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Worldwide

Thai Prime Minister Must Fulfill Campaign Promises

BANGKOK, Thailand — Even before the new prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra took office on Friday, poor people were besieging hospitals to demand the pennies-a-visit health care he promised.

Farmers, taking him up on his campaign pledge of a three-year moratorium, stopped repaying their loans. And thousands of rural hamlets sought to incorporate themselves as villages in hopes of

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National

Chief Privacy Officers Forge Evolving Corporate Roles

WASHINGTON — Jules Polonetsky has the power of life and death. Over contracts, anyway.

As the chief privacy officer of DoubleClick, the biggest Internet advertising company, Polonetsky has the authority to rip up contracts with companies that do not comply with DoubleClick's rules for protecting consumer privacy. In recent weeks, Polonetsky says,

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Collegiate

Former College President Endorsed Repealing Federal Marijuana Laws

WASHINGTON — Students advocating marijuana legalization used an article written by George Washington University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg in the 1970s as testimony to their cause in a meeting Wednesday night.

The GW group Students for a Sensible Drug Policy passed out an article Trachtenberg wrote in 1972 advocating the repeal of federal marijuana laws.

—GW Hatchet

Spoken

"... We all need an alternative form of transportation that is as close to the center of campus as possible."

— Doc Khaleghi
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Vigil for India...



Lyon Liew / Guardian

Relief: A candlelight vigil was held this weekend in honor of the victims of the recent earthquake in India. Here, candles surround a poster encouraging hope.

Trolley Options Narrowed

San Diego Transit Board now considering four locations for proposed trolley station on UCSD campus

By MATT SCHRADER
Associate News Editor

The Metropolitan Transit Development Board and the A.S. Council have narrowed down the 12 original on-campus trolley station location proposals to four, in preparation for the Feb. 22 deadline, when only two proposals will remain.

"The way parking is going to be, we need a way to get [drivers] out of their cars," said A.S. President Doc Khaleghi. "We need something that will serve the entire campus community."

Currently, the four proposed sites for the extension of the San Diego Trolley are underneath Price Center, in Pepper Canyon, and there are two proposals for stations in East Campus. Though each site has its own advantages, Khaleghi has expressed major interest in the building of the Price Center station.

"I hope the city and the administration get together to recognize that we all need an alternative form of transportation that is as

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UCSD Freshman Dies in Fall at Blacks Beach

Active Revelle student falls 200 feet from cliffs

By KYLE BIEBESHEIMER
Staff Writer

Revelle freshman Gilbert F.D. Nuñez Jr. fell to his death from atop the cliffs above Blacks Beach Saturday at about 5 p.m. He was 18.

Nuñez and some of his friends had gone to the cliffs to study just after 4 p.m. The victim strayed away from the group to climb on a rock situated on the edge of the cliff when he lost his balance and fell.

Lifeguards estimate that Nuñez descended nearly 200 feet before landing on the beach below.

"He was an avid climber — he was practically a monkey," recalls Revelle freshman Becky Bowen, a friend of Nuñez's. "He was climbing and slipped and fell to his death."

Several people walking along the shore saw the victim plummet down the cliff. Shortly thereafter, paramedics from La Jolla's engine company No. 9 arrived on scene along with San Diego lifeguards. CPR was performed, but there was nothing anyone could do to save the fallen student.

Those who knew Nuñez describe him as the type of person that everyone loved.

"He was a friend to all of us," said Jennifer Pae, a friend of Nuñez's. "He loved to make people laugh, he was so much fun to be around. He was the only person who knew everyone in the building. He was such a friendly, loving person, and that's what makes it so difficult, because he was so close to everyone."

When students heard of the accident, they immediately came together and took action.

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UC to Pay \$22.5 Million in Billing Fraud Settlement

Regents' deputy counsel claims there was no fraud, previous cases will be dismissed

By CARLAN WENDLER
Contributing News Writer

The University of California agreed this week to pay \$22.5 million in response to an audit by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General. The settlement effectively closed suits of two alleged False Claims Act violations brought against the university in 1996 and 1999 in Federal District Courts in San Francisco and Sacramento.

The suits alleged fraudulent billing procedures, claiming that the five UC medical school hospitals used incorrect coding procedures. Government-funded programs such as Medicare and Medi-Cal were allegedly billed incorrect-

ly for procedures done by residents instead of teaching physicians.

John Lundberg, general deputy counsel for the UC Board of Regents, said there was no fraud.

"There were certainly no damages, fines or penalties," Lundberg said.

The False Claims Act enables plaintiffs in a lawsuit to receive at least 15 percent of the recovered amount if the case is settled. In this situation, there was no payment from the university to the individuals who filed the suit.

In fact, Lundberg said that the 1996 San Francisco case will be dismissed entirely, being "devoid of facts."

The 1999 Sacramento case against UC Davis' medical facility will also be dismissed, except for

one claim accusing the institution of falsely charging California's government-funded health care provider, Medi-Cal. It is unknown whether the plaintiffs are receiving any of the compensation the government derived from the settlement.

The Office of General Counsel stated that the University of California "came out rather well" in this settlement, due to its "high degree of compliance to begin with."

In an audit including 500 patient charts, 7,000 entries, technical vocabulary and specialized billing codes, the charges centered around "up-coding," or billing in such a way that inappropriately assesses the complexity of the services rendered, resulting in the care

provider being overcharged for the procedures. Lundberg said the institutions were down-coding as much as they were up-coding, that the occurrence of both were minimal, and that the hospital practices were close to accurate.

The Physicians at Teaching Hospitals initiative was started by the Office of the Inspector General to evaluate the billing practices of over 40 hospitals across the nation.

In 1995, as a result of the same audit, the University of Pennsylvania paid \$30 million to the federal government for the violations of one hospital.

Public universities have also been hit. The University of Texas, San Antonio paid a \$17 million set-

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OPINION

The Melding of Politics & Religion

President Bush's plan to federally fund religious groups would help our poor communities

By THEODORE DOKKO
Senior Staff Writer

Throughout his campaign, President George W. Bush sought to portray himself as a different type of Republican. His policy proposals and campaign speeches were all centered around the idea that he is a compassionate conservative.

Congressional Republicans had been hurt in the past by Democratic portrayals that painted all Republicans as greedy politicians who were out to get single welfare mothers and take their welfare checks away. In seeking to immunize himself from any such negative attacks, Bush made one aspect of his compassionate conservative centerpiece a proposal to allow faith-based charitable organizations to compete for federal money.

In the president's own words, what his plan would do is "set out to promote the work of community and faith-based charities. We want to encourage the inspired, to help the helper. Government cannot be replaced by charities, but it can welcome them as partners instead of resenting them as rivals."

It is evident that faith-based organizations have been doing compassionate work to the helpless for centuries, and have been quite

effective in doing so.

What the Bush plan seeks to do is simply to extend a helping hand to those who are already in the trenches battling homelessness, alcohol and drug dependency, and various other social ills. Bush went on to say at the National Prayer Breakfast that "Millions of Americans serve their neighbor because they love their God. Their lives are characterized by kindness, and patience and service to others. They do for others what no government program can really ever do: They provide love for another human being. They provide hope even when hope comes hard."

Countless lives are changed by these faith-based organizations on a daily basis, and those lives are testimony to their efficiency. It would be completely illogical if government did not do all it could to help these charities.

Liberals who have been critical of most everything

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The line that separates church and state is dangerously crossed by President Bush's proposal

By VALERIE BURNS
Staff Writer

The presidency of George W. Bush has officially begun. The next four years are going to be ones filled with shock and disbelief at each day's headlines reporting the actions of the executive branch. Just recently he closed the race relations and AIDS offices in the White House, then turned around and reopened them after a couple of days.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the most shocking thing he has done as of late is to create a White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and similar offices in five executive branch agencies.

This office will allow religiously affiliated social service organizations access to a \$10 billion pool of money meant for traditional social service organizations. The dispersal of

money to these groups will be controlled by Congress.

One might inquire which particular faiths Dubya is interested in funding with this executive action. According to the meeting he held with 35 religious leaders from the four major religions of the United States — Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism and Islam, he will disperse the money to all of them.

But wait. Let's allow logic to intervene into our thought process here. With whom does Dubya have the strongest ties in the religious community? Evangelical Protestants. Who was his most loyal and consistent voting bloc? Evangelical Protestants. What religion does Dubya subscribe to? Evangelical Protestantism. I know some of you were thinking he's a closet Jew, but it's just not true.

Another logical question comes to mind: Which of these four religions dominates the world of combined social service and religion? You know it must be Islam. I've seen so many recovering alcoholic Islam workshops. No really, how could Muslims be recovering from substance abuse? They don't drink! Clearly, evangelical Protestant social service-affiliated organizations will be lobbying the hardest

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Immorality Has its Advantages

Life shouldn't be breezed through with a clean conscience



BERTRAND FAN

It occurred to me the other day, while I was sitting on my couch looking at a black screen because my stolen digital satellite had gone down, how dependent my life has become on what some may call unethical means. My friends and I were discussing what drugs we should do for the Weezer concert.

"Well, we really shouldn't do acid because it's on a Sunday and then we have finals that week, and the last time we did acid we didn't sleep for like 40 hours."

"But at the same time, I don't want to just smoke out either, because this is pretty special. I mean, its Weezer, man, they haven't released an album in like five years. I think we should do shrooms. Shrooms are pretty damn cool and we'll only be screwed up for like six hours instead of 40."

"Yeah, I suppose those have some residual effects, too, but shrooms would be cool and we should do them just because we had a bitch of a time getting these tickets in the first place...."

Suddenly my roommate came downstairs and said, "Hey, they zapped the card."

"So unzip it, jerk-off."

"No, they like really zapped the card."

Turns out DirectTV had just about had enough of us watching every Pay-Per-View movie, five porn channels, and every local channel in the United States for the low, low price of free every month and they hadn't just done a normal zap, they had completely screwed over our card.

They had sort of screwed over our card in the past, and then we would have to fix it, but this time they screwed it over in an unfixable way. So we turned on the

By the time we reached UCSD, I already had one guy buying me a ticket. I parked in a "B" space with my grad student permit and went to the Bursar's office and got a sticker for my other I.D. (I have two UCSD I.D.s for this exact purpose).

Dreamcast and played some pirated games for a while and thought about how we weren't going to watch Pay-Per-View for months. It was kind of a sobering thought; the kind that could only be remedied by drugs, or alcohol, or bashing our heads against the wall to get some sort of getting-away-from-reality effect.

But back to how we got the Weezer tickets: My friend Dan

forwarded me an e-mail saying that Weezer tickets were going on sale the next day so we talked about how we would wake up early, say 9 a.m., head over to the box office and buy the tickets. The next day, I rolled out of bed around 11:30, picked up Dan, and headed toward UCSD. On the way, I called up EDNA, and then the box office, and they told me that they only had 500 tickets and they were only giving out one per I.D. I swore, rolled a few top signs, and speed-dialed a bunch of my friends that didn't like Weezer and asked them to buy me tickets.

By the time we reached UCSD, I already had one guy buying me a ticket. I parked in a "B" space with my grad student permit and went to the Bursar's office and got a sticker for my other I.D. (I have two UCSD I.D.s for this exact purpose). Then we went by Round Table and collected a bunch of I.D.s from a bunch of non-Weezer appreciating friends, and headed to the box office. They marked our I.D.s with a Sharpie and sold us some tickets. Apparently they sold out in less than two hours.

Soon Monday came around and another friend tipped me off that they were selling tickets again, so we took out our I.D.s and a very sharp knife and proceeded to doctor them until the Sharpie marks were no more, and bought some more tickets. All in all, we ended up with 11 tickets at

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Students Need a Real Dining Facility

By PARNAZ TAHERI
Staff Writer

Of the many problems here at UCSD, one would not think a place to eat would necessarily top the list. But should it? In the case of Marshall students, food has turned out to be a slight problem that has many up in arms. As if eating at the small La Casa Restaurant were not bad enough, students from Marshall college are forced to go to different dining facilities on weekends due to the fact that La Casa is closed on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays.

Speaking from experience, it is plainly obvious that most stressed and busy college students barely have the time to eat, let alone walk a good distance to put something edible into their empty, stricken stomachs.

Unfortunately for students at Marshall, getting a quick bite to eat is not an option on the weekends. Ever since the start of fall 2000, La Casa has been taking the place of Oceanview Terrace, which is being remodeled and will not be open until next year. The problem here lies in the fact that Marshall students are forced to go to Warren, Revelle, Muir or other far dining facilities to eat a decent meal on weekends.

According to La Casa employees, the reason La Casa is closed on the weekends is that it is not a real dining facility, but rather a temporary replacement for Oceanview, which will be open next year. It is for this reason that the restaurant is not open on the weekends, and also why it closes

at 3 p.m. on Fridays. Complaints and whining aside, it is evident that it will not necessarily kill the students to walk a few extra yards to the more distant eating facilities. But let us look at the facts. First, shuttles are not in operation on the weekends and therefore the majority of the students have to walk certain distances to eat wherever they want.

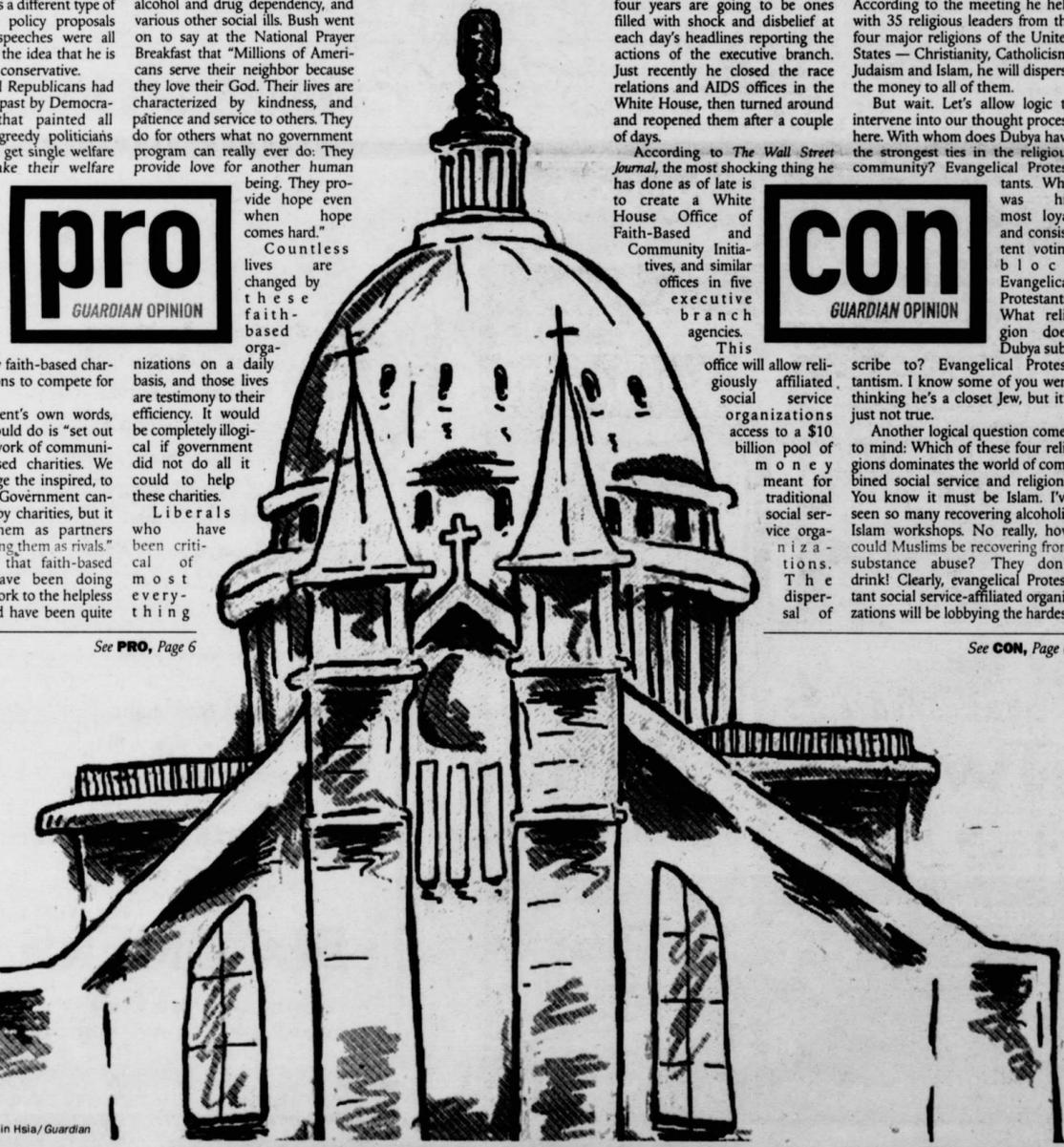
Second, with the busy academic and social lives that students have, walking as much as 15 minutes each way to eat is yet another burden they do not want to deal with.

Third, it is practically written in the history books that college students are just plain lazy. The majority of the students would rather starve and eat stale crackers than actually walk to the nearest dining facility.

It should also be taken to consideration that for most students here at UCSD, especially freshmen, a dining facility is not only somewhere to eat, but is also an opportunity to meet other students from their college. Without this opportunity available for Marshall students, they are not only deprived of instant food, but also of the chance to meet other Marshall students.

With Oceanview being remodeled for an entire year, the least the administrators could have done was provide a dining facility for Marshall that is open until the usual 7:30 p.m. closing time every weekday, as well as be open every weekend. Having failed to give us even that much, a restaurant was

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Bush's proposal would not single out a religion

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that the Bush administration has proposed — from the nominations of Attorney General John Ashcroft and Interior Secretary Gale Norton, to school vouchers and tax reform — are critical of the Bush proposal, saying that it would blur the lines between church and state. Opponents claim that federal money being funneled into such religious organizations is a simple violation of the First Amendment prohibition of an established religion.

However, when one looks at the proposal, it can be seen that there are three prongs that should pass almost anybody's constitutionality test, save perhaps the members of such organizations as the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Bush faith-based proposal allows for more tax deductions for the American taxpayer. It allows for those 80 million taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions to deduct charitable donations from their taxes.

The plan would then go on to allow for charitable donations from individual retirement accounts without penalty, and it would also raise the charitable donation limit from 10 to 15 percent of companies' taxable income. The first part of the president's proposal is simply a plan to give American taxpayers more incentive to give to charities. There is no constitutional controversy with this aspect of the plan.

The second part of the Bush plan creates a new office in the White House and asks five cabinet departments to look for ways to encourage cooperations between

the government and religious groups. In addition to the new office, the new administration's plan is going to create a fund from federal and private funds that will help small community and faith-based groups apply for grants. Assistance to these groups in helping them apply for grants should also be innocuous enough not to stir any problems.

The third and final prong of the Bush proposal seems to be causing the most ruckus. The plan expands "charitable choice," allowing religious groups to receive funding for a variety of social programs such as inmate rehabilitation and the setting up of after-school programs for low-income children.

Before those on the left start screaming about a violation of the separation of church and state, they should see who supports Bush on his initiative. When Bush initially made the proposal, the man who introduced him was none other than Democratic nominee for vice president, Sen. Joe Lieberman. The Senator from Connecticut has been an avid supporter of such programs for quite some time. In addition to Lieberman, former Vice President Al Gore came out in favor of charitable choice so that our nation can "meet the crushing social challenges that are otherwise impossible to meet."

Liberal groups will have greater problems trying to explain why the Bush's idea is a bad one. The key word from the Bush proposal is to "expand" charitable choice. Religious charities that are highly effective in changing people's lives, such as the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities, already do receive federal grants and those grants make a large portion of these organizations' annual budgets. What the Bush plan does is expand the amount of

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Con:

This plan is an attempt to help Bush's supporters

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for claim to this pool of money, because they will have the largest number of organizations competing for it.

Hypothetically though, this is beyond the point. Even if the funds are divided up rather evenly, the evangelical Protestant groups are still getting money and consequently achieving their initial objective. Creating this office of faith-based community seems very much like Dubya paying dues to his most loyal voter constituency. How the money is divided does not belittle the fact that evangelical Protestant groups still have access to a \$10 billion pool of money.

Having religiously affiliated social organizations fight for funds in our capitalistic republican government is not a good idea. Although religious tensions have eased over the years, when money enters the picture it seems that religious prejudices would be heated up again. Our country is still victim to rampant anti-Semitism, as seen from the recent arson and bombing attacks made on synagogues over the last couple of years. The current Israeli-Palestinian conflict hasn't cooled things between the Jews and Muslims either, as can be seen by the verbal and ideological fights occurring almost daily on Library Walk.

As quoted from *The Wall Street Journal*, Texas Democrat Chet Edwards put it best when he said, "What kind of religious tension will we have among religious entities if we have tens of billions of dollars on the table to be divided among them?" The opening of this office and the dispersal of funds will simply reinforce the

spiritual majority choke hold evangelical Protestants have on our country, as well as cause tension among the other religious groups fighting for the leftovers.

We are taught growing up that the separation of church and state is a long-standing foundation of the United States. Well, this is not totally true. Separation between the two is not mentioned in the Constitution, and it has not been followed consistently by Congress or the courts. I think the idea that separation of church and state has existed for eons is strictly a Western U.S. concept.

According to "The Logic of

The opening of this office and the dispersal of funds will simply reinforce the spiritual majority choke hold evangelical Protestants have on our country, as well as cause tension among the other religious groups fighting for the leftovers.

American Politics," written by UCSD professors Gary Jacobson and Sam Kernell, a 1960 survey of school districts revealed that 77 percent of schools in the South and 68 percent in the East were conducting Bible readings. Even though in 1963 the Supreme Court banned Bible readings in public schools, years later only a few Tennessee schools had begun abiding.

In 1997, despite the fact that public school Bible readings had been banned for 30 years, a federal district judge found them to still be a pervasive feature of school

life in Alabama. The judge consequently issued orders for monitors to be sent to Alabama classrooms to control the situation.

The congressional impeachment hearings for Clinton were opened with prayers. It was only a couple of years ago when Newt and the good old boys in the House were trying to legalize Bible reading in public schools again.

Besides infringing on our First Amendment rights, this creation of faith-based offices has allowed us to hear more examples of Dubya's eloquent speaking skills. In the press conference announcing the creation of the office, Dubya showered the media with well-thought-out sentences while surrounded by every minority religious leader the good old boys could find.

Negating himself within the same sentence he said, "We will not fund the religious activities of any group, but when people of faith provide social services, we will not discriminate against them." Demonstrating perfect grammatical structure at the same conference he said, "Problems like addiction and abandonment and gang violence, domestic violence, mental illness and homelessness — we are called by conscience to respond." Most people would have ended that sentence with a preposition, but Bush's knowledge allows him to avoid conforming to standard English. Ironically, most coke addicts could have caused less confusion in constructing that sentence.

For those of you who voted for Bush, don't say you didn't see this coming. Then again, if you voted for Bush, you probably do want mandatory Bible reading in public schools and for the government to fund the Protestant Church. So I guess I should be saying, "Congratulations, are you happy now?" But I'm sure you are.

Fine Dining:

Forcing students to go far distances for food is a huge inconvenience

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provided with as much variety as, well, nothing. Eating only burritos, tacos and a special of the day, every day, is not my idea of a nutritious meal. The food La Casa serves is a whole other article by itself, but the last time I checked, eating a balanced, nutritious meal was a big part of getting those brain cells working — an important factor in college. To get to the point, it is obvious that La Casa not being open on the weekends causes numerous problems for students, who simply want

to eat without walking long distances.

What administrators or dining officials can do to improve this situation is to simply open La Casa on the weekends. Though there might not be enough business, it would be nice for students to know that they don't have to walk a long distance just to eat.

With all of this in perspective, it seems that for now, students will be forced to walk their butts to Sierra Summit during the weekends if they want to get a hot meal. Whether we like it or not, the phrase "eating in the comfort of your own home" does not even come close to applying to Marshall students. All things considered, we can always look at the bright side: Walking to eat at far-away dining places will use up the trouble of making that trip to RIMAC right after....

Column:

Opportunities should be taken if it presents itself

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a mere \$16.50 each. The closing price on eBay is around \$55 now. And that's how we got the Weezer tickets.

Now, three of these tickets couldn't have been bought without the help of an additional I.D. I found lying on the ground at the Pi Phiathlon. I was walking back from helping a friend roll a joint out of a small nug I found in my room while going through my

books. We weren't doing it for personal pleasure, it was really the only way to fairly enter the pie-eating contest.

But we were walking back and I saw this I.D. on the ground. I picked it up and it looked very similar to my best friend who comes down a lot for concerts. The split second of thinking about trying to find its rightful owner ended, and into my pocket it went.

I think the moral of all these stories is that if you're going to do something wrong, you'd better go all out, because you've already crossed the line of being a good guy. And the more wrong you do, the funnier the stories usually are. This is also why "The Family Circus" is boring as hell.

Pro:

Federal funds would help bring many social successes

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money that these efficient programs receive. Finally, under a program the president has proposed, proselytizing or using government money to fund religious activities is strictly prohibited. What the Bush plan does is support the armies of compassion and not the armies of conversion. By prohibiting funding of religious activities or proselytization, the

perception of a violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment is completely dashed away.

The Bush plan is a step in the right direction. It allows for the federal government to assist those charities that have one success story after another. The proposal simply enlarges the amount of federal contributions to these groups, giving them more resources in their fight against the social ills of our country and restoring the lives of hurt people. All of this is done in a manner that is consistent with the federally protected rights that we as Americans hold dear.

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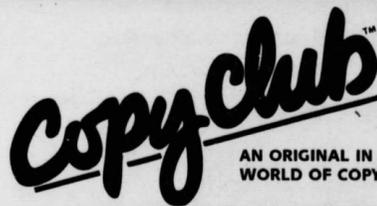
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We'd also like to thank the following organizations: La Jolla Playhouse; RIMAC; Natatorium; Rock Climbing Center; Birch Aquarium; Cross-Cultural Center; and, the SOLO office.

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WORLD & NATION

Health Care Industry Wants Weakened Privacy Rules

WASHINGTON — The health care industry is lobbying the Bush administration to delay, change or kill regulations protecting the privacy of medical records.

Hospitals, insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and medical researchers say the rules, issued in the final weeks of the Clinton administration, would impose costly new burdens. But members of Congress say privacy

protections are immensely popular with consumers. Bush administration officials, caught in the middle, say they are looking for ways to revise and simplify the Clinton rules, which are scheduled to take effect on Feb. 26.

Consumer advocates describe the rules as a milestone in the history of American medicine, the first comprehensive federal standards for medical privacy.

Under the rules, health care providers must obtain written consent from patients for the use or disclosure of information in their medical records. The rules will affect virtually every doctor, patient, hospital, pharmacy and insurance plan in the United States.

Critics say the Clinton administration went overboard in pursuing a worthy goal. The rules, they say, are too prescriptive and, in many ways, unworkable. Health care providers of all types have flooded

the new administration with requests to shelve the rules or reopen the rule-making process to solicit public comment on the need for major changes.

John P. Houston, a lawyer at UPMC Health System, affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh, said hospitals would have to buy expensive information technology, hire and train employees and rewrite contracts with hundreds of suppliers to comply with the rules. The rules, he said, are so restrictive that they "could impede patient care and disrupt essential operations" of hospitals.

But Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said voters would punish politicians who weaken privacy protections. "The public cares about this issue very, very much," he said.

Under the rules, every health care provider must appoint a "privacy official" to develop privacy policies and procedures. Patients would, for the first time, have a federal right to inspect and copy their medical records and could propose corrections. A health care provider would have to keep track of everyone who received medical information from the files, and a patient could demand that doctors and hospitals provide an accounting of all disclosures in the last six years.

— Robert Pear
The New York Times

Rolling Blackouts Hit Russia as Services Fail

RAZDOLNOYE, Russia — Nikolai A. Yudin may be the most unpopular man in this desolate town of 13,000 in the Primorsky Region, about an hour's drive from Russia's southeast Pacific coast. He is responsible for supplying the radiators of 2,000 residents with hot water pumped from the factory's boiler. This winter, he has done neither. Primorsky's sputtering power plants have too little coal to generate more than a trickle of electricity, and Yudin's factory gets less than a third of what it needs to stay open.

The regionwide fuel shortage here has disrupted the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, brought unspeakable misery for tens of thousands, and killed scores. In the worst winter in a half-century, with temperatures down to 50 below zero, Primorsky's four electrical generating stations have resorted to rolling blackouts, plunging even big cities like Vladivostok into darkness and chill for as long as 12 hours a day.

At least 28 people have died from exposure or from fires and asphyxiation caused by faulty heating devices. Children have gotten frostbite; schools have closed; whole villages have lost heat, power or both for weeks. The boiler at Yudin's factory burned its last good heating coal on Dec. 28.

Primorsky's real crisis is a collapse of basic services in what many call the most mismanaged, neglected and corrupt of Russia's

89 regions. For that, many blame the administration of the governor, Yevgeny I. Nazdratenko.

Since 1993, Nazdratenko, 51, has ruled Primorsky almost as if it were independent of Moscow — which, being almost 6,000 miles and eight hours away by jet, it nearly has been.

On Feb. 5, President Vladimir Putin reacted sharply, firing Russia's energy minister and securing Nazdratenko's resignation. But the shortages remain.

Of course, though all of this, some people keep warm without difficulty. In Vladivostok, in the neighborhood called Sanatarnaya, with a breathtaking view of the Pacific Ocean, builders are erecting 10 magnificent three-story homes. Their owners are not a matter of public record, and city officials are still trying to evict a clinic for disabled children to clear more space for the houses.

Press reports say that some of the houses will go to the mayor, the provincial prosecutor, the regional police chief and the provincial financial chief. The second-biggest home, at 8,500 square feet, has marble staircases, a hot tub, a glass-enclosed winter garden and a wine cellar. Cold weather is unlikely to be a problem. The home has a private heating system, too.

— Michael Wines
The New York Times

Investigators Unsure Why Submarine Failed to Detect Japanese Trawler

WASHINGTON — In parallel efforts to untangle Friday's naval mishap off the coast of Hawaii, Navy and civilian investigators spent Sunday debriefing crew members and reviewing logs from the Navy submarine whose abrupt surfacing as part of drill caused the sinking of a Japanese fishing vessel.

A search by Coast Guard and Navy vessels was continuing for the nine Japanese, including four high school students, who were not among the 26 crew members and teen-age students plucked from the sea after the incident. But as nightfall approached in Hawaii, hopes for further rescues were dwindling.

A central question in the two probes, Navy and civilian officials said, would be how the crew of the 360-foot submarine, the USS Greenville, could have failed to detect the presence overhead of the 190-foot Japanese vessel, the Ehime Maru, before surging to the surface.

After the Greenville returned to its home port of Pearl Harbor

But the captain of the Japanese ship, Hisao Onishi, told reporters separately that the waves had not been big enough to toss seawater into boats.

on Saturday, the submarine's skipper, Lt. Cmdr. Scott Waddle, was relieved of his post pending the results of the investigations.

Some members of the Japanese crew and their relatives have also asked why the American submariners did not join directly in rescue efforts, particularly in the initial half-hour after the sinking, before Coast Guard ships and aircraft arrived on the scene.

Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, said at a Navy briefing in Honolulu that choppy seas, with waves of 3 feet to 4 feet and a 6-foot swell, had made it too dangerous for the Greenville crew to

open hatches and take survivors on board.

But the captain of the Japanese ship, Hisao Onishi, told reporters separately that the waves had not been big enough to toss seawater into lifeboats.

The first Coast Guard helicopters arrived on the scene about 30 minutes after the incident, but the first rescues were not made until about 15 minutes later, after the first ships arrived on the scene, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

A senior Navy official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said he found it hard to explain how the incident could have occurred if normal surfacing procedures were followed. But he said that the most likely explanation could have been that officers responsible for conducting a periscope search somehow failed to see the Japanese vessel, either because of choppy seas or because some other obstacle was in the way.

— Douglas Jehl
The New York Times

Corporate:

Many privacy advocates applaud the move

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he has cut off a half-dozen clients whose sites did not meet DoubleClick's criteria.

That is not a large percentage of the thousands of companies that DoubleClick does business with. In these shaky days of the Internet economy, though, it is remarkable that a company would turn away business.

But DoubleClick, which distributes ads to consumers on thousands of Web sites, has taken a public beating from advocates for privacy rights, who contend that it tracks people's online wanderings too intrusively.

The company has consistently denied that its policies violate consumer privacy; the Federal Trade Commission recently dropped an inquiry, but it still faces class-action lawsuits and lawsuits by

state attorneys general. And so DoubleClick is redoubling its efforts to build a reputation as a company that protects privacy.

While DoubleClick's renewed emphasis on privacy may be the most noteworthy example, the company is far from alone in its mission.

Chief privacy officers like Polonetsky are increasingly common in the executive suite — and not just at dot-coms. CPOs, as they are called, have been appointed at companies like IBM, AT&T and Eastman Kodak. There are now at least 100 privacy chiefs in the United States, making \$125,000 to \$175,000 a year, said Alan F. Westin, who runs a training program for chief privacy officers associated with his organization, Privacy and American Business.

But while it may be unrealistic to believe that the rise of the chief privacy officer will automatically lead to better privacy, many advocates for privacy rights say that shift is real.

"It's a significant development,"

—John Schwartz
The New York Times

Thailand:

Economists are criticizing the campaign

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receiving the promised \$23,000 handout to each of Thailand's 70,000 villages.

At the same time, businessmen wounded by the economic crash of 1997 were eagerly awaiting the creation of a promised Assets Management Corp. that would spend public money to soak up \$12 billion in bad bank loans and put them back in the black.

Thaksin, 51, who has the biggest popular mandate any modern Thai leader has attained, has come face to face with the promises he made to win it. His near-majority victory has produced high hopes for a stable government, accompanied by a healthy bounce in the stock market and in investor confidence.

But critics warn that his promises could drain the national

treasury and that the euphoria of the moment could evaporate quickly. Thailand, the epicenter of the region's economic crisis, could begin to slip backward after the painful reforms and incremental gains of the defeated administration of former Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai.

The feel-good campaign pledges could grind the economy down again, economists say. The promised programs could raise Thailand's debt from 60 percent of its gross national product to more than 100 percent, according to a recent report by the Standard Chartered Bank.

More fundamentally, there are concerns that Thaksin, who grew rich as a telecommunications baron under the old system of patronage politics, will begin to undercut the democratic reforms that have taken tentative root under Chuan's three-year administration.

Thaksin has said he would like to soften measures imposed by the International Monetary Fund

— Seth Mydans
The New York Times

Neuroscience Professor Passes Away

John. S. O'Brien discovered the genetic cause of Tay-Sachs disease

By ALEX J. LEE

Associate News Editor

UCSD Professor of Neurosciences and founder of Myelos Neurosciences Corporation John S. O'Brien passed away in his La Jolla home Feb. 1.

Internationally known for his discovery of the genetic cause of Tay-Sachs disease and his development of screening tests for the disease, O'Brien was first recruited by the UCSD School of Medicine in 1968 after six years as a faculty member at the University of Southern California.

His scientific work and his efforts in support of screening led to the establishment of widespread, coordinated screening,

education and counseling programs for high-risk individuals, resulting in a decrease in the number of Tay-Sachs deaths.

Chairman of the Department of Neurosciences at the UCSD School of Medicine, Leon Thal, remembers O'Brien fondly.

"John was a world-class scientist, an esteemed colleague, a wonderful mentor to his students and a warm, caring individual who will be deeply missed," Thal said.

UCSD Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences Edward W. Holmes remarked on O'Brien's contributions to the field of science.

"[He] was an early pioneer in the application of knowledge gained in the laboratory to help patients," Holmes said. "He built

upon his important scientific work to become an advocate for genetic screening and education programs, effectively bridging the gap between basic science and patient care."

O'Brien is survived by his wife Susan, his mother Esther, his sister Linda and her husband Peter O'Brien-Rothe and six children.

At this time, only private family services are planned. The family requests that all donations be sent in lieu of flowers to support the UCSD graduate program in Neurosciences. In addition, checks should be made out to the UCSD Foundation and sent to the following name and address: Leon J. Thal, MD, 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, CA 92093-0624.

SIO Engineer Receives Nichol Award

By GEOFF DIETRICH

Staff Writer

Scripps Institution of Oceanography research engineer and senior lecturer Richard Seymour was recently honored with the 2000 John G. Moffatt and Frank E. Nichol Harbor and Coastal Engineering Award.

The prestigious honor is awarded annually by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Seymour received the award in recognition of his life-long contributions and leadership in the field of coastal engineering.

His status with the ASCE was also elevated to Fellow in commendation for his life work in the field.

"It is very rewarding to be recognized by your peers," Seymour said.

The rich history of past recipients of the award is not lost on

him. "I'm very proud to get the award," Seymour said. "The gods of coastal engineering have been past recipients. I'm very proud to be included."

Robert Guza, a professor at Scripps, acknowledged Seymour as having a "long and illustrious career," as well as "being a leader in studying the California wave climate."

Throughout his career, Seymour's research has covered a wide range of topics, from the practical to the theoretical. On the practical side, he has studied coastal sediment transport and shoreline erosion. He is also renowned for his theoretical work with surface gravity waves.

His greatest achievement may be the creation of the Scripps Coastal Data Information Program for furthering the study of surface gravity waves. What

started in 1976 with a single buoy off Imperial Beach has blossomed into one of the world's largest scientific data collection networks.

Scripps research associate Ron Flick credits the success of the CDIP to Seymour's innovative thinking and ability to make the theoretical accessible.

Flick noted that Seymour "was the first to make a practical system to measure statistical properties of ocean waves."

One of the goals of the project was to bring a research tool to the level of common practicality. Seymour helped make this goal a reality.

Currently, he is working on an expansion of CDIP to measure the impact of waves on the shoreline. The research is taking place at North Torrey Pines. It will include monitoring sand movement on and off the beach, which is valuable for testing computer models.

Fall:

Núñez is remembered fondly by his suitemates

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Some went to the cliff where the accident happened to lay flowers in memory of their friend. Others plan to hold a candlelight vigil this week.

By Sunday afternoon, less than 24 hours after the accident took place, family members had arrived at Revelle College's Atlantis Hall to retrieve Núñez's belongings.

Students could hardly maintain their composure as they assisted Núñez's father in moving his belongings out of his room. Some openly wept as they packed boxes filled with personal items into a rented U-Haul trailer.

Others wrapped their arms around those who were overtaken by the reality that their friend was gone.

Perhaps the most emotional moment took place when several students presented the victim's father with a picture frame containing a poem written especially for his son. The poem was surrounded by a dozen photographs taken at UCSD of Núñez with his suitemates and friends.

Several friends worked through the night to finish the project in time to present it to the Núñez family.

More than 20 students and several family members then held hands and formed a circle in the parking lot to remember their friend one last time.

Each bowed their heads in respect, and some offered a few words in memory of their good friend.

As the family prepared to depart, one student brought a bouquet of flowers to the victim's father. At that moment, many students broke down crying.

As one person ran to get tissues, the last of Núñez's belongings were packed up. Family members thanked the students one last time for their support before they left UCSD for the long journey home.

"You've got to kind of remember what he did, and not just what happened recently," said Graham Lubinsky, a Revelle freshman and suitemate of Núñez's. "He led a full life. He had an impact on everyone he dealt with, and that's what you have to remember. You can't be upset forever about one incident — you've just got to keep him in your heart."

Billing:

Questions surround "up-coding" practice

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lement, again for only one hospital.

The UCSD School of Medicine spent \$3.5 million during the course of the investigation, according to sources within the medical school.

The UC system spent approximately \$15 million in professional fees during the course of the audit.

The motivation for this settlement was economic, as running out the litigation would have cost millions more than the \$22.5 million paid as a result of the settlement.

According to Lundberg, the real savings was time. Attempting to settle the matter in court would have been "a long, protracted litigation," he said.

Following the audit, the UC schools have implemented compliance plans that call for specialized officers on each campus, a committee to deal with potential violations, and education programs designed to increase awareness of proper accounting procedures. This increase in oversight aims to bring the hospitals into further compliance with federal regulations.

Lundberg cited the clearer regulations put in place in 1996 as enabling the university to implement effective plans for financial accountability.

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THE WEEKLY CALENDAR...



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ACTIVITIES

Monday, Feb. 12

- The Flying Sams, a UCSD volunteer organization, runs a free medical clinic in Ensenada, Mexico on the weekend. All interested students are invited to a meeting, 7pm @ VLH 2205.
- As part of the "Intersections" mini-conference, an art exhibit integrating the main goals of the conference will be on display throughout the week for public viewing. For more information, contact the Cross-Cultural Center at 858.534.9689 or at cccenter@ucsd.edu.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

- SOLO Seminar: Cracking the GRE, 5-7 pm, Price Center Davis/Riverside Room. An expert from the Princeton Review will go over the structure of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and give tips on how to beat the test.
- Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice, a film about Civil Rights activist Yuri Kochiyama, followed by a discussion with Alex Tom, staff member at the Center for Policy Initiatives, who worked with Kochiyama and will share his experiences. 6:30pm @ the CCC as part of the "Intersections" mini-conference.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- SOLO Seminar: Alcohol and Substance Abuse, 3-4 pm, Price Center Davis/Riverside Room. Presented by Tony Valladolid, Directing Attorney for Student Legal Services. This workshop focuses on legal consequences of drinking and driving, alcohol and drug policies, using fake identification, and purchasing alcohol for minors.
- As part of the "Intersections" mini-conference, there will be a discussion about Filipino and Chicano/Latino Resistance During the Far Workers' Movement. Tony Valladolid and Nancy Magpusao, both UCSD staff members, and Blu Barnard, Ethnic Studies graduate student, will share their perspectives. This event is co-sponsored by Chicano/Latino Staff Association and the Pan Asian Staff Association. 12pm @ the CCC.

Thursday, Feb. 15

- As part of the "Intersections" mini-conference, Dr. Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Chair of the Department of Ethnic

Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, will lecture on multicultural social movements and ways in which we can all work together to effect greater change. Reception at 4pm, lecture at 5pm @ the CCC.

Friday, Feb. 16

- New London Internship Program Information Session, 2:30pm @ International Center Lounge. Earn 12 units of UCSD credit. For more info call AIP office 534.4355 or Programs Abroad Office 534.1123.

Ongoing

- zOOM@UCSD, SRTV new show every Monday, 9pm. Dorm cable, ch 18. Broadcasting all the news that fits on the screen, zOOM@UCSD focuses the lens on every aspect of campus life you can shake a mic at.
- ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY FORUM: This informal group addresses Asian students concerns in a supportive and problem-solving atmosphere. Possible topics include academic success, family pressures, cultural identity, and relationships. Led by Dr. Jeanne Manese 534-3035 and Dr. John Wu. Fridays 12-1:30pm at the Cross Cultural Center, 510 Univ. Ctr. Psychological and Counseling Services.
- Need living essentials, clothes, shoes? Find this and much much more at the Vendor Fair for affordable prices! Jan 22-Jan 26 from 9-5pm on Library Walk.
- Help organize the RAZA Grad Ceremony, 7-9:30pm every Thursday @ the CCC.
- Are you having problems with your landlord? Do you have questions about a lease or rental deposit? Come to Student Legal Services' weekly Landlord/Tenant Workshop. Monday at 10:30am and Thursday at 2:00, Student Center Building B. Give us a call for more info. 534.4374

ACADEMICS

Tuesday, Feb. 13

- Liam McGee, president, Bank of America, California, Inside the California Economy. The Economics Roundtable, sponsored by the UCSD Department and Economics and UCSD Extended Studies, meets from 7:30-9am at the UCSD Faculty Club.

\$50 per event, for registration and further information call Edie Munk, 858.822.0510.

- Disciplines of Engineering Career Fair, 10am-3:30pm @ the Price Center Ballroom. The only career fair at UCSD specialized for engineering and science majors. All are welcome to attend and explore internship, career, and summer employment options.
- "Science Matters" lecture series, 12-12:30pm @ 2130 Bonner Hall. This month's lecture is Dr. Christopher Wills speaking about "The Evolutionary History of the Human Species." The lecture will deal with such topics as the mitochondrial Eve, and when and where the first humans appeared.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- UNDECLARED MAJORS FAIRE, 11:30-1:30pm on Library Walk. Department representatives will be able to answer your questions about major programs, course and grade requirements, departmental procedures, and career direction. Remember the deadline for declaring a major is 90 units!

Friday, Feb. 16

- Students of Color Conference "The Politics of Silence: Establishing a Voice at the Crossroads of the New Millennium," starts @ 5pm and runs through the 18th. Committee meetings for the Students of Color Conference are on Sundays 6-7pm, Student Leadership Chambers, Price Center 3rd floor. Sponsored by ASUCSD and the UC Student Association.

CLUBS

Monday, Feb. 12

- Pre Veterinary Club Meeting, 6-7:30pm @ the P.C. Berkeley Conference Room. Dr. Lewis will show a video and give hints about writing essays and preparing for interviews.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- Vietnamese Students Association: General Body Meeting, 6:30pm @ Lib Lounge Gallery B. New members welcome! Meet new people and learn about culture. vsa@ucsd.edu

Thursday, Feb. 15

- The Fight to Defend Abortion Rights, 6pm @ "Old" Student Center Classroom #2. International Socialist Organization meeting about how we can defend Abortion Rights against right-wing attacks.

Ongoing

- LGBT+ general meetings. Every Monday 7pm. GSA room in Old Student Cntr. A safe and friendly environment for LGBT and other people to socialize, learn about events, and access resources. Everybody is welcome! Info: 534-GAYS.
- Ballroom Dance Club. Every Friday 2-4pm. Rec Gym Conference Room. Do you like waltzes, tangos, salsa, hustle, or swing? Come to FRIDAY FUN SESSIONS and learn EVERYTHING.
- International Club meetings. Meet the international students. Plan trips, outings, and hang out. Everyone is welcome! Snacks are provided. 7pm @ International Center every Tuesday.
- Cal Animage Beta, UCSD's Japanese Animation Club, will be having weekly meetings/showings every TUESDAY, 7:30pm @ Peterson 108. Admission is FREE. For more information, visit the CalAnimage web site <http://www-acs.ucsd.edu/~animage>
- Tired of just watching people dance at clubs? It's time to get on the floor with the Salsa Dance Club! Share your salsa moves or pick up some new ones. All levels welcome, no partner necessary. For more info contact Melody at melody@starmail.com. Mondays, 7pm @ Porter's Pub.
- UCSD Rotaract Meetings. Interested in community service, professional development, and leadership? Then come join the UCSD Rotaract Club! Hope to see you there, 5:30pm @ the International Center Conference Room.
- M.E.Ch.A. general body meetings. 5pm every Monday @ the CCC.
- African American Student Union(AASU) meetings, 6-8pm, Mondays @ the Cross Cultural Center. Join us for a quarter filled with meaningful and fun events that are social, political, and cultural like HS conferences, Black History Month celebration and other events. For more info: aasu@ucsd.edu.

ARTS

• UCSD Department of Theatre and Dance presents *Bash: Latterday Plays*, by Neil LaBute and directed by Les Waters. Thursday the 15th through Saturday the 17th, 8pm @ the Mandel Weiss Forum Studio. Tickets can be purchased at the door one hour prior to show time or by calling the Box Office at 858.534.4574 weekdays noon to 6pm. General Admission: \$12, UCSD Affiliates and Seniors: \$10, Students Rate: \$6.

HEALTH

Monday, Feb. 12

- It's CONDOM AWARENESS WEEK Feb 12-16!! Time to celebrate! Join us in Price Center Plaza on Tues, Feb 13th for games, prizes, and fun, 11am-2pm!! Presented by Student Health Advocates.
- RE-ENTRY AND TRANSFER STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP: Mondays from 3-4:30pm at Half Dome Lounge at Muir College. Led by Sam Park Ph.D., 534-3585 and Greg Lucas Ed.S., 534-1725. Call Sam or Greg for further info or to sign up.
- GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PEER SUPPORT GROUP: Mondays from 8-9pm at the LGBT Resource Office. Led by Dr. Kathy Lee, Ph.D., 534.3456, and Greg Lucas, Ed.S., 534.1725. Contact Kathy or Greg for more information or to sign up.
- WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?: Meets Mondays from 4:15-5:30 at Warren Literature Building, room 3248. Led by Dr. Linda Young, Ph.D., 534.3456. Call Linda for more information and to sign up.
- LIBERATION FROM RESTRICTION: Meets Mondays from 1:30-2:30 at Muir College, HSS 2128. Led by Dr. Reina Juarez, Ph.D., 534.3875 and Ellen J. Lin, B.A., 534.5989. Contact Reina or Ellen J. for more information.

Ongoing

- GRADUATE WOMEN IN SCIENCE, MATH, ENGINEERING, SOM, AND SIO: Graduate women in traditionally male dominated fields can feel isolated. Gain support in this therapy group. Thursdays, 12-2pm in 2024 Humanities and Social Science Bldg. Call Dr. Reina Juarez 534-3875 or Fiona 534-5981 for a pre-group appointment. Psychological and Counseling Services.
- UNDERGRADUATE WOMEN: PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN AN INTERPERSONAL WORLD: This therapy group will explore self-esteem, communication, relationships, gender roles, friendships, body and self image. Meetings held in Galbraith 190, Thursdays 4-5:30pm, starting 1/18/01 (no meetings on 1/25 or 3/8). Call Fiona 534-5981 or Ellen K 534-5905 for information. Psychological and Counseling Services.
- EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION, annual exams, STD tests, pregnancy tests, birth control prescriptions, and health education-all at the Women's Clinic of Student Health. Call 534.8089 for appt. Completely confidential-always.
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- Psych Services Lesbian/Bisexual Peer Group: Do you want an intimate and comfortable arena to talk about problems or issues? Come to the Lesbian/Bisexual Peer Group. Tuesdays @ 7pm. Call 534-7577 for location/info.

FEATURES

A Guide to College Relationships



I have to be honest with you. I'm not a psychologist. I'm not a marriage counselor. So why am I giving advice on college relationships?

It's because I've had my share of experiences that have taught me a lot. In addition to my relationships, I have also seen many close friends go through the difficulties of college relationships.

My hope is that others can learn from our mistakes, as well as our triumphs, by reading this article. That said, here are my humble offerings of advice about life and love in college.

A Whole New World

The first thing you must realize is that you aren't in Kansas anymore, Dorothy. College relationships are on an entirely different plane of existence than high school relationships. While many college relationships fall short in magnitude when compared to post-college relationships, they are much more serious than your typical high school relationship.

Gone are the weeks on end when all you see of your so-called significant other is the 15 minutes between math and science. Since not everyone has the same

schedule in college, it takes some effort to actually see your boyfriend or girlfriend. This means that you two might actually have to go on a date, a foreign concept to many high school students.

The dating world can be a lot different in college as well. Whereas trips to the movie theater with a large group of friends passed for dating in high school, the majority of college women expect dinner along with the movie. You can also forget about the mob of friends there for moral support. Most college dates, especially the first ones, are just the guy and the girl, or at least they should be.

Dating

An interesting feature of college relationships is that they can serve as a springboard into post-college relationships. Prior to college, if two people went out to a movie together, they were most likely "together." The concept of a date in high school was virtually nonexistent, save a select few seniors at every high school.

Dating can be a great thing if done right. On the other hand, it can also be the gateway to hell. Let me explain.

The purpose of dating is to get to know another person. Ideally, two people who didn't quite know each other could go out and have a good time talking about their lives and their dreams. They could share what kind of person they

are with each other. By the end of a few dates, the two people have, ideally, learned enough about each other to make an educated decision as to whether or not they wanted to pursue a relationship. Unfortunately, things don't always work like that.

One of the drawbacks to dating is that the two people are usually too worried about making a good impression on the other person that they completely forget to be themselves. As a result, each person is left with a vague idea of who the other is. Often times, people take this information to heart and enter into a relationship, not knowing too much about the other.

The inevitable conclusion is that the hidden quirks come to fruition once the person's guard is down. These quirks can come as a shock to the other person and can get on their nerves. This can lead to ugly fights and even breakups.

The one cure for this unsightly outcome is to be honest from the start. If the other person doesn't like you for who you are, then that person probably isn't the right person for you in the first place. This sounds like pure common sense, but you would be surprised how many people do not follow this advice.

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Some advice for those of you who have been unlucky in love

By Josh Crouse, Features Editor



Kennick Leung/Guardian



The Soapbox

By ALEX J. LEE
Associate News Editor

Society's Stereotyping of Asian-American Men Can Lead to Self-Loathing

The opening lines of San Diego's latest revival of David Henry Hwang's play "FOB" begin with a man's mean-spirited lecture on all that he hates about FOBs, referring to people who are "Fresh Off the Boat," calling them "clumsy, stupid, greasy and horny." As the lights brighten, the identity of the speaker becomes apparent. The speaker is an Asian male.

Asian men prevail in our society, with his "slant-eyed yellow face" and "buckteeth" still persisting even in the 21st century.

Not all forms of racism are as obvious. Most are much more subtle, like the media's constant misrepresentation of Asian-Americans.

Growing up Asian-American has not been easy. Along with all the self-doubt and questions of identity that characterize any adolescence, there was the added element of being an Asian-American male in a society that appeared to ignore us.

It's something that most Asian-American males understand but never talk about: a feeling of invisibility. In short, we don't fit any of the typical definitions of masculinity or maleness.

Physically smaller and less threatening than most other males, it was easy to feel less than a man. I, and any of my Asian-American

peers no matter how good looking we are to ourselves, know we can never look like the non-Asian romantic leads of your typical Hollywood flick or weekday sitcom.

So where did this leave me? Where does it leave most Asian-American males who never see themselves on television or in the movies as anything more than a fleeting extra or the nerd who knows the answer to some ridiculously complex physics problem? It leaves us wondering how society really looks at us and why no one seems to understand why we feel alienated.

Over the past 30 years, it has become more socially acceptable for an Asian woman to marry a white male, but the opposite has not been the case. Historically, the role of wives to their husbands has been a submissive one. In other words, it didn't matter if a white man and a minority woman married, because she would already be deemed subordinate.

As long as he was white, he fulfilled the role of the dominant male husband.

This also seems to be the same logic behind most television news formats. It is rare to see a minority male, especially an Asian male, opposite a white female anchor. The reason is that our society has always sent the message that Asian males are not the masculine

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Romance: Impress your significant other with unexpected gifts

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Presents Apienty

Once a relationship has been established, there is nothing like presents to make that special someone feel much more loved.

Often, a bouquet of flowers when they are not expected can bring a big smile to a girl's face. Even a single flower can do the trick. The thing that most guys don't realize is that it is not how much you spend on the gift (unless the girl is a gold-digger, in which case the guy should cut anchor and set sail), but rather the thought that truly counts.

Some might argue that such things look good on greeting cards but have no place in college relationships. However, my collective experience has taught me that this is not the case. All a girl really wants is to know that she is in her boyfriend's thoughts. Sometimes a simple gift can do that better than anything. After all, actions really do speak louder than words.

A common misconception among girls is that they shouldn't buy their boyfriend a gift. Do you ladies actually think that guys don't like getting confirmation that you're thinking about us? Now, it doesn't have to be flowers or a little teddy bear, but a small gift every now and then might be nice, even if

that gift is a simple massage after a long week; just something to reassure your boyfriend that you still care.

Those Three Little Words

No combination of words has ever had such a dynamic effect on relationships as the famous trio, "I love you."

These words have made and broken millions of relationships. When the words are said and both people involved truly mean it, then it is a wonderful occurrence. However, if those words are uttered and only half of the pair is committed to their meaning, then nothing can be more frightening.

I have found that the main problem behind those three words is their various meanings. "I love you" can mean anything from "I like you a whole lot" to "I am in love with you." Depending on its use, these words can cause a lot of unnecessary friction within a couple.

For example, two people can say "I love you" to each other, and one of them means that they are in love with the other, and the other only means that they like the other person. If this is not clarified, the one who is really in love can really be hurt. My advice: Don't say it unless you mean it. Simply uttering the words can be more damaging than being honest about not feeling that strongly regarding the relationship.

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Students Should Give in to Sweet Temptation This Valentine's Day

While previously thought of as an unhealthy food, studies have shown that chocolate can actually be good for you

By KELLY WONG
Senior Staff Writer

Chocolate is one of the most luxurious and craved foods in the world. A true chocaholic knows that just the mention of chocolate will evoke pleasurable thoughts.

The average American consumes 11.5 pounds of chocolate per year, whereas the Swiss consume twice this amount. According to www.onhealth.com, 40 percent of women and 15 percent of men admit to regular chocolate cravings.

Who says that something that tastes so good is bad for your health? In fact, studies have shown that chocolate can actually have positive effects. So grab a bar of chocolate, read this article and realize you're doing something good for your body.

Chocolate is derived from the cocoa tree *Theobroma cacao*, which is native to Central and South America. Today, these beans are cultivated around the equator and can be found in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia and even in the Pacific islands of Samoa and New Guinea.

At the time, cocoa beans were used as the local currency and they were recognized as among the many treasures stolen from the Aztecs. When the Spaniards took the chocolate back to Europe, they used it as a drink. This drink was a luxury not many could afford.

Afterward, when the Spaniards monopolized chocolate, the

French, English and Dutch began to cultivate chocolate as well. Increased production reduced the prices of cocoa and soon the masses in Europe and America were enjoying what once was considered a delicacy. In 1828, chocolate maker Conrad J. van Houten patented an inexpensive way of pulverizing the beans into powder, which later facilitated making chocolate drinks and solids as well.

As for caffeine, it turns out that chocolate's caffeine level is about the same as a cup of decaffeinated coffee.

Let's now dispel some myths about chocolate. Here's a list of the ingredients in chocolate: minerals, caffeine, saturated fat, threobromine, phenylethylamine, anandamide, sugar and flavonols. Explaining these components individually will further our understanding of chocolate.

Minerals such as copper and magnesium are present in chocolate. Of course, people need these every day. The amount of caffeine in chocolate is insignificant compared to the amount in a cup of decaffeinated coffee. There are about 10 milligrams of caffeine per average 1.65-ounce bar, compared with about 80 milligrams in a cup of coffee. One would have to

be extremely sensitive to caffeine to fear eating a feeble chocolate bar.

People often worry about saturated fat because it clogs arteries, restricts blood flow to the heart and causes heart attacks. About one-third of dark chocolate is naturally-produced cocoa butter, which is a form of saturated fat.

However, medical researchers have found that not all saturated fats are the same and that cocoa butter does not raise cholesterol levels in the body. As a matter of fact, one report even points out that "exaggerated consumption" will actually lower cholesterol. That is to say, much of the cocoa butter consumed is not absorbed as it passes through our bodies.

According to a report by www.onhealth.com, chocolate may actually raise the good form of cholesterol, HDL, and reduce a bad form of fat, triglycerides, due to the high content of stearic acid in the cocoa butter.

Now consider threobromine, defined as a bitter, volatile alkaloid resembling caffeine in its chemical structure, but with a mild effect on humans. Horses and dogs are very sensitive to threobromine, and that is why chocolate can be harmful to them.

Phenylethylamine is an amphetamine-like psychoactive drug with an effect that is said to resemble that of ecstasy, the feeling of being in love. There is phenylethylamine in chocolate,

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"Simple Pleasures"
He calls me Dum Durn. I call him Doofoos. We both call each other Sweetheart. He remembers anniversaries. I remember them after he drives 180 miles to surprise me with roses. We both remember dancing the Waltz in the rain after our first kiss. Tickle wars, staring contests, and thumb wars are considered quality time to us.

Our clothes always match each other and we always play "Give me five...up high...down low...too slow!" And he always lets me win. A dolphin ring, dried sentimental corsages, hearing him sing to me, giving him wedgies in public...these are the simple pleasures that continue to make me fall hopelessly in love with my crazy Doofoos. Some even think we're crazy.

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Congratulations Elena T. McKune!

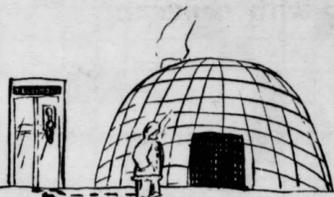
It was Summer, 1970 in Manila, Philippines. I received a letter from William McKune, a US Navy man, who was my Uncle Mar's friend and shipmate. It my last semester of a BS Foreign Service course in college from Lyceum of the Philippines, Manila.

Bill and I were pen pals for a year before we met during one of their stopovers in the Pacific. After our first meeting, he "wooed" my parents and we got engaged. He started paperwork to marry me in October of 1971. We both went through "red tapes" due to military protocols (i.e. medical exams, approval from the Naval authorities, etc.). We finally got the approval to marry from the US Navy after January, 1972, but my parents (who at first opposed and tried to discourage me from marrying Bill) had to choose the best month and day (Philippine custom and tradition). We were the first to be married at the newly built Catholic Church in my hometown on May 14, 1972 (Mother's Day in the USA!)

For our 25th wedding anniversary in 1997, we went to Walt Disney World (which was also celebrating their 25th year) in Orlando, Florida for a 4 days and Las Vegas, Nevada for 3 days. This year is our 29th wedding anniversary. Next year, for our 30th anniversary, we will invite our relatives and friends to celebrate with us in renewing our vows at our parish church in Carlsbad, then a reception will follow. We are still hopelessly in love, after all these years!

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Chocolate:

The myth behind the cocoa bean is not entirely true

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but there is a far richer source of it in salami. There are no reports of the feeling of falling in love after salami, so chocolate cannot be blamed for mimicking false amorous feelings.

Another drug present in choco-

late is anandamide, which is a naturally-occurring chemical in our brains that mimics the effects of eating or smoking marijuana. However, to fully have that effect, one must consume at least 20-30 pounds of chocolate in one sitting. That's twice as much chocolate as the average American eats in a year.

The sugar in chocolate is usually table sugar, which isn't as bad as the high fructose corn syrup that sweetens almost everything else in our grocery stores.

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Romance:

Purely physical relationships may lead to problems

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A side note to the whole issue of "I love you" is that those words should not be uttered in the heat of passion. Many have been scared away by someone screaming "I love you" during, or in close proximity to, sex. The fact is that hormones and emotions are raging while people do their thing, so it's not a good idea to say "I love you" for the first time during sex. I would recommend not saying it for an hour after sex, kind of like eating and swimming. That way you get a chance to calm your emotions and figure out if you really mean it.

Getting Physical

Taking this step in the relationship is different for everybody, so I'm not going to spend a lot of time dwelling on the subject.

My advice on getting physical is to simply wait until both people feel completely comfortable with it. Rushing into it before one of the partners is ready can lead to unnecessary tension in the relationship.

The same goes for pressuring a partner to go further. If you truly care about the person, then you will wait until your partner is ready as well.

A side note on purely physical relationships: It has been my experience that these never turn out well. When two people say that they are just in it for the physical aspect and they don't want a relationship, things usually don't turn out the way you would like. Inevitably, somebody starts to get feelings for the other. It's just not worth it, at least in my experi-

Problems

No matter how close two people are, there are always going to be problems in a relationship. I have yet to encounter a couple that has gone out for longer than a couple of months that hasn't had at least one argument.

The key to getting through problems in a relationship is honesty. I am convinced that this is all that is needed. The real problems come when people bottle up their emotions and then unleash their fury in one epic argument, leading to more serious problems than if they had simply been honest in the first place.

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If you are completely honest with your partner, then things will turn out the way they should. If you two find that you are truly different people, then it is better to be honest about it than to drag out the relationship. It may hurt, but it is the right thing to do.

The Breakup

This is always the worst part of the relationship. Nobody likes breaking up. If they do, then they are sick bastards in need of therapy. There is nothing that I hate more

than having to break up with a girl, but at the same time, I realize that it is something that needs to be done.

For me, I can't stay in a relationship if I know in my heart that it doesn't work for me. If I find myself doing things that aren't "me" just to stay in a relationship, then I have a decent idea that things aren't working out. Relationships are two-way streets and one person shouldn't be the one always making the compromises.

What I hate more than anything about breaking up is when it is used as an ultimatum by someone who doesn't mean it. That is something that can tear at the fiber of a relationship. The threat of a breakup can leave people very defensive, which can lead to escalated fights and a bigger problem than the one that started the argument. The breakup should be a last resort, used only when all other options have been exhausted.

Getting Back in the Game

While breaking up is tough, it is a part of life. After all, you're going to break up with everyone that you go out with except the person that you marry. But even your spouse isn't immune to the breakup, as recent figures on divorce will confirm.

The important thing is that you don't give up on relationships. If someone breaks up with you, then you should move on. I'm not saying you have to go out on a date the very next day, but you should get out there eventually.

There will be an inevitable grieving period. The length of it will vary based on the length of the relationship, the kind of person you are, as well as the kind of person that your ex is. A good way to get through it is to surround yourself with friends, and realize that life goes on.

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Soapbox:

Society has a stereotypical image of masculinity

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ideal. Obviously, the issue is not black and white or as simple as I present it. I exaggerate. But, ask almost anyone, Asian or not, and they'll probably know what I'm talking about.

Now, before I get some people too riled up, allow me to clarify my point. I'm not trying to call upon some sort of revolution in how people choose their mates, nor am I saying that interracial dating should be the goal of every male and female. To marry or choose a mate based on specific criteria like race would be a terrible mistake. The goal ultimately should be to remain as open as possible and follow what your heart tells you. Trite words, I know, but true just the same.

The current trend of interracial marriage simply seems to be an interesting indication of how far our society has come in terms of its perceptions of Asian-American males as a whole.

All right, so it's true that Asian males are featured in countless martial arts films, and yes, they are portrayed as being the strong, Superman type. But how often do you see Bruce Lee getting the girl at the end of the movie?

A friend of mine has an interesting view on the situation. According to him, feeling undesirable to white girls was not the only case, but he felt undesirable to all girls of all races in general. In essence, he believes that "Asian guys are the crap left over," at least in the opinion of most girls. In a recent "Newsweek" article, a Filipino from San Francisco, Marlon Villa, whose wife happens to be white, elaborated on this common sentiment.

"Black guys are studs, white guys are all the power and Asian guys are the nerdy little wimps that women wouldn't glance at," Villa said.

As odd as this may sound, I feel there is truth in these statements. One need not go any further than the local Abercrombie & Fitch to see society's popular ideal of masculinity — a white male model, complete with chiseled jaw and raging pecks, staring you straight in the face. Big surprise, there isn't a single Asian male among them. It's as if society keeps reminding us that we, as Asian-American males, do not fit the masculine ideal — so stop trying.

All this talk of prevailing stereotypes that surround Asian guys reminds me of a particularly eye-opening experience that happened to me not long ago. At this point, I've told it to friends so many times that it's already become cliché, yet it still never fails to leave my listener speechless, not knowing whether to laugh hysterically or to frown in disgust. Suffice to say, I'll call this story my "date from hell." For the sake of embarrassment, I prefer to use fake names of people instead of real ones. And yes, this really happened.

About a year ago, I frequented a popular eatery in San Diego. Every now and then, I would chat with the servers and waiters. Someone who always seemed to make an effort to talk with me was a server by the name of "Lisa." A friendly girl of 19, Lisa was not terribly bright but sweet just the same.

She was blond and aggressive and towered nearly a foot taller than me. Lisa was a force to reckon with, one that I never in my wildest nightmares thought I would have to encounter.

As I was waiting in line one day to buy my food, she asked me for my number. I, being a little more naive back then, was happy to oblige. I thought that all that would

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Interracial marriages are on the rise

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come of this casual exchange of personal information was a new friendship.

Little did I know, she wanted me. Alas, I was not attracted to her and did not want her. After our "first date," my indifference toward her made the quantum leap to fear and disgust.

When she asked to hang out one Friday night, I was under the assumption that it would be a casual affair, one in which at most I would gain a new platonic friend. From the minute I got into her car, however, I knew better.

Imagine my horror when I opened the door of her car, only to be knocked out by the stench of cheap perfume and the glaring eyes of her flirtatious face. The moment was truly a poignant one as I could see she was making a real effort to win me over with her overly made-up face and revealing clothes that seemed to show off more of her unsightly flesh than I could ever possibly want to see in one sitting.

I felt like I was kidnapped, with no place to go. From that moment on, I knew she considered this a date. To hell with the fact that I was underdressed in shorts, a T-shirt and flip flops; she was determined to give me a "first date" I would never forget. That's when she dropped the bomb and confessed her true feelings for me.

"Man, I've seen you every time you've walked by to get food and I just think you're so hot," she said with the giddiness of a schoolgirl

about her first crush.

So far, no problem, I thought. No big problem at least. Sure, I didn't like her back, but I would soon clarify that. And then she dropped the bomb. I took offense immediately.

"You see," she explained. "All my white girlfriends tell me all the time, 'Oh, don't dig those Asian guys, they're small, slant-eyed and smelly.' But not me, that's exactly why I like you so much. I so dig the fact that you're hairless and foreign. You see, I'm American and you're foreign and you can teach me all about your country."

Words do little justice to how sick I felt. Her ignorance was truly

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frightening and after a long and painful night, I was free from her wrath. But the damage was done, at least to my self-esteem.

Is that what people really think when they see my Asian face? I wondered. It's a question that I think most Asian-Americans ask many times during their lives.

The rise of the marriage rate of Asian men to white women, however, can be seen as a sign of how society is changing its views of Asian males.

According to demographer Larry Hajime Shinagawa's book on marriage license data in

California, "Asian Americans: Intermarriage and the Social Construction of Love," Asian-American men born in the United States are far more likely to marry women who are white (18.9 percent), of other Asian ethnicity (22.7 percent) or another racial minority (6 percent) than more recent immigrants. Shinagawa expects the trend to continue and sees an even greater speedup in the near future.

While many may see interracial marriage as a positive thing, as a clear indication that Asian males are finally being accepted and embraced by the mainstream, others are not as enthusiastic. As my own experience illustrates, Asian males continue to run the risk of becoming the focus of a new form of fetishism with which Asian women have become all too familiar.

Nevertheless, things are changing for the better. Slowly but surely, the media is redefining its image of Asian-American men from geeky, unattractive and sexless, to strong, romantic and masculine. A new wave of Asian actors like Chow Yun Fat, Rick Yune and Jet Li are helping to reshape old perceptions and create new ones.

The battle is still an uphill one, yet I remain optimistic. I have come to the conclusion, just as many of my peers have, that being an Asian-American male is a very exciting thing. Because we do not fit popular definitions of masculinity, we can forge ahead and create new ones that show Asian-American males as what they truly are: unique and dynamic individuals who like to shake things up a little, in hopes of making a difference.

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Chocolate:

The myth behind the cocoa bean is not entirely true

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els of catechins in chocolate than in black tea. In addition, procyanidins have the ability to relax blood vessels, possibly decreasing internal arterial wall damage.

There are many myths that associate chocolate with acne, migraine headaches and tooth decay. Two studies done by the Pennsylvania School of Medicine and U.S. Naval Academy show that eating chocolate does not produce any significant changes in acne conditions.

These results are further backed by research that shows that acne is not primarily linked to diet. Though it does contain some tyramine, a common migraine trigger, a well-controlled 1997 study from the University of Pittsburgh did not link chocolate consumption with headaches. As for studies that say chocolate causes cavities or tooth decay, there are indications that the cocoa butter in the chocolate coats the teeth and may help protect them by preventing plaque from forming. The sugar in chocolate is the only thing that contributes to cavities.

Before stocking up on chocolate, realize that there are downsides. Chocolate can increase stomach acid reflux and irritable bowel symptoms, as well as cause allergic reactions, weight gain and dental cavities. However, that's only when eaten in excess.

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No Luck For Men's Bball

Triton woes continue on road, teams falls to 3-18

By SCOTT BURROUGHS
Associate Sports Editor

Chalk it up as learning experience. The Tritons' men's basketball team engaged in a couple more rough Division II California Collegiate Athletic Association matches over the weekend, and had nothing to show for it Sunday morning except some growth as a team, some upper circuit seasoning, a boatload of aching body parts and two more notches in the loss column.

Friday night, the Tritons went knuckle-to-knuckle with the Sonoma State Cougars and Saturday they did battle against the San Francisco State Gators in a closely contested match.

The Sonoma State game was not a lively affair for the blue and gold hopefuls. Held up north in Rohnert Park, the tilt saw frosty Triton shooting and a consistent Cougar offensive attack. In front of a crowd of 519, the Tritons looked shaky from the opening

whistle as the team shot only 29 percent in the first period.

The three-point shot, which the Tritons have depended heavily upon all season as a main offensive weapon, misfired horrendously in this match. UCSD shot only three of 14 from behind the three-point arc.

Sonoma State was led by the stellar play of Matt Knudsen, who had a game-high 20 points on eight of 13 shooting. Trevor Howe was also a main contributor for the Cougars, netting 14 points and pulling down six rebounds, while center Chris Oliver chipped in with 10 points and nine rebounds.

UCSD had Kyle Moynour come off the bench to throw down a solid nine points on 3-6 shooting. Another Triton standout this night was Sam Higgins, who also had nine points to go with his six rebounds.

It was not to be for the Tritons, however, as in response to a late surge by UCSD to pull within six,

at 40-34, late in the game, the home team went on a 13-0 tear, effectively shutting the door on the Tritons' hopes for a win. The victory upped the Cougars record to 7-8 in league play and 10-10 overall.

The San Francisco game was a largely different affair. The teams appeared evenly matched from the opening tipoff, and the lead seceded between the squads throughout the game.

At halftime, the Tritons were up by a score of 35-32, but SFSU outscored the Tritons by those same three points in the second half, which included a 16-8 Gator run to knot the game at 67 points apiece at the end of regulation. The Tritons could not get their act together in the overtime frame, and were outscored 8-4 to drop the match 71-75.

The Gators saw exemplary play from senior Marcus Adcock, who had 19 points on the night.

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Triton Volleyball Swept by BYU

UCSD is no match for the Cougars, losing both nights 3-0

By SCOTT BURROUGHS
Associate Sports Editor

Those Mormons sure can play them some volleyball, as the UCSD men's volleyball team will attest. The BYU squad went missionary on that ass this weekend, sweeping the Tritons 3-0 on back-to-back nights to hand the secular sportsmen in blue and gold a pair of losses.

This match was more like a BYU house party than an actual volleyball game, as 10 of the 12 players on the Cougar roster recorded at least one kill. They put up a .337 average while holding UCSD to .109, with only 37 kills on 101 swings. The Tritons also committed 26 errors, as they just could not get their game on track and lost the match by set scores of 30-25, 30-15 and 30-25.

The third set was the brightest moment on this dismal evening, as UCSD forced seven BYU attack errors and climbed back into the game, trailing only 27-25. They failed to take home the set though as the Cougars knocked down back-to-back kills and took home the set and the victory.

Alleman was once again a main component of the Cougar's attack, notching 11 kills, five digs and four blocks. Chen was the man for UCSD for the second consecutive night, with a team high of 10 kills. Griffin Cogorno stepped up his game Saturday night for the Tritons, turning in an effort worth nine kills, four blocks and eight digs.

While the weekend was a rough one indeed for the Triton faithful, they can take solace in the fact that these losses came courtesy of the only unbeaten team in the nation. BYU's record now stands at a sterling 4-0 in league and 7-0 overall. The Tritons record dropped to 0-4 and 1-7 for the season.

UCSD will look to improve their record starting tomorrow, when they face off at home against the University of Hawaii at 6 p.m.

dank Smith Fieldhouse Saturday, hoping to gain vengeance for the prior evening's malfeasance. Once again, their hopes were dashed by BYU's potent attack and seemingly impenetrable defensive front.

The opening round set the tone for the match, as Cougar freshman Jonathan Alleman had a BYU-record 5 aces and the Tritons hit for a paltry -.069 average to lose the set 30-16.

It got better from there, though, as the Tritons battled hard in the following two sets, staying within striking range until the final points. But those final points always seemed to fall the Cougars' way and the Tritons ended up losing both sets, by scores of 30-25 and 30-27, respectively.

Alleman was the standout in the night's match, as in addition to his aching spree, he also had a match-high 14 kills and four blocks. Junior Matt Olsen also came through for BYU with seven kills on the night.

UCSD saw impressive performances from their two senior standouts. Donald Chen, last season's team MVP, was once again a force on the floor, pounding out 12 kills in the effort. Zach Hite, the other key senior performer, chipped in with 10 blue and gold kills.

The Tritons returned to the dark,

Baseball Creams Redlands

By ROBERT FULTON
Sports Editor

The UCSD baseball team rocked the University of Redlands 15-6 on the road Friday.

Alexander Cremidan picked up the win for the Tritons, striking out seven in six innings.

The Bulldogs' Billy Pope suffered the loss, allowing nine runs in 2 2/3 innings.

The Tritons' big inning came in

the top of the third, when they scored eight runs.

Offensively, the Tritons' Tyler Sullivan was on fire, scoring four runs off three hits to go with his two RBIs. Eric Thorpe also had a big day, driving in four runners on four hits.

David Hawke contributed with three RBIs of his own.

Next up for UCSD is a home tilt against California State University San Bernardino Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

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Softball: Chico State, UC Davis to be paying a visit

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teams went back and forth, refusing to let the other pull away.

Sonoma State again started off by scoring in the first. UCSD tied the game at one in the second half of the inning. Then the two teams neutralized each other defensively until the fifth, in which the Cougars put up two runs in the top half of the inning, only to give them back to UCSD in the bottom half.

In the crucial last inning, UCSD had SSU down to two outs with nobody on, but everything fell apart. A single, error, double, single and another double later, Sonoma State had a four-run cushion and the eventual win.

Junior pitcher Christi Martinelli was tagged with the loss, despite only allowing two earned runs. Hayes, Anderson and Kim Aggabao each had two hits in the effort for the Tritons.

Saturday against San Francisco State, Gator Lisa Delsmans was throwing goose eggs until the bottom of the fourth, when the Triton offense exploded to the tune of four runs on five hits. That would be more than enough for UCSD hurler Harlan, as she again went the distance giving up only four hits and two runs while striking out seven Gators.

Offensively for the Tritons, Mettee was 3-3 while Harlan, Anderson and second baseman Christina Searing each had two hits.

In the second game, San Francisco quickly jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first, taking advantage of two UCSD errors. However, even the rain wasn't enough to cool off the red-hot Triton offense, as they responded by scoring seven runs in the bottom of the first, the big blows coming on a double by Wilson and a two-run single by Anderson.

Martinelli then coasted for UCSD until the fifth, when she gave up a home run to Gator Natalie Batista on the first pitch of the inning. After an RBI double brought the Gators within two at a score of 7-5, Harlan came in as relief and ended the threat. Harlan proceeded to shut down the Gators for the rest of the game to secure the victory.

Offensively, the Tritons were particularly impressive over the weekend, scoring a total of 20 runs in the four games.

"Offensively we did a great job," Gerckens said. "We hit the ball hard; we battled back a couple times. We have been working on our offense a lot since the fall. I think the team really focused on it, and it showed."

Pitching also performed well for UCSD, as Harlan picked up two victories and a save over the weekend to bump her record to a perfect 3-0.

"Lea did a great job on the mound for us," Gerckens said.

With the offense and the pitching in sync, the scary thought is that the Tritons aren't even hitting on all cylinders yet.

"Defensively, we made a couple mental mistakes we need to make sure don't happen again," Gerckens said. "We have to limit our mental mistakes and our defense has to become more consistent."

The Tritons must work to strengthen these weaknesses, especially considering the fact that powerhouses Chico State and UC Davis are coming to town next weekend.

"Obviously, they're going to score runs," Gerckens said. "We have to be able to chase down balls and know where to go with them because they are going to be hitting them out there."

The fireworks are set to begin Friday at 1:30 p.m. when UCSD takes on Chico and continues Saturday at 12 p.m. when the Tritons square off against the Davis Aggies.



Been Caught Stealing: A Sonoma State runner is about to get tagged out by Triton shortstop Amy Mettee on Friday.

Men: Stanislaus, Bakersfield are coming to town

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Behind him, DeKiethi Walton and Dayman Turner each knocked down 16 points in the victory.

The Tritons' effort was a team display, as four UCSD ballers were in double figures. Christenson led with 15 points, while Higgins had 14. Cole Miller and Erik Ramp were good for 12 each.

With the victory, SFSU's record rose to 2-14 in conference and 4-17 overall, while the Tritons' season-long tally flopped to 2-14 in CCAA play and 3-18 overall.

The Tritons will next be in action this weekend, when they have matches against CSU Stanislaus Friday night and CSU Bakersfield Saturday. Both games start at 8 p.m. sharp and will be held at the illustrious Macky Arena here at UCSD.

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SPORTS



Time to Name the Triton's New Mascot



ROBERT FULTON

It's nice to see the most recent step that UCSD athletics has taken to wrench our campus from the lack of school spirit. We finally have a mascot.

All major athletics programs have mascots. I can just now picture the Stanford tree. Duke University has that guy dressed as a Blue Devil. Seems appropriate. San Diego State has that silly guy dressed like an Aztec jumping up and down, who has brought so much controversy.

Now we have our own Triton mascot.

A mascot leads and inspires crowds to cheer for the home team. It is a symbol we can all rally around; something to get stoked about. It adds that much more to the experience of UCSD athletics and the UCSD college experience overall.

Now all we need to do is name the mascot.

Earlier this year, I called out for suggestion to rename RIMAC. RIMAC is so dry. We need something that strikes fear or wonder — or anything. The only suggestion so far are "Atlantis" and "The Macky."

Now it is the mascot's turn.

He needs a name that represents the school, strikes fear into opponents, or just plain sounds good.

Here are a few suggestions.

My crack staff of reporters, (OK, mostly just myself and the loony Lobster guy) have done a lot of thinking, and this is what we've come up with.

Timmy or Tommy the Triton sounds good. It has alliteration, which is often nice. But it sounds too elementary. "Look out, here comes Timmy the Triton. Run for your lives!" That is not going to work.

King Triton would work. That was the name of Ariel's dad in the Disney classic, "The Little Mermaid." He was powerful and she was hot. But it is not that original.

Neptune is also a possibility, being that Triton and Neptune are essentially the same.

How about Monty Triton? Oh, wait, another school around here has something similar, and they have had trouble with that.

There is always Slougey. It just sounds good.

How 'bout Teddy RuxTriton. Many of us are children of the '80s.

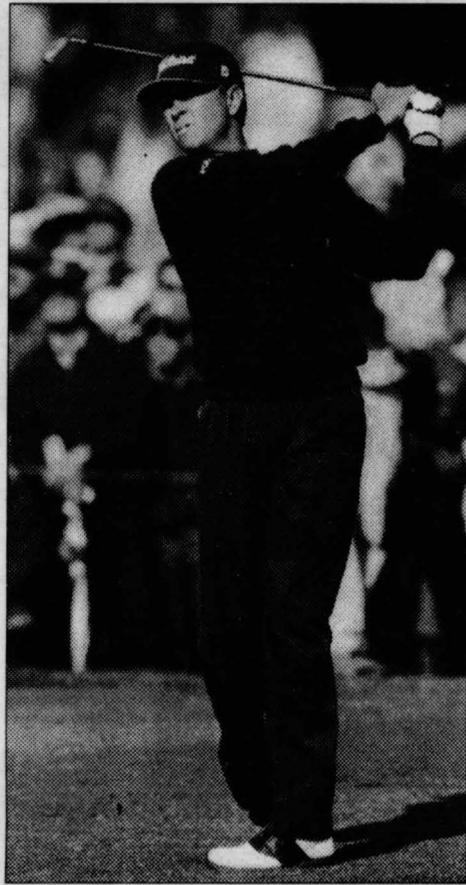
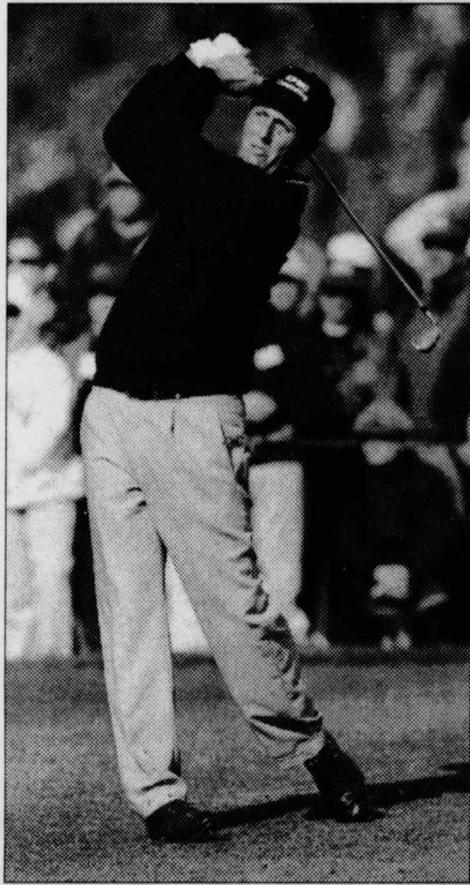
Other suggestions are "Old Dirty Man," "Crazy old Man," and my favorite, "Old Dirty Bastard With a Fork." That would, of course, lead to "Big Baby Jesus with a Fork." All of you Wu Tang Clan fans will know what I'm talking about.

And there is always the favorite, "Hungry Moses." It is derived from Moses with a Fork.

Another winner that came in at the last second is "Mr. T." I pity the fool who disses UCSD!

Well, there are my suggestions. If you have any more, please call my office at (858) 534-6582 or e-mail me at sports@ucsdguardian.org.

Mickelson Charms the Pines



David Pliz / Guardian

Swinging: Phil Mickelson (left, on Saturday) captured his third Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines on Sunday, his second consecutive victory at the invitational. It took a 19 under par to qualify for a playoff against Frank Lickliter and Davis Love III (right, on Saturday). Love bowed out after the first playoff hole, leaving Mickelson and Lickliter to duke it out. Mickelson, a San Diego native, doubled-bogeyed the third hole, but Lickliter three putted from six feet away, giving the defending champion his repeat victory.

Tritons Swing Through Three Wins Over the Weekend

Softball splits against Sonoma, sweeps San Fran

By ISAAC PEARLMAN

Associate Sports Editor

Going into last weekend, the UCSD softball team had yet to be tested in California Collegiate Athletic Association action, with their only previous two games against Biola, a nonconference opponent. But with four scheduled games in two days, the Tritons figured they would quickly have a good idea of where they stood after the weekend was over.

After splitting games against Sonoma State University Friday and then sweeping San Francisco State at home Saturday, the blue and gold passed their test with flying colors and gained a stranglehold on second place in the CCAA with a 3-1 conference record. UCSD, with an overall record of 5-1, is behind only California State University San Bernardino, which occupies the first-place slot with a 2-0 league record.

"We're three and one," said head coach Patti Gerckens. "That's a great start. I think the team now knows what the CCAA teams are about and that they aren't going to die out there."

In its first game against Sonoma State, UCSD started off on the wrong foot, giving the Cossacks the lead with an unearned run in the first inning. However, that would be the last run SSU would get until the sixth inning. Junior pitcher Leea Harlan was



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Hey Batter: Triton Christina Searing takes a swing against Sonoma State.

dominant all afternoon, giving up only four hits and striking out seven while going the distance to pick up the victory.

The Tritons evened up the score in the second, when senior right fielder Michelle Wilson singled and later scored on freshman shortstop Amy Mettee's triple. In the fourth inning it was Wilson again triggering the Triton offense with another single. After advancing to third, she then scored on pinch hitter Erin Sinclair's single to right.

Pinch runner Angie Carr replaced Sinclair and later scored

on a single by junior center fielder Samantha Hayes. UCSD struck again in the sixth, taking advantage of two SSU errors, a single by senior Jeanine Cordero and a double by junior Kristina Anderson to push three more runs across the plate and extend their lead to 6-2 and seal the victory.

Unfortunately for the Tritons, the second game was a different story and resulted in a heart-breaker of a loss to the Cossacks. In a closely knotted game, the

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UCSD Downs Cossacks

By ROBERT FULTON

Sports Editor

The UCSD women's basketball team downed Sonoma State University 59-48 Friday at Cossack Gym.

UCSD jumped out to a big lead to start the game, grabbing a 19-6 advantage.

The Cossacks answered with their own 19-6 run, knotting the game at 25.

UCSD's Ashley Kokjohn buried two foul shots with 14 seconds left in the first half giving UCSD a lead the Tritons would never surrender.

UCSD was outstanding from the foul line, hitting 24 of 29 shots. The team has only shot 69 percent from the charity stripe all year.

Genevieve Ruvald led the Tritons with 12 points and had six rebounds. Ali Ginn had 11 points and six boards, Nicholle Bromley scored nine, Maya Fok chipped in with eight points and Ashley Kokjohn pulled down 10 rebounds to go with seven points.

Sonoma had no players score in double figures, with Melanie Arnie leading the Cossacks with nine points.

UCSD next hosts California State University Stanislaus Friday at 6 p.m.

Tennis Rocks CSULA

By ROBERT FULTON

Sports Editor

The UCSD men's tennis team put the maximum hurt on California State University Los Angeles Friday.

The Tritons won with a dominating 9-0 score.

The only matchup that had any suspense in it whatsoever was between the two schools' No. 1 players. UCSD's Mike Meyer outlasted Eddie Sengendo 7-6, 4-6, 6-4.

The other contests were cake walks for UCSD.

At the No. 2 spot, Jeff Wilson downed Jeff Miller 6-4, 6-4. No. 3 Dan Albrecht beat Thomas Abel 6-2, 6-3; Everett Schroeter swamped Cezhan Ambrose 6-1, 6-0; No. 5 Sean Higginbotham smoked Tai Truang 6-1, 6-0; and No. 6 Ryan Thompson swept Richardson Morataya 6-0, 6-0.

The doubles action was a laugher for UCSD as the Tritons barely broke a sweat.

UCSD's team of No. 1 Meyer and Wilson defeated Los Angeles' Sengendo and Miller 8-1.

The Tritons' No. 2 duo of Albrecht and Schroeter swept Los Angeles' Abel and Ambrose 8-0, and UCSD's No. 3 pair of Thompson and Blake Wilson-Hayden spanked Los Angeles' Truang and Morataya 8-1.

The Tritons' planned Saturday home action against Cal Poly Pomona was unfortunately rained out.

Next up for UCSD is another road match, this time shaping up skills with Azusa Pacific University Tuesday at 3:15 p.m.