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Worldwide

Russian Agency Claims Jailed Student Had Ties to U.S. Intelligence

MOSCOW — The domestic intelligence agency unexpectedly said Tuesday that an American graduate student, arrested nearly a month ago on seemingly minor drug charges, was probably working for U.S. military intelligence.

The arrest of the student, John Edward Tobbin, a Fulbright scholar who is believed to be 23 or 24, drew almost no notice when it was reported two weeks ago in Moscow newspapers here. But Tuesday the

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National

Appeals Court Questions U.S. Lawyer on Plan to Split Microsoft

WASHINGTON — The government suffered a second day of difficult questioning in its Microsoft antitrust case Tuesday when a federal appeals court cast doubt about a judge's order last year to break the company in two.

Most of the seven judges on the appeals panel pressed David C. Frederick, a Justice Department lawyer, about the justification for the breakup, noting in particular that the only companies ever broken up in the 111-year history of

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Collegiate

Overloaded Financial Aid System at UC Berkeley May Hurt Poor Students

BERKELEY, Calif. — Many students depend on financial aid from UC Berkeley to pay for their education, but the increasing rate of student enrollment over the next 15 years could mean potential problems for many low-income students.

A recent report from the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance in Washington said low-income students prepared to enter college after graduating from high school are facing a financial

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Spoken

"We're trying to shift the focus more toward body acceptance."

— Heather Kurata
Health Services Dietician
See story at right

Fat Tuesday



Fat Tuesday: A young boy looks on as a woman fingers Mardi Gras beads at the celebration held Tuesday night in the Gaslamp Quarter in downtown San Diego.

Rebecca Drexler/Guardian

Cannabis Study Proposals Approved

UCSD center is almost ready to use medicinal marijuana

By VINCENT GRAGNANI
Senior Staff Writer

The UCSD-based Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research announced the approval of its first proposals for the study of cannabis as a treatment for specific medical conditions.

The studies selected include an inpatient study on the effects of smoking marijuana to alleviate peripheral nerve pain associated with HIV infection; an outpatient study of the effects and safety of smoked marijuana versus a placebo for the treatment of muscle spasms, loss of function, and related pain in patients with multiple sclerosis; and an outpatient study on the acute and long-term effects of repeated administration of medical cannabis on driving ability.

CMCR Director Igor Grant described the process by which 13 proposals were narrowed to four.

"We have followed a careful process of protocol review, engaging senior scientists from around the country on our scientific review board to evaluate proposals and rec-

ommend funding for those that meet our high scientific standards, within the strict procedures established by Health and Human Services, the DEA and the FDA," Grant said.

The CMCR is a state-funded collaboration between UCSD and UCSF. It was established last year as a result of a bill sponsored by state Sen. John Vasconcellos, D-Santa Clara, and signed into law by Gov. Gray Davis in October 1999. The law provided for \$3 million in state funds for the center. Additional federal funding may come later.

California voters approved the use of medical marijuana in 1996, but the guidelines for administering cannabis are ambiguous. Vasconcellos' legislation called for a three-year program of high-quality medical research.

"These approved studies will begin to gather evidence to determine whether or not marijuana is effective as a medical treatment for certain conditions," Vasconcellos said.

It is anticipated that additional studies will be reviewed and approved to begin in late spring 2001.

UCSD to Remember Cesar Chavez

Essay contests and film festivals mark California's new holiday

By PATRICK LEE
Staff Writer

March 30 has been declared a state holiday in California in honor of Cesar Estrada Chavez. Chavez was the founder and leader of America's first successful farm workers' union and was a prominent figure in the Chicano civil rights movement until his death in 1993.

The UCSD Commemoration Committee is sponsoring a variety of events throughout March in celebration of Chavez's life, including a candlelight vigil, a

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Week Draws Attention to Eating Disorders

Student health advocates hold information sessions

By MARGARET O'NEILL

Staff Writer

UCSD's Student Health Services and Advocates operated a table at RIMAC from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday to mark the beginning of Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which continues through Friday.

Pamphlets regarding this year's themes, "Every BODY is Beautiful" and "Celebrating Every BODY," were offered to students, along with the opportunity to talk to trained professionals about body image, fitness and nutrition issues. The goal of the programs this week are "to bring awareness that there are eating disorders on campus," according to Heather Kurata, a dietitian with Student Health Services.

Today from 10 a.m. to noon, there will be an information booth in Price Center Gallery B. Students will be able to view videos about body image and talk with professional physicians, psychologists and dietitians. Other students in recovery will also be present to talk with students about issues regarding body image.

There will also be a booth on Library Walk from noon to 2 p.m. today. Videos, information and give-aways will be available, along with the opportunity to talk with peers and professionals.

This year's themes are intended to encourage people across the country to celebrate the diversity of body shapes and sizes. They come in response to current trends in eating disorders, which can result from body image issues.

"We're trying to shift the focus more toward body acceptance," Kurata said.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week is a nationally recognized program.

"Most universities do something during this week," Kurata said.

The pamphlets available contain a large range of information on various aspects of eating disorders. One pamphlet is called "Eating Disorders: What Everyone Should Know," and contains information about the symptoms and signs of eating disorders, how to help a friend, what causes eating disorders, tips for athletes and strategies for combating unsafe eating habits.

Another pamphlet contains information about the focus of this year's Eating Disorder

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EVENTS

Thursday, March 1

Information: Eating Disorder Awareness

The Student Health Advocates will hold an information booth in the Price Center Gallery B. The Student Health Advocates are sponsoring the event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (858) 587-3621.

Friday, March 1

Concert: Miss Jane

Musical Group Miss Jane will perform at Club Ritmo. The A.S. Council is sponsoring the event, which will take place at 8:30 p.m. at the Stage in Porter's Pub. Admission is \$5 for UCSD students with a valid ID and general admission is \$15. Pre-sale tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets and at the Price Center Box Office. For more information call (858) 534-5259.

Monday, March 5

Performing Arts: Indian Music Concert

The UCSD Music Department is sponsoring the event, which will take place at 8 p.m. in the Mandeville Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (858) 534-4830.

Conference: Tax Workshop

The International Student and Scholar Office is sponsoring the workshop, which will introduce foreign students to the U.S. tax system. The event is free and open to the public and will take place at 2 p.m. in the International Center. For more information call (858) 534-0603.

Tuesday, March 6

Lecture: 'From the Barrio to the 'Burbs'

Enrico Marcelli, an assistant professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts, will discuss immigration and urban sprawl. The Center for Comparative Immigration Studies is sponsoring the event, which will take place at noon in the Institutes of the Americas building. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (858) 822-4447.

Wednesday, March 7

Performing Arts: Taraf de Haidouks

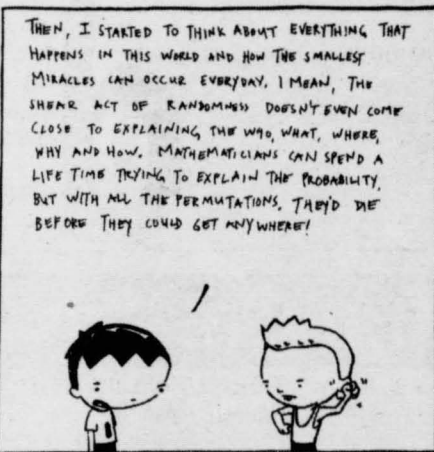
Taraf de Haidouks, a band of gypsies from the small Romanian village of Clejani, will perform at Mandeville Center. The University Events Office is sponsoring the event, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to the public. Student admission is \$12 and general admission is \$17. For more information call (858) 534-4119.

Performing Arts: Poetry Slamm

The University Centers and Porter's Pub are sponsoring the event, which will take place at 7 p.m. at the Stage in Porter's Pub. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (858) 822-2068.

ETCETERA

Rice 'n' Vite



BY KENNETH LEUNG



BRIEFLY

Scripps Discovers New Meteorite Source

A study conducted by researchers at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography has revealed that the Orgueil meteorite, which fell to earth in France in 1864, is the first meteorite that can be traced to a comet rather than an asteroid. Asteroids are commonly believed to be the source of all meteorites. The new information about the Orgueil meteorite may lead to an increased understanding of the origin of life on earth.

The researchers state in their findings, which were published in the Feb. 27 issue of the "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences," that the meteorite may contain the components necessary to generate life on earth. The amino acids found in the object are the source of what the researchers say may have created life.

The meteorite had, however, been studied previously. Jeffrey Bada, a professor of marine chemistry at Scripps, and his colleagues used new technology to study the small amounts of amino acids in the object. The new evidence comes from this more sophisticated approach to looking at the meteorite.

UCSD School of Medicine Hosts 'Mitochondria 2001'

The UCSD School of Medicine, the Mitochondrial Medicine Society, the Mitochondria Research Society and the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation are currently hosting a conference titled "Mitochondria 2001," a forum intended to draw attention and look for solutions to the problems created by malfunctioning mitochondria in the human cells. The forum started yesterday and will conclude on March 4.

Mitochondria are responsible for converting food into energy inside cells, and doctors, researchers and patients are realizing the dangerous repercussions of the malfunctioning mito-

chondria, which can lead to organ failure and cell injury. At the conference, which is being held at the Hyatt Regency Islandia, researchers and physicians intend to make a plan to bring before the National Center for Health Statistics in Maryland in an attempt to get the disease an international classification of disease code, which would recognize the health problem, since it is an emerging field of discipline.

Popular 'Loveline' to Visit, Record at UCSD Tuesday

MTV's "Loveline" with Dr. Drew and Adam Corolla is coming to UCSD on March 6. The show will be at 7 p.m. at RIMAC Arena and will give UCSD students a chance to address Drew and Corolla with their love and sex concerns. Tickets are \$5 for UCSD students with a valid ID and \$10 for the general public. The show is intended for those 18 years old and up. Tickets are on sale at all Ticketmaster locations as well as at the UCSD Box Office in the Price Center. Groups purchasing tickets for 10 or more people will receive \$1 off each ticket.

Author Diane Farr to Appear at UCSD Bookstore Monday

Author and former co-host of MTV's "Loveline" Diane Farr will appear at the UCSD Bookstore on March 5 to discuss her new book "The Girl Code." The book uses common female vernacular, including slang and euphemisms, to amuse women in this guide to the single life, which is subtitled "The Secret Language of Single Women" and sub-titled "On Dating, Sex, Shopping and Honor Among Girlfriends."

In addition to authoring the book, Farr has appeared on "The Drew Carey Show" and "Roswell" and contributed to several magazines.

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Chavez:

Essay contest winners will read their work at Chavez breakfast

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"Remembering Cesar" panel discussion and the Cesar E. Chavez Humanitarian Awards, will be given out at the Barrio Station Annual Dinner.

According to American Indian Academic Outreach Coordinator Mark Chavez, UCSD is sponsoring many of its own events to commemorate the civic leader.

Beginning April 2 with a showing of "Fight in the Fields" at the Price Center Theater, UCSD will show a movie on Chavez and his cause every Monday. Also, members of the UCSD community will be participating in a Cesar Chavez commemorative walk from the corner of Euclid and Logan streets to Cesar Chavez Elementary School. The walk will take place March 31 at 9 a.m.

Mark Chavez said he was proud that "UCSD is taking the initiative to have the essay contest."

Still, he urged further involvement of the university in the celebration of the political leader's life and struggle.

"We need to make more of an attempt to be a leader in community activities of this type," Mark Chavez said. "We want to set a precedent for the future and develop a commitment from the university as a whole. We

initiated it this year, and hopefully we'll be even more involved next year."

As part of the holiday celebration, UCSD, in partnership with the San Diego Cesar Chavez Committee, is sponsoring an essay contest dedicated to celebrating the life and achievements of Chavez.

The contest is open to students from grades seven through 12 and challenges contestants to comment on the influence Chavez and his work have had, or might have, on their lives and futures.

Members of the San Diego Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee, as well as representatives from the UCSD faculty, staff and student body, will judge the essays on their originality, historic content and expression of personal viewpoints.

Of the contestants, three grand-prize winners will win a new computer. Second-, third- and fourth-place winners will each receive \$750, \$500 and \$250 savings bonds, respectively, to be put toward paying for college. Certificates of honorable mention will be awarded to participants in each of the five regions serviced by UCSD's Early Academic Outreach Program.

Winning authors will be invited to read their essays at the Third Annual Cesar E. Chavez Breakfast March 30 at the San Diego Convention Center. Winners of the essay contest will also be featured April 7 at the Marshall College Cultural Celebration at UCSD, as well as at other community events commemorating the life of Chavez.

Eating:

College students are believed to be at risk for eating disorders

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Awareness Week: body image.

"Help on the Way: Female Athlete Triad" is another pamphlet available. The "Female Athlete Triad" is a combination of three disorders: disordered eating, lack of menstrual periods and bone weakening. Active women, including college athletes, are at risk for this. The pamphlet includes information about the signs and risks of Female Athlete Triad, as well as prevention tips.

College students are often at high risk for eating disorders because of all the changes they experience. Kurata named some of the factors, such as being away from home for the first time, having to select their own meals in the dining halls, and the weight limits that some sports teams impose.

Students being treated for eating disorders at Student Health Services see a combination of three people to aid their recovery: a dietician, a psychologist and a physician.

Berkeley:

Insufficient aid may be due to increased living costs

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that the aid system cannot handle.

According to Richard Black, the UC Berkeley director of financial aid, low-income students who do not receive aid — dubbed "un-met need" students — must work full-time, part-time or borrow money to attend college, sometimes inhibiting access to universities.

"We do meet full needs with a combination of loans, grants and work for all California residents," he said. "We will continue to do so. I am concerned, however, with self-help expectations that are at \$6,400. With rigorous help, we will be able to reduce expectations."

Officials said the problem of insufficient aid is partly caused by the increase of living costs and the lack of expansion among aid programs.

—Daily Californian

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Winterfest Funds Should Be Allocated Elsewhere

Friday marked UCSD's fourth Winterfest, featuring Sprung Monkey, Lucy Pearl and local band Fo.N. Even though most students cannot remember a time when there was no Winterfest, it is a relatively new tradition; the first one was held in 1998. Certain factors, however, have forced the *Guardian* to consider whether we should continue to devote funds and resources to the annual event.

Although we applaud the A.S. Council for coming up with new and interesting ways to better student life, the rising prices charged by bands have made having three spectacular festivals per year virtually impossible. It is the position of the *Guardian* that UCSD should drop Winterfest and divert the money that goes into it toward bettering the Sun God and Fallfest concerts.

Last year, many students were disappointed with the band choices for Sun God. This was mostly a result of the lack of funding to pay for better bands. The A.S. Council even had to struggle to get the bands they did.

The budget for each of the three festivals rises every year, but the amount of money bands demand is rising at a faster rate. When bigger bands such as Weezer come to our school, it is often because their concerts are put on by off-campus promoters. It is a financial issue: The A.S. Council simply cannot currently afford to pay for such bands to play at three festivals every year.

It would be better to have two great festivals with quality, bigger-name bands that everyone enjoys rather than to have three mediocre festivals.

The festival to can is clearly Winterfest. Sun God is here to stay. Fallfest, though somewhat small now, has the potential to be much better with more funding. It is at the beginning of the school year, it is welcoming to incoming freshmen and the weather is generally still nice.

Winterfest shows up at the pinnacle of student apathy: the middle of winter quarter. The weather is often poor and students are preoccupied with schoolwork. Unless the band lineup for Winterfest is amazing, students will not take to it as much as they would the other two festivals.

The *Guardian* is always interested in making campus life as fun as possible. Although it may seem strange that we would take a position advocating getting rid of a major campus festival, we think having well-funded, more exciting Sun Gods and Fallfests would be better for students overall.

PROPS & FLOPS

Thumbs up to Mardi Gras. If only we had first-class tickets to New Orleans.

Thumbs down to the downpour of bad weather. Sunshine is why we came here, baby!

OPINION



Kenrick Leung/Guardian

Latest Washington Fiasco Reeks of Corruption and Unethical Behavior

By RYAN DARBY
 Staff Writer

Bill, Bill, Bill. What were you thinking?

For a president who claimed to be so mindful of his place in history, you sure have done some stupid things.

Sure, you convinced the American people to turn a blind eye when you perjured yourself. But how stupid do you think we are?

Now that you're out of office, nothing protects you from the consequences of your shady dealings that began in the hours before your departure.

Clinton's corruption is more obvious now than ever. The most controversial example so far is his pardon of billionaire fugitive Marc Rich, who fled to Switzerland in 1983 upon indictment on counts of \$48 million in tax evasion, fraud and illegal oil deals with Iran.

While Rich's evasion of a fair trial should be the first indication of his guilt, Clinton undermined the Department of Justice's pleas and pardoned the fugitive.

Why would Clinton pardon him, especially after experts on the case had begged him not to? This is where we see how crooked "Slick Willy" really is. Rich's ex-wife had allegedly donated more than \$1 million to Clinton and other Democrats over the last eight years, including \$450,000 directly to Clinton's library foundation in Little Rock.

So after receiving over a million dollars from his wife, Clinton just happened to pardon Rich. Small world, huh?

It appears another reason for Rich's pardon was to please prominent Israeli officials, including former Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who claim that Rich has donated over \$80 million to the country's various charities and helped evacuate its citizens from Yemen and Ethiopia.

Well now, Clinton has satisfied two

major constituents with one pardon. Very impressive. Regardless of how clever a politician he thinks he is, this blatantly shady dealing is being investigated by U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White and the FBI.

Apparently it isn't enough for Clinton to appease his constituents; he also has to appease his wife. Perhaps this is a peace offering to help make up for "Monicagate."

It has recently been discovered that two of the men Clinton pardoned, Glenn

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Braswell and Carlos Vignali, were represented by Hugh Rodham, the brother of former first lady Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. Once again, small world, huh?

Rodham was paid over \$400,000 for his services, most of which has been returned for obvious reasons. Based upon the Clinton's track record, this display of cronyism is hardly surprising. They claim to have only recently discovered that the applicants were represented by Rodham. Right, and young Bill didn't inhale. This little mishap is being investigated by a very angry Senate Judiciary Committee.

Let's not forget about Hillary's bid for Senate. After all, she's so disliked that it would be difficult for her to win any public office without bending a few rules.

To grease the rails for her, hubby ex-try President Clinton commuted the sentences of Kalmen Stern, David Goldstein, Benjamin Berger and Jacob

Elbaum, who were convicted of stealing over \$40 million from the federal government. Petty offense, right? Well, more important is that they are members of a Hasidic Jewish community in Rockland County, New York — the leaders of which had endorsed their request. Hasidic communities tend to vote in blocs based on the recommendations of their leaders, who are therefore courted aggressively by politicians.

Funny, isn't it, that Clinton was happy to give them clemency, especially in light of his wife's Senate campaign? A small world, indeed. So small, in fact, that it is being probed by the same team investigating the Rich pardon. After all, it's not entirely ethical, much less legal, to trade clemency for votes.

Clinton certainly was busy during his last hours in office. Of the 140 individuals he pardoned, the Department of Justice had recommended that 40 remain behind bars.

He was also busy when he departed aboard Air Force One, as he and Hillary looted everything that had a presidential emblem and wasn't nailed down.

Although this epitomizes the lack of integrity of these individuals, we must focus on their illegal activities instead. After all, these actions are not very difficult to recognize as such.

What was going through this man's head? Did he honestly believe no one would notice his blatant abuse of power? His reasoning is simple. He's always gotten away with such abuse in the past, so he expects to do the same thing now.

Throughout his presidency, he was protected, whenever possible, by the media. Moreover, the majority of the population simply did not care. As long as the economy stayed strong — which Clinton had nothing to do with —

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Wanna-be Detective Fails Miserably



Ever since I was 12, I have been consumed by the desire to become a detective — not just an ordinary detective, but a pseudo-Batman type who hunts dangerous criminals single-handedly and wins the admiration of millions of grateful citizens.

It all began seven years ago when two female FBI agents came to my middle school to talk to aspiring agents about the merits of putting their lives on the line to help innocent civilians. I sat entranced throughout the speech; my eyes glazed over as I imagined myself saying, "Agent Runchal. I have a warrant for your arrest," to fugitives featured on "America's Most Wanted." I pictured the frozen look of fear on their faces as their brains registered my last name and imagined the thunderous applause from city officials as they awarded me with numerous awards and a lifetime supply of ice cream sundaes.

My passion for law enforcement soon accelerated after I secured a tour of the FBI's office in Los Angeles. I became obsessed with the idea that I would soon sit in the same neat desks occupied by federal agents at least twice my age. I bought manila folders and labeled them with such titles as "serial killers," "arsonists" and "other psychos." I even spied on my neighbors

using binoculars and carefully recorded any suspicious activity in a notebook I bought specifically for "important investigations."

As the years progressed and my obsession increased, I called the bureau's Los Angeles office and urgently asked them to send me an application for employment. They sent me a pamphlet sans application, and after pestering irritated FBI agents and clerks, I was encouraged to try later — preferably much later.

Regardless, even after becoming disillusioned with the bureau after learning about some of its subethical actions, I was still interested in pursuing a career in the law enforcement field.

In my freshmen year of college, I searched for illicit criminal activity on campus, eager to get my foot in the door of the UCSD police department. Sadly, either due to the fact that there was little crime that occurred on campus or due to my poor investigative skills, I was unable to nab even one unlucky criminal.

Yet, this year, I was able to put my investigative skills to test when I faced my biggest case of my short lifetime: the case of the missing spiral-bound notebook. This was not just an ordinary notebook, this was the notebook that contained my deepest, darkest secrets. Well, the truth is that it contained all my notes for second quarter and some poorly written poems. Nevertheless, this was the most valuable possession I have — or should I say, had — on campus, well, besides my ATM card.

Like any detective who faces a difficult task, I prepared myself for the reality that the case may

never be solved. Yet, I gritted my teeth and prepared myself for the worst. And the worst happened. It all started on a seemingly innocent day last week. I woke up happy, refreshed, without a care in the world, vastly unprepared for what lay before me.

In a vain attempt to look a bit neater than I actually do, I turned on the clothing iron to eliminate any wrinkles from my clothes. Unfortunately, I forgot to turn it off after ironing my clothes. After I stepped out of the shower, belting out cheesy Disney songs, I entered the room and sat on the floor. My flesh met metal, and before I knew it, my butt was burned.

Realizing the predicament I was in, I anxiously called my mother who assured me that going to the UCSD Student Health Center was the proper thing to do. When I mentioned that showing a part of my body that even my mom would find reprehensible would knock an attending nurse unconscious, my mom told me to get some Vaseline and "deal with it." As I wobbled to school, bitter at the world and at my mom for bringing me into it, I managed to enter the UCSD Student Health Center.

Yet, amidst a sea of legitimately sick students, I felt mortified walking up to the receptionist and telling her that my butt had suffered second-degree burns. What if she thought I was some sick, twisted student who did this for kicks?

As the day progressed or should I say deteriorated, I

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University Must Protect Students from Racism

By LILA HOLLMAN
 Special to the Guardian

Idioms such as "Mexican immigrants are all on welfare," "blacks are criminals" or "Jews are involved in a world conspiracy" are widely recognized, especially in an academic environment such as our community at UCSD, as blatantly racist remarks whose purpose is to target a specific ethnic or religious group and to incite hatred against it. As an intelligent, historically aware college community, we can distinguish activities that promote an academic discussion from those that disseminate hate and create a negative and unsafe campus community. If such racist activities occur on our academic campus, the university must take action against them, according to UCSD's own Principles of Community and Hate-Free Campus Campaign.

The purpose of the university environment is to foster a safe and academic space, conducive to learning. For obvious reasons, racism on campus does not provide for a safe or an academic environment. Students of the targeted community feel misrepresented, hurt, scared and angry. If our university is truly committed to creating a hate-free campus and if it is truly dedicated to protecting all students, it has an obligation to speak out against hateful and hate-inspiring behavior.

The ideas disseminated in these past few weeks by the Muslim Cultural Club, within the framework of "Anti-Zionism Week," are highly disturbing because they target a specific campus community, namely Zionists — the majority of Jews — and singles them out for attack.

In one "Anti-Zionism" lecture sponsored by the Muslim Student Association, MCC, Arab Student Union and Associated Students, Bashir Idnoui spoke on the subject of Zionism in America. Although he claimed that he was not an anti-Semite, he spent the entire hour-and-a-half lecture detailing his theory that American Jews, Jewish religious leaders and Jewish organizations control American politics, policy and public opinion. "Jewish Conspiracy Theory," anyone?

Not only is this notion ludicrous, but it is also a blatantly racist, anti-Jewish idea that dates back hundreds of years. The same racist concept was perhaps most clearly articulated in the Hitler-sponsored propaganda of Nazi Germany. Hitler depicted Jews as miserly, power-hungry thugs who controlled the wealth of the non-Jews. This type of propaganda allowed Hitler to sway public opinion against the Jews and make way for his Final Solution, or program of genocide against the Jewish people.

Hey, if the Jews indeed control the politics, policy and public opinion of the United States, then how did Gore and Lieberman lose the election?

But seriously, this rhetoric is frightening. Added to it the fact that anti-Zionism not only attacks the biblical and historical connection that Jews have to the Holy Land, but attempts to impose a wholly different and incorrect definition of a religious concept, Zionism, onto the Jewish people. The A.S. Council is allowing the MCC to tell the Jewish Students what

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Racism:

University sponsorship of MCC event was unethical

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they are, and then they are sponsoring a week against that definition. If "Anti-Zionism Week" can be sponsored by the university, then it should similarly fund an "Anti-Palestinian Week," based on the definition of a Palestinian as one who commits acts of terrorism in order to drive the Jewish people into the sea, an equally preposterous presumption.

The importance of the events of the past few weeks cannot be ignored. "Anti-Zionism Week" affects every minority community on campus, including the Muslim students. Why not support an Anti-Gay Week? Fine, that's a legitimate opinion and protected free speech according to the A.S. Council and the administration. While the university may allow students the freedom to say what they wish, they have a choice whether to support student speech with student funds. Should our money support hate speech? What about a week protesting the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution? Why not? The group could say that it was launching a political event. Sound familiar? Well, as educated students and faculty, we realize that an attack on the Fourteenth Amendment is an attack against every minority student on campus.

The MCC has unfortunately committed a very serious act: It has confused anti-Semitic rhetoric with an extremely important and valid political discussion. A week of solidarity with the Palestinian people, for example, as suggested to the MCC by the Union of Jewish Students nearly

two months ago, would be a political statement. Instead, this "Anti-Zionism Week" attacked a community of people that includes not only Jews in Israel but Jews around the world.

What is even more disturbing is that members of the MCC and the MSA were made aware of the nature of their program and given the opportunity to address our concerns, but they chose not to do so. At a meeting prior to "Anti-Zionism Week" mediated by the administration, professors Hasan Kayali and David Goodblatt of the history department explained to the leaders of these organizations why "Anti-Zionism Week" is seen as an anti-Semitic attack.

The non-Muslim and non-Jewish community on campus most likely regards the events of the past few weeks as a confusing political argument between two minority groups disputing the reality of a political situation. This is simply incorrect. The issue is not about politics. The issue is one-sided. What the Jewish community refuses to keep silent about is racist speech and propaganda directed at Jews. It is a Jewish value to work for tolerance and human rights. That is why these past few weeks have been a double tragedy. Not only did the MCC knowingly target and attack the Jewish community, my community, and make us feel unsafe on campus, but they also succeeded in alienating us from the Palestinian cause.

I am devastated that the MCC unnecessarily and hatefully imposed upon me a false definition of my religion and consequently alienated me from a cause that I believe in, namely the right of Palestinians to their own homeland. More importantly, I am disheartened that the university refused to afford me equal protection.

Column:

Ill-fated investigation proved fruitless

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I learned I had earned a whopping 68 on a midterm and had little chance of getting an A in the class. Worse, my feet ached horrendously after being encased for hours in uncomfortable boots. To top off my disastrous day was the untimely loss of my notebook.

Recognizing that finals are only a few weeks away compounded my fear that I would get kicked out of UCSD and be denied entrance to the FBI, CIA, even the LAPD. However, I tried to imagine what Batman would do in this situation.

First, I retraced my steps. I went to every location I visited, wandering all over campus with a pained expression on my face (due to my burns) and a peculiar hop in my step (due to my throbbing feet). Next, I interrogated anyone I could find as to the whereabouts of the missing object. I questioned employees of Sierra Summit and asked diners if they had seen a black notebook hidden under a pile of pasta or bowl of soup.

Perhaps my lowest point — and highest in terms of sheer desperation — was when I asked a girl sitting in a toilet stall if she had come across a notebook in the rest room. Even the employees of EDNA and the Sunshine Store were not free from my investigative queries. As my anxiety grew, I became more nervous. If I couldn't find a stupid notebook, how could I find a serial killer, a terrorist or an armed psycho? I was terrified that case number two of my career (case number one being the loss of my mom's car keys) would serve as an omen for the rest of it.

I realized with a sickening feeling that the FBI may never have a place in its ranks for me. After summoning the last of my dignity — much of which was shredded by interviewing anonymous individuals for information regarding my notebook — I walked into the UCSD police station. The look of fear on my face may have suggested that I was in bigger trouble than I actually was, because they quickly asked me if I needed any help. Their concern, however subsided when I informed them that I had lost a notebook and inquired as to whether it had been returned.

Sadly, the answer was no. On the car ride back home to my apartment, I pondered over the fate of my poor, innocent notebook. Whose unscrupulous hands now had possession of the sheets of paper lined with random notes and cheesy poetry? What if I never found it? Would my teachers forgive me and out of unwavering sympathy, give me A's for the quarter? Would a literary agent find my bad poetry a mark of hidden genius and offer me millions of dollars to publish it? These prospects, although tantalizing, seemed unlikely.

Like Sherlock Holmes, I narrowed everything down to the obvious and realized with a sunken heart that my notebook was probably hidden in a mess of banana peels, bubble-gum wrappers and other refuse in a trash can somewhere on campus.

Yet, even though I'm moving on and picking up with perjury, but I hope he doesn't get away with this. The hounds are after him; at least two legal teams are investigating these matters. With any luck, they'll find the evidence they need to put this turkey away.

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Scandal:

Presidential pardons tarnish Clinton's image

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nobody cared how many laws he broke.

Apparently Clinton did not realize that the rules would change the moment he left office. Although he boasted a very high performance approval rating, his personal approval rating was, and still is, embarrassingly low.

Now that the American people don't consider Clinton essential to the economy, they can despise his abominable character; the thanks of a grateful nation. The media sees this trend in public sentiment and is happy to perpetuate it. That's what selling newspapers is all about.

This isn't just a partisan Republican issue. His fellow Democrats are turning against him as well. Former President Jimmy Carter, the last Democrat to hold the presidency before Clinton, has denounced his actions as disgraceful to the office and attributes them to donations and gifts.

I hope the American people are finally opening their eyes. Look at this guy. He's scum. I hope he'll hide in the same ditch as his "spiritual advisor," Jesse "Rent-A-Mob" Jackson. They have a lot in common.

Pardoning these criminals for payoffs was incredulous and illegal. This mess will someday go down in history as "Pardongate."

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WORLD & NATION

Church Club Battle For Access to School Heads to Supreme Court

MILFORD, N.Y. — To the Rev. Stephen D. Fournier, pastor of the Community Bible Church in this rural community of 3,000, the Milford Central School seemed the obvious place to hold meetings of the Good News Club, a church-run youth group. The school serves as communal hub, where after school hours classrooms buzz with meetings of the 4-H Club, Rotarians and the Boy Scouts.

The school refused, however, saying the club, which evangelizes children ages 5 to 12, was aimed at establishing religion, and therefore violated not only school policy but the U.S. Constitution. On Wednesday, after four years of legal fights, lawyers for Fournier will argue before the U.S. Supreme Court that the school discriminated against the group and violated his First Amendment right of free speech.

The dispute is not merely a local one. Run by a group of born-again believers called the Child Evangelism Fellowship, whose sole stated purpose is to evangelize children and establish

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them as members of Christian churches, the Good News Club operates 4,622 clubs in this country and others in 142 nations. The fellowship says it meets in more than 500 schools nationwide.

Fournier and his wife, Darleen, describe the club as a place where children sing songs and hear stories that reinforce "morals from a Christian perspective."

But to a range of groups, from national school organizations to civil libertarians, the Good News Club is a chipper moniker for religious coercion of young children.

As President Bush aims to involve religious groups in social service and suggests relaxing rules on federal funding to parochial schools, school lawyers across the country say the case is a pivotal

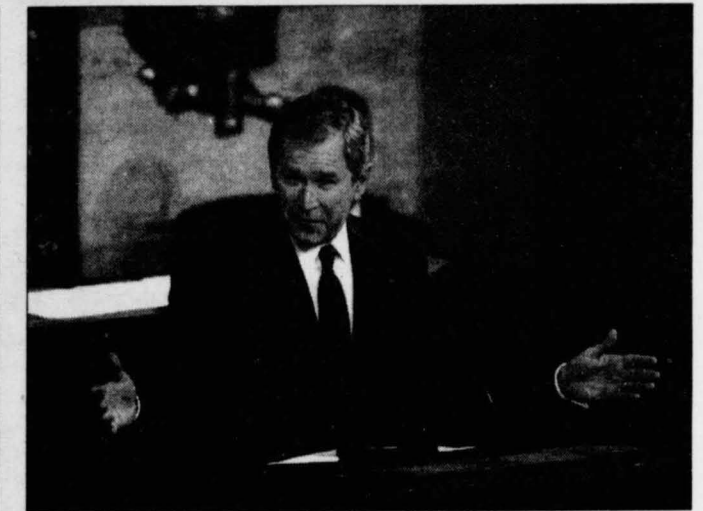
one in the high court's evolving definition of the relationship between churches and public schools.

"This would be a very deceptive and dangerous precedent," said Barry W. Lynn, a minister and executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which filed a brief supporting the school. "It's not about the content of the speech, it's about a simple principle: You have a captive audience of young schoolchildren. Do you open them up or not for adult-led evangelism after the school bell rings?"

To the Fourniers' supporters, the potential is equally frightening.

"The question is, can schools determine on a whimsy which groups they do or do not like?" said John W. Whitehead, president of the Rutherford Institute, a conservative group in Virginia that has financed the Fourniers' lawsuits.

— Kate Zernike
The New York Times



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In Speech to Congress, Bush Stresses Tax Cut

WASHINGTON — President Bush turned full force to the difficult task of selling the Congress and the country on his legislative agenda Tuesday night, using a nationally televised address from the House chamber to cast his proposed \$1.6 trillion tax cut as "reasonable and responsible."

In the most formal and comprehensive speech of his nascent presidency, Bush said that a blessed era of robust surpluses would enable the federal government to reduce taxes by that amount over 10 years and still spend all that it needed to on education, prescription drugs and social programs.

The result, Bush said, would be a government balanced between a constructive involvement in people's lives and an equally beneficial detachment from them.

"Government has a role, and an important one," Bush said. "Yet too much government crowds out initiative and hard work, private charity and the private economy. Our new governing vision says that government should be active, but limited; engaged, but not overbearing."

His speech Tuesday night represented Bush's best, most visible opportunity to make his case, not

only for a tax cut but also for his education proposals and his plan for a partial privatization of the Social Security entitlement program.

The speech was intended to set the stage for the release on Wednesday of an actual outline of Bush's federal budget for the fiscal year 2002. The administration is expected to release a fully detailed budget in April.

But the speech was also an early and important test, with a result to be determined down the road, of Bush's powers of persuasion, of his ability not only to command affection but also to inspire confidence and shape public opinion.

And it seemed to mark a turning point from the grace period of Bush's charm offensive to the uncertain, inevitably contentious work of getting the legislation he wants passed.

As he had during his presidential campaign, Bush presented cutting taxes as a central part of that vision and a necessary amulet against lawmakers converting surpluses into budgetary fat, a temptation that he suggested was irresistible.

— Frank Bruni
The New York Times

Moscow:

United States denies charges of espionage

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Federal Security Service, the domestic successor to the KGB, said that Tobbin had studied Russian at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., and had been trained in interrogation at the U.S.

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— Michael Wines
The New York Times

United States, NATO Support Access for Serbia to Kosovo Buffer Zone

BRUSSELS — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday that the United States is prepared to allow Serbian soldiers back into a three-mile-wide buffer zone along the Kosovo border, where Albanian militants have been increasingly active.

Such a concession would be the first such easing of the stern restrictions that NATO imposed on the Yugoslav army after the bombing campaign of 1999. The "ground safety zone," on the Serbs' side of the border, was set up to keep Yugoslav and Serbian troops and NATO peacekeepers well separated after the Kosovo war, while Slobodan Milosevic was still in power. Only lightly armed police officers are now allowed in the area.

But one section, the Presevo valley, has become a haven for armed Kosovar Albanian guerrillas who seem to want to annex the valley to an independent Kosovo. NATO has been increasingly concerned that the conflict could intensify, but has been reluctant to

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send in troops.

Tuesday, with Powell standing beside him, Lord Robertson, the secretary-general of NATO, said NATO was prepared to carry out a "phased and continued reduction of the ground safety zone" and return the area to Serb authorities. But Robertson said NATO needed "further military advice" to carry out the plan.

Among the conditions that NATO is setting is that Serbian soldiers and police officers who were involved in attacks on

Kosovars would be excluded from any force that might return to the area.

Kosovo is a province of Serbia, the larger of the two republics remaining in Yugoslavia, but it has been effectively under United Nations control since the end of the NATO bombing.

Recent killings of civilian Serbs in the border zone by Albanian militants have inflamed passions, leading to concerns at NATO about renewed fighting.

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Robertson said NATO forces along the buffer zone had taken measures to tighten controls and "crack down on extremists." NATO has about 43,000 troops in Kosovo, including about 5,700 Americans.

—Jane Perlez
The New York Times

Microsoft:

Corporation claims judges are biased

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the Sherman Antitrust Act had been formed through mergers and acquisitions.

In Monday's arguments, the judges expressed deep skepticism of the government's central theory — that the company illegally maintained a monopoly in computer software. With Tuesday's comments, the judges cast fresh doubt that the order by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson would survive the appeals court's review.

Tuesday, the judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, pilloried Jackson for granting interviews

with news media, including The New York Times, before the case was completed.

Microsoft has said the judge's comments, which were critical of the company, its lawyers and one of its founders, Bill Gates, showed the judge was biased and provided a reasonable ground for vacating

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his judgment. Among other things, Jackson also criticized a three-judge panel of the appeals court in an earlier related proceedings, saying that the judges had "made up 90 percent of the

facts on their own."

Tuesday, the appeals judges responded in kind, accusing Jackson of blatantly violating a judicial canon that restricts judges from commenting about pending cases.

Government lawyers made little effort to defend Jackson's comments but sought to contain the damage that the comments had done to the case by trying to persuade the appeals court that there was ample independent evidence to support breaking up the company.

Under Jackson's order, Microsoft would be broken into separate and competing companies, one for its Windows operating system and one for its other computer programs and Internet businesses.

—Stephen Labaton
The New York Times

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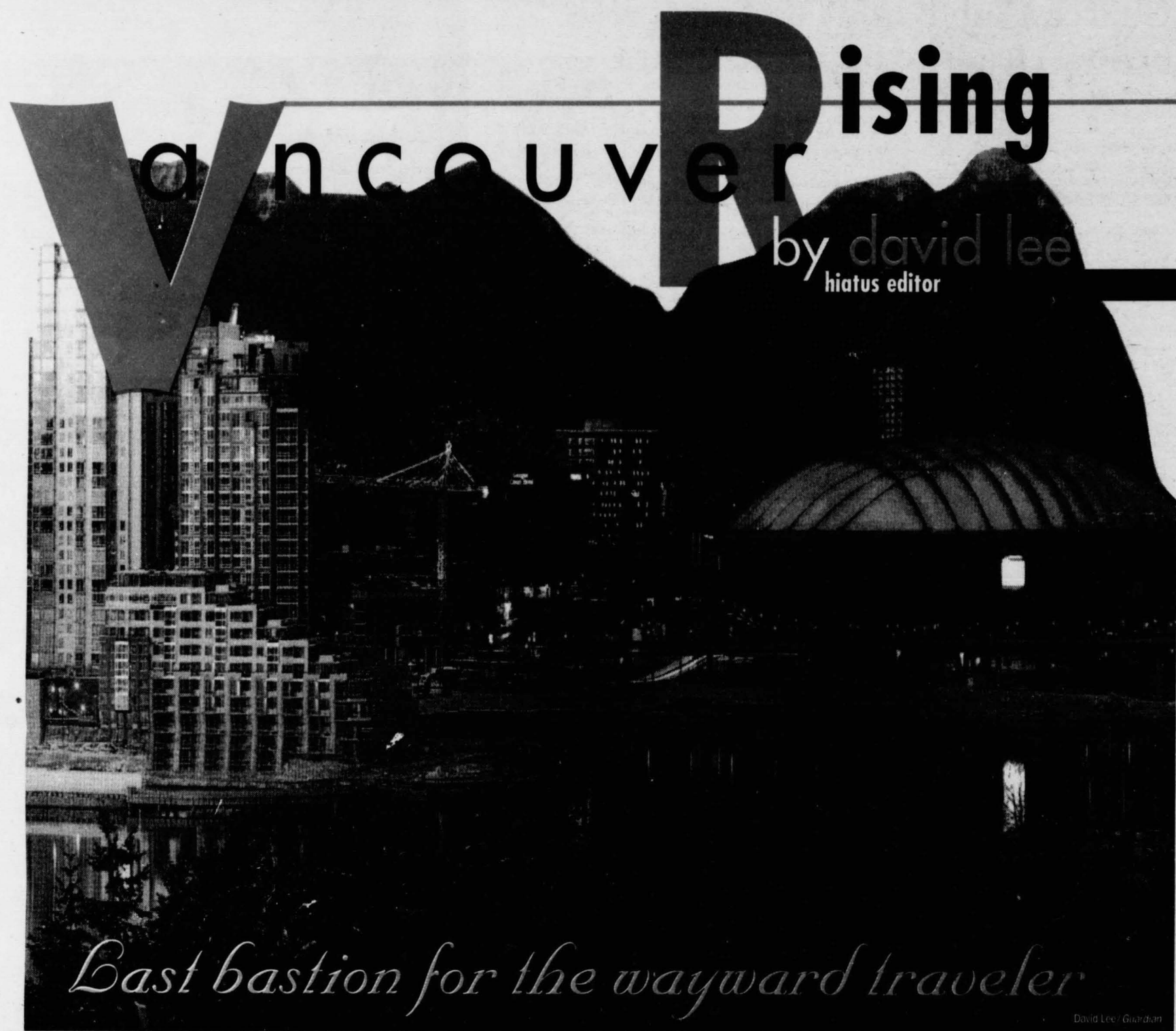
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Rising

by david lee
hiatus editor

Last bastion for the wayward traveler

Finding the right vacation spot can be difficult, especially when tackling something as tepid as spring break. It's that elusive week when some go south of the border after having seen "Co-eds Gone Wild" for the umpteenth time. Others just like to bring a good old pair of jeans and recreate their own fear and loathing in Las Vegas or Sedona or Yonkers.

However, for many, spring break is seen as a week designed for hibernation. Most learn, after their first break, that they can't cram a feature-length "Porky's" movie into one week. It practically takes half the vacation getting to and from the location.

If any lesson can be learned while away, it's definitely a course in economics. All vacations are expensive, even the cheap ones. And if your name isn't attached to a trust fund, it hurts to pay 20 bucks for each fill-up. You start wishing that spacious sport-utility was a compact and that your credit card wasn't already maxed out.

And yes, one bad trip can be enough to permanently ground

your travel wings or at least illicit that constipated frown every time someone mentions the word "break." However, take heart wayward travelers, there still lies hope for the poor and apathetic beyond the proverbial horizon where beer flows beyond 8.25 percent alcohol: Vancouver.

Over the past decade, this bay city has transformed itself into a cosmopolitan mesh of cultures, yet has managed to retain the natural beauty of the surrounding high mountain backdrop and the dark blue waters of the English Bay. Besides its travel brochure schpiel, Vancouver remains a city full of eclectic lifestyles and flavors.

Canada's British Commonwealth ties have always encouraged immigrants from Asia, but the influx has multiplied in recent years as well-to-do people from Hong Kong have moved their "assets" out of the former Crown Colony. While there are also large and highly visible communities of Indo-Pakistanis and southern Europeans in this international nesting ground, a quarter of Van-

couver's population is of Far Eastern descent.

Surprisingly, these communities all seem to thrive with each other, as opposed to against each other, in what can only be called Canadian hospitality. Herein lies the greatest difference between Vancouver and other urban meccas such as New York or Los Angeles: The people are nice. Travel two hours north of Vancouver to where people ASK you how much gas you pumped. Many of the motels have an honor system for late-night travelers where their vacant rooms are left open until morning check-in. It's spooky for the American not used to anything genuine.

As for the actual city, its inhabitants are as casual and non-threatening as their rural neighbors. It's a contradiction of images from the timeworn European brickwork of its Gaslamp Quarter to the swarthy seaport atmosphere by the bay. The trendy Robson Street, with its Japanese noodle houses, looks like something straight out of "Blade Runner," with neon kanji flashing green and red on a narrow, wet

street.

This lax behavior can also be seen in the law enforcement, as the country handles its drug policy on the same political line that America handles homosexuals in the military - don't ask, don't tell. The Mounties take traffic violations more seriously than pot dealers. There are smoke shops filled with, yes, people rolling and smoking pot and tobacco into cigarettes or spliffs. Blunt Brothers, one of the more popular shops, is an excellent way to chat with other travelers and discuss everything from hometown drug policies to why Canadians don't seem too enthralled about "national" basketball.

Thursdays and Fridays are notorious for local Canadians handing out party fliers to passing travelers. Ten Canadian dollars can get you into an all-you-can-drink-eat-and-smoke buffet of pot and micro-brewed suds.

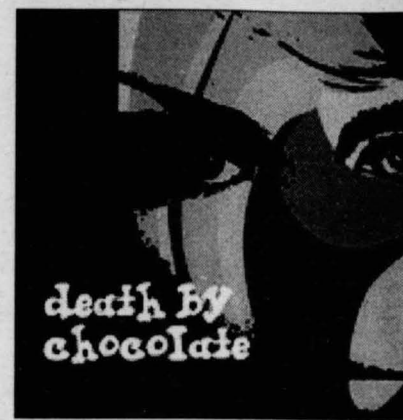
There are four simple reasons Vancouver remains one of the most

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albumreviews



Death By Chocolate
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If you are into '60s British go-go pop, then you have to check out the new self-titled debut from Death by Chocolate. The album is highly reminiscent of vintage albums, with poetic twists from the non-sequitur lyricist, Angie Tillet.

Tillet, who is a teenage chambermaid from the English tourist town of Clacton-on-Sea, uses her powerfully youthful view of the world to create hypnotic free-association poetry. Her love of chocolate, as well as colors and letters, evokes childhood memories as she recites her poems in her bored school-girl voice, which is surprisingly mesmerizing.

Behind this lyrical trance, the funky-pop keyboard and bubble gum psychedelia of the instrumentation takes you back to a '60s spy movie and gives the music an authentic vintage feel. The combination of Tillet's giddy instrumentation and rather minimalist melodies creates a recipe for great music that will satisfy your Anglophilic sweet tooth.

In addition to these original songs, Tillet's musical confections include creative covers to old classics such as "If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out" by Cat Stevens. Altogether, this creative album is amazing in its recreation of the sounds of the past. With its psychedelic moods, Tillet's songs create a true escape into a youthful world of fantasy.

— Heather Clark

mance with songwriting great Elton John. With all of this, one has to reminisce and wonder: Who the hell is Steely Dan?

Well, the Napster-hating and money-loving Recording Industry Association of America has slapped together its annual compilation of Grammy-nominated songs in the creatively titled "Grammy Nominees 2001."

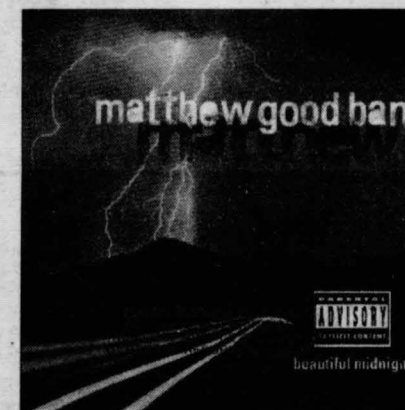
For the millionth time, everyone can listen to the same old popular songs that we still see on MTV and hear on the radio — that is, if you are crazy enough to buy this poor excuse for a coaster.

All right, so maybe that was a little harsh — but seriously, who of sane mind would buy a CD packed with a basic assortment of random songs spanning completely different musical genres? After all, where else can you find an album that pairs sickly sweet Britney Spears with radical prog-rockers Radiohead? And once again, who is Steely Dan?

As in all collections, there really is no theme or tone. All the tracks from "N Sync's "Bye Bye Bye" to Paul Simon's "You're the One" totally negate one another and make the whole CD sound like an overplayed pop radio station. By now, most people ought to be sick of Christina Aguilera's "What A Girl Wants," and the sound of The Corrs' "Breathless" would only throw them into convulsions.

It's not that the songs are all that bad, but the album's timing couldn't be worse. I mean, how many times do we have to correctly identify "The Real Slim Shady?" Besides, an academy that granted "Best New Artist" to a musician's sixth album and who's been in the business for 14 years isn't deserving of any money. Do us all a favor and buy the real albums instead, especially Steely Dan's "Two Against Nature."

— Randy Lie



Matthew Good Band
"Beautiful Midnight"
Atlantic Records

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Every year, a brand-new rock-alternative group comes to appease the masses with its melancholy tunes of drug addiction and the sad but beautiful world in which it exists. This year, that band is Matthew Good Band.

It was hoped that Matthew Good Band would introduce a new sound to their 91X-destined track list, but unfortunately, that is not so. However, the album is still intriguing. Soft and somber lyrics mixed with forceful music show promise of depressing songs that we all know and love.

Originally from Vancouver, British Columbia, Matthew Good Band have been playing for and receiving acclaim from the Canadian crowd. They are regulars on MuchMusic, which is Canada's equivalent to MTV.

The only logical step for Matthew Good

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Fencing Finishes Strong

Cal Tech, Fullerton have no shot against the mighty Tritons and their swift swords.

By **ROBERT FULTON**
Sports Editor

The UCSD fencing team had a great showing at a meet against Cal Tech and California State University Fullerton in Pasadena this weekend.

The men made a stabbing against Cal Tech, winning the foil round 8-1 and the epee 9-0. Unfortunately, the Tritons did not fare as well in the sabre, losing 6-3. The women's team was strong in spite of not having a foil squad. It downed Cal Tech in epee 8-1 and were victorious in sabre 5-4.

The men's team did not let up against Fullerton, winning the foil 5-4, epee 6-3 and sabre 8-1.

Again, the UCSD women's team did not have a foil squad against Fullerton but took out its frustrations in the epee and sabre, winning those two contests 9-0 and 8-1 respectively.

These matches wound up the Tritons' regular season. The men's squad finished first in epee with an 11-1 in the Intercollegiate Fencing Conference. It placed second in foil with an 11-1 mark and second in sabre at 10-2.

The women took tops in epee and sabre.

The Tritons will next wield their blades in the NCAA West Regional Championships at Colorado Springs, Colo. on March 10.

Polo:

UCSD downs Pacific and Hartwick

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Hartwick 3-0 in the third period, a lead that held for the duration of the match and was enough to get the team its first win. Renae Coulter led the Tritons with a hat trick, while Hilary Smith and Emma Kudritzki had a pair of tallies apiece.

The Tritons' fourth and final match pitted them against the University of the Pacific in a hard-fought, tooth-and-nail battle to the death.

Pacific exploded out of the gate, putting away three goals in the first quarter while blanking the Triton offense. UCSD answered in the second with four goals to UOP's two, to pull within one. Pacific had the only third-quarter goal, which set the score at 6-4

heading into the all-important fourth frame. UCSD met the challenge with grit and aplomb, popping in three scores and holding Pacific to only one.

A tied game was to be decided in a shoot-out, and UCSD came out ready to rock, scoring the only goal after four shutout rounds, and then blanking UOP in its fifth and final shot to snag the victory.

The Tritons ended the tournament in 13th place, a slot that doesn't truly reflect their play over the weekend. They were on the cusp of victory in virtually all their matches. A bounce here, or a splash there, and things could have ended up a whole lot different.

The Tritons are still holding their heads high, and eagerly anticipating their next matchups. They will next hit Canyonview Pool Sunday at 10 a.m. against University of Michigan in what should be a rousing contest.

Column:

Intramurals entertain even beginners

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truly get into the spirit of this annual college tradition, things won't seem so bad.

It may get in the way of your studying for finals, but who cares? Certainly not you. You may bomb a test, but you will be too busy fantasizing about that trip to Cabo San Lucas to care. Just think of the margaritas and all the fine señoritas (or señores, if you are of the female persuasion) whom you will soon be meeting, and all of a sudden that D in biology doesn't sound so bad.

Finally, there is the spring platform of intramural sports to look forward to.

Now this one is new for me this year. Until last year, I hadn't embraced the idea of IM culture. Boy, I didn't know what I was missing. There is nothing like waking up early on a Saturday morning after a hard night of drinking (um, I mean studying and going to sleep early, mom and dad) and going out to RIMAC Field to play a nice game of intramural soccer.

And don't think that not having any ability as a soccer player is any kind of excuse. The fact that my friends and I were placed in a division far too talented for our aptitude made last year's league all that much more fun.

Typically, half of my team would still be in a drunken haze from the night before, and within the first five minutes the game would be so far out of reach that we didn't have a chance in hell of even making it respectable.

Was this a problem for us? Of course not. The fact that we weren't even close to competitive made the league that much more fun. We could laugh at ourselves even harder than our opponents were laughing at us. And on the rare occasion that we did score a goal, we could celebrate like we had just brought home the Olympic gold. Hell, the two times that I actually put the ball through the little cones, I wished I was a girl so I could rip off my shirt and show my Nike sports bra like Brandi Chastain.

Basically, what I am saying is that even though it seems like this time of year will never end and that things will always suck, cheer up. The good times are right around the corner.

Guardian Sports will be wearing its green on St. Phatty's Day.

EVENTS

SOLO Passport to Leadership Seminar Series- Etiquette: Making a Positive Impression to Gain a Competitive Advantage. Friday, March 2 Price Center Davis/Riverside 1-2 pm. Presented by Nonnie Cameron, Etiquette Plus. Topics covered include: first impressions, mixing, and mingling, business introductions, body language etiquette, table manners, and the importance of cultural awareness in the global marketplace. (3/1)

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Baseball:

Sullivan had five hits, two RBIs and scored two runs

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came pouring down, forcing the cancellation of the second half of the four-game series.

Senior Eli Albertson was one of the offensive stars for the Gators over the weekend. He pounded out three doubles, scored twice, and had two RBIs, while going 6 for 8 on the weekend. This effort earned the left fielder the Rawling CCAA Baseball Player of the Week honor. Delaney picked up three hits and a run scored, and catcher Joe Perry added four hits, an RBI and three runs scored in the Gators' victories over the weekends.

The Tritons were led offensively by the bat of Tyler Sullivan, who hammered out five hits, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Coach Dan O'Brien is confident in the ability of his squad, despite its play to date.

"What is encouraging is that we are not playing well, yet we continue to stay in ball games," he said. "We have the ability to be competitive in the CCAA. It is all within our control."

With the two victories, the Gators' record climbs to 2-0 in California Collegiate Athletic Association action and 2-5 overall. The Tritons' record now stands at 5-8 overall and 1-5 in CCAA play.

If the Tritons hope to improve on this record, they need to expend some more effort, according to O'Brien.

"If we go out there and want to compete then we will be successful," he said. "We need to do the little things and be more competitive in order to succeed."

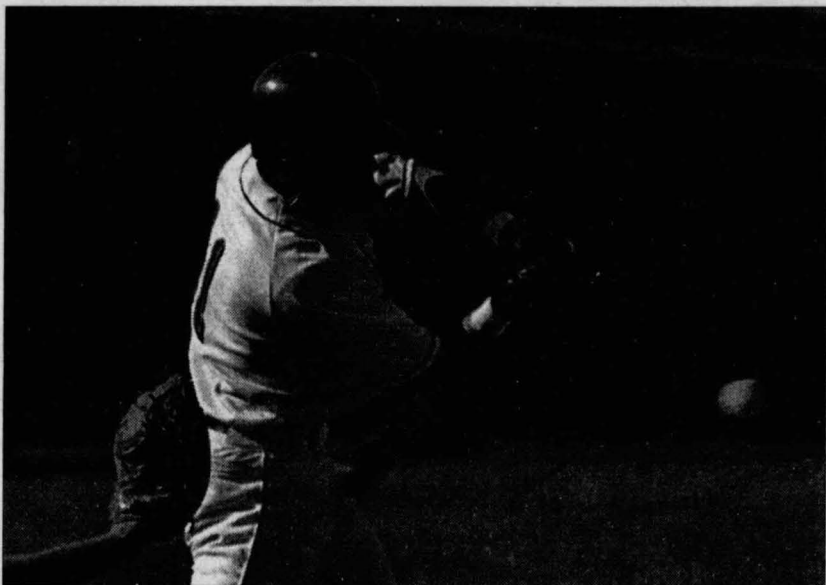
UCSD will see action next weekend when it travels to Chico State to do battle with its club in a CCAA four-game series. The Tritons may tinker with their strategy a bit to shake things up against the Wildcats.

"We are going to mix things up for the weekend," O'Brien said. "We're going to do it with a new philosophy and just try to be solid fundamentally. If we can keep it simple then we can win."

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Tyler Sullivan: 3-4, 2 runs scored, 2 runs batted in.
Blair Suzuki: 1-3, 2 runs scored, 1 walk.



Hey, Batta: UCSD's Anthony Looco takes a swing against a Gator pitcher during a game on Saturday.

Lyon Liew/Guardian

UCSD CLUBSPORTS

SKIBOARD

The UCSD ski and snowboard team headed up to North Lake Tahoe for the West Coast regional competition last weekend. The event was held at Sugar Bowl, which was very slick for the event after heavy snowfall and an icing down the evening before the competition started.

The competition included participants from Northern California schools such as Stanford, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, Chico State and Sierra Nevada College, in addition to schools from Southern California, including UCSD, which sent five competitors.

The competition was a qualifying event for nationals, which will be held in two weeks.

The top female competitor for UCSD, Danielle Crockett, placed seventh in the slalom, earning herself a spot in nationals.

Also for the women, Nicole Wiltz took 18th in the slalom and finished in the top 20 for the giant slalom.

The men did not fare as well Saturday, but turned it around on Sunday. Tyler Zarubin finished in the top 20 in the slalom. Travis Ritchie finished in the top 40 in the slalom and teammate Collin Casper was right behind him. Nick Rasmussen and Patrick Wilcox also had good showings for the men.

Nationals will be held in two weeks at Bogus Basin, Idaho. The UCSD ski and snowboard team heads to Mammoth Mountain

March 24 to March 25 for a competition.

ICE HOCKEY

The UCSD ice hockey team lost for the first time this year, falling to UC Davis at University Towne Center Friday.

UCSD started off strong, but the second period was a different story as the team fell apart. After two periods of play, UCSD found themselves in a deep hole, down 5-0.

The team did not give up, however, and rallied back, pulling to 5-3 with two minutes to play. It proved to be too little too late, however, and Davis held on for the win.

Despite the loss, UCSD can still boast being in first place in the Pacific Coast Collegiate Hockey Association.

UCSD's next game is March 2 at California State University Fresno.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

The UCSD women's rugby team traveled to the harsh Arizona desert for a pair of showdowns against two rivals, Arizona State University and the University of Arizona.

University of Arizona boasted an undefeated record as they hosted UCSD, but the visitors looked up to the challenge.

Led on the offensive side by

Candace Jackman and Melinda Mardigal, UCSD looked to stay in the game. Arizona was stifled on their offensive side of the ball, but UCSD could not score quite enough and the two schools finished tied at 5-5.

Against Arizona State, UCSD could not even get on the scoreboard, losing 19-0.

Next up for women's rugby are games against Occidental and UC Santa Barbara.

The UCSD dancesport team will be hosting the fifth annual Dance by the Shores Collegiate Ballroom Dance Championships at the Main Gym Saturday.

The event will include a number of different competitions, including couples and formation team events and team matches. There will also be a professional showcase.

Teams from such schools as University of Southern California, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Claremont College, San Jose, Caltech, UC Riverside, Chapman University, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and others will be competing.

For more information on the event, please call (858) 268-4011.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 2
Ice hockey at CSU Fresno,

10:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

Badminton tri-meet at UC Irvine

Dancesports team hosting Day by the Shores Dance Competition, Main Gym, all day

Equestrian Western Competition at Cal Poly Pomona, all day

Ice hockey at San Jose State, 10:15 p.m.

Men's lacrosse versus San Diego State University, RIMAC Field, 6 p.m.

Women's lacrosse at UC Santa Barbara

Men's rugby at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 4

Women's rugby versus Occidental College at Warren Field, 11 a.m.

Surfing contest at Salt Creek, Dana Point, all day

Saturday-Sunday, March 3 to March 4

Men's and women's ultimate disc at Stanford, all day

—Compiled by Robert Fulton



Track:

Elizabeth Tsu wins the 200 and 400 meters

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said Triton head coach Tony Salerno. "They're definitely one of the strongest teams we've ever seen on the men's side."

The women's team had six first-place finishers. Elizabeth Tsu dominated the 400-meter and 200-meter races, coming in at 61.1 and 27.4 seconds, respectively.

"I think [Tsu] is going to be a great player for us," Salerno said. "There are others that will also be good. I think we'll be faster overall on the relay."

Lisa Caldwell was tops in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.1 seconds. Audrey Sung could not be stopped in the 3,000-meter race, finishing at 14:37. Erin Selim proved victorious in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:21.7. The 1,600-meter relay team finished first at 4:11.2.

The men boasted five first-place contestants. Rob Ewanio launched the shotput 50-9 1/4 meters. Mark Dombrowski won his steeplechase race with a time of 10:06.2. James Nielson won the 5000-meter run in 14:43.2. Steve Smith won the 800-meter in a time of 1:57.3, and Trevor Takayama won the 200-meter in 23.0.

"We'll have a good feeling [of where we're at] after the next two weeks," Salerno said.

Next up for the Tritons is the UC Championships at UC Irvine Saturday at 9 a.m.

Hopefully the Tritons will be running and gunning once this important event goes down next weekend.

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"[It] should've happened a year ago.

—Charger fan, on Charger Ryan Leaf getting cut

SPORTS



IM Sports to Chase the Blues Away



BILL BURGER

I hate this time of year! For those of you who aren't freshmen, you know what I am talking about. For those of you who are, you will know soon. The end of winter quarter sucks.

With Winterfest and Mardi Gras slowly fading away in our rear-view mirrors, many of you have nothing in the immediate future to look forward to. Sun God seems like an eon away, and spring break, the one bastion of fun in the relatively near future, is preceded by finals week. The next few weeks will be characterized by a great deal of moping around and general apathy (I know that to many of you this sounds like the rest of the year at UCSD, but believe me, this time of year is worse.)

But I bring you good news. There are at least three things to do to get through this thoroughly putrid time of year.

First of all, there is always your friend and mine, the bottle. Just because it's the end of winter quarter doesn't mean that all of a sudden the grocery stores stop selling booze. If you feel depressed, drinking is always a good way to put an end to your sorrows. I know that all those psychiatrists tell you that this is a bad way to deal with problems, but that is just them being jealous.

Secondly, you can plan a kick-ass spring break vacation. If you

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Golf Places Eighth With a Score of 916

Matt Howe finishes top for the Tritons at Aggie Invitational

By **ROBERT FULTON**
Sports Editor

The UCSD golf team finished in eighth place at the UC Davis Aggie Invitational at El Macero Country Club in Davis Monday and Tuesday.

The Tritons scored a 916 on the par 72, 6,827-yard course.

California State University Bakersfield took the top spot with an 873.

The top overall golfer was Bakersfield's Kevin Klebe, who shot a three-under-par 213. The top Triton finisher was Matt Howe who stroked a 228, good enough to tie him for 32nd.

Darrin Sullivan tied for 39th with a 230 and Ben Page tied for 43rd with a 231. Andy Thompson tied for 60th with a 236 and Blake Schneider was 62nd after shooting a 237.

Next up for the UCSD golf team is the Southern California Intercollegiate Championship at Torrey Pines and Balboa Park, today and tomorrow.

Not a Very Good UCSD Baseball Weekend

Tritons lose four games, two to the rain and two to San Francisco State, 9-7 and 5-2

By **SCOTT BURROUGHS**
Associate Sports Editor

Rain, rain, go away, come again some other day, preferably a day when we've got no games scheduled.

That twist on the old children's song was undoubtedly running through the minds of the players on the UCSD baseball team as they watched half of their four-game series with San Francisco State University go down the drain due to the soggy weather. The two other games were washouts of a different nature for the Tritons, as they lost both tilts to the second-place Gators.

The first game, held Saturday at Triton field, saw offensive action from the first batter. Chris Delaney opened the game with a double for SFSU, and later scored one of the two Gator runs. UCSD answered back with one run of its own in the bottom of the first. Shortstop Tylor Sullivan popped a double to right, advanced to third on a balk, then scored on a wild pitch.

SFSU added to its lead with four more runs in an extremely sloppily played third inning that included a pair of Triton wild pitches, a beanball and a miscue out in right field that came back to haunt the Tritons for a couple of runs.

Down 9-1 in the fifth, UCSD began to mount a rally of its own, taking advantage of Gator pitcher Arron Adams' sporadic control to score three runs on two walks, a hit batter and a Sullivan double to pull within five. They added single runs in the seventh on third baseman Chad Addison's sacrifice fly and in the ninth on an Addison RBI single. Later on in the ninth, down 9-7 with the two tying

runs on base, Matt Flaherty closed the door on the Tritons by inducing catcher Ryan Larsen to fly out to center field and getting Eric Thorpe to ground out to second.

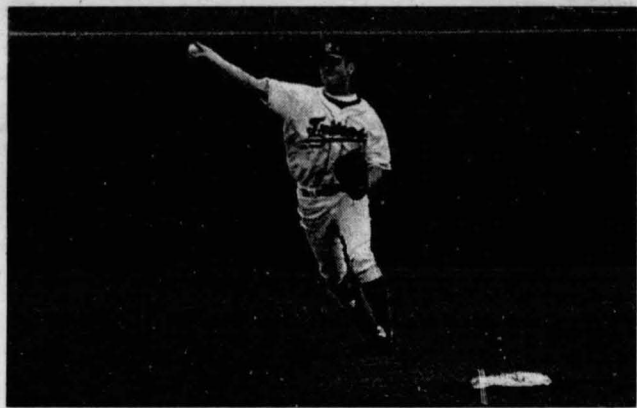
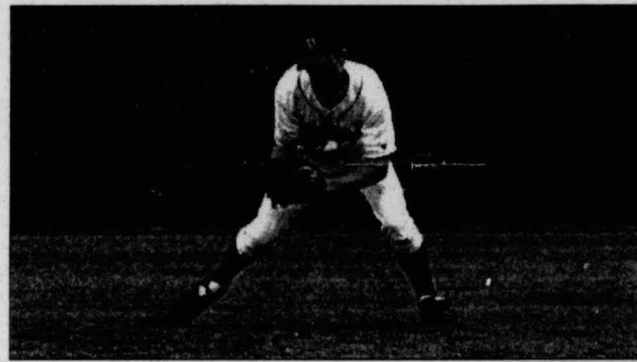
The Triton bats were silent for most of game two of the Saturday doubleheader, as SFSU's Sam Paraza allowed a pithy five hits in the seven-inning contest. The Tritons were trailing five-nil heading into the final inning when Nate Bestul sparked a one-out rally with a single to center. After advancing on a passed ball, he later scored on Blair Suzuki's sacrifice to center. David Hawk reached on a walk and moved to third on the same fly ball, then scored on a wild pitch.

The Tritons then began to fill the bases with singles by Anthony Lococo and Sullivan. At this point, the amount of light was not sufficient to play the inning out and the umpire suspended the game on account of darkness. The game was to be finished up the following morning before the day's doubleheader.

Sunday morning, the Gators chose to bring in closer Flaherty once again to quell the UCSD rally and he once again did the job, silencing the Tritons' bats with help from a friend. After handing the free pass to Hawk that loaded the bases, Addison sent a shot in the direction of third baseman Frankie Diaz. Guarding the line to protect against a double, he lunged to his left to make the grab, then righted himself and gunned Addison down at first to seal the Gator victory.

Then, perhaps in an almighty act of heavenly benevolence, the skies opened up and the rain

See **BASEBALL**, page 14



Lyon Liew/Guardian

Don't even think about it: UCSD shortstop Tylor Sullivan fields a ball during a game against San Francisco State University at home Saturday.

Tritons Stay Afloat at Tournament

Women's water polo wins two, loses two at Santa Barbara

By **SCOTT BURROUGHS**
Associate Sports Editor

The UCSD women's water polo team packed up its Speedos and caps, grabbed a couple of Gatorades and Power Bars and loaded up the bus. Then the players took their seats, buckled their seatbelts and began their jaunt up Interstate 5 to UC Santa Barbara.

Why all the fuss? The UCSB Gauchos Women's Water Polo Tournament, that's what. The tournament, held Feb. 24 to Feb. 25 at UCSB's campus pool, attracts teams from all over California and beyond. The Gauchos tourney was a pool-play affair that drew teams from as far

as Michigan and Princeton, as well as the typical Golden State teams.

The Tritons' first match was against San Jose State. SJSU quickly made its presence felt in the skirmish, netting three goals and holding UCSD scoreless in the first quarter. The Tritons fired back with two goals in the second and four in the third to pull within one at 7-6. But San Jose caged three goals to the Tritons' two in the final quarter to vanquish its So-Cal foes.

Christine Welsh had a game-high three goals while leading SJSU to victory. Danielle Boyle, Erin Welsh and Samara Silverman each had two goals for the Tritons.

UCSD's second game, against University of Michigan, was another closely contested match. The score was knotted at four going into the third quarter, when Michigan took a scant one-goal lead. At the end of regulation the score was all tied up, and the two teams headed into overtime. Michigan was the team with the golden goal in this case, though, chalking up the final mark to take the match 9-8.

The Tritons fared much better in their next two matches. Their third opponent was Hartwick, which they dispatched 11-8.

With the score tied at two apiece, UCSD outscored

See **POLO**, page 12

Track Holds Its Own at Tri-Meet

By **ROBERT FULTON**
Sports Editor

The UCSD men's and women's track teams yielded excellent results at Saturday's meet at California State University Los Angeles at Jesse Owens Stadium.

The women garnered first place overall out of five schools, scoring 192 points. The men finished second out of three schools, logging 118 points, just behind Cal Poly Pomona's 131. The rain affected the performance level of the competition.

"Pomona was definitely strong,"

See **TRACK**, page 15

Be sure not to miss this week at home

- Women's basketball final games of the season on Friday against California State University San Bernardino at 8 p.m. and Saturday against Cal Poly Pomona at 6 p.m. on Saturday
- Men's basketball final games of the season on Friday against California State University San Bernardino at 8 p.m. on Saturday and against Cal Poly University Pomona at 6 p.m. on Saturday
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- Crew vs. UC Irvine at Mission Bay on Saturday at 7 a.m.