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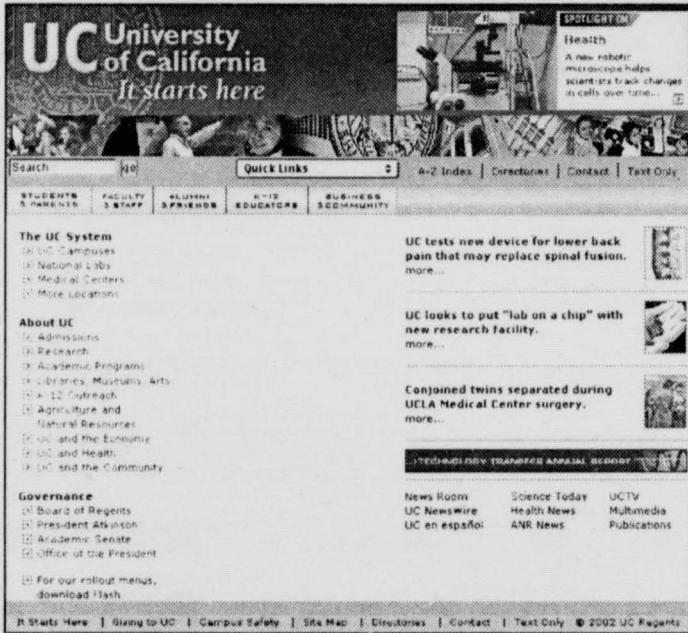
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UCSD students attend nationwide conference

USSA summit addresses higher education issues

By **LAURA MCGANN**
Associate News Editor

Seven UCSD students returned to campus this week from the University of Colorado, Boulder, where The National Student Congress was held, eager to begin enacting the United States Student Association's year long agenda.

The National Student Congress is the annual conference held each year by USSA, the nation's largest non-partisan, nationwide coalition of colleges and universities. Working under the slogan "Education is a right," students

from member schools meet at the conference to decide which student issues the schools will be addressing during the year and what tactics will be used to address them. The national officers and board of directors, which are student positions, are also decided.

The two largest campaigns decided upon for this school year's agenda include a voting campaign to increase student involvement in the electoral process and a campaign calling for the re-authorization of the Higher Education Act.

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Border Project gains national recognition

Program aims to deter underage binge drinking

By **KIRSTEN HUBBARD**
Staff Writer

The San Diego-Tijuana Border Project, which targets college-age students in an effort to reduce cross-border underage and binge drinking, was designated a national Model Program by the Center of Substance Abuse Prevention for 2002.

The Border Project, primarily funded by the County of San Diego, was one of 30 outstanding substance abuse programs recog-

nized this year amongst 200 reviewed for their work in reducing and preventing drug and alcohol abuse.

"All communities struggle to fight the incidence of underage drinking," said supervisor Greg Cox, whose district represents the Tijuana border crossing. "But here in San Diego County, we have the added challenge of our proximity to the international border with Mexico, where the legal drinking

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State budget still not passed

Partisan debates rage over funding cuts, taxes

By **EVAN McLAUGHLIN**
News Editor

The state of California's budget for the 2002-03 fiscal year remains in gridlock on the assembly floor almost a month and a half after the June 30 deadline.

Since the Senate passed a modified version of Gov. Gray Davis' revision in late June, the budget has not been welcomed by assembly Republicans, who would rather slash funding to state programs and agencies than increase taxes. The assembly failed to pass the budget bill, A.B. 425, on June 29 and has been debating over modifications since.

"Gov. Davis' proposal takes spending levels to a new extreme," said Peter DeMarco, press secretary for Assembly Republican Leader Dave Cox, R-Sacramento.

"This is a spending problem and not a revenue problem," DeMarco said. "Raising taxes is not the solution."

DeMarco cites a 37-percent increase in state government spending during Davis' three-

year tenure that has caused Republicans to block the passage of the governor's budget.

However, Democrats have defended the proposed budget because of its commitment to funding programs they say are essential to the state.

"A.B. 425 reflects the priorities important to the Democratic caucus such as providing education, healthcare and disability assistance programs," said Kristal Dekleer, a spokesperson for Assemblywoman Jenny Oropeza, D-Carson.

"The Conference Committee has already cut \$7 billion from the current budget. We can cut no more."

A major point of dispute in the state budget has been the Vehicle License Fee, a car tax that was to supplement the budget with approximately \$1.7 billion by imposing steeper fees when registering vehicles. Because the Vehicle License Fee had inhibited any progress toward a passed budget for over

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College Board overhauls SAT I

Analogies removed, essay section added to new exam

By **CLAIRE J. VANNETTE**
Senior Staff Writer

The SAT I, taken annually by three million students nationwide and by every student applying to the University of California, will get a substantial makeover during the next three years, eliminating analogies, adding an essay and testing students for the first time on Algebra II.

The new test will first be administered in March 2005.

The changes announced in June by the College Board, the nonprofit organization that oversees the SAT I, earned a passing grade from UC President Richard Atkinson.

"I am delighted by the College Board's decision to alter the SAT I examination," he stated in a June 27 press release.

Reactions at UCSD have also been optimistic.

Mae Brown, director of admissions and outreach, called the changes "a positive move," but was not surprised by the College Board's overhaul.

"They're very much in line with what we're requiring students to do anyway," she said.

She added that a writing exam would reflect the four years of English applicants are required to take in high school, and the addition of Algebra II subject matter, the three years or mathematics.

Brown said it remains to be seen whether there will be significant changes in which the new SAT I is used in UCSD admissions.

The UC Academic Senate's Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools released a report in March calling for a standardized admissions test that would better reflect high school curricula and serve as a better pre-

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Addressing the issues



Lyon Liew/Guardian

Discussion: The Price Center hosted over 400 scientists attending the 52nd annual Pugwash Conference for Science and World Affairs from Aug. 10 to Aug. 14.

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Weather

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Tuesday, August 13: High 74 | Low 64
Wednesday, August 14: High 75 | Low 63

Spoken

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— Richard C. Atkinson
President, University of California

USSA:

Students discuss tactics for organizing

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The act is considered for re-authorization every six years and encompasses all major federal affiliation with higher education.

One of the issues the Higher Education Act addresses is student financial aid at the federal level. This year's campaign will be working to increase the amount of grant money available for students rather than loan money, including additional pell grant dollars.

"A lot of students can't get access to education simply because they can't afford it," said UCSD Vice President Internal Kevin Hsu, an attendee of the conference.

USSA was initially formed as an organization concerned with student rights. The group began in 1946 after students from 37 countries, including the United States, met in Prague, Czechoslovakia, to launch the International Union of Students. That same year, the United States formed its own union of students: the United States National Student Association.

This year's conference included discussions on tactics for political organizing and how to deal with issues facing students, especially focusing on the idea that "no matter your race, agenda, class or physical ability, you have the right to go to college," said UCSD A.S. President Jenn Brown, a conference attendee.

Brown, elected to the USSA board as chair of the Golden Pacific Region, which includes California, Hawaii, Arizona, Guam and America Samoa, will be focusing her efforts on a voting campaign and working against the Racial Privacy Initiative, which would eliminate racial statistics from the college applications process if passed in 2004.

Hsu was also elected to the board and will serve as the chair of the National Asian Student Caucus, a caucus within the coalition National People of Color Student Coalition.

Navneet Grewal, UCSD commissioner of communications, was elected vice chair of the National Women's Student Coalition.

Drinking:

Underage drinking is a problem in border area

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Through the Border Project, the County of San Diego has committed to working with our community partners to reduce the negative consequences of cross-border drinking, and we have begun to see success.

Every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights, thousands of young Americans cross the border to attend downtown Tijuana nightclubs, where they dance, socialize and consume inexpensive alcoholic beverages. Large portions of these club-goers are San Diego college students.

"Obviously, students can't legally drink when they're 18 or 19 in America," said Michelle Haft, a Muir sophomore. "But when they cross the border, they're often so excited about drinking legally that they get carried away."

The problem of underage and binge drinking in Mexico is a unique issue for communities along the southwest United States border.

Differences in alcohol policies, such as drinking age (18 years of age in Mexico and 21 years of age in the United States) and the standards of enforcement of American and Mexican laws regarding alcohol

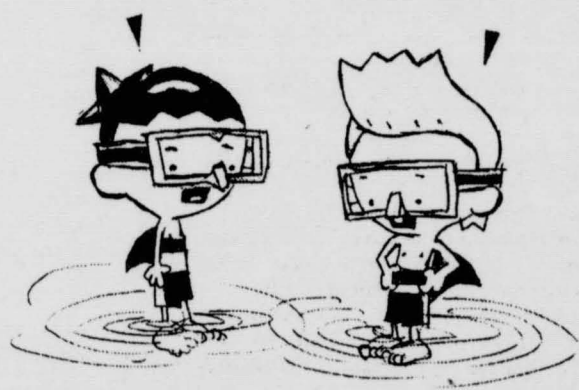
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ETCETERA

Rice n' Vice by Kenrick Leung



C'mon you ready yet? There gettin' away! Yeah yeah, hold on. My fin's loose.



BRIEFLY

Women's drop-out rate related to outlook

A UCSD study shows that the drop-out rate of female students in engineering classes relates to an attitude shared by many women in engineering: that competence in engineering is something they are born with.

When faced with difficulties in engineering classes, female students tend to see the problem as an issue related to their identities. Female students will more often drop classes when faced with difficulties than their male counterparts because the female students believe that aptitude is a fixed ability, while male students tend to see the problem as a challenge to overcome through more studying or a new approach to the problem, according to the study.

The study finds gender tension in engineering classes as well. While female students believe that they must work harder and perform at a higher level than male students to prove themselves, male students believe that female students are given more breaks.

The study concludes that positive female role models at critical points in the college careers of female students may help keep women in engineering.

A follow-up survey is underway to determine how attitudes about intelligence affect high school age women. An additional survey for college women is being planned.

Poetry writing workshop to be held at Central Library

A poetry writing workshop will be held Sept. 7 at the San Diego Central Library on 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The event is sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant received from the James Irvine Foundation.

The workshop will be taught by Susan Luzzaro, an English professor at Southwestern College. The workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the third-floor Wangenheim room.

Only 30 participants will be accommodated. If interested in attending, contact Pamela Sanderson at (619) 236-5847.

UCSD to hold Sept. 11 memorial service

A special memorial service will be held for the UCSD community at noon on Sept. 11 in the Price Center. The program will include remarks from Chancellor Robert C. Dynes and a carillon presentation by Scott Paulson, who plays the Geisel Library Carillon.

The Office of Religious Affairs will assist in the event, which will conclude with a spiritual service. The scheduled event is currently tentative.

UCSD professor wins prestigious electronic award

UCSD Professor Peter Asbeck recently won the Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc., David Samoff Award, which is given for outstanding achievement in electronics. He is the third California-based researcher to receive the award since its inception in 1959.

Asbeck received the award for his work in the development and application of gallium arsenide-based heterojunction bipolar transistors, or HBTs. HBTs are one of the technologies that enable modern communications and are incorporated into most cell phones produced today.

Asbeck received a Ph.D. from MIT and has worked for the Samoff Research Center in Princeton, N.J., as well as the Rockwell International Science Center. Asbeck joined the UCSD faculty in 1991.

Preuss School awards community members

The Spirit of Preuss awards have been given to two community representatives and two UCSD staff members by the Preuss School.

The recipients are Kate Callen, senior public information representative, UCSD; Rozeanne Steckler, director of education at the San Diego Supercomputer Center, UCSD; Andy Acterkerchen, retired engineer and resident of Del Mar; and George Hellmann, an engineer with Hughes Network Systems.

The Spirit of Preuss award is given to community members who embody and exemplify the ideals of the Preuss School. These include demonstrating dedication to the mission of the Preuss School, serving as a role model and demonstrating strong character and values.

Callen received the award for her active support of the school both as a tutor and mentor. Steckler was recognized for setting up a system of remote monitoring of student teachers, supplying teachers from the Supercomputer Center for a multimedia class, and bringing science and technology educational modules developed at the supercomputer into the Preuss curriculum. Hellmann was cited for his enthusiastic contribution of his time as a long-time volunteer with the Saturday Enrichment Academy at Preuss School.

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Budget:

Governor will consider new cigarette tax

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30 days, Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson, D-Los Angeles, introduced an increase to the cigarette tax in lieu of the car tax.

Wesson's proposed cigarette tax increase would amplify the already existing tariff of 87 cents to \$3 per pack. Many assembly democrats, as well as the governor, are optimistic about Wesson's proposal.

"It is clear to me that the elimination of any vehicle license fee increase is the Republicans' highest priority," Davis said in a Aug. 8 statement. "The speaker's proposal

to swap the VLF increase for an increase in the cigarette tax is something I can support."

Meanwhile, the University of California has taken the initiative to make up for cuts to its allocation. Over \$20 million has been put back into the UC budget since the governor's May revision.

An additional five-percent cut was made to research, allowing the university to restore funding to the system's new dual admissions process, student-initiated outreach, College Preparatory Initiative, Central Valley Outreach and Graduate and Professional School Outreach. The Preuss School, UCSD's K-12 charter school, will also see an augmentation of \$400,000 under

the tentative revisions. The University of California has also implemented a six-percent increase to nonresident tuition beyond the four-percent increase originally proposed in the regents' budget. The tuition hike is estimated to generate an additional \$4.3 million to be spent on the K-12 School/University Partnership and other outreach programs.

UC spokesperson Brad Hayward said that university officials do not know how long the budget impasse will last, but that they are strongly lobbying to protect the K-12 outreach programs and UC employee health care. "It's good that the assembly is focusing on the issues," Hayward said. "But we still do not have a good sense of when it will pass."

Border:

Cross-border alcohol issues are addressed

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consumption have contributed to prominent public health and safety problems on both side of the international border.

On any weekend night, over 1,400 United States teenagers and adults cross the border into San Diego too intoxicated to drive legally.

As a result of cross-border partying, many students experience health problems, including injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancies, violence and vehicle crashes caused by excessive drinking — both in Mexico and once arriving back in San Diego County.

"College students don't seem to understand that Tijuana is [in] another country," Haft said. "If they make a mistake in TJ, it's

much more severe. When people are drunk, they aren't thinking normally, and mistakes are even easier to make."

The border project addresses the complex problems associated with cross-border drinking, including two languages, several cultures, and numerous layers of federal, state and local government agencies on both sides of the border.

Both public health and safety components are incorporated to permanently reduce alcohol-related crime and violence.

The project has facilitated increased awareness of cross-border problem-solving and more than 300 news stories over the past year.

Increased law enforcement operations have also been put into effect. Law enforcement officers from both sides of the border have been checking IDs of young-looking border crossers, enforcing public drunkenness laws, detaining severely intoxicated pedestrians, performing crowd control strategies and intervening in other

alcohol-related crimes, especially DUI occurrences.

Not everyone supports the measures imposed by the project. James Powell, a Warren senior, feel strongly about the issue.

"I think the drinking age should remain 18 in TJ and should be 18 here, too," Powell said. "If I'm old enough to vote and die for my country, why shouldn't I be able to drink? ... It's all about the principle of the thing."

For project supporters, however, results have been favorable. Since the Border Project was established in 1997, there has been a 37-percent reduction in late-night border crossers with a blood alcohol concentration at or above .08.

In addition, there has been a 26-percent reduction in the overall number of late-night border-crossers on combined Friday and Saturday nights. There was also a decrease in the number of DUI fatalities in the San Diego-Tijuana Border region, from 23 fatalities in 1999 to five in 2000.

SAT:

New exam designed to measure achievement

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director of college success.

According to B.O.A.R.S. Chair and UCSD professor of chemistry Barbara Sawrey, the changes will do just that.

"The announced changes that the trustees of the College Board have approved for the SAT I test, and that the A.C.T. will make to their test, are all in accord with B.O.A.R.S.'s recommendations," Sawrey said.

Atkinson has been vocal in his criticism of the usefulness of the SAT I in UC admissions, asserting it measured aptitude, not achievement, and was out of sync with what students actually needed to learn in order to be ready for college.

"We need standardized tests that bear a demonstrable relationship to what students actually study in the high school college-preparatory curriculum," he said. "We also need to focus student attention on mastery of subject matter rather than mastery of test-taking skills."

College Board Associate Director of Public Affairs Kristin Carnahan said that while the SAT I changes are timed closely to Atkinson's criticisms and the B.O.A.R.S. report, their seeds lie in a 1994 study done by the College Board.

Many changes suggested by that study were made; some were not, but now are being implemented.

"What Atkinson said got us to be focused a little sooner on making those changes," Carnahan said. Changes will be made to both sections of the SAT I.

According to the College Board, questions drawing upon material from Algebra II will be added to the Mathematics Reasoning Test to test students on subjects covered in a college-preparatory curriculum.

What was once known as the Verbal Reasoning Test will now be renamed the Critical Reading Test. The name change reflects the shifted focus of the test away from aptitude-measuring analogies and toward questions based on close reading of texts.

A writing section will also be added to the Critical Reading Test, half of which will be composed of multiple-choice questions on English grammar and usage.

The other half will be an impromptu essay in which the student responds to an open-ended question — a format that may sound familiar to UC students.

"The SAT II writing test has given us the basis for now developing a new SAT I writing component," Caperton said.

Carnahan said the nature of the writing prompt had yet to be determined, but it might require students to write argumentative or persuasive essays.

The essay will be scored on a scale of one to six by two human readers and evaluated on mechanics and organization, not creativity or flair.

Despite these differences, Carnahan said, scores on the current test and the new test should more or less equalize, and a student who scores well on one should score well on the other.

The new test will be developed by Educational Testing Services, which is based in Princeton, N.J. New questions will be researched and tested over the next three years.

Carnahan said she expected the price of registration for the test to rise from \$2 to \$10.

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Sex•u•al Ha•rass•ment noun 1: Unwelcome sexual conduct that unreasonably interferes with one's ability to work or learn 2: illegal violation of UCSD Policy 3: against UCSD Principles of Community Any questions? Hmmm... I wonder where I can see Cameron Diaz in "The Sweetest Thing" for FREE on the Monday of Welcome Week? Office of Sexual Harassment Prevention & Policy (OSHPP) 201 University Center (corner of Gilman and Myers) (858) 534-8298 http://oshpp.ucsd.edu

Information without ethics

By CHRIS M. TAYLOR
Staff Writer

What do hard-core pornography companies and extremist pro-life groups have in common? If you answered "a string of highly deceptive, addictive and/or unavoidable Web sites containing explicit photographs and having URLs closely resembling the names of major corporations and cultural icons," you're correct! Congratulations, give yourself a cookie.

Despite the overly complex description, most students at UCSD know exactly what I am talking about. Pornography Web sites have long since tried to register URLs, or Web addresses, that resemble types of other URLs (such as <http://www.yahoo.com>, an obvious type of <http://www.yahoo.com>). These sites also register URLs with similar names but different domains, such as the infamous <http://www.whitehouse.com> (a definite surprise for everyone trying to learn about the office of the President at <http://www.whitehouse.gov>). Most students have probably fallen prey to this shady advertising strategy, especially at inopportune times such as, say, looking up test materials with your critical gender study group.

In an attempt to be idealistic, I was skeptical that pro-life groups would sink to this level. Based on the knowledge that most extreme pro-life groups are fundamentally religious, it seems ironic that they would steal an advertising ploy — an unethical one at that — from companies that embody everything they despise.

To verify my suspicions, I went to <http://www.mypepsi.org>, one of the suspect Web sites. This would seem like an appropriate Web site to go to if you were inexplicably overcome with the urge to research soda. I was alarmed — though no longer surprised — to find myself looking at dozens of pictures of aborted fetuses. Along with these pictures came strongly worded warnings to ward off abortion as well as any advocates of abortion.

Don't get me wrong; I am very pro-life, and I don't mind defending that viewpoint. However, I am appalled that these groups reduce themselves to marketing strategies that deceive Internet users into viewing photos they had no intention of viewing. The makers of the site are ambitious: the pictures can also be reached via the URLs <http://www.louisfarrakhan.com>, <http://www.garycoleman.com>, <http://www.nationalorganizationfor-women.com> and <http://www.usatoday.com>, among others.

Not only does this strategy reek of poor ethics, but it also negatively affects the attitudes of the women it reaches, destroys the organization's own credibility and reflects poorly on all other decent, intellectual pro-life advocates.

Ideally, if a woman wishes to have an abortion, she should understand what she is doing. That does not mean attacking her with pictures of aborted fetuses, but it does mean showing her the pros and cons of her situation.

She should understand why pro-life groups believe it is a child,

and therefore murder. She should learn why pro-choice groups believe it's a lifeless fetus and therefore the woman's choice. Ignorance is never the healthy choice, as we all should know by attending universities where intellectual enlightenment is the goal.

That said, pro-life groups should not be deciding whether the woman would be ignorant. This is about as effective as cigarette packs' health warnings aimed at deterring smokers. Everyone knows it's dangerous, but no one really bothers to read the warning.

Aside from being unethical, deception ruins credibility. Any woman who looks at these Web sites will be angry that she was deceived into seeing them, and will almost certainly continue with the abortion. Because these Web sites have the gall to con women into rejecting abortion, many people will become indignant to the cause. This advertising is self-destructive.

Furthermore, when has the Internet ever been a haven of undeniable fact? There are countless reasons to doubt the pictures and sayings of these groups merely because it's the Internet. For one, the photos may be doctored or stolen from another Web site. Also, the photos may not be of abortions. Perhaps the photo is a botched birth. Perhaps the child has suffered a rare and horrific genetic defect. Perhaps the pictures were taken at a black market abortion in a Third World country. Perhaps the photo is years old, showing procedures long outdated and overly messy.

Regardless of the possibilities, there is no reason to believe, at first glance, that these pictures are exactly what the pro-life groups say they are. And because they have already deceived us into viewing their Web site, why should we believe them?

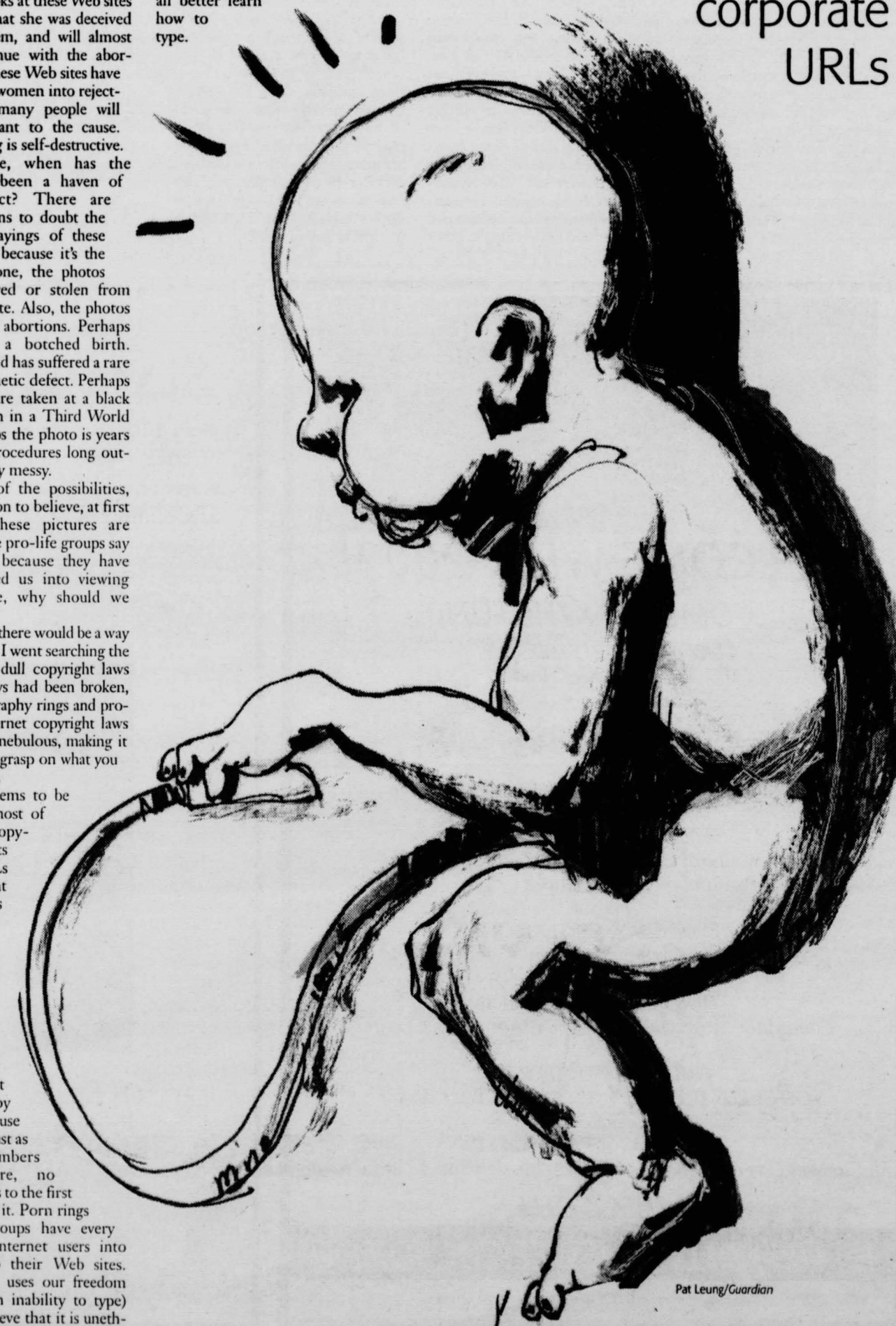
Hoping that there would be a way to stop this woe, I went searching the unconscionably dull copyright laws to see if any laws had been broken, both by pornography rings and pro-life groups. Internet copyright laws are ridiculously nebulous, making it difficult to get a grasp on what you can and can't do.

But there seems to be one rule that most of the Internet copyright specialists agree on: URLs are not copyright protection. As <http://www.cydlist.com/> internet.btm, a site with information about internet copyright law, says, "URLs to Web sites are not under copyright protection by themselves because they are a fact, just as telephone numbers are." Therefore, no URL is off limits to the first party to register it. Porn rings and pro-life groups have every right to trip Internet users into stumbling onto their Web sites. URL deception uses our freedom (not to mention inability to type) against us. I believe that it is unethical. Sadly, it is also unavoidable.

Any attempt of the government to regulate this would just flood the courts with frivolous lawsuits by frivolous people. People would soon be copyrighting letters of the alphabet in their URLs. Unfortunately, nothing more may be done legally except to make Internet users aware of these organizations.

All organizations, from porn rings to pro-life crusaders, should count this sort of activity as ethically reprehensible. But until it can be proven that these morally negligent groups have done something illegal, we had all better learn how to type.

An anti-abortion Web site offends with its misleading — though legal — mimicking of personal and corporate URLs



Pat Leung/Guardian

End suicide's misguided stigmas

Parisa Baharian

Suicide touches us all at some point in our lives.

It was while I was rock climbing in Great Falls National Park in Virginia this summer that I stumbled upon a suicide note. The note was written on a slippery boulder no more than 15 feet from the drop-off into the Great Falls. The words of the suicide note were written in a flowing river of metallic dark red. Not written in a marker, possibly in paint, but possibly in blood.

The note reads like a poem, but there is no doubt that the author of this declaration was seriously contemplating suicide and begging one last time for help before stepping off that ledge.

The note was signed with only the initial "J." No other contact information was provided, just that mocking J. That is what upset me the most after reading the distressing letter: I couldn't answer J's cry for help because I didn't know who he or she was.

Did you go through with it, J? Did you take that fatal step over the falls? I pray you didn't.

Jesse Reynolds, a Great Falls park ranger, said that there have been no suicides this year, but that there is an average of one suicide per year. Reynolds said he was unaware of any such suicide note near the location I described.

There is hope that J changed his or her mind and didn't go through with it, because there hasn't been a suicide this year and the letter was probably written recently.

Statistically speaking, if J is a male, he is most likely dead.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, males threaten suicide less but go through with it four times more frequently than females. In 1999, males accounted for 72 percent of all suicides.

But if J is a female, there is a very high probability that she is still alive. Women are statistically less likely to actually go through with suicide than males, but more likely to attempt it.

According to the statistics from the American Association of Suicidology (AAS), a person takes his or her own life every 18 minutes.

In other words, since I began writing this column 54 minutes ago, three people have committed suicide.

A morbid and sobering thought, but true nonetheless. And the world needs more of that: more discussion of the unpleasant and examination of the harsh reality of suicide.

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Suicide is more common than homicide. According to the AAS, suicide outranks homicide by a ratio of five to three. The AAS also estimates that over five million people have attempted suicide, and almost everyone has had thoughts of suicide at some time in their lives.

Face the facts: It is impossible to assign a stigma to suicide without bringing the stigma of hypocrisy to us all.

But the question of what drives someone to suicide has haunted me since I stumbled over J's suicide letter.

The Web site of the National Institute of Mental Health offers a wide range of reasons that serve as triggers for those considering suicide, including hopelessness, pain and the inability to cope with a recent stressful experience and to see alternative solutions to their problems.

Dr. Robert Mashman, the

clinical director of psychological and counseling services at UCSD, said that students contemplate suicide for a variety of reasons.

"Some might suffer from chronic depression," Mashman said. "Or it could be an event, such as the loss of a boyfriend or girlfriend or academic failure."

There are some warning signs to watch for in a troubled friend or acquaintance.

The Samaritans, a crisis intervention Web site, lists some ambiguous verbal behavior that can point to possible suicidal thoughts and actions: "I want to go to sleep and never wake up," "I'm going away on a really long trip," "You won't have to worry about me anymore;" "I'm so depressed, I can't go on;" and "Voices are telling me to do bad things."

So what do you do if someone you know shows some of these signs or demonstrates other suicidal behavior?

Listen. Be there. Don't judge. Be encouraging. Then offer to go with them to psychological and counseling services, located in Galbraith Hall, or have them call (858) 534-3755 to set up an appointment. Or have them call the anonymous 24-hour San Diego crisis line at (800) 479-3339.

No matter how scary it may seem to vocalize the word "suicide," it is imperative to break the shackles of silence and to get help.

Suicide affects more than one person. Without a doubt, the life of that one person matters immensely to his or her family, friends and acquaintances, and even to strangers who might happen to stumble on the tragic history of someone they never even knew.

This is for you, J. Thank you for opening my eyes to the world of pain and darkness that those battling with thoughts of suicide constantly endure.

I desperately hope you found that foothold of comfort in the rocks before jumping from that ledge. If not, then may you rest in peace.

Students must examine UCSD's corporate ties



Letters to the Editor

The Guardian welcomes letters from its readers. All letters must be no longer than 500 words, typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters must also contain a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for length and clarity. Letters may be dropped off at the Guardian office on the second floor of the Student Center or e-mailed. Send all letters to:

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Editor:

We are writing in response to the news article "Gov. Davis on hand to break ground for new buildings" from your June 3 issue.

While one dissenting opinion was briefly conveyed, the majority of the article paints the involvement of Cal(IT)² in UCSD affairs in an entirely positive light.

We would like to encourage your readers to question the motives and supposed benefits of having these 50 or so corporations give so much money to UCSD.

Cal(IT)² money comes with strings attached. These corporations have tremendous power in determining course curricula, major requirements and the direction of research at Sixth College and elsewhere. Furthermore, students are serving as market research subjects for the products and services (e.g. PDAs) used in classes.

These are not donations, but investments, much like the cam-

aign contributions that ensure that our politicians serve business needs over those of the public good. That's how Dick Cheney's oil buddies got to write our national energy policy. That's why Gov. Davis let Californians get bilked in the bogus, manufactured "energy crisis." And now that's why UCSD will heed the beck and call of Cal(IT)², even when the profit motive runs counter to scientific integrity, student empowerment and educational priorities.

Some argue that we should be grateful for private investment in the university, or that while the situation is not ideal, we should not complain because we need the money so badly. Realize, however, that particularly since Congress passed the Bayh-Dole Bill in 1980, private money has been supplanting, not adding to, public funding for education. Overtly or covertly, these private investments lead to private ownership.

We are led to believe that Cal(IT)² is donating money to help UCSD achieve the public interest. Look at it from the other side, and you will realize that Sixth College's state and federal funding is subsidizing these companies' research and development and employee training agenda. Even Mark Kelly, a Cal(IT)² chief technology officer, had the audacity to state that "it's absolutely critical that universities pick up the slack" for corporate research (Aug. 4, 2001, issue of *North County Times*).

We need to question the administrators, politicians and business leaders, and resist the intrusion of the corporate agenda on campus. We need to reduce our dependence on private money by calling on the legislature to adequately fund public institutions. And we need to educate ourselves about this corporate takeover. In doing the latter, Campus Greens encourage everyone to check out articles on Cal(IT)² in the *New Indicator* (April 2002 issue) and *Nightcap* (Spring 2002 issue). Or, feel free to contact us at green@ucsd.edu.

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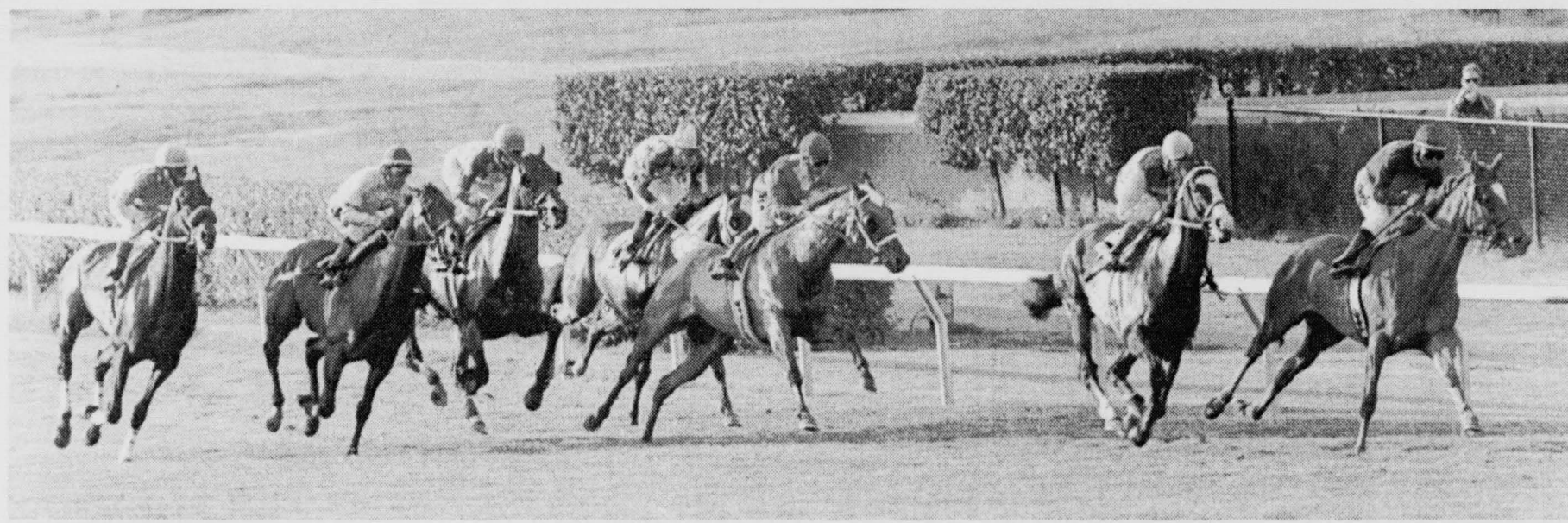
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The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club is going after a younger crowd, but animal rights advocates and gambling addiction experts say students should know what they are getting into



A DAY AT THE RACES

The Del Mar Racetrack offers students a bargain summer escape: Pay the \$3 student admission fee to the racetrack and get a free concert. On '4 o'clock Fridays,' a free music concert after the races will bring bands like Sonic Youth and The Violent Femmes to the track. Punk rock and the sport of kings have not historically gone together, but this attempt to go after a younger market has the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club pleased and animal activists angered.

"The 4 o'clock Fridays are a gimmick designed to bring in new people and new revenue to make up for lagging attendance," said Amy Rhodes, the animals and entertainment specialist at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Rhodes claims that over the past five years, racetracks having been closing across the country at a dramatic rate.

"People have become aware of the rampant abuse and callous treatment of the racehorses and have stopped frequenting the racetracks," Rhodes said. "So the racetracks have had to resort to underhanded tactics to bring in people and revenue."

Josh Rubenstein, director of sponsorship and broadcasting of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, said that the Friday shows were created five years ago to address the problem of low attendance.

"Attendance was very low," he said. "We wanted to draw people to the races, especially young adults between the ages of 18 and 35," Rubenstein said. "And music was a good fit to target that young adult demographic group."

Rubenstein said that for the past two years, the DMTC has aggressively gone after national bands, such as Lit and Jack Johnson, to draw young adults to the Friday races.

The campaign to raise attendance and draw in a younger market has proved successful. "There has been an increase of 15,000 to 20,000 for the races on Friday," Rubenstein said. "We are very happy."

Rhodes said that the 4 o'clock Friday racing and concerts hooks an entire generation that would never have attended what she claims is an inhumane sport.

"It's sad to have to trick the young people to come to the races they would never before have frequented, if not for the free concert," Rhodes said.

Felix Neves, a new transfer student to Thurgood Marshall College, said he comes to the racetrack solely for the '4 o'clock Fridays' concerts.

"The free concert is the reason I come," Neves said. "I come and catch a few races and make a couple bets before the concert begins. I always lose, but I have a good time."

Rhodes cautioned college students to be aware of the environment they are in at the races.

"There is more than meets the eye with these so-called free concerts," Rhodes said. "And just because you don't see the accidents or injuries to the horses during the races doesn't mean it's not happening."

Mesa College sophomore Tim Brown said he never considered the treatment of horses he bets on.

"I've never really thought about it much," Brown said as he watched the results of the race he placed a bet on.

Rhodes said that one of the biggest secrets in horse racing is the rampant drug usage.

"Horse trainers and veterinarians will use legal drugs to mask the illegal drugs they give the horses in order to keep them racing even when they are seriously injured," Rhodes said.

"Racehorses are forced to race with hairline fractures that would, without drugs, be too painful to run on. As a result, injuries, chronic lameness and fatalities are common."

Rhodes cited a 1993 University of Minnesota study that found that 840 horses were fatally injured on U.S. tracks, and 3,566 horses — or one horse in every 22 races — were so severely injured that they could not finish the race.

Martha Gilson, a DMTC customer service manager, said she couldn't release information on whether there were any injuries to the horses on the Aug. 9, races.

The racetrack allows anyone 18 years or older to bet on the races, so many students place bets before the concerts start.

UC Berkeley junior Yaniv Alfasy, a DMTC customer service representative, said that gambling at the racetrack is attractive for many reasons.

"Many students gamble because it's risky and fun," Alfasy said. "And unlike at casinos, where you spend all your money in five min-



And they're off: Horses exit the starting gate for one of the many races that took place Friday, Aug. 9, and the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

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Tyler Huff/Guardian

The Hotel Del: The Historical Hotel Del Coronado has housed celebrities such as Ronald Reagan and Charles Lindbergh.

There is still time for a summer vacation
 Coronado Island makes for a fun day by the sea and it's only a bridge away

By **LINDSAY BOYD**
 Features Editor

There are three ways to get to Coronado Island. Whether you take the ferry, the bridge or Silver Strand Highway, you will end up at a quaint — albeit touristy — San Diego attraction.

As you drive south on Interstate 5, you see the long, blue Coronado Bridge that seems endless as it disappears into the hazy horizon. OK, that haze is probably smog, but don't let the brown cloud or the suicide prevention signs that line the bridge distract you from the serene beaches that lie beyond. Coronado Island is a city with a history all its own, and although there are more people and cars now than back when Marilyn Monroe frolicked on its beaches, the island still has enough charm to lure those in search of a day or weekend getaway.

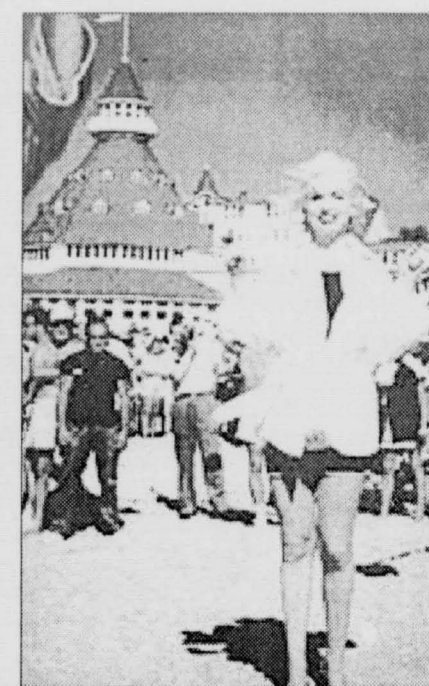
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In 1846, Spanish settler Juan Rodri'guez Cabrillo sold the peninsula to two Americans for \$1,000. One year later, when California became part of the United States, the peninsula changed hands several times before the Coronado Beach Company bought it in 1886 and began construction of the Hotel Del Coronado at the turn of the century.

The Hotel Del, as it's known, is perhaps the most recognizable attraction on Coronado Island. On its beach and within its rooms, Ronald Reagan vacationed and, at the hotel, Tony Curtis filmed "Some Like it Hot." John D. Spreckles, who owned one-third of the Coronado Beach Company, took over the hotel when its builder was unable to repay a loan. The mansion that Spreckles built for himself is now the Glorietta Bay Inn.

The guest that won't leave

Kate Morgan, shown here, is said to have haunted the hotel since 1892. Morgan checked into the hotel nursing a broken heart after a quarrel with her estranged husband. Five days later she was found on the beach, dead, with a gunshot wound to the head. Her death was ruled a suicide.



Courtesy of The Hotel Del Coronado

Beauty and the beach: Marilyn Monroe poses in front of the Del.

The Hotel Del has grown considerably over the years. The Victorian building that was the backdrop for "Some Like it Hot" is still available for guests, and one of the rooms is even said to be haunted (see 'the guest that won't leave' below). The towers, cabanas, beach houses and cottages reflect the hotel's modernization and expansion.

Dinner cruises, harbor tours and trolley tours are just some of the ways to explore Coronado. Or maybe you'd like to coast down Orange Avenue, the town's main drag, on a bicycle built for two. While Coronado borders on the touristy side, when you look across the bay at the San Diego skyline, you will be glad that an escape from the daily grind is just a bridge away.

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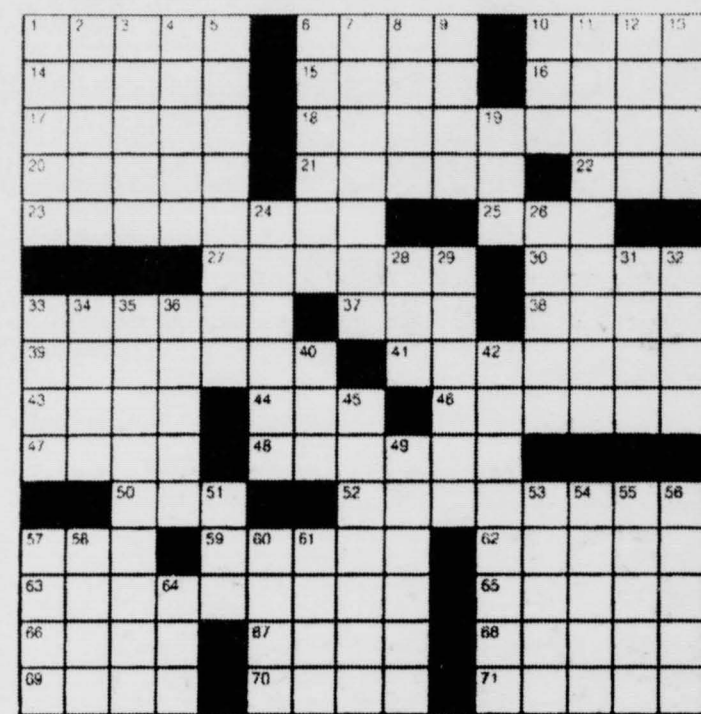
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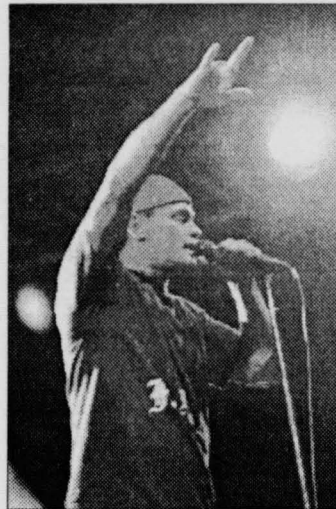
Keith Whyte, the executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, said that college students are particularly vulnerable to gambling addiction.

"The problem with adolescents and young adults is that they don't have fully-evolved rational decision-making skills," Whyte said. "As a result, the highest rate of gambling problems, such as addiction, is found in the age group between 18 to 21."

Whyte said that if the racetracks are actively targeting the young adult age group through free music concerts, they should also provide gambling addiction prevention services.

"Our organization remains neutral on gambling; however, to be responsible, the racetracks must have a prevention program targeted at the very age group they've targeted," Whyte said.

Nevertheless, college students have been coming out to where "the surf meets the turf" at old Del Mar. Sonic Youth, The Vines and The Violent Femmes are just some of the bands that will have played Del Mar this racing season, proving that horseracing makes strange bedfellows.

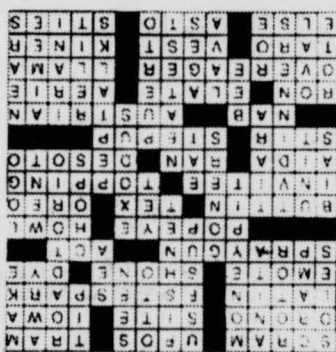


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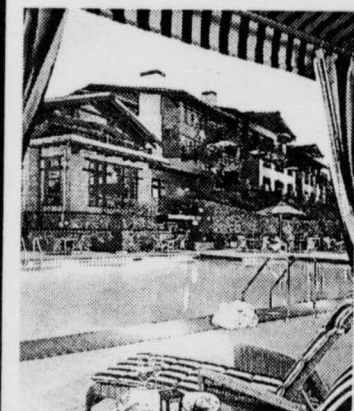


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UCSD senior lifting his dreams

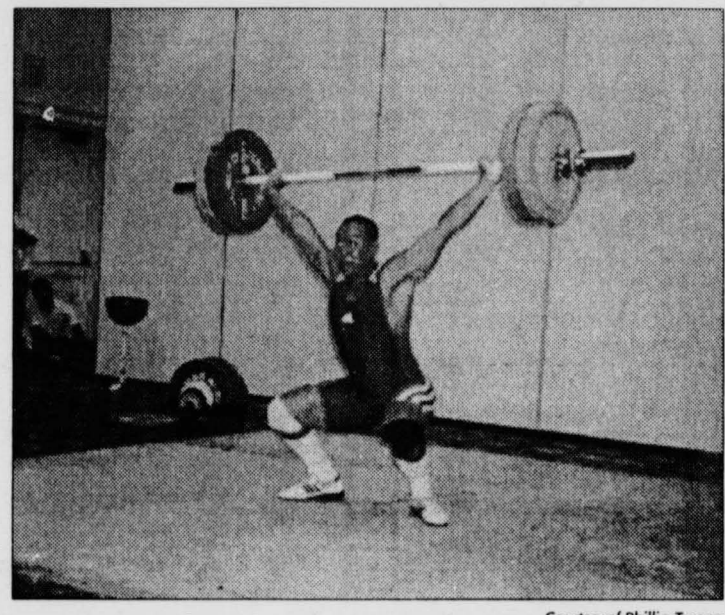
Phillip Truong trains to qualify for Olympics

By ANU KUMAR
Sports Editor

UCSD senior Phillip Truong had a vision and set a goal for himself in high school. Since that point, he has been working virtually every day toward accomplishing his goal. One day, Truong hopes he will go "all the way" and will qualify for the Olympic weightlifting events.

Truong began strengthening in high school to improve his basketball game. When the basketball season ended, his coach in Van Nuys, Calif., saw talent in Truong and asked him to continue weightlifting and compete.

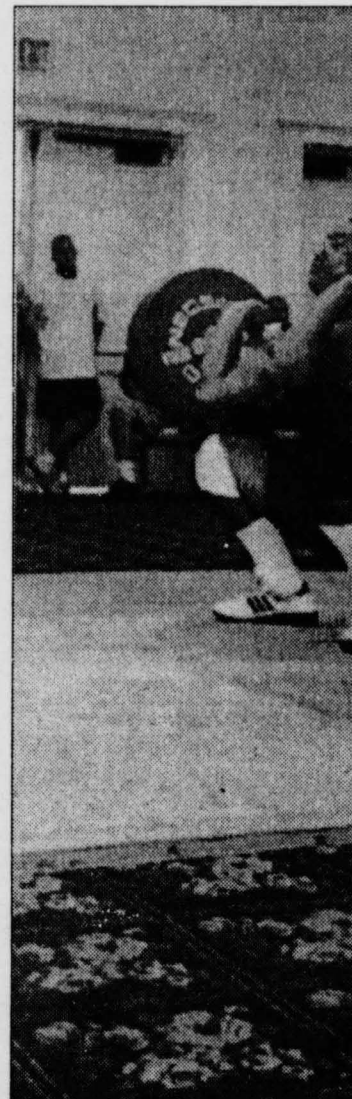
His coach was right — Truong does have talent in the sport. At the Junior Nationals in 1999, Truong finished in fifth place; the athlete who took first place competed in the Olympics. As a junior, Truong was nationally ranked 23rd in his weight class from a pool of over 300 lifters.



Courtesy of Phillip Truong

Olympic weightlifting includes two events. The snatch, the first of the two lifts performed in all Olympic weightlifting competitions, is a technique in which the lifter takes a wide grip on a barbell and attempts to raise it above his head. In the clean and jerk, the

lifter lifts the barbell to his shoulders and, after a pause, above his head. Truong is capable of lifting 120 kilograms in the snatch and about 150 kilograms in the clean and jerk. The lifter to win the last Olympic weightlifting competition in



Courtesy of Phillip Truong

Weightlifting: Truong began weightlifting when he was training for basketball in high school. He says that weightlifting could be used in training for all sports.

Points: UCSD should have athletic scholarships

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UC Berkeley and Notre Dame. I wondered when, if ever, there would be things to represent UCSD in stores other than the bookstore in the Price Center.

There is an obvious difference between schools such as UC Berkeley and UCSD; they compete in Division I.

UCSD, the only university in Division II not to hand out athletic scholarships, is able to take pride in its impressive raw athletic talent

after taking third place in the 2002 Sears Directors' Cup.

UCSD could have won the Directors' Cup, but it still wouldn't attract the attention of more than a handful of people. There needs to be something that grabs people's attention, but there won't be such a focal point until UCSD starts granting scholarships to student athletes.

The Tritons recently made the jump from Division III to Division II, and UCSD convincingly proved itself to be the third-best school in the nation at the more competitive level. Shouldn't that be some incentive to the athletics department to think about giving athletic scholarships?

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Weightlifting

UCSD's Phillip Truong has hopes of soon participating in the weightlifting events of the Olympic games.

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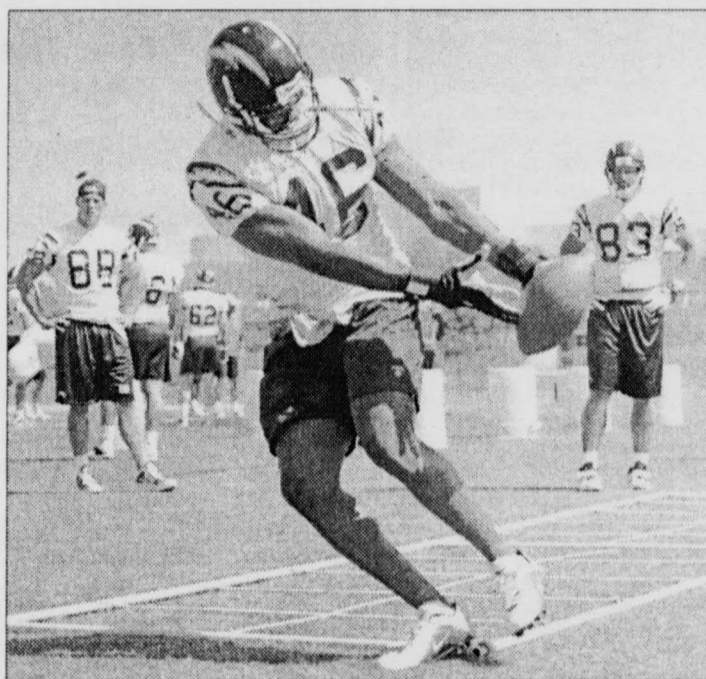
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Chargers hold last camp at UCSD



Anna MacMurdo/Guardian

Football team prepares for upcoming season and is ready to move training camp to Carson next year



Anna MacMurdo/Guardian

Workout: The San Diego Chargers train for their season with RIMAC field as their backdrop. The team will close its training camp and leave UCSD on Aug. 21 to begin its season on Sept. 8 in Cincinnati.

By ANU KUMAR
Sports Editor

The San Diego Chargers are the only football team to have been on RIMAC field in recent years, but they will soon be gone, leaving UCSD with no football in sight. The team, which holds its annual training camp at RIMAC, will be closing camp at UCSD for the final time Aug. 21 because they plan to hold next year's pre-season practices in Carson, Calif.

After reaching the Super Bowl in 1995, the Chargers have experienced everything but success. In their last five seasons, the team has had a dismal record of 23-57.

However, the Chargers did give San Diego some hope early last season. The team began the season winning five of its first seven games, but San Diego closed the year with a nine-game losing streak.

After last year's 5-11 record, head coach Mike Riley lost his job and the franchise hired Marty

Schottenheimer, "Mr. Discipline," to take the helm this year. The Chargers hope that his solid resume and hard work ethic will bring success.

"There is more of a sense of urgency in everything we do," 39-year-old quarterback Doug Flutie said at training camp. "Guys are a little more intense about meetings, taking notes, stretching. There is more attention to detail."

Flutie — whose days in the National Football League might be numbered due to his age — and the young Drew Brees are competing for the starting quarterback position. Flutie showed San Diego that he may still have some magic left, since he usually finds a way to give the Chargers a chance in the fourth quarter, while Brees' arm has always been impressive.

Throughout training camp, the two have attempted to outdo each other. During a two-minute drill workout, Flutie ran out of the pocket and dove into the middle of

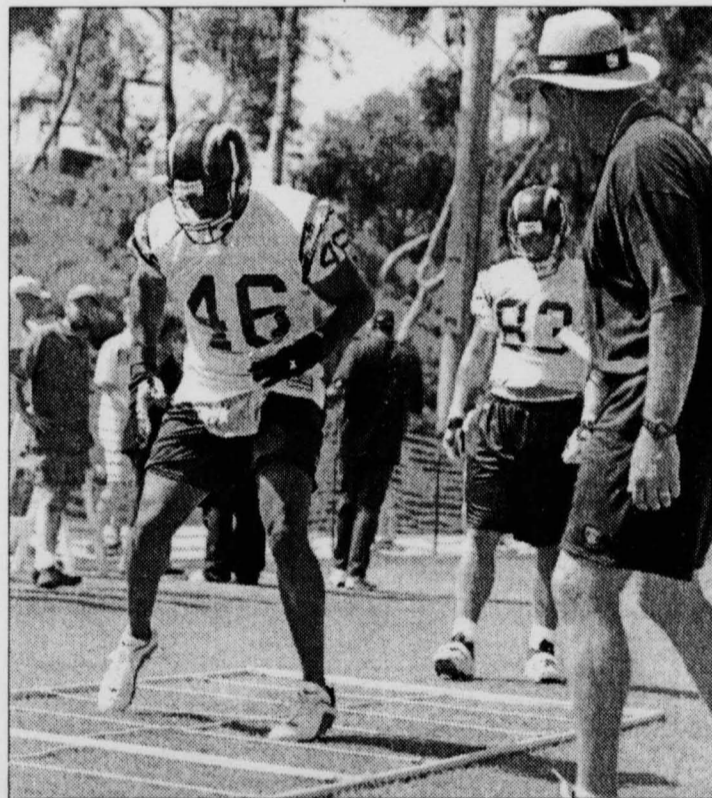
the field, risking injury. Then Brees got the football and delivered a crisp pass to a receiver over the middle.

Flutie remembers another similar situation.

"One day in practice protection broke down, I drifted to the right with a guy chasing me and threw a side-arm, falling-down shot on the money down the sidelines for 20 yards," Flutie said to interviewers. "I was pretty happy with it. The next day, Drew did the same damn thing."

Schottenheimer will decide who will start the season as quarterback Aug. 22 after the Chargers' exhibition game against the St. Louis Rams.

With two more weeks of training camp left, the Chargers will continue to learn about their new coach, who has already proven himself. He already has the players' trust and, in their final days at UCSD, their discipline will grow to hopefully bring fans a winning season.



Anna MacMurdo/Guardian

UCSD starting pitcher takes talent overseas

Senior Alex Cremidan plays for Greek national baseball team

By HARRY TASKER
Staff Writer

UCSD starting pitcher Alex Cremidan has proven to be a solid force for Triton baseball, and he is trying to make a name for himself overseas as well. Cremidan is in Europe this summer pitching for the Greek national team.

Cremidan earned all-conference honors last year in his junior season. After being hampered by injuries during his sophomore year, he helped anchor last year's strong pitching staff with a 7-2 record and an

earned run average of 3.07. He struck out 71 opposing batters while walking just 28 in 67.1 innings of work.

"He leads our rotation," UCSD head coach Dan O'Brien said. "He probably could have been drafted last season if school weren't so important to him."

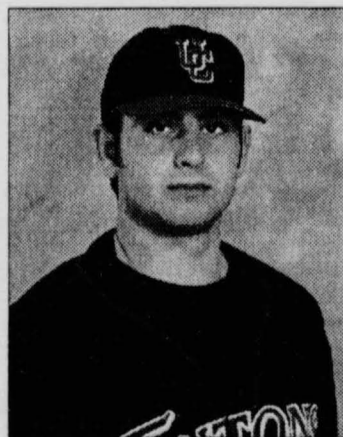
When he returns to the Tritons in the fall, Cremidan's experience on the Greek team should help him lead UCSD to success.

After proving their critics wrong last season and missing the playoffs by just one game, the Tritons hope Cremidan and the rest of their solid rotation will be

able to give UCSD a chance to advance to the postseason during the upcoming year.

Cremidan, who must deal with new adversities while pitching at the national level, will return to the Tritons after learning how to handle the pressure of representing a nation as he does for the Greek national baseball team, as well as being in a larger spotlight.

After graduating next June, Cremidan will likely be heading to the minor leagues. There he will look to kick start his professional Major League Baseball career.



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What is it going to take to put UCSD solidly on the map?

I walked into a poster store at the mall the other day, and I noticed a collection of pieces under a section titled "Collegiate Posters." I flipped through the few in this area, and I saw the icons of well-known universities such as the University of Southern California,

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