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Worldwide

China Warns Against Closer U.S.-Taiwan Military Ties

BEIJING — Adoption by Washington of a proposal to enhance military ties with Taiwan would have a "disastrous" effect on U.S. relations with China, a leading government adviser warned here Wednesday.

"This would be an openly hostile act by the United States toward China," the adviser, Xu Shiquan, said of the proposed law. "Sino-American relations would plunge again to the bottom, and American interests would be seriously damaged." Xu is president of the

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National

Vermont State Senate Votes to Approve Gay Civil Unions

MONTPELIER, Vt. — State Sen. Mark A. MacDonald, a strapping beef farmer and social studies teacher, knows he may have cost himself his legislative job Wednesday when he voted with a majority of his colleagues to approve marriage-like civil unions for gay couples.

But, he said, "I had to do it."

If he had voted against civil unions, MacDonald said, how was he going to explain it to his junior high students? "That I voted the

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Collegiate

Jobtrak.com Security Breach Releases Student Transcripts, Resumes

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jobtrak, a national college job search Web site has been listing hundreds of student transcripts, resumes and interview schedules on an openly accessible Internet server, breaking its own privacy regulations. Jobtrak has been storing information on a File Transfer Protocol site which can be publicly accessed by any third party, Scott Holcomb, vice president of operations for the company, confirmed yesterday. "It certainly was an oversight on our part," Holcomb

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Spoken

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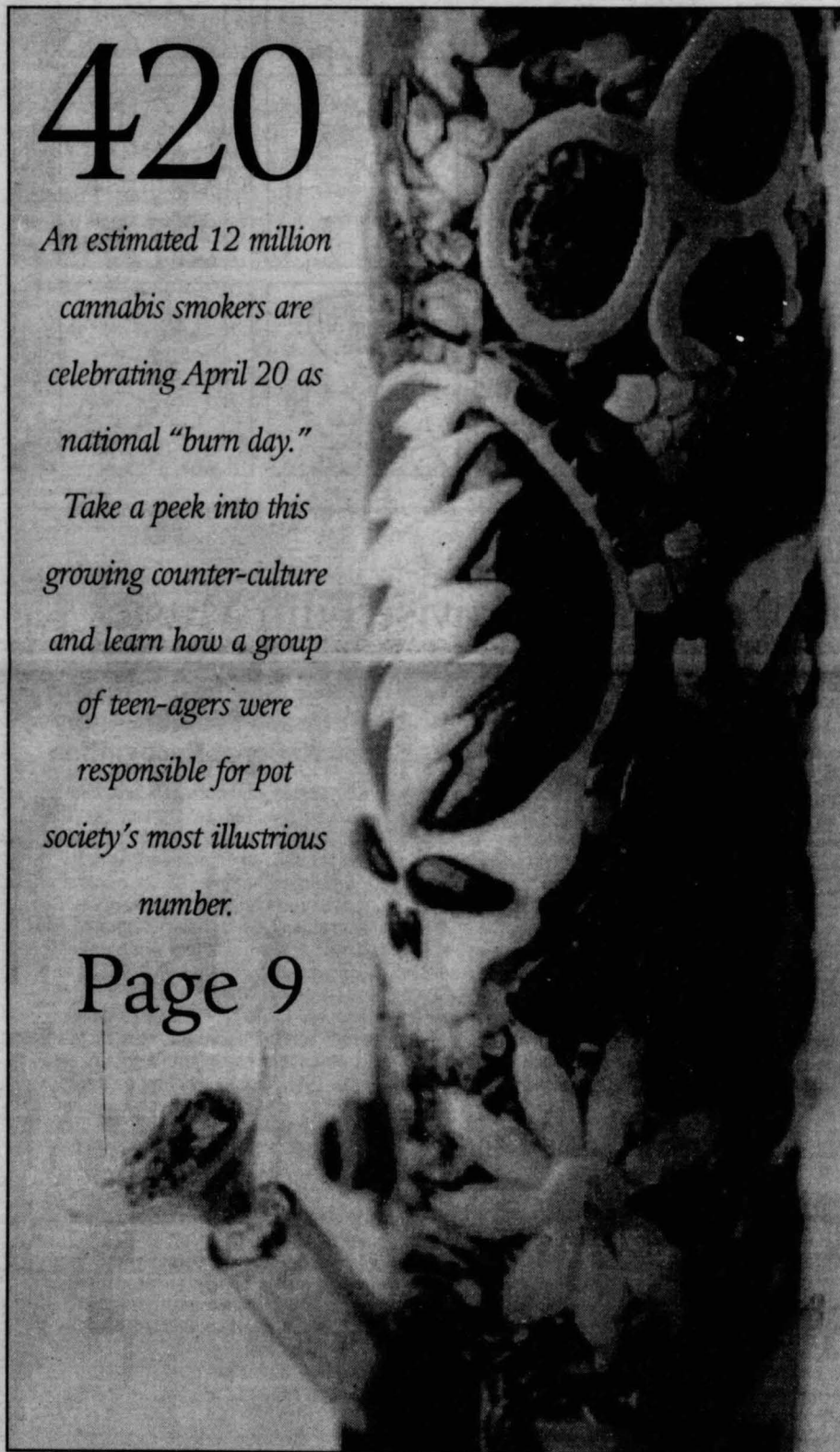
— Tesh Khullar
A.S. president
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An estimated 12 million cannabis smokers are celebrating April 20 as national "burn day."

Take a peek into this growing counter-culture and learn how a group of teen-agers were responsible for pot society's most illustrious number.

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A.S. President Admits to Forging Receipts

Committee is currently investigating New York trip taken by A.S. executives

first in a three-part series

By MATT SCHRADER

Associate News Editor

Members of the A.S. Council began meeting Tuesday to discuss allegations of wrongdoing by executive council members in relation to a leadership-conference trip to New York City. At Wednesday's council meeting, A.S. President Tesh Khullar admitted to falsifying receipts connected to the trip.

Khullar said he accepts responsibility for his actions.

"If I did something wrong, then I will take the blame for it," Khullar said. "I am willing to accept the consequences if they choose to do that."

The trip to New York was taken by executive council members Khullar, Vice President Internal Jennifer Lee, Vice President Finance Eric Rovner and Vice President External Terrence Patterson.

The members spent approximately \$5,400 of student funds to attend the week-long conference, said Warren Senior Senator Kevin McGinnis.

Khullar said he would give a full report regarding the allegations at next Wednesday's A.S. Council meeting after the special committee to investigate the trip has reached its final decision.

"There were some receipts that we turned in that were not authentic," he said. "I don't think we should discuss specifics until the report comes out."

The A.S. president said he promises to cooperate with the committee, as all students have the right to know how the A.S. Council's money is spent.

"I have no problem establishing this committee," he said. "We are not going to hide anything from anyone."

Khullar added that the receipts were not forged for the personal benefit of members of

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TAs Strike to Protest UC Labor Practices

UC system says union allegations are untrue and walkout could detract from labor negotiations

By VINCENT GRAGNANI
News Editor

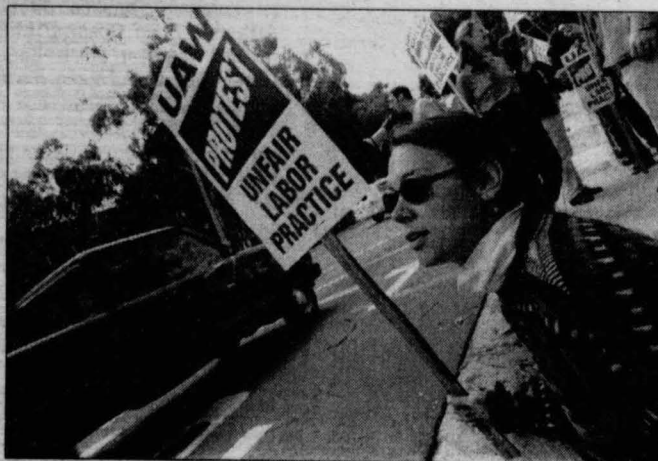
Teaching assistants across the UC system went on a daylong strike Tuesday, demanding that the university stop its unfair labor practices.

"[The University of California] continues to break the law, so we must act now," said Kristen Guzmán, a UCLA teaching assis-

tant and bargaining team member. "Our members provide 60 percent of the undergraduate instruction. We know that withholding our services will have a critical impact on the quality of education, but we want to force [the university] to obey [its] legal obligations to us as a union."

Last month, the TA unions

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Protest: Jenna Lahmann pickets against the University of California at the Gilman Drive information booth Tuesday.

David Piltz/Guardian

EVENTS

Thursday, April 20

Film: "Pork Pie + Nounou" and "We Three Kings"

These films from Wales and Italy will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Mandeville Auditorium. Admission for students is \$4. For more information, call 534-8074.

Friday, April 21

Aquarium: Grunion Run

On certain spring nights, hundreds of grunion may glitter in the moonlight as high tide washes them onto the beach during their unusual mating ritual. After a film and presentation on grunion and marine bioluminescence, attendees will hit the beach in search of the springtime visitors. Attendees should prepare for cool, wet conditions and bring a flashlight. For more information, call 534-7336.

Saturday, April 22

Religious Service: Easter

An Easter Vigil service will be held at 8 p.m. in Ballrooms A and B in the Price Center. Another service will also be held Sunday at 8 a.m. in the same location. Admission is free. For more information, call 534-1894.

Jobtrak:

Web-based program requires privacy agreement

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said. "We've taken care of it and it will not be an issue any time in the future. We are further working to shore up the FTP site."

Jobtrak is a nonprofit company that serves the University of Arizona through UA Career Services by supplying student information to employers on a national database.

The service requires a privacy agreement that gives Jobtrak permission to release information such as resumes and transcripts to potential employers.

Despite the privacy agreement, Ken Ramberg, Jobtrak's chief financial officer, said online services include a certain risk.

"Once you put a resume online, you run the risk that anybody can view it," he said.

FTP sites are Internet services that make volumes of data available and often do not require permission, allowing anonymous users to reach the information. Often, FTP files require a password to view more sensitive information.

—Arizona Daily Wildcat

Ivy League Universities See Boom Year for Application Rates

HANOVER, N.H. — It has been a very good year for the Ivy League — applications were up for most schools, and admissions rates were down almost across the board.

Brown University experienced the biggest increase in applications, up 14 percent from last year. The University of Pennsylvania saw the next-biggest jump in applications flooding into the mailroom, up over 6 percent from 1999.

Harvard and Brown Universities saw their rates of admission drop to an all-time low of 10.9 percent and just over 15 percent respectively.

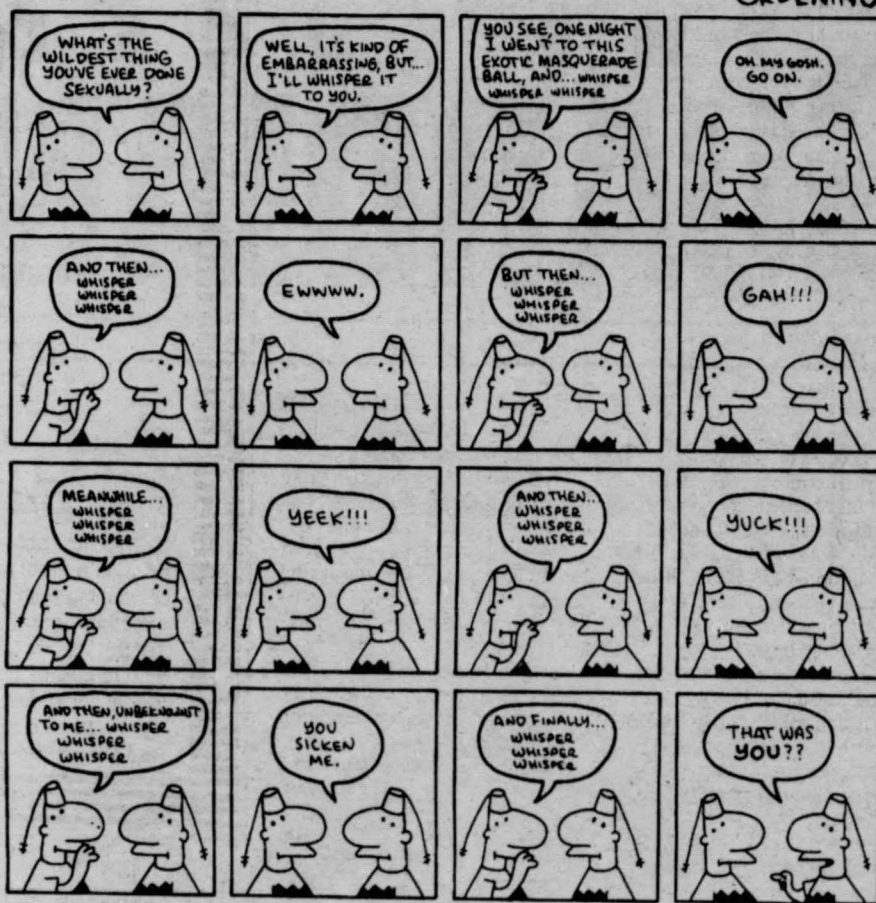
The University of Pennsylvania saw its acceptance rate drop 17 percent to about 22 percent.

Dartmouth was one of three Ivy League schools that saw fewer applications and one of two with slightly high-

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Receipts:

Committee may suggest Judicial Board hearing

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the executive council. "It is not like we spent this money on personal things," he said. "We didn't have all the receipts because we just didn't keep them."

Warren Freshman Senator Jesse Coward, who is chairing the investigative committee, said he is pleased that the four executives are cooperating with the formation of this committee and its investigation. "There were no attempts to deny or bury anything," he said. "I

appreciate that there were no signs of anything to hide."

Regardless, Khullar said the committee may suggest a Judicial Board trial for the alleged offenses.

"Legally I guess it could go back to the university if that is [its] prerogative," he said. "If there are further ramifications, then fine."

Khullar said Judicial Board punishment could range from having the executive council pay back the money from the forged receipts to completing community service.

Khullar added that he is still uncertain about what the punishment for the executive council will be.

Many senators feel the formation of the investigative committee is an

important step toward achieving close ties between the A.S. Council and the students, and toward ensuring that future problems do not occur.

"Reviewing the process by which executive travel funds are allocated and spent is extremely important in further fostering strong relations with the students of 'UCSD,'" said Marshall Sophomore Senator Jeff Dodge. "In the end I hope the A.S. [Council] can figure out a more functional, accountable way to handle executive travel allocations."

The members of the investigative committee will hold their next meeting Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Leadership Chambers.

Strike:

TAs marched through Price and Student centers

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charged the university with unilaterally changing TA working conditions, bargaining in bad faith, refusing to provide critical information, delaying bargaining and practicing regressive bargaining. The unions filed their charge with the California Public Employment Relations Board.

The unions also stated that the university has failed to provide information with respect to workload, health benefits and fee remissions, and that it has violated the law by making changes to hours, workload, summer programs and job descriptions without negotiating with the union.

The university released a statement Tuesday saying that a strike may detract from the negotiation process.

"We do not understand the need

for a strike given the progress that has been occurring," the university stated. "A strike will not influence the university's negotiating position and can only be a distraction from the real process of achieving a contract. Furthermore, the union's accusations of unfair labor practices by the university are unfounded."

UCSD TAs picketed at the Gilman information booth all day Tuesday. At noon, over 70 TAs brought their protest through campus, marching through the Price Center and Student Center before returning to Gilman Drive.

The union called a strike earlier this month and then postponed it after an agreement was made between the union and the university to enter into a three-week mediation period.

Part of the settlement was an agreement for the university to send a letter to administrators explaining the labor law to them and how it has changed since the university began recognizing the TA unions last year.

Jennie Hyatt, a UCSD physics

TA, said the letter did not inform administrators about direct dealing. Direct dealing refers to instances when the university deals with a hand-picked group of TAs instead of the union representatives.

Hyatt said that while the strike may harm undergraduates for one day, it has a greater purpose.

"Obviously it is going to hurt the students, but [the university] breaking the law is hurting students much more than this one-day strike," she said.

Michael Hughes, a UCSD TA in the linguistics department, said he would like to see a quick resolution to the problem.

"What we'd like to see is the university stop breaking the law. We'd like to see them adhere to the labor law and bargain in good faith," he said. "We don't want to hurt undergraduates and we want to see these things resolved in a civilized manner."

According to both the TAs and the university, the mediation period that both parties agreed to was supposed to run through Tuesday.

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Low Voter Turnout Due to Online Voting

Voter turnout for UCSD's past election was lower than usual, coming in at just over 20 percent, as opposed to the average student turnout of 25 percent in past years. Although the low turnout may be attributed to many causes, such as apathy regarding candidates and a larger student population, the primary reason for lower voter turnout was the online voting process and the way it was implemented.

Voting online is much easier and more accessible than having the traditional ballot tables set up around campus. However, in past years, prominent voting booths in key locations such as Peterson Hall and the Price Center helped to encourage students to vote in previous years. Students couldn't enter a classroom without seeing visual reminders that an election was taking place. In addition, students who voted in past elections received a reward for participating in the political process — a free soda at the Price Center.

This year, there was a single voting booth set up with iBooks on Library Walk, but this proved to be too little to motivate students to vote, especially amidst the overpowering vendor fair that was also taking place on Library Walk. Moreover, there was no free soda for the students who might have needed such an incentive to vote, and some students missed the physical satisfaction of simply punching holes for the candidates they supported. Furthermore, other students may have been disturbed by the fact that their vote may be associated with their identification number, though this is necessary to prevent voter fraud online.

The election could have been better handled and voter turnout increased by having voting booths set up as usual around campus (in addition to having the online voting option available at computer labs and home computers). It is clear that the future of student elections is online voting, due in no small part to its ease of use and flexibility. However, it would have been more appropriate to phase in this new form slowly rather than jumping in head-first and getting rid of the old, established venues of voting.

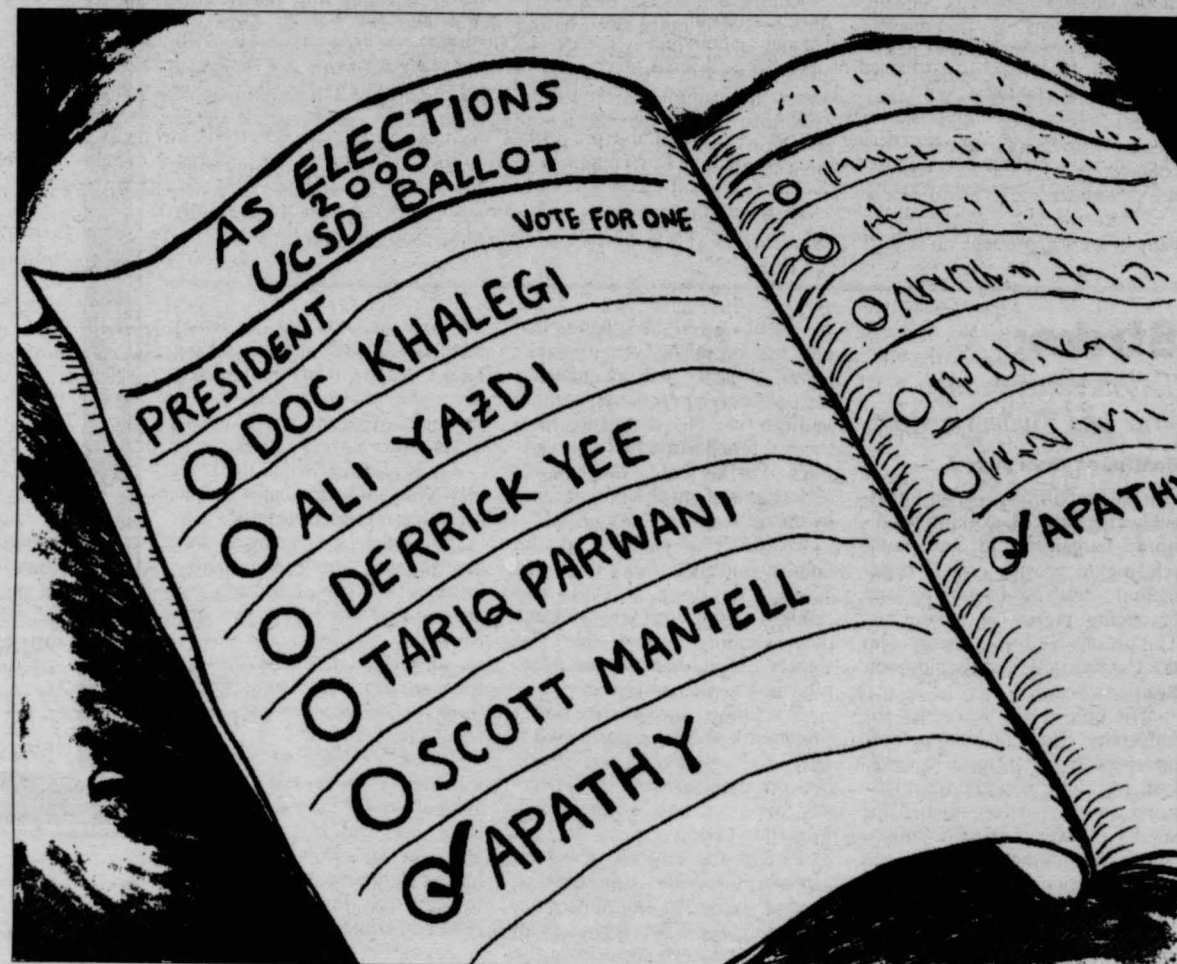
PROPS & FLOPS

Thumbs up to all the newly elected A.S. officers. We look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Thumbs down to all you people who continue to insist that 420 refers to the police code for drug use. Everyone knows that penal code 420 refers to obstructing free passage on public lands.

Thumbs up to University of California for joining the anti-sweatshop group Workers Rights Consortium.

OPINION



Austin Hsia / Guardian

Californians Must Give Up Their Love of the Car if Mass Transit is to Succeed

Automobiles have revolutionized modern society, but the growth of urban centers makes it clear that the age of public, not private, transportation is desperately needed

By SIMONE SANTINI
 Staff Writer

The idea for this article was formed on a crowded Friday afternoon while sitting with what seems to amount to half the population of San Diego at the intersection of Sorrento Valley Boulevard and Sorrento Valley Road, along with several murderous thoughts directed at whoever designed said intersection.

It takes a criminal mind to pack together a major intersection between the only two streets leading in or out of a burgeoning industrial area, a slow cycling, eight-way traffic light, a railroad crossing, and a freeway entrance and exit.

It is only in situations like this, in which traffic is at a standstill and we proceed at the fantastic speed of two miles per hour, that on has the time to analyze the situation with relative calm (barring, of course, the aforementioned murderous thoughts). Usually one is too busy negotiating one's way around drivers with the reflexes of lemur who can find no other way to assert themselves other than hurling 4,000 pounds of ill-controlled steel down a public road. These vehicles are ill-controlled due to the fact that their drivers always seem busy talking on the phone, reading, writing, sipping coffee — all benign activities, except, that is, by a person behind the wheel of a moving vehicle.

Nowhere is the silly proliferation of overweight, oversized sport-utility vehicles more evident than from within a little Volkswagen Golf.

As the traffic crawls and grinds to a halt, the train of thought wanders from its first object to the absurdity of the fact that hundreds of people are using an equal number of cars to travel a few miles inside an urban area. No one should be sitting here in a car trying to avoid bad drivers in big cars while their blood pressure goes up. Commuters

Sooner or later, every technology reaches the limits of its sustainable development, and the car-oriented city is rapidly reaching its limit.

should be sitting in a subway, a train or a bus reading a book on the way home — or perhaps engaged in casual conversation with strangers who, after months of carpooling together, would become old friends, shaking their heads philosophically as they discuss the evils of the world.

This lack of efficient public transportation is, if you think about it dispassionately, rather strange. After all, massive urban transportation by private vehicles is more expensive, dangerous, polluting and — if my experiences are at all typical — a more lonely, tiring and altogether stressing experience than a train or bus ride.

Things are not going to improve any time soon. Sooner or later, every technology reaches the limits of its sustainable development, and the car-oriented city is rapidly reaching its limit. This is not due to a defect or flaw in the automobile *per se*, but simply to the fact that successful technologies often transform the society into which they are inserted in such a way that the technology becomes obsolete. America today is no longer the country it was in 1910, the year in which the automobile was successfully introduced. This is due, in no small measure, to the impact of the car itself.

What makes things complicated in this circumstance is that cars have had a tremendous impact not only on the structure of our cities, but on the nature and role of businesses, the way people work and are entertained, courtship ritu-

als, generation conflicts and religion. Changing the role of the car will be difficult because it entails changing our attitude toward all these things.

This is why the recent \$5.2 billion transportation plan outlined by California Gov. Gray Davis is encouraging yet disappointing. It is encouraging in the political realization that public transportation is an urgent issue that should be confronted without further delay. The government has a pivotal role in the development of private transportation by using tax money to build roads and freeways, and every signal of its willingness to play a role in a more extensive use of public transportation is welcome.

The plan is disappointing in that it fails to consider the widespread ripples that the car's changing role will send throughout society. As it is often the case, Davis' plan looks for a simple technological fix to a problem with deep political implications.

This doesn't mean that technological and logistic improvements are not important. There is no reason why the United States should continue trailing other industrialized countries in high-speed trains, for example, especially considering that a 200 mph train is more convenient and economical than a plane for most travel within California (e.g. on a San Diego to San Francisco trip). Yet, only \$5 million has been allocated for a preliminary study of a high-speed coastal rail link (local rails are doing better, with about \$800 million allocated).

In this sense, Davis' plan is too timid, lingering too much on the perpetuity of the car (\$275 million for new freeway lanes), and in the much more fundamental way of not considering the depth to which a serious reform of our transportation model will affect society (no money has been proposed for long-term urban development projects).

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Admit Day Misrepresents UCSD

The carnival atmosphere that prospective students are exposed to upon visiting this campus is not indicative of real life

By BRENT DON
 Opinion Editor

Another Admit Day has come and gone, and I feel ashamed. I feel ashamed of myself and my peers and my school.

All these naive, ambitious high school seniors come to UCSD to try to decide whether they should spend the next four (or five, or six) years of their life here, not to mention spending tens of thousands of dollars of their (or their parents', or the government's) money for the privilege. Choosing a college is perhaps the most important decision anyone could ever make. Because of this fact, all the admittees invest a great deal of time in researching their choices to try to make the right decision.

What do we — the people who found ourselves standing on this exact same threshold not long ago — do for these hopeful aspirants? We lie to them.

We lead them down a Library Walk that is packed with student organizations trying to sell the school to all these high school tourists. We tell them that UCSD is a great place to get politically involved and active in the community, yet we can't even get 25 percent of the student body to turn out for a student election. We tell them there are plenty of outlets to celebrate different cultures and backgrounds at UCSD, even while diversity has been slowly dying at this campus.

We take them off campus to party and/or get them drunk (I can't even begin to count how many violations of Admit Day policy are contained in that one sentence ... it's probably best not to think about it), knowing full well that parties at UCSD are hard to come by.

These kids don't know any of this. They don't know what it's really like here the rest of the school year. They come to campus for a couple of days and see a bunch of college students having a good time and being dedicated. How are they supposed to know this isn't the way things always are?

Once the pre-frosches are all gone, the

booths are packed up and neglected once again. Everyone goes back to the usual hum-drum of campus life. This is when pre-frosches should really come and visit, during midterms and finals when the pressure is really on and they can see exactly what going to school here actually entails.

When the pre-frosches we tricked during Admit Day come to school in the fall they're going to feel angry and betrayed. They're going to hunt down the students who hosted them in the spring, grab them by the throat and shake them mercilessly while they yell: "What the hell happened to this place? Ever since I enrolled here all I've seen people do is study and camp in front of their computers. You told me you guys believed in things! You told me you partyed! You told me you guys were cool! How could you lie to me like that?"

The only response the offending student will have to offer is: "Hey, relax. The next Admit Day is only two quarters away, then we can take out the next batch of pre-frosches and party with them the same way we did with you."

Admit Day is just a carnival. Everything that is good about UCSD is packed into a circus tent and paraded before the unassuming eyes of the next generation of UCSD students. They don't know how hard it is to find all of these opportunities during the course of the normal school year. Admit Day doesn't represent the vast majority of the student body, the hoards who don't get involved in student organizations or try to participate the least bit in campus life.

I'm not going to say there isn't anything to be proud of at UCSD because that is obviously false. I can't help but wonder at the morality of misrepresenting ourselves to the rest of the world just for the sake of recruiting for the university. If applicants really want to see what UCSD is like, they should come here on their own during the school year so they can see what we're like when we're not putting on a show.

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Republicans Threaten Education

The GOP's reliance on the free market to provide quality schools will only doom the public school system to failure

By SHEILA BAPAT
 Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona's Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Graham Keegan might be getting a new job.

It depends on whether GOP presidential contender George W. Bush (a) wins the presidency this November and (b) agrees to appoint the McCain supporter his Secretary of Education.

If all of the above come true, America can kiss the public education system goodbye.

It is no secret that Keegan has championed a highly conservative approach to education. She wants to turn public education into a market-based system, which makes her the darling of those who want to end the public education system.

Pundit George F. Will wrote an endorsement for her in his April 17 *Newsweek* column that likened to a love poem.

"Keegan ... supported John McCain, who, regarding straight talk, is a shrinking violet compared with Keegan, a Stanford-educated intellectual who radiates prickly thoughts," Will wrote.

Instead of improving the current education system, Keegan's influence would eventually tear apart a public education system that ought to be saved.

The conservative premise that a market-based education system is best is wrong. Even though vouchers allow for "public choice," which on the surface sounds like a fine idea, it does nothing for the children who need the most help.

Apparently, Keegan believes that once you give parents a choice about where they can send their kids to school, all educational problems are solved.

However, the poorest students will not be able to find their way out of a ghetto simply because the government sends them a check and says, "Go pick a school!"

There are structural problems that public choice programs do not solve. Instead of trying to fight the root of the problem — impoverished neighborhoods and cycles of poverty — vouchers will only allow the most privileged students to truly have control over where they go to school. A single-parent welfare family with many children will probably not be able to get out of their neighborhood in order to find a better school.

Poor schools exist in poor neighborhoods, and poor neighborhoods are the key problem that Keegan's agenda does nothing to solve. Simply taking a few lucky kids out of a bad neighborhood does not get to the root of the nation's education problem.

Students should not have to move anywhere in order to receive a good public education. The goal is to make all public schools good, to improve the system as it is.

However, Keegan wants a revolution. "[Keegan] does tend to lean toward completely changing things, blowing them up and starting over instead of building on success," Penny Kotterman, president of the Arizona Education Association, told *The Associated Press*. "She is clearly a spokesperson for the Republican agenda for education."

Will's love poem to Keegan proves that she represents the conservatives' educational agenda. He writes, "Bush would be wise to start now using his campaign to raise her profile as his kind of conservative and to begin plagiarizing from her."

Even though Keegan supported McCain in the Republican primary, her conservative agenda should win her plenty of support within the party for the appointment to Secretary of Education. She is a prime conservative candidate for the post.

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Transit:

California should follow the lead of other innovators

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Examples of more daring experiments abound in other parts of the country. Atlanta is studying small living communities with apartments, shops and entertainment, well served by a city-wide subway system. Most Italian cities are shutting down private traffic on Sundays to see in practice how to create the conditions for a city life less dependent on cars. Italians seem to be enjoying it tremendously. Parisians are hypothesizing how the advent of electric cars, with their long refueling time, will change the concept of ownership of a means of transportation. The current model is that owning private transportation is tantamount to owning the physical object that makes transportation possible. This will be impractical with the idea of purchasing the use of a car as opposed to the physical ownership of the car itself (so that, instead of refueling, one can just use a different car).

The cities on the West Coast of the United States are heavily dependent on cars and have been active in promoting technological solutions to some of the problems they create — from clean gasoline to electric cars. Yet these cities don't seem ready to pioneer, or even admit, the social, architectural and cultural changes that other transportation alternatives will entail. Why aren't our cities even promoting a debate on these issues?

The United States has been known for daring social experimentation — the institution of a suburban society completely dependent on the car being just one example — but now we don't seem able to take action in response to the changed circumstances that should push us to question our development model. This might just be a consequence of a more general involution of the American society in the last 20 years, or just a tribute to the strength with which the idea of the private car was planted in our collective consciousness.

As you sit contemplating this in rush hour, as the traffic starts moving around you, at least you can find solace in this: It's Friday. You won't have to go through this again until Monday.

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World News

Israeli Supreme Court Frees 13 Lebanese Prisoners

JERUSALEM — After spending years in prison in Israel without charges, 13 Lebanese detainees were driven Wednesday morning in a caged van to the border. There they waited into the late afternoon, blindfolded and handcuffed, while a last legal wrinkle was ironed out in their case. Finally, after the Israeli Supreme Court rejected an 11th-hour petition to keep the men behind bars, Israeli soldiers handed them over to the International Committee of the Red Cross and

the men crossed back into Lebanon. Boarding a bus at the Fatma Gate, one detainee raised his hands to the sky, covered his face and shook his head in relief and disbelief. In the Lebanese town of Kfar Tibnit, relatives and supporters had been waiting for days to greet the men, whose release date kept getting postponed. By the time the detainees' bus arrived, hundreds mobbed it, some throwing rice, some weeping, and some fainting from emotion.

To their relatives' frustration, their bus then rolled on for a two-hour tour through the Lebanese countryside, orchestrated by the Hezbollah Shiite Muslim group. The relatives followed behind, in a convoy that snaked back 100 vehicles. Only at Hezbollah headquarters, after the men knelt at the feet of the leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, did the families finally get to embrace them. Hassan Hijazi, who was "a baby without a beard" when his older sister last saw him in 1986, looked

pale and slight and overwhelmed by the many relatives who smothered him with affection. Like Hijazi, several of the men had been imprisoned for more than a decade, since they were teenagers. Starting in the mid-1980s, they had been abducted from Lebanon, convicted as guerrilla sympathizers, and, after serving brief sentences, held as "bargaining chips" for missing Israeli soldiers. Some never stood trial at all. — Deborah Sontag
The New York Times

China:

Act would mandate cooperation with Taiwan

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Institute of Taiwan Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the leading government-run research group on Taiwanese affairs. The Taiwan Security Enhancement Act would mandate closer military cooperation between the United States and Taiwan. The United States has not had a formal alliance with Taiwan since it switched diplomatic recognition to the mainland in 1979, but under the Taiwan Relations Act of the same year it has pledged to provide Taiwan with the means to defend itself against attack.

The bill, which Clinton says is unneeded and overly provocative, passed in the House of Representatives by a huge margin on Feb. 1. Its prospects in the Senate are unclear, but this week, after the administration said it would not sell Taiwan some of the advanced weapons it had requested, Republican senators vowed to press harder for the legislation.

In an interview, Xu described Beijing's response to last month's presidential elections in Taiwan as "cool and restrained."

— Erik Eckholm
The New York Times

Breton Separatists Suspected in McDonald's Bombing

PARIS — A bomb exploded at a McDonald's restaurant in a small city in Brittany Wednesday, killing a restaurant worker, and the Interior Ministry suggested that it was the work of an obscure Breton separatist movement. A second bomb found outside a post office in Rennes, 35 miles away, was defused. The explosion at the Brittany city, Dinan, went off at about 10 a.m. near the restaurant's drive-through window. The force of the explosion hurled the body of Laurence Turbec, 28, into shrubbery near the parking

lot. Few customers were in the restaurant at the time. No one took responsibility for either bomb, but the police said three sticks of dynamite found in Rennes were from a cache of eight tons stolen at gunpoint from an industrial depot last September. The police eventually recovered five tons and arrested members of the small Brittany Combat Group and the better-known Basque separatist movement ETA. Another Breton separatist group, the Revolutionary Breton Army, has

long been suspected of links with Basque and Corsican separatists as well as the Irish Republican Army. It has a history of bombings in the region, which have surged in the months since the theft. The robbers also took miles of detonating cord and thousands of detonators. The Revolutionary Breton Army has claimed responsibility for four recent bombings, but previous attacks have been on government buildings, electrical pylons or other property and have killed no one. Such acts "never before had

such dramatic consequences," said a statement from the Interior Ministry, which sent an antiterrorism unit to investigate. "Their authors don't hesitate to put human life in danger, and they should be forcefully condemned." In an event that may not be connected, three bullets were fired at the same restaurant a month ago, the mayor of Dinan said Wednesday. That incident remains unexplained. — Donald G. McNeil Jr.
The New York Times

National News

Marriages:

Bill now moves to state House of Representatives

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"I did so I could get re-elected," he said. And "to have the voters think I was a good fellow and ignore all the testimony they paid me to listen to?"

The groundbreaking bill, which offers marriage benefits for gay couples, gained final approval in the Vermont Senate on Wednesday in a 19-11 vote. Two of 13 Democrats in passing the measure. It must now negotiate one last hurdle next week in the House of Representatives, before it goes to Gov. Howard Dean, a Democrat, for his promised signature. It would then take effect this summer.

Passage of the measure would be an American first. But it is all the more striking in that so many Vermont lawmakers, like MacDonald, a Democrat, have

repeatedly voted in support of civil unions despite indications from public opinion polls, phone calls, letters and town meeting votes that they are bucking their constituents' will and risking their seats in this fall's election. "You see senators in tears — they know this vote may well be their last," said Sen. Peter Shumlin, the president pro tem, to whom MacDonald gave an emotional, football-player hug after a preliminary vote Tuesday night.

"I've never seen a vote that required more courage." Individual seats and the slim Democratic majority in both chambers are at stake, Shumlin said. "I've worked very hard to be in the majority," he said. "I recognize that today's action jeopardized that, and I know my fellow senators recognize we jeopardize that. But there's a time when you have to stand up for what you believe in, and this is it."

— Carey Goldberg
The New York Times

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McCain Admits Fault on S.C. Flag Issue

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Sen. John McCain apologized Wednesday for not having called for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina Statehouse when he campaigned in the state's Republican presidential primary, saying he had compromised his principles out of political self-interest. McCain, who built his presidential quest on a reputation for candor and patriotism, said he had equivocated on the flag issue because he feared that if his true feelings had been known they

would have undermined his effort to wrest the nomination from Gov. George W. Bush of Texas. McCain said in the campaign that the divisive issues should be left to the state, as had Bush, who stood by the position Wednesday. In a subdued speech at a luncheon a stone's throw from the Capitol where the Confederate battle flag flies, McCain, a former Navy war hero whose ancestors fought for the South, indicted himself for a lapse in honor. "I feared that if I answered honestly, I could not win the South

Carolina primary," McCain said. "So I chose to compromise my principles. I broke my promise to always tell the truth." In January, McCain said that he considered the flag a "symbol of racism and slavery." The next day he called it a "symbol of heritage," a phrase used by supporters of the flag. At all times he declared that the issue should be left up to the people of South Carolina to decide without interference from outsiders. — Steven A. Holmes
The New York Times

Tennessee Holds First Execution in 40 Years

NASHVILLE — Early Wednesday morning, Tennessee executed its first death row inmate in 40 years. The inmate, Robert Glen Coe, 44, was killed by lethal injection for the 1979 rape and murder of 8-year-old Cary Ann Medlin in the West Tennessee town of Greenfield. "We are grateful that the judicial system has finally, after 21 long years in the state of Tennessee, honored, remembered and fulfilled its obligation to Cary Ann's right to life," the girl's mother, Charlotte Stout, told reporters outside the prison just minutes after witness-

ing the execution. "She had a right to live, and he took that from her." As Stout spoke, Coe's family left the prison without talking to representatives of the news media. But in an eerie moment, one of Coe's sisters could be heard wailing in the background just as Stout was remembering her daughter's last words to her killer. "Please do not forget Cary's words, 'Jesus loves you,'" Stout said. "These are her legacy to her killer, to Robert Coe's family and to us. My child will finally rest in peace."

Tennessee had been the only

state in the former Confederacy that had not executed anyone since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1976 that the death penalty did not inherently violate the Constitution. The South leads the nation by far in the number of executions carried out since that ruling. A federal appeals court found him mentally competent, and the Supreme Court denied his last appeal, on Tuesday. He was pronounced dead at 1:37 a.m. at the Riverbend Maximum Security Prison. — Emily Yellin
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Ivy League:

Dartmouth's acceptance rate rose slightly

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er acceptance rates.

Dartmouth offered admission to about 21.4 percent of applicants this year. The only two Ivy League schools with higher rates of acceptance were the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University, with rates of approximately 23 percent and 30 percent respectively.

Dartmouth's acceptance rate was up slightly from 20.8 percent in 1999 — a 0.6 point difference that Dean of Admissions Karl Furstenberg deemed "insignificant." Princeton University experienced a notably larger decrease in applicants, with 8 percent fewer students applying this year. Princeton's acceptance rate also rose slightly, from 11.4 percent in 1999 to the current rate of 12.2 percent.

The acceptance rate for Yale University went down — although slightly — despite this year's three percent decrease in applicants. Sometimes, increases in applications can be due to university initiatives, such as enhancing financial aid opportunities. Other times, the increases can have more to do with external factors.

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Burn Baby Burn

April 20, better known as 420 to the cannabis culture, has been unofficially designated as national 'burn day,' but how exactly did 420 originate?

The day gets a little hazier on April 20. A mellow vibe fills the streets of Ocean Beach and Hillcrest, people slow strolling with their dark sunglasses hiding a hint of paranoia. The wind carries a piney smell, accented with a dash of spice and blueberries.

Classic rock radio stations receive an unusually high number of requests for Steve Miller, Phish, Pink Floyd and most of all, The Grateful Dead. In fact, the FM airwaves are all filled with a strange repetition of Bob Marley, Peter Tosh and Dr. Dre. As the afternoon wanes, people begin to congregate in enormous beach circles and small apartment clusters. Someone lights up the Nag Champa incense as seconds tick slower and the time reluctantly comes.

No worries. No hurries. It's 420 Day — a self-proclaimed holiday not only for stoners, but everyone who enjoys a toke of cannabis once in a blue moon. At 4:20 p.m., oxygen levels slightly fall as millions of smokers burn their herb and inhale.

The question as to the significance of "420" has circulated through urban legends for years. Many believe 420 to be a police code for possession of marijuana, a theory which is disproved easily by asking any peace officer. Nor is the legend that marijuana contains 420 active ingredients true. The truth, however, seems more unbelievable than the two plausible legends.

High Times magazine first recognized "420" in 1991 as a San Rafael police code for "pot smoking in progress." It later retracted the statement in 1998 and corrected it by introducing a small '70s band called The Waldos.

San Rafael's Steve Waldo claimed that he and his friends were the originators of the now infamous number. He offered to take a polygraph test when telling his story, which began with a wall on the campus of San Rafael High School.

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Story by David Lee, Hiatus Editor

Get Up Stand Up, Stand Up for Your Rights

The majority of marijuana consumers mistakenly believes that the 'war on drugs' does not concern them

By DAVID LEE
Hiatus Editor

This is a warning to everyone who enjoys a taste of cannabis. Whether you are a habitual or occasional smoker, you are at war.

The actual campaign started in the early '80s with the Reagan administration's staunch "zero tolerance" attitude toward any form of illegal narcotic, including marijuana. However, the fight did not end with the Republicans — Clinton took up the mantle and assigned Gen. Barry McCaffrey to the position of drug czar in 1996.

This man is not simply a "desk general," but instead, a West Point graduate who did tours in both Vietnam and Iraq. In his acceptance speech, McCaffrey announced an anti-drug publicity blitz that would specifically target marijuana "consumption."

Many a smoker might conjure up visions of coca fields being raided by special forces when thinking about the "war on drugs." However, many do not know that there is a marijuana-related arrest every two minutes in the United States, and over 80 percent of these arrests are due to personal consumption, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports. Of the 20 percent accused of "sale and manufacturing," the actual crime involves personal cultivation of over one ounce, which leads the police to infer possession with "intent to distribute."

The arrest statistics clearly disprove a common misconception that the government does not aggressively pursue recreational

smokers. In fact, personal consumers were the bread and butter of the Bush administration's 1989 National Drug Strategy Control, which labeled recreational smokers as "advertisements" for drug use and labeled their practices "highly contagious."

Neither has the Clinton administration eased the intensity of the war, spending an estimated \$7 billion each year to track, hunt and lock up any marijuana consumers.

One reason there are so many marijuana-related arrests is that users either do not understand or do not exercise their legal rights. With growing organizations such as the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, marijuana consumers no longer need to be victims in this war. The following information will help consumers' cause.

Not only every smoker, but every American should be aware of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution. The Fourth states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by the Oath of affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

The Fifth Amendment states: "No person shall be...compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of the law."

In other words, the cops cannot

search you unless they have a damn good reason. You should wield these laws like a samurai, not like a Viking. Playing Dennis Leary with a cop will only raise his or her already donut-injected blood sugar levels to pissed off proportions. However, playing it smooth and being collected will give the officer less of an excuse to beat out his or her inferiority complex on you.

When an officer approaches you and asks if he can search your car, you should only accept if you are absolutely positive that you and your automobile are completely clean. If you have the slightest inclination of possession, then you should never consent to a search.

The attitude is crucial here. Once an individual refuses to consent, the officer must either detain the person or attempt to get a warrant, but the fact that an individual refuses does not give the officer a proper motive to obtain a warrant.

Officers are trained to be intimidating and deceptive in order to obtain a citizen's consent. They may either promise leniency or threaten to arrest you. Whatever they say, keep to the guns of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments by saying, "I retain my Fourth Amendment rights and all other rights stated under the U.S. Constitution and will say nothing until my attorney is present. Thank you."

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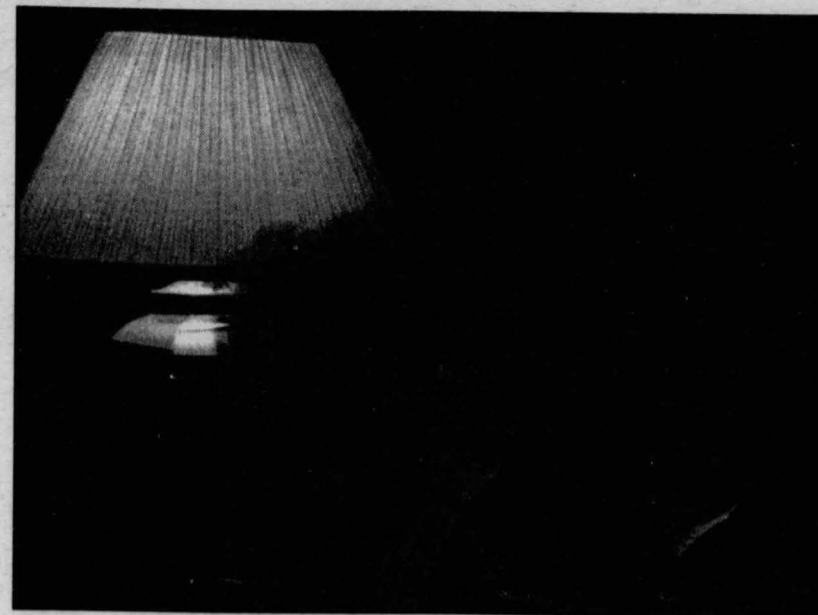
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Finally, only stay as long as you are required to. Officers are also trained to pretend as if you are required to stay at all times. All questioned individuals should ask, "Am I being arrested or detained? If not, may I go now?" The truth is that most consumers never think about the war on drugs, and in all honesty, are never directly affected by it. The trick is to be knowledgeable about your rights and to believe that those rights were created for individuals like you, although some may try to dampen such beliefs. The rules for survival in the war on drugs is simple: Survive and don't get caught in the crossfire. For more information call (202) 483-5500 or visit www.norml.org



Smokescreen: 70 million Americans have admitted to using marijuana once while, 12 million Americans admit that they are regular consumers.

Interview With a Dealer

A conversation with a marijuana dealer corrects common misconceptions

By HARRY TASKER
Special to the Guardian

Aside from the paraphernalia, marijuana has seeped into pop culture as exhibited through the "420" T-shirts that can be seen during network prime-time hours. Hard statistics say that 25 percent of all teenagers have tried the drug. Overall, 70 million Americans have tried it once while 12 million use marijuana on a regular basis according to the Office of National Drug Control.

The biggest change in pot society over the years, however, is its most misunderstood creature: the dealer.

The media has always painted a sinister portrait of drug dealers, making them seem as corrupt and malicious as murderers and politicians. Hip hop culture has refined that image into a sympathetic product of an oppressive government.

However, 12 million regular users don't center in Hell's Kitchen or South Central. They reside in suburbs with names like Tarzana and Oak Creek. For college students, they live right down the dorm hall or two floors above their campus apartment. The identity of the dealer has not changed, it has merely expanded.

The following is an interview with a student dealer. His reflections on dealing marijuana reveal both personal insight and some plain, straight answers toward common misconceptions.

How long have you been dealing pot and what made you start?

Two years. I started smoking regularly my senior year of high school. When I got to college, I figured that dealing would be a great way for me to smoke for free. Of course, all this shit wouldn't be possible if I hadn't known the right people.

How did you get involved in dealing marijuana?

Like I said, it's the people you know. I was originally comfortable talking to dealers since my own dealer from high school was a good friend of mine. But I didn't start from him. Why? Well, it would be too fucking weird to do business with him. But I found some dealers in San Diego and asked them if they could hook me up. I started dealing ounces, then moved up to "QPs."

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Taste and Judge Marijuana Like the Pros

The 13th annual Cannabis Cup will be held this year in Amsterdam with over 700 judges

By RASHAD WEST
Contributing Hiatus Writer

For many a pot smoker, Amsterdam is considered the land of milk and honey. Every year, thousands of American stoners strap on their clogs and get ready to see Holland's tulip laden windmills, but most importantly, to see all those hash bars Cheech and Chong made popular back in the States.

For the marijuana enthusiast, November is the month to go to Amsterdam and for one simple reason—The Cannabis Cup, a week long festival celebrating the world's favorite herb.

The Cannabis Cup was founded by *High Times* Editor in Chief Steven Hager on a trip to the Netherlands in 1987. The purpose of the trip was to interview the founder of The Seed Bank, supposedly Holland's first cannabis seed company. During his stay, it was visiting Americans, surprisingly, that inspired the idea for the Cannabis Cup with constant stories about harvest festivals held in California in the early '70s.

Hager wanted to establish a similar festival in Amsterdam with the intention of creating an international standard for cannabis seeds. It became a reality the following year with the first annual Cannabis Cup.

The first Cup involved three judges and only involved seed companies. Year by year, the Cup grew to become a commercial success on an international level. By the seventh Cup, 700 judges with over 100 strains of marijuana were involved in what would become one of the world's largest cannabis festivals.

This year's 13th annual

Cannabis Cup is expected to be the largest in its history. The festivities will take place from November 19-23 with over 1500 participants. The Cup's theme has been dubbed "The Goddess Cup" in celebration of the female cannabis plant, otherwise known as chronic, gold ganja, chiba, etc....

Although the Cup's main goal is still to judge and rate the world's best cannabis, it has evolved into an overall celebration of the herb in general. Cannabis seed companies such as the Seed Company, Sensi Seed Bank and Dutch Passion open up their factory doors to the public just like Willy Wonka did for Charlie and Veruca Salt. And like breweries here in America, all visitors leave with a tiny sample of the company's finest.

Hash bars get into the mix of things by offering free samples and discounted prices on all their merchandise. During the cup, the bars are filled with smokers from around the world where Woody Harrelson might be lighting up a joint. John Trudell, former chair of the American Indian Movement, showed up for the 9th annual Cup and there's bound to be one Marley present each year.

The most common question that arises concerning the Cannabis Cup is how exactly one "judges" cannabis. Since judging only involves a monetary fee and no real experience is necessary, all judges are given this general outline on how to grade cannabis.

Appearance:
Is there a thick coat of white or light golden crystals?
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Red Lights: Amsterdam's notorious Red Light District fills with smokers from around the world during the Cannabis Cup.

there stalked glands with fat balls or resin?

How much "leaf" is there on the plant?

Are there signs that the leaves have been trimmed from the bud? If so, how well have they been trimmed?

Are the buds tight or loose? How much red hair is there on the bud?

Smell:
Does the bud carry a piney smell?
Does it smell "green" or "chemi-

cal"?

Does the bud have any musty or moldy properties?

Does the bud carry any hint of fruit or spices?

Taste:
Does the "dry toke" [smoking without a filter] procure any memorable flavors?
If so, try to describe them: spicy, sweet, sour?

Does the bud break up easily without being too brittle?

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What is the aftertaste?
Is the bud harsh on the throat?

Does the bud invite you to keep smoking or to move on to the next sample?

Those interested in attending the Cannabis Cup should contact rita@airtech.com to get all the information needed on price and length of stay. If travel arrangements to Amsterdam have already been made, then visit www.hightimes.com to obtain a Judge's Pass, the all-access pass to the Cannabis Cup.

Waldos:

Grateful Dead responsible for 420 publicity

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"We used to sit here and mock everyone," Waldo said. "We would mock the greasers with their fast cars, we would mock the cheerleaders."

"We" refers to Dave, Larry, Mark and Jeff, the other four members of The Waldos. In high school, the Waldos weren't known so much for their music as they were for their love of the Marx brothers, stand-up comedy and marijuana.

"One day we got a treasure map from a friend of a pot patch growing near the [Point Reyes Peninsula]," Waldo continued. "Since school didn't get out until 3:10, we decided to meet exactly at 4:20 at a designated place. We reminded each other about the meeting during the day by saluting each other in the halls and saying '420 Louie.' The Peninsula is very rural and quite large. We always got lost and would 420 continuously. Strange and humorous things would always happen to us there."

The group never found the patch and eventually gave up its golden goose chase, but did embrace the phrase 420 as a secret code with which members communicated to each other. Although Waldo's story offers a twisted Tom Sawyer-ness to the 420 legend, it still doesn't explain how 420 transcended into a worldwide phenomenon.

"We were really big fans of the New Riders of the Purple Sage," Waldo explained. "We would come here after school to get free T-shirts and records."

The group's overkill of the term 420 (as teenagers are apt to do with any popular saying) eventually

seeped into the Deadhead community due to the members' frequent trips to concerts. At the Grateful Dead concerts, the expression caught on like wildfire. Deadhead flyers circulated with 420 plastered over the literature.

It was Steve Bloom, an associate of *High Times* magazine as well as a loyal Deadhead, who jumped on the phrase and began spreading it around the office and publication. Once 420 hit the pages of a worldwide publication, stoners around began to incorporate the expression into their vocabularies.

Consequently, the expression is partially responsible for unifying smokers around the world, making 4:20 p.m. a sacred time for stoners to practice their ritual. From international events like the Cannabis Cup in Amsterdam to pot plantations in Idaho, 4:20 p.m. has become a universal "burn time." Hence, April 20 or "4/20" has been unofficially designated as national burn day, making the actual time the final climax of the day's festivities.

Waldo, now 40 and a prosperous businessman, offered photographs of himself and his high school friends with 420 rampant in their bedroom decorations. These pictures might be the greatest source of his credibility, proving his knowledge of 420 many years before any concert flyer or publication.

However, although a polygraph test won't give definitive proof of Waldo's story, his tale does fit into the history of 420, from its San Rafael origins to its popularity in the Deadhead community. Although the truth might be lingering out there in the distance, for stoners worldwide, after a few puffs it really doesn't matter. Happy 420.

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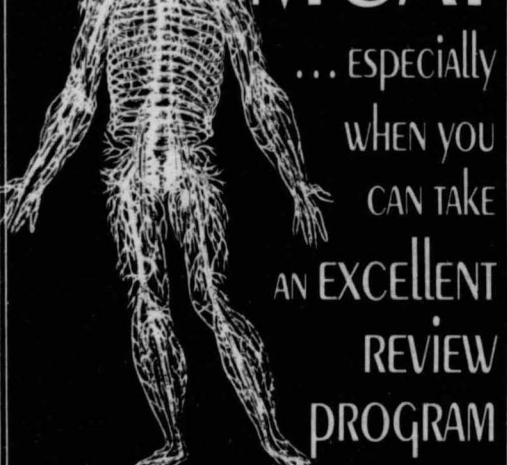
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Interview:

April 20 is like an after-Thanksgiving sale

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cheaper the weed gets. When someone gets started out in dealing, they usually deal ounces [28 grams], but the profit from that will only give them about an eighth [3.5 grams] of head stash or \$40-\$60 profit if they don't smoke any. An ounce can range from \$330 to \$400, depending on the relationship you have with your supply. Beyond that level are quarter-pounders or QPs [4 ounces], which can cost anywhere from \$1,100 to \$1,300 — again depending on your relationship to your dealer. Beyond that are pounds or "elbows" and so on and so on.

Basically, if you buy a shitload of weed, a gram can cost as little as \$5. Just like Costco. [The black market price is \$20 per gram in Southern California.]

What type of clientele do you have?

Mostly students, but I do talk to some guys that just work and smoke. Doctors and lawyers get their bud usually from older sources since they feel weird about hooking up from someone so young, but I know for a fact that some of my clients hook up for their employers, some of them being doctors. It's random — everyone from my acupuncturist to a TA last year.

How profitable is dealing marijuana?

Like I said, it depends on how much you're dealing. Most ounce dealers, which is who students generally hook off of, make about \$60 for every ounce they sell. QP dealers can range from \$60-\$200 a QP, depending on how much weed you smoke. It goes up and up the more you buy. Also, thanks to the black market, speculation is probably the best way to earn the most for your buck. The

East Coast generally pays more for its weed than in the West. So if you stock up in S.D. and make a road trip to New York, you'll come back with a little more than a nest egg.

What are some common misconceptions about dealers?

A lot of things. Even though I said dealing can be profitable, most dealers are heavy smokers too. Most ounce dealers don't make any profit and just deal for their own private head stash. No matter what quantity you deal, though, all dealers are summed up as being rich. So you're expected to pack every bowl and pay for shit.

I know I make money doing this, but I also have two other jobs. Why do I make money? Because I work a lot of fucking hours. Most people think that dealing is just sitting on your ass and waiting for people to come to you. Well, so is any other profitable business, but it also involves comparison shopping, haggle, dealing with the cops and pretty much every other business factor.

How do you deal with the police? Are you nervous, scared?

I don't. Yes and yes, but apparently not scared enough.

And finally, how is 4/20 different from any other day?

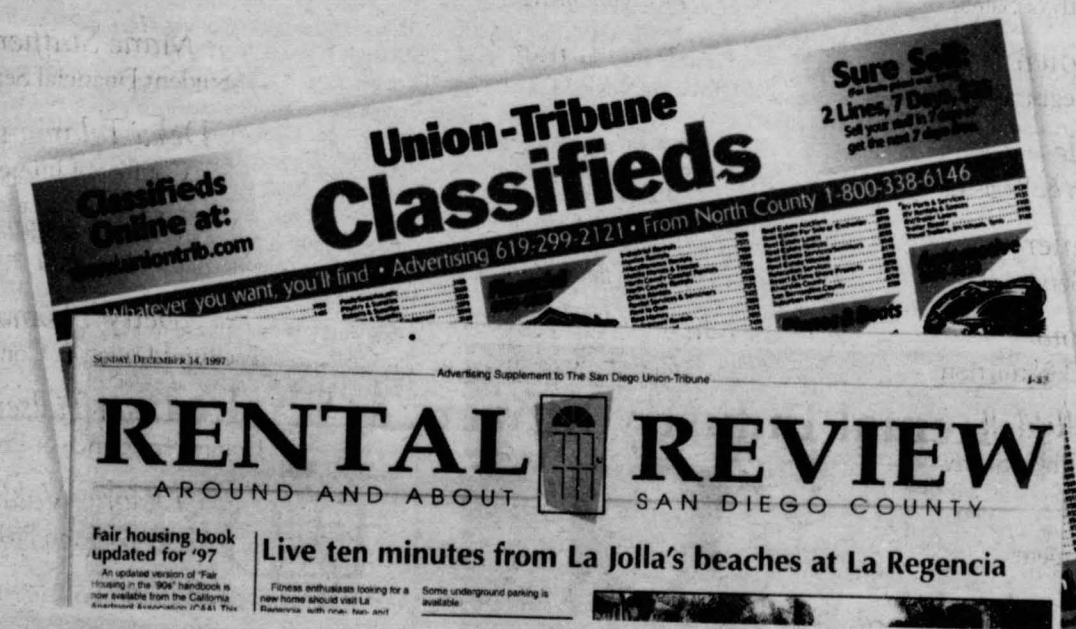
4/20 can be looked at either as a stoner's holiday or a dealer's holiday. The whole point is to smoke for those who do it occasionally, and smoke a shitload for those who do it regularly. The stoner side of 4/20 is an easy day of smoking and getting fucked up. For the dealer, it's Crazy Larry time. The phone and pager never stops for one second from the 19th to the 20th for most dealers. Sales come up and everyone wants to buy weed. A very hectic and nerve-crunching feeling, but the money that's made makes up for it. Its like the after-Thanksgiving sale for pot dealers, where the customers come in droves.

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PERSONALS

pretty-boy hightower- i hope the rain hasn't been too much for you; you know my bed is big enough for two. (4/20)
A G Happy B to Associate Photo editor David Pilz (tomorrow!) (4/20)

Errata: Guardian rival the SDSU "Daily Aztec" inadvertently inserted Bradley Smith's "The Revisionist" (AKA "Dolph's Pep Rally") newsletter in its newspaper last week. "The Revisionist" challenges the historical reality of the Holocaust. What the Aztec meant to run was a list of porn web sites. (4/20)

Deep thinkers that get liquored up and paint themselves in team colors add a sense of fun to live NFL games. If you show up in this fashion to watch a bore like the NFL draft then it's time to get a hobby. (4/20)

Hi, I'm Bob Dynes, and I'll be your fill-in TA for today. (4/18)

A Special congrats to the Men's Volleyball team for bringing home the crown. How does it feel to be NATIONAL CHAMPIONS? (4/20)

TAs seen outside Old Student Center singing and chanting. Costumes and totems abound. Now refer to themselves as the "Cult of the Sundried Apricot" (4/20)



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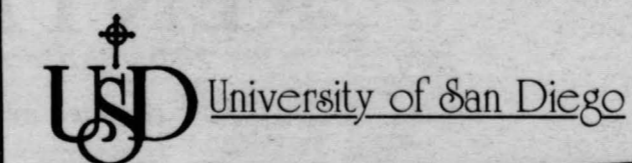
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Baseball:

Point Loma proves to be no match for UCSD

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time both teams' pitchers settled down, and the runs were few and far between for the rest of the game.

Erick Snyder, who replaced Holloway in the fourth, kept the Tritons in the game, allowing Point Loma only two runs over the next five innings.

With the score 5-5 in the seventh, UCSD's Merrifield scored a run off of a Point Loma error, but Point Loma tied the score in the eighth with an unearned run of its own.

The Triton pitching then stepped up to stymie Point Loma for the next four innings, throwing strikes. The Point Loma pitchers tried to match UCSD but in the bottom of the 12th, Addison, who has produced for the Tritons all year, poked a single into right field, scoring the winning run.

The final score ended up with UCSD on top 7-6.

Three days later the Tritons faced Chapman, which proved to be another tough test for UCSD.

The game started with each pitcher putting on a performance. Through five innings the game was still tied 0-0, but in the sixth, Triton pitcher Alex Cremidan tired, and Chapman scored three runs.

UCSD was unable to recover from this deficit; Chapman pitcher Tim Huff was on top of his game and the visitors won 6-2.

Cremidan recorded nine strikeouts in 6.2 innings while walking only one.

The long season seems to be catching up to the Tritons. With so many rain-delayed contests, the team has been playing games in bunches of late, leaving no room for recovery. For the third time in four games, UCSD made more than three errors and the Triton bats — while averaging over 10 runs a game during the break — have only scored 10 runs twice in the past few weeks.

However, pitching ace John Beaven will be returning to the mound soon and should give the Tritons a lift.

The Tritons were rained out at Cal State Dominguez Hills last Tuesday and this Friday will face Cal State Hayward.

Track:

Nielsen, Kitchen run circles around the competition

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For the Tritons, the big story on the track was that of Jim Freeman, who streaked past runners to clinch first place in the 110-meter high hurdles with a blazing time of 14.32.

Wale Olagunji was also in top form, checking in at third place in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

In the 400-meter dash, dependable David Newquist put in an effort good enough for fourth place and Steve Smith chalked up UCSD's best placing in the 800-meter race, finishing ninth.

In the co-ed 10,000 meter, Triton Nathan Garcia cruised into fourth place while Amy Kitchen was UCSD's highest placing female at 21st.

The women were also in full effect for invitational competition. At 10th place, Megan Steele was UCSD's top discus diva. Steel also managed a respectable sixth place in the shotput with a mark of 37'11.25.

In the high jump, Nicole Johnson leaped

her way to a fourth-place showing and Lilian Liu's effort was good enough for a third-place finish. Anne Moore showed her stuff in the triple jump, placing fifth.

On the track the tenacious Triton women represented to the fullest, especially in the 4-by-100 meter relay where they were tops in the class, placing first with a time of 49.86.

The always speedy Jessica Shugart ran her way to third in the 200-meter dash and fifth in the 400. Erin Selim almost took the top spot in the 800 meter but was barely edged out, settling for an impressive second. In the 400-meter low hurdles Nicole Rodriguez grabbed a Triton-high sixth place with a time of 65.63.

Coming up, the Division II California Collegiate Athletic Association meet pits the Tritons against Cal State Los Angeles, UC Riverside and Sonoma State University in a competition that Head Coach Tony Salerno thinks the team has a solid chance of winning.

"We've had a lot of success against UCR and Cal State LA. Sonoma State always has a solid team, but we hold some advantages over them. I'm confident in our chances in this weekend's meet," he said.

The Tritons look to continue their winning ways as the season enters its final stretch.

UCSD CLUBSPORTS

BALLROOM DANCE

The UCSD ballroom dance team traveled to Las Vegas Saturday to compete in the University of Las Vegas' annual collegiate ballroom dance competition, the Desert Challenge.

UCSD had a fine day, taking home second place in the formation three competition and third place in the team match event.

UCSD had many highlights. Pan Heritatos and Kelly Han worked their feet to place first in the novice international Latin category and third in the pre-championship international Latin category.

John Stillwagen and Pam Thomas also had a good competition when they boogied down, taking second in novice international Latin, the gold international cha-cha and the gold international samba categories.

UCSD next heads to San Francisco for a show at the SFO Airport Marriott on Friday.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The UCSD women's lacrosse team padded its record with two wins this week.

The first victory came at Santa Barbara during the team's



lacrosse team will face UC Davis Wednesday.

DANCE TEAM

The UCSD competition dance team finished its season by placing third in the nation.

On April 5-9, UCSD traveled to Daytona Beach, Fla. and squared off against 23 other schools in its last event of the year.

After the preliminary competition, UCSD found itself in fifth place. Then, the team stepped it up and finished third overall.

Minnesota State University-Mankato finished first and Hawaii Pacific University took second place.

UCSD did get some satisfaction by beating a rival from Barton County, Kan., which finished seventh.

UCSD is looking for more talent to continue this year's success. Tryouts are in May. Call UCSD Club Sports at 534-8085 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday April 21
Ballroom dance at San Francisco

Saturday-Sunday
Cycling at Rino

—Compiled by Robert Fulton

Crew:

Women take second, two thirds in WIRA final

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State University. Less than a boat length kept UCSD from victory.

"The competition was good," said women's crew Head Coach Patti Pinkerton. "Our men's team is among the better teams on the West Coast."

The women entered into more finals than the men and with varying degrees of success.

In the novice eight, the women finished second to UC Davis in a time of 8:05.5; Davis clocked a 7:50.2, well ahead of UCSD.

In the novice four, UCSD finished third in a time of 8:21.5. Crosstown rival San Diego State University finished first, with a time of 8:18.8.

"I was pretty pleased with how we did," Pinkerton said. "I think that in that field, they were very competitive. For our novices to step up to the plate is pretty impressive."

The lightweight eight gave the women another third-place finish.

In this race, UCSD faced northern California's Humboldt State University, among others. Humboldt was looking for some retribution — the Tritons had their way with Humboldt at San Diego's Crew Classic held earlier this month.

"You don't think of them [for] rowing, but they actually have a really strong lightweight program," Pinkerton said.

Humboldt did get its revenge — it placed first in the lightweight eight race with a time of 7:48.4.

The Tritons placed hard-fought third with a time of 8:04.3.

"We beat [Humboldt] two times in the crew classic and we beat them pretty handily," Pinkerton said. "I do think that we all went into that thinking that we would handle them

again. The girls had been racing very very well and they had a bad start — a very bad start. They don't have a lot of experience, and it just shocked them. By the time they recovered, they couldn't catch them."

A fourth-place finish was in store for UCSD in the lightweight four race as the team stroked to a time of 8:35.2. SDSU grabbed first place, finishing with a time of 8:23.4.

Participating in a championship event before their season is over has been odd for the Tritons.

"There have been a lot of changes in rowing the last couple of years, with rowing being accepted as a NCAA women's sport," Pinkerton said. "It's kind of turned the whole thing topsy turvey. The WIRA championships, which were part of the Pac Ten Championships, were separated out. The only weekend we could get the organizers to put it on was this weekend or not at all. Next year it will be two weeks before the Pac Ten. It will be a good finish to the year."

The women's team has a lot of youth in its boat.

"We have more novices," Pinkerton said. "This is the largest team UCSD has ever had. We have 44 athletes and 40 of them are novices."

Despite the team's lack of experience, Pinkerton is happy with the team's results.

"They were excited about that," Pinkerton said of the team's number of entries in the finals. "The crews that didn't make it only just missed it. For us it was a very successful regatta. Across the board, our athletes did fabulous."

Pinkerton is also thinking about what's to come.

"I really am excited," Pinkerton said. "We have some great athletes, and they're on the upswing."

Next for UCSD crew is a trip to Spokane, Wash. to face Gonzaga University this Saturday at 7 a.m.

Catholic Community at UCSD

Holy Week Schedule

April 20th Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30PM
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Fulton Corner

Robert Fulton

Fantasy sports takes you away from reality

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There is another important benefit of our Webbed society, however. That is the fantastic world of fantasy sports.

Yes, fantasy sports, in a way comparable to how essential research is to a scientist, has opened even more fun opportunities to the sports fanatic.

Fantasy sports encompass a number of leagues, but the major sports institutions of baseball, football and basketball are the most widely idolized.

The idea of fantasy sports work like so: you and your buds get together and make teams with quirky names and you form a league. Many sites on the Internet have fantasy sport leagues, namely *Yahoo.com* and *Sandbox.com*.

Once the teams have been named and the league created, there is a draft of all the players in the sport. You and the other managers, your pals, take turns choosing real players.

The way these players perform in real life dictates how well your team does. The stats the players accumulate in actual play translate into points for your fantasy team. The squad with the best players gets the most points. The team with the most points once the season ends is the league champion.

As you can probably guess, I have a fantasy sports team.

I'm currently in a baseball league and my team is named "The Bends" after a Radiohead album. Other teams include "The Ball Knockers" and "The Ballin' Babes." There are 13 teams in our league.

I have found that having a fantasy team can be consuming if you are not careful. I spend too much time thinking about my team, who to trade and when, and how I'm doing in the standings (so far a miserable 12 out of 13).

The members of our league stay up all night, myself included, chatting on the Internet about trades and other baseball issues. I spent two hours one night trying to trade for Pedro Martinez, which I failed in doing. Another night I wasted over an hour getting Trevor Hoffman.

It is kind of silly though. We really don't do anything. We just collect players and hope they do well. We don't toss pitches or swing bats, but we say things like "My team's gonna kick your ass!" Plus, it's all a crapshoot. Injuries can easily make a person drop from the top to the bottom.

Why do I and other people waste so much time with fantasy leagues? Why do I put so much effort in something that isn't real? Well, why do we do most anything?

It's fun. Fantasy is fun — and despite my dismal place, I'm hoping to move up in the ranks any day now.

Wins Rain Down on UCSD

The Triton baseball team has some games canceled due to rain but goes on to split four other contests

By TAIT MILLER
Staff Writer

The UCSD men's baseball team played four games last week when Chapman University and Point Loma Nazarene University traveled to the Tritons' home field and UCSD made its way to crosstown rival, the University of San Diego.

With the schizophrenic weather of late, the fate of all four games were in doubt until the first pitches. When the baseball gods shined and the sun finally prevailed, the Tritons split, beating Point Loma in both games of a double-header 10-6 and 7-6 in a 12-inning thriller. UCSD then lost to Chapman 6-2 and USD 11-4.

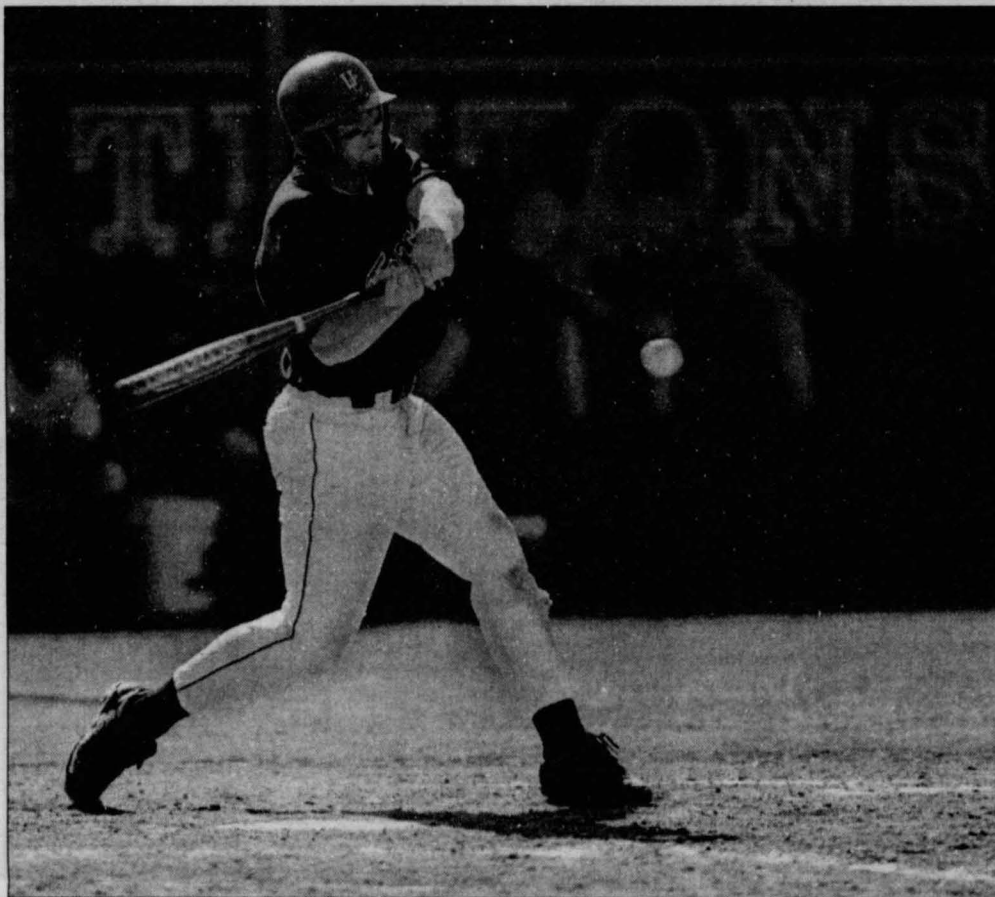
The Tritons came into the USD game looking to awaken its recently quiet bats. The Tritons had a tough test ahead of them, however, as the Toreros are a Division I team.

Nonetheless, the Tritons played well as they held USD to two runs through the first five innings. In the top of the sixth, the Tritons went up 3-2 when they took advantage of bad fielding by USD's first baseman. Timely hitting by Chad Addison and designated hitter Desi Loessburg also contributed to the lead change.

The runs were not enough — in the bottom half of the sixth inning the Toreros pounced on Triton starting pitcher Edward Ishak for three runs. Then the usually reliable Brian Hinson lasted only one-third of an inning, allowing three more runs, making the score 8-3.

That was all she wrote — the Tritons could manage only one more run while USD scored three. The final score was recorded as 11-4 USD. The winning pitcher was Tim Isaacson and the losing pitcher was Ishak.

The next day, the Tritons faced



Hack: UCSD's Chad Addison takes a swing in a 6-2 loss against Chapman this past Saturday. Addison is batting .380 with 29 RBI's this season.

Point Loma in a double-header.

"If we go out and play our game we should be able to win," said Head Coach Dan O'Brien.

The teams' records seemed to contribute to this assumption as Point Loma was 20-18-1, while UCSD was 15-7.

The first game of the double-header was a continuation of a contest suspended earlier in the year because of rain. The Tritons

picked up right where they left off in the top of the sixth with Addison on second and Chris Tallman at the plate, leading 8-5.

Although they scored no more runs that inning, the Tritons got the win as their pitching was strong, holding Point Loma to one run. The Tritons added two more, making the score 10-6.

The second game was a thriller — both teams came out swinging

and put up runs in the first inning.

Triton pitcher Andy Holloway was tagged for four runs by Point Loma, but with men on and only one out, Holloway got Jesus Pimentel to ground into a double play, ending the threat.

The Tritons clawed back and scored five runs over the next two innings to retake the lead. At this

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Triton Track Tremendous at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational

UCSD has a great day in nonscoreing event

By SCOTT BURROUGHS
Staff Writer

At the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational this weekend many Tritons represented UCSD well. This meet was open only to invited athletes, bringing together only the cream of the track and field crop for some fierce head-to-head competition. The Triton competitors were fired up to have the chance to show the rest of the college track world that they mean business.

In the field events, several Tritons made their presence felt.

In the men's javelin toss,

UCSD's Matt Meskimen had a solid showing, placing eighth in a very crowded and competitive field. Triton Matt Deford took home the bronze in the hammer hurl with a third-place throw of 152'7". This toss was a personal best for Deford, and cemented his eighth place in UCSD's All-Time record books.

In steeplechase combat, UCSD's David Dunbar mustered a 9:56.50 to grab the 13th spot.

Men's running also had impressive UCSD performances.

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Rowing Competes in WIRA Championships

Men two seconds short of victory in novice eight

By ROBERT FULTON
Sports Editor

The UCSD men's and women's crew teams competed in the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships at Lake Natoma in Rancho Cordova, Calif. last weekend.

The WIRA championships featured 23 schools from the West Coast.

UCSD's men's team did well, as it has for most of the year, grabbing two second-place finishes at the WIRA event.

The women had a surprising

day. After struggling off and on this season, the Triton women had a good showing by taking a second-place, a fourth-place and two third-place finishes in various races.

The men finished second in the novice eight final in a time of 6:26.1, and a time of 6:11.8 gave the men second place in the varsity eight race.

The second-place varsity eight race finish was a heartbreaker — the Tritons finished just two seconds behind winner Sacramento

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Upcoming Events

THURSDAY

Golf at University of Redlands at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Women's water polo at Western Regional Qualification Tournament in Los Angeles all day.

SATURDAY

Men's tennis vs. Claremont at 2 p.m.
Women's tennis at Claremont at 11 a.m.
Crew at Spokane, Wash. against Gonzaga at 7 a.m.
Baseball at Hayward at 11 a.m.
Track at CSULA at 11 a.m.