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Basketball scores 6 in a row

Women's basketball defeated Cal State Dominguez Hills for their sixth consecutive victory.

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Gov. says universities must 'share the burden' of state fiscal crisis

Campus reacts to State of State address

By **GAËLLE FAURE**
News Editor

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger addressed Californians in his State of the State speech on Jan. 6, promising them he would not raise taxes while requesting support for a balanced-budget amendment and a \$15-billion deficit bond measure that will appear on the March ballot. While he did not discuss details of his 2004-05 budget proposal, due Jan. 10, he indicated that he would be making significant cuts across the board.

"We have no choice but to cut spending, which is what caused this crisis in the first place," Schwarzenegger said. "These are cuts that will challenge us all ... These cuts will not be easy, but they will not be forever."

While the governor touched on subjects ranging from consolida-

tion of government and reservation gaming to creation of jobs and K-12 education, he also briefly addressed issues relating to the state's higher education system.

"We must end the boom-and-bust cycle of widely fluctuating fees with a predictable, capped fee policy for college students and their parents," Schwarzenegger said. "And we must limit fee increases to no more than 10 percent a year."

He also indicated that the public university systems would share in the burden of funding cuts, but stated that he would nevertheless be funding UC Merced to enroll undergraduates in fall 2005.

"Like our kindergarten-through-12th-grade schools, our colleges and universities must also share the burden of the fiscal crisis, but we must work to expand the dream of college," he said. "And we

must not let the dream bypass our Central Valley. That is why my budget will fund UC's 10th campus — UC Merced."

UC Merced's opening was delayed one academic year to Fall 2005 due to systemwide budget cuts in August 2003.

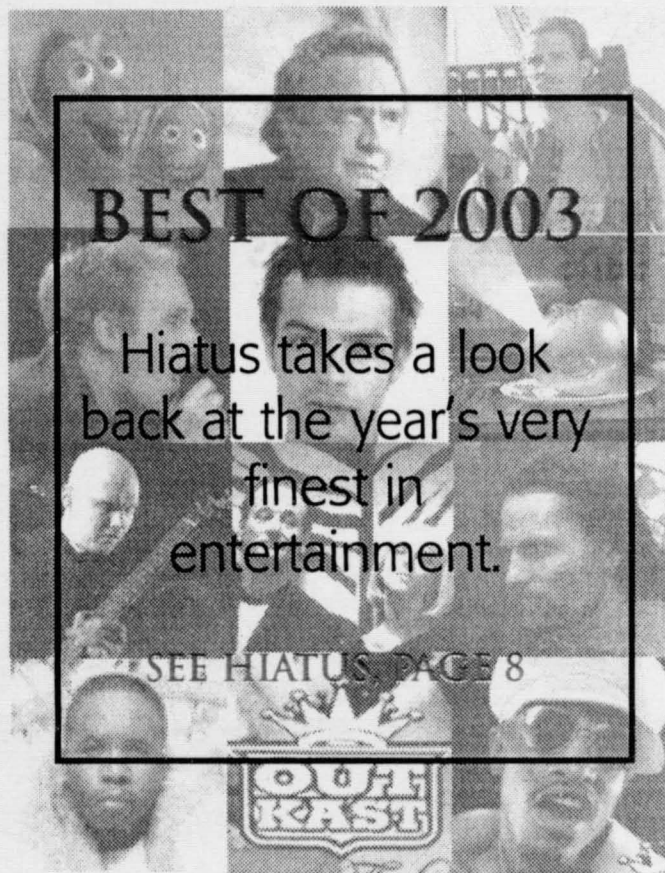
UC spokesperson Hanan Eisenman could not elaborate on what the UC Office of the President interpreted in the governor's statement about UC Merced.

"We certainly welcome this expression of his support of UC Merced," Eisenman said.

As for student fee increase caps, the university is taking a cautious stance.

"The University of California has always supported a policy of moderate, predictable fee increases," Eisenman said. "But we think

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HIATUS

Salk accused of animal cruelty

\$20,000 offered for information

By **GAËLLE FAURE**
News Editor

An anonymous source alleging that animal abuse has been taking place at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies has led two animal rights groups to offer a reward for any information leading to convictions on animal cruelty charges.

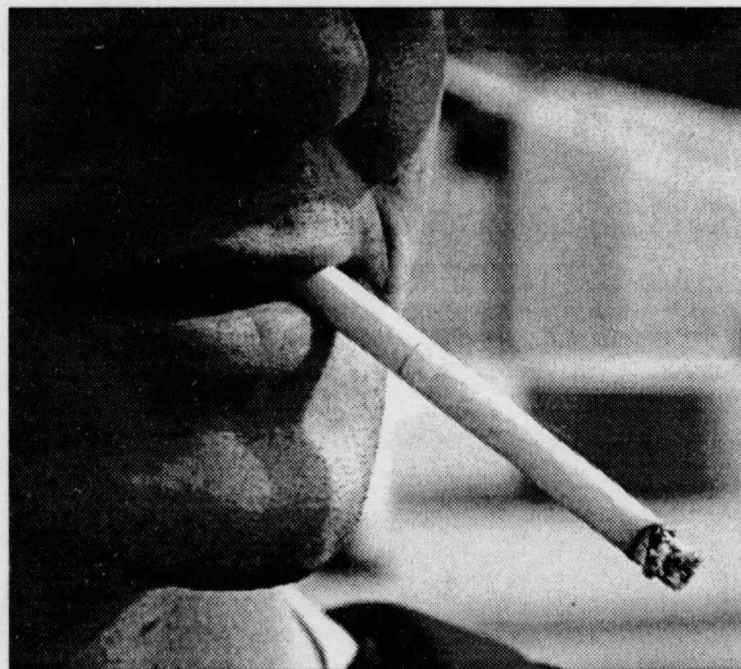
San Diego Animal Advocates and the Los Angeles-based Last Chance for Animals organizations are offering a combined \$20,000 for proof of abuse, they announced on Jan. 5.

According to Jane Cartmill of San Diego Animal Advocates, the allegations include claims that researchers were overbreeding and killing off extra lab mice and that the skulls of baby monkeys were being opened without sufficient painkillers.

"People are naturally concerned about losing their jobs," Cartmill

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Non-smoking zone extended to 20 feet



Jennifer Downs/Guardian

Lighting up: A new state law that the university is working to implement extends the smoke-free zone around public buildings from five feet to 20 feet.

By **MARNETTE FEDERIS**
Associate News Editor

New state legislation effective Jan. 1 now requires that smokers stay 20 feet away from the doorways, entryways, operable windows and ventilation intake ducts of any public building and facilities. This extends the previous non-smoking zones of five feet to 20 feet at University of California, California State University and community colleges.

First proposed by state

Assemblyman Juan Vargas (D-San Diego) in February 2003, the policy was approved by former Gov. Gray Davis in September 2003. However, the law does not provide funding for enforcement.

"We're hoping for a more self-enforcing kind of law, and there is no fine associated with it," said Joanne Wellman-Benson, a program consultant for

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Biotech regulations may be toughened

Officials fear terrorists could access research

By **VLADIMIR KOGAN**
Senior Staff Writer

Federal officials say they have yet to decide whether to implement recommendations from an October 2003 report that urged increased regulation of biotechnology research, for fear that it could fall into the hands of terrorists.

The findings, published by the National Academy of Sciences, which advises Congress on scientific policy, urged a combination of self-regulation by researchers and journals that publish their findings, as well as increased government oversight.

"This proposal is a key step in an evolving process to strike the right balance between national

security concerns and the openness necessary for America's research enterprise to thrive," stated Gerald Fink, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and chair of the committee that wrote the report, in a press release.

Fink and other top experts from around the nation, including UC San Francisco biochemistry professor Erin O'Shea, specifically pointed to recent research on mousepox that they fear terrorists could use as a blueprint to create a more virulent and vaccine-resistant strain of smallpox.

Some professors urged that the U.S. Department of Health and

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SPOKEN

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— Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

SURF REPORT

Jan. 8
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BRIEFLY

Memorial will honor John Galbraith on Jan. 12

A memorial tribute will be held for John S. Galbraith, professor emeritus of history and chancellor emeritus, on Jan. 12.

Galbraith, who served as UCSD's second chancellor, died on June 10 after complications from pneumonia. He was 86.

He served as chancellor from 1964 to 1968 after having served as vice chancellor from 1962 to 1964. He saw the development of the young university through the Vietnam War and student protests. During his tenure, Galbraith championed the architecture of Geisel Library.

He was also an expert in British imperial history, teaching at UCLA and writing four books on the subject.

Galbraith retired from the University of California in 1986.

The tribute will be held at the Faculty Club from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Two undergrads chosen to represent UCSD at UC Day

Two UCSD undergraduate students have been chosen to represent UCSD at the University of California's fifth annual undergraduate research showcase.

Ben Maggos and Nick Statom will present their research as part of UC Day in Sacramento on March 9.

Maggos, a senior, is a double-major in Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Computing and the Arts. Maggos conducted research for the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, working with faculty advisors on visualizations of the Cal(IT)2 building under construction at UCSD. His work included converting line drawings and floor plans into three-dimensional models.

Statom, a junior, is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He was nominated for his research on the "Analysis of Sea Breeze Effects Using QuickSCAT and SeaWinds Scatterometry." His research is part of a NASA program called Ocean Vector Winds, which deploys SeaWinds scatterometers on satellites. These measure near-surface wind velocity under all conditions on all the Earth's oceans. Statom's work included analyzing the resulting data with a goal of evaluating the tandem scatterometer mission's skill at detecting land and sea breeze effects.

Statom and Maggos will receive plaques during the Alumni Association-sponsored UC Day honoring their participation. A poster of their research will be displayed for one week outside the Governor's Office in the Capitol Building.

Ricardo Lagos will receive peace and democracy award

The Institute of the Americas will present its Award for Peace and Democracy to the President of Chile, Ricardo Lagos, on Jan. 9.

The award was established by the institute to recognize outstanding contributions to the causes of democracy and peace in the Western Hemisphere.

The luncheon will take place at the Hyatt in La Jolla at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100.

This event is separate from Lagos' free public speech, which he will give at 9:30 a.m. at the Institute of the Americas Auditorium, also on Jan. 9.

More information for the luncheon event can be obtained by calling (858) 453-5560 ext. 111.

UCSD biologists make anthrax breakthrough

UCSD biologists have determined how a toxin produced by anthrax blocks a person's immune response, findings that could possibly lead to new treatments for anthrax infections.

The researchers have described why, in the presence of anthrax, human immune cells fail to respond normally. The body normally produces cytokines, which alert other cells to the presence of an invader. Anthrax suppresses this response, preventing a normal immune response. The anthrax bacteria are thus able to multiply unhindered.

The researchers say they have identified a protein molecule targeted by the anthrax toxin and determined where it acts in the sequence of immune response.

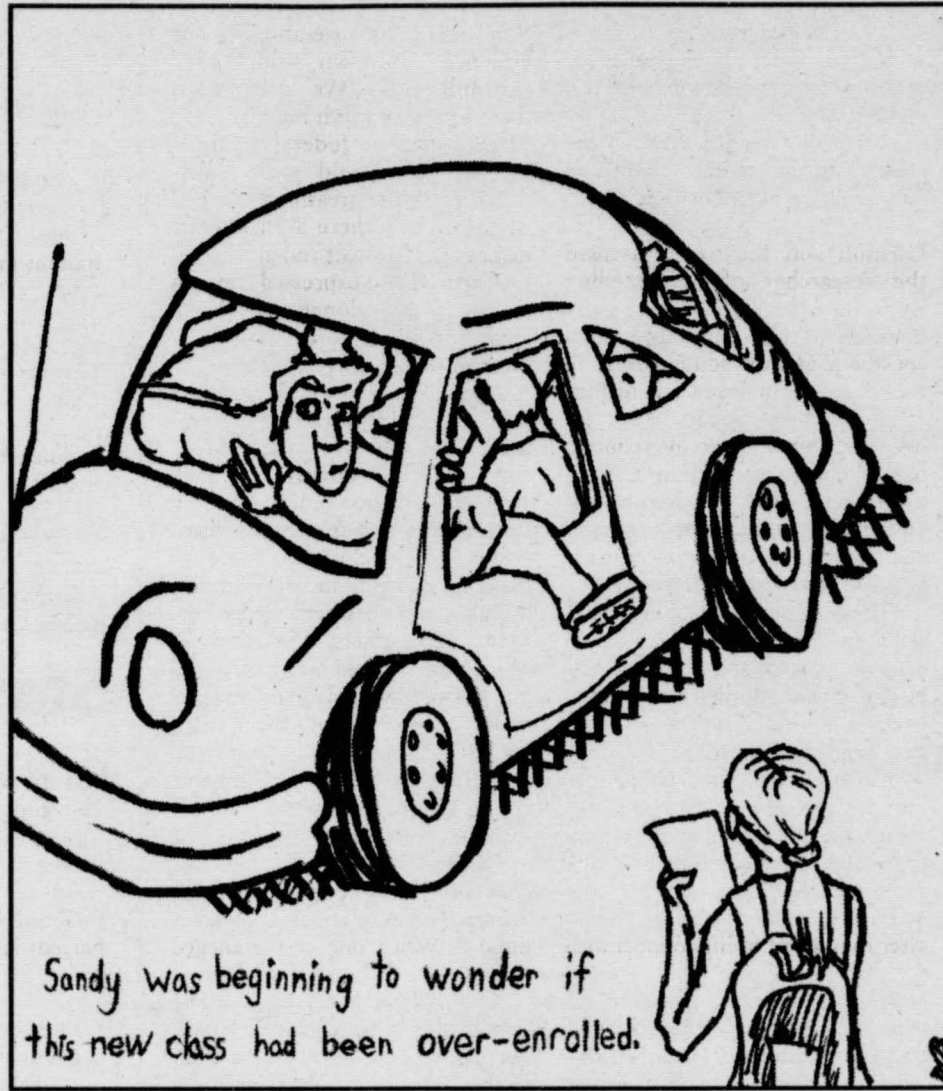
They also identified a second route in the cell, thus far unknown, by which series of proteins activate one another to switch on cytokine production. This second route, they discovered, is the one the anthrax toxin targets.

Their findings, to be published in the Jan. 15 issue of *The Journal of Immunology*, suggest that developing a drug that could prevent the anthrax toxin from splitting could help prevent infection from going out of control as the anthrax bacteria would be unable to evade immune response.

About 75 percent of people infected with inhalation anthrax die, even with appropriate antibiotics, according to the Center for Disease Control.

The anthrax research was headed by UCSD biology professor Michael David and was supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

ETCETERA ...



Matt Bars/Guardian

A.S. COUNCIL AT A GLANCE

Meeting #14
January 7, 2004

Items of Immediate Consideration

Item B

The A.S. Council tabled indefinitely a \$125 allocation for an all-campus dance planned by the council's freshman senators.

Councilmembers raised concerns about the appropriateness of drawing funds from the college level all-campus programming fund, which is meant for campus organizations to put on programs for the campus at large. Also at issue was the incomplete budget for the dance.

The allocation was tabled indefinitely with a vote of 9-7-4.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner of Programming Alex Kushner announced that if the band scheduled for the Buzz concert on Jan. 23 is not able to perform, the Programming Office would help to fund the dance.

Reports

President Jeremy Paul Gallagher

Gallagher reported that the quarterly recreation fee will increase by \$5 beginning Fall 2004. The referendum, which originally authorized the fee, allows for an increase every five years to compensate for inflation.

Vice President Finance Eric Webster

Webster reported that the Finance Office will no longer endorse allocations from the general unallocated fund due to the fund's current balance of about \$200.

Commissioner of Programming Alex Kushner

Kushner reported that Porter's Pub is now offering "College Night" on Thursdays from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Discounted food and drinks as well as a DJ will be provided and all students are welcome.

Kushner also announced that Flogging Molly and Area 51 will perform on Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. in Price Center Plaza. The concert

is free to UCSD students.

Eleanor Roosevelt College Sophomore Senator Max Harrington

Harrington reported that a free showing of the movie "Office Space" will take place on Jan. 13 at 9 p.m. in Plaza Cafe. While the event is geared for Revelle College residents, all students are welcome to free popcorn and encouraged to wear pajamas at the event.

Council Caucus

The council discussed problems with the implementation of instant runoff voting on StudentLink for next quarter's A.S. elections. According to Eleanor Roosevelt College Junior Senator Carol Freire, StudentLink programmers have reported that they will not be able to integrate IRV into the system in time for the elections.

A straw poll taken during the discussion revealed strong council support for the use of IRV this year, even if paper ballots must be used.

David Goodwin, chair of student council of Eleanor Roosevelt College, said that the A.S. Council should not "roll over" and accept the infeasibility of IRV implementation.

Other possible solutions mentioned by councilmembers included using free open source code for the IRV system, hiring a third-party company to conduct the election and pressuring the university administration to prioritize the implementation of IRV on StudentLink.

Old Business

Item B

The A.S. Council approved the All-Campus Commuter Board charter by consensus. The new board will serve as an umbrella organization for college-level commuter associations, advocate for the needs of commuter students and publish a bi-quarterly newsletter to students who live off-campus.

— Compiled by Neil Spears
Senior Staff Writer

We're hiring!

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Salk: Anonymous source identifies 4 employees

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said. "But we're hoping that by offering this reward, someone will come forward."

According to Cartmill, the source made claims against a researcher, a researcher's assistant, an administrator and a veterinarian. Cartmill said the source accused the researcher of overbreeding mice, the assistant of opening the monkeys' skulls without enough anesthetic and the administrator of covering up employee complaints, threatening employees with job dismissal and failing to file required federal documents keeping track of experiments and the number of animals involved. Only "vague" claims of animal neglect were made against the veterinarian, she said.

The Salk Institute said in a Jan. 5 statement that it has procedures in place to monitor and report on animal treatment and that the institute is committed to conducting studies in a "humane manner."

Cartmill said, she was first e-mailed the allegations in July. When she tried to reply, the e-mail failed to send successfully, she said. However, the animal groups only made the claims public on Jan. 5 after months of trying to meet with Salk officials, they claim.

The institute's statement explained that they requested that San Diego Animal Advocates "provide in writing the specifics of their unsubstantiated allegations about animal abuse."

"To this date, the institute has not received a response to its request," the statement continued. Cartmill claims that the group did respond, but that "the answer was 'no.'"

"We refused to give informa-

tion to Salk until we and our veterinarians sit down with them," Cartmill said. "We don't want them to start a witch hunt."

While the federal Animal Welfare Act would protect primates from the treatment alleged by the source, there are currently no laws that protect rodents.

Cartmill also expressed concern over the recent donation by Irwin Jacobs of \$7 million to the institute's neurosciences division.

"Brain-mapping experiments are among the most devastating to animals and involve tremendous deprivation and suffering," she said.

According to published Salk Institute research in monkey visual cortex neurotechnique, some of these experiments involve restraining alert, non-anesthetized monkeys in horizontal chairs. The monkeys' heads are restrained by cranial headposts surgically implanted into their skulls. They are then shown visual stimuli and positively reinforced with fruit juice. These experiments are in compliance with National Institute of Health guidelines.

Salk officials unavailable for comment on experiments involving opening brains of younger primates, those in which one of the alleged incidents would have taken place.

Cartmill said San Diego Animal Advocates will be displaying a banner and handing out flyers in front of the institute on a regular basis. The banner advertises the tip line e-mail address: tips@animaladvocates.org.

Chris De Rose, actor and president of Last Chance for Animals, said he hoped to see the experiments ultimately stopped.

"I would at least like to see them justify their experiments," he said.

UC, CSU strive to save energy
Schools receive \$12 million grant

By BRYAN TSAO
Associate News Editor

The California Public Utilities Commission awarded the University of California and California State University a \$12 million grant to implement energy efficiency programs on Dec. 18. The grant, which will be divided evenly between the University of California and California State University, would be used to fund renovations and retrofits of buildings in order to make them more energy efficient.

"This award is a great step toward implementing our environmental sustainability policies," UC Senior Vice President for

Business and Finance Joseph P. Mullinix said. "It will really boost our energy efficiency efforts."

The grant will help implement a new Board of Regents policy to shift to "green" buildings and establish a standard for the use of clean energy sources.

The policy, adopted in July 2003, calls for the University of California to incorporate the use of renewable energy sources and meet minimum standards for energy efficiency with the goal of meeting 20 percent of its energy needs with renewable sources by 2017 and reducing total energy consumption by 10 percent by 2014.

The grant will primarily be

used to fund energy efficiency retrofits and training programs, including the installation of energy-saving lighting and light controls; heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades; improved energy management controls; the "re-tuning" of buildings' energy systems to ensure maximum efficiency; and energy efficiency training for employees.

According to the UC Office of the President, the initiatives will save up to 20 percent of each building's energy use. The universities will implement the programs beginning February 2004 in conjunction with the Pacific

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State: Gov. says he will fund UC Merced

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that any such policy also factors in state support, and we are looking forward to seeing the details of his budget."

In reaction to cuts in state funding, fees were raised by 30 percent last year at the University of California.

State Sen. Dede Alpert (D-San Diego) also expressed concern over cuts to the university.

"Higher education has already taken a big hit, and I'm very concerned that we're going to have to return on a promise to Californians," Alpert said. "At the rate we're going, I'm afraid we're going to see a couple of campuses close their doors to new students."

While Alpert agreed with

Schwarzenegger's call to limit rises in fees, she said she did not feel his opening UC Merced at this time was realistic.

"I personally feel that, where we are today, we can't afford to fund UC Merced," she said.

At UCSD, student reaction to the governor's address was varied. "My first reaction was that it was such a complete speech," College Republicans Vice President Adam Richards said. "He didn't dodge any of the issues. He said higher education would have to bear some of the brunt, but was quick to point out that the problem [leading to cuts] was left to him from the previous administration. He's not playing the blame game; he's just stating a fact."

Kate Maull, president of the College Democrats, said her organization felt Schwarzenegger was "still just giving promises."

"He still hasn't given us anything concrete to work from," she said. "We still just want the numbers. We don't want to be skeptical, but we can't help it when he just keeps talking more, not giving us numbers, facts or actual solutions."

Political science professor and California politics expert Thad Kousser said he is also eagerly awaiting Jan. 10 to see the details of the governor's proposal.

"He did a good job on the speech," he said. "But the budget is really where we'll see where the pain will come in \$15 billion in cuts."

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Jobs are priority to CA

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's State of the State address on Jan. 6 served as a primer for upcoming policy decisions that will be settled in the January budget revision and the March primary's ballot initiatives. Schwarzenegger has already worked diligently to assess California's economic situation and compose solutions. While the fruits of those accomplishments were discussed, the toughest decisions for Schwarzenegger to make will have to be spelled out later this week in his budget proposal.

When speaking about higher education, Schwarzenegger admirably delivered a plan to cap student fee increases at 10 percent per year after UC students saw a devastating 30 percent hike in the last 12 months. But while the governor works to keep California's public colleges affordable, he must recognize that the quality of instruction and research at the University of California must not be diminished further than the \$1 billion-

plus already slashed from a crucial engine of the state's economy.

Restoring the economy, Schwarzenegger said, was his utmost priority. His plans to reform the atrocious worker's compensation laws and lobby businesses throughout the world to come to California are right on. However, he should also use his action-star clout in Washington to chime in on free trade agreements that have sent jobs across borders and overseas — especially high-tech positions in Silicon Valley that were once a cornerstone of the state's tax base and have recently been treated as exportable commodities.

Further, decentralizing K-12 education will devastate the funding of already impoverished rural and inner city schools, leaving California's young people more unprepared for an increasingly competitive job market.

Schwarzenegger must address these issues in the coming months if he wants to guide the state back to prosperity.

Misguided provision up for round of redraft

With the Higher Education Act up for reauthorization this year, lawmakers have a chance to repeal the misguided 1998 provision that denies federal financial aid to students with prior drug convictions. The provision, which asks students on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid if they have ever been convicted of "selling or possessing drugs," has resulted in thousands of denied grants and loans over the last five years.

Drafted in the crime and punishment spirit of the War on Drugs, the provision ignores the fact that education is perhaps the most effective deterrent to drug abuse. Since the provision's inception, over 100 student governments have voiced opposition, while several universities have nobly pledged to reimburse students who were denied aid because of a drug offense.

Penalizing students for a conviction that they have already settled in court is erroneous and ineffective. Not only does the law punish students for the same offense twice, it hinges financial aid on a number of ulterior socioeconomic factors well beyond the scope of academia — namely, who is arrested on drug charges.

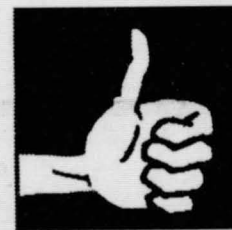
Despite improvement since the 1990s, the rate of black juveniles arrested for denied grants and loans over twice that of white juveniles in 2001, according to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

As President Jimmy Carter told Congress in 1977, "Penalties against drug use should not be more damaging to an individual than the use of the drug itself." The 1998 HEA provision is such a penalty and should be repealed.

Welcome Back! Unprepared? You are not the first one, nor will you be the last!



PROPS & FLOPS



Run of the bulls: Props to the recent surge on Wall Street and a more optimistic outlook for graduates.

Going for gold: Props to junior Rosanna Delungo who qualified for July's U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100-meter breaststroke.

All in the numbers: Sombre flops to San Diego's increasing homicide rate from 47 in 2002 to 64 in 2003.

Donations, please: Flops to the sky-high prices on books and readers — as if increased tuition wasn't enough.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cuts to outreach would affect college preparation

Editor: When everyone else around you doubts your success, it is hard to keep focus toward higher education. This is why it is necessary to oppose Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cuts to the University of California's Outreach Programs and to budget cuts to outreach at California State University campuses. These programs provide essential college preparation to approximately 110,000 low-income youngsters throughout the state.

Coming from a working class Latino community where college-going rates are often below the norm, one often finds it hard to receive the necessary academic assistance and motivation. Many families in these neighborhoods are working hard to merely pay rent and feed their children. Their priorities do not consist of getting good S.A.T. scores or passing the AP Calculus test.

As a student in this type of community, it is hard to strive for higher education when nobody else around you is motivating you to succeed. Programs like the Early Academic Outreach Program conducted by the University of California actually made the effort to come to my high school and inform me about important information that I

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would not have known otherwise. They offered test prep workshops that I otherwise would not have been able to afford. I had an academic mentor who would come every other week to check on my progress. That may not seem like much, but it actually is — especially when it seems as though nobody else around you cares if you even graduate high school.

Without outreach, I don't know if I would have had the same knowledge or motivation to go to college. In order to stay competitive with other high schools, it is important to have outreach programs that help low-income schools where resources are minimal.

I am now an undergraduate student at UCSD and I have since had the privilege to work with EAOP. I see the difference my program makes in the low-income communities of San Diego.

The EAOP program that I help coordinate offers tutoring and mentoring services to kids living in Section 8 housing, which is comprised mostly of newly immigrated families who have little resources at their schools. We offer school children in these families' hope and guidance. We give them a chance to dream and succeed when they feel hopeless about going to college. I have had many students say that they don't feel like they are "cut out" for college.

With the destruction of outreach programs like EAOP will come many devastated students who may never get the chance to go to college.

— Ana Madero
Thurgood Marshall College junior

Article dismisses TA strike as irrelevant and unnecessary

Editor: I am writing in regards to the Dec. 4 article by Ed Wu regarding the TA contract negotiations, titled "Napster back in news, TAs ready to strike." I am appalled by the author's ignorance. He claims

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Aftermath of finals reveals hidden benefits

Aftertaste



Evelyn Hsieh

Nobody likes final exams. They're like those clown faces that you keep knocking down but inevitably pop back up to torment you once again. At a closer glance, though, the week devoted to these despicable entities yields some interesting insights about the very human victims it claims.

If desperate times call for desperate measures, desperation breeds a certain brand of zaniness and idealism during the death week that all of us have to encounter. In fact, it can even seem that finals week draws out the true character of UCSD students, luring them out of their spider holes of hum-drum banality when they have no choice but to go.

In the aftermath of fall quarter finals, much can be learned from the week everybody loves to hate.

For one thing, finals week actually gives students a chance to slow down. This may sound absurd, since eleventh week is but a condensed few days of stress and studying. But really, the quarter system, prevalent on most UC campuses, provides students with a perpetual sense of urgency. Ten weeks go by in a blink of an eye; a flurry of midterms, labs, papers and a frazzled student caught somewhere in between. I had a friend who had ten midterms during the

quarter; it's like some sick parade that we involuntarily have to attend in order to graduate. So it should come as something of a relief when an entire week is reserved for finals and only finals.

Yes, round-the-clock studying is probably in order, but when else do we get to structure time so individually? The reading schedule on syllabi is now irrelevant (as if it wasn't before), and in many cases, what stands between an A- and a B+ is how you align the clock with the material.

It is only during finals week that students show their studying stamina and time-management mettle. The week goes by slowly because there is so much so-called "free time" in students' hands. Even procrastinators can rejoice — the whole week is basically last-minute, so there's less temptation to wait until the literal last minute.

Studying takes priority, but once a final is done, it is done. As final exams end, one by one, for better or for worse, students cling to the hope that at the end of the week, nothing will be left at the end of week. Students have a chance to channel their energies and concentrate at a steadier pace.

In a way, finals week brings an anomalous yet idealistic atmosphere. When else are classes actually filled to capacity levels? Besides midterm season, this is the only time when everyone enrolled shows up (the way it was meant to be, no?). When else are books opened, both in terms of pages and of plastic packaging?

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Jobs are priority to CA

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's State of the State address on Jan. 6 served as a primer for upcoming policy decisions that will be settled in the January budget revision and the March primary's ballot initiatives. Schwarzenegger has already worked diligently to assess California's economic situation and compose solutions. While the fruits of those accomplishments were discussed, the toughest decisions for Schwarzenegger to make will have to be spelled out later this week in his budget proposal. When speaking about higher education, Schwarzenegger admirably delivered a plan to cap student fee increases at 10 percent per year year after UC students saw a devastating 30 percent hike in the last 12 months. But while the governor works to keep California's public colleges affordable, he must recognize that the quality of instruction and research at the University of California must not be diminished further than the \$1 billion-

plus already slashed from a crucial engine of the state's economy. Restoring the economy, Schwarzenegger said, was his utmost priority. His plans to reform the atrocious worker's compensation laws and lobby businesses throughout the world to come to California are right on. However, he should also use his action-star clout in Washington to chime in on free trade agreements that have sent jobs across borders and overseas — especially high-tech positions in Silicon Valley that were once a cornerstone of the state's tax base and have recently been treated as exportable commodities. Further, decentralizing K-12 education will devastate the funding of already impoverished rural and inner city schools, leaving California's young people more unprepared for an increasingly competitive job market. Schwarzenegger must address these issues in the coming months if he wants to guide the state back to prosperity.

Misguided provision up for round of redraft

With the Higher Education Act up for reauthorization this year, lawmakers have a chance to repeal the misguided 1998 provision that denies federal financial aid to students with prior drug convictions. The provision, which asks students on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid if they have ever been convicted of "selling or possessing drugs," has resulted in thousands of denied grants and loans over the last five years. Drafted in the crime and punishment spirit of the War on Drugs, the provision ignores the fact that education is perhaps the most effective deterrent to drug abuse. Since the provision's inception, over 100 student governments have voiced opposition, while several universities have nobly pledged to reimburse students who were denied aid because of a drug offense.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cuts to outreach would affect college preparation

Editor: When everyone else around you doubts your success, it is hard to keep focus toward higher education. This is why it is necessary to oppose Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cuts to the University of California's Outreach Programs and to budget cuts to outreach at California State University campuses. These programs provide essential college preparation to approximately 110,000 low-income youngsters throughout the state.

Coming from a working class Latino community where college-going rates are often below the norm, one often finds it hard to receive the necessary academic assistance and motivation. Many families in these neighborhoods are working hard to merely pay rent and feed their children. Their priorities do not consist of getting good S.A.T. scores or passing the AP Calculus test.

As a student in this type of community, it is hard to strive for higher education when nobody else around you is motivating you to succeed. Programs like the Early Academic Outreach Program conducted by the University of California actually made the effort to come to my high school and inform me about important information that I

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would not have known otherwise. They offered test prep workshops that I otherwise would not have been able to afford. I had an academic mentor who would come every other week to check on my progress. That may not seem like much, but it actually is — especially when it seems as though nobody else around you cares if you even graduate high school.

Without outreach, I don't know if I would have had the same knowledge or motivation to go to college. In order to stay competitive with other high schools, it is important to have outreach programs that help low-income schools where resources are minimal.

I am now an undergraduate student at UCSD and I have since had the privilege to work with EAOP. I see the difference my program makes in the low-income communities of San Diego.

The EAOP program that I help coordinate offers tutoring and mentoring services to kids living in Section 8 housing, which is comprised mostly of newly immigrated families who have little resources at their schools. We offer school children in these families' hope and guidance. We give them a chance to dream and succeed when they feel hopeless about going to college. I have had many students say that they don't feel like they are "cut out" for college.

With the destruction of outreach programs like EAOP will come many devastated students who may never get the chance to go to college.

— Ana Madero
Thurgood Marshall College junior

Article dismisses TA strike as irrelevant and unnecessary

Editor: I am writing in regards to the Dec. 4 article by Ed Wu regarding the TA contract negotiations, titled "Napster back in news, TAs ready to strike." I am appalled by the author's ignorance. He claims

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Aftermath of finals reveals hidden benefits

Aftertaste



Evelyn Hsieh

Nobody likes final exams. They're like those clown faces that you keep knocking down but inevitably pop back up to torment you once again.

At a closer glance, though, the week devoted to these despicable entities yields some interesting insights about the very human victims it claims.

If desperate times call for desperate measures, desperation breeds a certain brand of zainness and ideality during the death week that all of us have to encounter. In fact, it can even seem that finals week draws out the true character of UCSD students, luring them out of their spider holes of hum-drum banality when they have no choice but to go.

In the aftermath of fall quarter finals, much can be learned from the week everybody loves to hate.

For one thing, finals week actually gives students a chance to slow down. This may sound absurd, since eleventh week is but a condensed few days of stress and studying. But really, the quarter system, prevalent on most UC campuses, provides students with a perpetual sense of urgency. Ten weeks go by in a blink of an eye; a flurry of midterms, labs, papers and a frazzled student caught somewhere in between. I had a friend who had ten midterms during the

quarter; it's like some sick parade that we involuntarily have to attend in order to graduate. So it should come as something of a relief when an entire week is reserved for finals and only finals.

Yes, round-the-clock studying is probably in order, but when else do we get to structure time so individually? The reading schedule on syllabi is now irrelevant (as if it wasn't before), and in many cases, what stands between an A- and a B+ is how you align the clock with the material.

It is only during finals week that students show their studying stamina and time-management mettle. The week goes by slowly because there is so much so-called "free time" in students' hands. Even procrastinators can rejoice — the whole week is basically last-minute, so there's less temptation to wait until the literal last minute.

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Condemnation of homosexual marriages cluttered with outdated stereotypes, hypocritical assumptions

By MARIANNE MADDEN
Senior Staff Writer

Last month, the justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that their state cannot deny the right of homosexuals to marry, and gave the Massachusetts Legislature six months to take the necessary steps to effectuate the ruling. Massachusetts joins Ontario, British Columbia, Belgium and the Netherlands in legalizing gay marriage. Similarly, Vermont recognizes homosexual unions, and many other states and countries, including California, are quickly moving toward more equal treatment of heterosexual and homosexual relationships.

In other words, a revolution is nigh — a purple-clad, hair-gelled, designer-clothed revolution. And it's fabulous. So much so that America can barely control the fabulousness. Naturally, members of the American right wing have quickly set down their Bibles and raised both fists to fight the decision.

Let's be frank. When it comes to homosexuals, American lawmakers generally have the mindset of 13-year-old boys. They're blinded by their extreme, oppressive heterosexuality, and thus have trouble realizing that homosexuals exist. When they acknowledge gays and lesbians, it's usually a backhanded insult — the equivalent of that 13-year-old boy whispering "sissy" to a hated classmate in a middle school hallway.

President Bush, for example, has reached into his grab bag of rhetoric and buzzwords, condemning the decision in Massachusetts on the grounds that allowing homosexual marriage would destroy "the sanctity of marriage."

However, he's ignoring a small but crucial detail: Marriage has no sanctity in the first place. The National Center for Health

Statistics estimates, for example, that between 43 and 50 percent of couples divorce within 15 years of being married, and this percentage rises with the number of years after the wedding. And in the book "The Monogamy Myth," Peggy Vaughn writes, "Conservative estimates are that 60 percent of men and 40 percent of women will have an extramarital affair."

So, in principle, marriage is all fine and dandy and lifelong, but in reality, Americans are subverting the whole purpose of marriage by cheating on their spouses and getting divorced. Yet President Bush defends the supposed "sanctity" of the institution from homosexuals who will somehow hurt these dysfunctional, failing heterosexual marriages by having weddings of their own. He must be living in a fantasy land.

If heterosexuals are allowed to have tacky weddings, sordid extramarital affairs and angry, expensive divorces, then homosexuals should too. Or, as gay columnist Dan Savage quips, "Considering how miserable weddings seem to make straight people — the work, the expense, the seemingly inevitable conflicts with your parents, the 50 percent chance of a divorce — shouldn't people who don't like gay people want us to get married, just to make us miserable?"

If Bush and other conservatives are truly concerned with protecting "the sanctity of marriage," they should work toward outlawing divorce and making infidelity illegal. After all, there are no greater attacks on the spirit of marriage than outright failure of the relationship or cheating on one's spouse.

Yet they're not condemning divorce and infidelity, they're condemning homosexuals for their perceived threat to traditional unions. In reality, these

attacks on the marriage rights of homosexuals come down to simple homophobia, and Bush and other conservatives are simply hiding their bigotry and ignorance under a veil of fundamentalist Christianity and "protecting the sanctity of marriage." Hate is hate, even if it's cloaked in rhetoric or Christianity.

Furthermore, homosexual relationships will never disappear, so America might as well acknowledge them. And while we're at it, we should learn to

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appreciate diversity and learn a little lesson about love and alternative lifestyles. As evidenced by shows like Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," America is learning to acknowledge that gay men happen to have an unflappable sense of style. It's only natural that we now learn that these same stylish gay men fall in love and want to get married, just like heterosexuals.

A ban on homosexual unions makes marriage, as recognized by law, a discriminatory institution dictated by hate and homophobia instead of love and commitment, as it's supposed to be. It makes marriage irrelevant to an increasingly powerful group of Americans. It

bastardizes the idea of a loving, lifelong union by saying that life-long, loving unions are wholly dependent on the ability to breed.

Yes, breeding. From a practical standpoint, marriage is simply a social institution put in place to channel our biological impulses into producing copious numbers of children raised by two parents in a stable environment. Implicitly, love is merely the icing on the cake, as children are the real cement of, and reason for, marriage.

Many heterosexual married couples would rightfully take offense to this interpretation of their union, of course. "We didn't marry each other to breed like rabbits," they'd say. "We love each other, and we wanted to have our love recognized by the law, announced to everybody, immortalized on paper." Exactly — that's what gays and lesbians do, too. Marriage as a heterosexuality-based baby-making machine is outdated, narrow, and, in today's world, extremely insulting.

When Bush says that the only proper marriage is between one man and one woman, he's very clearly viewing marriage as an institution put forth to promote procreation. In this view, all married couples should be required to have children, and the increasing number of childless marriages is shameful and destroys the sanctity of marriage.

When Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) said that "every civilization since the beginning of man has recognized the need to protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman," he conveniently ignored Ontario, British Columbia, the Netherlands and Belgium, where gay marriages are legal, and Vermont, which recognizes civil unions. Have any of these societies collapsed from their terrible indiscretion? Hardly, and the lucky homosexu-

als in these places must be thrilled that their governments recognize their committed relationships.

In accordance with Santorum's view, Bush talks of introducing a constitutional amendment to forever restrict marriage to heterosexual couples. Tamara Fraser writes on Salon.com, "This would be the first constitutional amendment that denies rights, rather than grants them."

So Bush, as the leader of a country that prides itself on being fair and open, is aching to change the Constitution to restrict citizens' rights based solely on their sexuality. Is that the equality and freedom that our founding fathers envisioned?

Conservative gay pundit Andrew Sullivan invoked both religion and the civil rights struggle when he wrote in response to the Massachusetts decision, "Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!" As virtually the only gay-friendly conservative around, he's in a strange place right now — and so are all of America's gays. Will more favorable decisions follow the Massachusetts ruling, or will our country retreat back to the security and ease of narrowness, homophobia, fundamentalist Christianity, and "protecting the sanctity of marriage?"

The road to hell is surely not paved with homosexual marriages, so let's stop acting like it is. We need more committed relationships, not the condemnation of some of these relationships because they occur between members of the same sex. Not only gay Americans, but all Americans should be cheered by the decision in Massachusetts — when our society is more free, open, and accepting of those who don't fit the norm, everyone benefits, even President Bush and his conservative cronies.

Biotech: Regulations could hurt research, Bailey says

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Human Services expand current restrictions on research concerning recombinant DNA to include seven other "experiments of concern," dealing with virulence and alteration of pathogens. They also advocated for the creation of a National Science Advisory Board for Biodefense within the department, made up of scientists and national security experts, to head the new oversight system.

"I think there are dangers by having research regulated by a commission. The dangers that I see are that it can stifle creativity," said Dr. David Bailey, deputy vice chancellor for health sciences and deputy dean of UCSD's School of Medicine. "Some of the best contributions in science have been made from individuals who have not been directed in any given area. They were truly creating out-of-the-box ideas."

Though in agreement that more guidelines are needed, Bailey would prefer self-regulation by scientists rather than government control of research. "We do need to be more responsible. If you do not have any segment of society regulating itself, you have regulations imposed on it," Bailey said. "I think that's what's happening here. If science is irresponsible, then I think society will jump in and start mandating and regulating control."

Initially, the new restrictions would apply to research paid for by the National Institutes of Health, which, according to Bailey, provides the majority of funding for UCSD School of Medicine. Under the proposal, regulations would also expand to cover all scientific research, both by public and private entities.

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Smoking: Some smokers inconvenienced

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the California Department of Health Services. "But businesses can get signage for all the appropriate areas through our local tobacco control program."

The smoking policy applies to all UCSD-owned or leased facilities. According to the university's smoke-free policy, the only exceptions are for "covered parking lots" and "private space" as well as the UCSD Medical Center's private rooms where patients have written permission from physicians to smoke. Some students have expressed frustration regarding the extended zone.

"I think it's unfair for smokers because the smoking restrictions were already tight," Thurgood Marshall College sophomore Jaw-Xin Wang said. "We can't really smoke in bars anymore, and now, we have to be in the middle of nowhere to smoke."

According to Wellman-Benson, the policy was designed to protect non-smokers from secondhand smoke. According to the Department of Health Services, secondhand smoke exposure has been shown to be the cause of 4,700 deaths annually in California.

"The changes were made to protect the health of non-smokers and those with health-related problems relating to the inhalation and ingestion of secondhand smoke," said Vargas' legislative analyst Ermelinda Ruiz. "This bill was introduced to preserve the health of non-smokers, who oftentimes have to walk through a cloud of smoke as they are entering or exiting a public building."

According to Thurgood Marshall College Assistant Resident Dean Mitchell

identical life offices are working on informing students about the changes and other implementation procedures.

"We have always complied with state law in regards to local policies for on-campus living," Eleanor Roosevelt College Resident Dean Rey Guerrero said. "We will be updating our policy handbook to reflect the change, as well as having RAs do reminders to their residents regarding the change in the law in upcoming newsletters."

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Likewise, John Muir College will be informing residents about the extension of smoke-free zones.

"We will instruct our residential life staff in the parameters of the new policy, and they will enforce the policy," Muir College Resident Dean Pat Danylyshyn-Adams said. "We will ask our house advisers to inform their residents, particularly the ones who smoke, and then probably implement some length of grace period while the word gets out."

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Greenlee, TMC Residential Life has applied the law to each building because of the multiple entrances, staircases and patio ways.

"We have not had one single problem with implementing this policy," Greenlee said. "Some students ask where they can smoke, and we have a nice, outdoor, unofficially designated area near the TMC hump where people gather to smoke. Very few people have ever violated the policy."

Some students who smoke are not worried about the changes.

"It's not like they're enforcing it," John Muir College junior Humberto Ortega said. "It doesn't really matter. People smoking don't really smoke five or whatever feet away from doorways, but most smokers are courteous enough to walk away from everyone else."

Others expressed that the changes could be a difficulty.

"It is an inconvenience because I tend to smoke a cigarette right when I leave a building or right before I enter a building," Marshall College sophomore Rebecca Chou said. "Usually 20 feet from a building, I would be standing on the street already. So I really don't know where I would smoke now."

According to Wellman-Benson, there have been mostly positive reactions from the community.

"Most of the reactions have been in compliance," Wellman-Benson said. "We have received calls from agencies requesting signage. There are a lot of people not excited but still compliant, and they realize that the measure will protect California."

Energy: Solar powered lights installed at shuttle stops

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Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas companies. CPUC is also considering an additional grant to allow the universities to work with San Diego Gas and Electric.

"In general, our feeling is that any positive impact on cleaning up our energy program is a step in the right direction," said Alana Stamas, associate field director for Environment California, a division of the California Public Interest Research Group. "We totally support the University of California for getting involved, and I think they are doing a lot of the basics in terms of training people and educating people. So I would say that, by and large, they are doing a good job of leading the universities of the country."

The programs aim to reduce the universities' energy burden by more than 2.5 Megawatts of peak electrical demand and 15 million Kilowatt-hours per year, in addition to conserving natural gas use by over 700,000 therms per year. No projection for the potential monetary savings for the universities has been released.

In its own effort to promote "green" energy and comply with the Board of Regents' policy, UCSD has recently completed the installation of nine solar-powered lighting units at shuttle stops and selected places on campus, with the possibility of adding more if the program is successful. In addition to saving energy, the use of solar-powered lights, which don't require the laying of expensive power lines, reduces construction costs.

"This [grant] is an innovative partnership that will not only reduce energy consumption, but also gets the important energy efficiency message out to 33 campuses

of the UC and CSU systems," CPUC Commissioner Susan P. Kennedy said. "I am delighted to see the UC and CSU systems working with the utilities to reduce California's energy consumption."

movies	
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Love Actually	7:20 pm, 10:10 pm
Bad Santa	2:30 pm, 4:50 pm, 7:10 pm, 9:45 pm
The Last Samurai	2:00 pm, 5:15 pm, 8:30 pm
Something's Gotta Give	1:20 pm, 4:20 pm, 7:25 pm, 10:15 pm
Stuck On You	1:10 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:40 pm
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	1:00 pm, 1:50 pm, 4:45 pm, 5:45 pm, 8:45 pm, 9:30 pm
Mona Lisa Smile	1:55 pm, 4:40 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:05 pm
Cold Mountain	1:40 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:15 pm
Cheaper by the Dozen	2:15 pm, 5:20 pm, 7:40 pm, 10:00 pm
Peter Pan	1:15 pm, 4:10 pm, 7:05 pm, 9:35 pm
Paycheck	1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:15 pm, 9:55 pm
Big Fish	1:50 4:30 7:10 10:00
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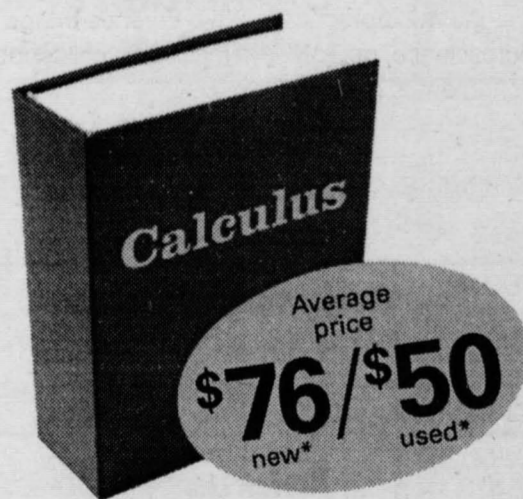
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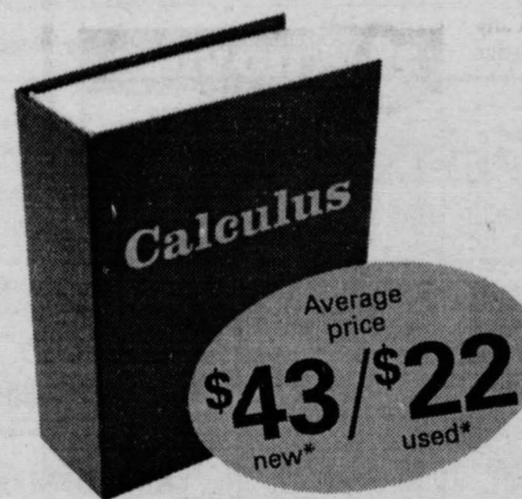
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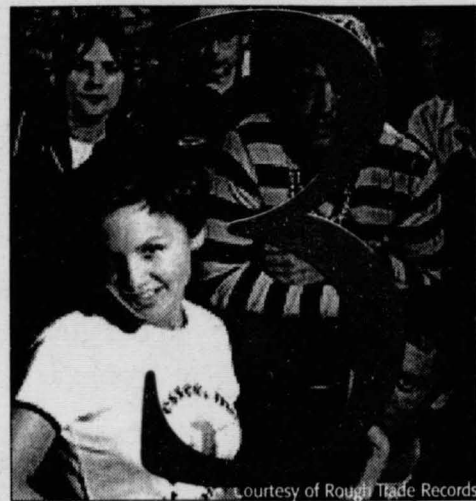
Courtesy of New Line Cinema



Courtesy of Disney and Pixar



Courtesy of Interscope Records



Courtesy of Rough Trade Records

Is it just me, or are there more end-of-the-year lists this year than ever in history? These lists are more ubiquitous than Paris Hilton and are only slightly less annoying. People can't get enough of them though, so we've decided to run the results of an entertainment survey given to members of the *Guardian*, KSDT and the Hip-Hop Club.

The results? There were some surprises. Independent films and music were more than amply represented, a tribute to a good year for both fields. Of course, there were plenty of obvious choices. "Lord of the Rings" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" ruled the film category while the White Stripes, OutKast, the Strokes and Queens of the Stone Age ruled music. The *Guardian* would like to thank everyone who contributed. Here it is, the umpteenth end-of-the-year list.

Best Films

1. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

Frodo and company try to destroy the great ring of power in Mordor before it brings Middle Earth to ruin. The question is: Does anyone care? Yes! An overwhelming majority voted for the third installment of the series as the best film of the year. As the film rakes in the cash and nabs more award nominations than Norah Jones at Grammy time, this won't be the last time the film is recognized as the best of the year.



Courtesy of Warner Bros.

One of the most critically acclaimed pictures of the year, "Mystic River" centers around a murder that reunites old friends. Directed by Clint Eastwood, the film features a show-stopping performance by Sean Penn that is generating endless accolades.

2. "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"



Courtesy of Walt Disney Studios

The second fantasy flick with two titles on the list is the people's second-favorite film of the year. Critics weren't impressed with the lack of innovation or long running time, but scene-stealers Johnny Depp, Kiera Knightley and Orlando Bloom infused the film with wild energy. Plus, they're all damn hot.

3. "Lost in Translation"



Courtesy of Focus Features

An unanticipated choice, "In America" tells writer/director Jim Sheridan's story about his family's experience emigrating from Ireland to America.

2003's best documentary is energetic, hilarious and completely fascinating. Yes, it's about spelling bees, but you'll be holding your breath as the kids utter each letter.

10. "21 Grams"/"Big Fish"/"Cold Mountain"/"Dummy"

The out-of-sequence death-drama "21 Grams," Tim Burton's fantastical "Big Fish," the civil war epic "Cold Mountain" and the

indie starring Adrien Brody, "Dummy," tied for tenth place.

Best Singles

1. OutKast - "Hey Ya!"

There was no contest here, nor should



Courtesy of Arista Records

there have been: Almost every response had OutKast's "Hey Ya!" at number one. The ridiculous "Hey Ya!" is one of the best pop songs anyone will hear for a long time. It represents the exciting possibilities of pop music. It's the sound of the Flaming Lips jamming with De La Soul. And lots of drugs.

2. The White Stripes - "Seven Nation Army"

The year's best rock song by the little-band-that-could showed that rock songs can be both relevant and fun. Jack White's fake bassline and Meg White's sloppy drumming slammed a nail in the coffin of nu-metal and showed a new generation how to rock.

3. Queens of the Stone Age - "Go With the Flow"

Dave Grohl's thunderous drumming and a pounding piano gave this song its unique pulsating beat. May cause involuntary head-bobbing.

4. The Roots - "The Seed (2.0)"

Featuring Cody Chesnut on guitar and vocals, the Roots turned rap-rock upside-down with this revelation of a song.

5. The Mars Volta - "Inertial ESP"

The Mars Volta received heavy airplay on FM 94.9 as a featured artist. This dense blast of tangled guitar-rock is about the closest thing the Mars Volta does to its members' old band, At the Drive-In.

6. Radiohead - "2+2=5"/"Go to Sleep"/"There, There"



Courtesy of Capitol Records

Radiohead's three singles all received votes, so they were combined out of fairness to the band, who deserves every accolade for these moving and intellectual pieces of music.

7. Junior Senior - "Move Your Feet"

"Everybody! Move your feet and feel united! Oh yeah! You didn't want to, but you sang along anyway. And the music? Pure

Super Mario Brothers.

8. Zwan - "Honestly"

Billy Corgan's new band may have broken up before the year's end, but Zwan's first single was a rich, melodic treat.

9. Belle & Sebastian - "Step Into My Office, Baby"

Belle & Sebastian did the unthinkable and went mainstream in 2003. Luckily, the music is still great and this witty and sleazy trifle is no exception.

10. Johnny Cash - "Hurt"



Courtesy of Lost Highway Records

It was depressing even before his untimely death, but now Johnny Cash's cover of Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt" retains a haunting timelessness.

Best Albums

1. The White Stripes - Elephant

Song after song, the White Stripes' *Elephant* proved to be the year's most consistently excellent rock record. It should be illegal for a band to put out so many great records in so short a time, but this one, full of subtle wordplay and big mean hooks, is the best of all.

2. The Strokes - Room on Fire

Say what you want about the Strokes, but the music speaks for itself. The Strokes released a sister record to *Is This It?* in terms of its minimalistic approach, but the deceptively well-considered sound of the album sets each song into overdrive.

3. The Postal Service - Give Up

Ben Gibbard of Death Cab for Cutie and Jimmy Tamborello of Dntel and Figurine teamed up on this pretty album of romantic synth-pop. Let's hope they keep it going.

4. Radiohead - Hail to the Thief

Not as immediately likable as other Radiohead releases, this album stuck around and snuck up on people thanks to the actual guitars on its singles and the forward-thinking electronica of the rest of the album.

5. OutKast - Speakerboxx/The Love Below

Hip-hop's reigning kings released an

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Back off Nemo: 'The Triplets of Belleville' is an animated sensation

Twisted French cartoon comedy proves that animation is still alive and kicking in this likely Oscar contender

By BRIAN UIGA
Staff Writer



Film
REVIEW

At the risk of sounding like a decomposing old man reminiscing of times past, this has to be said: They don't make animated films like they used to.

The neat little parlor trick of moving drawings hit its peak with Disney's "Fantasia," a film that was designed to be more than just a film — it was a night out at the opera. Yet now, Disney somehow turned its artistic aspirations on its head after Walt kicked the bucket and decided to corner the animated film market by regurgitating sappy story after sappy story, with plenty of bonking sound effects to keep the kids happy. Such is the current state of the animated film.

That is, until now, when independent French wonder "The Triplets of Belleville" burst onto the scene. After a short faux old-time black-and-white interlude that serves as an introduction to the film, the audience is suddenly thrust into the world of the grotesque and the ride begins.

Silly yet wickedly savage caricatures waddle to and fro, inviting laughter from their very lines and movements. This is why animated films were made in the first place. Never mind the wishy-washy realism of correctly proportioned people dancing around with genies, wolf-men or talking animals, this film skews every shape to the point where you don't know whether to be sick or in awe of the beautiful animation.

Of course, such an artistic approach to a film would easily banish it to hopeless pretension if not for one thing: The characters are real people. Vulnerable people. Like another recent French success, "Amelie," the depth of feeling that each character portrays easily transcends their silly quirks. In "Amelie," the audience comes to care for the daydreaming fool, her voyeur boyfriend, the one-armed neighbor and the foul-mouthed bar patron.

Likewise, in "Triplets of Belleville," the audience learns to care about the old lady with a lazy eye and one very large boot as she searches for her grandson who has calved the size of hay bales and runs from trapezoidal mobsters aided by sagging old ladies. There's a fat, stupid dog in there too, who has lush computer-generated nightmares, and we even care about him.

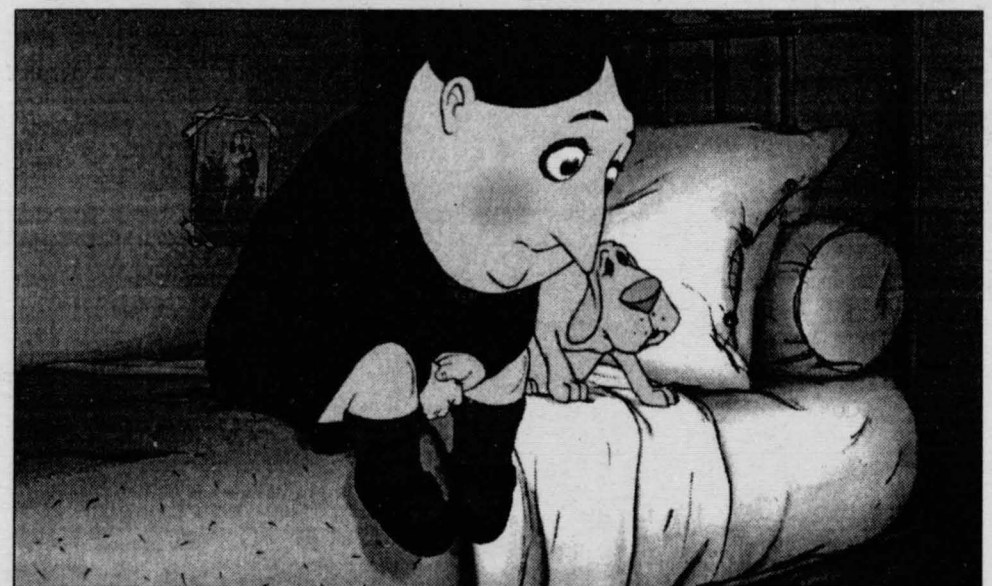
Some people may not like the fact that this film has no dialogue. Perhaps it's time for a bit of peace and quiet.

Some people may not like the fact that this film portrays Americans as hamburger-chomping fatties who have the intelligence of deranged sheep. Perhaps it's time for a crash course in international relations.

Some people may not like the fact that this film is really "G" rated, hiding behind a ten-second breast shot for its coveted PG-13 rating. Perhaps it's time to realize that before the Disneyfication of kiddie films, it was okay to go see "G" films.

And some people may not like the film at all — they may say it's too artsy and too simple at the same time. But that's okay. We've been settling for bad stories for years, but at least this one will enrich our dreams, especially for those who stay past the end of the credits.

Triplets of Belleville
★★★★
Now playing at Landmark Hillcrest
Rated PG-13



Courtesy of Sony Pictures Classics

Held captive: A boy is kidnapped and to find him, his grandmother invokes the help of three aging triplets who sing in the French animated film "The Triplets of Belleville."

Survey: Best entertainment of 2003

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unprecedented double album that got everyone listening. Although it is essentially two solo discs, each one is soulful and daring.

6. The Shins - Chutes Too Narrow

Along with the Postal Service, the Shins were the indie-pop darlings of the year. The Shins' sound was improved with clear production that allowed the well-crafted pop songs to shine through the band's indie leanings.

7. The Mars Volta - De-Loused at the Comatorium

A dark, torrential mess, the Mars Volta's first proper album was polarizing, but there's no denying the band's idiosyncratic approach, which takes the listener on meandering but intriguing journeys.

8. Yeah Yeah Yeahs - Fever to Tell

"Exciting" is a massive understatement to describe the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, whose raunchy, explosive songs burn a hole in your memory with Karen O's insistent howl.

9. Damien Rice - O

Winner of the Shortlist Award over hopefuls as acclaimed as Bright Eyes, the singer/songwriter's emotional songs have made Rice one of the hottest up-and-comers around.

10. Cat Power - You Are Free

Chan Marshall's insecure voice and hushed guitars got the audience they deserved on this heartbreaking album.

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Forget 'Friends,' embrace reality TV

short kids are cool

Mara Evans

Hello my name is Mara and I am a reality television addict. I don't remember when my fixation started, but it probably was somewhere around the time my mother decided that MTV's "Real World" was too trashy. Ever since, I've been unable to stop my habit and the number of shows I've needed to satisfy my cravings has multiplied. Call me crazy, but I fail to see this as an illness.

While my mother, as a kid, stayed up late to watch the "Ed Sullivan Show," I dutifully sit and watch Jeff Provoost say to another shabby contestant, "I'm sorry, the tribe has spoken." I see reality television as the television of my generation. Some might argue that the early episodes of "Friends" or "Seinfeld" are what we should cherish, but years after the reruns, we'll really only remember the "Rachel haircut" and Seinfeld's inability to keep a straight face. Where's the fun in that?

It seems to me that pop culture, like a really bad mullet, is destined to come back and haunt you. Along those lines, reality television is a perfect nightmare and one that I have chosen to embrace. In fact, to be more specific about my addiction, I'd like to expand my impulses to include

"un-scripted television" with all its glory of decorating, makeover and cooking shows. I can watch neighbors let a rowdy carpenter pound holes in each other's homes, then click over to watch Emeril fill a frozen watermelon with vodka to make some inexplicable mixed drink. Honestly, what more could a girl ask for?

She could ask for: the Fab Five, the stars of Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." They are, hands down, God's gift to television, reality-based or otherwise. Addict or not, everyone should sit for an hour and watch Carson prance across the screen and study how Kyan helps a very heterosexual cowboy feel comfortable and in charge to have a manicure and pedicure. You will even find yourself moaning with the rest of the five as they lament straight men's habit of "speed shaving" (seriously guys, cut that out, because it looks more dangerous than a bikini wax).

That's just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to my addiction. But there are other reasons why my fetish is justified. Watching all these not-so-average Joes and Janes be unimaginably stupid on national television makes me feel pretty damn good about myself. I know for a fact that I would never fall into hysterics over not getting a rose; and trust me, \$50,000 is not nearly enough to get me to eat rat innards.

Yet, through my arrogance, I must admit that there are times when I see small slivers of myself in these people who revel in their 15 minutes of fame.

Take Jessica Simpson, for example. She is no Rhodes Scholar; in fact, tell her that and she might answer, "Are they, like, experts on making highways?" But honestly folks, we all have a little Jessica in us. Just the other day I asked my boyfriend if he liked Napoleon ice cream. When he looked perplexed, I said, "You know, it has chocolate, strawberry and vanilla." After he was done with his belly laugh he said, "It's Neopolitan ice cream!"

So why is reality TV so great? Because Jessica Simpson will go down in history for thinking buffalo have wings, and because her reality will never be truly real. Perhaps that takes away some of the guilt as I sit and watch a two-hour wedding of people I've never even met. What I watch does not come close to resembling reality. There is no way that every time a new show goes on air, the producers manage to get the same cast of characters in a totally new batch of people. Statistically, I like to think that the demographics of America are not so bitchy or macho to let that happen.

Deep down the reasons I watch reality television are very feeble. After all, it's nearly impossible to fall madly in love in three weeks, but on reality television it happens *all the time!* And how else can you strike it rich for starving yourself for 30 days and be conniving at the same time? So really, I'm an addict to anti-reality television — and whenever "Queer Eye" happens to be on, that's the best time to watch.

Shows: More of San Diego's best live shows in 2003

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Best Live Shows

1. WinterFest

Featuring Del Tha Funky Homosapien, Rye Coalition and others, last year's WinterFest was the favorite show of the year. Most cited headliners Queens of the Stone Age, one of the best live acts on the planet, as their reason for voting.

2. Street Scene

The annual three-day beer and music festival had its share of ups and downs, but was ultimately a highly memorable musical event. The highlight: electric back-to-back sets by Wilco and R.E.M.

3. The Faint/Les Savy Fav — The Scene

The favorite indie show of the year came from synth revivalists The Faint and erratic rockers Les Savy Fav. Sure, there are skinny indie kids dancing, but there's also great music.

4. Tori Amos — SDSU Open Air Theatre

Tori Amos' fanatical fanbase came out in droves to see the flame-headed siren hump her piano and sing about fairies and oral sex. Some fans have taken to wearing wings at shows.

5. White Stripes — RIMAC Arena/Soma

The White Stripes played two amazing shows in San Diego in 2003, the first with the also spectacular

Yeah Yeah Yeahs at RIMAC Arena and the second at Soma. Thank you, Jack, may we have another?

6. Flaming Lips — 4th & B/Coors Amphitheatre

A bizarre spectacle of confetti, balloons, blood and animal costumes greets fans at the Flaming Lips' notorious live shows. Buried underneath the visual attack is stunning experimental pop music.

7. Phantom Planet — The Scene

They may have lost celebrity drummer Jason Schwartzman, but Phantom Planet presses on, singing pretty pop tunes to the delight of many a swooning girl. The band has enjoyed renewed success from its song "California" as heard in the opening of the television show "The O.C."

8. Radiohead — Coors Amphitheatre

It's a strange thing how Radiohead's brainy electro-rock translates so well to large venues, but Radiohead's San Diego show displayed the band's skill at making their experiments work wonders in a live setting.

9 & 10. Death Cab for Cutie — The Scene / FallFest — RIMAC Arena / Kings of Leon & Jet — The Scene / Zwan — RIMAC Arena

Indie-poppers Death Cab For Cutie, FallFest featuring rapper Common, rising garage bands Kings of Leon and Jet and Billy Corgan's Zwan tied as the 9th-best live show in San Diego in 2003.

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thursday

You've heard about the magic that is Cirque du Soleil, and now you can get a chance to see it for yourself, with **Cirque Dreams**. Based on the same circus-as-theater concept that Cirque du Soleil made popular, the show features everything from jugglers to acrobats and contortionists to downs. This captivating show is produced by Neil Goldberg, the same man who produced the Cirque Ingenieux, the Cirque show that was performed in Atlantic City. Tickets are \$19 to \$50 and it is playing at San Diego Civic Center. The show runs through Jan. 11; showtimes vary. For more information, call (619) 570-1100.

friday

Kick off the first weekend of winter quarter the right way when Associated Students present TGIF with **Flogging Molly**. The band blends traditional Irish music with punk rock to create a sound that you won't find anywhere else. Inspired by bands like the Dubliners and the Pogues, Flogging Molly takes Irish music and puts a whole new spin on it with wild, energetic live shows that will be sure to wake you up after a long first week. Local San Diego punk group **Agent 51** opens. The show

begins at 8 p.m. in Price Center Plaza, and is free for all UCSD students with valid ID. For more information, call (858) 534-5259.

For those interested in a unique form of dance, be sure to check out the **11th Annual Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival**. Featuring dancers from countries around the world, the festival, put on by the San Diego Dance Alliance, is a way to promote dance in San Diego. The show runs through Jan. 18 at Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 to \$25. For more information, call (619) 230-8623.

saturday

The Five Lesbian Brothers, a New York theater collective, is giving San Diego a dose of dark comedy with "Brave Smiles ... Another Lesbian Tragedy." This production features an all-female cast of five and tells stories of 17 lesbian icons that are so over-the-top tragic that the comedy writes itself. The play opened in 1990 and stars Melissa Fernandes, Robin Christ, Wendy Waddell, Alison Riley and Jeanine Marquie. The show is playing at Diversionary Theatre and runs through Feb. 28. Tickets range from \$22 to \$30. For more information, call (619) 220-0097.

Relive the glory days with SoCal's **Fu Manchu**. This early-1990s rock band gives listeners a flashback to the heavy guitar riffs of the 1970s, with music influenced by Layne Staley and Black Sabbath. If you've been missing the sounds of stoner, alternative metal, be sure to check out the show at The Casbah. The show starts at 8:30 p.m., and tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more information, call (619) 232-4355.

sunday

If you're a movie buff, you've probably heard of composer **Henry Mancini's** filmwork from the 1950s until now. Mancini's film compositions include the "Pink Panther," "Colombo," and "Tom Birds" theme songs. With the help of Mancini's daughter, audiences will see video clips of Mancini and the movies he helped bring to life through his music. The tribute begins at 2 p.m. at California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Show times are 7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$35. For more information, call (760) 839-4138.

What would you do if you met a man who promised rain? Find out in **"The Rainmaker,"** N. Richard Nash's most famous piece. The play, which starred Katharine Hepburn and Burt Lancaster in the 1956 film version, is the story of

Lizzy Curry, a Kansas farm girl who is worried about becoming a dried up old spinster, until she meets Starbuck, a con man who promises rain to the drought-suffering town. "The Rainmaker" is playing at North Coast Repertory Theatre through Feb. 15. The show begins at 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call (858) 481-1055.

tuesday

Relive some of Hollywood's classic moments with **"Forbidden Hollywood."** This amusing show parodies movie blockbusters, such as "Titanic" and "Forest Gump," as well as such celebrities as Barbara Streisand and Liza Minelli. Incorporating the movie plots along with crazy celebrity antics, "Forbidden Hollywood" is a musical show that will leave movie buffs and gossip geeks laughing. The play runs through Jan. 25 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Show times are 7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$35. For more information, call (760) 839-4138.

Look to the Hiatus Calendar for events in and around UCSD.

wednesday

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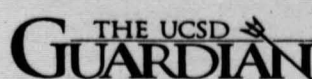
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Shum, Davey named to 2003 All-America First Team

UCSD men's soccer is one of three teams to have two players honored

By ANU KUMAR
Associate Sports Editor

Senior co-captain and defender Jonathan Shum and sophomore midfielder Matthew Davey of the UCSD men's soccer team were each named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas 2003 Division II All-America First Team on Jan. 6. The duo helped lead the Tritons to their first ever NCAA Division II postseason appearance in 2003. UCSD, which led the California Collegiate Athletic Association for most of the regular season, earned a wild-card berth in the conference playoffs, where they upset four-time defending champion Cal State Dominguez Hills, 2-1, in the semifinals before falling to Chico State in the CCAA final. Although UCSD lost in the conference championship, the Tritons were still given a berth into

the Division II Championship, where they again were upended by eventual national runner-up Chico State in the Far West Regional Semifinal, 2-0, ending UCSD's season with an overall record of 11-7-1. Shum started all 18 games that he played in, missing the Tritons' final contest of the season due to a one-game suspension after receiving a red card in the CCAA Final. He anchored the UCSD defense, which allowed more than two goals in only three games this season and gave up an average of 1.6 scores per match. Starting every game for UCSD, Davey was the Tritons' leading scorer in 2003. He posted team bests in goals scored (eight) and assists (eight), and he was third on shots attempted with 37. Two of the midfielder's eight goals were game winners. "It's kind of nice to see him get [the honor] in his sophomore year,"

UCSD head coach Derek Armstrong said. "He's kind of getting ahead of himself a little bit." Shum and Davey were among two other CCAA men's soccer players to be named to the 11-man All-America First Team. Chico State's senior goalkeeper Dominic Jakubek and junior midfielder Victor Guerrero of Cal State Dominguez Hills were the other two conference players to earn the distinction. East Stroudsburg University and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville were the only other institutions to have two players named to the First Team. "The fact that we had two members of our team selected speaks quite nicely for the program," Armstrong said. This marked the first time UCSD players earned All-America honors since forward Bobby Saadati earned a selection to the First Team in 2000.

Men's Soccer All-Americans



Courtesy of UCSD Athletics
Team leaders: Senior defender Jonathan Shum (left) and sophomore midfielder Matthew Davey led UCSD to its first Division II playoff appearance.

Basketball: UCSD ready to open long home stand

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perate three-pointer for the Toros missed and the Tritons secured the victory. Coaches and players were unavailable for comment at press time. With the win, UCSD improves to 3-6 overall and moves to 3-1 in CCAA play, the best-ever league start for the Tritons since joining the conference prior to the 2000-

01 season. UCSD is currently tied for third place in the conference, one game behind Cal State San Bernardino and Cal State Bakersfield. Up next for the Tritons is a tough four-game home stand, including games on Jan. 9 against Cal Poly Pomona and Jan. 10 against Cal State San Bernardino. Tip off for both contests is at 7:30 p.m. at RIMAC Arena.

Men's basketball at CSU Dominguez Hills

UCSD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Reinking	30	2-4	1-1	3	1	4	6
Francis	32	6-11	2-2	4	0	3	19
Boyd	30	7-16	5-6	7	3	3	19
Jackson	18	1-2	0-0	2	1	5	2
Sweany	34	3-7	4-4	6	4	1	11
Chandra	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Verling	25	2-6	3-4	6	3	1	7
Peters	15	0-5	0-0	6	0	1	0
Conti	12	2-4	0-1	2	1	1	4
Randall	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
UCSD TOTALS	23:55	23-55	15-18	39	13	19	68
CSUDH TOTALS	23:61	14-24	40	16	20	66	

Field goal percentage: UCSD 41.8%, CSUDH 37.7%. 3-point goals: UCSD 7-21, CSUDH 6-24. Team rebounds: UCSD 3, CSUDH 2. Blocks: UCSD 1, CSUDH 0. Turnovers: UCSD 16, CSUDH 12. Steals: UCSD 3, CSUDH 7. Technical fouls: UCSD 0, CSUDH 0.

Streak: Tritons are undefeated at RIMAC Arena

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The Tritons will be looking for their seventh win in a row when they return to play at home at RIMAC Arena for a four-game home stand after playing two games on the road. They will face Cal Poly Pomona on Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m., followed the next day by a game against Cal State San Bernardino at 5:30 p.m. The Tritons are a perfect 4-0 at home this season.

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1	BYU-Hawaii	4	0	8	1			
2	Lynn	4	0	8	1			
3	Barry	3	1	5	4			
4	Ouachita Baptist	3	1	3	6			
5	Armstrong Atlantic State	2	2	6	3			
6	West Florida	1	3	4	5			
7	Rollins College	1	3	4	5			
8	North Florida	1	3	3	6			
9	Georgia College and State	1	3	2	7			
10	Valdosta State	1	3	2	7			
11	Delta State	1	3	4	5			
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA	conf.	W	L	overall	W	L
CSU Bakersfield	4	0	8	1		
CSU San Bernardino	4	0	8	1		
CSU Dominguez Hills	3	1	5	4		
UCSD	3	1	3	6		
Cal Poly Pomona	2	2	6	3		
San Francisco State	2	2	4	4		
CSU Los Angeles	1	3	4	5		
Chico State	1	3	4	5		
CSU Stanislaus	1	3	3	6		
Grand Canyon	1	3	2	7		
Sonoma State	1	3	2	7		
UC Davis	1	3	4	5		
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CAA	conf.	W	L	overall	W	L
Cal Poly Pomona	3	1	7	2		
CSU Bakersfield	3	1	7	2		
UCSD	3	1	7	2		
Sonoma State	3	1	6	3		
Grand Canyon	3	1	6	3		
CSU Dominguez Hills	2	2	6	3		
Chico State	2	2	6	3		
CSU Stanislaus	2	2	5	4		
UC Davis	2	2	7	3		
CSU San Bernardino	1	3	4	5		
San Francisco State	0	4	4	5		
CSU Los Angeles	0	4	1	8		
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TRITON NATIONAL RANKINGS

Women's soccer	3rd
Men's tennis	10th
Men's golf	11th
Women's tennis	19th

Upcoming Events

Women's basketball

The Tritons, who are part of a five-way tie for first place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, will try to extend their six-game win streak at home this weekend. UCSD will host Cal Poly Pomona on Jan. 9 and Cal State San Bernardino on Jan. 10. Tip-off is at 5:30 p.m. for both games at RIMAC Arena.

Men's basketball

UCSD will open a four-game conference home stand this

weekend. The third-place Tritons will kick off the weekend with a game against Cal Poly Pomona at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 9 at RIMAC Arena. UCSD will then host Cal State San Bernardino on the following night, also at 7:30 p.m.

Swimming and Diving

Both the UCSD men's and women's swimming teams will take on Division I Utah on Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. at Canyonview Pool. The meet will mark the first time the men's team is seeing

competition since the Speedo Cup in late November 2003. The UCSD women's diving team will also be in action against UCLA on Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. at Canyonview.

Men's volleyball

Coming off a 6-22 record in 2003, the Tritons will open their 2004 season this weekend. UCSD will host Division II Quincy in a non-conference match on Jan. 10 at RIMAC Arena at 1 p.m.

Timeout with a Triton

Rosanna Delurgio, women's swimming

Class level: Junior
Major: Human Development
Hometown: Santa Cruz, Calif.

Superstitions or rituals: "I always listen to music before I go swim a big race because it helps me get excited about the opportunity to swim faster than I have ever done before."
Favorite cartoon character: Dory from Finding Nemo.
If you could be any athlete for a day, who would you be: "I'd have to say Lance Armstrong, to see what it would be like to be such a strong and dedicated person who has to overcome many obstacles. He is just such an inspirational person. It would be cool to see what goes on in his head."
Favorite singer/band/group: "I like a wide variety of music from Michelle Branch to Metallica."
Individual accomplishments: Qualified for next July's Olympic Trials, two-time national champion in 200-meter breaststroke and 100-meter breaststroke.



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There are questions left to be answered

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Anu Kumar

The ball has fallen, and we're finally getting used to writing "04" on our checks. The year that saw the cleanest reputation in sports fall into legal trouble, the Cubs bobble a chance to play in the World Series, and a 14-year-old kid sign a major league contract has come to a close, and a new year has begun.

While others predict what will happen in politics and movies, here is my shot to foresee some of the biggest stories that may come about in the world of sports in 2004:

The Chargers end up playing in L.A. and win. The Bolts turn their backs on the last section full of faithful fans that they have and decide to move up the I-5 to the L.A. Coliseum, where they finally enjoy a winning season.

The Expos end up playing 162 road games. The team that is supposedly based in Montreal, but played less than 81 games there last season, will go on the longest road trip in major league history in 2004.

Barry Bonds is found using steroids. A year after Sammy Sosa's "batting practice bat" exploded and left fans wondering if he cheated, baseball's other slugger will also have an asterisk next to his name in the record books for bulking up by using illegal substances.

Kobe and the Lakers will regain their dominance in the league of criminals. Although the Lakeshow will undoubtedly sputter into the playoffs, the purple and gold will go 16-0 after they decide that the postseason is a good time to start caring about winning games.

The BCS will again award the No. 3 ranked team. The system that is so good at stirring up controversy will once again manage to pit the No. 2 and No. 3 team in the country to play for the college football crown. If the Bowl Championship Series hasn't worked yet, there is no reason to believe that the computers will find the true national champion next season. My solution? I think that title contenders like USC should aim for the No. 3 ranking, and that way they will be sure of a trip to the final bowl game of the year.

At least this past college football season didn't end in the real champion getting completely snubbed. Congratulations, Men of Troy for earning at least a piece of the title and making it very easy for everyone in the nation to see that the BCS is a perfect example of what college football should not use.

But maybe the end of the college football season was a fitting close to 2003. Throughout the year, questions were asked about how young stars like LeBron James will fare as professionals, how legal troubles always surround athletes like the Portland Jailblazers, and if there should be one more game to find the true national champion. Hopefully we'll see some of the answers to these questions in 2004.

The columnist welcomes any e-mails about his points at adku-

Tritons' winning streak hits six games Women's basketball beat Toros on the road, 63-49

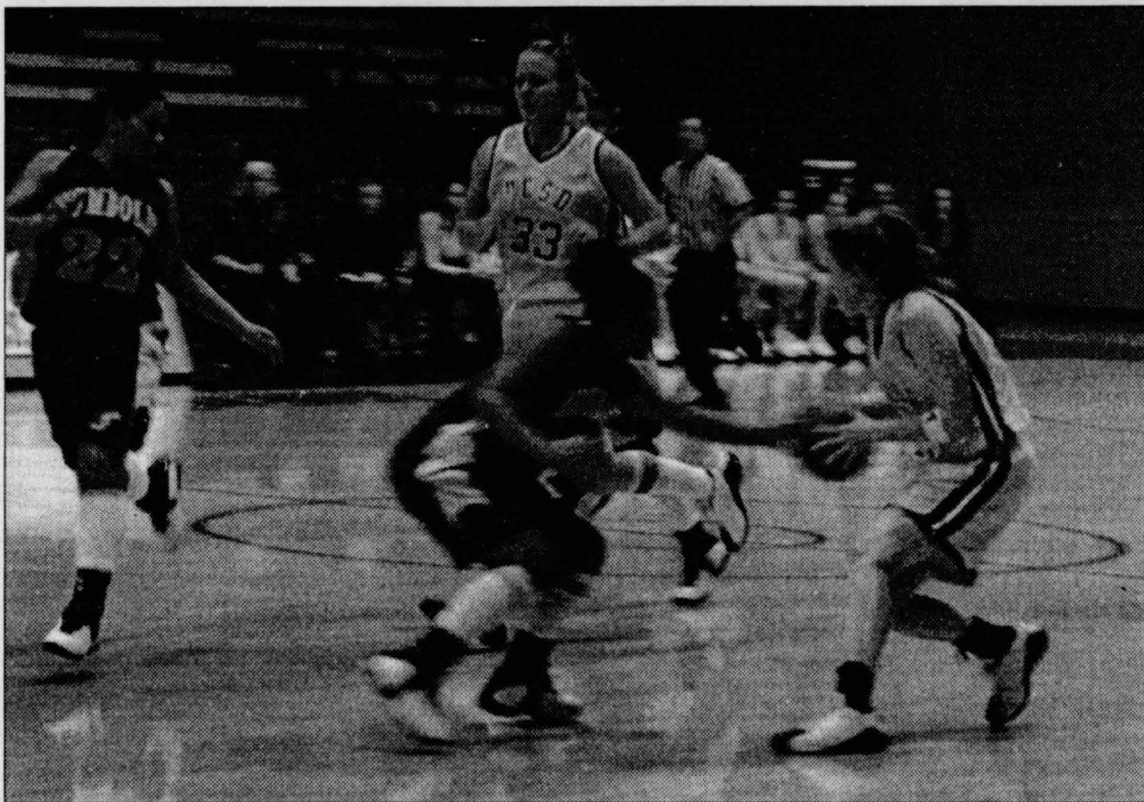
By STEPHEN VONDERACH
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The UCSD women's basketball team continued its strong play on Jan. 3 with a 63-49 road victory over Cal State Dominguez Hills. This marked the sixth consecutive victory for the Tritons, a streak that started on Dec. 13. The win pushed the team's record to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. Cal State Dominguez Hills dropped to 6-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

The Tritons started the game by scoring the first points. By half-time, the Tritons had built a 32-20 lead over the Toros. UCSD freshman guard Leora Juster had 10 points in the first half. She finished with a game-high 15 points.

UCSD let the game slip at the beginning of the second half, when Cal State Dominguez Hills was able to tie the score at 42 with 7:41 remaining on the clock. The Tritons were able to recuperate, however, and they scored the next seven points and maintained a comfortable lead for the rest of the game.

"Our team showed a lot of resilience when [Cal State Dominguez Hills] came back and tied the score at 42 in the second



Lori Drahota/Guardian file

Quick start: The Tritons, who started 0-9 last season, are 7-2 overall and tied for first place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. They will attempt to extend their winning streak to seven on Jan. 9 against Cal Poly Pomona at RIMAC.

half," senior guard Ali Ginn said. "Instead of folding or giving up, we refocused and played strong the last seven minutes of

play. Kim Buffum's two field goals right after our time out were key baskets to get our momentum back."

Along with Juster's 15 points, freshman guard Buffum had 13, and center Margaret Johnson and forward Katie McGann, both juniors, contributed 12 and 10 points, respectively. McGann and Johnson also led the team with rebounds, nine and eight, respectively. Collectively, the Tritons made 21 of 25 free throws.

The well-balanced scoring came at the right time. The current leading scorer on the Tritons this season, Ginn, was held to just seven points on 1-of-9 shooting from the field.

The Tritons' record after nine games last season was 0-9. UCSD women's basketball head coach Judy Malone attributes the signif-

icant turnaround to a more experienced team.

"The experience is starting to show and things are coming together," Malone said after UCSD's Jan. 2 win over Cal State Los Angeles.

Another big factor in the Tritons' success has been obtaining a rebounding edge. UCSD has been out-rebounded in just one game this season. The Tritons were slower to the boards in the first game of the season, which they dropped to Seattle Pacific, 89-57, on Nov. 21. Since then, the Tritons have had more rebounds than the opposing team in all eight of their games. The Jan. 3 game was no different, as UCSD had 45 rebounds to Cal State Dominguez Hills' 30.

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Women's basketball at CSU Dominguez Hills

UCSD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
McGann	30	4-9	2-2	9	2	0	10
Ginn	26	1-9	4-4	5	2	2	7
Johnson	23	3-7	6-6	8	1	4	12
Herold	29	1-2	0-0	6	2	3	3
Juster	34	5-12	5-7	4	1	2	15
Buffum	21	4-6	3-4	0	0	0	13
Phillips	3	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Anderson	5	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
Hansen	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Gallagher-Bolton	23	1-2	1-2	4	0	1	3
UCSD TOTALS		19-50	21-25	45	8	14	63
CSUDH TOTALS		18-57	10-16	30	7	21	49

Field goal percentage: UCSD 38.0%, CSUDH 31.6%. **3-point goals:** UCSD 4-13, CSUDH 3-19. **Team rebounds:** UCSD 6, CSUDH 3. **Blocks:** UCSD 0, CSUDH 2. **Turnovers:** UCSD 18, CSUDH 11. **Steals:** UCSD 3, CSUDH 3. **Technical fouls:** UCSD 0, CSUDH 0.

UCSD edges Cal State Dominguez Hills Men's basketball improves to 3-1 in CCAA; sits in third place

By MATT RYAN
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Coming off a victory on Jan. 2 at Cal State Los Angeles, UCSD traveled to the Torodome in Carson, Calif., to play Cal State Dominguez Hills on Jan. 3 and pull out another win in a nail-biter, 68-66, over its California Collegiate Athletic Association opponent.

Junior forward Brandon Francis and center Jesse Boyd each scored 19 points to lead the Tritons. Francis remained hot after scoring 18 points the night before in a win over the Golden Eagles. In addition to the performances by Francis and Boyd, sophomore guard Matthew Sweany had 11 points, six rebounds and a team-high four assists for UCSD.

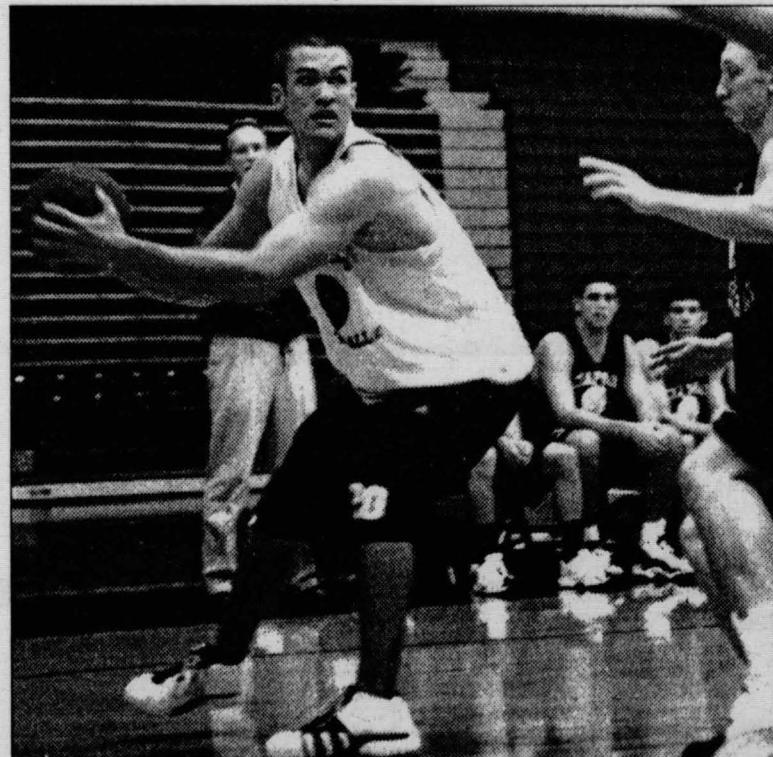
The game was close throughout with six ties in the first half, including a knotted halftime score of 33-33. In the second half, neither team could secure greater than a two-point lead during the first 10 minutes, until a basket

and foul by the Toros' Ryan Meilleur gave the home side a 51-47 lead with 9:45 remaining. A couple of free throws gave Cal State Dominguez Hills a 53-47 advantage, the Toros' largest lead of the night.

Neither team could pull away, and the lead switched back and forth for almost the entire rest of the game.

Boyd made a three-point play to give the Tritons a 66-63 lead with 1:34 left. A three-pointer by the Toros was nullified because a Cal State Dominguez Hills player called a timeout prior to the shot. However, with 23 seconds left, Geovanny Aispuro of the Toros was fouled shooting a three-pointer and made all three of his free throws to once again tie the game.

The Cal State Dominguez Hills free throws were quickly answered, however. Just seven seconds later, Boyd was fouled on a field goal attempt and hit both of his free throws. A des-



Anna MacMurdo/Guardian file

Close call: UCSD has been involved in a number of close games already this season. Two of the team's three wins have been decided by less than five points.

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