

**UCLA Building Evacuated Again**

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — For the second time this month, the UCLA hazardous materials crew was called in to clean up a South Campus chemical spill. The chlorine spill originated on the first floor of the NANO fabrication lab, a facility that handles several hazardous materials. According to Linda Kowalski, an administrative officer for the School of Engineering, the spill originated from a canister hooked up to a machine. However, she said the police were unsure if the leak was caused by the canister or the machine. No one was injured in the accident.

— *The Daily Bruin*

**Students Propose Suicide Barrier**

BERKELEY, Calif. — Three undergraduate students in a UC Berkeley engineering class, "Civil Engineering 180: Design of Engineered Structures," are proposing that the Golden Gate Bridge District create a suicide barrier on the famous bridge. The students say the barrier they have proposed would be both effective and aesthetically pleasing. A 1995 study reported that a total of 45 people jumped off the bridge that year, and that 1,200 people have committed suicide off the bridge since it was completed 60 years ago.

— *The Daily Californian*

**Narcotics Sale Goes Sour**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — University of Minnesota police made two arrests last Sunday in connection with a drug deal that never actually happened. University Police Officer Erik Swanson said two men began fighting at the corner of Cedar and Riverside Avenues after would-be drug buyer Jerry Robinson learned that the crack cocaine he purchased from Franklin Rodney was actually sugar. Rodney was arrested for a narcotics violation and giving false information to the police. The offense is a felony even though Rodney was sold sugar. The sale of phony drugs falls under the same category as the sale of actual crack cocaine.

— *The Minnesota Daily*

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**Faculty Rejects School Proposal**

**DECISION:** UCSD Charter School fails to win enough support in mail vote

By Julia Kulla-Mader  
Staff Writer

After years of planning, months of deliberation and weeks of impassioned debate, the UCSD faculty voted against Thurgood Marshall College Provost Cecil Lytle's proposed charter high school.

The faculty's collective decision, reached over

a four-week period through a mail vote, is not final. Chancellor Robert Dynes will ultimately decide the school's fate.

Dynes is currently in Canada receiving an honorary degree from McMaster University, his alma mater, and could not be reached for comment.

However, he said in a prepared statement that he will consider the proposal's future when he returns to campus today.

"The high number of ballots returned shows that the faculty gave the matter full consideration," Dynes said. "Faculty support is important."

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**Instructor Charged With Assault**

**CRIME:** UCSD Extension teacher Narrin Notenboom is accused of beating girlfriend

By Ryan Olson  
Staff Writer

UCSD Extension instructor Narrin Notenboom is currently in jail awaiting his next court date on charges of assaulting his girlfriend of five months. In addition, San Diego Police spokesman David Cohen said that officers found evidence possibly linking Notenboom to a child-pornography ring after searching his files last Thursday.

Notenboom pleaded not guilty on Friday to charges that he had injured and threatened to kill his girlfriend last Wednesday evening.

Cohen said that Notenboom had taken his girlfriend to Scripps Hospital last Wednesday night for the treatment of a ruptured eardrum — allegedly the result of wounds from blows to the head by Notenboom after a heated argument between the couple.

Police took Notenboom into custody at the hospital at approximately 10:20 p.m., Cohen said.

Cohen said the officers found song lyrics that say Notenboom wanted to kill himself and his girlfriend.

However, Notenboom's attorney, Michael Fremont, said that Notenboom did not write the song as police say he did. The suicide-murder lyrics are actually from an Alanis Morissette song, Fremont said.

In addition to the domestic-violence charge, police are investigating Notenboom's possible connection with child pornography.

When officers searched Notenboom's UCSD office Thursday, they found several disks which may contain child pornography. Cohen said two detectives are currently investigating the case.

Notenboom's bail was set at \$100,000. According to Cohen, the amount is higher than those of similar domestic-violence cases because of the pornography investigation and because prosecutors felt that Notenboom would be a "high-flight risk" — a suspect who is likely to flee and not return to court.

Officers found a month-old e-mail message in which Notenboom's mother discussed a family vacation to Holland, Fremont said. He added that the prosecution's belief that Notenboom may be a "high-flight risk" is

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**POTTERY WHEEL**



Claire Schneider/*Guardian*

**Shop:** A family looks at the various wares available for sale at the 25th annual UCSD Crafts Center Arts and Crafts sale. The sale (began Tuesday) continues through today.

**A.S. Council Approves Recommended Stipend Increases**

**PAY:** Commissioners will receive \$300 more per year

By Eric Brace  
and Julia Kulla-Mader  
Staff Writers

After weeks of delays through committee referrals and re-referrals, last night the A.S. council finally set stipend levels for next year.

The council approved a \$10 increase in weekly stipends for

commissioners and standardized levels of pay for A.S.-service employees.

Originally, A.S. President Souley Diallo and A.S. Vice President Finance Tony Fiori proposed cutting all senator stipends and transferring all the left-over money to executive stipends.

Diallo added that the stipends budget categorizes service employees into two salary subcategories — \$25 weekly versus \$40 weekly for the more intensive service positions such as financial controller,

campus organizing director and assistant programmer

Diallo's proposal included large increases for the executive board, which consists of the A.S. president, two vice presidents and the five commissioners.

The initial proposal increased weekly salaries by \$40 over last year's executive budget. Diallo had first allotted \$100 to the commissioners, \$120 to the vice presidents and \$140 to the president.

Diallo says these increases would secure the executive board's

commitment to the A.S. council and the UCSD student body.

He cited former Vice President Administrative Greg Field as an example of the personal risk inherent in a councilmember's responsibilities. Diallo said Field had to resign from his position because outside employment conflicted with his official duties.

"[Fiori and I] felt the raise was beneficial to the council," Diallo said. "We wanted the executives to hold their position without having

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## ELLEN: Media attention promoted acceptance

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together to celebrate this event."

After this brief interview, when I looked over at Kyung, I experienced the highlight of the night. Standing on the sidelines, surrounded by a din of cheers, whistles and hollers, Kyung looked out at the crowd and beamed.

I could see the energy in the room affecting her as she laughed with us. She could hardly hide the joy in her smile; our celebration was obviously moving her. She was not one of us, but she had no qualms about being with us that night.

Thinking back, I wonder if my

comments that night truly reflect my thoughts about the gathering of cheering lesbians. Was it the display of community that really made the event significant? After all, I have seen lesbians freely partying together for years. Minus the "Ellen" episode, the scene at The Top of the Park can be found in a number of Hillcrest jaunts on any given weekend night.

What was significant for me was not that I was with hundreds of other gay men and women, but that Kyung Lah and the Channel 10 cameras were there to witness the gathering. Yes, ABC had refused to air commercials targeted at lesbians, but I didn't care at that moment.

What was significant was the broad grin across Kyung's face —

**I think the cultural clout of prime-time television should call upon us, if only briefly, to silence our critical tongues and listen to those who believe they have something to gain from this event.**

her laughter was the same laughter of hundreds and thousands of other men and women across the country who appreciated the tension-breaking humor of Ellen

DeGeneres.

As I see it, Kyung Lah brought our world at The Top of the Park beyond the barrier that has kept it separated from heterosexual America. She brought our world into daylight hours, 9-to-5 jobs, family dinner tables, office parties, dorm rooms, cafeterias, airports, classrooms and restaurants. Thanks to ABC, Channel 10 and all the grass-roots activism that ultimately made the "Ellen" episode possible, we were going public that night — proud.

When I see my well-meaning friends who criticized the hoopla over "Ellen," I want to tell them how thrilled I was to see that smile on Kyung Lah's face. I also want share with them how much it meant to me that my mother in

Pittsburgh, Pa., could learn something about me from a sitcom I was watching in San Diego.

I want to tell them that Ellen continued to comeout in two more episodes this season because coming-out is a never-ending process. Ellen was a victory for everyone who, with trepidation and without much celebration, has comeout.

It is tiresome to live in two worlds at the same time — even more so for minority lesbians who live in three. It's hard to be two people at once. Ellen Morgan's coming-out during prime time has brought all of us one step closer to sharing the same world.

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## WEAPONS: We must end our obsession with guns

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ple who lived in isolated communities to form local militias was a good idea.

Circumstances have changed a lot since then. We are now living in one of the most complex and interconnected societies on the planet, in which every action we take has vast repercussions over an increasingly large number of people. To allow people to possess guns in such a crowded and complex society is extremely

dangerous.

But that having been said, would any constitutionally acceptable gun-control law have a relevant impact on America's gun problem? Probably not.

Fascination with guns is a social and cultural problem, not a legal one. It cannot be solved merely by enforcing a law. Gun culture has the same social roots as the Second Amendment. The appreciation of guns as an instrument of independence and self-determination perhaps helped the economic growth in the western United States. Today, however, the increased complexity, diversity and interdependence of con-

**Even when firearms are used defensively, one can't get around the possibility that a criminal's fear when confronting an armed victim makes a violent reaction more likely.**

temporary society make the gun culture just another relic of the past.

In many civilized societies, the gun lover is looked upon with more than a little perplexity. He or she is considered either some sort of fascist macho or somebody with more than a generous dash of insanity. In any case, the gun lover is viewed as somebody who took a vacation the day they distributed common sense.

In this country, the possession of alcohol is sometimes considered more reprehensible than the possession of a small arsenal. This cultural approach toward guns has to change. We should recognize that it is not normal for a large part of the population to own instruments designed to take

other people's lives.

The creation of a nationwide anti-gun culture is the only long-term solution to the dangerous fascination Americans have with firearms. Private guns have no place in a civilized society.

Social pressure is easy to apply in these times of mass communication. There are cases, like reducing the number of cigarette smokers, in which it has proven successful. There is no reason why the same kind of pressure wouldn't be successful in the case of guns.

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# Anti-Discrimination Bill Defeated in State Assembly by 34-41 Vote

**VOTE:** Sexual orientation would have been protected

By Julia Kulla-Mader  
Staff Writer

The California Assembly on Tuesday night voted down, 34 to 41, a bill by Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl, D-Encino, that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in California's public schools.

Assemblyman Dick Ackerman, R-Fullerton, said he voted against the bill because it goes "way, way, way too far."

Ackerman also said that he felt the bill, known as AB101, was unnecessary because California law already bans discrimination based on sexual orientation in the state's public schools.

Ackerman said the bill "would severely impact" the relationship between "parochial schools and public schools."

"Many organizations have different views on homosexuality," he said.

Kuehl said she proposed the bill so that students can go to school without fearing abuse from their peers.

"All children deserve the dignity of an education free from discrimination, violence and harassment," she said. "This bill [would] benefit our entire state by guaranteeing that thousands of students have access to educational opportunities and are allowed to live up to their full potential."

According to an analysis prepared for the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, the bill had three main components.

First, it would have added sexual orientation to the list of unlawful forms of discrimination in California's public schools.

Second, the measure would ban any instructional material that "reflects adversely on persons

because of their sexual orientation."

Third, the legislation would not "require or permit any affirmative-action programs based on sexual orientation," regulate behavior at private schools or prohibit Reserve Officer Training Corps units.

Currently, state law provides protection in California's public schools, community colleges and state universities from discrimination based on "race, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, color and physical or mental disability."

Kuehl's bill would have added sexual orientation, as defined by California Civil Code Section 51.7, to include heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality to the list of protected categories.

Locally, the bill's list of supporters included the UCSD Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Association and the San Diego Unified School District.

Before he knew the bill had failed, LGBA member Robert Nguyen

explained why the UCSDLGBA endorsed the measure.

"We support it because it's all about equal rights and nondiscrimination," he said.

Several statewide and national organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the California Teachers Association and California National

Organization for Women, also endorsed the measure.

However, the bill faced significant opposition, including the Association for Christian Schools International, the Church of God, the National Association for the Research and Therapy of Homosexuals and the Boy Scouts of America.

According to a 1989 report by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, more than a quarter — 28 percent — of all gay and lesbian youth report dropping out of school because of harassment.

The report also states that gay and lesbian youth are two or three times more likely than heterosexual youth to attempt suicide — 30 percent of all youth suicides annually.

Kuehl staff member Robin Podolsky said several gay and lesbian adolescents recently spoke in front of the Assembly to explain why the bill is necessary.

"The most moving part was testimony by

middle and high school students," she said. "I think that's made an impact."

The bill's advocates also argue that it would have helped protect California's schools from lawsuits by providing students with a formal complaint procedure to resolve discrimination claims before they get to court.

**"All children deserve the dignity of an education free from discrimination, violence and harassment. This bill [would] benefit our entire state by guaranteeing that thousands of students have access to educational opportunities and are allowed to live up to their full potential."**

— Sheila Kuehl  
Assemblywoman (D-Encino)

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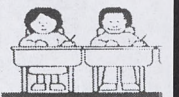


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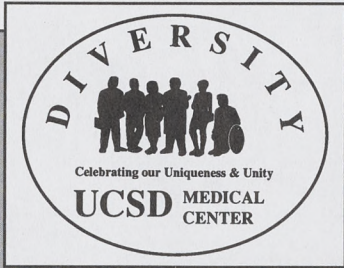
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## Speaking of *Diversity*

by Catherine Mummert, member, UCSD Medical Center Diversity Team

What are some of the unique needs of patients from other cultures? Information about health care practices in the Mexican, African American, Pacific Rim, gay and lesbian, and physically disabled communities were presented in three Transcultural Patient Care panels during R.E.A.C.H. Out for Diversity Week. Here are some of the insights presented on how to make patients from these communities feel more comfortable at the Medical Center. Next issue we will present additional insights from Pacific Rim cultures.

**Mercedes Garcia-Mohr, Social Work:** The family is the center of Mexican culture, so when a family member is ill, it is very important that the extended family is able to visit.

**Juan Galvan, Social Work:** Often first generation immigrants from Mexico do not understand English, and many speak their traditional language, such as Nahuatl, but not Spanish, so translation services in their language are vital for communication with patients and their families.

**Jorge Rios, Staff Affirmative Action:** An etiquette tip: when communicating with a deaf person, talk directly to the person, not to the interpreter.

**Rodney Hood, M.D., MultiCultural Primary Care Medical Group, UCSD Healthcare Network:** Titles are very important in the African-American community, particularly for older members, who are always respectfully addressed as Mrs. or Mr.; never by their first names.

**Christopher Mathews, M.D., Owen Clinic:** Visitation rights should be the same for same-sex partners as for any other spouse or close family member. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered patients need the same loving support when they are hospitalized as any other patient. Their partners need to be welcomed, supported, and included in the health care plans and conferences for the patient. *CACGLGBT mem*

**Jo Ann Clark, C.F.N.P., M.S.N., UCSD Nursing Education, Family Nurse Practitioner program:** Somalis are Moslems, and they celebrate Ramadan, a lunar month of fasting, once a year. During Ramadan, which falls in the spring, people fast from sun up to sundown, unless the person is sick or under age 14. Fasting often includes no liquids, no medication or inoculations, so it is best not to schedule any medical tests or routine care during Ramadan.

**Ed Tsu, Pharm.D., Pharmacy:** Chinese traditional medicine, based on the philosophy of yin and yang, or male and female "hot" and "cold" energies, co-existing in harmony. More than 2,000 herbs, and acupuncture are utilized. In Chinese medicine, foods are designated as either "hot" or "cold" based on their properties, not their temperature. Illness is considered to be due to an imbalance of hot and cold in the patient's body. A patient may request hot food, yet refuse a food which is warm in temperature because it is not a food which is considered to have "hot" properties. It is important to ask why the item is rejected, and what food might fulfill the patient's need to eat something "hot" or "cold."

**Hao Ngo, Clinical Research Center:** When a Vietnamese patient is in the hospital, lots of family members will visit and bring food. If the patient is a woman, her husband and her parents, if present, should be included in conferences about the patient's health care.



# MOTHER: Mom has plans to wed girlfriend

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When Travis wanted to experiment with make-up, Baker bought him cosmetics. She also buys him both "girl's and boy's" toys. The long hair and earring are the results of his choices.

"I want him to embrace whoever he is — straight, gay, whatever — just as long as he doesn't go through struggles," Baker said. "People tell me that he may end up transsexual [if I continue to give him girl things]. If he's happy, so what. If he wants to be transsexual, fuck what society says, just as long as he's happy.

"When you pretend to be someone you're not, it's harder to deal with, and I know this from experience. I went through shame, disgust and denial. Teen suicide is highest among gays, and I'm lucky I didn't attempt that. It's hard when others don't like you. But if you like yourself, that's the first step to getting others to like you."

D'Avanzo hopes that Travis' generation will be more tolerant.

"People don't understand how much it hurts to be looked down upon," she said. "You are what you are. You don't become gay. You are born gay, although some would say it's a choice — and I respect that.

"But if I had a choice I wouldn't have ever chosen to be gay, because coming out to your family is so hard. It hurts to have people look at you as a sinner, as a deviant — assuming that No. 1, it's a choice and No. 2, that it's wrong."



**Threesome:** "The desire to remain a family, that American ideal, prevails even in homosexual relationships," said Revelle senior Laura D'Avanzo (above left), Marshall senior Laurie Baker's girlfriend. "We always feel so normal and we take that for granted. We don't feel normal only when we're outside... That's when it gets hard. But we're very happy."

Whether heterosexual or gay, Baker says that her primary identity is as a mother.

"I just want what's best for Travis," she said. "No matter what, people are going to give you shit. He's going to have to deal with shit, just like I'm going to have to deal with shit. I just want him to be happy, proud of himself and proud of his family."

**Features writers' meeting today at 4 p.m. at the Guardian office.**

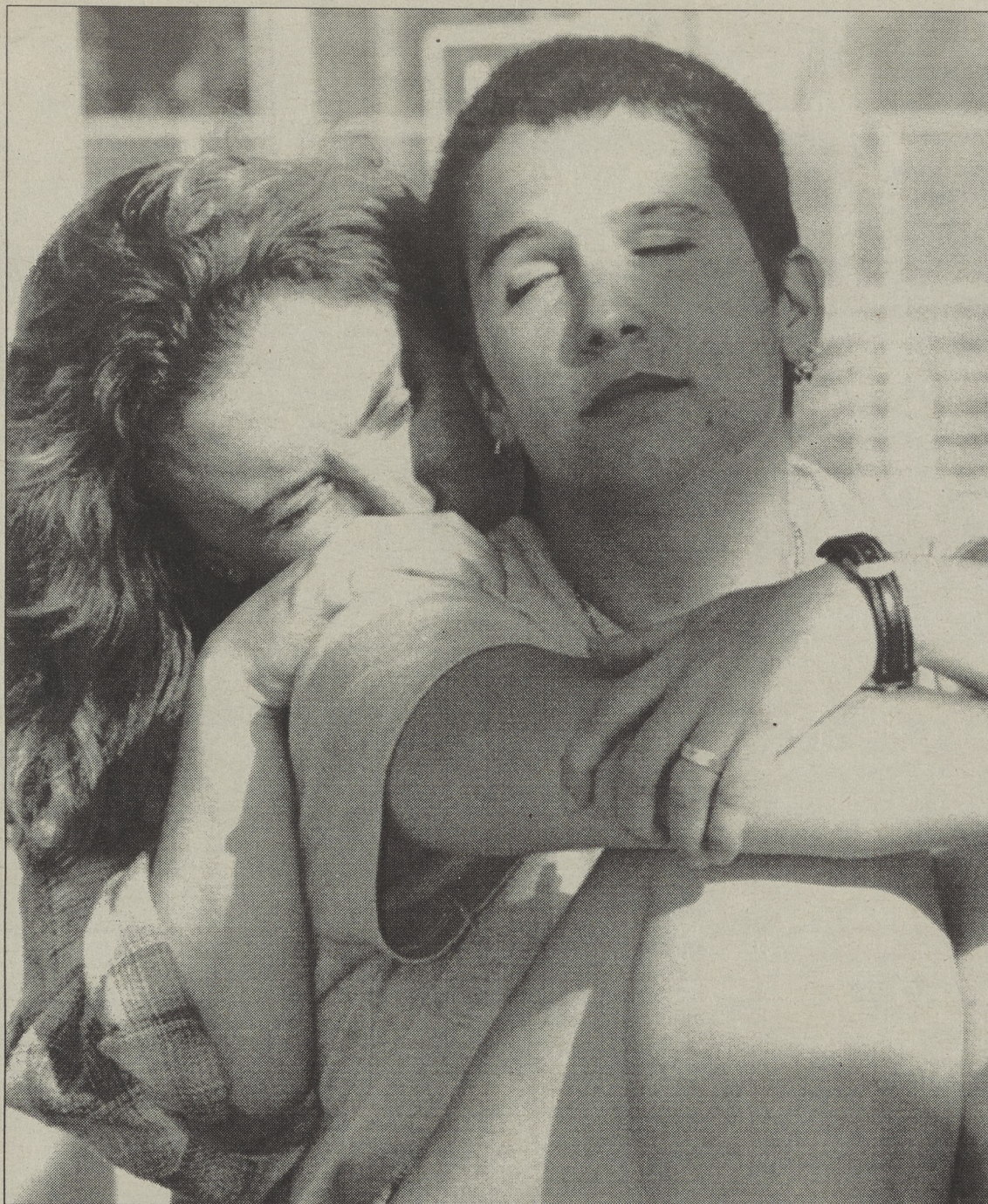
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**Partners:** Revelle senior Laura D'Avanzo (left) and Marshall senior Laurie Baker plan on getting married after Baker receives her master's degree.

## MOTHER: Mom wants "only what's best" for son

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desire to have a home, a career, to grow together."

Baker says D'Avanzo takes better care of Travis than any man she has ever dated. When Baker is not home, D'Avanzo acts as a surrogate mother. She bathes and feeds Travis, and is attentive to his needs.

"I'm concerned with being there often enough for him," D'Avanzo said. "Travis is loved so much, even though he has just a mom. But it is so obvious just how much Laurie loves her little boy.

"One of the first things that I fell in love with Laurie was watching how they interacted as mother and son, how much she loves him — it just warms my heart. Not that every mom doesn't love her child, but theirs is such an instinctual relationship. She has truly devoted everything to him."

Both Baker and D'Avanzo say Travis is a loner and never plays

with other children at school. More sensitive than most boys his age, Travis sometimes faces problems for being too passive and often lets other children beat him up.

Baker said she does not think the children pick on Travis because his mother is gay, but because he is more independent and mature,

hence different from the other children.

Travis' diction is advanced for his age: He recites the names of dinosaurs with more ease than some college students.

"Dinosaur Hunter" is his favorite playground game and "Jurassic Park" his favorite movie, which he says he has seen 101 times.

An exceptionally bright and perceptive child, Travis may be training himself for a career in archaeology or paleontology.

Baker says she just wants her son to be happy and comfortable doing whatever he wants to do.

Baker says her mother reprimands her for allowing

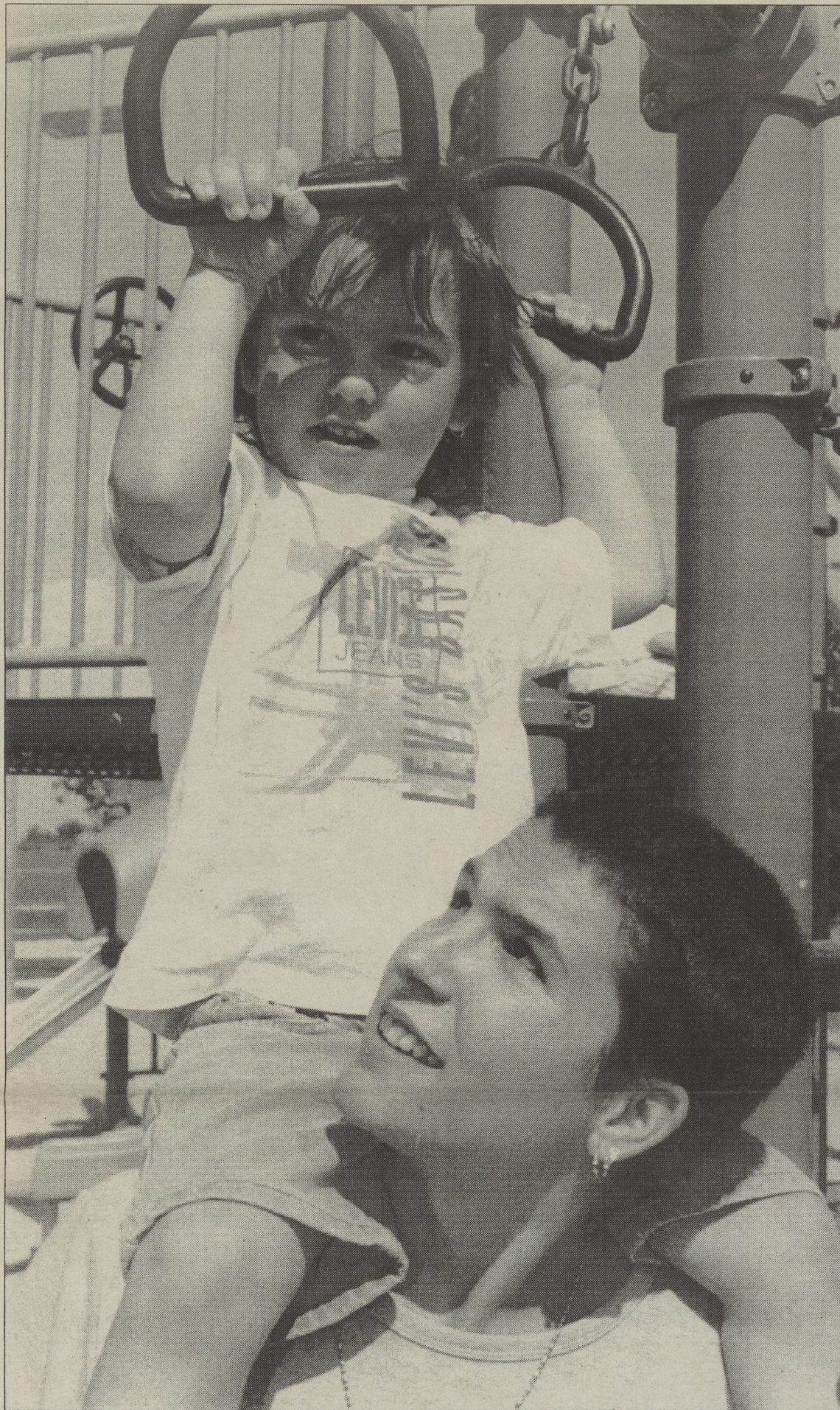
Travis to have "too much responsibility and choice for a five-year-old."

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— Laura D'Avanzo  
Revelle Senior

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**Shoulders for support:** (above) Scared to swing on the handlebars alone, Travis depends on his mother to guide him along.

**Different from the other kids:** (right) Perhaps more mature and independent than most children his age, Travis often shies away from his peer group.



## MOTHER: Lesbian mom is proud of sexuality

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college. I was a screw-up. Having Travis gave me the drive to get my ass in gear."

Pregnant before she had graduated from Garfield High, an alternative high school, Baker managed to complete her secondary education.

With the assistance of financial aid, she attended a junior college until Travis was 6-months-old.

Baker is a psychology major, expecting to receive her degree in June. She plans to attend San Diego State University for a master's degree in social work and hopes to work with teen mothers.

"Joe," Travis' biological father, left Baker when she was two months pregnant, and is not named on Travis' birth certificate.

Baker fears Joe may try to prove that she is an "unfit mother," although in California sexual orientation cannot be the basis for losing custody.

Five years ago, Baker filed a demand with the district attorney's office for child-care support. Now, Baker is managing with financial support in the form of grants and welfare, and does not "want his money or anything else from him."

"He had a chance to be a father, but he blew it," she said. "I don't want to share my boy with him. But I doubt he has the dedication nor the drive to take my little boy away."

Baker is the only parent Travis

has ever known. Until he attended school, he never noticed he did not have a father.

Baker says Travis is afraid his father does not want him. She hopes Joe will not "suddenly show up and start playing daddy, [for fear of] the pain Travis will have to go through."

"Closeted" until recently, Baker credits her last boyfriend (not Joe) for first encouraging her to be honest with her homosexuality.

"He was very open and convinced me that it was okay," Baker said. "I've always known I was different — even when I was very little. Now I've finally come to terms with it, with myself. I'm stronger and I'm happier now than I've ever been in a really long time."

Baker and D'Avanzo are "very serious," and plan on getting married after Baker completes her master's degree. Although some churches will perform the marriage ceremony, the state does not acknowledge same-sex marriages.

"I feel more normal in this family than I felt in my own family," D'Avanzo said. "My mom and dad were divorced. We

[Baker and D'Avanzo] always feel so normal and we take that for granted. I don't feel normal only when I'm outside, in society. That's when it gets hard. People make so many assumptions. I try to take the stares into perspective. If I get one or two stares a day it's not bad.

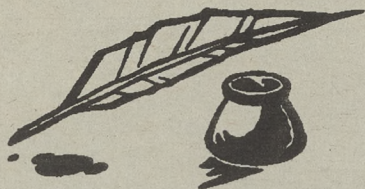
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**"If people can't understand, they're just looking at the surface... Just because I love Laura, and not some guy, has nothing to do with my ability to take care of Travis. I want to protect him, but I'll do more harm if I'm just sitting here, hiding. If I do that, I'm telling Travis it's OK not to be who you want to be. I'm happy now. Therefore I'm a better mom to him."**

-Laurie Baker  
Marshall Senior





**Ilona Fass**  
Co-Associate Hiatus Editor

## Friends Should Tell

It is inevitable that along with the sweet smells of spring, leaves aren't the only things lifted into the air by the cool San Diego breeze. Women all over UCSD face the dilemma of having their skirts and dresses fly up, only to be held in this position by seemingly innocuous backpacks. Unless you're Marilyn Monroe standing over a vent blowing hot air, this isn't cute.

In this respect, women are at a clear disadvantage with which no man can ever empathize, with the possible exception of Mel Gibson in "Braveheart." In fact, I'd place my bet on the fact that the average Joe probably doesn't mind all that much. Subsequent research consisting of several interviews confirmed this hypothesis. The forecast: expect to see parades of men following these poor temporarily uncovered girls around campus.

The point of all this is not to direct your attention to the obvious, but to appeal to your sense of moral obligation.

Try to situate yourself in this Potentially Embarrassing Situation (PES): You are sitting across from an acquaintance and a bird gets real happy directly onto his head. You are faced with the dilemma: "Should I tell him?" One usually looks the other way, feeling too rude to say anything, or dismisses responsibility by simply saying "It's none of my business."

Before I continue, I should clarify exactly what is at stake here. I'm not just talking about a good friend of yours. That's too easy. No, I'm referring to an anonymous passerby who happens to catch your attention.

No one should be burned at the stake for failing to tell the guy at the store that he had a strand of gum hanging off his chin, or last night's date that he had a big green thing sticking out of his nose. But, it certainly would be the kind thing to do.

To look the other way and let the person continue throughout his day with the humiliating triviality stuck to, hanging off or unknowing revealed by him is just plain mean.

Endless hours of torment will be endured by that person. He will return home, elated from a glorious day, only to succumb to the wave of hot shame exploding under his armpits and behind his ears, as he glances in the mirror to discover remnants of sushi between his teeth. He wonders, "How long was that there? Why didn't anybody tell me?"

This is immediately followed by a frantic attempt to re-enact the events of the entire day — which people the aforementioned person met, interactions with the person he's been trying so hard to impress and the presentation he delivered in front of an entire class.

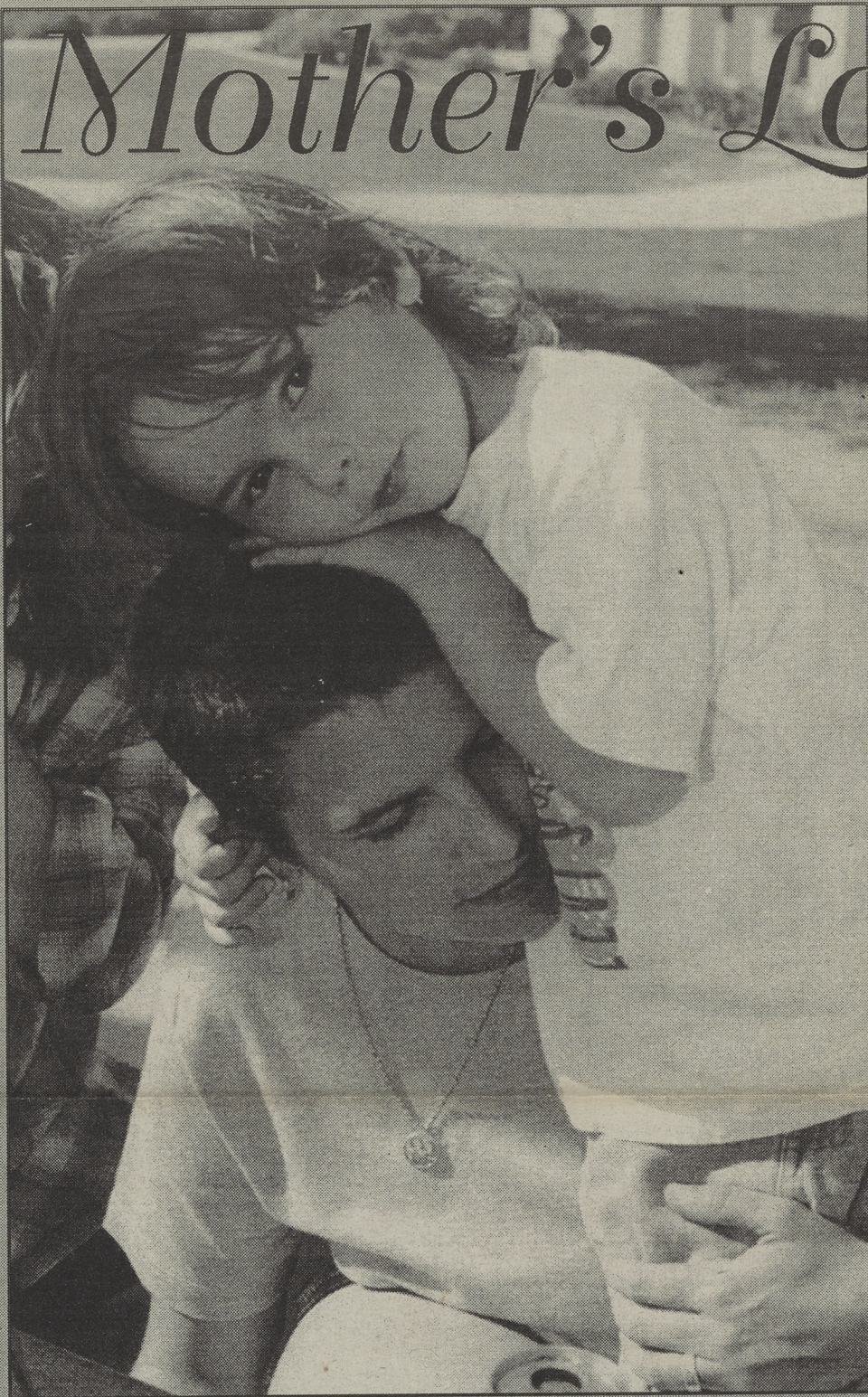
The horror is only magnified as, pregnant with bitterness, he thinks of the friend, friends, who never said a word.

Years of mortification follow as  
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# SPOTLIGHTS

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## A Mother's Love



**Travis Julian Baker:** "Being a mom is my primary identity," 23-year-old Marshall senior Laurie Baker said. "I'll do whatever it takes to make sure he's happy and comfortable."

*Being a lesbian mom isn't easy, but UCSD senior Laurie Baker says she is a better mother because she is no longer "in the closet"*

Sitting at the Grove Caffe, shoving pieces of Golden Grahams into a cup of water and playfully offering his mother a sip of the yellow, sweetened liquid, it is obvious that five-year-old Travis Julian Baker is happy.

However, some may question this happiness, given that his mother, 23-year-old Marshall senior Laurie Baker, is a gay single parent.

Baker is aware that some disapprove of her openly gay lifestyle, especially because it might be an "inappropriate" environment for her son.

She says people stare and "throw dirty looks" when she and her girlfriend, 22-year-old Revelle senior Laura D'Avanzo, are out in public with Travis.

"If people can't understand, they're just looking at the surface," Baker said. "They don't know us. Just because I love Laura, and not some guy, has nothing to do with my ability to take care of Travis. I want to protect him, but I'll do more

harm if I'm just sitting here, hiding. If I do that, I'm telling Travis that it's OK not to be who you want to be. I'm happy now. Therefore I'm a better mom to him."

"I was a phony before and couldn't focus, but I'm more whole now and a better mom. I want him to know that I'm proud and that Laura's proud. People are going to have their opinions, and I'm going to live my life and take care of him. The most important thing is that my family understands."

However, Baker's family members were not always so understanding. She says that if her family members had initially expressed acceptance of homosexuality, she probably would not have gotten pregnant.

"I was sexually promiscuous to convince myself that I was straight," she said. "But I don't regret having Travis. Not at all. Travis has been a positive influence in my life. Before Travis, I had no plans for

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Story by Grace Jang, Features Editor  
Photos by Claire Schneider



# Technical-Employees Union Accuses University of Illegal Labor Practices

**DISPUTE:** UPTE threatens war on university

By Leena Shankar  
Staff Writer

University Professional and Technical Employees (UPTE) union President Jelger Kalmijn revealed Friday that he plans to wage a war of harassment against the university he claims is exploiting its employees.

As an example, Kalmijn cited the California Public Employment Relations Board's 1994 decision that the University of California committed wage fraud by withholding pay raises from employees after they voted for the union. The university ultimately paid the employees \$7.5 million dollars, including a 10-percent penalty.

"We are not going to go away until our issues are resolved. We want people profits rather than corporate profits," Kalmijn said. "We will harass them until they give us the wages and respect we deserve."

However, UCSD Employee and Labor Relations Director Michael Melman said it was not the university's fault that the money wasn't distributed to the employees.

"They rejected the money at the beginning, and the university did ultimately pay them," Melman said.

A major point of contention between the university and UPTE is the contract they have been negotiating for the past two and a half years.

"The first contract is a lengthy process, and this is normal collective bargaining — though bargaining has taken a shorter amount of time before," Melman said. "The individual whom UPTE has chosen to be their chief negotiator has never bargained a contract before. She is capable and bright, but inexperienced."

However, Kalmijn said he has a different view on the drawn-out negotiations.

"This is blackmail — they are refusing to give us our pay increases until we sign the contract that they dictate," Kalmijn said. "We won an election for the unionization of 4,000 technical employees and the university is supposed to bargain with us in good faith."

Melman pinpointed the few areas in which the union is still in contention with the university.

"Compensation is the biggest

issue," he said. "We can't release funds without good-faith negotiation — we just can't distribute pay without a contract."

Kalmijn, who is a researcher in UCSD's neurosciences department, listed other areas in which he feels the university short-changes its employees.

"The university, for example, says that breaks will be given based on the supervisor's discretion — but it is law that breaks are given for 15 minutes every four hours," he said.

Since most of the university's money comes from the state general fund,

UPTE took its grievances to the state in a May 7 California Assembly Appropriations Committee hearing during 1997-98 budget negotiations.

"We are putting a lot of pressure on our legislature so that [it], in turn, is putting great pressure on the university," Kalmijn said.

Despite tensions on both sides, both Kalmijn and Melman say they are optimistic that negotiations will soon come to a close.

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— Jelger Kalmijn  
President  
UPTE

# FUNDING: Bills would pay for college education

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Half of the left-over funds in Hayden's program, however, would go to the California Student Aid Commission to be used for financial aid.

Hayden's bill also guarantees coverage at the full college tuition at either a four-year public university, or two years at a community college followed by a two years at a four-year institution.

However, Hargrove said Hayden's promise may force the program to pay the promised amount through state general funds.

"[Hayden] has a wonderful bill, but the political and economic risk is too great — especially since Orange County went bankrupt," Hargrove said. "Governor Wilson won't sign anything with that risk."

According to Rubin, the very risk involved in the program will

pressure University of California, California State University and state officials to keep a lid on fees.

"There will be more of an incentive for fee control," Rubin said. "Haphazard fee increases will be curbed through consideration of this program."

However, Hargrove said Firestone's program would meet the needs of all investors and makes no promises that could place them at risk.

"It's a conservative program that makes no promises it can't keep," Hargrove said.

The Assembly Appropriations Committee is currently reviewing Firestone's bill. Similarly, the Senate Appropriations Committee is reviewing Hayden's proposal.

Both Hargrove and Rubin expect difficulties in the legislative process. Each said their respective bosses are willing to compromise and combine the two programs if need be.

The UC Office of the President supports Firestone's program, while the UC Student Association is in favor of Hayden's.

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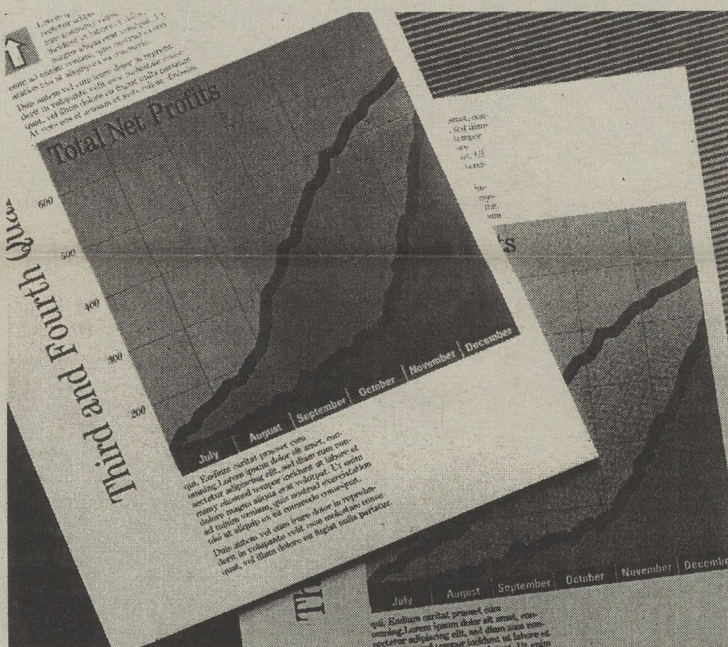
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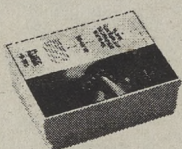
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# Famed Author Speaks at Price Center About Pros and Cons of Same-Sex Marriage

**FORUM:** Andrew Sullivan discusses symbolic importance

By Julia Kulla-Mader  
Staff Writer

Noted author Andrew Sullivan spoke Friday to a group of 30 to 40 people at the Price Center about his new work, *Same-Sex Marriage: Pro and Con*.

His book investigates the history, politics, religion, economics and long-term effects of same-sex marriages.

The event, one of several activities scheduled to mark UCSD's May 6 to May 9 Gay Awareness Week, was sponsored by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in cooperation with the UCSD Bookstore.

"Our guest today, Andrew Sullivan is one of the most visible, most articulate, most recognizable and most respected spokespersons for gay issues in the United States today," said host Milton Phegley, campus community planner.

Sullivan began by updating the audience on the status of same-sex marriages in America.

"Within the next nine months, it's highly likely that two men and two women will be legally married in America," he said.

Sullivan said he is surprised by how close gay men and women are to obtaining the right to marry.

"When I first started writing about the subject in 1989, I wrote about it as an interesting, intellectual and important — I thought — moral argument to the equality of gay men and women," Sullivan said. "I never believed that within a decade I would be going around the country talking about a subject that was on the verge of becoming reality."

Sullivan said he is optimistic that states will soon recognize same-sex marriages.

"Hawaii is the first of several states which will, I believe, be a part of the legal battle to recog-

nize marriage," he said. "I think you will see in the next year to two years second and third fronts being opened up across the country."

Sullivan added that he believes same-sex marriage is central to obtaining gay rights.

"Sometimes I feel like a kid in a big house," he said. "There are many rooms in the house — some of them you're allowed to mess around in and scuff up, and others you're supposed to be a little bit more careful about. But, there's one room that you're really not supposed to go in."

To Sullivan, for gay men and women that room is the institution of marriage.

According to Sullivan, for gay men and women to have complete access to all rooms in the house is equivalent to them knowing that they are full members of American society. Without the right to marry, they are excluded from society.

"And it's not your house, and it's not your family. And you live there and you breathe there, and you exist there and you love there at the behest and discretion and tolerance of somebody else," Sullivan said.

"Of course they don't want you in there," he added. "You can always tell the thing most worth having, it's the thing they least want you to get."

Sullivan also responded to critics who argued that asking for marriage rights will set gay civil rights back.

"There is no evidence that [in]

pursuing this issue, presenting it clearly [and] articulating, its centrality has in any way diminished or set back any other issues in regards to gay men and women," he said.

Sullivan argued that working for marriage equality actually advances gay civil rights.

"It's the most basic bargaining tactic imaginable," he said. "You go in with your highest bid and you see what else they offer."

As an example, Sullivan pointed to a debate he participated in last Thursday night on the television show "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher."

Sullivan said that another guest, Citizens United Chairman Floyd Brown, who is against same-sex marriage, asked him why gay men and women would not just settle for "domestic partnership" instead of marriage.

Sullivan then pointed out that Brown would never have suggested that gay men and women should receive domestic-partnership benefits if they were not asking for marriage rights.

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— Andrew Sullivan  
Author

Sullivan received a degree in Modern History and Modern Languages from Oxford University. He also graduated from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University in Political Science.

Sullivan edited *The New Republic* from 1991 to 1996, and remains a senior editor today. He previously wrote, *Virtually Normal: An Argument about Homosexuality*.

## UCSD Hosts Border Conference

**MEETING:** Participants discuss environmental impacts

By Adam Nichols  
Staff Writer

Civic leaders and academics from both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border came together Friday for a conference on the rapid growth of the San Diego-Tijuana metropolitan area.

The event, titled "Sustainable Development in San Diego-Tijuana: Environmental and Social Implications of Economic Integration," was sponsored by UCSD's Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies.

The San Diego-Tijuana area, which extends approximately 60 miles north and south of the border, is the fastest growing region in North America conference participants claim that. This rapid growth, is beginning to take its toll on the environment.

According to C. R. Hibbs, environmental-program officer, center

officials hope to educate people about sustainable development and other growth issues.

"Sustainable development" principles involve taking the interests of both the environment and local residents into account when planning communities' economic and industrial growth.

The definition of the "environment" in the context of sustainable development is not strictly limited to natural surroundings, said history Professor Eric Van Young, who is affiliated with the Center.

It must be realized "that environments are not only physical restrictions, but social constructions," Van Young said. The international border, because it restricts mobility, is a perfect example of a social construction, he added.

Further issues in sustainable development include social justice and responsibility for growth management.

"Sustainable development seeks to find ways to address economic asymmetry [in the San Diego-Tijuana region]," said Lawrence

Herzog, a professor of geography and Latin-American studies at San Diego State University. "We see that the human environment is distinct north and south of the border... Contrast, I think, is a defining feature of the San Diego-Tijuana region."

Officials considering a regional-development plan for the San Diego-Tijuana region must assess the area's current conditions and needs. However, simply evaluating statistics can be problematic, said Rogelio Ramirez de la O, of the *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*.

"Now why is this?" he asked. "It is mainly a lack of data on the Mexican side."

The situation is further compounded "when the governments do not want to share these data," de la O said. "They cannot afford to have two different sets of techniques."

In most cases, the best way to create communities with minimal environmental impact is through careful management of wastes, said See **BORDER**, Page 12



## CHOICE: Barrett wants to hear students' opinions

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into each foam dining implement. According to Barrett, this raises the question of which is better for the environment in the long run.

According to a study titled "Paper Versus Polystyrene: A Complex Choice" that was published in *Science* magazine, paper products are almost always worse than foam for the environment. With the exception of petroleum, more chemicals and resources are required to manufacture paper, and the process produces more pollution.

Additionally, paper products tend to produce more waste, take up more space in landfills and cost the university more money to process — as much as \$3,000 or \$4,000 per year, according to UCSD Recycling Coordinator Krista Henkels.

Henkels said that in addition to polystyrene weighing less, people tend to use more than one paper cup to insulate hot drinks like coffee, which isn't necessary with foam.

However, Henkels said she is hesitant to choose one side in the debate.

"Neither one is recyclable. Neither one is going to degrade in a landfill. They're both equally bad," she said. "I'd like to see people use reusables — bring your own mug."

Proposals have been made in favor of UCSD discontinuing the use of disposable products in favor of reusables. However, Barrett stressed that any such policy would be difficult to implement because people tend to throw away reusables.

For example, he cited a recent luncheon where many of the diners decided that the black plastic plates and bowls — the ones used at Canyon Vista and other campus restaurants — were disposable, and threw them away.

Barrett estimates that Dining Services has to completely

replace its permanent supply of plates, bowls and utensils at least five or six times per year.

Still, Barrett said he hasn't given up on reusables. Every student living on campus this year was given a free Enviromug. People just have to take advantage of the environmental efforts being made on campus, Barrett said.

He said he plans to weigh student input heavily when considering whether to ultimately make the switch to foam products. Barrett can be reached via email at lbarrett@ucsd.edu.

**"Neither one is recyclable. Neither one is going to degrade in a landfill. They're both equally bad. I'd like to see people use reusables — bring your own mug."**

— Krista Henkels  
UCSD Recycling Coordinator

## Cross-Cultural Center Bestows Awards

### RECEPTION: CCC recognizes various achievements

By Julia Kulla-Mader

Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff came together last Friday at the Cross-Cultural Center (CCC) to celebrate the center's second anniversary and to recognize 58 individuals who have made a difference to people of color at UCSD.

CCC staffer Govind Acharya, a Muir senior, and Christy Phillips, a Roosevelt junior, presented certificates to 24 graduating seniors and other students in recognition of their various accomplishments.

Assistant CCC Director Nancy Magpusao presented certificates to 23 UCSD staff members for their contributions, and CCC Director Edwina Welch recognized 11 faculty members for their achievements.

Assistant Chancellor Linda Williams said Chancellor Robert Dynes would have liked to attend the ceremony, but is currently out of town.

"Credit goes to all of you, especially Edwina Welch and staff," Williams said. "You deserve the heartfelt wishes of the staff."

History Professor David Gutierrez explained the center's significance in his keynote address.

"This is a very proud moment for me," Gutierrez said. "I have to tell you in my seven years at UCSD, being around the block a few times, I think this was our greatest achievement."

The following people were honored for their service to the UCSD's multicultural community at the "All People's Recognition Reception" held Friday at the Cross-Cultural Center.

#### Graduating Seniors

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Tyrone Nagai  
Coleen Sabatini  
Robert Nguyen  
Matia Figueroa  
Kaylie Nguyen  
Shonte Wright

#### Staff Recipients

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Adell Bynum  
Paul Harris  
Ashanti Houston  
Catherine Joseph  
Reina Juarez  
Heidi Keller-Lapp  
Patty Mahaffey  
Verlette Monia  
Barry Niman  
Norma Pacheco  
Indra Perez  
Brenda Richmond  
Leonard Rodriguez  
Nancy Santos  
Bonnie Schmeige  
Penny Schnabel  
Gerri Spikes  
David Sworder  
Jora Trang  
Cecilia Ubila  
Patrick Velasquez  
John White

#### Student Recipients

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Ingrid Benedict  
Thu Buu  
Susana Cervantes  
Patty Choi  
Melany de la Cruz  
Camille Davis  
Theresa Kim  
Rebecca Lee  
Arzo Mansury  
Clifford Marks  
Thandi Onami  
Kathia Romo  
Leila Sayar  
Jon Salunga  
Alex Tom  
Iliana Velasquez

#### Faculty Recipients

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Susan Davis  
Ann duCille  
Yen Le Espiritu  
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Jorge Mariscal  
Barbara Sawry  
Gabriele Wienhausen  
Art Yayanos

Gutierrez added that he believed opposition to the center was rooted in "misconceptions about what we people of color do when we get together."

"I think the basic objection to start out with was that it would be divisive — it would be somehow a sign of separatism," he continued. "It would be a symbol of the minority people separating themselves

from the mainstream on campus."

However, Gutierrez said that the center is anything but divisive.

"The CCC has consistently put on some of the richest programming, and the intellectually most enriching programming," he said. "The programming and activities bring more people together than virtually any other program on this campus," he said.



# A.S. SUPPORTS NEW SCHOOL

Editor:

We are writing on behalf of the 14,000 undergraduates of UCSD to convey our absolute and unwavering support for the charter high school proposal. In light of the passage of Proposition 209, it is imperative for the future of our university that we undertake aggressive measures to preserve access to quality higher education by traditionally underrepresented groups. A real commitment to this goal takes unprecedented vigilance and the bravery to venture down innovative and uncharted paths.

In light of the fact that the numbers of socio-economically disadvantaged and minority students at UCSD are embarrassingly low, it is imperative that we adopt a dynamic campus-based solution to the problem.

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the quality of education received by the rich and poor. The charter school would nurture disadvantaged youth into college-bound graduates by immersing them in

a culture of learning. Although it is not a panacea for issues of recruitment and outreach, it is a bold and substantive step toward a campus that meets the needs of its community.

Today, the students of UCSD look to their faculty for leadership and courage on this issue. Now is the time to lead UCSD to a diverse future; a serious solution warrants no time for trepidation. To those members of the Academic Senate who question the ability of the charter school to meet its lofty expectations, we challenge them to devise a proposal that more completely addresses the needs of at-risk minority students in the post-SP-1, post-Proposition 209 world.

We, the Associated Students of UCSD, strongly implore the members of the Academic Senate to demonstrate its real commitment to outreach and ratify the charter school proposal.

Souley Diallo  
A.S. President  
David Freeman  
Comm. of Academic Affairs

## KOALA: Media should foster diversity of ideas

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UCSD has a tradition too, but few students have heard the names Herbert Marcuse or Angela Davis. Nobody remembers how future-President Ronald Reagan personally requested that Marcuse not be appointed to UCSD's faculty — or how he was voted in anyway. Nobody has heard the stories of how Roger Revelle somehow managed to move almost half of the University of Chicago's faculty to UCSD in the '60s. They

came with dreams of a school where pioneering artists and scientists could work side by side to shape the future.

Forgive me for waxing sentimental, but I love this school. We can and should have a


humorous newspaper on campus, but we can do better than the *Koala*. UCSD needs a publication that intelligently discusses and challenges socio-political ideas, living up to the legacy of Davis, Marcuse and Revelle.

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**FOLLIES:**  
 UCSD elections are better than some

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missing from the ballot completely. The UC Berkeley Associated Students (ASUC) tried to correct the problem by distributing correction sheets at all the polling stations. However, freshman Claire Zellman said that not all the polling stations received correction sheets.

The problem was aggravated by an April 9 front-page editorial in the *Daily Californian* calling for a new election.

"Yesterday's election was a fraud," the editorial stated. "ASUC bylaws require that the name appearing on the ballot will be identical to one registered with the ASUC election council."

"To save the election and to save face, the elections council must nullify the first day of voting and replace it with an additional day on Friday," it continued.

Elections Council Chairwoman Helen Lin said the election problems "weren't as big of a deal as the *Daily Californian* made them out to be."

Lin said that in the past names on ballots have been misspelled.

She added that the *Daily Californian* editorial confused UC Berkeley students.

"Voters thought the election wasn't valid because of the editorial," Lin said.

Lin also said the proposition was left off the ballot because of a miscommunication between the school's Attorney General and herself.

Zellman said she was disgusted by how the *Daily Californian* covered the election.

"The *Daily Californian* is the most ridiculously biased paper I have ever read," she said.

"I'm extremely upset at the *Daily Californian* for the way they

handled the election," Zellman added. "In general, I think the election was pretty screwed up, [but] I don't think it is their role to bias the election."

Lin said the elections were also disturbed by overzealous presidential candidate Aaron Gach, whom she said was removed from the presidential debates by UCB police for disrupting the peace.

However, Lin refused to say who initially called the police.

Police also cited several candidates for violating Berkeley litter ordinances, potentially costing each candidate up to \$20,000 in fines.

At UC Irvine, which held its election April 14-17, UCI Administrative Affairs Vice President-elect Louis Cheng said two students — Sasha Strauss and Joe Betance — initially ran for the vice president of student services position.

Although Strauss initially received 66 percent of the vote, the UCI Judicial Board invalidated the results because both candidates did not turn in their financial statements on time.

However, Elections Manager Andrew Freeman decided to drop the charges against Betance and Strauss right

after the election. According to the *New University*, Judicial Board member Peter Cook insisted that a special election was necessary because Freeman made his decision without first discussing the issue with the rest of the Judicial Board.

"For me, I thought [a second election] would uphold the integrity of ASUCI," Cook said.

Cook argued that Freeman's decision violates Section 20, Article A of the ASUCI election code, which states, "The elections commissioner shall review all charges with the elections commission. The elections commission shall make a decision and if necessary, impose a penalty."

Strauss said Cook failed to take into account that he, unlike Betance, had a valid explanation for turning in his financial statement late.

Strauss said he turned in the form "15 minutes" after the noon deadline because he was at a meeting for a "charity program" which ran late.

According to the *New University*, the Judicial Board overturned the election for student services vice president on Thurs., May 15, and ordered a special election.

Betance declined to run in the special election, but Stephanie Velasco — who was previously not a candidate for the position — decided to enter the race.

Velasco defeated Strauss by a 420-317 margin.

Strauss said he was both disappointed and disillusioned by the results of the special election.

"It's frustrating for me because I've been extremely active on the UC Irvine campus for three years," he said. "I genuinely love this campus and I had an extremely valid excuse for not turning in my financial statement on time."

At UCLA, controversy ensued after the current student government placed a full-page advertisement in the *Daily Bruin* on May 7 and 8 that some construed as an endorsement of the "Students First!" slate.

Outgoing External Vice President Alberto Retana, a member

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**"I'm extremely upset at the *Daily Californian* for the way they handled the election. In general, I think the election was pretty screwed up, [but] I don't think it is their role to bias the election."**

— Claire Zellman  
 UC Berkeley freshman

**According to the *Daily Bruin*, "approximately 35 complaints were filed against candidates from Students First! and Access Coalition, but most were either disregarded or given a warning by the Election Board."**

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**COMMENTARY:** Alternative media should foster a diversity of ideas, not engage in vicious harassment and low-brow humor

# WHY THE KOALA SUCKS

By Michael Martin  
Staff Writer

Far be it from me to criticize a fellow journalist's work. The time and energy that go into well-written articles is nothing to sneeze at. For this reason, even the most poorly written articles escape my criticism. There is no way to know what extenuating circumstances contributed to a particular article's lack of style.

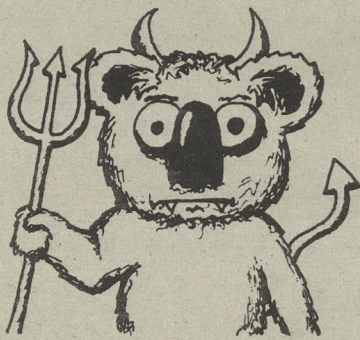
In the case of the *Koala*, however, something has to be done. Since picking up my first copy earlier this year, I have never failed to be amazed by the pure filth that this poor excuse for "alternative media" publishes. Until I saw the *Koala*, I thought that most students had outgrown their need for humor that focuses on bodily functions. Can anyone seriously consider the *Koala* journalism? Does anyone even find it funny?

Even if one could scrap the *Koala*'s worthless articles, the ugliest part would remain. At the end of every issue, the personals that students submit at the *Koala* office are printed in a classified-section format. In perfect scatological form, students (always anonymous) verbally crucify their classmates. Every form of sexual harassment can be found in this section.

Unfortunately, it is hard to find someone who will admit that this section is sick and twisted. Has everyone forgotten how it feels to be the brunt of such an attack?

In spite of the fact that I feel the *Koala* is not a healthy part of the UCSD community, I would not have written this article unless my money was being used to print it. Many students assume that the *Koala* supports itself through advertising. That being the case, few of us have the stomach to lift a finger in protest. We live in a free country: If we don't like it, we don't have to read it.

The sad truth is that several thousand dollars of student fees



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— fees that come from every UCSD student's pocket — kept the *Koala* printing this year. Under the guise of "alternative media," anyone may submit a proposal for funding to the A.S. Few such proposals are denied. The *Koala* appears to be a case where A.S. approved funding without asking any questions.

I do not blame A.S. for approving such a proposal. They faced First Amendment issues when considering whether to support such a newspaper. Instead, I blame students for not telling A.S. what should be done with their money (in this case, what should not be done with it).

I appeal, then, to any UCSD students with a conscience. To people like the Christian fellowships, Asian American Christian Fellowship, Korean Christian Fellowship, Intervarsity and the

Navigators: Do you care that your money is being used to propagate this rubbish? Tell your A.S. representatives what you think. If enough people speak up, someone will have the courage to pull the plug.

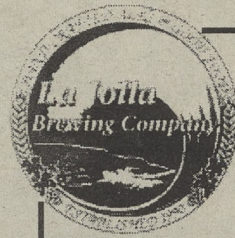
UCSD's biggest resource is the diversity of its student body. "Alternative media" should embrace this diversity, bringing to light holes in mainstream perspectives. Although many students would point to it as representative of alternative media, the *Koala* does not really deal with issues. It certainly does not embrace diversity.

Although some of my colleagues would disagree, I find that many of the other publications that receive funding from A.S. as "alternative media" are very legitimate. Publications like *Voz Fronteriza* and the *Last Indicator*, not to mention smaller-scale efforts like *Walking Stick*, are all positive contributions to our social environment. Too many students have their heads in the sand when it comes to current events. The more publications we can make available, the better.

In the case of the *Koala*, however, I call for remittance out of anger. With an exaggerated sense of pride, it demeans every aspect of life that anyone has ever found holy. How can a university that has policies against sexual harassment support a newspaper that harasses? How many students want their money to pay for such a crime?

One thing I've always loved about UC Berkeley is the vast number of 'zines and self-published pamphlets that accumulate in the entrances to area bookstores and record shops. With Berkeley's tradition of exploring and debating socio-political philosophies, its students are hungry to have their ideas exposed to the world and held up for criticism.

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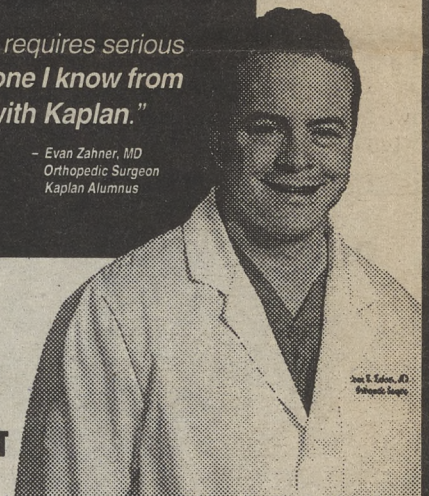
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## ELLEN: Media attention promoted acceptance

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together to celebrate this event."

After this brief interview, when I looked over at Kyung, I experienced the highlight of the night. Standing on the sidelines, surrounded by a din of cheers, whistles and hollers, Kyung looked out at the crowd and beamed.

I could see the energy in the room affecting her as she laughed with us. She could hardly hide the joy in her smile; our celebration was obviously moving her. She was not one of us, but she had no qualms about being with us that night.

Thinking back, I wonder if my

comments that night truly reflect my thoughts about the gathering of cheering lesbians. Was it the display of community that really made the event significant? After all, I have seen lesbians freely partying together for years. Minus the "Ellen" episode, the scene at The Top of the Park can be found in a number of Hillcrest jaunts on any given weekend night.

What was significant for me was not that I was with hundreds of other gay men and women, but that Kyung Lah and the Channel 10 cameras were there to witness the gathering. Yes, ABC had refused to air commercials targeted at lesbians, but I didn't care at that moment.

What was significant was the broad grin across Kyung's face —

**I think the cultural clout of prime-time television should call upon us, if only briefly, to silence our critical tongues and listen to those who believe they have something to gain from this event.**

her laughter was the same laughter of hundreds and thousands of other men and women across the country who appreciated the tension-breaking humor of Ellen

DeGeneres.

As I see it, Kyung Lah brought our world at The Top of the Park beyond the barrier that has kept it separated from heterosexual America. She brought our world into daylight hours, 9-to-5 jobs, family dinner tables, office parties, dorm rooms, cafeterias, airports, classrooms and restaurants. Thanks to ABC, Channel 10 and all the grass-roots activism that ultimately made the "Ellen" episode possible, we were going public that night — proud.

When I see my well-meaning friends who criticized the hoopla over "Ellen," I want to tell them how thrilled I was to see that smile on Kyung Lah's face. I also want share with them how much it meant to me that my mother in

Pittsburgh, Pa., could learn something about me from a sitcom I was watching in San Diego.

I want to tell them that Ellen continued to come out in two more episodes this season because coming-out is a never-ending process. Ellen was a victory for everyone who, with trepidation and without much celebration, has come out.

It is tiresome to live in two worlds at the same time — even more so for minority lesbians who live in three. It's hard to be two people at once. Ellen Morgan's coming-out during prime time has brought all of us one step closer to sharing the same world.

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## WEAPONS: We must end our obsession with guns

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ple who lived in isolated communities to form local militias was a good idea.

Circumstances have changed a lot since then. We are now living in one of the most complex and interconnected societies on the planet, in which every action we take has vast repercussions over an increasingly large number of people. To allow people to possess guns in such a crowded and complex society is extremely

dangerous.

But that having been said, would any constitutionally acceptable gun-control law have a relevant impact on America's gun problem? Probably not.

Fascination with guns is a social and cultural problem, not a legal one. It cannot be solved merely by enforcing a law. Gun culture has the same social roots as the Second Amendment. The appreciation of guns as an instrument of independence and self-determination perhaps helped the economic growth in the western United States. Today, however, the increased complexity, diversity and interdependence of con-

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temporary society make the gun culture just another relic of the past.

In many civilized societies, the gun lover is looked upon with more than a little perplexity. He or she is considered either some sort of fascist macho or somebody with more than a generous dash of insanity. In any case, the gun lover is viewed as somebody who took a vacation the day they distributed common sense.

In this country, the possession of alcohol is sometimes considered more reprehensible than the possession of a small arsenal. This cultural approach toward guns has to change. We should recognize that it is not normal for a large part of the population to own instruments designed to take

other people's lives.

The creation of a nationwide anti-gun culture is the only long-term solution to the dangerous fascination Americans have with firearms. Private guns have no place in a civilized society.

Social pressure is easy to apply in these times of mass communication. There are cases, like reducing the number of cigarette smokers, in which it has proven successful. There is no reason why the same kind of pressure wouldn't be successful in the case of guns.

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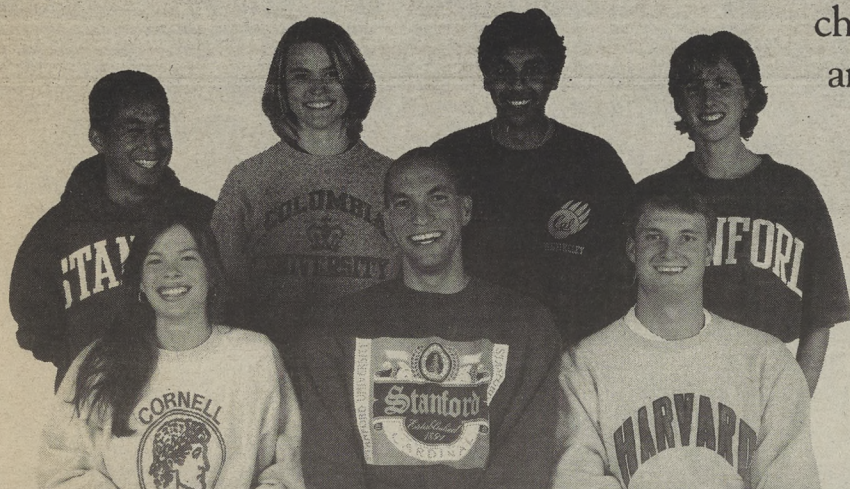
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# NSF Funds Networking Research

**MONEY:** California universities receive a \$3.8 million grant

By Ryan Olson  
Staff Writer

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded a \$3.8 million grant to a consortium of 10 California universities. This grant will support the development of a high-speed telecommunication network that will deliver information at speeds 100 times faster than currently possible on the Internet.

Seven UC campuses — Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Riverside, San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz — have collaborated with CalTech, Stanford University and the University of Southern California to form the Consortium for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC), the UC Office of the President announced on Friday.

CENIC will facilitate and coordinate the development, deployment and operation of CalREN-2, an intercampus communications service capable of supporting advanced research and educational applications.

The CalREN-2 network will link to a national high-speed network infrastructure called the very high Backbone Network Service (vBNS). This infrastructure is currently

being developed by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

vBNS is the backbone of Internet-II — a national effort among the nation's leading universities and businesses to build a new generation of education and research applications.

"The Next Generation Internet initiative is a critical investment in our future, and will serve as a catalyst for the new networks and networked applications of the 21st century," Vice President Albert Gore said Wednesday.

Universities will connect to CalREN-2 at a minimum speed of over 600 million-bits-per-second. At that speed, the entire 30-volume edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica could be transmitted in less than a second.

One of the goals of CalREN-2 is to deliver information with greater reliability than the traditional Internet.

"The random performance experienced by users of today's

Internet is not good enough," said UC Associate Vice President M. Stuart Lynn. "The electronic highway is faced with rush-hour traffic most of the day. We need reliable service delivery."

According to the CalREN-2 project summary, the network's first phase will link the CENIC campuses into two high-speed clusters, located within the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay Area regions.

CalREN-2 will connect with other advanced research networks, such as the U.S. Department of Energy's ESNET. The three UC-managed national research laboratories — Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore and Lawrence Berkeley — are part of ESNET.

Eventually, CalREN-2 will connect with the existing Internet. The technology developed for CalREN-2 will be employed nationally to improve general Internet access.

The University of California will administer the NSF grant on behalf of CENIC.

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— Albert Gore  
U.S. Vice President

## SPRAY: ACLU contends study was tainted by payoff

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decontamination and also medical attention if requested.

"After [people are] subdued, we give them a chance to rinse their face and eyes," Jenkins said.

A 1987 FBI study conducted on the effectiveness of pepper spray noted that nothing more than fresh air, soap and water is required to recover from the spray's effects.

"It takes about 20 minutes for the spray to wear off and the person to get back to normal," Cox said.

Cox added that there are certain guidelines that must be followed when using pepper spray.

"For the most effective results, the spray should be three to 10 feet away from the face — otherwise the effects are weaker and the spray may come back on you," he said. "Also, a one-second burst is recommended — anything longer results in diminishing returns."

The Berkeley city council's recommendation comes at a time when the use of pepper spray is

being questioned throughout the city of Berkeley. Pepper spray was allegedly misused by UC police during an anti-Proposition 209 protest earlier this month.

In addition, opponents of the spray say that it has caused dozens of deaths nationwide since its introduction. However, Berkeley police have taken the recommendation to stop using the spray unfavorably.

Jenkins said he believes a ban on OC use would be detrimental to the police department and the general public.

"If you start taking away tools like pepper spray, we are left with batons and other such things — and people don't like the use of those," Jenkins said.

Cox said he agrees that a ban on the police use of pepper spray is unnecessary.

"I don't know much about the case at Berkeley, but it seems to be a knee-jerk reaction to a particular

incident," he said. "The FBI did a study on OC and concluded that it is very effective and non-lethal."

During the summer of 1987, the FBI Firearms Training Unit conducted an extensive study on pepper spray and did not find any long-term health risks associated with its use.

However, the American Civil Liberties Union reported in early 1996 that the FBI data was tainted because the agent in charge of the study — Thomas Ward — accepted \$57,500 from a major manufacturer of the spray.

In any case, some countries — such as Australia, United Kingdom, and Thailand — have banned the use of pepper spray.

Because the spray has been ineffective in certain cases, Cox said he wants to remind the public that pepper spray is not a replacement for other defense mechanisms.

**If you start taking away tools like pepper spray, we are left with batons and other such things — and people don't like the use of those."**

— Alan Jenkins  
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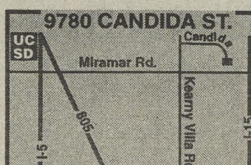
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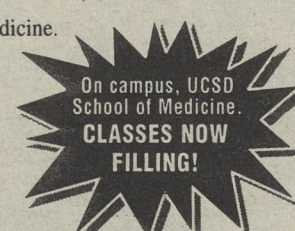
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# OPINION

**COMMENTARY:** Some people (heterosexual and homosexual) were critical of the good press that Ellen's coming-out received, but the national attention really helped promote understanding and acceptance of gays

## THROUGH ALL THE MEDIA HYPE, THE PUBLIC LEARNED A LOT DURING ELLEN'S COMING-OUT

By Karin Swann

Contributing Opinion Writer

Anyone following the public discussion surrounding the coming-out episode of "Ellen" heard the warnings from the Christian Right about the danger of celebrating this event as a victory for gays and lesbians. I was surprised, however, to find well-meaning heterosexual friends on campus confidently deriding the show's publicity as celebrity adulation.

"Really, I couldn't care less that Ellen is coming out," a friend said. "I had a friend in college who struggled through coming-out, and he never got all this attention."

It's ironic, I suppose, that while these reactions were intended as displays of loyalty to gay friends (myself included), they hurt. From their perspective, Ellen got a national pat-on-the-back — a comfort they had felt powerless to provide when their gay friends, alone and afraid, had spoken to them with trepidation about their sexuality. But now, this gay friend — me — was left to defend the significance of the show.

My friends also cynically point

out that Ellen's coming-out has served to bolster the reputations of show's sponsors, which have less-than-clean records when it comes to gay issues.

I think the cultural clout of primetime television should call upon us, if only briefly, to silence our critical tongues and listen to those who believe they have something to gain from this event. The date of April 30, 1997, will be etched in my mind for many years to come.

The "Ellen" party at The Top of The Park, a hotel in Banker's Hill in San Diego, drew over 400 women and men. There were four televisions lined up in one large room. A local news station was taping in another room that held a wide-screen television.

Each of the 400 people in attendance would have to decide in which room to stand. That simple decision, of course, says a lot about the silence many people would have to take home with them at the end of the evening — even after Ellen had spoken out on primetime.

I'll never forget the face of Kyung Lah, the reporter from Channel 10, who came to The Top

of the Park to report on our party.

Curious about Kyung's perceptions as she sat waiting for the show to begin, I approached her to ask what she thought. We had a brief but touching conversation which, contrary to both of our expectations, had everything to do with what I, a lesbian, share with her, a straight, Asian news reporter.

After exchanging reflections on the gathering, I told her that I had a couple of straight, female, Asian friends who struggled with the dilemma of being both American and Asian. She had a white fiancée, she told me, and her family couldn't understand it.

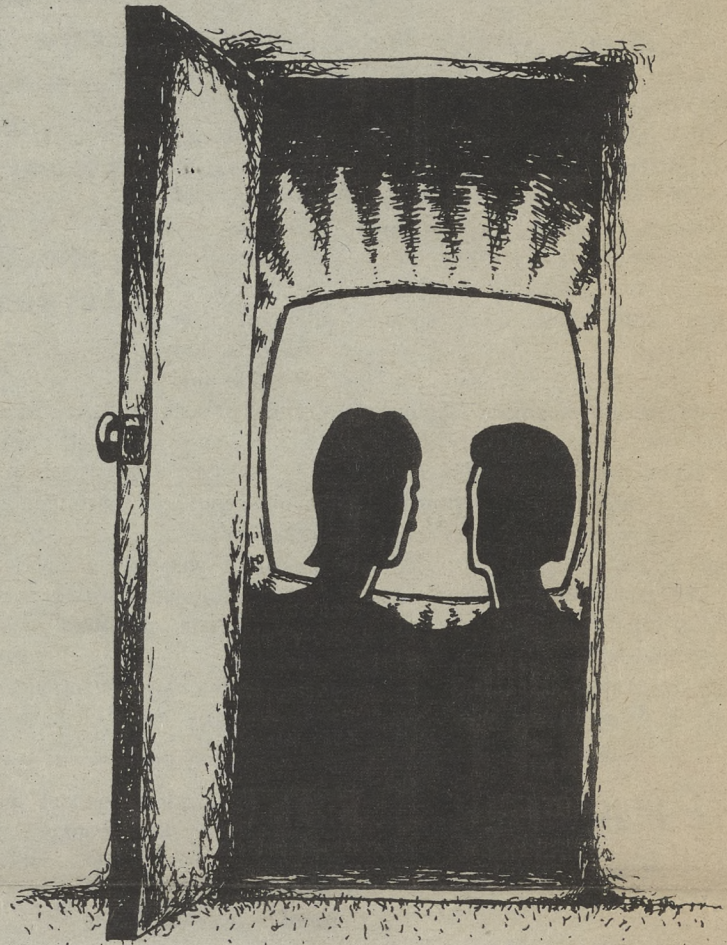
"You see," I said, "we both live in two worlds."

Later on, during a commercial break, I was caught off guard when Kyung approached me with microphone in hand.

"There's quite a gathering here tonight," she said. "What are your reflections on the evening?"

I looked beyond the cameraman to the noisy crowd. Raising my voice, I said, "Well, it's a great display of community; it's wonderful to see us all gathered

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Joe Angiulo/Guardian

**COMMENTARY:** Although the Constitution protects the right to bear arms, there is no denying that guns are very dangerous and seldom useful, and that their widespread distribution is very harmful to our society

## CONQUERING THE AMERICAN GUN CULTURE

By Simone Santini

Contributing Opinion Writer

Talking about gun control these days is getting dangerous. One is bound to make a lot of people unhappy if one advocates any substantial form of government control. Because many of these people own guns, this might result in a pretty unpleasant situation. I hope I will not incur the wrath of the aficionados of the Beretta, or fans of Smith &

Wesson, if I dare to say something about the issue.

Let's consider three questions: Is it socially desirable to enact some limits on the proliferation of guns? Is government control ethical? Would stricter gun control be effective?

There is no doubt that the proliferation of guns in America causes many problems. First, it causes accidents. Statistics show that the most likely victims of a

gun are its owner and the members of his or her family.

Even when a gun is pulled out in defense, the consequences often go beyond the original intentions. Consider, for instance, a shop owner who is being robbed and yields to the temptation of using a gun. The robber, who reacts by automatic reflex, will usually fire more quickly, transforming a robbery into a murder.

Scared and nervous robbers are much more dangerous than confident ones. The last thing one wants is a nervous guy with a gun. Even worse is a big, stupid, law-abiding citizen with a gun who, in a delicate and tense situation, suddenly decides to be a hero, usually getting six people killed and surviving to be interviewed live on the evening news.

A significant number of murders in the United States are committed during burglaries, hold-ups and petty crimes. Some of these crimes are probably a byproduct of the American fascination with firearms that inevitably extend to criminals. Even when firearms are used defensively, one can't get around the possibility that a criminal's

fear when confronting an armed victim makes a violent reaction more likely.

The question of whether government control is ethical raises a complex constitutional problem. Let me assume, for the moment, that the Second Amendment's guarantee of the right to bear arms did not exist. It is normal and commonly accepted that certain activities must be limited and/or regulated when they can cause danger to other people. For instance, one cannot drive a bus without the appropriate license.

In general, one is not allowed to do things that are dangerous (like blowing up a building) except in special circumstances (the building has to be demolished) and with special precautions and controls.

Guns are extremely dangerous and serve few socially constructive purposes. There is nothing wrong in allowing the possession of firearms under special circumstances. For instance, if one is a security guard or often carries valuables, carrying a gun would be appropriate. Only people who have received special training should be trusted with guns.

Unfortunately, the issue is

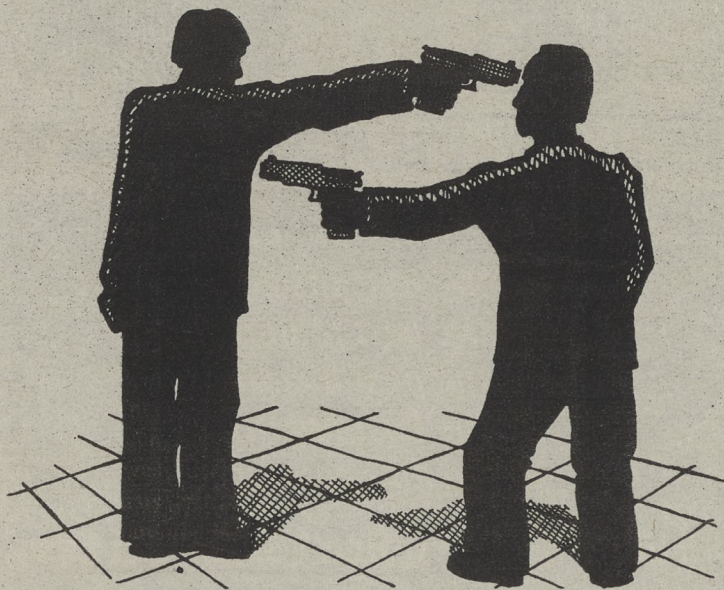
complicated by America's constitutional roots. The Second Amendment is part of the U.S. Constitution — a document that places the possession of guns on the same level as freedom of speech, press and association.

The right to bear arms cannot be compared with the freedoms articulated in the First Amendment. Freedom of speech is a fundamental concept of Western civilization. It is one of the few things that defines us as a culture. It is an important concept not only as a defense against the institution of an authoritarian government, but as a means of social growth.

The right to carry guns, by contrast, was derived from specific historical and social circumstances of the newly independent American colonies. No other country has such liberal laws for possession of weapons because no other country was formed in the same historical environment.

A revolution had just been won, and rapid expansion was beginning. Most of the colonists were escaping from less-than-idyllic situations within their former governments. Allowing peo-

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Joe Angiulo/Guardian



**COMMENTARY:** As the school year at UCSD draws to a close, the *Guardian's* very own Peter Chang, finally a graduating senior, has decided to leave a legacy to his friends, colleagues and compatriots

# LAST WILL OF GUARDIAN'S STARBOARD SALVO



**Peter CHANG**

Starboard Salvo

If your high school experience was anything like mine, the only bright spot in your final semester was the writing of senior wills, a tradition where those fortunate enough to escape the hell-hole bequeath on their fellow inmates a few tools of the trade that made the journey a bit more endurable. In the spirit of the times, I hereby offer my senior will.

**Friends...**

**Alan:** Congratulations on the publication of your book! You must send me an advance copy. I would be a poorer man if our paths had not crossed. I leave you my unpublished writings on libertarian politics and a plane ticket to Southern California when you find yourself with a free (ha!) week to travel.

**Alethia:** In a lifetime there comes a point when every man needs an undeserved second chance. Thank you for giving me mine. As I enter a world of uncertainty and change, I will never be afraid so long as I can always count you as an ally. I leave you an attaché large enough to hold all those files you will inevitably collect in this lifetime, and an ample supply of Tylenol. We can always meet in dreams.

**Alice "Navidad":** Well, we brought down the house at the karaoke bar in Taipei, didn't we? I leave you all my alternative lyrics to that Roxette song... I'll give you a call when I'm in Denmark again.

**Alison:** Well, what can I say? In a better world, we might have remained friends. To see people at their very best, we sometimes have to endure them at their very worst. I'm sorry you had to see so much of the latter without much of the former for counterbalance. I leave you my Alphaville CDs and a lifetime supply of cookies-and-cream ice cream.

**Alvin:** Good gravy, I've never met anyone who could lose money in a bear market *and* a bull market. Good thing you're a first-rate engineer — I do not think you would survive for long as a stockbroker. I leave you a prospectus from Vanguard Mutual and two words of free advice: index funds.

**Andrew:** You know, an attorney who fights for libertarian principles and the abolition of law



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is about as vocationally suicidal as, oh, a dentist who recommends his patients to brush their teeth every day. Think about it. I leave you a job at at Brown, Heller, Martin & MacLain, where you can be a good corporate drone and live on 80-hour weeks for five years.

**Anthony:** Well, it's been quite a ride, hasn't it? From A-house in Tenaya Hall to grad school, it's been good to know you're always there when I need a hand. "A friend in need, is no friend of mine..." I leave you a job as an ISO 9000 consultant, so you, too, can do nothing all day and get paid gobs of money.

**Daniel:** You're a rebellious crank in an ocean of homogeneity and you've paid your dues for that distinction, haven't you? What can I give the most eclectic human mind I know? Mahaps some Dennis McKiernan novels? I leave you my time-warping device to squeeze 32 hours into each day and a personal secretary to manage your insane schedule. Oh, and I might as well throw in a copy of Monty Python, eh?

**Owen:** Good to see you enter the world of

work. I leave you my copy of Wing Commander III (since it seems to be on eternal loan since last year) and a woman with the looks of Josie Bisset, the body of Elle McPherson and an unquenchable lust for tall, thin guys with nose rings.

**Siu Ming:** Funny, isn't it, how things turn out the way they do? The forces of yuen work in surprising ways, and nothing is more surprising than the places the people we meet lead us. I leave you my Andy Lau CDs (since it looks like you're never giving them back), a stack of prepaid parking tickets (for those unplanned emergencies) and the best of all wishes in the years and months ahead.

**...Romans...**

For good or for ill, I have burned much of my college time here with the trained monkeys at the *Guardian*. To the hardest-working, most talented, dedicated and underpaid crew I have had the pleasure to work with...

**Chris "Tell me that's not ice in that beer...":** I leave you keys to your own micro-brewery, so you don't need to wait until *after* work to get plastered, and a "Get out of Detox Free Card" for obvious reasons.

**John "I'd rather go blind doing something else":** I leave you venture capital to start your investment magazine *Legal Tender* and a war chest large enough to fight off all your inevitable enemies.

**Yakov "Photo Pimp":** I leave you a job as See **LEGACY**, Page 6

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## DISAGREE: It's still all right to criticize the president

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decades — part of it tort-related, the other part having to do with the enormous expansion of government regulatory power — has increased the opportunity for lawyers and judges to manipulate law for their own political purposes.

Perhaps modern American law is too influenced by politics, but it need not be this way. Indeed, the ideal of the rule of law needs to be given more respect by society. We shouldn't be electing judges based on how we think they will decide certain cases. We should elect them based on their qualifications and on their willingness to swear an oath to uphold the law rather than their own political biases. (Are you listening, Judge Thelton Henderson?) We need to stop confusing legal

prosecution with political persecution.

So how does President Clinton figure in all this? Clinton likes to pretend that Whitewater has been trumped-up by the media, and that Independent Counsel Ken Starr's investigation is a partisan sham. For Clinton, it is Starr who is abusing the ideal of the rule of law by using his position to further his own partisan interests. (Some say he's trying to maneuver for a position on the Supreme Court.)

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Republican party didn't pick Starr as independent counsel; a panel of federal judges did.

Starr has had an extraordinary legal career. He has served as Solicitor General, the federal government's chief advocate before the Supreme Court — and a position not too far down the chain of command from the attorney general. He worked as a federal appel-

**By all accounts, Starr is a respected member of the legal profession. Clinton's denunciations of him as a partisan attack dog are way off the mark.**

late judge for the District of Columbia circuit during the 1980s. He is also a partner in the law firm of Chicago-based Kirkland and Ellis, whose Washington, D.C., practice he had a very substantial role in building.

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Starr takes his job very seriously. He has stated that his goal for the Office of Independent Counsel

(OIC) is to create "a microcosm of the Justice Department," staffed by career prosecutors who are both Democrats and Republicans. Shortly after his announcement earlier this year that he intended to leave the investigation by Aug. 1 (a decision he later came to regret and was forced to rescind), Starr asserted that the OIC was not "Ken's shop" but a "law shop."

Starr believes deeply that law can, and should, be apolitical. He didn't view himself as a political figure when he made this statement — and rightly so. Starr knows that his job is to prosecute people based on evidence of illegal activity, and nothing more.

I'm not blaming President Clinton for resenting Starr's investigation. Clinton might be entirely innocent of any wrongdoing; any one of us who was under investigation for crimes we did not commit would be equally resentful. However, it's quite another thing

for Clinton to denounce Starr as just a Republican hatchet man.

I hope I've been successful at disagreeing with President Clinton without being disagreeable, because I'm looking forward to hearing what he has to say on June 14. I'm sure he'll say nothing about Whitewater, the Democratic National Committee fundraising scandal or any other scandal/controversy. All of us graduates will applaud and be glad he was here.

As for my parents, well, I'll offer them this stern warning on the morning of June 14: "Don't you dare embarrass me by heckling Bubba during his speech!"

Nate Pietila, who is looking forward to working for Independent Counsel Ken Starr when he graduates from law school in three years, is anxious for accolades and praise from his many fans. He can be reached at [npietila@ucsd.edu](mailto:npietila@ucsd.edu).

## LEGACY: A will for students, family and friends

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head photographer for *National Geographic*, a Ducati 888 motorcycle and season passes to the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Terry "News Tyrant": The *Guardian* will be in good hands with you at the helm. I leave you a crop of young, talented writers for next year and a posh job at Reuters after you graduate. So who's Guido, anyways?

Nate "No quotes at the beginning of columns, dammit!": I leave

you six copies of *Bartlett's Book of Familiar Quotations*. Now how about that raise?

Farsam "Missing in Action": Where did you disappear off to this year? I do expect to see you publish again next year. I will you all the best at IHS this year.

...and Countrymen

Mom and Pop: I know, I know. I've been promising I was going to graduate "next quarter" for quite some time now. Well, it was bound to come true one of these days. I leave you my diploma so you can send it back to Taiwan and stop hanging your heads in shame in front of grandma and everyone else.

**To see people at their very best, we sometimes have to endure them at their very worst.**

Allen: To my brother-in-arms and fellow Tiberium junkie — it figures that two bull-headed, strong-willed individuals would get stuck together in the same household. It's probably a good thing that we are as far apart in age as we are; if we were any closer, chances are one of us would have probably murdered the other in his sleep. As you already know, Asian

parents are notorious for being incredibly stingy when it comes to dishing out praise and encouragement (for fear that it would get to their kids' heads). Well, I operate under no such constraint: You're a talented and ambitious young man who has gotten a lot further than I did at your age, and you will go further, provided you keep your focus. Your *daigo* is very, very proud of you. I leave you my writing skills so you can stop stealing stuff from my columns for your rhetorical flourishes in your debate scripts, and my clearly superior S.A.T. scores.

Finally, to all the countless people who have sent encouraging e-

mail and letters — my deepest thanks. Working in the world of ideas has given me license to explore ideas in a public arena — not always the easiest task. Special thanks for those who have taken me to task when I was wrong (you know who you are) — I leave you my job here at the *Guardian*. We're still looking for a new rabid right-wing loud-mouth to fill the space I will vacate.

Peter Chang is a graduating senior at UC San Diego. After a summer of academic research, he will head off to Wall Street and become a capitalist pig. He can still be reached via e-mail at [pchang@weber.ucsd.edu](mailto:pchang@weber.ucsd.edu).



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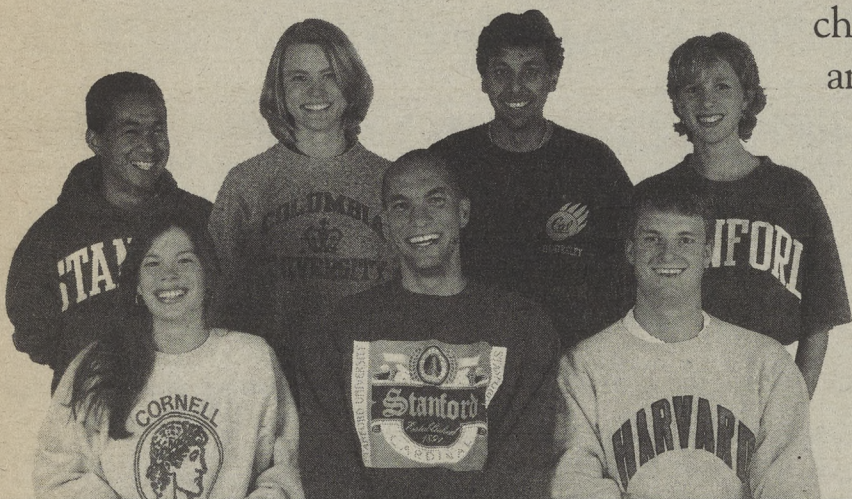
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# UNIONS HELP BALANCE COMPETING INTERESTS

## Editor:

Nature is a balance of conflicting interests. One such conflict solved by nature is the balance between individual rights and the general welfare. History has convincingly demonstrated that collections of individuals are an amazingly effective solution to this trade-off problem.

In the specific instance of worker rights vs. business welfare, unions have demonstrated many times their efficiency in protecting worker rights. How? First, business welfare, while it may include worker rights, is often at odds with these rights. Businesses want to use workers to make money.

Second, and more importantly, a business is by definition a collection. As such, a business can utilize a pool of resources toward a common goal. On the other hand, a worker is by definition an individual. To effectively make individual needs known to a business, a collection of workers is necessary.

Recently, we have experienced this conflict in the form of TA rights vs. university welfare. Are unions an effective solution to the trade-off problem in this instance? The answer to this question is not quite as simple as in the case of the preceding paragraph.

The reason our particular situation is so complex is that the business we are involved in is education. The university administration, in deciding the best policies, weighs many conflicting factors; three factors are the monetary well-being of the university, quality of education and TA rights. That is, the university must balance these three conflicting goals in any decision it makes.

If the university endangers its monetary well-being, who suffers? Most likely the administrators will lose their jobs, and newly hired administrators will hopefully bring back up the monetary well-being.

If the university endangers the quality of education, who suffers? Most likely the same scenario will occur.

If the university tramples over TA rights, who suffers? In this circumstance, the administrators will almost certainly not lose their jobs. Only the TAs suffer. This is exactly where a collection of TAs can be useful.

Does a collection of TAs function similarly to a university, which is itself a collection? Yes. That is, a collection of TAs, in helping the administrators to decide the best policies, will weigh many factors. Contrary to



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common belief (see Nate Pietila in his May 8 commentary, "Grad-Student Union Would Be Disastrous"), TAs are not wholly self-serving. TAs, just like the university, consider many conflicting goals, only two of which are wages and working conditions.

Nick Mitchell

## Thanks for Running Lesbian-Mom Article

### Editor:

I am very glad to see that the May 12 issue of the *Guardian* contained three articles on gay-related topics. I was especially impressed with the Spotlights section featuring the lesbian mother. Not many people understand the plight of single mothers, especially those who are lesbians. There are many lesbian mothers in our community, and they seem to get lost in the brouhaha of the gay-rights controversy. One woman's story helps everyone understand a little bit about the gay community.

Though everyone's story is different, there is a common denominator that every lesbian and gay person faces — homophobia. No matter where we are, we always have to think twice about our actions, whether they are classified as "gay" behavior or not. We do not have the luxury of living a hassle-free life, where we just live without wondering whether we will receive negative responses to our actions.

There are many lesbian mothers and gay fathers who are deeply

appreciative of Grace Jang's article on this subject. Jang has helped increase awareness in a time when many children are taken away from one of their parents because that person happens to be gay or lesbian. There are convicted murderers out there who are receiving full custody of children because the state feels that a convicted murderer could provide a better home for a child than a loving person who just happens to be lesbian or gay. It is preposterous to hear that such things happen, especially today.

I am very sorry to hear that this article was Jang's last article for the *Guardian*. There needs to be more writers like Jang, who have the courage and intelligence to bring these important issues out in the open in a positive and responsible fashion. She has truly enriched the quality of the newspaper and the lives of those persons who have read her articles.

What makes a family is not DNA, but love.

Robert Nguyen

*Editor's Note: To the best of our knowledge, Grace Jang will still be contributing articles to the Guardian next year.*

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**Lindsay Harris**  
Co-Associate Hiatus Editor

## Parking Blues

Parking at UCSD — I'm not sure such a phenomenon truly exists. I can directly attribute a large portion of the frustration and anxiety that I experience on a daily basis to my attempts at parking my car in what transportation services claims is still "on" campus (despite the fact that an entire shuttle system is firmly in place to transport students to and from such remote locations). Go figure. This is clearly a case of nothing less than pure, sweet parking lot hell.

During the three years I have been a student at this academic institution, the parking situation has served as a source of constant and unnecessary stress, not to mention temporary insanity.

The horror begins to take shape as hundreds of dollars are handed over to obtain a mandatory parking permit, which guarantees... well, to be completely honest, absolutely nothing.

Then the occasion arises when I decide I would like to attend one of my lectures. I end up conning myself into believing that if I leave a good 45 minutes to an hour before my class is scheduled to begin, I might be rewarded for my motivation with a parking spot — which is almost as far away from campus as my off-campus apartment. Of course, this is merely a figment of my imagination.

The reality of parking lot purgatory can be appropriately equated with the mad-capped slapstick found in scenes of "National Lampoon's European Vacation." Clark W. Griswold verges on delirium as he signals to change lanes, but just "can't get left." His family must witness his mental stability lapse, as he is instead forced to drive around and around the same turnabout, maniacally exclaiming, "Look kids, Big Ben, Parliament!"

Much of the same pathos comes into play each and every time I come to campus. I just can't get a damn space! I drive up and down one row, and then up and down another and then another. I occasionally fall victim to those cars that pull up just far enough forward so that it looks like an available space when, of course, there is no such luck. At this point, my sanity is about to be pushed overboard. I find myself ready to shout "Look kids, medical center, Triton field!"

I begin plotting the demise of any prospective parking opportunities that my fellow students may have in mind. It is clearly no longer a polite game. Instead, finding somewhere — anywhere — to park has become my mission. The simple task of parking one's car has been elevated to the complexity of national-security issues.

On top of this realization, I also delightfully discover that I am already more than 15 minutes late to my class.

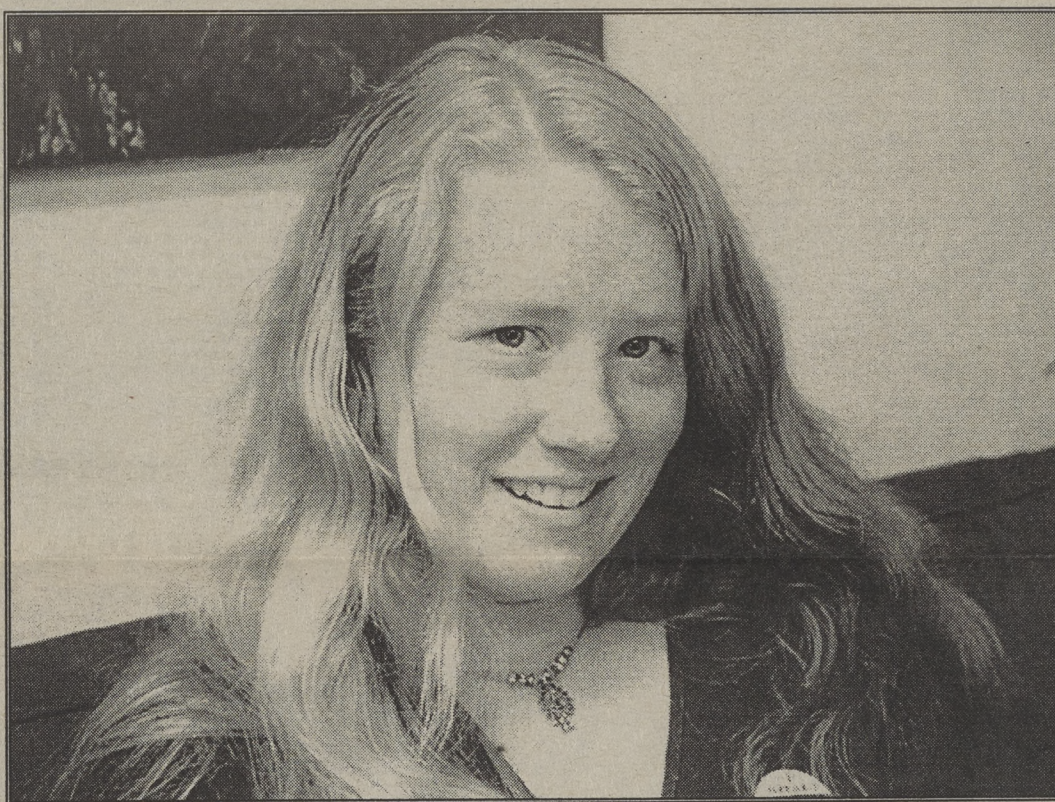
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# SPOTLIGHTS

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# A JOB WELL DONE

*Passion for issues, respect for fellow UCSD students and dedication to the campus first drove Marshall senior Coleen Sabatini to run for the 1996-1997 A.S. Presidency. Upon graduation, Sabatini hopes to continue her efforts on behalf of women and people of color outside the college community.*



Zaki Rubenstein/Guardian

"My problem is I am passionate about too many issues," UCSD's 1996-1997 A.S. President Coleen Sabatini said. "I am kind of like a freak. I'm out of state, science-oriented — not usually what you see in A.S."

#### Passing the Torch

After passing her title on to Souley Diallo during fifth week, Sabatini had more time to pursue her numerous other interests and enjoy a little time off. However, Sabatini says her schedule is as hectic as ever; the past two weeks have not given her much time to reflect.

"I am still in that recovery/transition period so I haven't necessarily had as much time to reflect on this past year as I'd like to," Sabatini said. "I could probably answer that question better in two months."

Sabatini says she is trying to break her habit of relegating her time and energy, as she has done all year.

"It's hard for me right now in general to pass things on," she said. "I'm not in the habit of leaving things unfinished. I do genuinely care about UCSD and the students here, so it's hard for me to walk away when I see

things that need to be done."

#### Not Your Regular 9 - 5

It is that respect and affection for her fellow students that has guided Sabatini through the ups and downs of the past year.

"It really meant a lot to me that people approached me about running and wanted me to be their representative," she said. "I decided to run because I thought my experience, commitment and dedication could be effective in the position of A.S. president."

"But, when it got a little overwhelming at times, I would kind of sit down and remind myself of the students, specifically the ones that really inspired you to run. You're here for a year, and you have to put as much into it as you possibly can in that one year time, and fight the good fight."

However, the duties of her office demanded almost all of Sabatini's time and energy.

"I dedicated a tremendous amount of time to A.S. over the past year, working 40-50 hours up in A.S. and at the same time being a full-time student," Sabatini said. "On the personal side of things, I definitely sacrificed my personal time, my

social time with my friends and I guess that since this is my last year, I have some regrets about that, but I wanted to do a good job as president, so I put everything I had into the position."

"A.S. became my number one priority, academics a close second, and everything else kind of took the back seat for the rest of the year — and personally, I don't think that was a healthy prioritization. I'd sleep on four hours a night to get all this stuff done, but I was able to maintain my sanity."

Sabatini's personable leadership style allowed her to keep both her personal and collective A.S. goals in focus. One of her definitive priorities was in making A.S. available to everyone, in the attempt to address all students' needs and concerns.

"I came from more the grass roots activism side of things, and I think that we really tried to make A.S. a more welcoming environment, professional, but not bureaucratic," Sabatini said. "It was very open and friendly, yet efficient and I think that that is a balance that needs to be made — people need to be able

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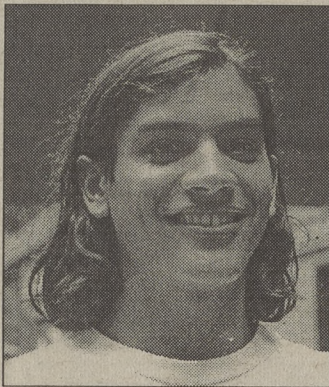
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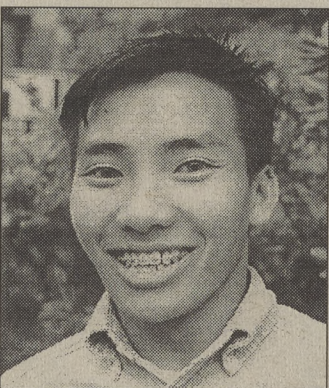
## How did you make "Sun God" memorable?

Interviews by Grace Jang  
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It was awesome to see my good friends, Clyde's Ride, rocking out on stage. I had a really awesome time just hanging out with my friends — it's going to be the last year that they're here. We were doing gymnastics on the lawn. I just can't land my front hand-springs.

**Peter Nanawa**  
Revelle Senior



I was dancing in drag for four hours. I was wearing seven-inch metal heels, a short, silver, shiny skirt and a PVC jacket. I was just dancing away and entertaining everyone that was walking by. I was dripping sweat all over the place. That was my best Sun God ever.

**Dan Hoang**  
Warren Junior



Nothing. It kind of sucked.

**Brian Lin**  
Revelle Freshman



I really didn't do anything. I walked around and looked at cross-dressers and then I went home and then took a nap.

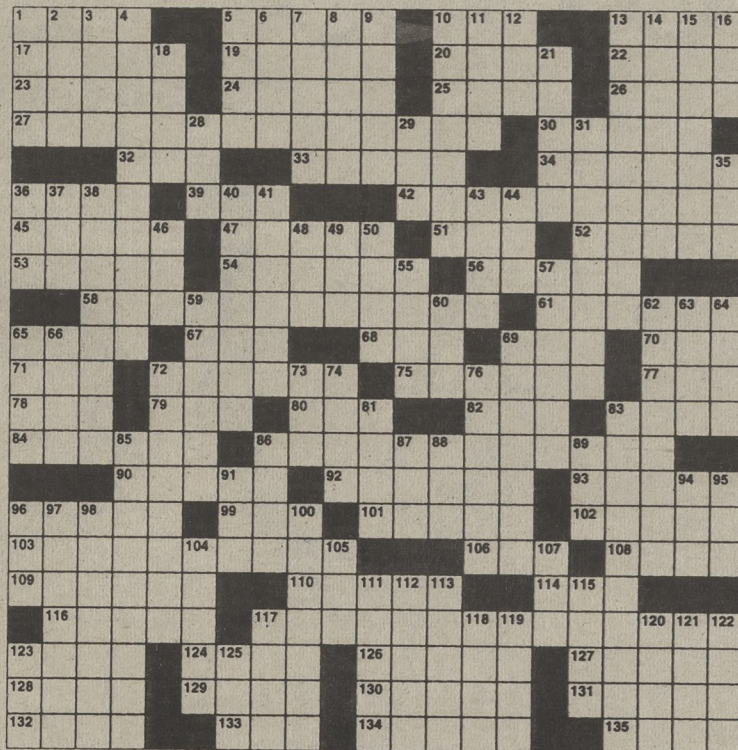
**Amy Garvin**  
Muir Freshman



I had a really good time. I worked at a booth this year and the experience was different. It was a lot better to be on the RIMAC field, because last year it was really squished by the Price Center. This year you got to kick back on the grass, lay down, watch the bands.

**Cori Ritter**  
Muir Sophomore

# Crossword Puzzle



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- 15 Famous
- 16 Flow out
- 18 Betty and Buntline
- 21 German city
- 28 Bank machine letters
- 29 Pair
- 31 Strains
- 35 Ames and Asner
- 36 Rep.
- 37 Bikini part
- 38 Catalogue items
- 40 Celestial bodies
- 41 Hen or pig
- 43 Scottish Gaelic
- 44 Chart
- 46 Lair
- 48 One way to stand
- 49 "\_\_\_ in the bag!"
- 50 Musical instrument
- 55 Cuddly
- 57 Stage productions
- 59 Band member
- 60 Map abbr.
- 62 Able to conform
- 63 Nick's other half
- 64 Red or roe
- 65 Formerly, once
- 66 Hawaiian feast
- 69 Know in advance
- 72 Some ovules
- 73 Morning moisture
- 74 Pack
- 76 Most accommodating
- 81 Ready for business
- 83 Pistol
- 85 Much of our world
- 86 Factual
- 87 Words of commitment
- 88 Alter \_\_\_
- 89 Former Mideast org.
- 91 Secret of seer's success?
- 94 Simian
- 95 Psychedelic drug
- 96 Norm: abbr.
- 97 Prickly plant
- 98 Consistently inconsistent
- 100 Rested
- 104 Artfully
- 105 Joanne of the screen
- 107 Fon du \_\_\_
- 111 Miscue
- 112 Location
- 113 Actress Berger
- 115 Quantity of tobacco
- 117 Do office work
- 118 Culture medium
- 119 G-men
- 120 Climbing plant
- 121 NC college
- 122 Paruse
- 123 Have a meal
- 125 Plant spike

### ACROSS

- 1 Moiety
- 5 1966 Nobelist in literature
- 10 Pull or borzoi
- 13 Rapier's cousin
- 17 Actor Delon
- 19 Spring bloomer
- 20 Middle East chieftain
- 22 Metrical foot
- 23 Relinquish a claim
- 24 Coeur d'
- 25 Wise men from the East
- 26 Fluidly flippant
- 27 Quickly passing fancy
- 30 Allen or Frome
- 32 Regular visitor to JFK
- 33 Original position
- 34 Sofa
- 36 A willing partner?
- 39 Food additive
- 42 Remarkable musician?
- 45 'Make a pint'
- 47 Learner
- 51 Baseball stat.
- 52 Cures
- 54 A break in the action
- 56 Be too good to
- 58 Relic of the good old days
- 61 Lodz land
- 65 Wallace and Whitney
- 67 Galena or ochre
- 68 Salamander
- 69 Marsh
- 70 Forest creature
- 71 Try for office
- 72 Mountain nymphs
- 75 Domingo et al.
- 77 Exists
- 78 Lose firmness
- 79 November winners
- 80 DDE's command
- 82 A Gershwin
- 83 Train for a bout
- 84 Altercation
- 86 White-collar wear?
- 90 Organic compound
- 92 Triangular pieces
- 93 Of a central line
- 96 Allen or Martin
- 99 Big \_\_, CA
- 101 Lasso
- 102 Invitation replies, informally
- 103 Type of bicycle
- 106 \_\_\_ Aviv
- 108 Pay attention
- 109 Full-skirted dress
- 110 Gets ready, briefly
- 114 NGO's address
- 116 Brash
- 117 Lucky discovery?
- 123 Kitchen addition
- 124 Garlands
- 126 Gamut
- 127 Convenient
- 128 Inter \_\_\_
- 129 Eli's place
- 130 Group of eight
- 131 Kind of salami
- 132 Sleuths, for short
- 133 Blushing
- 134 Raises
- 135 Tear

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## PARKING: Trying to find a space is irritating

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What did I do to deserve this? Better yet, what am I to do now? I am not in the proper state of mind to make rational, sane choices. I do know that I am tired, frustrated, angry and even a bit delusional.

Determined to continue my search, I suddenly see my parking grievances manifested in the desperate actions of another UCSD student. It seems that she, too, refuses to go down as yet another casualty of UCSD's parking lot hell.

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I definitely applaud the bold actions taken to protest the intolerable parking situation at UCSD. Maybe more students, including myself, would be present in lecture and a lot less neurotic if they could "just get left" and find an open parking spot!

*Lindsay Harris, who once attempted to drive off with a boot attached to her car, hopes to someday own her own parking lot. In the meantime, however, Lindsay is, has mastered the art of stealing parking spaces from her fellow Guardian staffers. She has also submitted an application to be an A.S. parking attendant.*

Lindsay can be reached at [lbharris@ucsd.edu](mailto:lbharris@ucsd.edu) if you are interested in the latest update of her parking endeavors.

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# THE CORPS: Alumnus tells of numerous benefits

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Peace Corps works values the wisdom of elders, says Soto. Retired individuals and retired teachers also contribute to the efforts of the Peace Corps.

Recruitment takes place on a year-round basis. Background experience in community service, tutoring, the demonstration of leadership skills and knowledge of a second language are all attributes that are looked upon favorably by admissions committees.

However, if a PCV is lacking a particular skill, efforts are made during the three-month orientation to bring those individuals up to par.

Aside from the career opportunities that result from the PCV experience, many volunteers claim

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When faced with the conditions of third-world countries or when fighting to establish projects, PCVs typically come to realize what they value most in life and in which fields they would like to work.

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While the people in Benin do not have the luxuries of American society, the life that they lead is one of simplicity and harmony, Robinson said.

The generosity with which they always treated Robinson led him to think, "What are we doing wrong?"

Robinson is now pursuing a graduate degree in Southeast Asian Comparative Policy and Vietnamese language.

Those interested in receiving an application or more information can contact the Peace Corps at 1-800-424-8580.

# LGBA: Organization strives for "awareness"

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reads from *So, You Want To Be A Lesbian...* by Liz Tracey.

"This book is a parody," Nguyen said. "It appeals to women, and we want to increase our female population. Right now LGBA has a lot of male members, and we feel that our job as principle members is to bring in more people to the meetings. We watch what makes more people come, and try to do what it takes to increase attendance."

### Upcoming Events

The LGBA will have a booth at the Sun God Festival to provide information and to sell T-shirts with the UCSD logo against a rainbow background.

"These shirts aren't designed just for gay members," said Nguyen. "They are designed for anyone who wants to promote awareness and understanding. Gay-friendly people who are straight but not narrow, can wear these shirts to support us," said Nguyen.

A dance open to all students is scheduled for May 17.

"Historically our dance is the most heavily-attended free dance of all the student organizations," said Maze.

The LGBA office is located directly above Soft Reserves at the Old Student Center. Office hours vary, but members try to keep the door open during "peak hours" for those needing help or support.

Meetings are held at the Graduate Student Association Center every Monday at 7 p.m. Psychological and Counseling Services (P&CS) also sponsors workshops for gay and bisexual graduate and undergraduate males.

"It's a very welcoming environment where guys can ask questions and discuss issues in a safe supportive and confidential environment," said Maze, who works at P&CS.

A lesbian and bisexual women's group meets every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Old Student Center Conference Room One. Those interested can visit the LGBA's web page at (<http://sdcc13.ucsd.edu/~ucsdlg-ba>.)

# SOAPBOX: Spare your friends the humiliation

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the horrible event is replayed over and over again in his mind. How much easier it would have been if someone would have uttered the simple words, "Zip up your pants, button your skirt, pull down your shirt, blow your nose..." Even a subtle hand gesture indicating the source of the PES would have sufficed.

According to some religious practices, to humiliate someone is to kill him. How valiant an act it would be, if by setting aside a naturally uncomfortable reaction, one would save another person a lifetime of shame.

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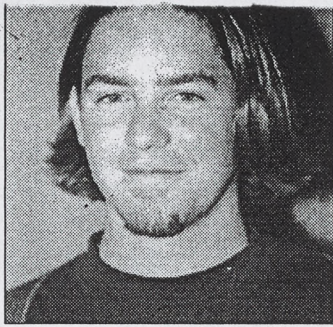
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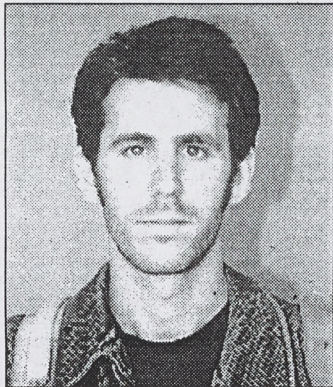






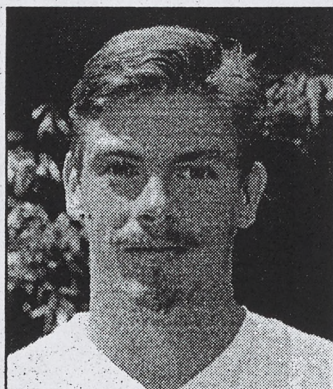
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## LGBA: UCSD is one of last UCs to fund center

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Members feel that this is a sign of lack of support from the university.

"Because of the price, the money for a center would have to come from the university," said Nguyen. "It's a matter of UCSD catching up with the times."

### The Meetings

LGBA meetings are comprised of introductions, jokes and discussions of issues concerning UCSD students.

Nguyen, the LGBA's "honorary lesbian," runs workshops for lesbians during meeting hours.

In these informal sessions, he  
**See LGBA, Page 23**

128 Capitalistic grad.  
129 Scottish headgear  
130 On the — (fleeing)

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# "Coming Out" Impeded

*In the midst of burgeoning public awareness of homosexuality, UCSD's LGBA continues to struggle for recognition and funding*

By Jessica Scheppmann  
Guardian Reporter

For many members of UCSD's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association (LGBA), the "coming out" episode on "Ellen" was more than a show that revealed what everyone already knew about Ellen DeGeneres. It was a chance to relive their own experiences as a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

LGBA members said that, despite the social stigmatization of those individuals who publicize their sexuality, DeGeneres' coming out was a positive move to raise the issue of lesbianism in the media.

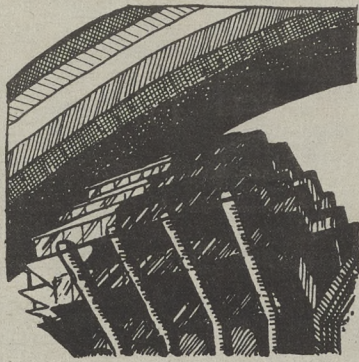
"It's very positive to have a mainstream portrayal of a lesbian," said LGBA principle member Rebecca Lee. "You rarely see them portrayed positively. Sexuality itself is taboo. The gay community doesn't have a lot of role models in the media today. Often times gay characters are portrayed as deviants or antisocial outcasts. It helps teenagers coming to terms with their sexuality to see a main character in a show played by a lesbian."

When Robert Nguyen, another of LGBA's four principle members, asked those attending last week's meeting where they were when Ellen publicly came out, answers ranged from, "I was at work," to "I was at my own coming-out party where my previously homophobic friend made rainbow-frosted cupcakes."

**About the organization**

For almost 20 years, UCSD's lesbian and gay community has had a place to turn for both social acceptance and educational support. First established on November 17, 1977, LGBA strives to "educate, unite, promote awareness of gay issues, and to provide a safe environment and a voice for homosexuals on campus," said principle member John Maze.

Comprised of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and "gay-



**LGBA emphasizes that it not only supports homosexuals... but that it provides a non-sexist environment as well.**

friendly" heterosexuals, LGBA has over 100 people on its roster.

LGBA members emphasize that they not only support homosexuals in their life-styles, but that the LGBA provides a non-sexist environment as well.

"Our group attracts everyone," said Nguyen. "We have men, women, transgender, all races and all socioeconomic backgrounds. We try to provide a non-sexist environment for anyone who wants to get involved, or provide or receive support."

LGBA members try to raise the visibility of homosexual issues to increase the awareness of the public. During Gay Awareness Week last week, the LGBA sponsored a series of seminars on such issues as: safe sex; children's education; bisexuality; same-sex marriages; gay parents; lesbian sex; sado-masochism (S&M) and gays in the media.

According to Nguyen, Gay Awareness Week was not held to promote homosexuality, but to increase awareness of gay issues and to promote acceptance between gay and heterosexual students.

Although the LGBA does not

promote the idea of a hierarchy, Nguyen, Maze, Lee and Gabby Fregoso are considered "principle members," Nguyen said. Principle members serve the same functions as officers in other campus organizations, running meetings, maintaining finances, organizing social events and working as liaisons between members and the university.

According to Nguyen, these members strive to make sure that people feel comfortable with their sexuality and "just being themselves at the meetings."

"Basically principle members just sign off official documents," he said. "Lesbians and gays need a peer to talk to and we don't feel that having a strict hierarchy does that. Principle membership is just a way to get more involved."

**Striving for Recognition**

Student organizations on campus, currently subsidized by the A.S., were requested to submit budget proposals for the upcoming fall quarter. After the initial budget proposal, each organization schedules a meeting to discuss the appropriations.

According to Arzo Mansury, former A.S. campus organizing director, the reward for submitting an early budget request has traditionally been an earlier appointment.

According to Nguyen, although the LGBA was told it was the third of almost 200 organizations on campus to submit the budget proposal early, LGBA received the last appointment available at 10:50 p.m. on Thurs., May 8.

"If you don't think discrimination happens, look at the way the A.S. puts together the budget," said Maze. "There are heavy inconsistencies between the various clubs. We were one of the first to turn in our budget, but we received the very last appointment."

In addition to budget disputes, the LGBA is also attempting to See **LGBA**, Page 20

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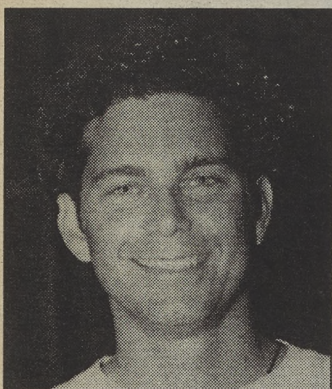
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Interviews by Grace Jang  
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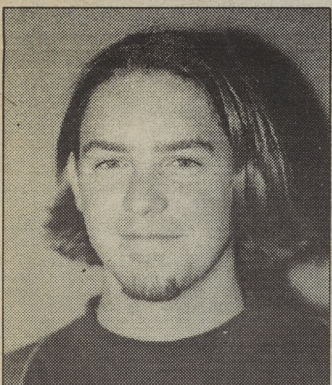
**Sharon Fawcett**  
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The TAs are definitely underpaid. But the effect of the strike isn't very strong because there aren't enough people mobilized, so it doesn't make much of an impression on the students. If the reason they were striking was [better publicized], the cause would be more effective.



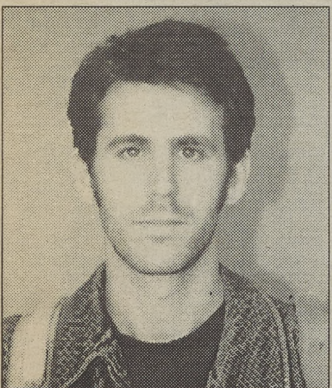
**Justin Moresco**  
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I'm unaware of both sides. I know the flyers say "Support the TAs" but it doesn't really discuss why we should support them. I don't really understand why the regents don't want them to unionize. I'm sure both sides have good reasons but I can't really take a side.



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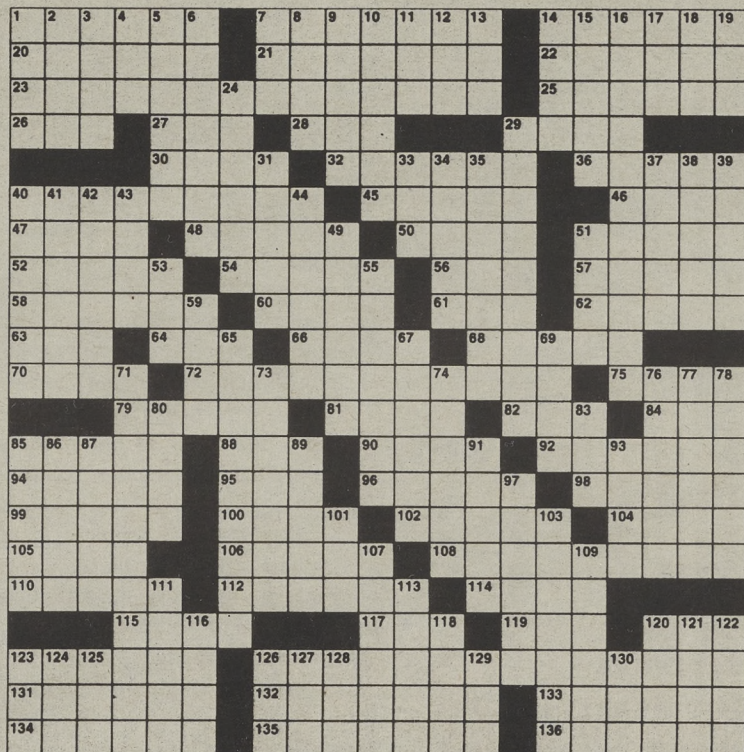
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# Crossword Puzzle



### DOWN

- 1 Computer devices
- 2 Biblical prophet
- 3 Discharge
- 4 Carmelite, for example
- 5 Bouquets
- 6 In reality
- 7 Deciduous tree
- 8 Desideratum
- 9 Challenged
- 10 Breakfast dish
- 11 Through
- 12 Kind of wing
- 13 Sign of dreaming
- 14 It has a lakeside capital
- 15 Powerful personage
- 16 Disused capital?
- 17 Clumsy oaf
- 18 Capital VIP: abbr.
- 19 Caboodles's partner
- 24 Steps
- 29 More fibrous
- 31 Sketches
- 33 Crony
- 34 Sect
- 35 Echo
- 37 Hines and Warren
- 38 Cropped up
- 39 Nutrient regimens
- 40 Back-road
- 41 Gorge
- 42 Kampala is its capital
- 43 Opera voice
- 44 Archimedes' exclamation?
- 49 Mushrooms
- 51 Donne's "It tolls for —"
- 53 Young child
- 55 Nocturnal hunter
- 59 Sudan's capital is beside it
- 65 Upright swimmers
- 67 Wobble
- 69 Pluck
- 71 Tainted capital
- 73 Icy
- 74 Mother-of-pearl pieces
- 76 Handsome youth
- 77 Laments
- 78 Breeds
- 80 Stains
- 83 Sound from the fold
- 85 Takes time off
- 86 Hello in Hilo
- 87 Flower site at times
- 89 Condition
- 91 Hot and sticky
- 93 Hint
- 97 That is to say
- 101 Bulgarian coin
- 103 Sliced down with oil
- 107 Indicator of filament fineness
- 109 Ignatius of —
- 111 Wear away
- 113 Rio —, Brazil
- 116 Mythical monster word
- 118 Columbus is its capital
- 120 Inter —
- 121 Gunshot sound
- 122 Canadian Indian
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- 124 Be delinquent
- 125 — ammoniac
- 126 Model Carol
- 127 Tell a tale
- 128 Capitalistic grad.
- 129 Scottish headgear
- 130 On the — (fleeing)

### ACROSS

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Dionysian cultist               | 58 Supreme Court Justice           | 102 Make new surveys                  |
| 7 Massachusetts town              | 60 Vaccines                        | 104 — Bator (Mongolian capital)       |
| 14 Reveal the truth about         | 61 Enfold                          | 105 — also serve who only... (Milton) |
| 20 Wall up                        | 62 Slackens                        | 106 Quenched                          |
| 21 Nautical distance              | 63 It may be tight                 | 108 Capital                           |
| 22 Taiwan's capital               | 64 "— a consummation devoutly..."  | 110 Rouen room                        |
| 23 A nation's capital             | 66 Region of England               | 112 Pilskin set                       |
| 25 Away                           | 68 Niamey is its capital           | 114 Sample, of a kind                 |
| 26 Founded: abbr.                 | 70 Sheet                           | 115 Coffee receptacles                |
| 27 Blemish                        | 72 Kind of capital                 | 117 Modern: pref.                     |
| 28 Its capital is Dover: abbr.    | 75 Small amounts                   | 119 Place                             |
| 29 Loafer                         | 79 Paragon                         | 120 Network letters                   |
| 30 Hotshots                       | 81 Mets' stadium                   | 123 Pistol                            |
| 32 Set off                        | 82 Rag                             | 126 Capital symbol (with "the")       |
| 36 Capital, so to speak           | 84 Ebullience                      | 131 Prizes                            |
| 40 Capital, of a kind             | 85 Make a comeback                 | 132 Monrovia is its capital           |
| 45 Less unruly                    | 88 "Every dog — ..."               | 133 Seinfeld role                     |
| 46 Eastern wrap                   | 90 Score                           | 134 Free-for-all                      |
| 47 Indian melodic motif           | 92 City near Seattle               | 135 Light fare eatery                 |
| 48 Lingering disgrace             | 94 Evoke cheer                     | 136 Mar                               |
| 50 Virna of film                  | 95 Calendar abbr.                  |                                       |
| 51 Pang                           | 96 Summer TV fare                  |                                       |
| 52 Stop, to a sea dog             | 98 Permit                          |                                       |
| 54 Sharpen                        | 99 Plebes of last yr.              |                                       |
| 56 One's sister's nephew, perhaps | 100 Middle Eastern kind of capital |                                       |
| 57 "The Planets" composer         |                                    |                                       |

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"Because of the price, the money for a center would have to come from the university," said Nguyen. "It's a matter of UCSD catching up with the times."

### The Meetings

LGBA meetings are comprised of introductions, jokes and discussions of issues concerning UCSD students.

Nguyen, the LGBA's "honorary lesbian," runs workshops for lesbians during meeting hours.

In these informal sessions, he See LGBA, Page 23

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