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Worldwide

Greens to Control Powerful New German Agency to Help Fight Mad Cow

BERLIN — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder created a new super-ministry for food, agriculture and consumer protection Wednesday and handed it to the environmentalist Greens, signaling a back-to-nature approach to combating mad cow disease that is certain to alarm the powerful European farm lobby.

By naming Renate Kuenast, 45, a Berlin lawyer with no experience in farming, to head a ministry with such sweeping powers, Schroeder has gambled that any loss of sup-

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National

Conservative Groups Vow to Support Attorney General Nominee Ashcroft

WASHINGTON — The Republican leader of the Senate served notice Wednesday that he had all 50 Republican votes behind President-elect George W. Bush's choice for attorney general, John Ashcroft, and warned that Democratic efforts to derail the nomination could poison the attempt to set a new cooperative tone on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, who will return to the post of majority leader when Bush is inaugurated later this month, staunch-

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Collegiate

Western Kentucky University Settles 'Reverse Discrimination'

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — After filing a reverse discrimination lawsuit against Western Kentucky University 21 months ago, a professor who claimed she did not get a job because of her race now has one under a settlement reached last month.

Plaintiff and part-time psychology professor Virginia Pfohl signed an agreement on Dec. 22 that Western will pay her \$90,000 and give her a full-time teaching position. She originally sought \$2.2 million in compensatory and

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Spoken

"We are pleased to have reached this agreement with CUE."

— **Judith W. Boyette**

UC Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Benefits

Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Vigil: (From Left to Right) Roosevelt sophomores Sarah Kirby and Darlene Mendez, and Coordinator of Student Affairs at Roosevelt Kona Seng light candles at a candlelight vigil in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Wednesday night. The vigil kicks off a series of events planned for Black History Month.

CUE and University Reach Agreement

Historic first contract took two and a half years of negotiations

By **VINCENT GRAGNANI**
Senior Staff Writer

University clerical workers, following a ratification vote by members of the Coalition of University Employees, have a new contract with the university that provides for wage increases through 2001, including retroactive payments.

"We are very pleased to have reached this agreement with CUE," said Judith W. Boyette, UC associate vice president for human resources and benefits. "I want to thank clerical employees for their patience and for their continued dedication to the university during the negotiations process."

The contract, signed by UC and CUE repre-

sentatives on Dec. 20, 2000, took two-and-a-half years to negotiate.

"This is a historic first for CUE," said CUE President Claudia Horning, a library worker at UCLA. "This is the first contract for CUE, and we've made many significant improvements over the previous union's contract. CUE members should be very proud."

The contract includes a 7.8 percent cost of living increase over two years, and maintains a "step-merit" system of salary increases.

The contract includes new procedures that require a bona fide business purpose to conduct an employee background check, and agreement that allegations of discrimination

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North Torrey Pines Parking Structure Opens

New option for commuters to create room for everyone

By **MATT SCHRADER**
Associate News Editor

An additional 380 "S" parking spaces became available Saturday when the new North Torrey Pines parking structure in Thurgood Marshall College opened.

The structure, which has been in construction since August 1999, also contains 309 "B" Spots, 161 "A" spots, 104 metered visitor spots and 18 handicapped spots.

The North Torrey Pines Lot, located between Scholars Drive North and North Torrey Pines Road, has six floors and two entrances. A new entrance onto campus on North Torrey Pines Road is set to open March 1, which will provide more convenient access to the structure.

Students believe that the ability to park everywhere on campus will be made much easier due to this opening.

"Hopefully it will alleviate the parking problems in Muir," Muir sophomore Adam Roston said. "Parking there has become virtually impossible past 8 a.m."

The fall opening of the Gilman parking structure provided an additional 307 "S" parking spaces as well. However, the six-level structure fills to capacity early in the morning and is full-until late in the afternoon when most students have already gone home.

"Based upon our fall quarter 2000 survey, the 'S' spaces in this structure filled to peak capacity about 9 a.m.," Director of Parking and Transportation Greg Snee said. "The 'B' spaces, 197, filled to peak capacity at about 11 a.m., and 'A' spaces, 147, reach their maximum usage at 2 p.m."

Students who arrive past 10 a.m., though they cannot park in the two new structures, said they still reap the benefits of them being there.

"It just makes parking easier other places on campus," Marshall sophomore Eric Robin said. "East parking is a lot less crowded now that people are parking closer to campus. The lazy students are getting a break, too."

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Scripps Scientist Mia Tegner Dies in Diving Accident

She was a UCSD alumna, an accomplished scuba diver and a faculty member since 1969

By **GEOFF DIETRICH**
Contributing News Writer

Longtime Scripps researcher Mia Tegner died Sunday in a scuba diving accident off the coast of Mission Beach. She was 53 years old. An accomplished diver and scientist, she spent her adult life associated with UCSD.

"We knew Mia when she was a young adult just beginning her scientific endeavors," said Charles Kennel, director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. "She grew to maturity with us, and spent her

life at Scripps."

Tegner, a native of Southern California, graduated from UCSD with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1969. Five years later she earned a doctorate in marine biology from Scripps. She based her research from Scripps ever since.

Wayne Pawelek, head diving safety instructor at Scripps, had the pleasure of knowing, working and socializing with Tegner since she arrived at Scripps in 1969.

"She lost her life doing what she truly enjoyed," Pawelek said.

Tegner's research dealt with the ecology of kelp forest communi-

ties and near-shore marine resources. She spent nearly three decades studying and protecting the Point Loma kelp beds.

Tegner's work has helped other scientists better understand the kelp forests, and has also helped government officials to better understand the effects of urban runoff and sewage on marine life.

Her work greatly contributed to the decision by the California Department of Fish and Game to implement a moratorium on the taking of abalone from offshore Southern California.

"She dedicated more than 25 years of work to the ecology of the kelp beds off Point Loma in San Diego, and she developed a new and deep appreciation for this delicate, undersea rain forest," Kennel said.

At the time of her passing, Tegner was researching the effects of El Niño and La Niña on the plants and animals of the kelp ecosystem.

In August of 2000, Tegner, along with colleagues Paul

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EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 11

Celebration: Cultural Unity Day of Awareness

The Women's Center, Cross Cultural Center, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Office, and Student Legal Services will sponsor the event, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Price Center Plaza. The celebration will feature cultural events, including a drum circle, entertainment, information tables, music and a keynote speaker. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (858) 822-1475.

Friday, Jan. 12

Performing Arts: Cab Calloway's Legacy of Swing

Cab Calloway's daughter, Chris Calloway, will appear with the Hi-De-Ho Orchestra to perform swing and jazz music. Calloway debuted with her father on the Ed Sullivan Show in the '60s and traveled with him for over 20 years. The University Events Office will sponsor the performance, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Mandeville Center Recital Hall. The event is open to the public. General admission is \$22 and student admission is \$16. For more information, call (858) 534-4119.

Saturday, Jan. 13

Aquarium: Sea Kayaking

The Birch Aquarium will sponsor the activities which will start at 8 a.m. in the waters of La Jolla. Activities are open to the public for a \$40 fee. For more information and exact location, call (858) 534-7336.

Parade: Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

UCSD and others will sponsor the parade, which will honor the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. The event will take place at 10 a.m. in downtown San Diego. The event is free and open to the public. Students can sign up to be a part of the parade at their Dean's or Residential Life office. Free transportation will be provided for those who need it. For more information, call (858) 534-1585.

Monday, Jan. 15

Performing Arts: UCSD Gospel Choir

The UCSD Music Department will sponsor the gospel choir's performance to honor Martin Luther King Jr. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. in the Mandeville Center Recital Hall. The event is open to the public. General admission is \$5 and student admission is \$3. For more information, call (858) 534-4830.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Food Sales: A.S. Barbecue

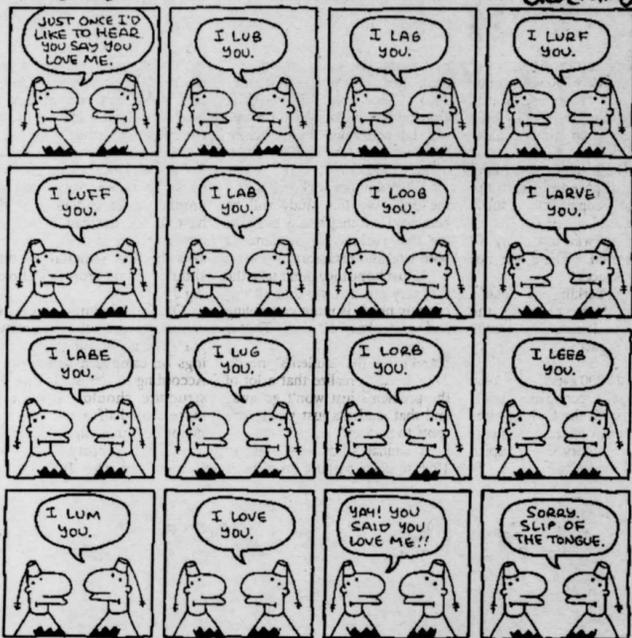
The A.S. Council will serve free lunch to all UCSD students starting at 10 a.m. on Library Walk. For more information, call (858) 534-0473.

Performing Arts: Stacey Fraser DMA Concert

The UCSD Music Department will sponsor the event which will take place at 8 p.m. in the Mandeville Center Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (858) 534-4830

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BRIEFLY

Urologic Cancer Specialist Joins UCSD

The UCSD Cancer Center has chosen Carol E. Salem, M.D., a specialist in urologic oncology and urinary reconstruction, to head the school's new Urologic Cancers Unit, where she will help treat bladder, prostate, testicular, renal, urethral and penile cancers.

Salem graduated from UCSD with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and earned her medical degree from USC. Salem now comes to the UCSD School of Medicine as an assistant professor of surgery in the urology division.

Salem has spent many years studying the effect of DNA methylation as a possible sign of bladder cancer and was honored by the American Foundation for Urologic Diseases in 1997.

Kidney cancer treatment being tested at UCSD

An experimental stem cell transport drug used to treat kidney cancer is currently being evaluated at the UCSD Blood and Marrow Transport Program.

Kidney cancer is known to be resistant against conventional treatments, but the stem cell being used has proven promising in a recent study conducted by the National Institutes of Health.

This particular treatment, which is called the nonmyeloablative allogeneic peripheral-blood stem-cell transport, is open to patients in the trial who have a sibling who can donate stem cells for the experiment. Patients receive minimal chemotherapy before the stem-cell transplant. For more information about the study, call the UCSD Blood and Marrow Transplant program at (858) 657-6840.

Off-Campus Housing office moves to new location

As of Dec. 11, the Off-Campus Housing office has moved from Student Center B to its new location in Student Center A, Suite 200-202 in the Eucalyptus Lounge. The Eucalyptus Lounge is located on the second floor above the Bike Shop.

The Off-Campus Housing office will continue to offer commuter advising, services and housing referrals as well as directory and rental listings for all students, staff and faculty. The office can be reached at (858) 534-3670.

UCSD's Mark Shuckit honored for exemplary research

Mark A. Shuckit, a UCSD professor of psychiatry and director of the Alcohol Research Center at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award at this winter's annual U.S. Psychiatric Congress meeting.

John Schwartz, editor in chief of the *Psychiatric Times*, presented Shuckit with his award. Schwartz cited Shuckit's research on the role of genetics in alcoholism.

Shuckit has done extensive work concerning alcoholism and genetics including a study that found a relationship between the effects of alcohol on a young person and its manifestation later in life.

Shuckit authored the textbook "Drug and Alcohol: A Clinical Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment," which is now in its fifth edition.

UC natural reserve system receives packard grant

The University of California has received a Packard Grant of \$263,600 to develop a program for long-term research in an effort to save California's endangered coastal-oak system.

Over 3 million acres of the system have been sacrificed to residential and agricultural development.

The Packard Grant will fund a nine-month planning period by UC environmental field scientists from UC campuses at Berkeley, Davis, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz.

The researchers will also develop partnerships with other organizations to analyze possible methods for restoring the ecosystem at risk.

The funding for the Packard Grant comes from the Packard Foundation's Conserving California Landscapes Initiative.

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Suit filed after position awarded to a black man

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punitive damages in a suit filed in April 1999.

Pfohl filed suit after Paul Rice, then dean of the university's community college, acted against a search committee's recommendation in August 1998 and awarded a full-time teaching position to Quentin Hollis, a black man.

Under the settlement, Pfohl was appointed to a tenure-track position of assistant professor in the psychology department. She will earn \$30,528 a year and will enter her fourth year of the tenure track this fall. She has worked at Western both full-time and part-time since 1980.

Pfohl claimed that Rice told her that Hollis was given the job because Rice got pressure from Huda Melky, head of the Equal Opportunity/ADA compliance office. Hollis had one year of teaching experience at Owensboro Community College and was playing professional basketball in China at the time he was hired.

Melky said she had nothing to do with Rice's decision to go against the search committee's recommendation.

In the deposition, Melky did admit that the reason for Hollis's hiring was, in part, because 17 percent of the students at the community college were minorities and there were no black faculty members. Melky said she looked at Hollis and Pfohl as equal candidates.

— College Heights Herald

All-night Studying Limits Learning

CINCINNATI — A new sleep study suggests pulling all-nighters may impair the brain's ability to learn new material.

The results of the study, which appear in the December issue of the medical journal "Nature Neuroscience," suggest a good night's sleep helps the brain store information learned during that day.

The study further suggests people who interrupt a sleep pattern by staying up all night risk their ability to master certain tasks, said Robert Stickgold, a researcher at Boston's Harvard Medical School.

The study tested 24 Harvard students' ability to learn new tasks.

Participants took a test to identify certain images that were flashed briefly on the lower left side of a video screen.

The control group slept regularly each night of the four-day study, while the experimental group was deprived of sleep on the first night.

At the conclusion of the study, researchers found those who slept all four nights retained their knowledge and learned more while those who stayed up just one night failed to improve their performance.

When people skip one night of sleep, even if they catch up later, they may find information has not been stored properly in the cortex, which is responsible for storing information.

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Parking:

Gilman structure is full by mid-morning

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Although many like the fact that there is new parking on campus, some have begun to question the new North Torrey Pines structure.

"[The new structure] is in the middle of nowhere," Revelle junior Yang Fan said. "It seems like it is only for Marshall students. There should have been more student input."

Fan said the types of parking spaces are disproportional to the number of people who actually need them.

"There are way too many 'B' spots," he said. "There are not enough 'S' spaces."

Moreover, parking still remains a large problem plaguing the school as the demand for permits and parking spaces increases every day.

"Our fall 2000 average weekday parking space occupancy levels indicate that on the La Jolla campus, 82 percent of the total parking space inventory was occupied at peak, 12 noon," Snee said. "S"

spaces filled to 86 percent occupancy at 1:00 p.m."

In order to combat this problem, Transportation and Parking Services and Nelson/Nygard Consulting Associates are working together to produce a new transportation and parking study to determine the magnitude of the problem and where to go from here.

"The UCSD parking and transportation study should be completed in the winter quarter 2001," Snee said. "The UCSD Transportation Policy Committee will be reviewing these recommendations at the end of winter quarter 2001."

Warren junior Rick James said the only way this study will be beneficial is if they finally begin to see that parking for students is both vital and necessary.

"I just hope they don't take the easy way out and say that all this campus needs is more carpooling and vanpooling," he said. "That is all well and good, but it really doesn't fill the students' needs. They need to realize that a lot of the problems just won't go away and that students just need extra spots to park in."

A similar study was done in 1996 to make parking projections

and recommendations for the 2005-2006 school year.

Among the ideas discussed in this document was the possibility of building a new parking structure in or near University Center. The study projected it could be constructed by the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Most students agree this was a good idea, although they wish it were built five years ago.

"Unless I take four senior years this really won't have any effect on me," Robin said. "But at least my brother will get a chance to park close to Price Center."

Many considerations, including the size, location and its level above or below ground are still immediate considerations that have to be decided before any new structure is built. The study said the new structure, if built, should contain around 750 parking spots.

Of similar importance, the committee made the proximity of the structure to all major buildings on campus a large priority. According to the study, the new structure should be built no more than half a mile from all major buildings on campus such as Geisel Library, the Price Center and the International

Center, as the extra walk would not allow for quick access to these sites.

Additionally, the decision as to whether the structure will be above or below ground has yet to be made. If above ground, the structure will have to comply with height and design requirements. If the parking were to be below-ground, an additional building will have to be constructed above the subterranean parking levels.

The above-ground portion of the structure could possibly become a new expanded bookstore or career services center, among other possibilities.

According to the study done in 1996, the committee was considering at least 11 other possible sites.

Among the sites in contention are a 875-spot, five-story complex along Myers Drive that would cost around \$9,500,000, a 765-spot, five-story complex west of Russel Lane that would cost around \$7,300,000, and a 960-spot, four-story underground parking structure and four story above ground medical building west of the school of medicine that would cost about \$13,000,000.

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Ashcroft Takes Conservatism to the Extreme

The conservative former Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft recently received widespread criticism upon his nomination as attorney general. The Guardian feels this criticism is warranted and that Ashcroft's extremely conservative congressional record makes him an unfit choice for an office of such significance, and that a more moderate politician would be better qualified for this position.

A vocal opponent of affirmative action programs, Ashcroft voted to end funding for struggling minority- and women-owned businesses. He also opposes all abortions, including those sought by victims of rape and incest. Ashcroft also voted against an increase in the minimum wage in 1999.

The former senator's approach to environmental and foreign policy is equally conservative: He opposed a bill that decreased government funding of logging road-building in national forests and he voted to decrease funding for researching solar and renewable energy.

In addition, in 1997 Ashcroft voted against a bill that would favor China firms that had adopted a code of conduct on human rights. On gun control, he supports the right to carry a concealed weapon and, in 1999, he voted against mandatory background checks at gun shows.

Ashcroft also has supported legislation that infringes on the Constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and privacy. He supported the Communications Decency Act, which would have censored and filtered Internet content regardless of users' preferences. Also, he voted for mandatory honorable discharge of all HIV-positive military service members.

The Guardian feels that this politician is clearly the most partisan-voting, right-wing party loyal that President-elect George W. Bush could have chosen for the weighty office of Attorney General.

We feel overall that the attorney general's office should be held by a less extreme partisan. Though many argue that the opinions held by the Attorney General would not affect his or her ability to execute the laws, such views would carry great weight within the Justice Department itself.

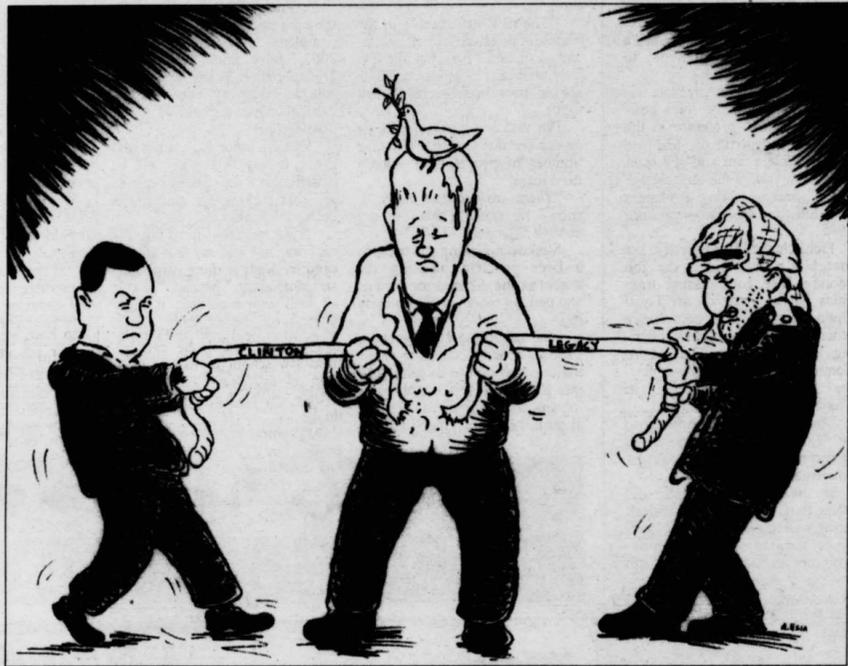
Such internal attitudes guide policy development and steer the course of legislation that the Department collaborates on with the Congress. Digression with regard to policy and action has undeniable consequences in the Justice Department's interaction with the executive and Congress.

An ideal Attorney General must guide policy options with such offices in the interests of bipartisanship, not extremism. Ashcroft does not fit this description and would certainly develop Department policy in the adverse interests of most Americans.

PROPS & FLOPS

Thumbs up to the completion of the North Torrey Pines parking structure

OPINION



Austin Hsia/Guardian

Fractured Down the Middle: The U.S. Senate Splits in Two

The fifty-fifty divide in the Senate shows how moderate our nation has become and the importance of working collectively to achieve national progress

By THEODORE DOKKO
Senior Staff Writer

When voters went to the polls on Nov. 7, 2000 to decide the future leadership of this country, they expected the outcome of the election to be very close. Nobody could have imagined how close the results were.

In the end, America witnessed something that had never occurred. Yes, the presidential protests and contests went on for 35 long, arduous days, and George W. Bush was finally declared the winner of the 270 electoral votes necessary to become the 43rd president of this great land.

The historical importance of the election does not, however, lie in the election of the chief executive, but in the U.S. Senate. For the first time in this nation's history, the Senate will have a split of 50 Democratic senators and 50 Republican senators.

On election day, voters from across the country sent to the Senate freshman Democratic senators hailing from Delaware, New York, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Washington, Missouri and New Jersey, and two freshman Republican senators from Virginia and Nevada.

The freshman senatorial class of 2000 includes Jon Corzine of New Jersey, a former Goldman Sachs chief executive who spent \$60 million of his own money to win a position in government that pays a paltry \$141,300 a year. There is Jean Carnahan, who will be replacing the first-ever deceased person elected to the Senate, her husband Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan. Not to be outdone, there is of course Hillary Clinton, who is the first first lady to be elected to the Senate. A final "first" of notable mention is that there will be 13 women serving as senators in the 107th Congress. To be sure, 2001 can be titled "The Year of the Woman in the Senate."

All in all, Republicans who used to enjoy a 54-to-46, four-vote margin over their Democratic counterparts have now

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lost that margin and now must count on Vice President-elect Dick Cheney to cast the constitutionally mandated tie-breaking vote if it ever becomes necessary. In the two election cycles since the Republican Revolution of 1994, the Republicans have been cut down each time. Democrats hope that they will become the majority party.

Observers note that the 107th Congress will be run with the campaigns of 2002 and 2004 constantly in view. The quickest way to guarantee a Democratically controlled 108th Congress is to portray the Republican-controlled 107th Congress as a do-nothing Congress and run a campaign purporting that nothing was achieved. The argument will be that, by returning the Democrats to power, the voters will be able to get rid of gridlock and have the representatives of the people return to doing the work of the people.

Though it is easy to say that nothing will be achieved in the nearly evenly split Congress, there is one strong force that can guarantee that work will be done. That force is the desire for power, namely presidential power. It will be impossible for any senator to run on the record of having accomplished nothing. It is hard to run a campaign — let alone a winning one — in which the candidate cannot name any major legislation that he fostered or co-sponsored for passage.

For Democrats and Republicans alike, the issues of job security and the achievement of higher office will require that work in the Senate be accomplished. The first order of business the Senate will tackle will be the confirmation of

Bush's cabinet nominations. It is generally agreed that the majority of the nominees will be quickly confirmed with very little opposition, as is the tradition of letting a newly elected president assemble his team as he wishes.

The nominees for the Bush cabinet have been widely praised. To begin with, the cabinet nominations "look like America," to borrow a phrase from the Clinton years. Bush has, by most accounts, chosen highly qualified people who are capable of doing the jobs for which they have been nominated. In the process, the president has sent a clear message from Washington that the American dream is still alive.

However, there have been some rumblings from the left and far left on a few of the nominations. Many of the special interest groups that were in no way non-partisan and in no way favorable to Bush's campaign seem to imply that they have veto power over his nominations. There are questions about whether Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft played the race card in defeating the appointment of a black judge, Ronnie White, to a lifetime position on the appeals court. By and large, this question will be answered and most, if not all, of the nominees will be confirmed.

Though the groups that are raising the questions, including Planned Parenthood, the Sierra Club, the Rainbow/Push Coalition and the AFL-CIO, are in a losing battle to deter Senate confirmations of the cabinet secretaries, it is increasingly clear that they are seeking to tee up for any upcoming Supreme Court nominations. What these groups are seeking to do is show the nation and their senators that they do have some power and are capable and willing to exert their political muscle when the time comes.

The message they are sending is that

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Uncertain Future Awaits Graduating Senior

Student realizes career path may change after leaving UCSD



SHANNON CASTLE

Well everybody, happy New Year. Seniors, it's officially time to start worrying about what you're going to do after spring finals.

While I've been thinking about the ominous future for several years now, it has suddenly dawned on me that, come June, I will no longer be a student. Even if I decide to apply myself to graduate education to postpone my career path, I have to do something during the down time. This realization provoked a few minor panic attacks during my otherwise restful winter break.

What am I going to do with my life? How am I going to get into medical school? Do I really want to be a doctor? Do I want to spend the rest of my life pipetting microliters of solution? Should I run off to Guatemala and work with street children instead?

I'm sure the rest of my fourth- and fifth-year brethren share most, if not all, of the above sentiments. Even if you're not seriously considering the plight of Latin America's children, you're proba-

Shadrack Theory
bly trying to figure out what you are supposed to be doing with your life, and how you're actually going to make that happen. If you already have that all figured out, please stop reading.

The hard truth is that no matter what we decide now, the odds are pretty good that we'll make some drastic deviations from those plans in the future. You've already seen this in college: Half

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the pre-meds decide to go into psychology, and a good portion of Revelle jumps to another college to avoid the humanities sequence.

After school, or between schools, people are also allowed to jump areas of interest. Don't worry so much about what you're going to do in June; chances are, it won't be permanent.

While I hate to drag my family

into my school's newspaper, my father is a perfect, almost laughable, example of what I'm talking about. After getting a degree in business, he went to law school, graduated, and then decided not to take the bar examination. Thus, he never practiced law.

He then went into the commercial real estate business for a while. After getting bored with that, he built a boat and became a commercial swordfisherman for several years. Since then, he has revisited real estate, left real estate and formed a pay phone company. The pay phone market is crashing due to cell phone usage, so he has something else up his sleeve ... I'm clueless.

My dad is a crazy example of a career switcher, and he enjoys being self-employed more than I ever will, but it's an interesting case nonetheless. If he can go from law school to fishing in a span of two years, then I can change my mind about what I'm doing, too.

My point here is that even though we'll all graduate from UCSD with a great education, we don't necessarily have to use the knowledge from our degree. We can be flexible. I have one friend who is graduating with a degree

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Living in the Shadow of Parents' Success

Writer struggles to overcome her feelings of inadequacy and confusion about goals

By VALERIE BURNS
Staff Writer

Like many UCSD students, I suffer from overly successful parent syndrome. In a sense, some would think I have the perfect life. My parents, though divorced, have taken care of me nicely. They have provided me with love, shelter, food and even dealt with my conspicuous consumption phase during high school and junior high. And even though their marriage didn't last, my college fund did. I am going to college on Mommy and Daddy's money.

Yet somehow the spark of life isn't within me — the spark that most young adults my age seem to have, to go out and get that first paycheck, to settle down, have a family. My parents outdid their parents economically. It depresses me that I will have to be way more successful to even come close to their proportionate economic success. Economists have been saying for years now that the Pepsi Generation will be the first one to earn less than its parents.

The work ethic my parents have is extremely intimidating. My mom graduated from UC Davis in three years. She has

been working since age 14 and has been working full-time for the state since the age of 20. She has steadily moved up the ladder in various personnel departments of state agencies, and at 49 is looking to retire in a few years.

My dad did relatively the same. He said he started working when he was eight, no joke. He is now 62 and getting ready to retire after more than 35 years of being an engineer for the state. And I haven't even mentioned my stepmom or stepdad yet.

I cannot fully explain the type of cloud that seems to surround me every time I begin to think about my future. At times, I will be in a state of euphoria, totally at ease with life and my academic progress. And then I think, I'm a piece of crap. I haven't worked for anything all my life. I've had three summer jobs, all paying near minimum wage. My parents have been supporting themselves since before they were out of high school. They paid for all of their schooling in college. No matter what I do, how can I compare to Mom or Dad?

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Senate:

Split senate will help improve lives of Americans

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when Bush does nominate a justice to the Supreme Court, the groups will oppose that nominee because of disagreements over policy and the issues very near and dear to them. Due to the fact that these liberal groups and organizations were not able to get either of their men in the White House, they are exerting their political muscle now and warming up for the bigger battles to come.

Once the Senate has finished confirmation of the cabinet, it will move on. There will be two things that the Senate will act upon very early during its session. The first issue will be the contentious matter of abortion. The Senate, even with newly elected Democratic senators, will pass a partial-birth abortion ban.

This ban has a good deal of support from Republicans and Democrats alike, including California's own left-leaning Sen.

Dianne Feinstein. The Senate ratified a ban in the past, only to have it vetoed by Clinton. The Senate once will again pass a ban on this medical procedure, and this time it will be signed into law by Bush.

The second order of business that the Senate will deal with is the slowing economy and a tax cut.

There is only a slim chance

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that Bush will be able to receive his \$1.3 trillion tax cut in its entirety, yet a reduction in taxes will be dealt with. Once again, the greatest indicator of what will occur is what has occurred. The Senate ended the death tax and the marriage penalty. Those bills, however, were once again vetoed by Clinton. The Senate will be

able pass a hefty tax cut on to the American people with the signature of the new president.

Following a tax cut, there are many issues that the Senate can and will deal with. There is the reform of the public education system, campaign finance reform, the strengthening of America's military, and the restructuring of Social Security. These important issues have strong bipartisan support from our elected officials and the voters who have put them in their positions.

Though the naysayers claim that gridlock will rule Washington, the evenly divided Senate will cordially and, in a bipartisan manner, get the work of the people done. They will pass legislation that common sense requires.

Through the combined efforts of the 100 senators and Bush, the lives of Americans will be improved. Those in office, whether Republican or Democrat, will be able to go to their home states and say that they deserve to be re-elected. Others will be able to take their legislative records to the nation and give primary voters reasons to vote for them.

her biology knowledge in that occupation, but that intellect will sure help her if she decides to go back to school and do research, so her education was not a waste.

Your degree, whatever it is, just gives you more options for a life plan. Don't limit yourself to your "field," and don't feel like any

decision you make now is permanent.

With this perspective, it's a lot easier to think about June. Even if the summer finds me pipetting alone in a lab somewhere, there's always the next summer for Guatemala ... or grad school. I just hope I don't end up chasing swordfish.

Parents:

Fear of disappointing parents bothers student

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I don't look at grad school as an option. I look at it as a requirement. It's the only thing I could do to separate from my parents.

I'd like to name this feeling "overly successful parent syndrome." I'm sure it'll be rearing its ugly head on psychiatrist couches across the nation soon. It's hard to really describe the symptoms I deal with.

Pangs of helplessness, worthlessness, feeling lost. Sometimes I wonder why I'm here. I feel guilty for not having to pay for college. I think if I was paying for college, I don't think I would have this self-formulated syndrome.

Lately I've been considering triple-majoring. "Why?" you might ask. No sane person with a social life does that. I think it's yet another thing that would elevate my academic success above my parents'.

My parents are not the only thing that have created this syndrome inside of me, although they are a large part of it. Much of it is our society itself.

I know it's true, but America is one big rat race. I'm scared of getting caught in it. I feel like my parents did. My dad has told me that becoming an engineer was not his ideal occupation, but it provided stability. While I was growing up he would spend his nights reading about the civil war and Parisian

art.

My dad sacrificed his life, in a sense, to provide security for me. I feel extremely guilty about that. I would rather reverse time and tell my dad to seek happiness, not stability. I don't care if we wouldn't be as well off. Dad got stuck in the rat race, and I think he regrets it.

Americans are naturally competitive. The growing global market and financial opportunities have transformed healthy competition into greed-motivated education. I think this has permeated into the college setting. In the '60s and '70s, college students were "making a difference."

They were standing up for people who could not stand up for themselves. It seems as if UCSD students, especially in the sciences, are more set on crushing the competition for their own gain by curving the midterm, or checking out those books a month ahead just to spite the other students, rather than helping out that freshman at OASIS.

I'm feeling a whole spectrum of emotions, and I'm sure I am not the only one. I'm scared of falling into the trap of conspicuous consumption that the media have set for us. I'm scared of disappointing my parents. I'm scared of getting a job out of college and hating it. I hope there will soon be a time in my life when there will be less fear and more excitement for the future. And I hope someone actually reads this article and relates to it instead of making a mental note to avoid the person named Valerie Burns in the future.

WORLD & NATION

American Airlines and United to Pay \$500 Million for TWA Assets

The fate of the audacious plan that would give the country's two largest airlines control of half the domestic air travel market is now in the hands of government regulators, several labor unions and a Delaware bankruptcy judge.

Following days of speculation, American Airlines and United Airlines on Wednesday disclosed the details of their five-airline, multibillion blueprint for remaking the industry placing themselves securely at the top, towering over their nearest rivals.

Playing its part, Trans World Airlines filed for bankruptcy protection in Delaware early Wednesday and announced that it had agreed to sell most of its assets to the AMR Corp., American's parent, for \$500 million in cash and American's agreement to assume \$3 billion in TWA leases.

In a separate agreement, American also confirmed that it intends to buy about one-fifth of the assets of US Airways to smooth the way for United to win approval from the Justice

Department for its proposed \$4.3 billion acquisition of US Airways. And American said that it would pay \$82.4 million for 49 percent of DC Air, a regional air-

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— Donald J. Carty
AMR Chief Executive

line that will be created as a result of the United-US Airways merger.

Both Donald J. Carty, AMR's chief executive, and James E. Goodwin, the chief executive of the UAL Corp., United's parent, praised the deals as positive developments for shareholders, the

traveling public and workers at all the airlines involved.

"From an employee, operating and financial standpoint, these three deals — both individually and taken together — make tremendous sense," Carty said.

But opponents, including consumer groups, travel agents and politicians, continued to voice their concern that the deals would lead to higher fares and diminished service. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate are planning hearings on the transactions.

Carty said that the issue of airline competition is moot in the case of TWA because the carrier is on its last legs.

"It's hard for me to see a government not approving the TWA transaction," he explained, "unless something comes along that we don't yet anticipate, some other opportunity, some other way of sustaining or maintaining TWA."

— Laurence Zuckerman with
Riva D. Atlas
The New York Times

For Texas, California Provided Example of How Not to Deregulate Energy

HOUSTON — Nearly three years ago, Texas lawmakers and regulators preparing for electricity deregulation visited California to study its first-in-the-nation experiment.

For two Texas legislators, Steven Wolens, a Democrat, and David Sibley, a Republican, it was a memorable trip. "I remember saying to Sibley, 'If this is what deregulation is, we don't want it,'" said Wolens, a state representative from Dallas.

Neither, it appears, does California anymore. On Monday night, Gov. Gray Davis deemed the state's experiment a "colossal and dangerous failure" and proposed government intervention to meet the state's energy demands, stabilize rising prices and help ensure that the two largest private utilities avoid bankruptcy. Then Tuesday, Davis was in Washington for a White House meeting with federal officials to discuss California's energy crisis.

Yet even as deregulation is collapsing in the nation's largest state, the second-most-populous state, Texas, is moving forward with its own plan, one intended, in part, to avoid California's problems. In March, Texas will

begin a marketing campaign, followed in June by a pilot program involving 5 percent of the state's customers, then culminating with full deregulation in January 2002.

The Texas law, signed in 1999

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by Gov. George W. Bush, remains untested, but the crisis in California has not yet prompted any official second-guessing. The Texas Legislature convened Tuesday, and Sibley predicted that the law would remain intact. The prevailing view among many officials, and one shared by some energy analysts, is that California

simply had a bad plan.

The fundamental difference between Texas and California boils down to simple supply. Karl Stahlkopf, a vice president at the Electric Power Research Institute, a nonprofit research organization funded by the utility industry and based in California, said California had a surplus of electricity until recent years. But as demand gradually outstripped supply, California did not respond by building new power plants. Partly because of tough environmental regulations, Stahlkopf said, California has not built a major plant in more than a decade. A new plant is scheduled to begin operating in June.

Texas, by contrast, has a power surplus. Since 1995, the state has built 22 new plants, with 15 more scheduled to be operational by 2002. Texas is also unique among the contiguous 48 states in having an independent power distribution grid, and thus falls outside federal regulation. Texas officials also said it takes far less time to build a plant in Texas than in California.

— Jim Yardley
The New York Times

French Judges Pry Open Forbidden Doors, Right and Left

PARIS — France's former chief justice is about to go on trial in a convoluted scandal involving the oil company Elf and a mistress who once gave him a \$7,000 pair of handmade shoes. A former Socialist finance minister is accused of backdating documents to hide a large kickback. And even President Jacques Chirac has had to go on television recently to deny accusations that he was at the center of a corruption scheme when he was mayor of Paris.

After decades in which allegations of corruption among public officials were rarely pursued with

much vigor, a new generation of French prosecutors is boldly opening dozens of inquiries and pressing hard for the evidence they want.

Lately, so many cases have been opened and public officials implicated on all sides of the political spectrum, that one prominent Socialist, Bertrand Delanoë, summed up the situation by saying that if all those accused were convicted, "it would be an empty field."

In a country with a tradition of winking at the acts of crooked politicians, the investigating mag-

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istrates have taken to searching ministers' homes and carting even the most elite — including theson

Ashcroft:

Bush advisors said he would fight for Ashcroft

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ly defended Ashcroft one day after the withdrawal of Linda Chavez for labor secretary freed liberal groups to concentrate and intensify their fire on the former senator from Missouri.

At the same time, conservative groups, in a counter-offensive of Internet organizing, press conferences, and phone banking, vowed to redouble their efforts to build grass-roots pressure for Ashcroft's nomination. An array of conservative women's groups planned a news conference in his support for Thursday.

A telephone message on behalf of Ashcroft from the Rev. Pat Robertson, the president of the Christian Coalition, was to be delivered to half a million people across the next few days, according to Roberta Combs, executive director of the group.

As Ashcroft met with some of his former Senate colleagues to seek their support, Lott said that he had tested Senate sentiment and was confident that Ashcroft would be confirmed. "I believe the

Republicans are unanimously for John," he said and predicted that the former Missouri senator would also win some Democratic support.

Indeed one key moderate Republican, Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., came out on Ashcroft's behalf Tuesday. A Democrat, Sen. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, indicated after a meeting with Ashcroft Wednesday that while he will ques-

tion him in his confirmation hearing about issues like racial profiling and enforcement of civil rights laws, he is inclined to support him.

And Bush advisors said the president-elect would fight vigorously for Ashcroft.

"A concerted effort to 'Bork' John Ashcroft would not be well received," Lott said in an interview with a small group of reporters. "And I do not believe his Democratic Senate colleagues would be inclined to do that."

Ever since Robert Bork, a Reagan nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court was defeated, his name has become synonymous with partisan warfare.

— Alison Mitchell and Robin Toner
The New York Times

Greens:

Mad cow disease breakout has caused some concern

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port among farmers will be more than compensated by support from ecologically conscious Germans alarmed by the threat of mad cow disease.

"It is high time that we changed the course of agriculture," Schroeder said at a hastily called news conference. "We want food safety through appropriate methods that are good for the environment."

Schroeder's government is in some disarray after the resignation on Tuesday of his health and agriculture ministers, who took the blame for the government's chaotic response to the discovery in Germany of 10 cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy — commonly known as mad cow disease.

West European farming is overwhelmingly dominated by large-scale, industrialized farming, heavily subsidized by the European Union, so any attempt

to revert to smaller, more humane and organic forms of agriculture would amount to an expensive revolution that most farmers would resist.

Schroeder appeared to recognize the difficulties by warning that a wholesale move to biologically friendly farming could not provide "enough healthy food at affordable prices," but Kuenast, the co-leader of the Greens, said she was determined to steer agriculture "back to nature."

The outbreak of mad cow disease has heightened already strong concerns among European consumers about how "natural" or "organic" their food is.

This mood has set the continent on a collision course with the United States over genetically modified corn and other foodstuffs, and this conflict seems likely to intensify. "Europeans do not want genetically modified food — period," said Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, of the Green party. "It does not matter what research shows, they just do not want it, and that has to be respected."

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The New York Times



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Obituary:

Tegner received the prestigious Cooper Ecology Award

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Dayton, Peter Edwards and Kristin Riser, was honored with the prestigious Cooper Ecology Award for research on the Point Loma kelp forest ecosystem.

Two years earlier, in 1998, she received a fellowship with the Pew Fellow Program in Marine Conservation to further study the effects the changing ocean has on kelp forests. In 1986 Tegner was honored with the UCSD Distinguished Alumna of the Year Award.

Tegner is survived by her husband, Eric Hanauer of San Diego, a daughter, Sandi Hanauer of Costa Mesa, her parents Oly and Allie Tegner of Palos Verdes, and a sister, Lars Palsoson of Palos Verdes.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mia Tegner's memory can be made to Scripps Institution of Oceanography to support kelp forest research.

For more information, the development



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office at Scripps can be reached at (858) 822-1865.

A memorial service for Tegner will be held at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps Friday at 4 p.m.

CUE:

Negotiations will resume in May for next contract

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not tied to other provisions of the contract can be appealed to arbitration, and a term stating that UC managers will commit to "fair and respectful treatment" of clerical employees.

CUE represents 18,000 employees statewide, about 3,000 of which are at UCSD.

Horning said the CUE contract is the strongest contract the university has

negotiated with a union. She added that CUE took the best parts from other contracts and incorporated them into one.

She said students may even see indirect results of the new contract.

"Students will find that the clerical employees they deal with are a little happier," Horning said.

CUE and the University of California will resume negotiations in May 2001 for the next contract.

Horning said that while the first contract was difficult to negotiate, she thinks the next contract will go smoother.

"We don't think it will be as difficult," she said. "We certainly learned a lot in the process."

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UNDER THE SCOPE

The first year of the new millennium brings many new films that will try to offset the horrible selection of movies that plagued 2000. Winter may prove chilly, but Hollywood intends to brighten and warm this season with films that range greatly in style and genre. Unfortunately, this winter may seem cold because many of the new films coming out continue the downward trend that began last year. Here is a look at some films coming to theaters this winter.

diamond disappears; as a result, the mastermind of the heist, Avi (Farina), goes to England to get the low-down. The two stories intertwine with each other, creating havoc in the process.

Outlook: This film looks to be a winner with a fresh, fast-paced plot that is sure to bring out a bit of everything. Although it may be over the top, the chaotic yet stylish storyline should make this film fun and exciting to watch.

The Wedding Planner

Jan. 26
Starring: Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras, Justin Chambers and Judy Greer.

When wedding planner Mary Fiore (Lopez) meets Steve Edison (McConaughey), she thinks she has found the man of her dreams. This is great until she finds out that Steve is engaged to Fran Donnelly (Wilson-

Sampras), who has hired Mary to plan her wedding. Mary now has to manage the fine line between her job and her love life.

Outlook: A chick-flick that is sure to be a crowd pleaser this year. Chemistry between Lopez and McConaughey is good, but the predictable and simple plot makes this one seem like an ordinary romantic film.

Sugar & Spice

Jan. 26
Starring: Marley Shelton, Jame Marsden, Rachel Blanchard, Mena Suvari, Sean Young, Sarah Marsh and Melissa George.

Diane (Shelton) is the captain of the school cheerleading squad and dates the quarterback Jack Barlett (Marsden). Everything is fine until Jack and Diane find themselves in an unexpected situation and need cash immediately. In order to help the couple, the rest of the cheerleading

squad, the A-squad, plot a bank robbery. The girls put their futures on the line in order to help out their friend in this comedy.

Outlook: Can you give me a "D-U-M-B?" The idea of a bunch of peppy cheerleaders turning to a life of crime is not exactly A-material. The only thing these cheerleaders can motivate you to do is to not see this poor excuse for a movie.

Head Over Heels

Feb. 9
Starring: Monica Potter, Freddie Prinze, Jr., Sarah O'Hare, Shalom Harlow, China Chow, Ivana Milicevic and Tomiko Fraser.

Amanda Pierce (Potter) is a single art restorer who resides in Manhattan in this comedy. When she lands a great deal on a new, luxurious apartment, she is both surprised and uncertain when her new roommates

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Review: Album



Blur
"Blur: The Best Of"
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After six albums and more than a handful of hit songs, Blur has finally released "Blur: The Best Of." The album provides 18 tracks of Blur and their growth from their 1991 release, "Leisure," through their most recent release in 1999, "13."

For those of you whose knowledge of Blur doesn't go beyond the techno-casino sounds of "Girls & Boys" and the familiar "Whoo-Hooo!" of "Song 2," then this album will open your eyes to the music that is distinctively Brit-pop.

Blur was first known as Seymour and started out playing their style of art-punk in various places around London in the late '80s. In 1989 they changed their name to Blur, signed to Food Records and released "Leisure," which included hits like "She's So High" and "There's No Other Way."

"Modern Life is Rubbish" was released in

1993 and it pioneered the Brit-pop sound of the early- to mid-1990s. The lush My Bloody Valentine-esque guitar work with Beatles-esque harmonies and the use of string and brass sections achieved a witty collection of songs.

Their first No. 1 album, "Parklife," continued Blur's collection of hit songs including "Girls & Boys" and gave them four Brit Awards.

With the release of their next album, "The Great Escape," Blur became part of a media-created rivalry with Oasis. "The Great Escape" reached No. 1 in the British charts and sold 1 million copies in Britain.

Their self-titled album, "Blur" was released early in 1997 and they were instantly known stateside with their two-minute hit simply titled, "Song 2."

"Song 2" also found its way into commercials, movies and other promos. Largely ignored were songs like "M.O.R." and "Beetlebum."

Their most recent studio album, "13," was lyrically direct and emotional with beautiful musical textures. Blur songwriter Damon Albarn wrote about his painful break-up with Elastica's Justine Frischmann and used the brilliance of William Orbit to produce the album.

Their "best of" album collects all of the songs that define Blur and their career. Classics such as "Parklife" and "Charmless Man" are included with the light melodies of "Country House" and "To the End." The bonus disc includes 10 songs from their concert at Wembley Arena.

"Blur: The Best Of" is a fantastic way to open your eyes to more than just the American radio hits and it's a great way to start the foundation of your Blur collection.

— Joseph Lee

free stuff. write hiatus.

The Presidents want your vote this year

After four years The Presidents return with a newfound focus on the music

By KRISTIN WITHERS
Staff Writer

Just when you thought you were stuck with this president for the next four years, you might want to look at the three candidates you should've voted for but punched the wrong chad.

All three members of the band formerly known as The Presidents of the United States of America — Dave Dederer (bass/guitar/vocals), Chris Ballew (guitar/bass/vocals) and Jason Finn (drums) — are now back together, simply going by The Presidents.

They might not have the answers to all your burning political questions, but they definitely have their post-election party planned, bringing you what could have been the most promising platform of the election: music that makes you laugh.

The Presidents have always been remembered for their clever song-writing and tunes you could never get out of your head. The Grammy-nominated Presidents previously released two full-length records on Columbia.

Their most recent release, "Freaked Out and Small," hit stores nationwide in September. This latest project has a number of new twists but still maintains the band's original sensibility.

For this album, The Presidents didn't rehearse the songs. They went into the studio, learned the songs, and then recorded them right on the spot, taking only three months to wrap up the entire recording process. The pure musical talent

and energy created by this unique environment is evident on the 12-track compilation.

"We just have some kind of magic when we play together," Dederer stated. "I can't describe it, can't define it, and I don't think any of us can take credit for it. It's just plain dumb luck to find that kind of synchronicity, and it shouldn't be trifled with."

"Freaked Out and Small" is The Presidents' first full release since 1996. The new album is a strange mix of what you would expect to hear from The Presidents plus something similar to the sound of punky pop rock bands like "The Mr. T Experience." The Presidents' first single, "Tiny Explosions," is heavily guitar driven and more rock than comedy.

The lyrics are not quite as ridiculous as previous releases but they definitely make up for it with their new focus on the music. Five strings and half of a drum kit are all The Presidents ever needed to make their insanely catchy pop ditties.

But don't think they've lost their funny bone, because tracks such as "Jazz Guy" and "Jupiter" still make you laugh and remind you why this band is so great. The new album really shows some growth for the band.

You can tell they wanted to come back strong, sounding a little different but still keeping the comedy act. Their music is fun, they have more ability with half of the equipment, and they remind us that those other presidents take themselves way too seriously.

Film:

Movies of 2001 show some promise

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are four beautiful, gorgeous models. The models quickly change Amanda's lifestyle and Amanda is attracted to Jim Winston (Prinze). Things are turning out fine until she witnesses what appears to be Winston committing a murder. Pierce and her new roommates are now on the trail to find out the truth.

Outlook: "Head Over Heels" is another teen-pop flick that proves that all you need to make a movie is a pretty face. This movie lacks the credibility and plot to be much more than another chance to see an attractive actress or actor. Not only is the plot ridiculous, but it also has the intelligence of the movie's character, which is none.

Hannibal

Feb. 9

Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore, Ray Liotta, Frankie R. Faison, Giancarlo Gianini, Francesca Neri and Zeljko Ivanek.

The sequel of "The Silence of the Lambs" has the escaped Dr. Hannibal Lecter (Hopkins) being hunted instead of the hunter when an old victim of Lecter, Mason Verger, tries to seek revenge and attempts to kill Lecter. In order to do this, Verger uses FBI Agent Clarice Starling (Moore) as a tool to capture Lecter.

Outlook: The original movie proved such a success that Thomas Harris wrote another chilling book in order for a movie to be made. Although money was the catalyst, this film will prove to be one of the more thrilling and haunting films of the year. With director Ridley Scott and Anthony Hopkins back as the lead, this film will bring a realistic, spine-chilling thriller that is macabre and gruesome.

Sweet November

Feb. 16

Starring: Keanu Reeves, Charlize Theron, Jason Isaacs, Greg Germann, Frank Langella and Liam Aiken.

Keanu Reeves plays a busy executive too concerned with himself to care for the well-being

of others. His way of life changes when he meets an awkward but free-spirited woman (Theron) who persuades him to spend a month with her in order to change not only his views, but also his way of life. However, neither of them expected to fall for each other.

Outlook: This weak premise portrays itself as a warm, sentimental romance. A love story demands chemistry between the two leads, but Reeves and Theron are not known for their great acting. The odds of seeing not only good acting but also great chemistry from the two actors are the same as having a legitimate and fair election in Florida.

The Mexican

March 2

Starring: Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts and James Gandolfini.

Jerry Welbach (Pitt) is in a tight situation because he has to not only recover an antique pistol for his mob boss, but also has to deal with the fact that his girlfriend Samantha (Roberts) wants him to end his association with the mob. Trouble ensues when Jerry recovers the pistol, which turns out to be cursed, and by the fact that Samantha is now held hostage by a hit man.

Outlook: Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts, with their immense star-power, will ensure that this film will be seen by many and will be a success at the box office. This predictable film looks to be decently funny with a good blend of not only comedy, but also romance, drama and action.

Animal Husbandry

March 30

Starring: Ashley Judd, Greg Kinnear, Hugh Jackman, Marisa Tomei and Ellen Barkin.

In this romantic comedy, Ashley Judd plays talk show producer Jane Goodale who is in a romantic relationship with Ray (Kinnear). When their relationship turns south, Jane uses her knowledge of the male animal to write a sex column. In the process, Jane and her column become a sensation.

Outlook: This look into men-women relationships falls flat as the script seems shallow and it clarifies the obvious. As a result, a meaningful understanding is never developed. Judd has been in many bad movies lately and this seems to be just another one of them.

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Mixed Reviews on the Road for UCSD

Both basketball teams have trouble against Stanislaus, women win at Bakersfield

By **GLORIA CHUNG**
Contributing Staff Writer

The UCSD men's and women's basketball teams completed a weekend set of games against CSU Bakersfield and CSU Stanislaus.

On Friday evening, the women's team took the court first, taking on CSUB. The Roadrunners took an early lead at 13-8, but the Tritons battled their way to a 34-30 advantage by halftime. Throughout the second half, UCSD hung on to its lead, overtaking the Roadrunners by 18 points, making the score 54-36.

Bakersfield fought back to cut the deficit to two points, 64-62, with less than two minutes remaining, but that was the closest it could get to the Tritons again. Ashley led UCSD in scoring and rebounds with 18 points and nine boards, shooting 8-10 from the field.

Following the women's game, the UCSD men's team took its turn against the Roadrunners. The Tritons trailed throughout the first half, but came as close as one point at 26-25. CSUB took a 37-29 lead into halftime and held off the Tritons the rest of the way. Sam Higgins led all scorers with 22 points and shot 7-8 from the field. Hoping to complete the week-

end with two wins, the UCSD women went up against CSU Stanislaus. In the first half it looked as though the Tritons were on their way to a win, building a 39-31 half-time lead. UCSD used the perimeter shooting of guard Maya Fok, who hit four three-pointers. However, CSU Stanislaus came out strong in the second half, outscoring UCSD 42-22 for the half. With the loss the Tritons fell to 7-4 overall, and 3-3 in CCAA.

In the following game, the UCSD men fell to CSU Stanislaus, 73-64. CSU Stanislaus used eight consecutive free throws in the final minute to complete the victory. Higgins again had a strong performance for UCSD (2-9, 1-5) and led the team in scoring with 21 points.

The UCSD men's assistant coach Dave Dillon praised Higgins play over the two games.

"He did a wonderful job over the weekend and shot the ball very well."

— Dave Dillon
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

Accolades Abound for Triton Athletes

Both men's and women's soccer and men's water polo honored at season's end

By **ROBERT FULTON**
Sports Editor

The excellence of UCSD's fall athletes was affirmed recently when they received a number of honors and awards.

Two members of the Division II National Championship women's soccer team, Cindy Dostalek and Julia Cuder, were named to the 2000 National Soccer Coaches' Association of America All-America First Team for Division II. Dostalek had a fantastic season, scoring 12 goals and dishing nine assists. To top off her stellar season, she scored the winning goal in the Division II championship game.

Cuder, a junior, finished the season with eight goals and 13 assists. Four assists came in a game against United States International University, which tied a school record.

Erika Alfredson joined Dostalek and Cuder on the 2000 National Soccer Coaches' Association of America All-West Region First Team for Division II. Alfredson, a junior, led the Tritons with 16 goals and eight assists.

In the pool, the men's water polo team was no slouch as far as awards are concerned.

Jonathan Samuels, who was instrumental to the Tritons' berth in the water polo championship game, was named to the Second Team All-American by the American Water Polo Coaches Association and was named Division II Player of the Year.

Samuels, a junior, dominated in the pool. He scored 67 goals, and logged 29 steals, 17 assists and nine blocks.

Triton head coach Denny Harper was named Division I Coach of the Year. Harper coached the Tritons to a 21-9 record this year and a berth in the championship game. He was also named Division II Coach of the Year.

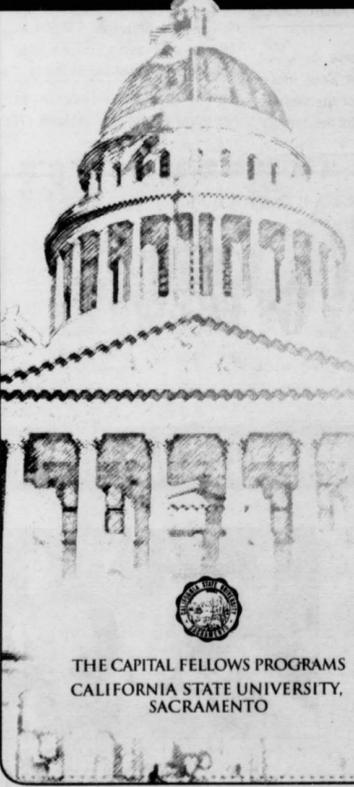
Jason Boettner and Justin Wylie, both seniors, earned Division I All-American honorable mentions and were named to the Division II All-American First Team. Senior goalie Glenn Busch also made the All-American First Team.

Not to be left out, the men's soccer team also garnered its fair share of awards. Bobby Saadati, who was unstoppable for the Tritons, earned First Team All-American Division II honors.

Saadati, a junior, logged 10 goals and four assists in guiding the Tritons to a 11-5-2 record.

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Dostalek

Triton star wraps up a record-setting career

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unbelievable to me. I never thought I'd be a part of three national championships."

She attributes her success largely to her teammates, with whom she closely identifies, and especially to McManus.

"I don't think I would have gotten anywhere if it wasn't for Brian," Dostalek commented. "He's more than just a coach, he's a friend too. He's always there."

Now Dostalek is faced with the difficult task of coming to terms with the end of her career.

"I think the hardest obstacle is finding a way to give it all up now and finding a way to move on," she said. "[Soccer] became a part of my life. Everything I do and the people I've met are associated with the sport."

Dostalek, who is ending her career ranked eighth on the all-time career scoring list, has no plans to play after college. She is currently working on finishing her major in political science and minor in communication.

"It's hard to enjoy doing something if you don't have such a great coach, and if you don't have



Courtesy of UCSD Athletics
Dostalek: Finished her career eighth on UCSD's all-time scoring list.

a team you enjoy playing with [like I did]," she said. "I'm going out with a really good memory. There comes a time when you've got to give it all up, and I'm just dealing with it."

Considering the way Cindy Dostalek has handled adversity in the past, the present hurdle shouldn't pose a problem.



12
Number of goals Dostalek has scored this season

8
Place Dostalek occupies on the UCSD all-time scoring list

3
Times Dostalek has been selected All-American

Vick:

Chargers have too many problems to be addressed

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Vick simply isn't the quarterback that the Chargers need. He can run like the wind but his arm is not outstanding, and his accuracy has been called into question many times. At best, the Chargers are looking at another Steve McNair, a good player, but not enough to warrant not trading down for the treasures that will no doubt be offered lower in the draft.

Finally, the Chargers' fans and management have made it dreadfully clear that they are not willing to wait for a promising quarterback to develop. We have seen this time and time again in the Ryan Leaf saga. The fans in San Diego constantly berate Leaf, but they forget that he has barely a year of experi-

ence when you factor in all the time he spent injured.

No quarterback is ready for stardom after a year. John Elway wasn't, Montana wasn't, and more recently, Peyton Manning struggled his first year before launching to the heights he has now achieved. If San Diego personnel and fans cannot show the patience necessary to develop a young, raw talent, they should trade the pick and sign a veteran quarterback, possibly Mark Brunell of Jacksonville.

The fact that Vick will probably be in this draft, along with the fact that his prowess for escaping onrushing defensive players was displayed last year in the national championship game against Florida State, makes the pick the Chargers hold very valuable. To maximize this value, the team needs to realize that one player is not going to get them out of the hole they have dug for themselves.

From my point of view, the Chargers could not make a worse choice than drafting Vick.

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SPORTS



Michael Vick is Not the Answer



BILL BURGER

The NFL playoffs may be in high gear with two rounds yet to be fought, but for the San Diego Chargers and their fans, the season was mercifully put out of its misery a few weeks ago. After tying the league's record for futility in a 16-game season with a pitiful 1-15 record, the Chargers are obviously looking for answers.

It seems as though I write a column about this time every year condemning the Chargers and their management for the decisions they made, but this year's column is actually quite different. I think that this squad, which has fallen from AFC Champions to the league's doormat in no time flat, has actually made a few correct choices, and with one more wise choice, may be on the way back up.

First of all, the signing of John Butler as General Manager will only help matters. The guy is a proven winner. Butler's first move, the signing of former Washington Redskins' head coach Norv Turner as offensive coordinator, was also wise. With these two links in place, the Chargers go into the draft with a brain trust far mightier than they have had in previous years. But these two positive moves will all be for naught if they make a crucial mistake on draft day.

A few days ago, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* ran a column on the front page of their sports section pleading with Chargers' management to draft Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick with the number one pick. The article cited the tremendous upsides of Vick's game — his run threat, pure athleticism and almost supernatural ability to avoid being sacked — as reasons for the choice being so important. From my point of view, the Chargers could not make a worse choice than drafting Vick.

Assuming Vick leaves Virginia Tech early, and all indications are that he will, he will be a very hot commodity, and many teams will pursue the Chargers looking to trade into their No. 1 slot in the draft. I believe that the Chargers should take the best of these offers and trade the rights to the No. 1 pick for as many high draft choices as possible. They could then trade what they received for Vick to get even more, slightly lower, draft picks.

Why go for quantity over quality? Simple. Even if Vick were Johnny Unitas' grandson or Joe Montana's illegitimate child, he still would not be enough to turn the Chargers around. Football is a team sport and even with God's gift to football out at quarterback, the team would get shelled week in and week out without a good running back, linemen and wide receivers. The Chargers have none of these things. They need as many draft choices as possible to try to turn around the mess that they have built over the last four years.

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She's Simply the Best

Superstar Dostalek caps off an impressive career by garnering Player of Year

By **ISAAC PEARLMAN**

Staff Writer

The ending to Cindy Dostalek's last game couldn't have been more appropriate if it had been scripted by the most sentimental Hollywood hack. With 15 seconds left, fellow senior Christy Abizaed fed Dostalek the ball and she put it in the net to give the women's soccer team the victory and its first-ever Division II national championship.

However, that wasn't the end of Dostalek's fairy tale. The Triton star was recently named NCAA Division II's Women's Soccer Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas.

"[The award was] very, very unexpected," Dostalek said. "I didn't even expect to be All-American. To be player of the year is pretty unbelievable."

Her coach, Brian McManus, wasn't as surprised.

"She really deserved it," McManus said. "She's been a virtual starter since freshman year and she gives a hundred percent every time she steps on the field. Seeing the two of them [Dostalek and Abizaed, the only two seniors on the team] after the goal was incredible, as was the look on their faces when they came off the field."

For Dostalek, the long road began four years ago when she was recruited by McManus to play for UCSD.

"She sent me a letter," McManus said. "And from her letter I could see her desire."

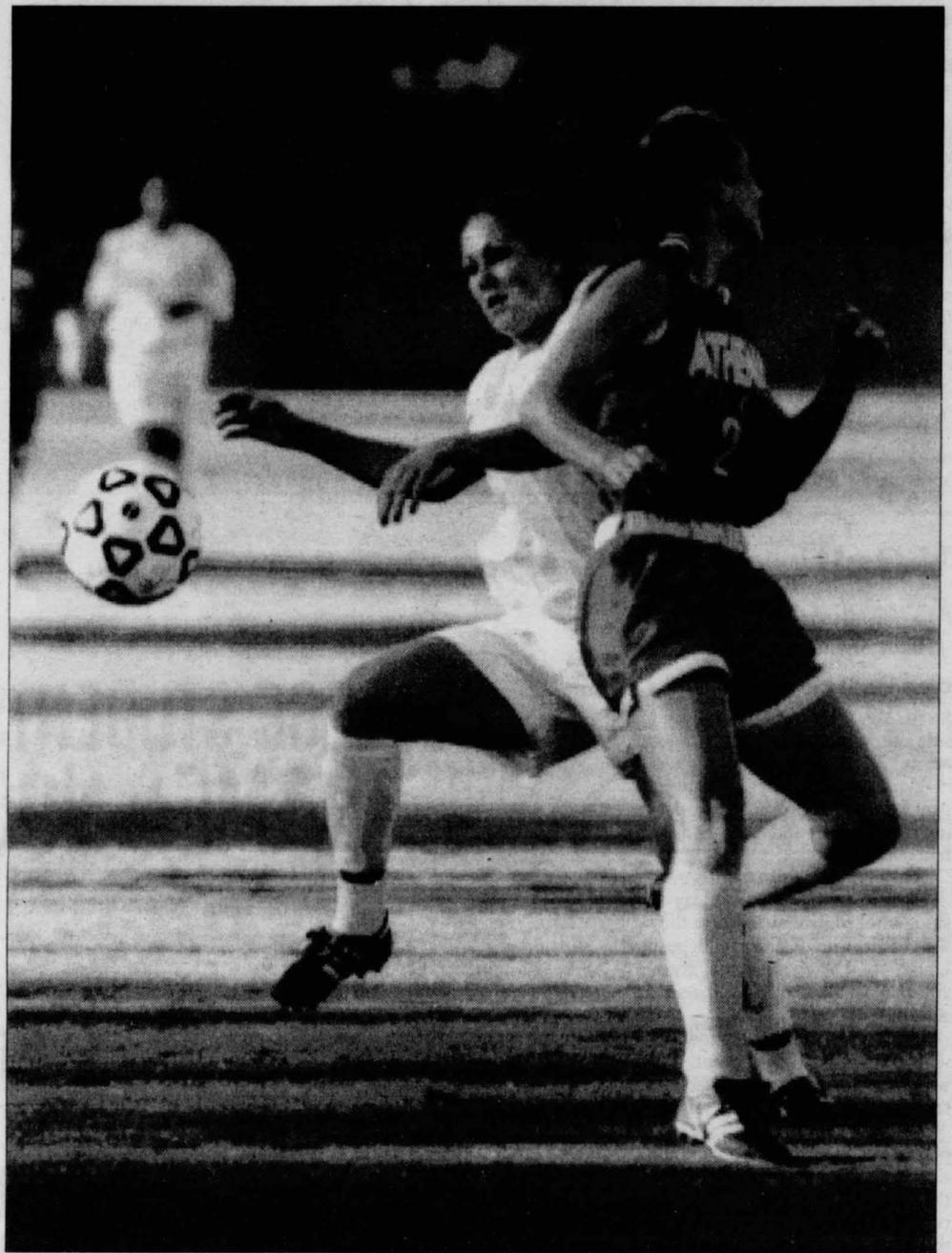
He began to recruit Dostalek after that, and she decided to come to San Diego — although not without some reservations.

"I heard they were national champions and I was very intimidated," Dostalek said. "I just wanted to play soccer because I liked the sport and it was fun."

In fact, Dostalek wasn't even sure if she would make the team, so she set a furious pace on the field, one that hasn't slowed in four years.

"Nothing is done at walking pace," McManus praised. "Everything is a hundred miles per hour and flat out."

In his opinion, it is the amount



Courtesy of UCSD Athletics

Champions: UCSD's Cindy Dostalek, shown here during a game in the 1999 season, was recently named NCAA Division II Women Soccer Player of the Year for her stellar performance in her senior year.

of effort and desire Dostalek possesses that sets her apart from other players.

"There's very few players that have that kind of pace in any division," he said. "The way she

attacks everything — she makes everyone else play at a hundred percent."

But perhaps the most telling characteristic of all is her pragmatic view of her soccer career.

"I've never loved playing the sport as much as I have the last four years," Dostalek said. "Coming as far as I have, it's really

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Volleyball to Face New Challenge

Following Division III championship season, Tritons make the move to the next level

By **SCOTT BURROUGHS**

Staff Writer

Returning from a Division III National Championship season to discover that not only have you lost a few key players, but must also now wage war in the split Division I and II playoffs in post-season play, would daunt even the most fearless of teams. Men's volleyball coach Ron Larsen and his troops, however, are ready to meet the challenge.

"We're better now than we were at the end of last season, when we won the Division III championships and beat San Diego State," Larsen said. "Obviously we play in a very difficult league, with all the Division I

scholarship schools like UCLA, USC and Stanford, but we are a good team and we are going to be able to compete."

The Division III championship team of a year ago now has a completely different look to it. Gone are Ernie Young, last year's starting middle; Matt Holve, who is abroad; and Ben Vernon, who chose to focus more on his academics. Replacing these players are two key recruits who will be impact players this coming season. Sophomore Brian Foott will add height at 6 feet 6 inches tall, and hold down the middle, while Orange Coast College transfer student Griffin Cogorno, who also checks in at 6 feet 6 inches, will contribute as an outside hitter.

These two players are looked upon by Larsen and his staff to be an integral part of the Triton attack.

Returning stalwarts such as Zach Hite, Jordan Hove and Donald Chen will be asked to step their game up and take the team to the next level. Hite, in particular, looks to ratchet his game up a notch.

"Zach was a very good player for us last year," Larsen said. "Now, entering his senior year, he looks even more determined and should contribute even more for us this year."

Chris Mortimer is another player who will be crucial to the Tritons' success.

"Last year Chris was a starter

for us and performed well, but this year he has come back a lot stronger and will play an increased role for us this season," Larsen commented.

With the return of these seasoned veterans and the addition of new personnel, UCSD looks to be solid on the hardwood. Larsen feels that balanced play over the duration of the season will be integral to the team's success.

"Our ability to compete in every match with a high level of intensity will be very important for us," he said. "At this level of play, we cannot afford a letdown at any time, because all of these teams are so good that they will make us pay

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