

Water polo makes waves

Women's water polo finished at 7th place at the UCSD Arena Invitational, winning out of 4 games. **page 24**



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Warren Council to freeze spending Treasurer given three weeks to assess finances

By **THOMAS NEELEY**
Associate News Editor

Warren College Student Council will be enacting a self-imposed spending freeze, made effective at its Feb. 13 meeting, to allow the treasurer to bring the council's books up to date. The spending freeze is expected to last for three weeks.

"I guess you could say it was a mismanagement," said WCSC President Donald Povieng.

Povieng said the freeze will enable the council and the treasurer to find out how much money is available to allocate for the remainder of the year. During the three weeks, neither WCSC nor external groups will be able to request or give out new allocations. Existing

allocations, however, will be met.

"We just didn't want to spend money or approve allocating money to another organization without knowing how much exactly we have and what financial condition we are in," Povieng said.

WCSC Treasurer Chris Lee said the freeze is necessary to give him and the council time to account for existing expenditures.

"For a period of time, we are just going to stop any additional funding that we do, whether it is internal or external, to basically get our books together and get our numbers straight and figure out how much we have, and hopefully by then we'll have the vending machine allocation," he said.

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Parking to cut 1,103 'S' spots Freshman parking may be limited

By **CLAYTON WORFOLK**
Senior Staff Writer

Over 1,100 student parking spaces are projected to be displaced by April 2004 due to several campus development projects and their resulting space reallocation, according to Campus Planning Office data.

Transportation Policy

Committee A.S. Representative Tom Chapman reported the data to the A.S. Council last week, announcing that 1,103 "S" spaces are to be periodically eliminated over the next year to make room for the construction and expansion of five campus facilities.

According to CPO data, 30 "S" spaces are projected to be lost this month to make room for School of

Medicine trailers; 175 "S" spaces are projected to be lost in July due to a School of Pharmacy project; 719 "S" spaces are projected to be lost in September due to the construction of North Campus student housing; 163 "S" spaces are projected to be lost in October due to School of Management construction; and 16 "S" spaces are projected to be lost in April 2004 due to a project at Canyonview Pool.

The TPC is currently discussing ways to limit student demand for parking or to increase space supply in anticipation of a shrinking spaces-per-capita ratio and rising peak occupancy rates on campus, Chapman reported.

"In order to address both the loss of parking spaces and the added demand from projected student enrollment for next year, the [TPC] will be reviewing a menu of options that will address added parking capacity, additional alter-

Parking crunch

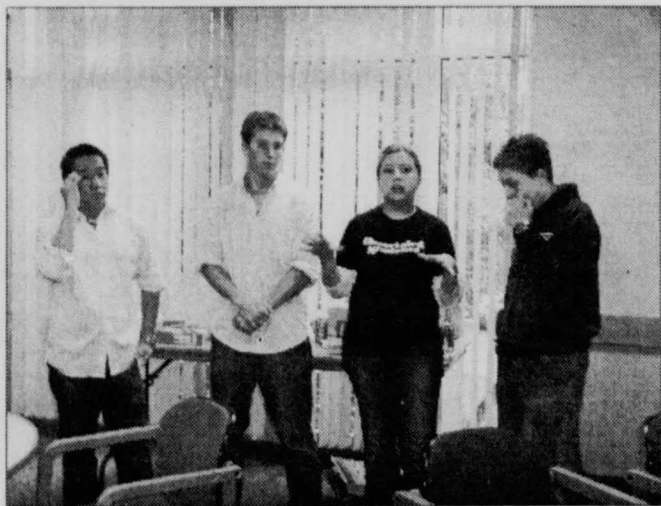
In order to make room for construction, Transportation and Parking Services plans to periodically eliminate "S" spaces over the coming months.

Project	Scheduled start date	Projected "S" spaces to be lost
School of Medicine Trailers	February 2003	30
School of Pharmacy	July 2003	175
North Campus Housing	September 2003	719
School of Management	October 2003	163
Canyonview Pool	April 2004	16
Total		1103

Source: UCSD Campus Planning Office

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Muir forum addresses constituencies' rights A.S. senators discuss fees, spending limits, parking



Jessica Horton/Guardian

Sound off: A.S. senators Nam Gui, Ian McLean, Corinne Hart and Jeremy Cogan of John Muir College held a public forum in the Price Center on Feb. 12.

By **GAELE FAURE**
Associate News Editor

The John Muir College senators held a public forum with their constituents on Feb. 12 in the Davis/Riverside Room, discussing student concerns ranging from the parking situation to spending limits on upcoming A.S. election campaigns.

Other issues brought up by senators were rises in student fees; referendum plans for the expansion of the Price Center; StudentLink

reforms; the No on Classification of Race, Ethnicity and National Origin initiative; and Muirstock festival planning.

"Parking is the No. 1 thing that senators hear about when we talk to students," said John Muir College Senior Senator Corinne Hart.

With the possibility of 1,000 "S" spaces being taken out of UCSD parking before next year, students voiced their concern that

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Muir student remembered by UCSD community

By **GAELE FAURE**
Associate News Editor

Natalie Summerfish, the John Muir College student found dead on Feb. 7 at Pacific Hall of an apparent suicide, will be honored by friends and family at a memorial service on Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Eternal Hills Chapel in Oceanside. UCSD students and all those who knew Summerfish have been invited to attend.

Summerfish, a 19-year-old sophomore with junior standing majoring in visual arts, was originally from Russia and was known to others in the beginning of her college career as Natalya Cherepakhin before changing her name at about the same time that she received U.S. citizenship. Her first year at UCSD was spent in on-campus housing, but she resided off campus during her second year.

According to sophomore Isra Yaghoubi, Summerfish was known to all her friends at UCSD as Natalya Cherepakhin, and had only changed her name at the end of last year.

"I've learned quite a bit from her," said Yaghoubi, who shared an apartment with Summerfish during their freshman year. "And I'm deeply saddened that I can't get to know her any better."

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Rhythm at Revelle



Jessica Horton/Guardian

Footloose: Dancers for Alpha Phi Alpha, a joint fraternity of UCSD and San Diego State University, perform at Plaza Cafe during the Black History Luncheon.

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SPOKEN

"... I'm deeply saddened that I can't get to know her any better."

— Isra Yaghoubi, John Muir College sophomore

SURF REPORT

2/13
Wind: SW
Wind waves: 2 ft.
Swell: W 6 ft.

2/14
Wind: NW
Wind waves: 2 to 3 ft.
Swell: W 8 ft.

BRIEFLY

SIO student earns spot in national program

Jessica Lundquist, a senior graduate student at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has been selected as one of eight Ph.D. students who will each receive a \$78,000 scholarship from the Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program for the Americas.

The award, which is distributed over three years, is designed to develop the next generation of scientists working in the fields of conservation, environmental science and park management. Lundquist receives the award for her research in the southern Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Working under the direction of Dan Cayan, director of the Scripps Climate Research Division, Lundquist focuses her research on two mountain streams at Yosemite National Park, where she and other hydroclimate team members monitor dozens of instruments tracking stream flow and snowmelt runoff in an effort to understand how daily flow variations can be used to better identify where and when snowmelt occurs. The results will contribute to a better understanding of climate influences on mountain snow accumulation and snowmelt, and should help to improve water runoff forecasts.

Lundquist's research efforts are conducted collaboratively with Yosemite National Park, California Cooperative Snow Surveys, the California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Palomar College holds public planetarium

Public planetarium presentations will be given just outside the Palomar College planetarium on the first Friday of every month, starting Feb. 7.

The three-part program began at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7 with "The Sky Tonight," a 30-minute show highlighting the prominent celestial bodies that are visible from San Diego County. The audience will be allowed to view the night sky through telescopes of the adjacent Earth Sciences Building.

At 8:15 p.m., participants were allowed to return to the planetarium to enjoy "Are We Alone?" — one of the planetarium's most popular 45-minute shows.

Similar presentations will be given March 1, April 4 and May 2. The first show will be the same, but the second will instead be "New Generations of Telescopes."

Admission is \$2 per person for the first show. For the second show inside the planetarium, the cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12-and-under. It is also \$2 for students with valid IDs.

City Web site wins MUNINET award

For the fifth time in six years, MuniNet Guide and Review has selected the City of San Diego's Web site, <http://www.sandiego.gov>, as one of its "top picks" among government Web sites in the country.

According to MuniNet, San Diego's Web site places high importance on orderliness. All of this year's top picks for local government Web sites offer several basic elements, including budget and financial information, opportunities for two-way communication, economic development materials and online service delivery. They also possess "something extra" in terms of style and pizzazz, according to MuniNet.

The San Diego Information Technology and Communications Department's E-Government Program operates the city's Web site.

SDSC named hub of technology evaluation

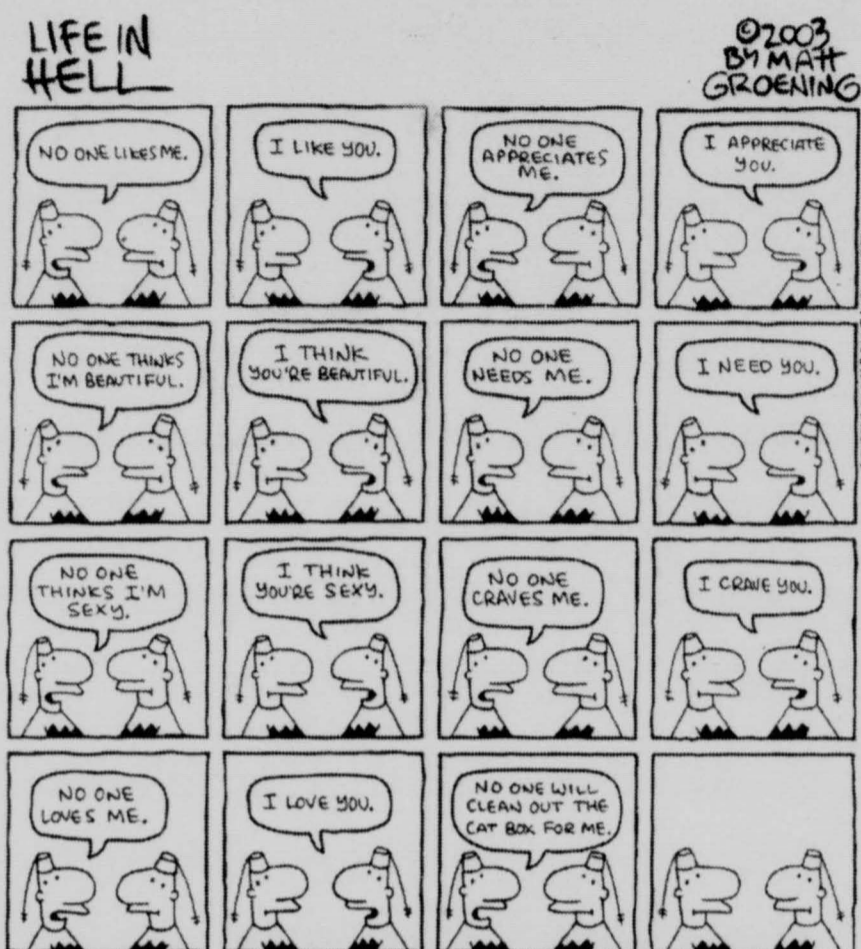
The San Diego Supercomputer Center has been selected as a national Internet2 Technology Evaluation Center by Internet2.

The mission of the SDSC will be to test and evaluate leading-edge technologies for high-performance Internet2 networks, working with developers to test and refine network hardware and software for optimal end-to-end network performance up to 10 gigabits per second.

The ITEC program was created by the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development to establish national network-testing laboratories for users of the nationwide high-performance Internet2 network infrastructure. The three ITEC sites are located at SDSC, ITEC-Ohio at Ohio State University, and NC-ITEC at North Carolina State University's Centennial Campus.

The purpose of the coordination between the California ITEC will be SDSC's Network Performance Reference Lab, which evaluates networking technology, including 10-gigabit Ethernet, quality of service and remote monitoring. The NPRL also studies application performance profiling technologies.

ETCETERA ...



A.S. COUNCIL AT A GLANCE

A.S. Council Meeting #31
Feb. 12

Items of Immediate Consideration

Item C

The A.S. Council approved the allocation of \$50 from the general unallocated fund to the Voting Systems Task Force for a mock election.

Reports

Vice President of Finance Dave Beza

Beza reported that he approved an emergency funding allocation to the DJs and Vinylphiles Club "to cover [an] unanticipated increase in security expenses." The total amount allocated from the Student Organization funds was \$72.26. Beza also reported that the speech and debate team is unhappy with the amount of money recently allocated to it and would like to challenge the amount of the allocation.

Acting Commissioner of Athletics Bryce Warwick

Warwick announced that Commissioner of Athletics Robin Shelton will be returning to his office Feb. 12 after two weeks off. Warwick also announced that there will be no Triton Tide event this week due to the Valentine's holiday.

Eleanor Roosevelt College Freshman Senator Max Harrington

Harrington reported that the Voting Systems Task Force should make a decision on which voting system to recommend to the A.S. Council by Feb. 21. The task force has narrowed down its list of alternative voting systems to instant runoff voting, the Condorcet method and approval voting, according to Harrington. The task force will hold a mock election next week on favorite ice cream flavors and "will ask students to vote using the three systems [the task force] is looking at [in order to] get feedback from students on the proposed systems and to demonstrate how election results might differ

using the three systems." The task force will entice potential voters with Moo Time certificates and possibly real ice cream.

Harrington also announced that he is drafting resolutions "opposing violations of civil liberties, including portions of the USA Patriot Act, and opposing the war in Iraq."

ERC Senior Senator Wendy Ho

Ho reported that the ERC Senior Committee is "going strong" and will hold a happy hour at TGI Fridays on Feb. 20 at 10 p.m.

University Centers Expansion Task Force Chair Garo Bournoutian

Bournoutian reported that UCETF is in the final stages of finalizing a report on the University Centers expansion. The report will take into account results from "focus groups, user group interviews, phone and Internet survey results, demand-based programming, a ranking of programs and services, the recommended program, and a financial analysis."

Vice President Internal Kevin Hsu

Hsu announced that the Higher Education Act reauthorization efforts, "H.E.A.R. Students! Access Now!" campaign, is starting its postcard drive. A.S. Council members will be distributing campaign postcards to be filled out and sent to the offices of Sen. Barbara Boxer, Sen. Diane Feinstein and Representative Susan Davis.

Old Business

Item K

The Finance Committee approved the allocation of \$6,000 from the College Level All-Campus Programming fund to John Muir College for Muirstock 2003 on April 25. Commissioner of Programming Gabe Grossman objected to the amount of the allocation, saying that Muir had been funded \$6,600 last year for Muirstock and should receive at least that much this year. A vote to pull the item from committee to allow the A.S. Council to vote on the item failed 8-9-2.

— Compiled by Clayton Workfolk
Senior Staff Writer

Clarification ...

In the Feb. 10, 2003 issue of the *Guardian*, an article titled "Columbia disaster may affect UCSD program," appeared reporting the recent shuttle tragedy's effect on the ISS EarthKAM project at UCSD. Details surrounding the reportage of the article will be clarified in the Feb. 18, 2003 issue of the *Guardian*. The *Guardian* regrets the misconceptions that may have arisen since its release.

UCSD reports \$1.7 bil. in revenue
Campus adds \$4.6 billion to state economy

By **MATT SCHRADER**
Senior Staff Writer

Amid current and potential new state budget cuts, UCSD still recorded an economic impact of over \$4.6 billion last year, as revealed in the school's annual report released on Feb. 12.

"I think it's very impressive that UCSD makes such a major contribution to the economy," said Assistant Vice Chancellor of Resource Management Margaret F. Pryatel. "It certainly means a lot to the economy, given its current state."

The \$4.6 billion figure is made up primarily of the \$1.046 billion the school spent on goods and services, the \$831.6 million spent on salaries, the \$76 million spent by students and visitors, the \$119.2 million spent on financial aid and scholarships for 11,673 students, and the \$186.6 million on federal, state and payroll taxes.

The UCSD Office of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Services also reports that over 10 new companies and over 300 new inventions and copyrights were created as a result of the school's advanced technologies. The TechTIPS research led to an additional \$13.5 million given for royalties and for funding future research.

The annual report also revealed that the school had revenues of over \$1.7 billion in the 2002 fiscal year. The most substantial source of income for the campus was the \$550 million the school received to conduct research. This mark, which is over \$40 million more than last year's research money,

places UCSD at fifth in the nation in federal research awards.

In addition to research money, UCSD also received \$435.5 million generated by the school's hospitals and clinic, \$411 million from federal research awards, \$356.7 million from the state of California, \$143.6 million from educational activities, \$129.7 million given in gifts, grants and contracts, and \$129.6 million from tuition and fees.

This figure of \$1.7 billion may in fact decline next year due to both current and projected budget cuts for UC schools.

According to Pryatel, research funding was cut 10 percent, or \$2.4 million, at the beginning of the year, while another \$3.1 million of total funding was cut in the middle of the year.

"The economic realities of the year challenged us, as it did all Americans, to plan and work more wisely than ever," said Chancellor Robert C. Dynes. "Although we are in a major growth period, as our student body continues to grow and our state funding faces severe cuts, the administration, faculty and staff continue to maintain a can-do spirit."

Pryatel said that UCSD, which is already overenrolled by 500 students, has been told by the state that it must take an additional 900 students above its normal enrollment maximum, due to the increasing number of applicants to UC schools.

A decrease in state funding occurred once before in the early '90s, although the school was not going through a concurrent enrollment expansion.

UCSD, which is currently

going through a large enrollment growth period, is presently involved in an \$800 million expansion that will include the construction of new lecture halls, research buildings, conference and housing facilities, and parking structures.

The money to fund this expansion is being generated through bond measures and will not affect UCSD's state funding.

"We are in good shape in the capital side," Pryatel said. "But we will have a problem paying the salaries of the new employees."

New teachers will have to face the same problems tenured professors are facing in that no teacher salary will increase next year, following last year when salaries only rose 1.5 percent to make up for inflation.

"This does not bode well for the University of California schools," Pryatel said. "We are trying to get new faculty, but it has been difficult."

However, salaries are not the only item that faces budget cuts due to the decrease in funding.

"Our goal is to make judicious use of limited resources and to obtain maximum benefits from our core operating funds," Dynes said. "The ongoing development of efficient and cost-effective business systems remains a management priority."

Pryatel said these cuts for all the UC schools could reach as high as \$36.5 million for academic institutions, \$33.3 million for outreach, \$28.8 million for research, \$25.3 million for student services and \$15 million for public services.

"There is a \$35 billion shortfall," Pryatel said. "It's hard to argue that we shouldn't pay our fair share when the state is in terrible shape."

Lecture traces history of UCSD activism
Alumni speakers remember experiences as activists

By **CHRISTINE PAE**
Contributing Writer

In honor of Black History month, the African American Student Union of UCSD held "The History of Political Activism" at the Cross-Cultural Center on Feb. 11 to discuss and promote matters of student activism in the UCSD campus, notably among the black community.

Alumni guest speakers presented their own experiences of activism here at UCSD when they were students themselves, including Assistant Vice Chancellor Ed Spriggs and Assistant Director of Leadership Opportunities Marcia Strong.

The narratives of Spriggs and Strong both accounted for the early years of UCSD when student activism was common, but the presence of minorities enrolled in school was rare. Spriggs recalled his own college years as a Revelle College student in the late 1960s, when anti-war movements and the Civil Rights Movement were two issues that were widely protested and discussed on college campuses across the nation.

The forum not only emphasized student activism in general, but the history of UCSD's past instances of activism that were jumpstarted by the black and chicanos community.

Spriggs advocated a stronger

black voice, saying, "We had to take action, and what better place [to do so] than in our own backyard of the UCSD campus?"

Among other things, minorities during the late 1960s participated in sit-ins and marches to establish the Third College, now known as Thurgood Marshall College but originally referred to as Lumumba-Zapata College, as a school that embraces the minority community at UCSD, including blacks and chicanos.

UCSD has a history of activism in the past, including an instance when certain groups refused to graduate along with their peers.

Spriggs recalled his own graduation speech was delivered on behalf of the students and parents of the minority community. In this speech, the graduates voiced out their concerns of feeling excluded from the rest of the college community.

The speech went on to state, "We will not be allowed as tokens of deceitful and false liberalism," as a response to the university accepting more minorities as a means of becoming more liberal.

From such proceedings of activism, Spriggs hoped to establish a precedence of equal rights and opportunities among blacks.

Strong mentioned separate graduation ceremonies, noting

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UCSD responds sensitively to death of student

Last week, UCSD suffered a loss that touches us all. Whether we knew John Muir College junior Natalie Summerfish or not, the death of a young and talented student like her can devastate a campus — and that grief, shared or personal, is part of an important healing process.

The Guardian would first and foremost like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Summerfish's family and friends. Nothing we can say can really ease their pain at this trying time, but we hope that they find solace in sharing their memories of Summerfish and in celebrating her life.

There is a temptation in these kinds of situations to question the circumstances that led to such a tragedy. Perhaps the most frequent response to hearing of this occurrence was a variation of "Does anyone know why?" As we struggle to put this into an understandable frame of mind, it is important to consider using the different resources available to all students to help cope.

In an e-mail sent to students on Feb. 10, Muir Dean Patricia Mahaffey wrote that Summerfish's death "diminishes us all." While it is true that we all suffer a loss when a student passes away, it is also heartening that the administrators at UCSD are working to keep our loss to a minimum.

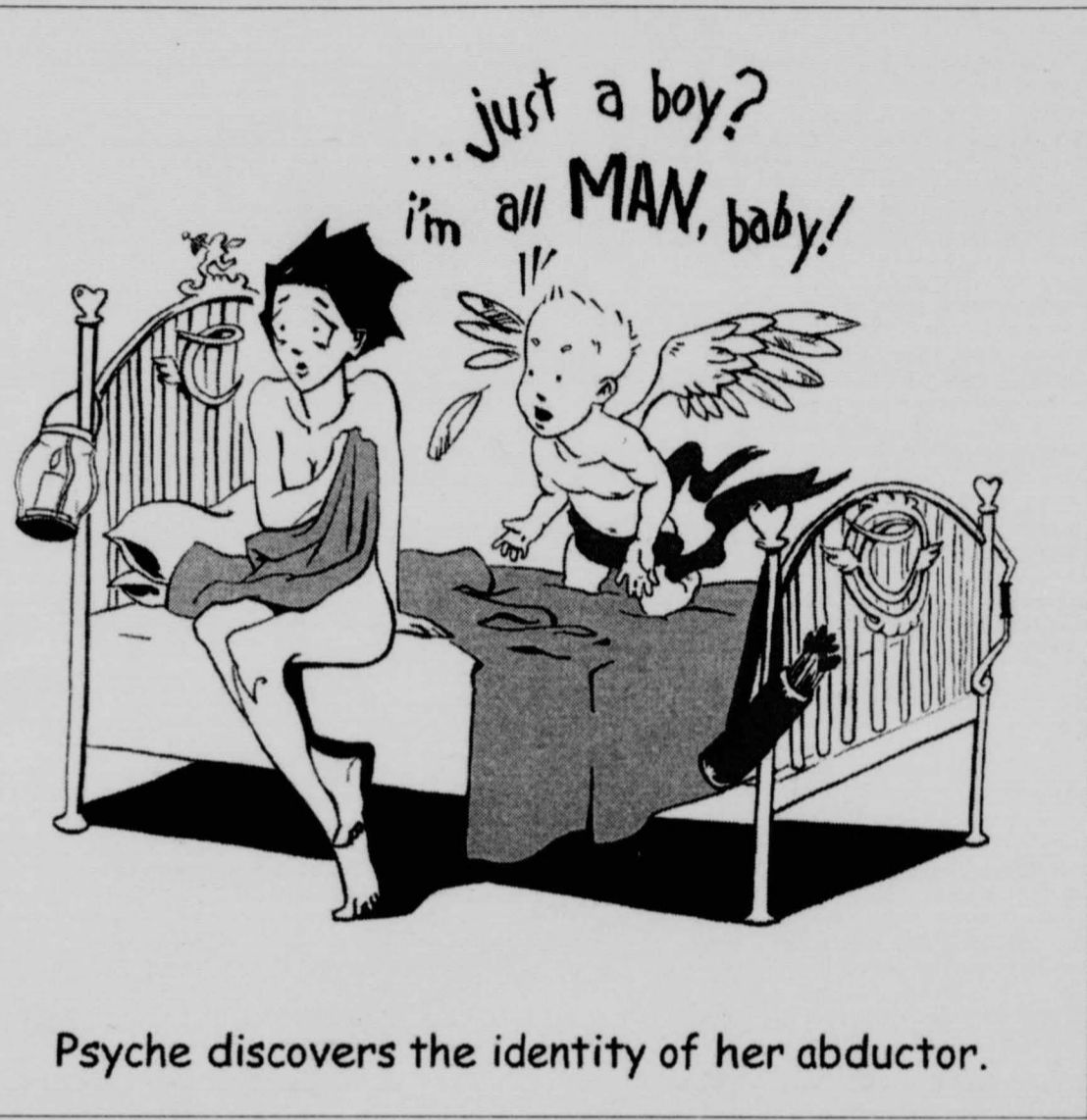
Our thanks go to those at UCSD who responded so quickly and so sensitively to this tragedy. That counselors were dispatched to Pacific Hall immediately afterward is a sign of the dedication of UCSD's team of psychologists.

These professionals from Psychological and Counseling Services are available to all students free of charge in response to last week's tragedy. However, it bears repeating that their doors are also open to any student in need of psychiatric help or simply someone to talk with about anything. We sincerely hope that students suffering from depression will take advantage of this valuable and complimentary service — and get help before it's too late to turn back from a desperate course of action. Psychological and Counseling Service's offices are located in Galbraith Hall and can be reached at 534-3755.

PROPS & FLOPS

Hit the books: Props to the students who are lobbying for lower textbook prices.

Heart: Flops to Valentine's Day being during midterms. It's hard enough to get lovin' at UCSD!



Pat Leung/Guardian

American media spread lies about love Unrealistic expectations damage relationships

By CARRIE ELIZABETH SKLAR
Senior Staff Writer

Culturally speaking, when it comes to love and relationships, we are all screwed. And not in a good way.

Nearly every single form of media used by our society is constantly giving us ideas about what love is, how we can recognize it, how we can find it and what we should do with it. The only problem is, most of the messages sent about this subject are lies. Our media are continually telling us to strive to find and keep an ideal that does not and cannot exist, and because of the expectations we form as a result, our relationships suffer.

Messages about love are everywhere: love songs, romance novels, magazines, movies, television shows and fairy tales. There is no getting away from them, and they all set up impossible expectations about love — expectations we think we can apply to our own lives. But we can't, and we shouldn't think that the media's version of love is at all realistic or attainable.

When we are kids, we are taught that love can and should be perfect. We are told that Cinderella and Prince Charming fell madly in love the moment they saw each other at the ball, and not even jealous siblings and lost footwear could keep them apart. No, they were meant to be together, and fate always finds a way to make sure that true love triumphs over all. And then, of course, they lived happily ever after.

Then we get older, and we start to watch what are commonly referred to as "chick flicks." In "Never Been Kissed," Josie refuses to settle for anything less than the moment when "Sometime you'll kiss someone and know that's the person you're supposed to kiss for the rest of your life." And



COMMENTARY

“It's not always clear when we are in loving relationships, and it's often even less clear if our partners love us back.”

though Josie has been deceiving her teacher, Sam, throughout their courtship, they are fated to end up together — so they do, and the movie ends after they share a perfect kiss.

In "The Princess Bride," Buttercup falls madly in love with Wesley when he hands her a pitcher. And though the attractive young couple is separated when Wesley leaves to make his fortune, and Buttercup is told he is dead, the film goes on to show that despite such obstacles as a lustful, greedy prince and several near-death experiences, Wesley and Buttercup are meant to be together, and are destined to live

together in bliss.

Notice a theme yet?

We are constantly told to believe in fate and true, perfect love. And of course, once we find our soul mate, we will of course live happily ever after together. These movies and fairy tales are designed to let us pretend that we are the princess or newspaper reporter that will eventually end up with the man of her dreams. We see these characters achieve happiness in their relationships, and we believe that as a result, we can do the same. We can have the fairy tale — doesn't Julia Roberts say that exact line in "Pretty Woman"? And doesn't she get her wish? Then we think we can do the same.

All of these couples were clearly meant to end up together. But that means that they don't have to work at finding and keeping love. All Buttercup has to do is look at Wesley and she knows she's in love. Cinderella has to work a little harder — she actually has to dance for a while first — but the message is the same: When you find your soul mate, "you just know." And of course he or she will know it, too. That's all there is to it.

Except in real life, it isn't. There's no theme song for real life to let us know when we have met "the one." It's not always clear when we are in loving relationships, and it's often even less clear if our partners love us back. But because of the media, we think that every relationship should work exactly like they do in the movies and fairy tales.

And even assuming that we do fall madly in love with our partners within an hour of meeting, what about what happens after that? The world is not just like the ones created by Hollywood, and life doesn't always

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Military action in Iraq motivated by money Explanation found in concerns over dollar devaluation

By ANDREW QUADRI
Senior Staff Writer

Nearly a year after the war on Saddam Hussein became more important than the war on terrorism, the Iraq saga continues its role as the thinking person's non-fictional soap opera.

In the last week alone, Secretary of State Colin Powell treated us to an impressive speech that outlined the need for war against Iraq. Two days later, *The London Times* revealed that one of his sources, a British "intelligence dossier," contained text plagiarized verbatim from magazine articles and included information that was over a decade old. Whoops. Understandably, the story has been downplayed in U.S. newspapers — page A8 of the *New York Times*, well behind the latest terror alert, or in the case of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, unreported altogether.

College students usually get kicked out of school for plagiarism. Will the British government fire the junior aides who created "Iraq: Its Infrastructure of Concealment, Deception and Intimidation"? For that matter, will the international community start to question the accuracy of other U.S. and British "intelligence data" on Iraq? Although the first scenario seems more likely than the latter, neither will actually happen. There are just too many reasons to want war with Iraq to let a little academic dishonesty get in the way.

The most common arguments go something like this: Hussein allegedly gassed Kurds, "his own

people," at Halabjah, Iraq, in 1988. That the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency reported that the victims' corpses looked as if hydrogen cyanide killed them — something found only in Iranian gas during the Iran-Iraq War, whereas Iraq instead used mustard gas — seems unimportant to the Bush Administration and the U.S. public. That the crime is not 15 years distant and that it didn't irritate the Reagan administration is also unimportant.

Hussein is also suspected of making weapons, which is another no-no. That the United States gave North Korea \$95 million for its nuclear program in April 2002, according to the BBC — not only after the "Axis of Evil" speech, but in doing so, also scrapped the clause from the 1994 Agreed Framework that required inspections for weapons-grade plutonium — is also unimportant. And isn't the United States the only country to have actually used nuclear weapons against civilians? Again, unimportant.

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“gassed his own people” 15 years ago, but hardly anyone remembers what Hussein actually did in November 2000. It was then that Hussein stopped accepting U.S. dollars as payment for Iraq's oil exports.

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flimsy. Military action in Iraq is not solely about liberating Iraq's people; it is not solely about stopping the spread of nuclear or biological weapons; and it is not solely about gaining control of Iraq's oil, though the last point is likely an important reason for invading Iraq. More than anything, it is to save the United States from financial ruin.

Many arguments have been overlooked in the Iraq saga. We are never allowed to forget that Hussein allegedly gassed Kurds, "his own people," at Halabjah, Iraq, in 1988. That the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency reported that the victims' corpses looked as if hydrogen cyanide killed them — something found only in Iranian gas during the Iran-Iraq War, whereas Iraq instead used mustard gas — seems unimportant to the Bush Administration and the U.S. public. That the crime is not 15 years distant and that it didn't irritate the Reagan administration is also unimportant.

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effort trying to understand why Hussein would take such an economic hit just to irk the United States. Later, he also converted his \$10 billion U.N. oil-for-food escrow account to euros.

Since then, circumstances have changed. The U.S. Treasury quietly shed its "strong dollar" policy in March 2002. Almost immediately, the euro began gaining on the dollar, moving well beyond parity in November 2002. It now takes about \$1.09 to buy one euro. Essentially, Hussein has profited greatly from the switch, even after subtracting currency exchange fees, and may profit even more if the dollar continues to slide.

CNN reported last year that, in light of political tensions with the United States, North Korea ended dollar-denominated trade on Dec. 1, 2002. Other countries, including Iran and Venezuela, have also considered switching to the euro as their reserve currency.

At this point, "disaster" for the United States is not a military attack from Iraq. Rather, it is the possibility that other nations — specifically nations of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries — will follow Hussein's lead and switch to euro-denominated trade accounts.

OPEC has considered replacing the dollar many times in the past, especially during dollar weakness. The most recent revival of those considerations happened at its April 14, 2002, meeting in

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Religion and politics are fodder for discussions

stop that!



Bertrand Fan

Every now and then I check out my column on this handy-dandy invention called "The Internet" for the sole purpose of reading the comments of Ben Boychuk and people like him. Their comments stress an important point: They could really care less about events from my personal life, and would much rather hear about important topics like religion and politics. Well, you know how the saying goes: Be careful what you wish for ...

Almost everything I know about religion and politics comes from a song called "Religion and Politics" by a band from England called Urban Species, which is sort of a cross between De La Soul and watching the movie "Snatch." You get to hear black people talk with British accents, and that seems to be rather amusing to me, probably because I haven't spent extensive time in England. I highly recommend you pick up their cd, "Blanket," when you get a chance. Everything else that I know about religion and politics is pure bullshit on my

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Muir: Senators hear constituents' concerns

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they would have even more difficulty getting to class on time than they currently do.

"It's not just an issue of convenience, it's a matter of academics, and that's why we're all here in the first place," said Sophomore Senator Jeremy Cogan.

Senators brought up the idea of organizing a student protest in the Price Center to show the administration their opposition.

"So far, the sentiment with parking is that we can't do anything about it, and that students don't have any choice... but I'd like to see students stand up," Hart said.

The other main item in the forum discussion was the possibility of seeing spending limits for student government election campaigns taken away in the wake of the UC Santa Cruz lawsuit which could lead to all UC campuses taking away spending limits.

"There has been quite a battle in A.S. lately as to whether or not we should eliminate them before we are told that we have to, or if we should stand up and fight against it," Hart said. "The Muir senators have taken a stance that we should fight against it and keep our spending limits as long as possible."

If the university requires them to take away spending caps, the senators said they would be required to comply, but didn't want to take away limits preemptively "out of fear."

"To back down in advance would be basically showing that we're just not going to put up any fight on behalf of the students," Cogan said.

Several students suggested that

if the limits were to be eliminated, that senators should look more closely into what individual campaigns can spend on. Other suggestions taken into consideration included limiting where campaign posters could be displayed.

"It's really nice to hear that students are totally for campaign spending limits," Hart said. "When you think you're for it, you don't necessarily know if all the students

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are for it, too.”

The A.S. Council will be addressing the recently reintroduced campaign spending legislation at next week's meeting.

Senators went on to discuss referendum possibilities for the expansion of the Price Center, asking students whether they would be willing to pay an additional \$25 to \$30. Some student brought up the concern that additional fees would be badly timed in the wake of the rise in campus fees and parking tickets, among other student expenditures.

The senators said they would look into students' advice that buildings that would be sponsored by student fees should be owned

by Associated Students. Suggestions for what to include in the renovation of the game room included healthy restaurants and a barber shop.

Individual senators from each class also discussed their personal projects. Hart is currently working to consolidate a central location on campus for students victim of sexual assault. Cogan and John Muir College Freshman Senator Nam Bui are working with the CRENO initiative, which is slated to appear on ballots in March 2004.

"Proponents are saying that it's going to make a colorblind society, but what it does is it makes an ignorant society," Cogan said. "You won't know what the diversity of your school is, hospitals aren't going to know what certain groups are more susceptible to certain illnesses, etc."

Cogan is also planning on improving StudentLink by finding ways to make it resemble the student service Web sites of other universities which offer a customizable display. Also, he is hoping to improve student spirit by making the Triton more apparent as a mascot.

"If you look at StudentLink, or if you look at just anything at UCSD, our mascot is always the library, and we're not the UCSD Libraries, we're the UCSD Tritons," Cogan said. "That's a little thing, but these little things can have a big impact on the big picture of school spirit."

It was also announced that due to a conflict in programming, the date for Muirstock would be switched from April 25 to April 18. The public forum was brainstormed and organized by Gui.

Freeze: Senator calls Warren spending 'frivolous'

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Lee said that the freeze is not the product of any questionable funding practices but rather to prevent the council, as has happened in past years, from overspending the budget.

According to the 2002-03 figures, WCSC's operating budget is \$18,179, which is made of a \$12,035 A.S. allocation and a \$6,144 vending machine allocation.

Lee said the vending machine allocation, which is income derived from the campus' vending machines and divided among the college councils, has not been received yet.

In addition to the delayed vending machine allocation, Lee blames what he calls a "rather inadequate accounting system."

"It's just really hard to track money that goes in and out of the accounts," he said.

Povieng said that outside of the vending machine allocation, programmers delayed notifying the treasurer of having used allocated funds. These delays contributed to the council's books being behind.

"The funding freeze is a good thing," Lee said.

However, not all members in WCSC are as satisfied about the self-imposed funding freeze.

"I think that it is unfortunate that we are putting such a burden on outside organizations when our financial situation is our fault and not theirs," said Kirsten Bowen, Warren college sophomore senator.

In addition to the funding freeze, Bowen cites what she calls "frivolous internal spending" on items such as food for meetings, a one-day bowling alley retreat held in addition to the traditional fall retreat, and promotional giveaways.

Janelle Benterou, WCSC vice president internal, said that the council made internal expenditures, which is money allocated to programs run directly by WCSC, believing that more money was available than what turned out was actually there.

"We anticipated having more money in the beginning of the year than we actually had — having it last longer," Benterou said. During fall quarter, WCSC allocated \$405.31 for stress balls, \$565.56 for frisbees and \$604.54 for zipper wallets, which were all emblazoned with the WCSC logo. These expenditures cost a total of \$1,575.41.

Lee said that the amount spent on internal expenditures is unrelated to the funding freeze.

Internal expenditures are made by an executive board comprised of the council president, internal and external vice presidents, treasurer and parliamentarian, according to Lee. Internal spending is not presented before the council.

"Whenever we spend money, we discuss it as a council," Lee said. "I don't see any problem whatsoever." Povieng defended spending money on the items, which he says will last for three years. He also cited the council's decision to seek greater publicity of WCSC's presence.

"When you go out on the lawn and see people playing with WCSC frisbees, they look at the frisbee, and they know that whenever we put on an event or whenever we have some sort of formal, they know that it is student council," Povieng said.

Former WCSC President Jesse Coward said last year's council, which was initially more conservative with its spending during fall quarter 2001, might have benefited by promoting the council's name. Near the end of last year's council, Coward said WCSC was faced with a large amount of money still unallocated.

"We had too much money at the end of the year, so we would have done well to spend more," Coward said. Comparatively, neither Revelle nor Muir nor Eleanor Roosevelt college councils, which operate with larger budgets, spent money on promotional items.

Revelle College Council operates with a \$41,000 budget. This amount will increase for next year due to a new \$7 per student, per quarter fee increase, according to RCC Chair Alex Schafgans.

Muir College Council manages a hefty operating budget of \$94,850, due in large part to a fee increase. MCC Chair Nick Lieberknecht said that in terms of internal expenditures, council members at Muir buy their own council T-shirts, volunteer to bring snacks to meetings and even held their retreat at a council member's house this year.

"I think in general, most college councils are careful with spending money on themselves," Lieberknecht said.

According to the WCSC budget, the council held its fall overnight retreat in Julian, Calif., at a total cost of \$1,858.23.

"This amount is in line with previous years," Povieng said. Last year's council spent \$2,603.63 for a fall overnight retreat at YMCA Camp Surf in Imperial Beach, Calif., according to Coward.

Povieng said that Warren college, at the encouragement of the dean's office, was looking into a \$3 to \$5 per student, per quarter fee referendum as a way to increase the budget.

Thurgood Marshall College and Eleanor Roosevelt College students also recently passed per quarter fee referenda.

Activism: Students learn history of protest at UCSD

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the fact that the university failed to recognize the presence of minorities on campus, so the need for a separate graduation was necessary. Strong also narrated an account of when UCSD students protested for a cause and marched to the Interstate 5 freeway, literally blocking traffic.

Some students in attendance stated that there is a lack of activism at UCSD.

"I don't think there is enough of it," said junior Marshall student Dwayne Sullivan. "There isn't a big enough presence [of black students], and I think it would be difficult to create more student activism. People aren't afraid; they

just need to come together."

Bennie Herron, a keynote speaker from San Diego State University, noted that students need not have powerful leaders to guide them through channeling their beliefs and expressing their rights.

The essential component of creating effective student activism is merely to come together and search for what one believes in.

"We have some serious power as a generation," said Herron. "Where is our Malcolm? Where is our Martin Luther King? Maybe we need more Malcolms. Maybe we need more Garveys. But you have it, and it's there. The challenge is for you to find it."

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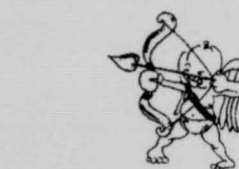
2003 GUARDIAN BLIND DATE



First sight: The winners of the Guardian blind date, and perspective new couple, meets for the first time in our office.

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It got deep; we got to know each other pretty well, pretty fast.”

— Danny Shapira, Muir college fifth year



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It was fun. I had a great time. I was expecting the worst.”

— Valerie Guiuli, Thurgood Marshall senior

UCSD gets a first chance at love

Love is in the air, or at least it's supposed to be. So we here at the Guardian set up two lucky singles to go on a luxurious blind date. Match-making experts brought together two of the most compatible people in the UCSD dating pool and sent them out on an all-expenses-paid excursion, including dinner at the Chart House and a romantic limo ride.

Smooth-talking Danny Shapira waltzed into the Guardian office dressed to the nines and prepared to sweep his blind date off her feet, carrying a gorgeous bouquet of violet roses. With hopes for a good time with a girl with "a healthy sense of humor," Shapira described his ideal date and his hopes for the evening.

The artistic, sitar-playing Shapira described his perfect date as "with someone that I'm totally comfortable with... starting off drinking some wine, having a good philosophical conversation, going out on the town, having dinner, then ending by high-energy dancing, late night, until we almost collapse."

The fifth-year I-Cam major said that when it comes to relationships, he's "probably not [looking for] a long-term relationship for now, but it could bloom into that. A dating-friendship could possibly turn into a long-term relationship if it's really that special."

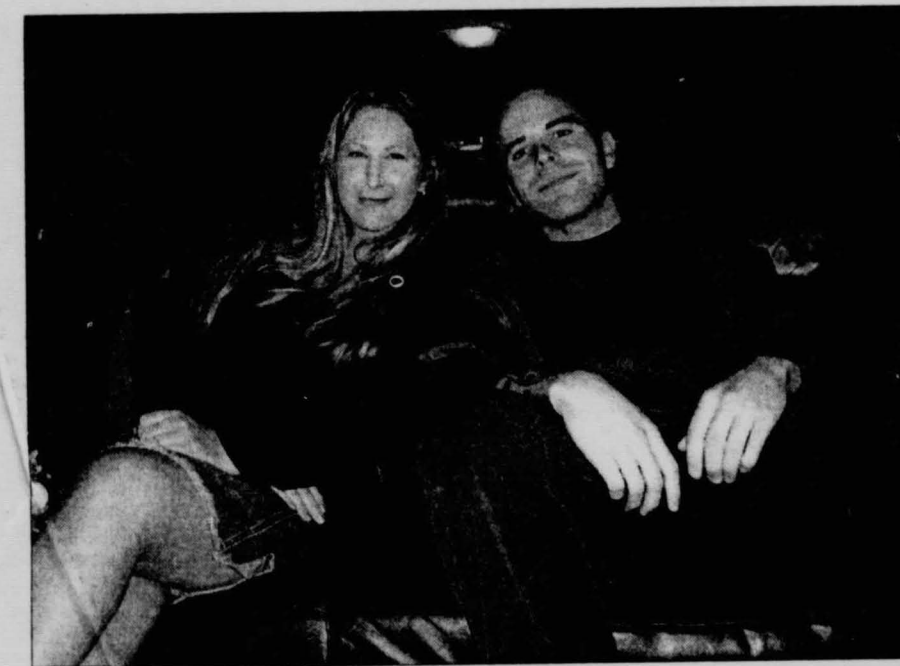
The born romantic described himself as "a pretty laid-back kind of guy, like, I'm into yoga and meditation and that kind of thing. I'm hoping for tonight that we can have not just a superficial conversation, and that we can delve deeper."

This soulful, meditative guy was looking for a fun and romantic girl, and described himself as having a "sense of humor [that] can be wacky at times; it can be very dry at [other] times." And his date must have been glad to know that.

Who was the lucky lady fortunate enough to be the object of his affections for that evening? She was the lovely Valerie Guiuli. Also a senior I-Cam major, Guiuli is a fun-loving blonde who said that her ideal date would be "a fun time that doesn't have any pressure. Something that clicks between us without even realizing it... just getting to know each other."

Perhaps they did not have the exact same idea of a great date, but their interests and personalities definitely seemed like a match.

"I'm really sarcastic. I'm really laid back, creative," Guiuli said of her herself. But unlike



Sitting pretty: Valerie and Danny get comfortable, relax before heading out to dinner at the Chart House and pose for the camera in their complimentary limo.

Shapira, she was looking for something just a little bit different out of this date: "I'm not really looking for a relationship. I just thought this looked interesting, this little contest thing, and I just thought about doing it... just for fun."

"We'll see just how well they got along together..."

At 9:30 p.m., the happy couple came back into the Guardian office smiling and laughing, a good sign that things had gone well — either that, or they were really good at hiding what they felt.

Shapira had only positive things to say about his date, starting with a pleasant first impression: "She was really cute. She had a nice smile. She seemed a little nervous, but so was I, so we had that in common."

Guiuli was also pleased with her first blind date ever.

"It was fun. I had a great time. I was expect-

ing the worst... I thought he was cute. I didn't like the way he dressed, [though]. I didn't like his shirt. I have more conservative tastes," she said.

But despite the unappealing wardrobe, his personality and his manners more than made up for anything that at first seemed undesirable, according to Guiuli.

"It went really well," Guiuli said. "There were no awkward silences. We talked the entire time about random topics."

This definitely came as a pleasant surprise after expecting the worst. To be honest, she was afraid of being set up with "someone really desperate who saw this e-mail and got really excited," an oblivious 18 year-old nerd who was too preoccupied with school. Instead, her date "wasn't too nerdy" and was "really intelligent and had the same major as me, which isn't bad."

When asked about their date, Shapira had

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the profiles

the guy



Danny Shapira

Age: 22
Major: I-Cam Music
College: John Muir
Height: 5'10"
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown

Hobbies: Yoga, meditation, sitar playing and dancing to techno, indie and world music.

Turn-ons: "A dreamer who is not afraid to have faith in the romance of gentlemen."

Turn-offs: Pettiness, blatant materialism, self-centeredness.

the girl



Valerie Guiuli

Age: 22
Major: I-Cam Music
College: Thurgood Marshall
Height: 5'4"
Hair: Blonde
Eyes: Green

Hobbies: Music, art and playing electric guitar. "Music is a huge passion of mine, and I try to indulge it as much as I can."

Turn-ons: "Guys who I can have fun with, who are easy-going, who I can joke around with."

Turn-offs: "I really dislike superficial people and people who are too into themselves." She also dislikes people who are too serious about everything.

Remembered: Friends, family grieve

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Sophomore and friend Gabe Kreb remembered sharing a visual arts class with her.

"Natalie would create intricate wire sculptures, and did great stuff that blew me away," Kreb said. "She was an artist."

Kreb and Yaghouni also remembered Summerfish thinking up riddles and posting them on her roommates' doors, rewarding them with candy bars for correct answers.

The Muir college administration and the campus Psychological and Counseling Services staff have been working in coordination to respond to reactions from students who may have been affected by the loss of Summerfish, deploying staff to Pacific Hall on Feb. 7 and providing ongoing ser-

vices in order to reach out to anyone who wishes to come in contact with them.

"Our main response is to be available to individuals, but also, colleges will identify a group of people who want to talk and we will come over," said Interim Director of Psychological and Counseling Services Reina Juarez. "Hopefully, more people will come out for help. We are available for any sort of format and to anyone, regardless of whether or not they knew Summerfish."

Muir College Dean of Student Affairs Patricia Mahaffey said that she expects students to react on a number of levels, despite whether or not they knew Summerfish or are in the process of grieving, concerned with another one of their own friends, or have lost someone

in the past themselves.

"I think it's fair to say that all of us here on this campus are affected by this tragedy," Mahaffey said. "We are all deeply saddened by the loss of someone so young and so bright."

Psychological and Counseling Services encourages anyone to contact them at (858) 534-3755. Counselors are on-call 24 hours a day and are available after office hours through campus police by calling (858) 534-HELP.

For questions or concerns regarding suicide, Psychological and Counseling Services also recommends visiting the Jed Foundation's Web site at <http://www.ulifeline.org> or calling the San Diego County Mental Health Crisis Line at (1800) 479-3339.

Parking: Spaces to make way for building

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native transportation measures and possible restrictions on parking demand," said Transportation & Parking Services Director and TPC Executive Secretary Greg Snee.

Specifically, the TPC will be discussing the implementation of parking restrictions for freshmen, construction of both temporary and permanent parking facilities, and increased incentives for use of alternative transportation programs, according to Chapman.

"The feeling I got at the last [TPC] meeting was that freshman parking will be restricted in some way next year," Chapman said. "To what degree I don't know."

In addition to the option of completely barring freshman parking, the TPC might also discuss implementing a lottery or need-based restriction on freshman parking, Chapman said.

The TPC will be looking at these options during its March meetings.

In a 2001 report on "UCSD Transportation and Parking 2001-06," the TPC "concluded that it would be preferable to restrict freshman residents from parking on campus because this is a policy that has been implemented successfully at many campuses around the country and because it offers the best option for ensuring reduced demand from the population of on-campus residents."

According to the report, an estimated 1,230 parking spaces would be freed if freshmen resident parking was restricted. The report found that UCSD had a total of 14,144 permit and meter parking spaces at the end of the 2000-01 academic year.

The report, designed to recommend administrative measures that would "ensure a sufficient

parking supply, increase the scope of... transportation options and preserve the financial integrity of the transportation and parking system," also recommended the construction of two new parking structures and the expansion of alternative transportation programs and bicycle networks.

UCSD adopted these recommendations, among others, last year and is to implement them over the next five years, according to T & PS. UCSD is also to determine this academic year whether parking restrictions applicable to freshmen should be implemented next year, according to T & PS.

Planning for two campus parking structures is underway, according to T & PS, and the first structure, scheduled to be occupied by the 2004-05 academic year, will be located on the northwest corner of Hopkins Drive and Voigt Lane.

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VALENTINE'S DAY ISSUE

Finding love in all the wrong spaces

Daters beware: Personal ads don't always mean what you think

By JESSICA KRUSKAMP
Senior Staff Writer

The most romantic day of the year is approaching, at least according to Hallmark. It's mere hours until Valentine's Day rolls around, and this year, it's a double whammy. It's Date Night Valentine's Day.

For the solo, Friday nights can be a night of bitterness. Everyone else is out with their respective others, having their respective fun, and those alone have the options of cleaning out the "green" in the back of the refrig-

erator, dancing unaccompanied around the living room or taking in a few hours of bad WB television.

But, for the bitter and alone, this Friday will be worse because it's compounded by the fact that everyone else is out with their respective others engaging in romantic activities. Sure, you could wine and dine yourself, but it's hard to get that lovey-dovey feeling snuggling in front of the fire by your lonesome.

So the bitter and alone who want a warm body on this, the Friday night of all Friday nights,

may turn to desperate measures. That's right, it may be time for the personal ads.

Personal ads are 20-word commercials for the dateless and wanting. Like all commercials, personals must be taken with a grain of salt because, after all, these people are selling themselves, and they do not have much room to reel you in. Reader: beware.

On the surface, personal ads are light and innocent. Just remember there are real, single people behind these seemingly harmless ads.

It's a crazy world out there.

Personal ads translated (for your romantic convenience)

What they say: Outdoorsy What it means: Bathes with a hose	What they say: Likes to Travel What it means: Evicted often	What they say: Honest What it means: Nervous	What they say: Bubbly What it means: Annoying
What they say: Active What it means: Slutty	What they say: Healthy What it means: Expects you to look like a super model	What they say: Casual What it means: Doesn't own socks	What they say: Loves dogs What it means: Kills cats
What they say: Intelligent What it means: Watches "The Learning Channel" a lot	What they say: Entrepreneur What it means: You buy dinner	What they say: Mature What it means: Dentures	What they say: Quiet What it means: Disturbed
What they say: Funny What it means: Not funny	What they say: Patient What it means: Medicated	What they say: Loves books What it means: Television is broken	What they say: Sporty What it means: Lives in Sweats
What they say: Career-oriented What it means: Jerk	What they say: Friendly What it means: Will like your cat a little too much	What they say: Curious What it means: Digs through neighbor's garbage	What they say: Financially secure What it means: Mom pays rent

We all celebrate the same holiday

Members of the LGBT community speak out about Valentine's

By LISA MAK
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day usually conjures up images of hearts and chocolates, cute cards and romantic dates that culminate in a moonlit walk in the park. Yet this national holiday of love and romance may have more subtle meanings for those of the gay and lesbian community.

"I don't know that there's qualitatively any difference at all ... in the ways that the holiday is celebrated," said Shawn Travers, director of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Office. "The only difference is, I think, that people in the lesbian/gay community have to be more aware of how they express affection in public."

However, John Muir College Housing Adviser Seth Klonsky sees no difference between how

the two groups deal with the holiday.

"Since most openly gay people living in relatively accepting communities are already out and about as couples, Valentine's Day has become much the same holiday for both groups — gay and straight," said Klonsky, who is openly gay.

Alice Johnson, a sophomore at Thurgood Marshall College, said that she and her girlfriend celebrated Valentine's Day last year with flowers and dinner. This year, however, they have decided to forego the gifts and romance and go see "The Vagina Monologues" instead.

Although their ways of celebrating Valentine's Day may not be very different from those of heterosexuals, the views of the gay/lesbian community toward this day are more varied. Some feel that there is no difference in

the meaning of Valentine's Day, while others see the holiday as discriminatory against their sexual orientation.

"I think a lot of people in the LGBT community would probably use [Valentine's Day] as an example of another way the 'greater society is putting down the gay population,'" Klonsky said. "On the other hand, I think a lot of people ... think of Valentine's Day as an excuse to go on nice, cute dates with their boyfriends and girlfriends just like everyone else."

Still others, like many in the heterosexual community, have different views based on personal beliefs about the holiday.

"I think I view [Valentine's Day] differently just because I read 'The Vagina Monologues' and I wrote a huge paper on it, so

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The birds, the bees and everything Valentine's

Fun factoids about the origin of dating practices and other Valentine's clichés

By HANA HSU
Staff Writer

Ah, Valentine's Day, a day of exquisite pleasure and pain, when couples annoy the world with their especially public displays of affection, the single pretend they enjoy buying chocolate for themselves, and the desperate — er, smart — singles sign up for a blind date. But it wasn't always this way. In fact, if it weren't for the decapitation of a priest, fun with whips, mating birds and Norman French, we might not have this special day. And you thought Valentine's Day was all hearts and flowers!

Authorities have disagreed over the origin of Valentine's Day, but have pinpointed several possibilities, some more choice than others.

Hitting on Women

On Feb. 15, the ancient Romans participated in Lupercalia, a festival meant to ensure protection from wolves. The men celebrated by striking people with pieces of animal hide, which the women accepted because they believed it increased their fertility. Strangely enough, this festival wasn't passed down through the generations.

For the Love of Christ

The name of the holiday itself came from Christian martyr St. Valentine. There were actually three of them, but the most well-known is Valentinus of Rome, a priest who defied Roman emperor Claudius II Gothicus' edict for all to adhere to the Roman religion and aid for it with his life on Feb. 14. In A.D. 496, Saint Pope Gelasius I named Feb. 14 the St. Valentine's Feast Day.

Another, less gruesome legend has it that St. Valentine was a man of learning and special healing abilities, who was imprisoned but taught and healed his jailer's blind daughter. She only regained her eyesight when she opened the farewell note he left her after he was seized for execution. The note contained a yellow crocus and was signed "From your Valentine."

Some also believe that the medieval language of Normandy played a part. The resemblance of

the Norman French word "galantime," meaning gallant or lover, to "valentine" may have caused people to think of Valentine as the special saint of lovers.

Lovebirds

How could Valentine's Day be complete without the birds and the bees? Well, maybe just the birds. In the Middle Ages, a common English and French belief was that birds mated halfway through the second month of the year. Chaucer, and Shakespeare's writings along with other 14th- and 15th-century literature, allude to Valentine's Day as the day for birds and people to express their love.

Be mine, please?

Whatever the origins, Valentine's Day quickly became popular among the ladies, often involving ways for female to determine who would be

their future husband. Whereas today we have the personals, dating services and "The Bachelorette," single women of the past had to do it the hard way. One of the oldest Valentine's Day customs involved men writing women's names on slips of paper and drawing them from a jar, which would determine which woman would become which man's Valentine.

“One of the oldest Valentine's Day customs involved men writing women's names on slips of paper and drawing them from a jar.”

Other Valentine's Day customs involved the females playing luck and dreams. Unmarried English women in the 1700s would pin bay leaves to their pillows on Valentine's eve, a charm they believed would let them see their future husband in their dreams. Some took a more Buffy-like approach and walked around the church at midnight 12 times, chanting verses such as, "I sow hempseed. Hempseed I sow. He that loves me best, come after me now."

So if you're sullenly single, be glad at least you're not living in ancient Rome. If you're happily coupled, give a little moment of silent appreciation this Valentine's Day for the man or woman whose love enabled this special day. And if you're desperate and weren't lucky enough to get picked for the *Guardian's* blind date, sow some hempseed. You never know.



Mature metal: The Scorpions, the most most notorious German metalheads of the decadent '80s, return.

Scorpions and Whitesnake rock V-Day

'80s hair metal bands exhumed for Valentine's at Cox Arena

By JESSICA KRUSKAMP
Senior Staff Writer

There is no better way to show your love on Valentine's Day than surprising your sweetheart with a choice pair of "mmm ... Nice Package Tour" tickets, featuring the quintessential hair bands of the past two decades.

Whitesnake has enlisted the stinging sound of The Scorpions and special guest Dokken for this "monsters of rock concert," which will grace Cox Arena on Feb. 14.

This special, romantic event calls for the very best acid-washed jeans.

The "mmm ... Nice Package Tour" marks the 25th anniversary of Whitesnake's musical prowess. David Coverdale (Whitesnake, Deep Purple, Coverdale Page) on vocals, Doug Aldrich (Dio, Lion, Burning Rain) and Reb Beach (Alice Cooper, Dokken, Winger) on guitar and vocals, Timothy Drury (Eagles, Don Henley) on keyboards and vocals, Marco Mendoza (Ted Nugent, Thin Lizzy) on bass and vocals, and

Tommy Aldridge (Whitesnake, Ozzy Osbourne, Thin Lizzy) on drums are scheduled to play selections from their entire discography.

Dogmatic Whitesnake followers who snuggle up close to the stage are known as "The Whitesnake Choir," and will be expected to sing along with such favorites as "Here I Go Again," and "Ain't No Love in the Heart of the City."

Germany's most successful

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VALENTINE'S DAY ISSUE

Your guide to a great Valentine's Day, guaranteed

Got a hot date? This must-have manual will make your special night memorable

By MARA EVANS
Senior Staff Writer

A great date will have you all jittery from the get-go. Your palms sweat, your stomach cramps and you have to look at your driver's license to remember your own first name. The worst part, though, is trying to figure out how to best entertain that bodacious honey who has sparked your interest. If these problems



ances of sure-fire boredom, Joannides and Johnson attempt to clarify how different people would enjoy the various dates. For example, the authors point out that "antique car shows can be fascinating," and probably more entertaining for college students than shopping for items your grandmother would enjoy.

Of middling date-excitement are very normal outings, including skiing, roller skating and visiting a museum or the zoo. Joannides and Johnson keep these sections interesting by adding helpful hints on how to make the most of your time at any given activity. The authors even provide tips on the best way to dig a fire pit when watching a sunset from the beach.

Perhaps one of the most entertaining reasons to read "Great Dates" is for the eccentric and outlandish date ideas. These include suggestions for making your own cordial and brewing your own beer, making your own volcano, and going to clown school. The activity that will leave the greatest impression, however, is one where Joannides and Johnson suggest "molding your date," which involves taking molds of each other's body parts.

The authors even include a section about taking a mold of your date's genitalia, but advise that lots of lubricant be used to protect pubic hair. Joannides and Johnson candidly admit that "this might not be the sort of thing you'd want to suggest for a first date."

Despite the wackiness of several date ideas, the "Guide to Great Dates" covers all its bases in an effort to ensure that the reader will themselves at some point score. If nothing else, "Great Dates" is a fun-filled activity book, good for keeping any number, or type, of people occupied.

The ultimate, illustrated guide to steamy nights and unforgettable experiences

By ROBERT SPENCER
Staff Writer

The "Guide to Getting It On," a playful yet informative guide to sex, the human body and relationships, makes reading about such oft-suppressed topics as masturbation or sex during a woman's period seem almost too silly to pass up. How can one ignore an itemized list of the vulva's anatomy when it's bulletted with little coffee cup icons? And what about using a compass to designate North on a close-up of a vagina? Clearly there's no lack of comedic sense in the people over at the Goofy Foot Press, the proudly wacky publishers of the "Guide."



Paul Joannides, the book's author, begins the "Guide" with a disclaimer that states, "Just because some of [the contributors] have college degrees doesn't mean they know any more about sex or sexual relationships than you do." These wise words pretty much embody the perspective this book takes on everything, from chapters on "Nipples, Nipples, Nipples" and "Dyslexia of the Penis" to illustrations of what look like zero-gravity ejaculation. However, we can rest assured that experts were consulted when it came time for the "thorny" issues.

The "Guide" begins slowly, with about six chapters of background info and foreplay before the down and dirty. These preliminaries include fun new facts, such as the development of the term "clitoris" in the 1960s or that the favorite expression of the average 8-year-old child is "mother-fucking, titty-sucking, blue-balled bitch." And for those visual learners, the Goofy Dick Game

include homosexual issues in his concept of sexuality. This chapter seems more like an attempt to cover the author's ass than an honest consideration of the matter.

To his credit, Joannides does include other often-neglected issues in the "Guide." A chapter titled "Culture & Kink" describes various forms of bondage, fetishes, fisting and more. And in the chapter titled "Sex When You Are Horny & Disabled," both logistical and emotional issues of disabled people are considered extensively. Furthermore, a chapter on "Sex Laws in the U.S." points out that the sale of vibrators is illegal in Alabama, Texas and Georgia (punishable with up to a year of hard labor and a fine of \$10,000); and that there is no specific statute outlawing bestiality in Wyoming.

Joannides and his associates seem ultimately to care about making sex a fun, comfortable thing in cultures that otherwise suppress sexuality at all costs.

Confessions of a V-Day dumper

don't pop my sheep



Dave Bynum

Traditionally, the Valentine's holiday has separated the world into two camps: those who spend their time desperately searching for the perfect gift and place to take their loved ones, and alternatively, those who dress up in all black and sit in their dorm room with a six-pack of Mike's Hard Lemonade and ponder what could have been if they could have just built up a little courage at that party last week. I wonder if there couldn't be a third group of individuals who spend Valentine's Day celebrating their freedom. Allow me to suggest the unsuggestable: Dump your significant other on Valentine's Day.

If being in a relationship was a class, then Valentine's Day would be the final. It requires a great deal of preparation, and afterwards, you are either going to breathe a sigh of relief that you didn't screw it up, or you are going to spend a few days wondering whether or not you just wasted the past 10 weeks of your life. The thing that people often don't consider is that they don't have to take the final; you can dump your significant other on Valentine's Day, and it won't even show up on your transcript.

It's this kind of thinking outside of the heart-shaped box of candies that can turn this dreadful holiday into one that you will never forget. I would also encourage those who plan on getting rid of their mate on the most romantic day of the year to put some careful planning into how precisely to go about it. After all, why just drop the class when it is so much more fun to actually show up to the final, wait 15 minutes and then run out while screaming expletives? Sure it is risky, but it will make a great story to tell your illegitimate

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Kendra... Well, it's a marvelous night for a Moondance, With the stars up above in your eyes, A fabulous night to make romance

To the gorgeous girls of alpha chi omega - happy valentines day! GQCQ-

Thank for the laughs and smiles! Happy Anniversary and V-day! I love you! XOXO. LTC :)

"Remember love is a verb as well as a noun. It is a positive action, not just something desirable to receive."

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY BRYAN!! Big bisous to my most wonderful person. I hope you have a great day today and that a little something comes through that will be even better than that anatomically correct heart. We'll see if it slips past customs...I love you!! Lara (ps. I was right about the deep vein thrombosis)

To Nazz: Where this will end I don't know. What I do know is that right here, right now, you mean the world to me. Thinking of you, always. -Scotty.

Clarisse, these past four months have been amazing. You mean so much to me. You are my heart and soul. Love, Kayvan.

Dearest Skunk, Even though you're smelly and messy, I'll continue to wash big tree trunk as long as I get to bite juicy. I love you, Squirrel-Lionhead. Bear said Hi.

Happy Valentine's Day to my girls in 1714 and of course, Ray Ray. You guys rock! Love, He He.

!!!Happy Valentines Day To The Residents of S200, L8, U100, H9, Q602, P300, and Q300!!! From George Lin AKA MistaGz "

To Willa and Essie, The best friends I have here at UCSD, you light up my days, my nights, my waves of stress and growing pain plights. We may not be living together next year but I cherish our time together now. I'm blessed. Thank you for everything. Love you ladies!!! -Isra

Happy Valentine's Day Rachael! From Noshash

beauty and the beast/double happiness/kiss/"il mio piccolo pigno"- ti amo.

To: lucky number 7. Bet you didn't expect to see this, huh? Just wanted to tell you I love you sweetie! Happy Valentine's Day! From: 13 :)



Laydelott, Happy Valentine's Day you SAMF. You have no idea how lucky I am to be with someone as wonderful as you. The thought of you always brightens my day. Love, Noah

Day.

Josh- How I adore giving it to you rough, baby. Love, The Crossword Puzzle.

Jester- The more I get to know you, the more I realize what a beautiful heart you have. Happy Valentines Day! Elene.

Tom- I want you to touch my no-no, Valentine. Love, your personal dancer.

To the short, hot Filipino boy always wearing a hat who stands on the 2nd level of the Price Center in front of the Game Room surveying the pitiful scene below: I think you're sexy. My friend has a class with you and he says you're really funny. I'm not that cute, but I have a good sense of humor, so I'll laugh at your jokes. Let's meet. Write back if you're down.

I send my love to that special BSO who tickles my fancy. I'll play your penis if you give

Dear Mike, Put a jersey on! Love, Warren.

Captain- You've been the light of my life the past few months. Your knowledge of the nutritional value of semen continues to amaze me. E.

Danny, You're the best boyfriend in the whole world. Happy V-Day honey. Love, Melinda.

The essence of love lies not in what you are expecting to get, only in what you are expecting to give, which is everything. To Will, for exceeding every expectation. I give you my everything, always. Happy Valentine's Day! Love Dori.

Lovely Keem, you are my dream. When I'm alone, I make a clone. Then you and he will get a room, and I'll fly by and watch from my broom.

Hey God: Choo-Choo!!

Jlddu- I'd like to castle your king, if you get my drift... Miss Kim.

Josh, You can touch my dome anytime you sick bastard- your "left-hand" ma!

Claire- You make me so hot. When I'm close to you I get all warm and sweaty. Sorry about your nuclear mishap.

VALENTINE PERSONALS, LOVE LETTERS

dearest allie: i just wanted to let you know that this past year has been wonderful. despite the arguments and fights i would do it all over again to be with you. remember when i told you that i wanted to be the one to make you happiest and hurt you the most, well that's what you have done for me. and for that reason i will always love you.

Honey: "Hey Debater Boy: Valentines is great, but I can't wait for 8/8/03! love, your fiance at USC"

Dearest Patrick, Being with you makes everything better. I can't think of anything I'd rather do than spend time with you. I love you, Nancy. P.S. I'm Wild About You! XD!

To my girls and my boys, You've made it great! Love you all. Happy Hearts Day! Lunar Weirido.

Ross- Yay for Oscar Meyer Wiener mobiles! Hope your presentation was great. Happy Valentines Radioactive Man! Anne

I picked this stupid thing up only to realize that I don't have anyone to write a Valentine to. So fuck UCSD for leaving me lonely and pathetic- I will now drink myself into a stupor so I can have ill-advised rebound sex with someone. Happy Fuckin' Valentines

me a chancey. Just gimme a holla & you will see. How much I can please you, Jimmy P.

To that sexy skater boy in my com classes with curly hair: You make me wanna pleasure myself during lecture. Yea, I'm talking about you Jacques.

To my dearest P Money and (YO) Elle; the hippest, flyest, most fun roomies around: we are the finest bitches!! Much love to ya'!!!

Ah, the circle of life...a messed up circle, but a circle to be sure.

Rinaldo- I could caress that succulent dome all night baby, woof!- Chief.

To the sexiest trucker in Vegas- If only we could have found that chapel. Here's to what might have been- Chaz.

Dear Kathy, you give me chubby, let me be your hubby. Joshua C. Larkspur.

Mens V- Ball: I'll do anyone with a 36" vertical- Shawna.

Phil- One feature does NOT a primadonna make. Your acting ain't all that anyway. Kiss my perfect ass!

To my Soc 1A TA, thanks for that "A" last quarter. Call me for your reward, hot stuff.

Christopher Kenneth, thank you for being such a wonderful boyfriend and intel guy! I love you lots! Love, your angel.

Dear Chancellor, put it in my butt. Love, Joe.

Divia, I miss your smiling radiance. Where you been?

It's time for the US to catch up with Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, France and others for same sex mar-

riage rights. Jeff, thanks for all the wonderful years and looking forward to the ones to come. Love, Vinny.

To my wonderful roommates- Cathreene, Indian Princess, Jo, Beans, and Adam- Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! From MIA Mel.

To my Christopher* Happy Anniversary Sweetheart. 525,600 moments of happiness, and one boy to thank for all of them. I love you* from your Mel.

Hey! Where are my percentage checks! You know, residuals from all of your real estate income, driven by my good idea?? XOXO.

Tigricala- come what may, you'll always be dear to me. I love you.

G alumni, you are missed.

Michael- I am not a frisbee box! Happy V-Day!- Kim

Ella and Wilbert, you are the best! I love you both, P.

Cynara, Happy Valentine's Day! Love and kisses, Auntie Pam.

To that hot chick who sat next to me in Bob Marley class a year ago... you stole my heart when I wasn't looking. Thank you.

Whoever thought I would find such a fine boyfriend in a class on Bob Marley? Still love you after a year. MWAH!

L Kiff-face and Agange- Who's up for a wonderful V-Day full of man hating good times? Me, me, I am! -Kim.

Brittney, You are the bright light of sun in my days and burn hot like the flame in my nights. You have been my sweetest surprise in San D. Love, James.

Every night I cut out my heart, but in the morning it is full again.

To my sunshine, Thank you for never giving up on us. I love you! Love, Easy Mac.

Gaelle, Vous etes un ange descendu sur terre.

To 1206, you guys are the best ever. Happy Valentine's Day!!

To Mrs. Lauren I. Corgan, Tiffany goddess- may your Valentine's Day be sweet and your shopping ever bountiful.

Business- You're the Oscar to our Felix. We love you all. G-spot eds.

Charlie, you put the "man" in managing- Lauren.

To Claire, opinion diva- thank you for delightful breakfasts and provocative chats. I hope we'll club in the Castro after Feb. 19!- J.

Jon: DooFus says Happy Valentine's Day! Always remember this is for us. I love you. BABE and SHORTEE forever. -Kim.

Evan, you drive me wild when you tell me to hit you in the face, will you buy me an ice cream sandwich? - LCo

Josh, I'm glad you think I'm gorgeous, but my frist name ain't Baby, it's Lauren...

Evan- When are you going to drop Carrie and come back to me? Remember the keg? Remember that red-headed orphan? Remember how great my ass looked in that skirt? We had great times. Could have more. Drop blonde and come back.

Dear Adam M, Roses are red,



Dearest 110- Happy Valentine's Day- Let's celebrate on a burnt carpet, without cups or kettles. I'm so glad I have the best flat-mates in the world!

You are great, Rinaldo. I hope you realize how much I value you and your crazy hilarity. I owe you a V-day drink-call me on it anytime. -JS.

Tyler lovers of the world, unite! I KNOW you hear me, Melinda. Let's hatch another SNL entrapment! Hoohoohoo....

Sweet, delightful Loren- what would painting be without you? What would life? Much love from your pseudo-British Chum.

David M. from M111, what a great guy you are. Here's to pizza, video games, and anime! Love from your roomie.

Dude. BOBA!

Young Krystal, you are so far from "arrogant youth." May your wisdom and our friendship grow. From a not so wise fool.

Joe's graduating and going to be an LA rockstar. Nizzice! WooWoo! Yeah!

Good lord, is it eight years? I know you're not a bitch, Jenn, because you've tolerated me this long! Love always from your eponymous WC friend.

Congrats to Carrie Elizabeth for graduating! Now go out and conquer the world.

"Because there's beauty in the breakdown." Dear Tedit, your companionship has been the hallmark of my time here. You'll always have a friend in LA.

G. Eds., Believe it or not, you all light up my day. Thanks for making the stress and pressure at our second 'home' bearable. -Charlie.

J4-Happy Valentine's Day. I'm so happy I met you. Love, Brittney.



Lornstar, Hey baby, you can always be the star in my 'films.' Your sparkling personality can light any screen. - your 'left-hand' man.

To the crew of the good ship G, y'all- I've done a great job keeping us afloat while I've suffered the proverbial scurvey. Keep up the good work. Chief.

Robert- Quit being such a wuss and ask me to be your valentine.- Liz.

Qamil- I don't normally go for sistas, but damn! Kim.

Jennie F. I know that I'm just a poor, short bartender, but can't you show me a little love? -Paul.

Emilee- three months, fourteen days and counting till a damn great day! Love, your Co.

"My love is building a building around the reckless magic of your mouth." To whom? From a bear.

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Lauren, you're the wind beneath my wings. When will you stop teasing me and give me a taste of your luscious lips? I love you Lauren! Always yours, Chief.

Fair Lauren, I love you. Let me be your Yornstar. Hot for you, Pete.

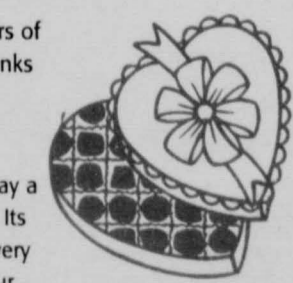
Chuckles, unleash the vortex of evil, You'll feel much better in the morning.

To Vegas- You and I define love/hate relationship. One day I will return for your sweet nectar; just try to be more gentle with me next time. I'm still having trouble sitting down after our last encounter.

Built emo boy at Starbucks, you can give me a double-shot anytime. Love, the gorgeous blonde you've been dreaming about.

To all the wonderful writers of hiatus, much love and thanks for being part of the Guardian's best section.

Kevin, hey, you want to play a real sport? Try "Gollyball." Its real fun. Just approach every cutie on campus (with your knee-pads on) and try pick-up lines using the word 'golly.' Like, "You're righteous, golly."



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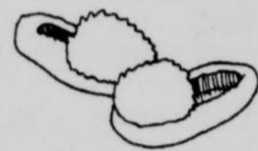
Cheap and easy: last-minute Valentine's ideas

Gift ideas for the V-Day procrastinator

By NEHA SINGH
Staff Writer

So ... you forgot that Valentine's Day is coming up. Maybe you've been so caught up with your significant other that you can barely keep the dates straight. Or maybe you want to take this opportunity to tell that person what you think about their great ass ... um, we mean their personality. Well, here are some gift ideas for those who just don't know where to start.

For Guys:
Flowers/Stuffed animals. Yes, it's a fairly obvious choice, but you can never go wrong. If roses are too cheesy (or expensive), try a colorful bouquet of wildflowers, or any others that catch your eye. She'll melt, and you'll come off as being very "sweet."



Spa kits. Available at most beauty stores like Sephora, they will make her feel like a princess. If you really want to be a stud, pamper her yourself with the kit (you know you want to).
Fuzzy Slippers. She'll absolutely love them. They're comfortable and keep your feet warm. There are plenty available with Valentine's Day motifs this time of year.

Poetry. Don't worry — you don't have to write it. There are plenty of compilations on love available by poets like Rumi. Bonus points if you write a little note to her on the inside of the cover.
Dinner. It can be homemade

or takeout that you arranged in a picnic basket. Invite her to your place (don't forget to clean!), or take her to the beach. Either way, she'll be impressed.

For Guys:
Lingerie. He won't even realize you bought it for yourself. Everybody wins.

Baked Goods. Cookies, cakes, pies ... get creative with heart shaped molds, different colored frosting and sprinkles. Add a personalized touch by writing little messages on them.

Boxers. They're available in almost any texture and print, so you can be as crazy or tame as you want.

Massage. Light a few candles, get some lightly scented oils or lotions, and get working. Don't forget tense areas like the shoulders and back.

Photographs. Put a picture of yourself (or the two of you) in a frame, and voilà! Give it an individual touch by including something special like a dried flower you kept from the first bouquet of flowers he gave you.

Unisex:
Although most of these gifts can work for the opposite sex, here's a thoughtful gesture: Fill a box with Hershey's Kisses. Tape one kiss on the lid, with a sign that says, "Our first kiss ..." and put another one inside the box that says, "And all the ones that followed." If you can, spend some extra time decorating the box. Be prepared for a lot of real kisses.

San Diego's best V-Day date locales

By KEELY HYSLOP
Staff Writer

It's almost Valentine's Day, and the air is filled with the peaceful whisperings of "So, you takin' me out tomorrow or what?" It's that time when couples get to bond together in the mutual anxiety of "Valentine's Day is this Friday and I haven't made reservations." But fear not, there are other alternatives to the pandemonium because we're in San Diego, where the sunlight is abundant, the wildflowers bloom even in February and the ocean is only a breath away.

One top pick for a romantic evening on a Friday night would be La Jolla Cove. Watching the swirling turquoise waters break in eddies along the cliffs or perhaps sitting down for a picnic; there's plenty of grassy areas adjacent to the coastline. Bring a blanket and observe the seals pop in and out of the waves at nearby Seal Beach.

Get some ice cream if it's not too chilly. Look out upon one of the most beautiful sunsets you've seen in a long time. Later, you can venture into nearby La Jolla Village and peek into the shops.

Balboa Park is always a perfect place for any occasion. The place is overflowing with scenic paths and quiet corners to explore. The lily pond located just in front of the botanical gardens building is a personal favorite. On either side of the pond are large grassy areas with benches and fountains. The atmosphere is incredible after

dark when the old Spanish Renaissance buildings are covered with strings of lights that do interesting things to the shadows. Moving west through the park towards the bridge after dark, one is offered an unparalleled view of the city and the Coronado Bridge, which can make the stars jealous.

For students living on campus who don't want to stray too far from home, a nod must be made to the cliffs as a classic spot for watching the ocean, the sunset or just moon-worshipping. The cliffs are located near the entrance to the Scripps Marine Reserve behind John Muir College. It's a lovely spot, although a little dusty and dark after nightfall. It serves as a good stop for a pair who are planning on spending a day or an evening barefoot at the nearby La Jolla Shores. La Jolla Shores is also an excellent choice for a Friday evening because of its superior access to beach bonfire pits. Be sure to get to there early, and bring your own wood if you opt for a heart-shaped pepperoni pizza was waiting (a piece was missing of course, for dramatic effect). The relationship ended the next day, and her best friend thought the pizza thing was "kinda cute."

While I don't expect the majority of people to go out and dump their mates on Valentine's Day, I do feel that the option should be seriously explored. The two-party system of being pathetic and lonely or enamored and frantic has got to end. Think of me as the Ralph Nader of love — I am just a third party trying to broaden the horizons of celebratory possibilities on one of our nation's most dubious holidays.

Dumper: Primed to breakup

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children someday.

In the eighth grade, I had my best friend deliver a dead rose to my girlfriend on Feb. 14 with a note that read, "You've just been dumped." It is just that type of attention to detail that will turn a breakup into a catastrophe. By combining the use of a note and having a friend deliver it, I think that I really got the message, "you are not worth my time or energy," across. After all, isn't that what a person is really saying when they dump someone on Valentine's Day?

Sometimes a more effective method is to pretend that you are doing something great for them, and then leave them utterly disappointed. This will lead your mate to believe that you are somewhat incompetent, and after considering all the disappointment that you are sure to bring them in the future, he or she will probably dump you. This move is nice if you want to date one of your companion's friends. For example, at age 16, I talked up Valentine's Day all week and asked my girlfriend to come over wearing something really nice. When she arrived, I took her into my kitchen, where two root beers and a heart-shaped pepperoni pizza was waiting (a piece was missing of course, for dramatic effect). The relationship ended the next day, and her best friend thought the pizza thing was "kinda cute."

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Dinner Time: Our couple takes a moment to smile for the camera just after their succulent food arrives.

Blind Date: A memorable evening

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very similar things to say. "It was good. We had some good conversations," he said. "It got deep; we got to know each other pretty well, pretty fast. We talked about everything: our past, our parents, family, what we believed in ... She opened up and showed her true self."

All of which pointed to a good date. One uncomfortable factor for Giulli was this: to be your plan for sweet-heart recreation.

There are many other places to go around San Diego that are only a short drive or a free bus ride away. Other places to try for a picnic or just a little romantic scenery are Mission Bay, Pacific Beach along the boardwalk, Torrey Pines State Park, and many other locales that can be found on <http://www.signon-sandiego.com> or similar recreation-focused Web sites. A happy Valentine's Day to all, and to all a good night.

Jolla Coves just taking in the scenery and learning more about each other.

And now all of you are probably dying to know what went on in the limo, right? Was the partition up? Well, too bad. Because as Shapira diplomatically explained with a laugh, "That is between me, Valerie and Angela [the limo driver]."

So will our gallant young man ask our charming young lady out again?

"I think so. I had a good time," he said. And that's all right, too, because she also said she'd go out with him again. Awww, how sweet. "I had a really good time — the Guardian rocks!" exclaimed Shapira, making all of us feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

LGBT V-Day: Not just for straight couples

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I think of Valentine's Day as more like a day to think about other things and other responsibilities instead of going around buying flowers and cupid hearts, Johnson said.

According to Travers, gay/lesbian couples might be more inclined to spend Valentine's Day at specific restaurants, movie theaters or clubs known to be safe and friendly. Possibilities include areas such as Hillcrest, Mission Hills, Bankers Hill and Azalea Park. The restoration of the neighborhood in the Azalea Park neighborhood has been partly due to the numbers of gay/lesbian households moving into the area. According to Klonsky, La Jolla is generally a more conservative area.

Couples can also opt to go to more upscale places with more quality service.

"I think the more upscale the place is, your chances of experiencing any kind of reaction from the staff is a lot lower because you're paying for such a high quality service," Travers said. "When you pay for a \$300 dinner and you're holding your lover's hand, they're not going to say a word."

For couples who are not yet open about their sexuality, they may decide to celebrate in quieter, less conspicuous settings. In these cases, Valentine's Day becomes much more private for these couples in an effort to avoid going

public or running into familiar faces.

"The love that dare not speak its name" ... it's an old-school reference to homosexuality," Travers said. "People that may not be out of the closet but are in a relationship may feel that this holiday forces them to hide their love even further."

Yet as Travers emphasizes, hiding one's love and celebrating a

“*Valentine's Day has become much the same holiday for both groups — gay and straight.*”

— Seth Klonsky, John Muir College housing advisor

romantic relationship quietly is not limited to gays and lesbians who have not "come out of the closet." The same analogy can be applied to any couple that is not specifically open about their relationship.

One problem that the gay/lesbian community might face is the commercialization of Valentine's Day, which is geared much more toward heterosexuals, who constitute a greater percentage of the general population. Finding gifts and cards for a gay/lesbian partner may be harder than finding one

for someone who is straight.

"We have a very heterocentric view on everything," Klonsky said. "The wider hetero community markets to the heteros and the gay community markets to the homos."

There are a variety of stores and Web sites that market toward the gay/lesbian community. Some examples include <http://www.10percent.com> and <http://www.kleptomaniac.com>, which carry books, gifts and home decorations targeting gays and lesbians. Some commercial gifts that were "designed" for heterosexuals, however, can be used across sexual orientations.

"If I'm involved with a man ... I can buy something that was 'designed for a woman' to give to a man, and a lot of times you wouldn't know that it was designed to be [that way]," Travers said. "Only when it's from 'that special woman in your life' to 'that special man' that a lot of gifts get their connotations."

Valentine's Day may also take on a different meaning for gays and lesbians who decide to use it as a "coming out" day. Klonsky remembers that the Gay-Straight Alliance ran a local "coming out" event on Valentine's Day during his senior year in high school.

"I think that for people who followed that advice, Feb. 14 would have a very significant meaning and a very different meaning from most people," Klonsky said.



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Sans hairspray: '80s rock monsters Dokken will open the "mmm ... Nice Package Tour."

Hair: Watch for power ballads

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hard rock band of all time, the Scorpions, are fresh off a new record deal with BMI and have been aggressively playing all the old favorites for the 2003 tour. Klaus Meine (vocals), Rudolf Schenker (guitar), Mathias Jabs (guitar), Ralph Rieckermann (bass) and Herman Rarebell (drums) provide the international flavor for the perfect Valentine's Day concert.

Look for the Scorpions to play songs that go as far back as 1972's "Lonesome Crow" album. The 2001 "Acoustica" release will likely

be heavily featured. Opening will be Dokken, and all bets are on that they will sport the highest hair, shiniest leather and most glistening flying-V electric guitars. Don Dokken (vocals), Alex DeRosso (guitar), Barry Sparks (bass) and "Wild" Mick Brown (drums) will warm up the crowd, promoting their 2002 release "Long Way Home."

Fans can still get the tickets for the "mmm ... Nice Package Tour" in time to make this year's Valentine's Day perfect. The concert is scheduled for Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at Cox Arena.

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VALENTINE'S DAY ISSUE

Hot monkey love: Animal mating habits showcased for Valentine's

San Diego Zoo presents erotic animal love lives in "Night Moves" event; watch nature's frisky, tender moments

By LEORAH AVIDO
Contributing Writer

Male crowned cranes, named for a yellow tuft of feathers on their heads, spread their wings, croak and dance around the females before mating. Some rhinos hang out for two to four weeks before mating, swimming and napping together. Sometimes a female rhino in estrus presents herself, swollen backside first, to the males, swaying and turning to let them know she's ready. One morning at the Wild Animal Park, animal keepers noticed muddy footprints and drool stains on the back of one of the ovulating females. She's had a busy night. At the San Diego Zoo, keepers noticed a female koala pacing around her bedroom, as female koalas do when they're in estrus. The keepers let her out into the hallway leading to the other rooms, and she marched down the hall and sat down to wait outside of a male koala's bedroom door.

Animals court and mate with much success at the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Wild Animal Park. The Wild Animal Park opened in the 1970s with the purpose of providing a breeding

facility for endangered species. The San Diego Zoo opened in the 1920s as a home for the exotic species left in town from the 1916 World's Fair. The San Diego Zoo houses the largest collection of koalas outside of Australia, and over 90 koalas have been born at the zoo. To date, successes at the Wild Animal Park include 90 southern white rhinos, 80 giraffe births and 40 Indian rhino births. Hoof stock breeding at the zoo is so successful that many heifers and female gazelles are on birth control.

After the young are born, and during pregnancy, no male koalas, rhinos or giraffes stick around to help their mates. Many species of birds demonstrate less typical male behavior: The male ostrich sits on the eggs for short periods of time while the female ostrich looks for food. The male hornbill gathers food for the female while she roosts. Male rhinos and giraffes leave the females alone during pregnancy, smelling the "unavailable" pheromones.

Female rhinos, like female humans, have an estrus cycle that lasts 28 to 32 days. Three days a month, female rhinos are fertile and available for mating. If the

male rhinos are around and sniff the females, they'll take the opportunity. Female pandas go into estrus for two or three days a year, so male pandas have to be alert. Shi Shi, the San Diego Zoo's male panda, was not. A wound on his nose obscured his sense of smell, and he could not catch a whiff of the two females' pheromones when they were in estrus. Shi Shi returned to the wilds of China two months ago. Another male from the wild in China, Gao Gao, arrived shortly thereafter to meet the females' needs. He is now waiting in quarantine for a month until the keepers are sure he can acclimate to his new home at the San Diego Zoo. Gao Gao is nine years old and his sense of smell is intact. Zoo keepers hope that the adolescent panda can act when estrus strikes.

When estrus strikes a female koala, she paces on the ground, bellows and stops eating for a few days. Some females seek out male koalas by the scent the males leave on trees. Each male marks his home perch with his own scent, returning to sleep in that same tree each night. Koalas do their mating in the trees. The female holds tightly to the tree, and the male holds on to her, pulling her

fur and biting her neck. The deed takes 30 seconds. The male relaxes afterwards, and the female pulls away. Sometimes the male attacks the female as she retreats, chasing and biting her. Keepers at the zoo pull the koala couple apart if they start to fight.

A baby koala is born 29 to 35 days later, without hind legs. The joey scrambles into the mother's pouch to develop for up to six months. Upon emerging from the pouch, the joey is responsible for clinging to its mother while she climbs trees and eats. Female pandas guard their young with more maternal vigor. A female panda stays with her young for days at a time after giving birth, forfeiting food for herself and nursing her cubs.

Researchers observe and record the behaviors of the giant pandas from various vantage points in their enclosure at the San Diego Zoo. The koala keepers see the koalas up close in their bedrooms, behind the exhibit, where the bears sleep for 20 hours a day. At the Wild Animal Park, the space is much more open. Keepers observe the animals from various vantage points around the park. Amani Point, not open to the public, which looks out over the

plains of North, South and East Africa, offers a simultaneous view of three distinct parts of the park. A flatbed truck takes guests on the Night Moves tour to Amani Point to see the animals at sunset. The sun sets on the San Pasqual Valley, and the animals become active in the cool evening air. The animals don't mind the time of day when it comes to mating, but the lower temperatures of the night inspire amorous behavior. A lot of mating happens over night, and the keepers find clues in the morning.

The Night Moves tour, offered for Valentine's Day and again in June, July and August, showcases the Wild Animal Park's breeding facility for 21 and over guests only. The February tour starts at 3 p.m. and lasts until 6 p.m., after dusk. The Night Moves tour is the last to leave the park on the winter nights. In the summer, the tour lasts from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Liqueurs, coffee and dessert are served after dusk, during a talk with a guest speaker about animal courtship and breeding. On the ride back to the heart of the park, couples snuggle closer, relaxed and inspired after three hours out in nature in the back of a pick-up truck.

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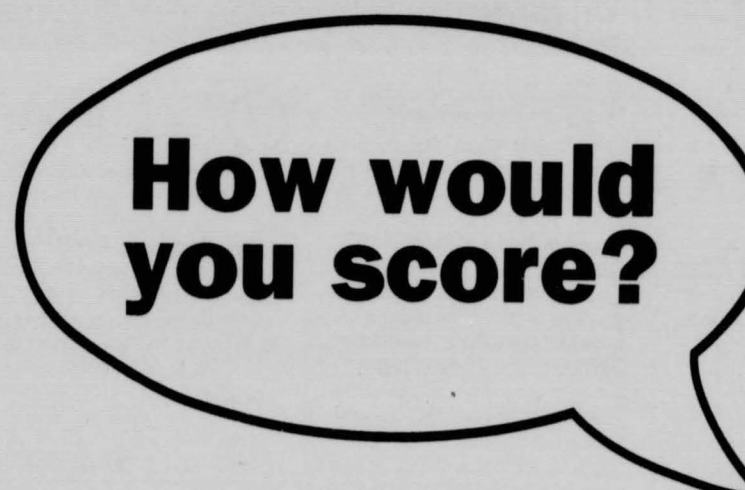
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“ My love is building a building around the reckless magic of your mouth. ”



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13 thursday

"Ahchoo? Where?" He's at Spreckels Theatre! That's right, Dave Chapelle, from Mel Brook's "Robin Hood: Men in Tights," "Half Baked" and "Chappelle's Show" on Comedy Central will be in San Diego to give us some of his signature comedic lovin'. He will be on stage at 8 p.m. and at 10:30 p.m., and he'll make you laugh so hard your stomach will hurt. Tickets range from \$27.50 to \$35.50.

He idolizes Buck Owen and Hank Williams, has toured with Los Lobos and is charged with bringing country back to its roots. Chart-topping Dwight Yoakam, the alternative-rock-cutie-turned actor, has become popular at colleges all over the nation. Yoakam will perform his new sweet melodies at 4th and B at 8 p.m. Maybe he'll bring some of those new biscuits he's marketing! Tickets are \$35 to \$40. For more information call (619) 231-4343.

14 friday

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15 saturday

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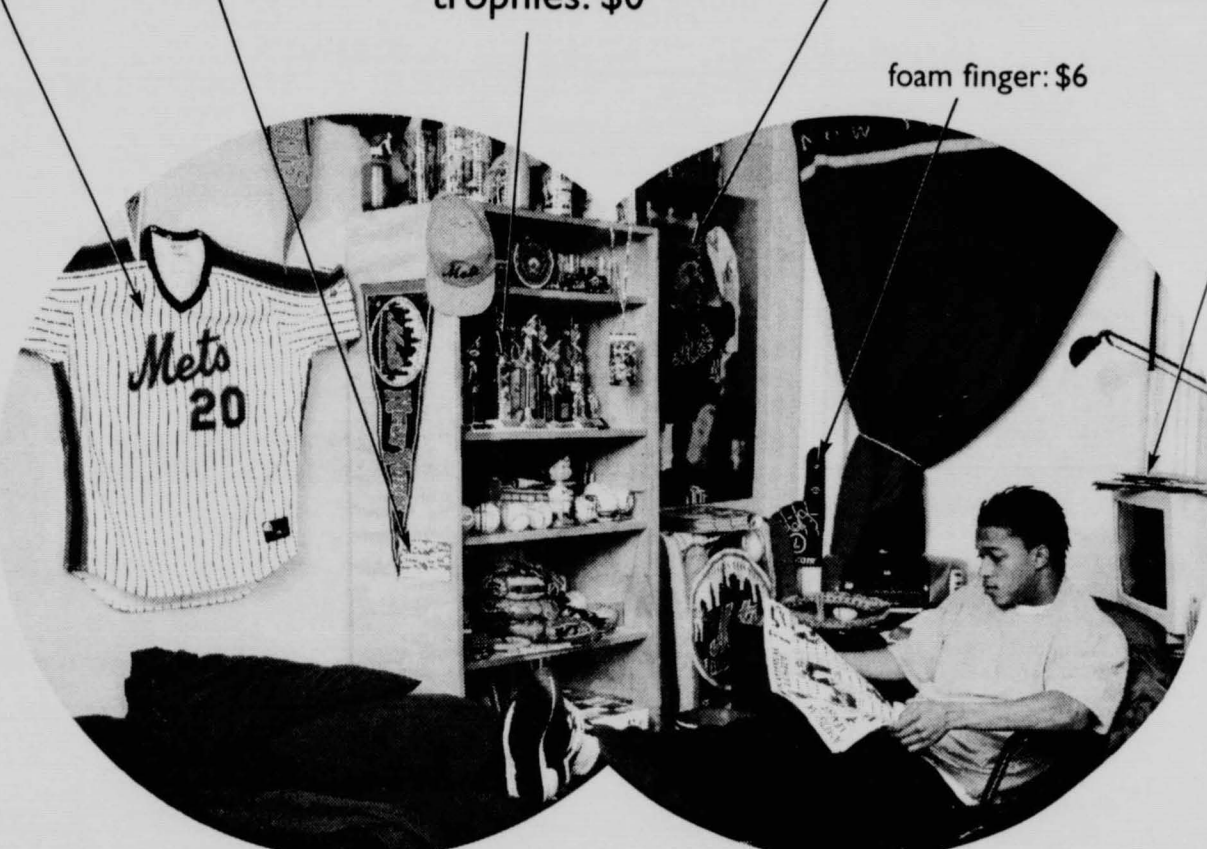
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CLUB SPORTS

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The UCSD women's lacrosse team traveled north to face off against the No. 1-ranked, currently reigning National Champions, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. UCSD looked to earn a victory after a string of heart-breaking defeats, with strong play from the entire team. One of the newest members to the UCSD team, Vicki Dyakovetsky, scored her first goal of the season. Although UCSD put up an exhausting fight, the Mustangs put forth a championship effort and came out the victors. Despite the lackluster start, the team still has high hopes for the remainder of the season. They are now focusing on the upcoming Santa Barbara Shootout, hosted by UC Santa Barbara.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

UCSD's women's rugby left town on Feb. 7, set to face its two division rivals in Arizona. In competitive matches against ASU and the University of Arizona, UCSD took both games to improve to 3-0

in league play. On Feb. 8, the Tritons matched up with ASU, despite missing several key players due to injuries. This was of little importance, however, because the Tritons notched the first score and maintained a strong lead throughout the game. Jessica Venturi led the Triton offense with a pair of tries and a phenomenal game of passing and crashing. Defensive regulator Jolene Sawyer devastated ASU's offense along the right sideline, while Kat Hart led the forward pack with strong rucking and support. The Tritons took the game 41-15.

The following day against the Wildcats, the Tritons went back to work. Allowing only one score, the Tritons dominated the offensive game, even with several players out of position. With a final score of 34-5, there was never any doubt that UCSD was in full control. Now 3-0, the Tritons will meet up with both Arizona teams on Feb. 15 in a doubleheader at UCSD's Robb Field at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. These crucial games will determine which team competes at the nationals in April.

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competitor: Stanford. UCSD defeated Stanford in the championships last year, but the Stanford team has already struck back with a win earlier this season. Other teams playing in the President's Day Tournament include UCLA, UC Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Yale, Texas A&M and Harvard, among others.



Tournament (ends Feb. 16)

Feb. 15 UCSD President's Day Ultimate Disc Tournament (ends Feb. 17)

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Feb. 17 Men's Lacrosse at UC Santa Barbara

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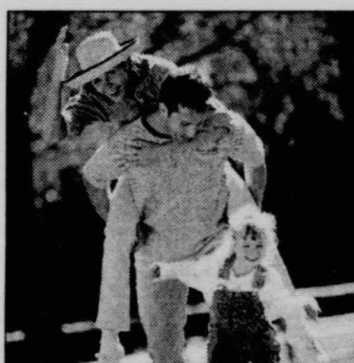
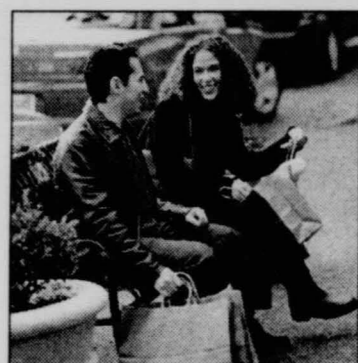
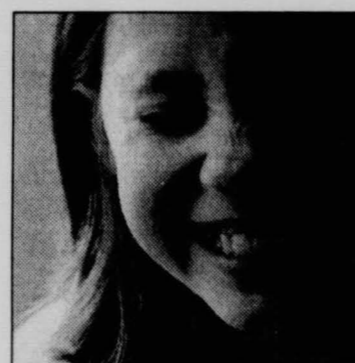
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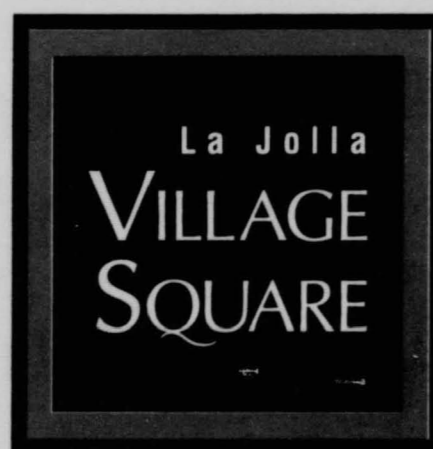
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At the point: Samara Silverman holds the ball against a defender over the weekend. The Tritons went 3-1 as hosts of the UCSD Arena Invitational at Canyonview Pool.

Water polo: Paulson leads UCSD in home tournament

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However, UCSD's defense held on to escape with the victory.

UCSD began tournament play on Feb. 8 with its first defeat of the season, a 5-2 loss to UCSB. The Triton defense held the Gauchos in check with their press but failed to capitalize on offense, going only one-for-six on power-plays and scoring just two goals on 19 shots.

UCSB scored early on in the game to take a one-goal lead, which soon vanished in the second quarter, courtesy of Paulson's equalizer. The Gauchos responded with two goals before the end of the half and then added two more scores in the third period to put the game out of reach.

"We had some confidence after [Paulson's] goal tied things up, but as we continued to be pressed and pushed out, we lost that edge," said UCSD head coach Larry Sanders about the lack of offensive fire.

In its next game, UCSD found itself matched up against Cal Baptist, a team they previously beat this year 10-3. This time, however, the game was more competitive, since the two teams furiously traded goals throughout the contest, which eventually ended in a 10-8 UCSD win.

Paulson led the UCSD scoring with four goals and Co-captain Dana Tucker had two goals of her own.

Feb. 9 proved to be the turnaround day for the Tritons. The previous day's mistakes were cleaned up, and UCSD came out hot.

"Today we made a stronger team effort," said Boyle, referring to the second day of the tournament. "After losing to UCSB, we weren't going to lose any more games in this tournament."

UCSD played against conference rival UC Davis on Feb. 9 and defeated the Aggies 5-4. Paulson once again played a pivotal role, scoring two goals in the first quarter to give the Tritons a 2-0 advantage. Danielle Bourret and Tucker each added a goal to give UCSD a 4-1 lead going into halftime.

The Triton defense allowed few scoring opportunities for the Aggies in the final 1:33 when UC Davis was only a goal behind.

In the final matchup against Bakersfield, UCSD dominated the Roadrunners throughout the game, winning by a score of 8-5. Tucker and Paulson each added two goals to a high-powered offense that scored six goals before halftime.

Sanders summed up his take on the tournament. "We had some key wins — it sets that momentum and it makes a statement: 'Hey, you have to beat us!'" he said.

At the end of the competition, Long Beach State, LMU and SDSU stood atop the standings, but Long Beach took home the crown with a 6-5 victory over LMU.

Softball: Tritons recover against Seawolves

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was knocked in by junior Kim Aggabao in the seventh inning.

In the second game, the Tritons were defeated 4-2, giving starter sophomore Keri Hanley her second loss of the season, even though UCSD out hit the Gators 9-8.

Batista continued to hurt the Tritons, scoring two runs and hitting a home run, and so did teammate Holly Pearce. Aggabao and junior Amy Mettee both had two hits for UCSD, and Aggabao added two RBIs to her team-leading total.

"San Francisco has really improved, but these games served as a good learning experience," Gerckens said.

These victories marked the first time since 1981 that UCSD has lost to the Gators.

The Tritons turned it all around when they traveled to Sonoma State, though, and they won their first game on Feb. 8 by a score of 4-0, giving starter Bland her third win for the season and bringing her record to 3-1.

This time, all the offense belonged to UCSD, since Bland kept the Seawolves to just four hits while getting two strikeouts and going 2-for-3 at the plate. Mettee went 2-for-4 with a home run, and Aggabao added three hits and three RBIs. The Tritons scored a run both in the first and third innings, as well as two in the seventh inning.

"We put the hits together, and just really came out ready to play," Gerckens said. "We made the most of our opportunities, and playing like that after two tough losses really shows how much character and heart the girls have;

we're just going to keep learning."

The second game against Sonoma State was even better for the Tritons, who won 10-0 in the fifth inning after the mercy rule was invoked. Hanley threw a near-perfect game for UCSD: a no-hitter with only two walks, giving her a third win on the season. The bats were hot for the Tritons again, with sophomore Miekko McCue going 3-for-3 and scoring two runs; Mettee hitting 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI; and Aggabao going 2-for-2, scoring a run and knocking in four RBIs, bringing her team-leading total to 13.

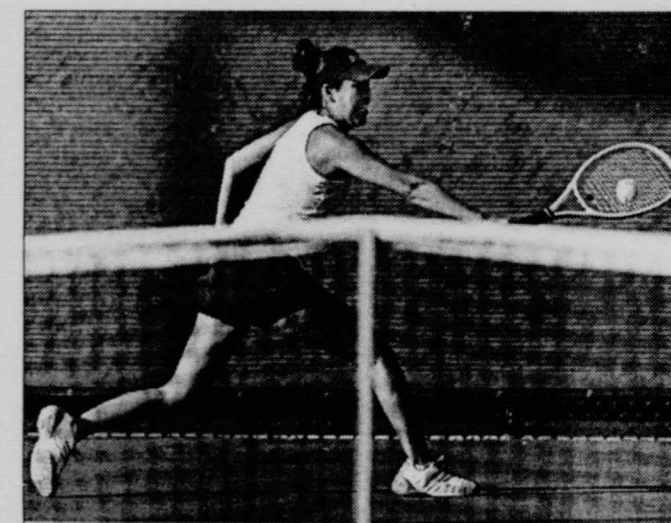
The Tritons were scheduled to play Point Loma on Feb. 11, but the game was cancelled on account of rain, so the next game for UCSD will be the home opener on Feb. 15 against CSU Stanislaus at noon.

Dao: Sophomore helps tennis to a 4-0 start

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has improved a lot after last year. Her volleys and understanding of doubles are much better, and she and Tara [Siddiqui] are playing at No. 2 and will keep improving with more matches."

Thanks in part to the dominant play of Dao, UCSD is off to a perfect start (4-0) in 2003. In their season opener on Feb. 1, Dao and teammate Siddiqui defeated their opponents from CSU San Bernardino in an eight-game pro set 8-0. Later, Dao defeated the Coyotes' co-captain, Heather Lehman, in straight sets (6-3, 6-0).

On Feb. 8, Dao and Siddiqui played against Claremont College in the most challenging match so far this season. After each winning one game, neither side led by more than one game until UCSD led 6-4; however, Claremont quickly came back to even the score at 8-8. The Tritons won the tie breaker, 7-5, to win the set. Dao later played Becca Dutton in what would become the longest game of the day, with Dao and Dutton rallying hard for each point. With all the other players cheering on both sides, Dao pre-



Rebecca Drexler/Guardian

Perfect so far: UCSD's No. 1 player, Jasmin Dao has yet to officially lose a set this season and her team has yet to lose a match in 2003.

ailed to win the set and secure the perfect win at 9-0.

With rivals Cal Poly Pomona coming up, Dao is an important factor in winning. Last year, Dao and Kristina Jansen defeated Pomona 8-1; however, when playing singles against the Broncos'

Anne Claire Ortiz-Luiz, Dao was defeated 6-1, 6-0.

"We [Ortiz-Luiz and I] played doubles when we were younger," Dao said. "I think we bring out the best in each other. It'll be a good competitive match, I'm looking forward to it."

Buick: 160,000 fans expected over weekend

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golf team, doesn't think the weather should be a problem.

"The new greens on the South Course should drain well since they are new and the whole South Course has new drainage," Schneider said. "It's going to make the course that much longer, though. It's already one of the longest courses they play."

Schneider said the Triton golf team hasn't gotten to play at Torrey Pines as much since the South Course was renovated.

"But when we practiced there a couple weeks ago, we got to play it in similar conditions to what the pros will play this week ... It was very tough."

The tournament starts on both courses on the morning of Feb. 13 and goes through Feb. 16. Organizers expect 160,000 spectators for the week, including highs of 40,000 over the weekend, despite the weather.

"I think it gets people [in San Diego] more excited about golf," said Schneider, whose team is selling tickets in Price Center box office as a fund-raiser.

"There are a lot of people who normally don't get to be around golf that are going out to the tournament."

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Front row: New sport 'good for the heart, mind and soul'

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Rabbit-catching fever sweeps UCSD

From the Front Row



Bryce Warwick

For the sake of argument, let's say that my roommates are on a quest to catch a rabbit. For the sake of argument, let's say they've developed various traps and strategies to accomplish this goal. For the sake of argument, let's say the score is: rabbits 5, roommates 0.

While my call to the UCSD Police Department yielded no reason why such an activity could be illegal, there are rumors of the rabbits being a protected species on this campus. For the sake of argument, that's why the rabbit-catching expeditions would take place late at night.

Fear not, animal lovers — we mean no harm to the rabbits. I say "we," but I've yet to experience one of these little adventures. My roommates, "Mikey" and "Hezekiah," are the expert rabbit catchers. Or should I say, they're very experienced in trying to catch rabbits.

"We catch rabbits because they provide an entertaining outlet for any extra energy we might have, a challenge for our intellect and exercise for our bodies," Mikey said.

Rabbit-catching is the third in an illustrious line of favorite pastimes, following Mario Kart and racquetball.

All three tap into a sense of competition that comes from deep within. There's something unrivaled about the sense of excitement that comes from a close game, and the intense concentration that comes with the threat of losing is as close to survival instinct as those living a comfortable college life are likely to experience.

There's a rush from scoring a goal on the soccer field, spiking a kill on the volleyball court or blocking a shot during a basketball game that I don't get anywhere else. That's why I'm playing on seven intramural teams in four sports this quarter. I'm a junkie, and adrenaline is my drug of choice.

Sports have always given me my biggest thrills and my most painful disappointments. They've given me even more than that, though. My parents insist that I learned to read because of the sports page, and that I learned math by calculating batting averages.

At the core of it all though, winning was the only goal, and everything else was incidental.

I've suffered through my share of miserable losing seasons, but it's only through the work I've done with kids the last couple summers that I've learned how important it is to accept winning and losing with equal grace. Even so, my competitive fire burns just as bright as it always has, and I realize just how beneficial competitive outlets are in keeping my focus on what is truly important. Whether I get treated unfairly, do poorly on a test or have an issue with a friend, I remember that there's always a chance to do better. There's always a chance to make it right. There's always another game to play.

The feeling of losing your tem-

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UCSD wins three in tourney

Women's water polo finishes a strong 7th

By **DANIEL DIAZ**
Contributing Writer

Riding the wave of a 2-0 start, UCSD women's water polo sought to defend its No. 8 national ranking this past weekend when it played host to some of the nation's top squads in the UCSD Arena Invitational on Feb. 8 and Feb. 9. After stumbling early in the tournament with a loss to UC Santa Barbara, the Tritons stormed right back with victories over Cal Baptist and conference foes UC Davis and CSU Bakersfield to finish with a 3-1 record for the competition and seventh place overall.

Junior Miranda Paulson was the star for the Tritons, scoring nine goals during the tournament and earning All-Tournament Team honors. The transfer student from Mt. San Antonio College had problems finding her goal-scoring touch before, but now she has found her place in the Triton offensive scheme.

"I was kind of timid coming into the games originally, but



Rebecca Drexler/Guardian

Winding up: Two-meter defender Meris Bantilan-Smith gets ready to launch the ball and catch the defender napping. The Tritons are now 6-1 on the year.

after I got used to everything, it all began to click," Paulson said.

The Tritons opened up their 2003 home schedule the night before the tournament on Feb. 7 with a 3-2 victory over University of Michigan. The game was scoreless for a quarter and a half until the Wolverines broke the dead-

lock with 5:18 remaining in the second period. In the third quarter, Paulson fired two goals, giving UCSD a 2-1 lead. In the final period, Paulson added one more goal but Michigan kept it close with a goal at the 2:30 mark.

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Softball goes 2-2 on the road over weekend

Hanley throws a no-hitter against Sonoma State

By **JOE SPANO**
Staff Writer

UCSD softball split four games last weekend, losing two to San Francisco State on Feb. 7 and beating Sonoma State twice on Feb. 8. "The games [against San Francisco] were very close — they could have gone either way," said Triton head coach Patti Gerckens. "We just couldn't put the key hits together; we should've scored more runs."

The first game against San Francisco on Feb. 7 resulted in a 3-1 extra innings loss for UCSD, which was starter junior Jodie Bland's first loss of the season. The Tritons matched the Gators in hits with seven, but San Francisco was able to pull ahead behind Natalie Batista's shot off the left field wall in the eighth inning. UCSD's Jamie Hurst scored her team's only run when she

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Dao receives CCAA Player of the Week honors

Tritons' No. 1 singles player has not lost this season

By **CHRISTINE LIM**
Staff Writer

The UCSD women's tennis team was recognized for excellence when Jasmin Dao was given the first California Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Tennis Player of the Week honors this year. Dao, who currently plays on the No. 2 doubles team and is the No. 1 singles player for UCSD, is one of the team's most talented players, helping to lead the Tritons to another strong finish in the CCAA.

"It's a fun honor to have," Dao said. "I always try to do my best, and it feels good to have it."

Last year, Dao played No. 1 singles and No. 3 doubles.

"She gained a lot of experience and now knows how tough playing No. 1 can be," said UCSD head coach Liz LaPlante. "Jasmin is a lot stronger physically now and is playing with a lot of confidence. She is a great team player, gets along with everyone and works hard. As far as her doubles, she



Courtesy of UCSD Athletics

Jasmin Dao:
UCSD women's tennis player

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2003 BUICK INVITATIONAL AT TORREY PINES

Damp course will be tough

Practice goes on all week despite inclement weather

By **OWEN MAIN**
Associate Sports Editor

Some of the best golfers in the world didn't seem to mind the inclement weather when they practiced in a steady rain that fell at Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course earlier this week.

For San Diegan Scott Simpson, the Buick Invitational (which starts Feb. 13) is an opportunity to regain the form that helped him win this tournament in 1998, his last tour victory.

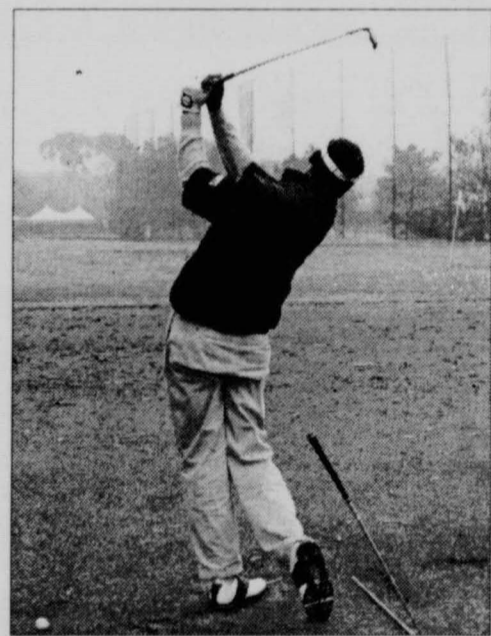
"I played lousy last year," said Simpson, a native of Clairemont, Calif. "But toward the end of the year, it started to come back and get a little bit better."

On the PGA tour since 1979, Simpson has fallen on tough times, finishing out of the top 125 for the last three consecutive years, the first three such years in his career. The 47-year-old Simpson, a graduate of USC and father of two, comes back to the place he was raised this week.

"I grew up playing junior golf on this course," Simpson said. "It's always fun to play at home."

Yet Simpson also has UCSD ties. "I used to hit balls on the UCSD driving range all the time," said Simpson of the recently demolished practice facility.

Another player to watch this week is Luke Donald, a 23-year-old native of Great Britain who, in his second year on the PGA tour, is looking to improve on a rookie season in which he picked up a victory and tied for 18th at the



Owen Main/Guardian

Reverse C: Vijay Singh, No. 6 in the world golf rankings, is just one of a few golfers to watch this week at Torrey Pines.

2002 Buick Invitational.

"This is my fourth tournament of the year," said Donald, standing on the wet and drizzly driving range off of North Torrey Pines Road. "I'm off to a steady start so far."

That steady start includes being first on tour in par-3 birdies so far this season with 11.

"It's going to be wet, so it's going to definitely make the South Course longer — and harder, I suppose," Donald said of the course that will host the 2008 U.S. Open. "But soft conditions also make it easier in one way."

Players at the Buick Invitational have to prepare for both the North and South Courses, each of which will be played during the first two days of the tournament.

A report in the *Union Tribune* on Feb. 11 said that the North Course is slated to have an overhaul in 2004 much like the South Course had last year, although the new configuration of the North won't be close to the South's protracted 7,607 yards.

"[The North Course] definitely isn't as hard a course as the South; it's shorter and probably not in quite as good condition, but it's still not a bad course itself," Donald said. "They could make a few changes to make it better."

Blake Schneider, a senior captain on UCSD's

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