't spend more than you've got. Around Wednesday you'll come up with new and effective financial schemes. Write them down. Pay off debts on Thursday and schedule big dates for Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, you could win a prize or find a bonus. Keep it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Are you worried or angry about something? Talk to a legal adviser on Monday or Tuesday and learn about your rights. By

World News

Rape of Mexican Teen-ager Stirs Abortion Outcry

MEXICALI, Mexico — More than a year ahead of time, Paulina Ramirez Jacinta planned on a long organly dress, live dance band and skyscraper cake for her 15th birthday party, the pinnacle event for a teen-age girl in Mexico.

Those plans ended on the night of last July 31, when a drunken housebreaker ransacked her family's simple home and then, almost as an afterthought, decided that he would rape her.

As soon as her family received the news that she was pregnant, mother and daughter felt certain about what to do.

"I thought it just wasn't possible for my daughter to have a child by a man whose name we didn't even know," the mother, Maria

Elena Jacinta, 45, said as she twisted a handkerchief anxiously in her hands, with Paulina sitting close by her side.

Paulina is in her ninth month of pregnancy. Though they wanted an abortion, which is legal for rape victims in this state on the border with California, her family abandoned the idea after weeks of confrontations with senior state officials, who believe that abortion is a taking of life. She plans to have the baby by Caesarean section on April 14.

No official ever refused Paulina the abortion, but they counseled her against it so openly and forcefully that she and her family became frightened and desisted.

The case has become a cause among feminist groups and some

her family is reluctant to do.

On April 6, several dozen Mexican intellectuals, including the novelists Carlos Fuentes and Laura Esquivel, signed an open letter in Mexico City newspapers calling on the state to accept the human rights prosecutor's recommendation to indemnify Paulina.

Paulina still envisions a grand bash when she turns 15 in September, but her mother said that "it wouldn't look right" for her daughter to celebrate while nursing an infant.

"I just want my party, even with a short dress," Paulina said, and for the first time in retelling her ordeal, she began to cry.

— Julia Preston
The New York Times

Two Koreas Agree to First Meeting at Summit Level

SEOUL, South Korea — In a major diplomatic effort to heal one of the Cold War's last conflicts, the South Korean government announced Monday that North Korea had agreed to a June summit between the two countries.

Officials said the meeting, which would be the first between heads of state of the two countries, would involve discussions of a wide range of issues separating the two Koreas, which have been left divided since the 1950s. At a news conference here Monday, officials said the issues to be discussed at the summit June 12-14 in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, would include economic cooperation, reunification of separated families and political reconciliation.

This was a reference to President Kim Dae Jung's statement last month in the German capital that the leaders of the two Koreas should meet. Plans for a 1994 summit were scrapped

The news is both a major turnabout in the glacial state of mutual nonrecognition between the countries and a huge political development in South Korea on the eve of Thursday's legislative elections, seen as a referendum on Kim's presidency.

Koreas," said Park Jie Won, minister of culture and tourism. "President Kim's Berlin declaration appears to have created the momentum for such a meeting."

There was no immediate confirmation from North Korea, but

officials here said that Pyongyang was expected to issue a statement soon.

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In recent weeks, the opposition Grand National Party has ridiculed Kim's attempts at reconciliation, which have included official encouragement of investments by South Korean corporations in the North to help revive that country's near bankrupt economy.

— Howard W. French
The New York Times

National News

Crash: Cause of Sunday's accident is under review

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can take off like a helicopter but cruise like a turboprop commuter plane.

This was the third crash of an Osprey in the past decade. No one was killed in the first, in Delaware in 1991,

but in the second, in Virginia in 1992, all seven people on board were killed after an engine caught fire.

The cause of Sunday's accident is under review.

The Osprey that crashed and a second one were conducting a night training mission about 9 p.m. local time, simulating the evacuation of civilians. Most of the four crew members and 15 other Marines who were killed had been stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Controversy has dogged the Osprey program since its inception in 1981. The Marine Corps has championed the Osprey as a faster, larger and more flexible replacement for its Vietnam-era CH-46 Sea Knight troop and cargo transport helicopter.

Marine commanders envision

the Osprey as the ideal long-range aircraft over the next 25 to 50 years for ferrying Marines from Navy ships into combat zones, humanitarian operations or rescue missions.

Built jointly by Bell Helicopter Textron of Fort Worth and the Boeing Company in Ridley Park, Pa., the Osprey can reach speeds of more than 400 mph and an altitude of 25,000 feet. It is designed to carry up to 24 people or external loads of 10,000 pounds.

At \$44 million, the Osprey has drawn sharp criticism from many military analysts for its steep cost as well as its safety record. A report by the General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, determined in 1990 that the Osprey was too heavy and vibrated excessively in early tests.

President George Bush tried to kill the program in 1991. Congress, however, influenced by the Marines' powerful lobbying effort, kept the program alive.

President Clinton eventually authorized the purchase of up to 458 planes for the Marines, Air Force and Navy, with 360 of them going to the Marines.

— Eric Schmitt
The New York Times

Award in Tobacco Suit Leads to Twists

Consider the smoking case now unfolding in Miami as Exhibit A in the increasingly strange looking-glass world of tobacco litigation.

Last week, the six-member jury in the class-action lawsuit awarded \$12.7 million to three people chosen to represent hundreds of thousands of Florida residents who smoked. The same panel will next decide whether to award damages to punish tobacco producers for their conduct, a sum that because of the size of the class could reach into the tens of billions.

Whatever the case's outcome, however, it has already produced some unexpected twists. State lawmakers who recently vilified cigarette makers as profiteers hawking a deadly product are now pressing to protect industry profits so they can continue to receive lawsuit settlement payments worth \$246 billion to the states.

Cigarette makers, who decried the state lawsuits as little more than legal shakedowns, have also changed their tune. Now, in arguments to jurors like those in the Miami case, they point to settlement concessions as evidence that they have agreed to change their practices and so don't need to be further punished.

Steve Sugarman, a law professor at the University of California at Berkeley, said these strange turnabouts were not coincidental. When the first state lawsuits to recover smoking-related health care costs were filed in 1994, the tobacco industry was considered not only legally impregnable but also financially ripe for legal plucking.

A few years and \$26 billion later, Sugarman said, that may no longer be the case. "Suddenly,

instead of there being a goose with an unlimited number of golden eggs, people are thinking there may be only so many eggs," he said.

As a result, those with a hold on the honey pot are defending it against newcomers like the lawyers pressing the Miami case. Neither individual lawsuits nor class-action cases like the one in Florida were settled by the resolution of the state actions.

Cigarette companies say they still believe that a higher Florida court will eventually dismiss the case. Bob Rabin, a law professor at New York University, said that because punitive damages would be awarded in the case before producers could get such a ruling, they might choose to settle it, given what is at stake if they failed to have it thrown out.

— Barry Meier
The New York Times

Reno Signals Showdown in Fate of Elián

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno said Sunday that she was determined to reunite Elián González with his father this week, signaling a likely showdown in the international custody battle over the 6-year-old Cuban boy.

"Each day that goes by only hurts him, and I think we must get it resolved as soon as possible," Reno said on the ABC News program "This Week," referring to the boy who was rescued from the Atlantic Ocean off Florida last Thanksgiving.

In Miami, Elián's great uncle, Lazaro González, who has temporary custody of the boy, had sent a letter to Reno asking her to tentatively schedule a meeting on Monday in Miami with a psychiatric panel, although he complained that the three-member team did not plan to meet with Elián.

Reno had asked for the meeting

with the doctors to discuss how to transfer the child with minimum trauma, but it remained uncertain whether the meeting would occur because González said that he wanted his daughter, who is in the hospital, to attend.

In two television interviews Sunday, Reno would not discuss specifics of how immigration officials planned to take custody of the boy. Justice Department officials are wary of any use of force. Reno said that she wanted to arrange a transfer that was not disruptive.

Hundreds of supporters have gathered outside the González home in Miami in a peaceful vigil that the authorities believe could turn violent if the relatives resisted the government's order to turn over the boy.

That order, shifting custody of Elián from his great uncle to his father, will likely be issued on

Yugoslavia:

Serb leader brought before court for genocide

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at the Bosnian town of Srebrenica, probably Europe's worst massacre of civilians since World War II.

On Friday, prosecutors brought before the court a top Bosnian Serb political leader who is charged with complicity in the genocide that the prosecutors say his people perpetrated against Bosnia's Muslims and Croats, but who not so long ago was accepted as a figure who could meet with Western presidents and prime ministers.

While problems remain, and the recent momentum is the result of slow shifts by Western governments and tribunal prosecutors themselves, the changes have engendered a rare sense of excitement in the sober high-security building on the outskirts of this Dutch city where judges are quietly testing and defining uncharted international laws.

"The momentum and the energy at the tribunal have been amazing," said Heather Ryan of the Coalition for International Justice, which has monitored proceedings on behalf of several human rights groups for almost two years. "I've not seen so much substance at any one time, at least in the public arena. The tribunal seems to have hit a new stride."

Several factors have contributed to the tribunal's new momentum.

Western governments, which long appeared to pay only lip service to the court, lauding its objectives but starving it of funds and intelligence, now find it more politically convenient to have their soldiers arrest important suspects, such as camp commanders and Bosnian Serb and Croat generals.

— Marlise Simons
The New York Times

Researchers Map Out Human Genome

Breakthrough is first major step toward understanding genetic blueprint

By TODD MILBOURNE
Minnesota Daily

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Private researchers announced Thursday they have sequenced the genome of a single human being, a major step toward understanding the human genetic blueprint.

Celera Genomics Group, a biotechnology firm in Rockville, Md., has been working to uncover DNA pieces since September 1999 and will now begin the crucial step of fitting them together in their proper genetic order using high-powered computers.

"This is big-time," said Richard King, a University genetics professor, of Celera's advancement. "They now have the ingredients; they need to bake the cake."

"Now that we have completed the sequencing of one human being's genome, we will turn our computational power to the task of ordering the human genome," said J. Craig Venter, Celera's president and chief scientific officer, in a statement about the next step in the mapping process.

A final draft of the human genome is still not expected for several years.

The human genome is a biological blueprint of the 3 billion pairs of chemicals inside human DNA. It maps how those pairs are arranged to construct the genes that serve as instruction manuals for life functions.

Researchers can study genetic variations in different people to locate where eye color, height and genetic diseases are genetically located.

Scientists said they hope to

pinpoint specific genetic diseases and develop effective treatments by understanding the human genome.

"This is expected to allow researchers worldwide and our subscribers to utilize our data to make important medical advances," Venter said in the statement.

A complete human genome is like having a periodic table for genetic disease, King said. Despite the potential benefits the human genome might offer, many are concerned about the ethical issues raised with the availability of genetic information and Celera's practice of charging a subscription fee for access to their database search tools.

"This information can be misused," said Jeffrey Kahn, director of the University's Center for Bioethics. "It can be used to discriminate in employment and insurance."

There are no federal laws on the books protecting citizens from genetic discrimination.

President Bill Clinton, however, signed an executive order in February outlawing the use of genetic information by the federal government.

"Genetic information has the potential for discrimination because it can predict what's ahead," King said.

However, trying to gauge future health would not be a departure from the traditional business practice of conducting physicals, King added.

Concerns have also been raised about who will be able to afford the presumably expensive genetic treatments.

"It may divide between the

haves and have nots," Kahn said. "People who can afford therapy will get it and many might not have access."

A federally funded effort to map the entire genetic code, The Human Genome Project, has been researching DNA since 1990. The nonprofit organization, unlike Celera, publishes each gene it decodes on the Internet. So far, 2.3 billion subunits of DNA have been posted, all of which is available for free public use.

Celera and the Human Genome Project use different methods to decode and map DNA.

Celera uses what it calls a "shotgun technique," the same technique the company used to successfully map the genome of a fruit fly earlier this year. Using the method, researchers quickly identify fragments of DNA and then try to fit the pieces together.

Much of the genetic information Celera uses in his research comes from the data made available by the Human Genome Project.

In contrast, the technique used by the Human Genome Project identifies DNA fragments and orders them as they are discovered.

The Human Genome Project expects to finish and make available the complete code by 2003.

On the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, shares of PE Corporation, the parent company of Celera, soared 21 percent. Shares opened at \$113 and reached \$143 by the closing bell.

The company started the week at \$90 per share.

L.E.A.P.:

Park says amount of hate crimes are undercounted

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new multiracial complexities that do not fit into existing political processes and structures. The eventual goal of the transformation is to create "new urban race relations" to move racial politics away from white-black dynamics and toward the more complex dynamics of "post-Civil Rights" politics.

Park went on to address the issue of hate crimes, citing specific incidents such as the beating death of Vincent Chin as just one of many. He said there is a severe undercount of hate crimes because of the reluctance of Asian Pacific Islanders, particularly immigrants, to report them.

Racial classifications and the 2000 census were the focus of Espiritu's segment. She recounted how Asian Pacific Islanders' census categories help create group identities and influence public policy. According to L.E.A.P., "Asian Pacific Islanders have been an object for racial classification for over a century, with categories changing to accommodate the racism of each decade."

Espiritu urged Asian Pacific Islanders to fill out their census forms and to be "more attentive to the publication and use of the data collected on Asian Pacific Islanders."

"In pursuing these actions, the focus extends beyond the process of simply adding up and demonstrating the 'numbers' to make claims, but to deal with the complex social issues that lurk behind them," Espiritu added.

The question and answer portion of the roundtable discussion was the final segment. In it, a variety of issues were brought up and discussed. Saito included a personal account of one of the evening's

prevailing themes, that of the Asian as a "perpetual foreigner" or "indelible alien."

He noted how unlike many other minority groups, Asian Pacific Islanders have had to deal with issues of loyalty.

L.E.A.P. recognizes the difficulty of moving beyond a black-white discourse. Many argue that the focus should remain on African Americans because of the legacy of slavery and how it has shaped the nation's history. However, many others have argued the growing need to expand the race-relations framework to include the perspectives of the two fastest growing populations: Asians and Latinos.

A "politics of possibility" in promoting social change was one of the final themes of the evening. According to L.E.A.P., Asian Pacific Islanders must play a larger role in generating new possibilities for race relations.

Founded in 1982 by a cross-section of Asian Pacific American leaders, the Los Angeles-based organization plays an active role in developing and expanding the leadership roles performed by Asian Pacific Americans in all sectors of American society. Through leadership, empowerment and policy, its mission is to attain full participation and equality for Asian Pacific Americans.

According to L.E.A.P., the goals of its mission are to develop Asian Pacific American leadership in the private, public and community sectors; to develop the skills and resources of Asian Pacific American communities to increase both individual and organizational effectiveness; to increase public understanding of Asian Pacific American concerns and their impact on policy formulation and decision-making at local, regional and national levels; and to improve cross-cultural and inter-ethnic collaboration and interaction.

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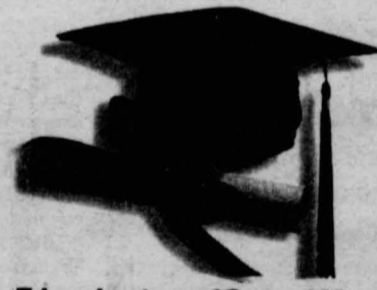
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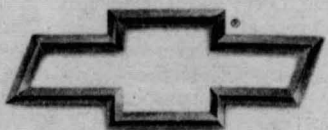


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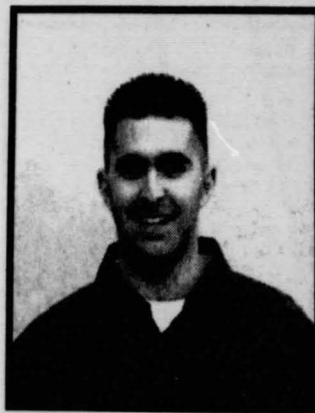
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Building A Better Machine The President



Scott Mantell

Scott Mantell has the well-defined goals, experience and drive necessary to make a great A.S. president. Mantell, the current A.S. commissioner of programming, wants to improve the quality of life of UCSD students, increase political awareness on campus and expand and improve A.S. services.

Mantell's best ideas revolve around improving student quality of life. He plans to work toward increasing student organization funding, keeping the library open 24 hours during finals week, extending dining hall operations and fighting for more student parking.

Given last year's student fee increase, it makes no sense that student organizations are still receiving significantly less funds than they request. Mantell has out-

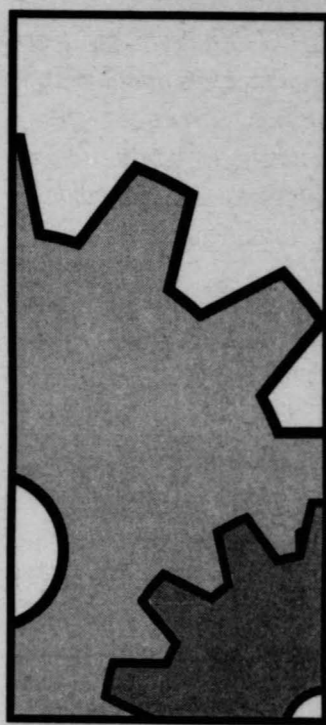
lined specific areas in which he feels money is being spent irresponsibly, and plans to reprioritize the budget so that student organizations are able to receive the funds they so desperately need.

One area from which Mantell believes funds can be drawn is the A.S. executive expenses — the money executive officers use for lobbying activities, such as taking people out to lunch. We commend Mantell on his willingness to cut a fund that, although somewhat frivolous, would benefit him personally if elected president.

Mantell's ideas don't end there. He also has a comprehensive plan for increasing political action and awareness on campus. Mantell is dedicated to registering every student on campus to vote in the November presidential election. Most impressively, he has a detailed plan for achieving this objective. He plans to coordinate a voter-registration drive with student organizations that plan to carry out similar campaigns, such as the Student Affirmative Action Coalition, fraternities and sororities, and college councils.

In addition to voter registration, Mantell also plans to increase political action on campus by organizing the Quint Council — an organization of the five college chairs — into a more effective, efficient representative body.

Mantell has a number of ideas for improving A.S. services and outreach, including creating an all-college commuter board, improving A.S. Lecture Notes and



expanding the Triton Taxi program. Commuters are a long-neglected group of students. As Mantell points out, campus commuters need more power to lobby the university on important issues such as parking and reduced off-campus housing fees. Mantell also recognizes that many commuters are transfer students and that by improving commuter student quality of life, transfer student quality of life will also increase.

When it comes to A.S. Lecture

Notes, Mantell admits that the service is not open to a great deal of non-science classes. He also admits that while Triton Taxi is a great idea, it has not been well-executed so far. Wait times for taxis are ridiculously long, discouraging students from using the service. If elected, Mantell would increase funding for this valuable organization, hopefully making it more accessible for students.

In addition to having great goals, Mantell also has the most experience out of the five presidential candidates. He is the active commissioner of programming and also has a great deal of experience at the college level.

Mantell is currently a Marshall resident advisor, and has held a number of positions inside the Marshall College Council. Mantell's combination of college and A.S. Council experience makes him ideally suited for the office of A.S. president.

Perhaps Mantell's most shining quality is his dedication to being an advocate for UCSD's diverse student body. Unlike some of the other presidential candidates, Mantell's motivation for running for president is pure — he wants to help students, not boost his résumé. Mantell has proven that he is willing to work incredibly hard to serve this function. If elected, he plans on spending his summer working for the students, something that has been rarely done by newly elected A.S. presidents in past years.

In summary, the *Guardian* is confident that Mantell would make

a fantastic A.S. president. He has the drive, determination, experience and goals necessary to perform the job extremely well. The *Guardian* urges students to vote for Mantell for president.

Doc Khaleghi

Doc Khaleghi has a wealth of experience in the A.S. Council, having served as A.S. commissioner of academic affairs, A.S. parking committee chair and executive assistant to current A.S. President Tesh Khullar. His most recent accomplishment was helping create parking "flex-passes" — parking permits for Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday-Friday.

Although Khaleghi has experience, his post-election plans are not as developed as those of Mantell. In addition, many of his goals are not original, but instead are continuations of current A.S. projects.

Khaleghi would like to improve diversity on campus, increase the availability of off-campus housing through a tax-incentive program and expand his "flex-pass" parking program. If elected, Khaleghi would also work toward boosting funding for club teams so they can compete on the national level and establishing a permanent Triton Tide to support student athletes.

He is also dedicated to preserving all-campus commencement and finding a quality speaker for in

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Building A Better Machine The President

President:

Strong candidates promise to make the election close

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advance. In addition, Khaleghi would like the A.S. Council to make low-risk investments with some of its reserve funds.

Khaleghi has some quality ideas and a great deal of experience. He is without a doubt the second-best presidential candidate, behind Mantell.

Ali Yazdi

Ali Yazdi has a number of good ideas, and in many previous election years he would have been the best candidate. However, due to his lack of A.S. experience, Yazdi falls short of being an ideal choice for A.S. president this year.

Yazdi would like to improve programming, athletic support, A.S. marketing and awareness of A.S. services. He would like to improve programming by spending more money on larger events and less on small ones. Yazdi would also like to have more cultural programming and garner corporate sponsorships for Sun God and other large programming events.

Yazdi is also passionate about improving athletic support on campus and has a very detailed, feasible program for starting Team Triton, a permanent athletic booster organization. In addition, Yazdi has criticized the A.S. Council Web

page for being poorly maintained and poorly designed.

Like other candidates, Yazdi also said that A.S. Lecture Notes should serve a wider variety of classes and that library hours should be extended. If elected, he also would also push for all classes to be accessible online.

In summary, Yazdi has a number of quality ideas, but is lacking the A.S. experience to assure their implementation.

Tariq Parwani

Tariq Parwani is running a very different type of campaign. He has decided against having any flyers, pamphlets or public appearances besides the A.S. presidential debate. Parwani sees himself as a strong-headed candidate, albeit without leadership experience, that will be able to achieve long-awaited improvements for students.

Parwani has a number of good ideas, including increasing administrative accountability, boosting school unity and making the A.S. president more visible. He vows to increase administrative accountability if elected by fighting important issues through to the end.

Parwani wants to increase school unity by standardizing general education requirements across the five colleges. In addition, if elected, he would make the A.S. Council and A.S. president more visible by putting comment boxes around campus, improving the A.S. Web site and increasing the number of public appearances for the

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Derrick Yee

Derrick Yee is wildly unqualified for the office of A.S. president. In addition to his complete lack of leadership experience, he has shown an amazing lack of awareness when it comes to campus issues and A.S. Council operations.

If elected, Yee would like to make the A.S. Council more responsive, eliminate sales tax on university books, keep the library open until 2 a.m. and improve the quality of food in the Price Center. Yee's plan to eliminate sales taxes on university books, although a nice idea, simply cannot be accomplished in a one-year presidential term. In addition, he has absolutely no idea how to achieve this objective.

Although Yee had some interesting ideas, he lacks even basic knowledge of campus events. In addition to his other goals, Yee is campaigning on the promise of moving the university to Division II athletics, despite the fact that the university has already approved a move to Division II, which will take effect next year.

Yee also plans on setting up an A.S. Council Web site, and sending out a weekly A.S. presidential report via e-mail. Perhaps he should have consulted some other students before making these campaign promises, as they would have surely told him that these ideas were implemented years ago.

In summary, Yee does not belong on the same election ballot as the other presidential candidates. The *Guardian* strongly believes that his election would spell disaster for UCSD.

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The Vice Presidents



Jeff Dodge

VP Internal

The office of vice president internal is responsible for chairing A.S. Council meetings, as well as internal committee meetings. The internal committee meets once a week and makes formal recom-

mendations to the A.S. Council regarding legislation under its jurisdiction. In addition, the vice president internal is responsible for personnel issues within the A.S. Council and for reaching out to students.

This year, the *Guardian* feels Jeff Dodge is the most qualified candidate for this office. As a Marshall sophomore senator, Dodge was elected senate chair at the beginning of his term and has served that office effectively, initiating a senate newsletter and chairing senate meetings. He currently serves on the chancellor's budget committee and is the advisor to the Preuss School's student government. He has also served on the UCSD Academic Senate as an undergraduate advisor.

As vice president internal, Dodge wants to increase funding to student organizations and give priority to certain groups, such as the Student Affirmative Action Coalition. Dodge also hopes to expand student outreach programs

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In addition, Dodge aspires to improve the A.S. Council's public relations. He wants the council to give back to the students it serves by continuing to offer and expand services for the student body, such

as providing free schedules of classes and blue books. Dodge said he would also work to expand and improve the Triton Taxi program as well as increase the number of classes covered by A.S. Lecture notes.

In addition, we feel Dodge has the experience necessary to run A.S. Council meetings effectively. Besides chairing senate meetings, he has also run A.S. Council meetings in place of Jennifer Lee, the current vice president internal. We believe Dodge has proven his ability to run meetings in an unbiased manner in proper accordance with parliamentary procedure.

Unfortunately, the *Guardian* was unable to interview Tracy Le, the other candidate for this office. Le is currently the Muir freshman senator.

The *Guardian* was dully impressed with Dodge's qualifications and commitment to filling the position of vice president internal. We are pleased to offer our endorsement for his election.



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The Vice Presidents



Eugene L.D. Mahmoud

VP External

The vice president external is one of the most prominent members of the A.S. Council. Because he or she serves as a liaison between UCSD and the San Diego community, other universities, statewide and nationwide student organizations and even government officials, the vice president external must be knowledgeable, committed and well-connected.

While the *Guardian* believes all three students running for vice president external are strong candidates, we endorse Eugene L.D. Mahmoud. Mahmoud's experience, passion and dedication to outreach far surpasses that of Ian J. Stewart and Justin Grooms.

A member of the Independent slate, Mahmoud's résumé boasts involvement with both the UCSD community and more broadly based organizations.

He has represented the Student Affirmative Action Coalition for Thurgood Marshall

College Council and has served as the statewide external affairs director. Furthermore, Mahmoud was a facilitator of the University of California Student Association's Students of Color Conference, and has represented UCSD at several other student conferences. He is also involved with the San Diego Youth Coalition.

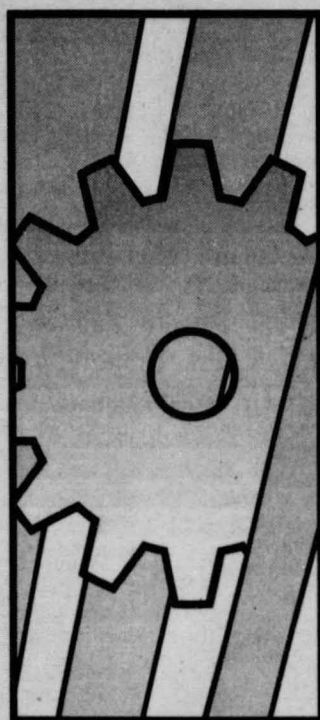
Guided by an interest in student empowerment, Mahmoud listed a handful of concrete goals; his primary focus is on increasing the representation and retention of underrepresented students. He proclaimed a dedication to lowering student fees and aims to work with student organizations to increase voter registration as well.

In addition, Mahmoud is committed to working toward affordable on- and off-campus housing for UCSD students. He proposes that the university embrace alternatives such as co-op housing structures and supports tax incentives for off-campus landlords. While some work has been accomplished in the area of tax incentives, Mahmoud said he will take the next steps in the fight for affordable student housing.

Mahmoud has a firm approach to the issue of funding for UCSA — a UC organization with which he will serve as a liaison if elected. He believes UCSD should refuse to fund the association if it does not adequately represent the university's interests.

Mahmoud is pro-Affirmative Action, and also supports the repeal of SP-1 and SP-2.

Opponent Stewart has served as the vice president of his fraternity, vice president of UCSD's Inter Fraternity Council and has



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Stewart sees Affirmative Action as a short-term solution, and wants to increase student diversity through recruitment techniques such as campus tours

and dinners. In addition, he wants to lower off-campus housing costs, but did not specify how he would achieve this.

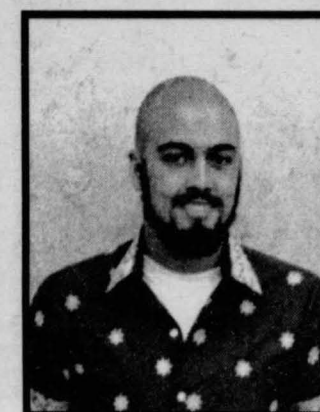
Stewart plans to use his term as vice president external to increase UCSD's voice in UCSA's affairs and increase the A.S. president's accountability. While these are valid ambitions, they are nonetheless too general and lack the concrete planning and experience behind Mahmoud's goals.

While Grooms' on-campus involvement has been minimal, he is a former employee of Kia Serra's outreach division, for which he helped implement Affirmative Action programs. He aims to increase diversity at UCSD by eliminating financial barriers.

Grooms has a bundle of fresh ideas, including the decriminalization of responsible marijuana use by adults and the extension of TritonPlus to off-campus vendors. He also feels that UCSA funding should be increased if the organization adequately represents UCSD's interests, but that funding for the United States Student Association — a national version of UCSA — should be decreased.

Although Grooms offers a new outlook on key issues, without student government or student organization experience, he lacks the necessary familiarity with the UCSD campus to effectively serve on A.S. Council as vice president external.

In summary, although Stewart and Grooms are qualified candidates, the *Guardian* endorses Mahmoud for vice president external because he has the wisdom, experience and passion to bring this office to life.



Matthew Powell

VP Finance

Although both candidates seem fair-minded and enthusiastic, Matthew Powell is the more qualified candidate for A.S. vice president of finance.

Powell ran for this position last year and, having lost to Eric Rovner, took the position of A.S. financial comptroller. He has also been the financial officer for two clubs at UCSD. He has chaired A.S. finance meetings and knows the ins and outs of how finances work at the A.S. level. Moreover, he values his experiences on both sides of the financial table, both as a distributor of funds and as requester.

Powell credits Rovner with setting an excellent precedent and said he has learned a lot from working with the current vice president finance. Importance, in his mind, should be placed on teaching students more about financial planning, such as the value of Roth IRA accounts and ensuring fiscal

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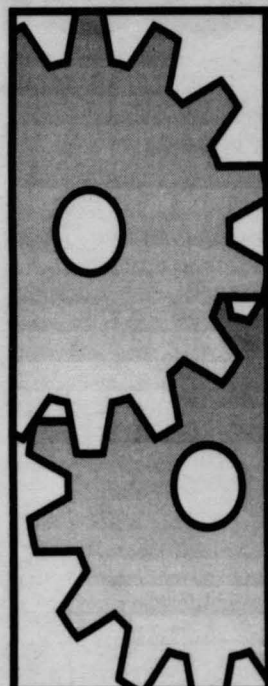
Building A Better Machine Fee Referendum

Fee Referendum Question 1 asks UCSD students to pay 75 cents per quarter to the United States Student Association as part of the student activity fee. The fee, which will only be in place for two years, is far less than what other universities typically pay to USSA.

According to Terrence Patterson, A.S. vice president external, most universities pay an average of \$2.50 to \$4 a year per student. This referendum is asking UCSD students to pay only \$2.25 a year.

The USSA is a national organization that lobbies for federal legislation in the White House, on Capitol Hill and in the Department of Education. The USSA caucuses and affiliates include the National People of Color Student Coalition, National Women's Student Coalition, the National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Caucus and the National Coalition for Students with Disabilities. The organization represents over 3.5 million students and coordinates two projects through the USSA Foundation: the Students of Color Strategy and Policy Department and the Grass Roots Organization Weekends.

This year's USSA action agenda included promoting the use of free speech on college campuses, fighting for better financial aid and pushing for federal aid for counties with high unemployment rates.



Currently UCSD only gives \$1,000 to USSA — a meager 3 cents per student per quarter — too little to really help the association.

According to its Web site, www.essential.org/ussa/ussa.html, "USSA tracks and lobbies on federal legislation as well as organizing students around the country to participate in the official political process through testifying in official Congressional hearings, letter-writing campaigns and face-to-face lobby visits between students and their elected officials. USSA also represents students in various coalitions, including the Committee for Educational Funding, the Youth Vote Coalition and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights."

The USSA is the oldest and largest national student organization in the country and has a history of standing up for the interests of college students across the country.

In addition, the USSA helps organize students to take action on important issues on their own campuses such as fighting fee increases, expanding recruitment and retention programs, and fighting hate-crimes.

Currently UCSD only gives \$1,000 to USSA — a meager 3 cents per student per quarter — too little to really help the association. Because the fee increase is for two years, UCSD has the

option of discontinuing funding after that time.

The *Guardian* urges students to vote YES on Fee Referendum 1 and support UCSD's participation in the USSA.

Finance:

Powell cites diversity, school spirit and low risk investment as his foci

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responsibility for campus media organizations. Powell also wants to make travel allocations more fair and accessible to all organizations even after the third week of the quarter, a complication that currently plagues student organizations seeking A.S. support for travel expenses.

Powell said of all the organizations that receive funding from the Student Organization Funding Advisory Board, he feels the cultural organizations promoting diversity and club sports promoting school unity are the most important.

He also believes in cooperation between the financial office and the A.S. president when making financial decisions.

The A.S. Council has been considering the issue of investing its mandate reserves into mutual funds in order to increase returns at a low risk. Powell feels this is a wise idea as long as only a limited amount of the reserves, one-half or one-third, for example, is invested.

Clearly, Powell is cautious with student fees but not afraid to try new ideas. With his experience as the current financial controller and his ideas, he is the ideal candidate for vice president finance.

Powell's opposition, Sam Shoostary, is a good candidate, but having just transferred to UCSD from Grossmont College, he is not yet fully familiar with the workings of UCSD. He gained his background in business through running his family's business for four years. Shoostary was also the financial comptroller at Grossmont Community College; this position is the equivalent of UCSD's vice president finance.

Active in the Hate-Free Campus campaign, Shoostary also believes in increasing funding for cultural organizations and holding more conferences to promote diversity. He does not believe in the current viability of investing mandate reserves in mutual funds but does see it as a possibility for the future.

Overall, Shoostary is an amicable candidate, but is not the best person for this job. Powell has been primed for the job and is ready to jump into action.

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- Lana Kreidie

Commissioner of Communications

- Rami Shaarawy

Commissioner of Programming

- Grace L. Fairchild
- Cassie Williams
- Vicky Bender

Commissioner of Services & Enterprises

- Anu Shome
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- Yes
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The Commissioners



Lana Kreidie

Academic Affairs

The fact that no one chose to challenge Lana Kreidie for the position of commissioner of academic affairs is testimony to the extent to which prospective candidates have been impressed by her motivation, dedication and experience. Anyone running against her would be competing against a great proven leader who is eager to take on this new responsibility.

The commissioner of academic affairs is responsible for discussing academic issues and keeping good communications between the students and the faculty by attending numerous meetings and serving on many committees.

This Independent slate candidate has proven she is willing to accept these responsibilities by attending countless meetings and serving on many committees.

Kreidie is the junior senator for Eleanor Roosevelt College and also the chair of the executive committee for transfer students. With these positions come many hours of hard work that Kreidie has demonstrated she is willing to accept and capable of fulfilling.

Kreidie has proven her desire to help represent the students of UCSD by serving as a student representative on the academic senate and as a college peer advisor. As Kreidie explained, her passion and motivation run deep.

While in office, Kreidie plans to change three important aspects of this school: representation, support and education. Her priority is to ensure that there is an increase in the student voice on campus. Admirably, Kreidie wishes to make sure all student complaints are heard in order to promote a better teaching and learning environment.

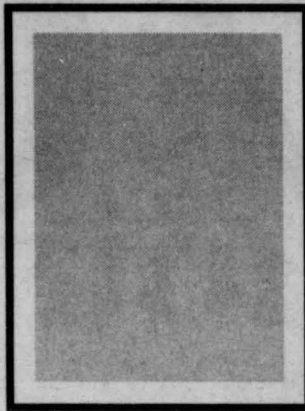
One of the ways she intends to accomplish this is by educating students on school policies so they understand their rights as students. The *Guardian* feels that this new knowledge will be an effective tool to create a more successful academic life for all students.

Lastly, Kreidie has chosen to endorse and support such programs as O.A.S.I.S. and the



Academic Success Program to further help students in need of academic advising. In the past, these programs have served as valuable resources to students in need of extra assistance.

The *Guardian* supports Kreidie in her mission to promote the academic lives of students and endorses her bid to become the new commissioner of academic affairs.



No Confidence

Communications

The duties of A.S. commissioner of communications include the allocation of funds to various mainstream and alternative campus media groups such as the *Koala*, the *Voz Fronteriza* and *Temper*, the promotion of these groups to students interested in participating in them; and the general oversight of the performance of these groups.

Independent candidate Rami Shaarawy is running unopposed for this office, and despite his previous experience with the A.S. Council and Warren College Council, the *Guardian* feels Shaarawy lacks even the most basic knowledge necessary to

make responsible decisions as A.S. commissioner of communications.

Shaarawy lacks concrete plans and goals to pursue while in office. He says he will allocate funds based on "performance and circulation" of media groups, which is unfair to smaller publications such as *HealthBeat* — which, regardless of its smaller size and circulation compared to publications such as the *Koala*, should be afforded equal consideration in terms of funding.

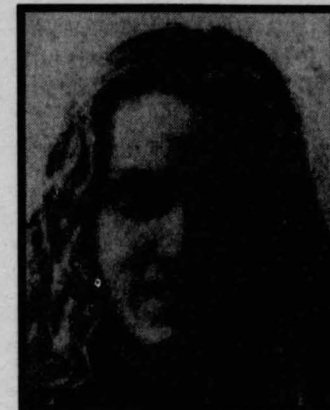
Shaarawy also says that he wants to make campus publications more visible by acquiring more magazine racks to place around campus. However, he has not explained where he will get the money for this expenditure.

The *Guardian* feels it would be better to have no commissioner of communications at all than one who does not even know the names of all the student publications on campus (i.e. *Voz Fronteriza*). Shaarawy represents a serious weakness in the Independent slate, and the *Guardian* finds it unfortunate that, barring the lowest voter turnout in UCSD history, he will be elected simply because he is running unopposed.

With only one vote needed to elect an unopposed candidate, the *Guardian* urges students, including Shaarawy, to not vote for the commissioner of communications.

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The Commissioners



Cassie Williams

Programming

Most candidates for commissioner of programming will argue that it is one of the most important positions on the A.S. Council. The commissioner of programming is in charge of booking bands for Fallfest, Winterfest and Sun God, as well as the "nooners" held on Wednesdays in Price Center Plaza.

The *Guardian* feels Cassie Williams is the most qualified candidate for this position. As the current assistant programmer, Williams has gained plenty of experience and is well-aware of how the office works. She is fully prepared for the time commitment and grunt work involved in running the office. We feel she has the energy,

ideas and experience to run the office effectively.

If elected, Williams said her first priority would be to begin booking acts for Fallfest and Winterfest. By booking bands ahead of time, the A.S. Council could get more band for its buck, since travel fees for the bands are often higher when they are booked at the last minute, she said.

In another effort to save money, Williams said she would work with other UC campuses to coordinate programming events and create a "UC Tour" for bands. Booking several shows in one geographical area is another way to save money on travel expenses for bands. Since programming already uses a large majority of the A.S. Council's budget, we feel that Williams' commitment to saving time and money is extremely important.

She also supports the minimal use of corporate sponsorships for UCSD events as a way of saving money, although she acknowledged that almost half of UCSD students are opposed to the use of corporate sponsorships.

In addition to the quarterly festivals, Williams expressed a commitment to smaller events such as nooners, noting that No Doubt once played at a UCSD nooner before they became famous. Williams said she hopes to have more up-and-coming bands play at UCSD. She also said she will make the search for a good commencement speaker a priority.

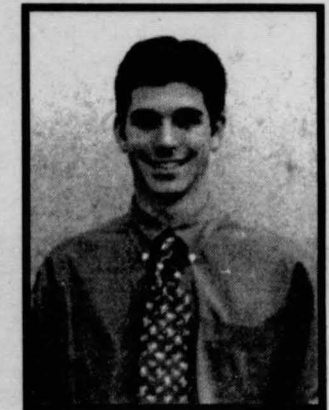
Williams is extremely passionate about her work and the office

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for which she is running. She understands the importance of programming, especially on a campus without high-profile sports teams.

We feel that Williams' opponents, although qualified, would not do as good a job as Williams. Vicky Bender has experience in the programming office and connections in the music industry. Grace Fairchild said that if she were elected, she would work to extend Sun God to a week, long event, would recruit more diverse speakers and would try to get more popular bands to come to campus.

The *Guardian* feels that Bender and Fairchild fall short of being the most qualified candidates. While some of their ideas are good, their experience is limited when compared to Williams'. Neither Bender nor Fairchild show the enthusiasm and well-prepared goals of Williams. We therefore enthusiastically endorse Williams for commissioner of programming.



Matthew Conroy

Services and Enterprises

Although both candidates are enthusiastic about fulfilling the position of commissioner of services and enterprises, Matthew Conroy is the more qualified and connected candidate.

Having helped start the new Triton Taxi program, he is looking to expand the service so the wait time is decreased and has many ideas for the future. He has been the race director for the cycling team and a member of the Co-op oversight committee. This experience gives him an edge in his qualifications for this position, as overseeing the Co-ops' financial well-being is one of the main responsibilities of

the commissioner of services and enterprises.

In addition to expanding the Triton Taxi program, Conroy wants A.S. Lecture Notes to cover more classes. He believes that by raising the price of lecture notes by just \$2 (from \$16 to \$18), he can provide lecture notes for many more classes and raise the salary of note-takers for A.S. Lecture Notes.

He also wants to ensure that students living on campus can rent microfridges even during the middle of the year, rather than just at the beginning of fall quarter.

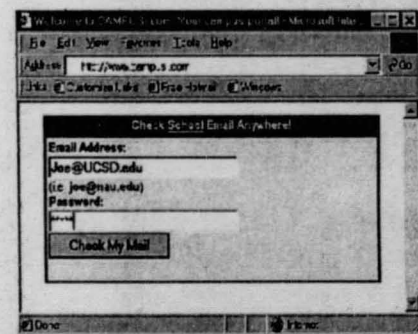
Conroy has talked to and formed connections with many of the organizations that he would be working with in this post, including A.S. Lecture Notes and the General Store. He promises to keep track of the important issues affecting students and deal with them fairly.

The other candidate for services and enterprises, Anu Shome, shows great potential as a leader in the future. However, he doesn't currently have the same level of experience, and preparation, that Conroy does. Seeing as how he is still a freshman, he would do well to help with this office's duties in order to become a viable candidate for next year.

The *Guardian* therefore endorses Conroy for the position of commissioner of services and enterprises.

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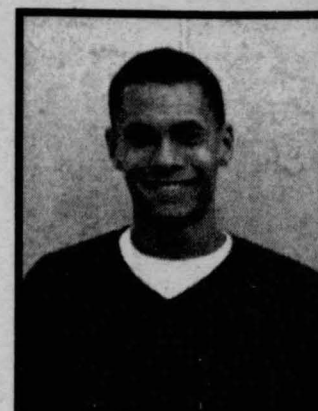
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Johan Hill

Student Advocacy

The commissioner of student advocacy is supposed to make sure the administration follows proper procedures in its disputes with students. The *Guardian* confidently

endorses Johan Hill for the A.S. Council position of commissioner of student advocacy, as he is "ready to represent students if they have problems with the university."

Hill's experience on the Marshall College Council, and as Marshall junior senator, combined with his experience working in the Student Advocacy Office, makes him a solid candidate for the job.

If elected, Hill intends to pursue several goals, which include getting all students registered to vote for the November election, and ensuring that students are aware of their rights through workshops and easy access to a students' rights handbook. Hill also plans to open a dialogue with Student Health in order to address the quality of service that students have been receiving from this office.

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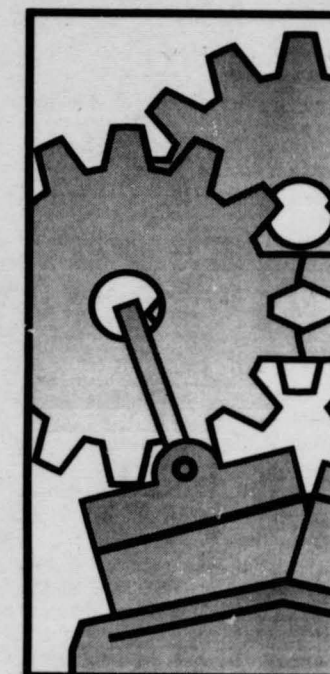
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able. Hill also proposes coordinating with the external office in order to face broader issues that affect the student body. In addition, his participation with The Hate-Free Campus Campaign and his membership in Workgroup on Quality of Student Life for Underrepresented Goals testifies to his interest in students' rights and interests.

The other candidate for commissioner of student advocacy, Amy Kuo is also a very competent candidate for the job. She has experience as an intern for the San Diego City Attorney's Office Criminal Division, as well as with attorney Robert Schlein. However, despite an impressive résumé and articulate presentation, the *Guardian* feels that Kuo's lack of actual on-campus student advocacy experience, compared to Hill's strong background places her behind Hill in terms of qualifications for this office.



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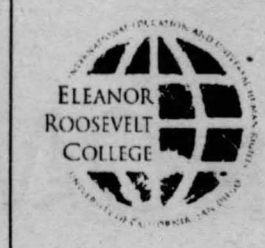
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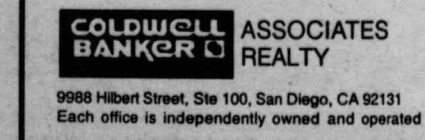


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If students are unaware of the fact that online voting was implemented for the fall referendum on whether or not to expand the Price Center (or that an election even took place, for that matter), they shouldn't worry — they're not alone.

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esting Student Centers referendum, merely because of the greater import of the election's results for the student body. It may actually be a blessing that Studentlink's shake-down cruise proved to be so uneventful — now that more important matters are at hand, it is reassuring to know that the system has been proven to be reliable.

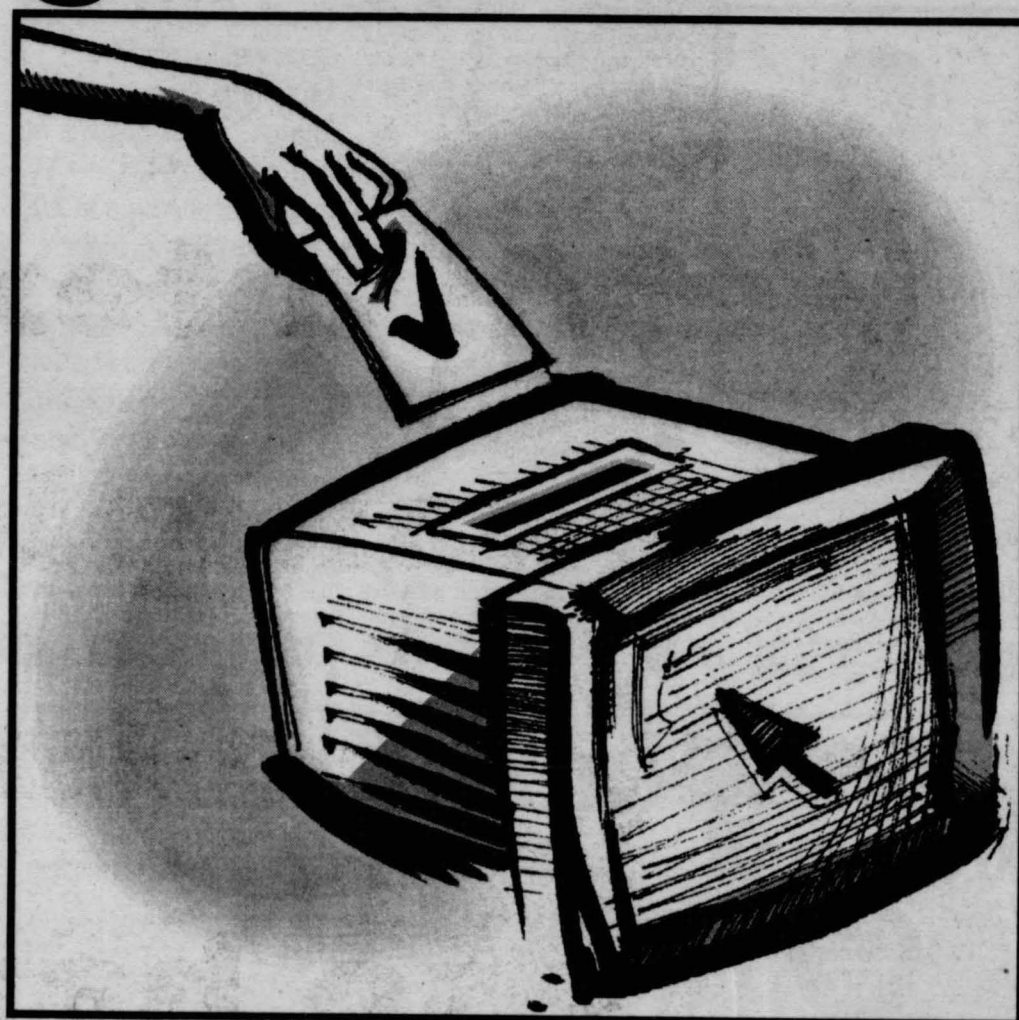
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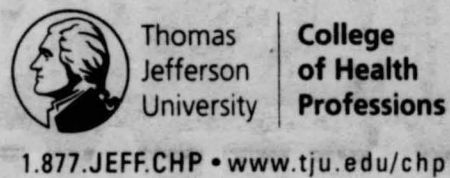
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Overly Complicated Laws Tax Americans

An abundance of deductions, exemptions and credits make the tax code burdensome and unfair

By KEVIN SEID
Staff Writer

What is so challenging and complex that many people put off doing it until the very last minute it is due? No, not studying for final exams or writing term papers. I am talking about filling out income tax forms.

Every year in April, millions of Americans must endure the arduous task of completing their federal income tax returns. Many spend long hours filling out their 1040 income tax form as well as any other paperwork that may apply to them. Others end up spending money out of their own pockets to have a professional tax accountant complete their tax returns for them.

What makes the federal income tax system so complex is the proliferation of deductions, credits and exemptions written into the tax code. Over the past few decades, Congress and the president have maintained a policy of targeting specific programs and groups instead of cutting taxes across the board. People get tax breaks on their income tax based on the way they spend their money. As a result, we have an unfair federal tax system that wastes everybody's time, money and energy. If all of these tax shelters and loopholes were eliminated, the federal income tax system would be simpler, less stressful and fairer to all.

Currently, the tax code exceeds 7 million words. Compare that to "War and Peace," which has 660,000 words, or the Holy Bible with 774,746 words. The IRS estimates that it takes the average person 6 hours, 22 minutes just to fill out a 1040... Most taxpayers also must complete other tax forms that may take anything from 30 minutes to over two hours to complete.

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Many deductions, exemptions and credits have their own separate form to fill out. People may even have to fill out the calculations on those forms just to find out if they even qualify for that particular benefit. Throw in the record keeping, the time spent learning about the complicated tax laws and the forms, then the copying, assembling and mailing, and you could spend several days working on your taxes.

Many people do not have the time to fully research all their records, learn about the entire tax code and fill out all the requisite paperwork. Taxpayers end up overlooking many of the deductions, exemptions and credits they could possibly qualify for. Many do not have the resources to figure out which areas to plan, spend and invest their income in the future so that they could qualify for more tax breaks next year.

More than half of all taxpayers end up paying a professional CPA to handle the forms for them. The

tax system is so complex that even tax pros often miss things. In the March 1997 issue of *Money Magazine*, all 45 tax experts incorrectly prepared a tax return when they were asked to prepare tax returns for a fictitious family. In the study, less than one-fourth of the subjects came within \$1,000 of the correct total and the final tax bills ranged from \$36,322 to \$94,438. Unfortunately, the tax system hasn't gotten any easier since then.

Deductions, exemptions and credits also make the tax system unfair. Taxpayers with the same incomes end up paying vastly different amounts of taxes to the IRS. Most loopholes only benefit particular groups that they target, and those who miss the tax breaks they should have qualified for end up paying higher taxes than they need to.

What is more disturbing is that a rich person can take advantage of the tax benefits and consequently pay a much smaller proportion of his income than a middle-class or poor person would. The wealthy could spend time studying the tax code instead of working long hours just for a decent paycheck. A rich person has the money to hire tax experts and accountants to find and exploit tax benefits. The federal income tax is suppose to be a progressive tax system where the rich have higher tax rates than the poor. After all the loopholes, a poor or middle-class person could end up paying an equal or greater percentage of his income than a rich person would.

What we need to do is to cut all of the deductions, credits, exemptions, loopholes and shelters out of the federal income tax system. The complexity of the tax system would be dramatically reduced and it would be fairer to many Americans. We should also cut taxes so that the system would be revenue-neutral and generate about the same amount of money as before. I am not advocating a flat tax per se. We can keep the progressive system while simply lowering all of the tax rates in the different tax brackets across the board to reasonable levels.

Of course, this proposal will not happen anytime in the near future. Like the flat tax, the national sales tax and other reforms, most politicians are afraid to radically change the income tax system. They would call down the wrath of the many groups who benefit from the current system. People who currently enjoy tax breaks would complain to their congressmen. H&R Block and other tax CPA firms would be forced out of business.

So if this year was your first time filling out your own tax return, get used to the complexity, the long hours and the procrastination. For those who haven't experienced the pleasure of filing your own yet, good luck to you next tax season.

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Liberal Arts Majors Get Lost in a Sea of Sciences

UCSD's notorious emphasis on scientific fields often leaves other students feeling lost and alone

By DIVYA N. RUNCHAL
Columnist

Before I begin my tirade against the scientific and medical community here at UCSD, I would like to apologize to those of you who understand math and science. It's not that I don't like you, but I have issues with the heavy emphasis on science on this campus. I would also like to add that my mathematical knowledge is basically limited to multiplication and everything before it, and that my scientific knowledge has only enabled me to understand that the earth is populated by living things.

Having said that, I will continue my argument against the prevalence of science and further strengthen my defense of all the poor liberal arts majors who, like me, have been disillusioned with this school's emphasis on neurons, skeletal structures and microbiology.

Like many students, I have

been influenced by my parent's career decisions. My father is a mechanical engineer with a Ph.D. in math while my mother has a masters in economics. Clearly, from the start, it seemed that a higher being wanted to play a practical joke on my benevolent parents, who instead of having a scientific and mathematical genius, ended up with a depraved kid who had trouble adding and subtracting.

From the start it seemed I was doomed to failure. Yet, despite my cynicism, I had a shred of optimism within me. I felt that even if my math and science skills were comparable to Dan Quayle's verbal abilities, I still had a chance in life. I was wrong. In middle school, I learned firsthand the cruelty of this science infested world. I was told I would never be rich and happy by peers and educators alike if I did not pursue an acad-

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Male Chauvinism Permeates Society

Dear Feminazi:

I just finished reading Jessica Schepmann's article ("A harmless evening between friends soon turns into a vicious battle of the sexes," The Editor's Soapbox, April 3). I would just like to let her know that she is the luckiest girl in the world if this is the worst experience of sexual harassment/assault she has ever had. I don't know how sensitive she is, but if she was able to take her nickname as a joke, she is a stronger woman than I. If I were in her situation I would be frustrated, to say the least. In an attempt to shed a little light on the subject for those male members of our campus that don't seem to get it and possibly improve the quality of daily life of all the female members, her fellow staff members voided her article of its meaning. They turned it into a joke rather than acknowledging its truth and supporting their colleague.

Their ignorance is not entirely their fault, though. I place most of the blame on American society. Men are brought up believing that sexism equals heterosexuality, and women are brought to accept the oppressive consequences of that thinking. Judging by the behavior



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of many males, this policy is fundamental and inherent in American culture. Most men, especially those of the white heterosexual variety, will never understand what it's like to be a

female. In other words, they will never know what it is like to live in fear every single day of their lives.

I cannot speak for every other woman out there when I say that. Many women have been so well trained in the role of "normal American female" that they might even think that I'm being dramatic. Whether or not anyone on this campus or anyone anywhere would like to admit it, sexism — or whatever you want to call the social custom that has men as predators with women as their prey — is a reality, not a tool women use to get attention (Thank you, Monica Lewinsky). That brings up an important question: Why do women feel they have to go to such extremes to get attention?

Anyway, sexism, sexual harassment and the sexual objectification of women are dominating factors that are unwelcome in my life. Needless to say, I don't find my experiences in this area to be particularly amusing, even as an April fool's joke. I have enough stories to straighten out anybody's misconception that this topic is humorous. The story the

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• 4:30 p.m. Cross Cultural Center. **Frederic R. Jameson**, The Literature Program, Duke University, and Visiting Professor, UCSD, will present a public lecture, "Realism and Utopia in Kim Stanley Robinson's 'Mars Trilogy'."
 • 3:00p.m.-4:30p.m. International Center Lounge. Study Abroad in English! Don't miss the **Information Session for South Africa!** Education Abroad Programs (EAP) offered for the academic year. Instruction in English. Contact? 534-1123.
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Wednesday, April 12

• 11a-1:30 p.m. Women's Center. **Legal Clinic.** Individual appointments with a lawyer. Call 822-0074 to set up an appointment.
 • 2:30p-4:00 p.m. Oceanids Pavilion, International Center. **Information Session for Study Abroad in Australia and New Zealand!** Education Abroad Programs (EAP) offered for the year 2001. Info: 534-1123 or www.ucsd.edu/icenter/pao.
 • 7:00 p.m. Copley Auditorium, Institute of the Americas. **UCSD Millenium Lecture Series: "The Everchanging Brain: New Insights on Nature vs. Nurture"** by Joan Stiles, UCSD professor of cognitive science. Info: 822-0510.

• 5:00p.m.-6:30p.m. Price Center Gallery A. **Text Management. Learn how to work on the mental aspects of high performance under intense pressure.** Info: 534-7579.
 • 7:00p.m. UCSD Institute of the Americas, Copley Conference Center. **UCSD Millenium Lecture Series presents, Joan Stiles on "The Ever-Changing Brain: New Insights on Nature vs. Nurture."** Reception after the lecture. Info: 822-0510.

Saturday, April 15

• 10a-3:00 p.m. Institute of the Americas. Conference. Learn about unjust immigration laws at **Coalition for the Equal Treatment of Immigrants (CETI) Conference.**
 • 10:00 a.m. Muir Basketball Courts. **Delta Gamma's Archurslam.** Buy tickets to Rollerskate Night 4/13 in PC @ Best Eyes Booth all week. Tournament is 4/15 @ the Muir Basketball Courts. All proceeds go to Aid to the Blind.

Ongoing

• Gain a new perspective with **Study or Work Abroad!** Programs available for all majors almost anywhere in the world. Visit the Programs Abroad Office and Library for free advising. Located on Library Walk. Contact: Programs Abroad Office 534-1123, abroad@ucsd.edu, http://www.ucsd.edu/icenter/pao.
 • Volunteer for the **UCSD Cancer Center.** They are looking for motivated volunteers willing to devote at least 3 hours a week to attend outreaches aimed at San Diego's Asian/Pacific Islander community educating elderly women

about the risks of breast cancer, how to perform self-examinations, and get access to other screening services. Contact: Emily ennguyen@ucsd.edu.

Activities

Monday, April 10

• 9:00 a.m. Library Walk. **Spring Fair 2000.** Goods for sale include posters, clothing, food, leather goods, shoes, handbags, sterling silver and gems, and much more. Info: 534-0501.
 • 6:30 p.m. Cross Cultural Center. **Why Jews Can't Believe in Jesus.** A discussion with Rabbi Kravitz of "Jews for Judaism" in response to missionary groups that target for conversion. Free. All are welcome.

Wednesday, April 12

• 3p-5:00 p.m. Price Center Gallery B. **Becoming Culturally Competent— Is It Possible?** What is the reward for becoming culturally competent? Is it possible? This session will highlight the stages of progression toward cultural competence. Sponsored by SOLO.
 • 7:00 p.m. Price Center Theater. **Sneak Preview: "U571."** Preview of a World War II suspense drama about an American submarine's crew's battle against time and their own fears.
 • 8:00p.m. Solis Hall 104 **CWD Film series presents, "Serpico" starring Al Pacino** in adaptation of Peter Maas book about a New York cop exposing corruption in the department. Also a speaker, Cesar Sanchez, Coalition Pro-Dereches de la raza, San Diego. Info: 587-2772

Thursday, April 13

• 7 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. Price Center Theater. Movie Showing: "13th Warrior." Admission: \$2.

Friday, April 14

• 3:00 p.m. ORA. **Write for D'Varim!** Want to write for the premier Judaic Literary Journal on campus? D'Varim deadline for submissions is Friday.
 • 8:00p.m. CRCA 408 University Center. **Percussion Concert.** A recital of music theater by Vanessa Tomlinson. Info: 534-4383.

Saturday, April 15

• 11:00 a.m. Marshall College. **Thurgood Marshall 22nd Annual Cultural Celebration.** Featuring music, dance, ethnic food from around the world, artisans, artwork, poetry, children's arts and crafts, games and more. Info: 534-4390.

Sunday, April 16

• 11:00a.m.-10:00p.m. Price Center Ballroom B. **UCSD Videogame Expo II.** Come watch demonstrations, tournaments and check out the latest game consoles , cash prizes and free

admission. Info: 643-0001 or Email: yshao@ucsd.edu

Monday, April 17

• Volunteer Connection Office, 2nd floor, PC. **Sign Up deadline for HANDS ON SAN DIEGO** on April 24th. Don't miss out on the biggest volunteering event of the year! Questions? Call 534-1414.
 • 7:30p.m. Price Center Theater. **Listen to UCSD Regents' Lecturer Kim Stanley Robinson, "UCSD and Permaculture: A Science Fiction Story."** Free.

Ongoing

• Is your landlord giving you problems? Planning to move off-campus? Come to **Student Legal Services' Landlord/Tenant Workshops.** Call for info. 534-4374.

Tuesday, April 18

• 3p.m.-4:00p.m. Price Center Gallery A. **The Team Building Session** will allow you to experience "team work" through structured activities and discussion. This is not a lecture! Info: 534-0501

Ongoing

• 7:30p.m. Irvine Room. **Baha'i Club Meetings.** Meetings to plan out what event we will sponsor this quarter. Email: bahai@ucsd.edu

Clubs

Wednesday, April 19

• 3p.m.-4:00 p.m. Price Center Gallery A. **Alcohol and Substance Abuse workshop.** Learn about the legal consequences of drinking and driving, alcohol and drug policies, using fake IDs and purchasing alcohol for minors. Info: 534-0501.

• 4:30p.m.-5:30p.m. Price Center Theater. It's not who you know, it's how well you Network. Create a dynamic networking statement for yourself and make important contacts by playing a game. Info: 534-0501

Ongoing Thursdays

• 6:00 p.m. Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. **Muir College Council (MCC) meetings.** Find out what the low-down is with A.S. business at Muir, and who's on this week's "shame list." General Public Welcome.

Ongoing Fridays

• 3:30p-5:30 p.m. RIMAC Activity Room I. **Friday Dancing.** Ballroom Dance Club's weekly meetings. Come dance with us! Beginners welcome.

Arts

Friday, April 14

• 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Mandeville. **Percussion Recital.** Vanessa Tomlinson, doctoral student, performs her final recital. Info: 534-4830.

Health

Ongoing Mondays

• **Bisexual Forum:** Mondays from 4:00-5:00p.m. starting April 10th at the LGBT Resource Office (corner of Meyers & Gilman). Led by Geri Weitzman, 534-5905.
 • **Grief Group.** Mondays, from 2:30-4:00p.m. 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by Nancy Wahlig, 534-5793. Call to sign up.
 • **Gay/Bisexual Men's Undergrad Support Group.** Mondays, 8 pm, starting April 10th. LGBT Resource Office. A supportive environment where you can speak your mind and make new friends.
 • **Undergraduate Men's Group:** Monday's 2:30-4:00 p.m. starting April 10th. 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by Jeff Jones, 534-3456 and Ron Lane, 534-0250. Call to sign up.

Ongoing Tuesdays

• **Graduate Women's Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Group:** Tuesdays at noon, starting April 11th, LGBT Resource Office (corner of Meyers & Gilman). Call 822-3493 for more information.
 • **OVERCOMING BINGE EATING:** Meets Tuesdays, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by Karla Materna, 534-6463 and Keisha Paxton, 534-1725. Call to sign up.

Ongoing Wednesdays

• **Women's Open Forum and Supportive Atmosphere:** Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30p.m. starting April 12th, Women's Center Conference Room. Led by the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Peer Counselors. Call Sylvia Gomez, 534-5989 to join the group.

Ongoing Thursdays

• **Undergraduate Growth Group.** Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m., 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by John Wu, 534-1579 and Geri Weitzman, 534-5905. Call to sign up.

Ongoing Fridays

• **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Support Group:** Meets Fridays, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. Led by Dan Munoz, 534-0251 and Jerry Phelps, 822-2614. Call to sign up.

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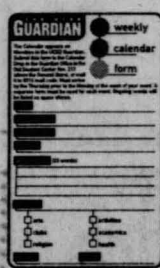
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Science:

Chemistry, physics and math prove unworkable

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entire ripe with math and science. Later in high school, my resolve to not get sucked into the mad, mad, world of science and math deteriorated quickly when I learned that most colleges wanted students with Advanced Placement classes in physics, calculus, and chemistry. Even my closest peers confronted me with the stark possibility of me becoming an impoverished and unemployed private detective if I didn't have the mathematical and scientific ability to fight crime.

I suppose I only have myself to blame. After all, even though I had heard stories about UCSD as a university of science, science, science. I still chose to come here. However, judging that my choices were limited, it was either go here or run away to Madagascar. So I chose to come here and even prepared for my first quarter of chemistry (I actually had to prepare for chemistry for nonmajors) by reviewing notes from high school and looking through study guides I was determined to get an A and show myself and my entire family that if I studied hard and long enough, there was a place in the halls of scientific academia for me. Alright, so my dream lasted all of two weeks, but at least I tried. After all, I'm a freshman and I'm entitled to a few quarters of bad grades.

At least I thought things would get better. I realized that even Einstein had failed math in high school, so perhaps there was hope for me in college. The sad thing is, I cannot compete with the scientific accomplishments of peers my own age who leave me and many others gasping for air. I need to be surrounded by similar folks like me who struggle in the daily fight to comprehend the foreign codes written on blackboards by their chemistry and physics professors. Maybe it is just me. I may in fact be the only student on this campus who needs an O.A.S.I.S. tutor to explain the secrets of calculus and other evil things crazy people have invented. I'm hoping, just hoping, that all the scientific and mathematical genius majoring in molecular biology, or physics, can lend me their brains for just one day. It would make my life at this science riddled campus just a little bit better.

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Letters:

Being a victim does not make one an extremist

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author told in her article was mild, and if she is a femi-nazi for realizing what happened that night was wrong, then I am a fucking femi-Hitler (please don't take "Hitler" out of context). Also, correct me if I am wrong, but doesn't the term "Nazi" have some aggressive connotations? If anyone was being an aggressor that night in the *Overland*, it certainly wasn't her.

-Molly Birchhead
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Tennis Suffers Three Losses in Rough Weekend

The men's team is defeated by Sonoma State, USIU and Trinity University and amasses two tough injuries in the process

By **BILL BURGER**
Sports Editor

The last week and a half have not gone well for the UCSD men's tennis team. On April 2 the team got shelled 7-0 at the hands of No. 1-ranked UC Santa Cruz. Later that week the Tritons received news that their No. 2 singles player, Corey Moderhak, had been declared academically ineligible for the rest of the season. This was the backdrop for last weekend's three matches with Trinity University, Sonoma State and United States International University.

The bad string continued for the Tritons as they lost 1-6 to Trinity and 0-7 to Sonoma State before losing 3-4 to USIU in a match that they certainly could have won.

"We need to have someone step up," Head Coach Eric Steidlmayer said. "We can still hang in there without Corey [Moderhak] but we need to play as a team."

Against Trinity University the Tritons came up just short in doubles before getting trounced in singles.

At No. 1 doubles, Michael Meyer and Dan Albrecht fought as hard as they could, but their opponents, who are ranked in the top five in the country in Division III, were too tough and sent the duo to an 8-5 loss.

"Sometimes you go out there and you just don't have it," Steidlmayer said. "Those guys were really tough, and we just didn't have enough to keep up."

Sean Nagle and Mike Rosett played at No. 2 doubles and won 8-6 against a team who were doubles All-Americans last season. The match was Nagle's first of the season.

Joe Diehl and Ryan Thompson lost 8-5 at No. 3 doubles. This loss ensured that Trinity would win the doubles point.

In singles, the loss of Moderhak really hurt the Tritons, who lost every match except for No. 1.

At No. 1 Meyer fought through a hand injury that would hinder him all weekend to defeat Sloan Rush from Trinity 2-6, 7-5, 6-2. Meyer had match points against him in the second set at 3-5 but fought back to take the set and the match.

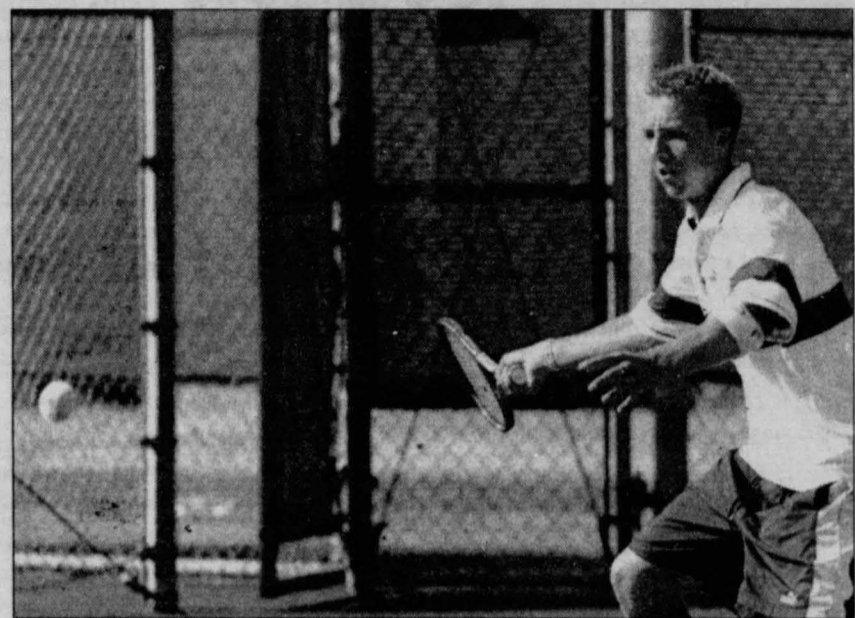
"I just tried to keep balls in play," Meyer said. "I was kind of pushing my backhand but that was all I could do because of my hand."

Against Sonoma State the Tritons struggled mightily. Meyer and Cedric Mazzara won 8-1 at No. 3 doubles but the Tritons lost every other match-up.

At USIU, the Tritons got off to a good start and won the doubles point for the first time in almost two weeks. Unfortunately the doubles wins went for naught, as USIU won four of the six singles match-ups to take the match 4-3. The only wins in singles for the Tritons came off the racquets of Ryan Thompson and Scott Anderson, who played No. 3 and No. 5 respectively.

"We had chances to win [at USIU] but we lost a few close matches," Steidlmayer said. Steidlmayer refused to blame injuries for his team's demise, but the match would certainly have turned out differently if Rosett and Meyer hadn't been out with injuries.

The men's tennis team's record now stands at 9-7 and it is coming down the



Preparation: Michael Meyer gets ready to hit a forehand in a match earlier this season. Meyer's strong play is one of the reasons that the Tritons still have a chance at nationals.

home stretch. The men play Point Loma Nazarene University next Friday before their big match-up with Claremont College on April 22nd. Both matches will be on the Muir Courts and both start at 2 p.m.

"Claremont is No. 2 in the region, and I think if we beat them we assume that position," Steidlmayer said. "Being No. 2 would be big because we would get a bye in the first

round of regionals and only have to win one match to make it to nationals."

Losing this match would be detrimental to the Tritons' cause because it would ensure a match with UC Santa Cruz in the regional tournament.

Get out and root on the Tritons as they make a push for their first NCAA Tournament in recent memory.

Volleyball:

Two victories this weekend will ensure the title

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"They are a really good team," Head Coach Ron Larsen said. "They can legitimately win the NCAA's this year, and they needed the win, so we saw their best players."

UCSD had a better time of it on the offensive end against USC, but had a difficult time restraining the Trojans lethal offensive attack. The Trojans, who came into the match ranked No. 3 in Division I, were led by setter Donald Suxho who had 35 sets and was a perfect eight for eight on attacks. In the end the Trojans were too tough for UCSD and came out on top 15-3, 15-6, 15-0.

"USC has three losses in conference and can't afford any more," Larsen said. "They came out fired up against us and played some great volleyball."

Reeling from their two prior losses, the Tritons traveled to Northridge on Saturday to take on the Cal State Northridge Matadors.

UCSD put up a much better fight in this match, but still lost 15-7, 15-9, 15-3. After two bad matches earlier in the week, Zack Hite had a much better performance against the Matadors. Hite recorded 12 kills and only committed six hitting errors. Chen led the Tritons in kills with 14. Earnest Yun was the Tritons most efficient hitter, recording five kills and no hitting errors.

"I expect the championship game to be us and NYU. We beat them in four games earlier this year but they are a really good team and can cause us some problems. That match could have gone either way."

— Ron Larsen
Men's Volleyball Head Coach

our capabilities."

The final regular season game for the Tritons is this Tuesday, when they take on rivals San Diego State. The women's volleyball team will be camping out in front of RIMAC Arena tonight to give the match more exposure. The attendance at the SDSU match should challenge the all-time RIMAC attendance mark for a volleyball game. The game begins at 7 p.m., but be sure to get there early as seats may be hard to come by.

The Division III Invitational Tournament will be held in Hoboken New Jersey on Friday and Saturday and the Tritons have already wrapped up the No. 1 seed. They will play Stevens Technical Institute, a team that the Tritons crushed to open last year's regular season, in the first round on Friday at 7:30 p.m. If they win, they will play the winner of NYU and D'Youville College of Buffalo for the National Championship. The consolation match will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"I expect the championship game to be us and NYU," Larsen said. "We beat them in four games earlier this year, but they are a real good team and can cause us some problems. That match could have gone either way."

The Tritons were denied an invitation to the tournament for the last two years in favor of La Verne University, in spite of splitting two matches with La Verne both years.

As the No. 1 team in the nation in Division III and the holders of a perfect record in the division, the Tritons were not denied this year. Look for coverage of the San Diego State match in Thursday's *Guardian*, and coverage of the NCAA Invitational Tournament next Monday.

Baseball:

A multitude of unearned runs caused the defeats

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was close until the seventh inning as the Tritons were down only one, 3-2. Jeff Meyers, the Kingsmen's third baseman, knocked a two-run dinger and sparked a four-run rally that put Cal Lutheran up 7-2.

The Tritons mounted a mini comeback in the eighth inning as they scored two runs to draw within three with an inning to play, but it was too little too late. The Kingsmen added four more runs in the bottom half of the eighth, and shut the Tritons down the rest of the way, ending the game with a final score 11-4.

The Triton pitchers, although they pitched well, walked seven batters. This combined with the five errors committed by the defense precipitated the loss. On the other hand, the Kingsmen pitchers, although allowing only one less walk, were able to work their way out of any jams that ensued as their defense stood strong behind them, committing only one error.

The offense lacked its usual potency as Canale seemed to have most of the players' numbers all game long.

The second game, however, was a slug fest as the Triton bats awoke with a vengeance. The Kingsmen were just as rapacious

and the field was soon littered with the corpses of RBIs and hits. Cal Lutheran sprinted to an early lead as it jumped all over Triton starting pitcher Andrew Holloway. It scored four runs on five hits, in six at bats. Holloway, though turning in some good performances of late, was on this day nothing but fodder for the cannons.

After two-thirds of an inning, he was replaced by Erick Snyder, who in prompt fashion acted as the silencer, cutting through the booming bats of the Kingsmen to end their offensive output, at least for that inning.

The Tritons scratched and clawed their way back into the game over the next two innings with a run in the second and two more off a Chad Addison bomb in the third.

In the fourth, however, the Kingsmen caught onto Snyder's rhythm and tagged him for four runs. The Triton defense was once again at fault as an error in the inning led to an unearned run.

With the score at 8-3 and the outlook grim, the Tritons summoned everything in their arsenal and lit up the scoreboard. Tyler Sullivan hit his fifth homerun of the season and knocked in two runs. The Tritons scored two more and had a chance to take the lead when Harrison was replaced with David Gonzales. There were two outs and tensions were high. If the Tritons could take the lead, the game would

belong to them, but Gonzales retired the Triton batter and the inning ended 8-7.

After failing to overcome the Cal Lutheran lead, it was up to the Tritons to hold the Kingsmen the rest of the game and play catch-up. The Kingsmen offense, however, would not go quietly into that good night. After UCSD briefly tied the game in the top of the sixth, the Triton pitching surrendered four more runs to post a final score of 12-8, Kingsmen.

Gonzales was the winning pitcher and the loss was given to Darrin Macleod. The Triton defense was again suspect, committing three errors.

Besides the offense, which was the main story of the game, a long-standing tradition of hit batsmen was revived on Sunday. Early in the game, Addison was plunked by a pitch. Then in the sixth inning, Nick Planch was hit by Darrin Macleod. The umpire seemed to interpret this as retaliation and threw Macleod out of the game.

O'Brien sprung to his pitcher's defense, and was subsequently thrown out of the game. "I defended my pitcher," O'Brien said. "The umpire made a judgment call, and that's his opinion."

Next Tuesday the Tritons travel to USD and then on Wednesday they are at home against Point Loma. The Tritons look to win these next two games, so get out there and support UCSD baseball.

dominant team. St. Louis is greatly improved, but its pitching is still too shaky to advance past the first round of the playoffs.

The New York Mets have the best pitching in major league baseball and one of the best lineups from top to bottom in the National League. They are clearly the class of the National League and will probably win over 100 games on route to being the first team other than the Atlanta

Braves to win the National League East in the last six years.

The Mets don't have the experience in the postseason that the Cleveland Indians do, and that will hurt them in the series. The Indians will win in a thriller, but the Mets will establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with for years to come. No matter what happens, parity should make this season one of the most interesting in a long time.

Column:

Cleveland, you finally have a winning team

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The National League Central is going to hit a record number of home runs this year, with Griffey, Big Mac, Sammy Sosa and Jeff Bagwell bashing homers in this division, but they don't have a

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Red Sox as Series Champs? Please!

With the major league baseball season one week old, I have been frantically watching games and looking through stats, attempting to decipher what the first few games of the long year mean.

After all the observing I have done, I have come to one conclusion: I have no idea what will happen this season.

Let's start from the top — *Sports Illustrated's* choice to win the World Series, the Boston Red Sox. So far the BoSox are 2-4 and have only won games when Pedro Martinez has pitched. Martinez may be able to win 25 games for Boston this year and he may even be able to dominate the postseason like he did last year, but that isn't enough to win all the way through the end of October. If the Red Sox are going to go all the way, they will need a stellar performance from Pedro and also an outstanding performance from one other pitcher, likely Pedro's brother Ramon. I don't see that happening, and once again the Red Sox will fade into the fall like they have for the last 80 years, wondering what went wrong.

The Yankees have certainly been the default choice for World Series champs for the last four years. This year is no exception. No matter what *SI* says, the Yankees are still the team to beat in the American League. Their pitching is one year older and Cone and Clemens are nearing the end of their careers. I think that without a big mid-season trade, the Yankees are not going to hold up during the long season. They will lose in the American League Championship Series to the Cleveland Indians.

With the emergence of Bartolo Colon as a legitimate No. 1 starter, the Indians have everything they need to go all the way. Not only will the Indians make it to the World Series, they will win it in six games over the New York Mets.

The National League is down this season, and I am choosing the Mets basically by default. The Braves will not have John Smoltz this year, and Tom Glavine is starting to show his age. Maddux is still one of the best and Kevin Millwood is starting to emerge as the ace of the staff, but that will not be enough to take the National League Championship Series this year. Not since the 1980s has the Braves' pitching staff been so vulnerable.

The Dodgers will win the West, but that is only because somebody has to win this dreadful division. I have been a Dodger fan since the day I was born and would love to see them go all the way, but it just isn't going happen. Shawn Green was a great acquisition, but the main reason I am picking the Dodgers is the fact that the Padres are dreadful, the Rockies are worse and the Giants don't have the pitching. The Diamondbacks all had career years last season and will not repeat it this year. Even though they have gotten off to a good start, they will eventually fade and come back to the pack.

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Runners Dominate at Home

The women come in first and the men third in the UC San Diego Collegiate Invitational on Saturday

By SCOTT BURROUGHS

Staff Writer

The morning broke foggy and dismal over Triton Stadium as the athletes piled in by van or bus. Track and field squads from up and down the California coast were converging on the UCSD campus to face off in the UCSD Collegiate Invitational. As the runners greedily gulped down their vitamin drinks and ate their energy bars, they sized up the competition, which included teams from UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, Point Loma Nazarene, Cal State San Marcos, Cal State Los Angeles, Cuyamaca College, United States International University and Cal Poly Pomona.

Action on the infield began with the javelin, shot put, hammer and discus throws. UCSD's Catherine Nolan topped the class in the javelin, throwing an impressive 130'07" to outdistance the competition. Lynne Brinkman added a fourth-place hurl to pick up some additional points for the squad.

The UCSD women also dominated the shot put, with Megan Steel schooling the other throwers with a mark of 40'04". In the discus toss, UCSD placed two women in the top eight, scoring with spots at 5th and 6th. The Tritons finished off with another victory in throwing competition, as Tina Summers overpowered the rest of the field with a throw of 155'02" to take first place in the hammer. These initial results, with the women winning three of the four throwing events, were an impressive start to the meet and the Tritons showed no signs of letting up.

The jumping events were next on the agenda and Nicole Johnson was ready for action, leaping to a fourth place finish. When they broke out the long pole, Kelly Wimnaugh and Rachael Campbell came up clutch for UCSD, clinching fifth and sixth place in the pole vault. Clara Wilson was the highest-scoring Triton long jumper at fifth, while Lilian Liu came in at third in the triple jump.

On the men's side of the Collegiate Invitational, Matt Meskimen tallied points for the UCSD team in the shot put competition and the javelin hurl, with placings of seventh and fifth respectively. A Triton also managed to make it into the scoring slots in the discus toss, as Jim Freeman grunted his way to fifth place. In hammer-hucking action, Matt Deford and Eric Robin contributed scoring results with

Volleyball Poised to Take National Championship

Tritons will take on SDSU on Tuesday and then play in the NCAA Tournament this weekend

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With the regular season winding down, the men's volleyball team is beginning to focus on its Tuesday night match against San Diego State and its appearance in the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament next weekend.

The fact that their thoughts were elsewhere last week was evident as the Tritons were defeated by USC, Long Beach State and Cal State Northridge.

Wednesday UCSD took on Long Beach State. Long Beach showed why they are the No. 2-

ranked team in Division I as they rolled over the Tritons 15-2, 15-5, 15-8. UCSD was led by Donald Chen's 13 kills. Other than Chen, no Triton could get into an offensive groove as the Tritons had a negative attacking percentage for the match. Matthew Holve and Zach Hite each had three kills and tied for second most on the team. UCSD couldn't stop Eli Fairfield for USC. Fairfield had 14 kills and six service aces while not committing any hitting errors.

On Friday the Tritons headed to Los Angeles to take on the UCSD Trojans.

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Jump: Clara Wilson competes in the 100 meter hurdles during the UC San Diego Collegiate Invitational last weekend. Wilson came in third and helped the women to a first place finish in the meet.

sixth- and seventh-place finishes respectively.

In men's running the Tritons picked up points in the 200 and 400 meters on the strength of David Newquist's fifth- and fourth-place scores. The 800 saw Steve Smith picking up points at third for the Tritons, while the 1500 belonged to James Nielsen, who owned the competition with a first place time of 3:56.64.

Nathan Garcia ran to a second place finish in the 5000 meter, while Jim Freeman crushed the other puny competitors in the 110-meter high hurdles, clocking in at 14.21 to take first place. In intermediate hurdle action, Rodger O'Keefe nabbed third place in the 400, while Armen Vartanian braved the infamous steeplechase course to garner a sixth place score and pick up some valuable team points. Commenting on the action at this point, Vartanian said, "We're out

here doing our best right now, but we know we can accomplish more."

The UCSD men's relay runners were barely edged by CSULA in the 4x100 to finish second. Their time, however, was fast enough to set a UCSD school record and qualify for NCAA nationals. Steve Pease notched a second-place finish for the Tritons in the pole vault and Kwennon Kwok soared his way to a third place finish in the long jump competition, while Trevor Takayama and Justin Chen added placing scores in the triple jump.

When the dust cleared and the final scores were tallied, the UCSD women's team emerged at the top of the heap, taking the first place title overall, besting second-place UCSB by nine team points. The men's squad's valiant effort procured them third place behind UCSB and Cal Poly Pomona

Baseball Suffers Two Losses to Cal Lu

Defense lets down the Tritons at crucial times and sends them to a pair of defeats

By TAIT MILLER

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The Tritons traveled to Thousand Oaks last Saturday to match up with vaunted Cal Lutheran in a double-header. The teams battled back and forth but when the final scores were tallied, the Kingsmen were on top 11-4 in the first game and 12-8 in the second.

The first game got underway at 11 a.m. on what was "an ugly dreary day," according to Head Coach Dan O'Brien.

The game pitted freshman Alexander Cremidan against Tom Canale of Cal Lutheran.

Cremidan turned in an excellent performance, which should be no surprise — ever since UCSD ace John Beaven went down with a muscle strain a week ago, Cremidan has pitched with a newfound fervor, looking like an ace himself.

Cremidan held the Kingsmen to just three runs in his five innings of work and only one of the runs was earned. The Triton defense was like Swiss cheese with holes all over the place. It committed five errors in all, allowing five unearned runs.

Despite the errors, the game

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