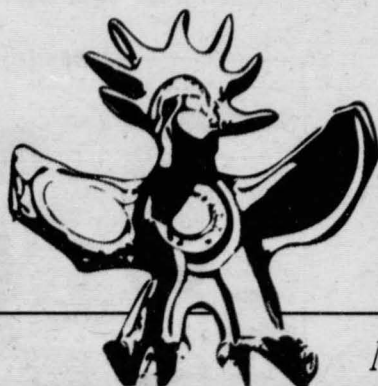


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Shuttle Vehicles Get Soccer Mom Treatment

Due to complaints of noise and a dearth of riders, UCSD subs vans for buses during late hours.

By Jaclyn Snow
STAFF WRITER

With record gas prices and worries about rising pollution and global warming, someone at Transportation and Parking Services realized that bigger may not always be better.

Since fall, larger shuttle buses have been phased out in favor of smaller vans on city routes after 9 p.m., although the actual number of vehicles running has not changed.

The vans seat fewer than half of the passengers as the buses and do not allow standing to accommodate any extra riders. However, the change was made for efficiency, which is exactly what the new vehicles offer, according to shuttle driver Alan Bui.

"It's nicer for me, easier to drive, [but] I can see how it's cumbersome for riders since we can only carry about 25 people and there is no standing, but the route is faster so we can handle more," said Bui, an Earl Warren College junior.

The change from big to small has also cut down on pollution, eliminating the large buses' dependency on diesel fuel, according to Frank Buono, the shuttle operations coordinator for TPS.

The new system has worked so smoothly that most student shuttle riders have found no reason to complain about the new size, according to Buono. The faster new vans take 15 minutes per trip compared to 25 minutes the buses take.

"I've noticed I'm normally the only person on the bus at night when I ride around 10:30 p.m.," Eleanor Roosevelt College sophomore Katie Clark said. "I think it was a good switch for the school for gas efficiency."

The switch came after TPS examined student usage of the shuttles, community concerns about noise and the vehicles' impact on the environment.

"With input from the community, as well as our students, we were able to provide more direct service to our more highly populated student residential areas," Parking Services Director Greg Snee stated in an e-mail. "Changes were also made to focus on express services, which

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Sudden Death by the Sea



Tiger Woods competes in the Buick Invitational at La Jolla's Torrey Pines Golf Course this past weekend, and later won in a three-man playoff.

Students Throw Out SRTV Porn Ban

Effects of the special election on the future of the station is still unknown. Vote was split on both ballots.

By Charles Nguyen
NEWS EDITOR

Students voted to throw out A.S. regulations governing Student-Run Television last week, heralding a victory for free-speech advocates in their fight to reactivate the station.

Approximately 16 percent of the student body participated in the vote, barely making the 15 percent minimum necessary to validate the special election.

In the first vote on the ballot, students overturned an A.S. Council amendment to the SRTV charter that banned "graphical depictions of sexual activity involving nudity." The amendment was first approved in a council vote on Oct. 26 in response to earlier station airings of pornographic material by John Muir College alumnus Steve York.

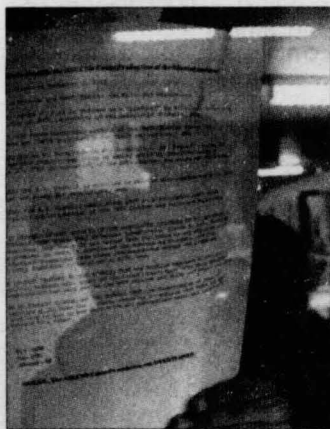
The council later voted unanimously to bar York from the station. That decision was also overturned by the special election.

"I think it's funny that students have overturned a council decision that was unanimous," York said. "They ignored their constituents and now the mandate has come down from the students."

Sixth College Senior Senator Matt Corrales, who penned the ballot argument to uphold the ban on nudity and York, did not respond to requests for comment.

Each of the provisions on the ballot was approved by a slim margin, with 52 percent of students voting to strike the nudity ban out of the station's charter. Fifty percent of the voters approved to annul the sanction of York and "Koala TV." The divided vote's immediate impact on the A.S. Council and student body is minimal, according to Station co-Manager Andrew Tess.

"There may have been a split, but it was a split of 15 percent of the student body," he said. "I kind of view it as the majority of people just really don't care. But I doubt it has had any drastic effect on the council's ability to represent



Part of the special election team posts up the results of last week's student vote.

the students. It won't hurt them on the majority of issues that they bring to students."

However, the special election will leave a definitive mark on this year's general election, where councilmembers wishing to win would be smart to take results into consideration, Tess said.

"This could make or break a campaign depending on how you approached this special election," he said. "It'll be interesting to see what the dynamics and politics are [for] candidates for the next A.S. Council."

The special election may have no bearing for administrators, who are keeping the station off the air until another charter is drafted. While student opinion is considered, allowing pornography on the university-owned Triton Cable network, which broadcasts SRTV, is not a viable option, according to acting Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Life Gary

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SRTV TASK FORCE READY FOR 'HARDBALL'

By Matthew McArdle
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Administrators will put a revised draft of the Student-Run Television charter under scrutiny this week in their first negotiations with members of the new SRTV task force, who will try to find a compromise on differing philosophies to bring the station back on-air.

The administration and SRTV have presented conflicting ideas for the future of the station, including opposite opinions about revisions to the station's charter that could prohibit "graphical depictions of sexual activity involving nudity."

While SRTV managers and supporters have long opposed the ban, acting Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Life Gary R. Ratcliff has said he requires the provision to be included in the charter for the station to be reactivated.

John Muir College Junior Senator and task force member Adam Grant stated in an e-mail that the task force is "in a very interesting spot with regards to the administration" because of the special election, in which students threw out a council decision to ban sexual nudity on the station. Still, there is no guarantee that administrators will go along with the student vote, Grant indicated.

"As a member of the SRTV task force, I think it is too early to tell where this will go," Grant stated. "We are set to meet with members of the administration ... to discuss exactly where we stand in the process. Until we present the revised charter to them, and explain to them how [our] hands are tied concerning the ban on pornography, it would be premature of me to guess the outcome."

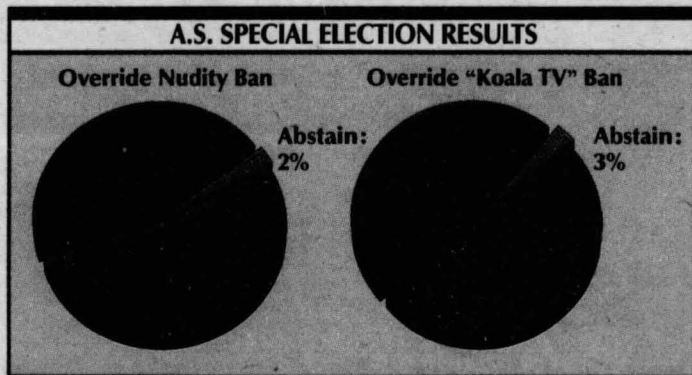
Because students overturned the decisions of the A.S. Council banning sexual nudity, John Muir College alumnus Steve York and "Koala TV" from the station, the council cannot, according to its own bylaws, reintroduce any legislation on the issue for at least one year.

The condition, which Ratcliff has called "untenable," could make the university liable to a slew of questionable programming.

The university owns Triton Cable, through which the station's signal runs, and until the ban is incorporated into the charter, SRTV will remain off the air, according to Ratcliff.

Some task force members don't see university control the same way. Students should resolve the current SRTV conflict, and administrators are only making the issue more

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UCSD professor Raffi Aroian studies germs, but livens up his lectures with a jig once and a while.
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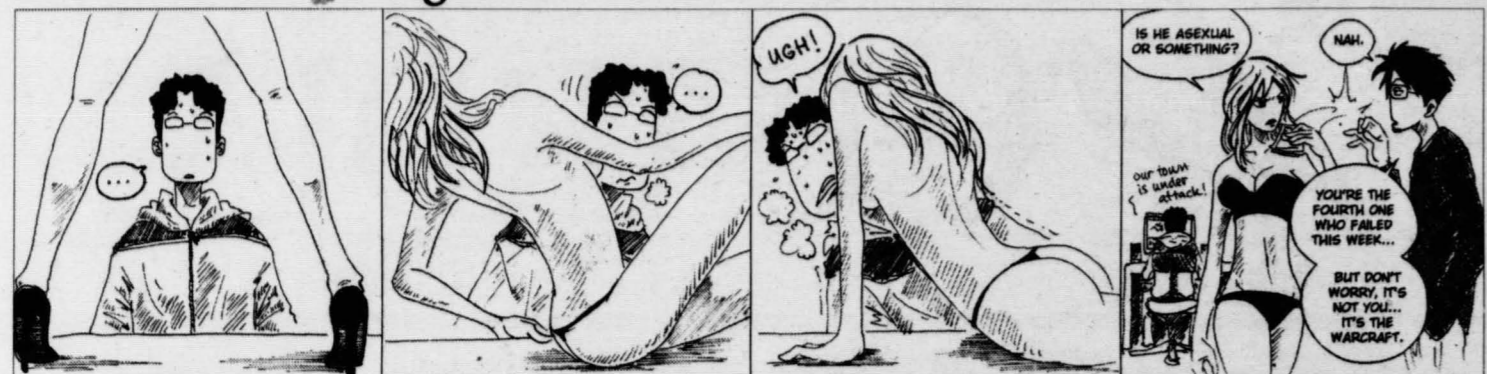
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We're All in This Together

BY BEN JUWONO



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U.S. Lagging in Science, Math

The Association of American Universities has released a new report that details the significant decline in the number of American scientists, engineers and language experts since the end of the 1960s.

The report highlighted key ways to bolster government support for those programs in institutions of higher education.

It also suggested three reasons that the study of science, engineering and language is declining: serious problems in the American educational system, decreasing incentives for students to study critical scientific, engineering and language fields and insufficient funding for research.

The report recommended that universities nationwide expand their programs in these respective areas and also declared that the U.S. government should spend more money on research, support more elementary and secondary science education programs and establish a new graduate fellowship program that supports students seeking doctoral degrees in math- or science-related fields.

UCSD Cultivates Future Scientists

The UC Office of the President has announced that UCSD will establish an outreach program, dubbed the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science, this summer based at

the Jacobs School of Engineering. The goal of the program, which was established for bright students in grades 8-12, is to "motivate prospective scientists, engineers and mathematicians in California and the nation and to create a statewide community of scholars."

The program also has branches at UC Davis, UC Irvine and UC Santa Cruz. While the other campuses enroll about 150 students each, UCSD's inaugural class will consist of 120 students.

National Science Academy Lauds Prof

The National Academy of Sciences has selected UCSD research professor Russell F. Doolittle to receive the John J. Carty Award for the Advancement of Science.

Doolittle, who holds appointments in both the chemistry and biology departments, will receive a medal and a check for \$125,000 at the academy's 143rd annual awards ceremony dinner in Washington, D.C., in April.

The award, a well-respected prize in the scientific community, has been given annually since 1932 and recognizes individuals "for noteworthy and distinguished accomplishment in any field of science."

According to the academy, Doolittle was selected "for contributing seminal insights and methods for using computers as an aid to characterizing protein function, in comparing amino acid sequences and for phylogenetic reconstructions."

CORRECTIONS

A news article titled "Fox Received Undisclosed \$248,000 Hiring Bonus" printed on Jan. 26 identified top UC executives as the recipients of nearly \$870 million in compensation last year. In fact, a variety of university employees in addition to top executives received money from this compensation package.

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An Identity Crisis for Students?
Universities battle the theft of data from their networks, including Social Security and driver license numbers.

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A public-interest group finds that the majority of students are lacking in literacy skills, even after they graduate from college.

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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Monday, Jan. 23

2:22 a.m.: Officers arrested an 18-year-old male nonaffiliate in Lot 406 for being a minor in possession of alcohol. At the same time, officers arrested a 29-year-old male nonaffiliate in Lot 406 for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Both were cited and released.

2:30 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a projector from Price Center. Loss: \$1,800.

7:54 p.m.: Officers detained a 21-year-old male student in front of UCSD Bookstore for being drunk in public. Transported to detox.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

12:53 a.m.: An 18-year-old female suffered convulsions at Earl's Place. Subject refused treatment.

1:44 a.m.: A black 1997 Acura 3.2TL was towed from Lot 502 for having its car alarm sound continuously for over 20 minutes. Stored at Eastgate Towing.

1:50 a.m.: Officers arrested a 19-year-old female student in Lot 308 for being drunk in public. Transported to Los Colinas Jail.

2:13 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a dark green 2000 Dodge Caravan from Lot 208. Loss: \$11,500.

2:50 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a white 1994 Honda Civic from Regents Road. Loss: \$2,000.

3 p.m.: A student reported receiving threatening cell phone text messages at an unknown location on campus.

4:49 p.m.: A student reported burglary to a silver 2001 Ford Focus in Lot 355. Loss: \$160.

7:58 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a wallet from a shuttle bus. Loss: \$128.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

12:58 p.m.: Officers impounded a green 1997 Honda Accord from Lot 705 for having more than five unpaid

parking citations. Stored at Eastgate Towing.

2:29 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a red-and-black Mongoose mountain bike from Sixth Lane. Loss: \$180.

3:10 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a 1972 Club Cart from Mayer Hall. Loss: \$100.

4:30 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a silver-and-gray B24 Giant Cypress mountain bike from the Sixth College Apartments bike racks. Loss: \$250.

Thursday, Jan. 26

2:09 a.m.: Officers recovered a tan 1972 Club Cart in Lot 608 reported stolen on Jan. 25.

11:57 a.m.: Officers arrested a 55-year-old male nonaffiliate at Gilman Drive and Osler Lane for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for petty theft. Transported to Central Jail. Bail: \$5,000.

2:50 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a digital camera from John Moores Cancer Center. Loss: \$370.

4:17 p.m.: A 56-year-old male nonaffiliate was ordered off campus for seven days after creating a disturbance at Geisel Library.

10:22 p.m.: A 19-year-old male student suffered a dislocated left knee at RIMAC Arena while playing basketball. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.

Friday, Jan. 27

1:03 a.m.: A 26-year-old female staff member suffered a seizure at McGill Hall. Transported to Thornton Hospital by paramedics.

11:23 a.m.: An 80-year-old female nonaffiliate suffered loss of consciousness at International Center. Transported to Thornton Hospital by paramedics.

— Compiled by Charles Nguyen
News Editor

Task Force Members Optimistic About SRTV

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difficult, according to Revelle College Senior Senator and task force member Rachel Corell.

"The administration says it's a student issue, but it took [SRTV] away from us," Corell said. "It could care less about this election; it has its own agenda."

The special election results should force the university to reconsider its demands, since it has long held onto the argument that students do not want pornography on their station, according to A.S. Vice President of Academic Affairs and task force member Harry Khanna.

"I have a good feeling," Khanna said. "The special election results kick the legs out of one of the university's main arguments. We will sit down and reach a compromise that's in the best interests of both the students and the university."

The student vote gives the task force a large bargaining chip

it should use with administrators, according to York.

"I think they need to start playing hardball," York said.

Both Corell and Khanna said that the task force has several "ideas" regarding a compromise between the university and SRTV, but neither would elaborate.

However, many student parties are optimistic about negotiations, and say that an agreement will be reached soon.

"One way or another, we'll see a solution by the end of the quarter," Station co-Manager Andrew Tess said.

Corell, who also said that she was happy that students voted to overturn the legislation, voiced a similar confidence.

"Things are going to happen," she said. "We're going to get SRTV back."

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'S' Spot Cuts Spur More Riders

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allowed us to better use the capacity of the existing buses at high usage periods. In addition, by converting to the smaller, more efficient vehicles in the evening hours, we were able to reduce the impact of our services on the community and still provide an efficient and viable service for our students, staff and faculty."

Requests to tone down the noise from shuttle buses have come from La Jolla residents since 2002, Buono said. TPS has also changed the route to eliminate the heavily student-populated Gilman Drive stops to cut down on noise.

"We want to serve our customer base and keep our neighbors in the area happy," Buono stated. "We feel that we can do both. ... We made an agreement with a resident committee to burn cleaner and operate smaller buses after 9 p.m. This did cut down on the noise pollution in the area."

The availability of student parking has had a direct correlation with the use of campus shuttles. Student-reserved parking spots, marked as "S" spots, have dropped from 7,043 in January 2002 to 6,460 this month, forcing many students to seek alternative forms of transportation.

As "S" spots continue to dwindle, more students have to rely on the buses to take them to and from campus, and the campus shuttle system has taken much of the transportation burden, ballooning from more than 18,000 riders per day in 2002 to over 24,000 currently.

In addition, the City Shuttle route has gone from almost 3,000 riders to almost 8,000 riders per day.

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Manager Pushes For Council, Station Unity

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R. Ratcliff.

However, with the A.S. Council's bans now a thing of the past, Tess said he hopes the unity of councilmembers and SRTV will be enough to persuade Ratcliff to renege on his position, which he has held since the announcement of the special election.

"The 'graphic' depiction clause is off the table from the

A.S. perspective, because students have told them so," Tess said. "If administrators really want to tell the council and students that they don't trust them anymore, there are parties who are ready to go to court at this point. We'll see how [Ratcliff's] song and dance changes because of this election."

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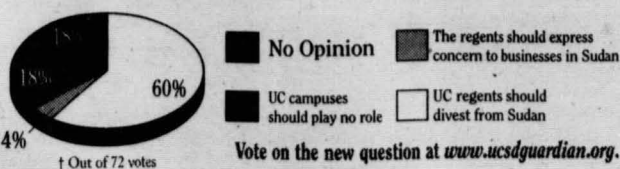
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RIGHT-WING VIGILANTES

Critics of "radical professors" miss the point of a college education.

By Megan Durham
STAFF WRITER

As an old adage goes, if you're not liberal by 20, you have no heart, but if you're not conservative by 40, you have no brain. It is widely accepted that the university community is primarily a liberal one, but few people have declared war on that bias so completely as Andrew Jones.

The Bruin Alumni Association, the branchchild of this former UCLA alumnus, seeks to provide proof of "an increasingly radical faculty" at UCLA. To reach this goal, until very recently, the site offered students up to \$100 to provide proof, in the form of lecture recordings and class materials, that their teachers were devoting a significant portion of their class time to "abusive, one-sided or off-topic classroom behavior." The site also made a ranking of the 28 most radical professor profiles, calling it the "dirty 30."

The entire affair is essentially a thinly veiled publicity stunt, no different than the "affirmative-action bake sales" that Jones organized while still an undergraduate and member of the College Republicans. Cookies ranged in price depending on the customer's race, and the news coverage was invariably more significant than having the people actually buy a snack.

Jones' major goal seems to be to work at "depoliticizing the classroom and emphasizing professional behavior," an idea that most would agree sounds like a good one, but his evidence against the liberal classroom demeanor of UCLA professors is slim, at best.

The site touts its professor profiles as demonstrating that "these professors are actively proselytizing their extreme views in the classroom, whether or not the commentary is relevant to the class topic." But the

profiles themselves don't deliver, as most of those profiled don't rely on in-class off-topic speeches, but instead on petitions, projects, rallies and activist organizations that these professors have been a part of either in the past and outside of the classroom.

For example, the front page of the site implies that Douglas Kellner, a UCLA professor of education, "rages about a Bush Reich" in the classroom. But his profile instead states that this professor is "not much of a fire-starter" inside class but rather is judged as a radical from his various papers and publications.

While it is possible that professors who are politically active may be more likely to share their views in the classroom, the very fact that they are involved is not evidence that they are "actively proselytizing their extreme views in the classroom" or that they are not displaying "professional behavior." What happens when they are off the clock doesn't make them any less knowledgeable about their subject matter, or any less able to teach it.

It is also important that non-academic organizations or students may not be proper judges of professor conduct. "Only other specialists can determine whether a professor is just spewing off nonsense out of personal bias or is really conveying conclusions from painstaking research," said Branislav Slantchev, an assistant professor in UCSD's political science department.

This is particularly true in political science classes, where the professors discuss public policy and political theories as a matter of course. These teachers are expected to discuss theories that may offend some students, but it is part of a student's responsibility to take them in stride. Sandy Lakoff, another political science professor, mentions that taking a political science class "carries with it an obliga-

tion to recognize that our theories may be biased and the evidence selective."

Of course, political views in a poli-sci class seem more appropriate than such views shared in a math or biology class. But there are ways of responding that are better than Jones' Web site. Slantchev believes that "students are smart enough to vote with their feet."

"Drop classes that are ridiculously biased," he explained. "Or don't enroll in them in the first place."

Besides, if students are honestly worried about hearing political propaganda in the classroom rather than lecture material, they can research the professor before enrolling in the class. There are several Web sites that provide excellent information on professors, such as RateMyProfessors.com. It not only includes student ratings on how difficult or clear a given professor is, it also includes student comments that are likely to tell you if the professor spends most of his time discussing off-topic subject matter. If a student ends up in a class where she disagrees adamantly with the professor's views, it's a lot more reasonable and a lot less shrill to just drop the class rather than campaign for it to never be given again. After all, you're paying for the privilege of being able to take a class, and when you don't like what

you're paying for, you cancel your service.

The perverse thing about Jones' publicity stunt is that the criticisms targeting it might be as baseless as the Bruin Alumni Association accusations. The *Los Angeles Times* reports, "Some of the instructors mentioned [in the professor profiles] accuse the association of conducting a witch hunt that threatens to harm the teaching atmosphere." But most of the professors interviewed didn't believe such a program would actually damage student-professor relations as much as the article implies. Lakoff said that if students can do whatever they want with materials presented in class as long as they don't "disrupt the class or take things out of context," Slantchev also agrees that if such a program were implemented at UCSD, it would not damage his relationships with his students.

A vigilante organization such as the Bruin Alumni Association is not only unnecessary — frankly, it is in bad taste.

I give students more credit than

that," he said. But perhaps the most baffling thing about the entire issue is that everyone simply assumes that college students are lambs being led to the slaughter. Students are fully capable of thinking for themselves and forming opinions independent of the herd; just looking at the recent Student-Run Television events proves proof of that.

Even if one assumes what Jones portrays is true, just because one side may be represented more in a classroom doesn't mean that students will unwittingly assume that all their professor says is true and sacrosanct. If it is the case that a professor is abusing his power of a captive audience with political beliefs, then word will get around, less people will take the class and hopefully students will complain to the university, the best qualified judge in the matter.

A vigilante organization such as the Bruin Alumni Association is not only unnecessary — frankly, it is in bad taste.



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The Real State of the Union: Hang On Folks, We're In for a Rough Ride

My fellow Americans, before the State of the Union address on Jan. 31, which the president will likely fill with proclamations of patriotism, freedom and democracy, let's take a moment to be honest about the real state of the union: damaged.

Since President George W. Bush's last State of the Union address, America has traveled in search of a promised democracy that we have come no closer to finding. Democracy will not be found overseas in countries suffering from tyranny, corruption and poverty.

Democracy, like peace, starts at home. Over the last 12 months, death tolls resulting from the war in Iraq have soared, with an estimated 2,238 Americans now dead and approximately 10,000 to more than 37,000.

We can no longer ignore the perils of this war or the lives it has taken. We need to be bothered by headlines noting the deaths of innocent Iraqi civilians, like women shot dead

when police attempted to clear traffic by shooting rounds into the air, like the U.S. military interpreter found dead by gunshot in a car in Baghdad, like the two Iraqi civilians who lost their lives to a roadside bomb or like the kidnapped American journalist Jill Carroll, whose life still remains at stake.

Mr. President, the union is in shambles and hopes for resolve continually grow dimmer as the plans for a reconstruction of Iraq's infrastructure and government continue to fall short.

Many of the planned reform projects are failing as a result of an increased need for security because of the continuing insurgency. In a project aimed at bringing drinking water to more Iraqis, only approximately 34 percent of the original 8 million civilians it was to affect will now receive clean water. The *Washington Post* reports also show that 125 of the 425 electricity projects underway will not be completed, due to a \$3 billion shift in funds.

Yet we continue to pour money into a war effort that damages our nation and its ill state of democracy. Let's face it: We are no closer to democracy and liberty than we are to discovering Tuck's fountain of immortality.

Iraq, unfortunately, is only one pressing concern for this disheartened union. Attempts to fight terrorism outside of Iraq have also presented great costs to America in the past year. The costs associated with war (civilian and soldier casualties and the nation's growing debt) outweigh the marginal benefits of increasing our nation's protection with little evidence that we actually prevented terrorism.

Ties between the administration and its citizens have also been crippled by Bush's unwarranted domestic spying, which continues to leave Americans unsatisfied with their government. According to a recent poll by the *Post*, 56 percent of Americans disapprove of the way Bush handles ethics in the government.

Extensive government tax cuts throughout the years and increased spending on homeland security will cost Americans dearly in 2006 as deep spending cuts mark the president's agenda. While the 2006 budget will

cut funding for the Department of Homeland Security by \$1 billion this year, its overall budget (\$29.6 billion) still remains \$3 billion higher than it was in 2004, the *Post* reported.

Sadly, education will be one of the big losers this year, as its already small budget will face a \$1.5 billion cut. Preceding the passage of 2002's No Child Left Behind Act, aimed at strengthening education by requiring students to achieve 100 percent proficiency in reading and math by 2014, the president said, "If our country fails its responsibility to educate every child, we're likely to fail in many other areas. But if we succeed in educating our youth, many other successes will follow throughout our country and in the lives of our citizens."

Instead of following his own advice about national education, the president has spent the year promoting a Social Security reform bill that, if ever passed, would be so watered-down, its reforms would be useless. Focusing attention and funding back on a reform program that truly showed immense promise, such as the NCLBA, would be a huge step in the right direction for the future of America, particularly its youth, whose

education is often overlooked and its importance underestimated.

Sadly, this week's State of the Union address will be much less about presidential mistakes and how to correct them than it will be about avoidance.

Come Tuesday, the president will likely speak to our fears in an attempt to justify massive spending on all the wrong programs. He'll stand in front of an American flag and he'll preach to us about patriotism and democracy and cutting frivolous spending and greedy lawyers and illegal immigration. He'll avoid all the key issues, but relentlessly shout his untiring support for the war in Iraq and the war on terror. He'll be the king of the strawman argument. But the last thing America needs is a scarecrow as a president, frightening off other nations and alienating it with conquests.

This is our moment of opportunity. We must be brave — brave enough to acknowledge courage as more than combating the terrors of other nations. We must be brave in combating the terrors right here at home, starting with the administration.

The president can wave his flag as high as he likes, but that won't change the crippled state of the union.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Blacklisted Professors at UCLA: Are We Trying to Go Back to the Future?

By Scott Boehm

Andrew Jones says he wants a more "fair and balanced" university. What he really needs is a time machine. His newly formed Bruin Alumni Association longs for a past that never was while seeking to create a future for academia based on 1950s nostalgia. The group's headline-grabbing attempt at blacklisting professors that challenge Jones' pre-civil-rights sensibilities is the latest stab at rolling back time at universities across the country. From David Horowitz's Orwellian-dubbed "Students for Academic Freedom" to Internet sites such as Campus Watch to state legislation that would regulate course syllabi, Jones is the player of the week in this revamped version of Pick Up Sticks, in which so-called "liberal," "unpatriotic" and "biased" professors are carefully singled out and placed into a jar contemptuously labeled "political radicals."

Like Marty McFly in "Back to the Future," the 1985 blockbuster that responded to the pressures of Cold War Reaganomics and suburban

malaise by catapulting its protagonist back to 1955 in a souped-up DeLorean, Jones and his crew are searching for a vehicle to transport the university back to an idealized era.

Departments such as ethnic studies and women's studies, founded in order to critically engage and challenge the knowledge produced by white, male-dominated institutions, are now ironically under attack for not being mainstream enough. Likewise, Middle Eastern studies programs from Columbia to UC Berkeley have been viciously assailed for being "anti-American" or for being funded by so-called "blood money" — presumably from the pockets of fanatical terrorists. Professors of Chicano studies are "too political." Anti-war statements that even the majority of Americans would now agree with are grounds for being considered "biased," while drawing parallels between Iraq and Vietnam is "heresy." And taped to that timeless touchstone of free speech — the university professor's door — political cartoons mocking the president are potential evidence

of "disloyalty." Doesn't this sound all too familiar? Didn't George Clooney just make a film about this?

During the 1940s and '50s, the House Un-American Activities Committee investigated, blacklisted and imprisoned labor leaders and union members, writers and intellectuals, as well as actors and directors for being "Reds." Cultural icons such as Charlie Chaplin, Arthur Miller, Dorothy Parker, Richard Wright, James Baldwin and Orson Welles were persecuted in the biggest national witch hunt since Puritan times. In addition to holding inquisition-like hearings, Senator Joseph McCarthy established the Overseas Library Program that removed 30,000 books considered "un-American" from U.S. library shelves.

Jones is no McCarthy, but he is a symptom of the new McCarthyism that employs popularized free-market reasoning and consumer choice rhetoric in attempts to discredit independent-minded professors and, ultimately, dismantle programs in the humanities and social sci-

ences that fail to treat their customers as always right. By using alumni funds as leverage to influence curricula and the intellectual climate of UCLA, Jones' approach — also found at Penn State and Hamilton College in upstate New York — mixes Burger King slogans with neoliberal logic to produce the appearance of irresponsible and subversive scholarship.

But academia is not a fast food joint where you can have everything your way; rather, it is one of the few remaining sites of critical inquiry and debate in a hypercommercialized society. As Thomas Wortham, UCLA's English department chair — and registered Republican — commented in response to declining Jones' invitation to join the Bruin Alumni Association advisory board, "If you don't question things in a university, where are you supposed to question them? At a university you have independent thinkers."

Big Man on Campus wannabes like Jones regress into what Russell Jacoby — one of the blacklisted "dirty 30" — has called conservative

cribbies. If they weren't spoiled by the persistent inequalities of race, class, gender and sexuality that they can easily exploit to their own advantage, university administrators, state legislators and the mainstream media wouldn't even listen to their cacophonous swan song. But despite their claims to the contrary, middle-class, straight, white males still sit at the top of the social hierarchy — within and outside of the university.

Jones, Horowitz and their misguided followers want to live in an era that never existed, a whitewashed society devoid of any real social conflict. If there was ever a case that proved the absolute necessity of the departments and scholars under attack by the new McCarthyism, it is Jones' own myopic vision of the past. He is proof enough that we need more academics like the "dirty 30," not fewer.

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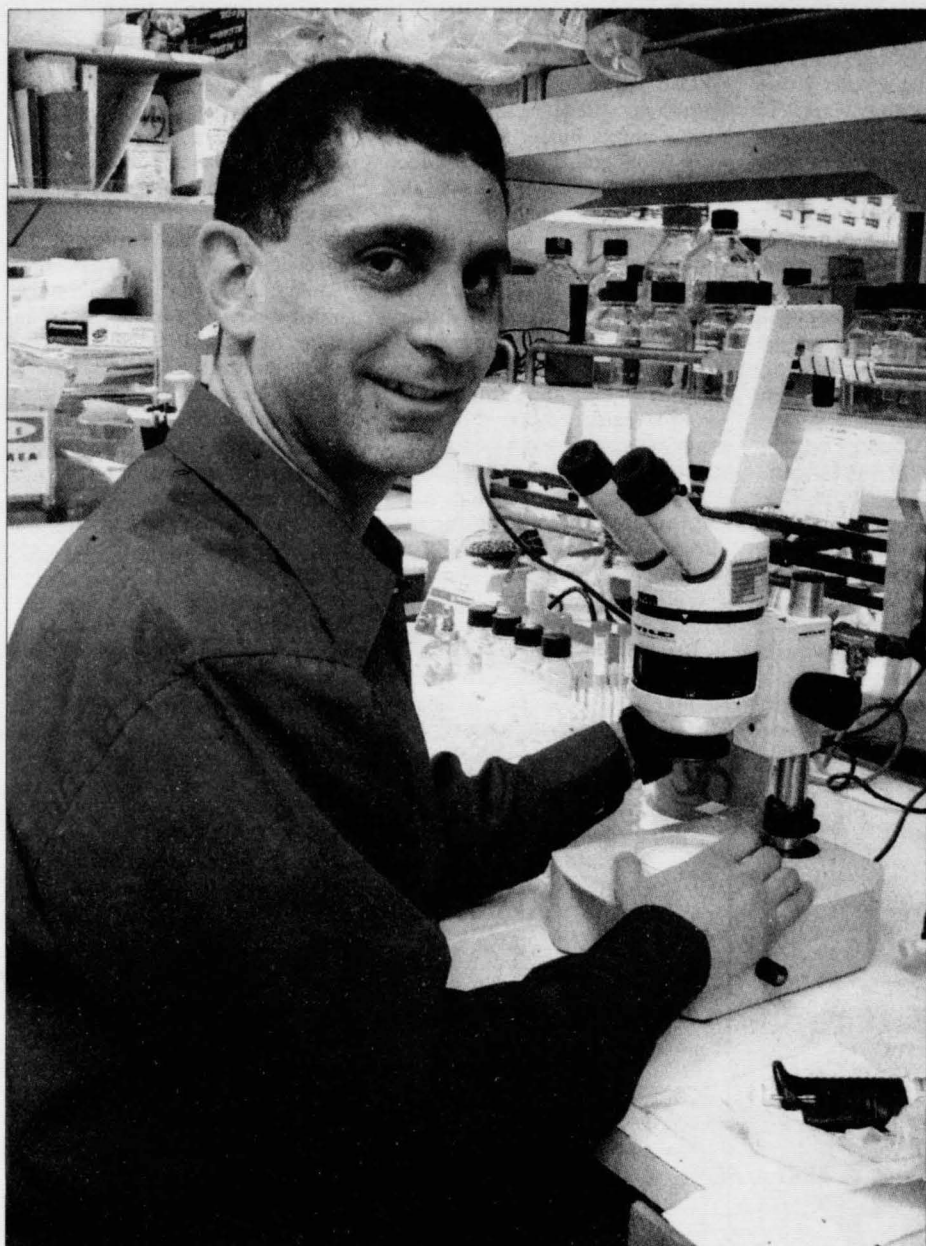
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“Democratic transition is only one of many causes of war, but it is a potent one.”

—“Electing to Fight,” by Edward D. Mansfield and Jack Snyder



A SCIENTIST IN COMBAT

Conducting an orchestra of cell biology research, one professor aims to produce a pesticide that drives away the pests and not the consumers.

By Kristen Wong • STAFF WRITER

When biology Professor Raffi Aroian returned from a late-morning workout to his office atop Bonner Hall, he was hungry. Before applying a thick coat of peanut butter to a multigrain tortilla for his own lunch, he generously offered the entire contents of his small pantry. Savoring the initial bites of this makeshift burrito, he then launched into a monologue about the innovative lab to which he owes his name and the research that fuels his passion for “discovering things that no one has ever seen.”

In 1998, an academic partnership between the professor and former Revelle College undergraduate Dino Elyassnia provided the catalyst for a project that has since proven groundbreaking on the research of bacterial pathogenesis amongst nematodes, commonly known as worms. The lab today has grown to 13 members, including the professor and staff from the undergraduate to postdoctoral levels.

Its scientists study several projects related to a naturally occurring bacteria named *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), which produces a crystal protein used avidly amongst agriculturalists as both an environmentally conscious alternative to chemically derived insecticides and a fatal toxin in plant-eating pests.

“[Crystal proteins] look almost like diamonds; they’re very, very small, but they’re beautiful,” Aroian said of these bacterial gems.

The proteins encoded in these crystals, when configured in the genetic makeup of crops, effectively eliminate the scourge of caterpillars and other insects while delivering a product safe for humans and animals alike to consume. Anticipating that Bt would display equal toxicity in nematodes as it had with insects, the Aroian lab has unleashed a subset of crystal proteins on a particular species of harmless nematodes called *C. elegans* in the hope of one day using this model for a more insidious group

of parasitic nematodes.

However, the Aroian lab operates with great caution. They forecast that *C. elegans*, like any nematode, would assert biological defenses in much the same manner that bacteria develop immunity toward antibiotics. “[Researchers] want to understand how resistance develops before it becomes a problem because we can understand the molecular mechanisms, the chemical mechanisms [and] the genetic mechanisms that underlie resistance,” Aroian said. “We can try to develop countermeasures against it.”

Undergraduate researcher Chih Hsu noted that Aroian’s lab has pioneered much of the research in comprehending resistance pathways specific to *C. elegans* against the crystal protein of Bt. Aroian affirmed that a major pathway discovered by the team has provided promising insights to overcoming resistance, although Hsu estimated that the development for a preventative treatment against parasitic forms is “very far” down on the projected chronology.

Parasitic nematodes, unlike *C. elegans*, do not languish innocuously in the soil. Rather, they comprise 10 percent of the estimated 100,000 to 1 million worms that affect both animals and plants. Aroian’s animated voice grew urgent as he considered the one-third of the world population that presently suffers from some form of intestinal roundworm. “It’s really an underappreciated health problem, and most of these people live in developing countries, so it’s not on our radar,” he said.

Stanford biologist Joel Griffiths, who once worked as a UCSD graduate student under Aroian’s watch, asserted that his former teacher’s goal to understand crystal toxins thrives under the impetus to improve human conditions.

“He is always driven to make use of basic scientific discoveries to better society,” Griffiths said. “[He] has engaged in fruitful collaborations that

could lead to breakthroughs in human health and agricultural productivity.”

This same concern for the global community found its way into the classroom. At 8 a.m. early in the week, Aroian, dressed in a bright red sweater, spoke to a lecture hall filled with sleepy cell biologists in the making.

As though addressing a quickly fading undergraduate in the center of the room, whose chin threatened to firmly attach itself to his chest, Aroian quipped with equal parts mischief and sincerity. “What can we do to spice this up for you? I can dance the salsa, I can indeed.”

True to his promise, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology and UC San Francisco graduate began to dance to an invisible band. Little do his students know that this esteemed biologist has also mastered the fox trot, the tango and the rumba.

Hsu encountered the energetic professor as a plate pouter last spring. He recollected his first impression of Aroian in the lab setup as easy-going and then added, “The lab is really friendly [and] everyone is really nice.”

Griffiths, who conducted major experiments in Aroian’s lab and co-authored several articles with the professor, characterized Aroian as a mentor who encourages academic independence in the laboratory with a particularly taxing technique of withholding answers to students’ queries “in the hope that they might be able to think it through and come up with the answers themselves.”

“It was not unusual for him to sit down with a student or staff member and say, ‘I have a great idea for how to test this hypothesis. Let’s see if you can come up with what I’m thinking about, and we’ll talk tomorrow,’” Griffiths said.

Aroian’s desire to create an environment of inquiry extends to his undergraduate cell biology class. He constructs his lecture around the questions that students pose and re-

spins them, asking, “Can anyone synthesize this?”

He also uses a unique method of questioning: maneuvering his eyebrows up and down while waiting for a response. After a concentrated manipulation of his brow, he admitted to students, “I got my eyebrows trimmed so I can do that so well.”

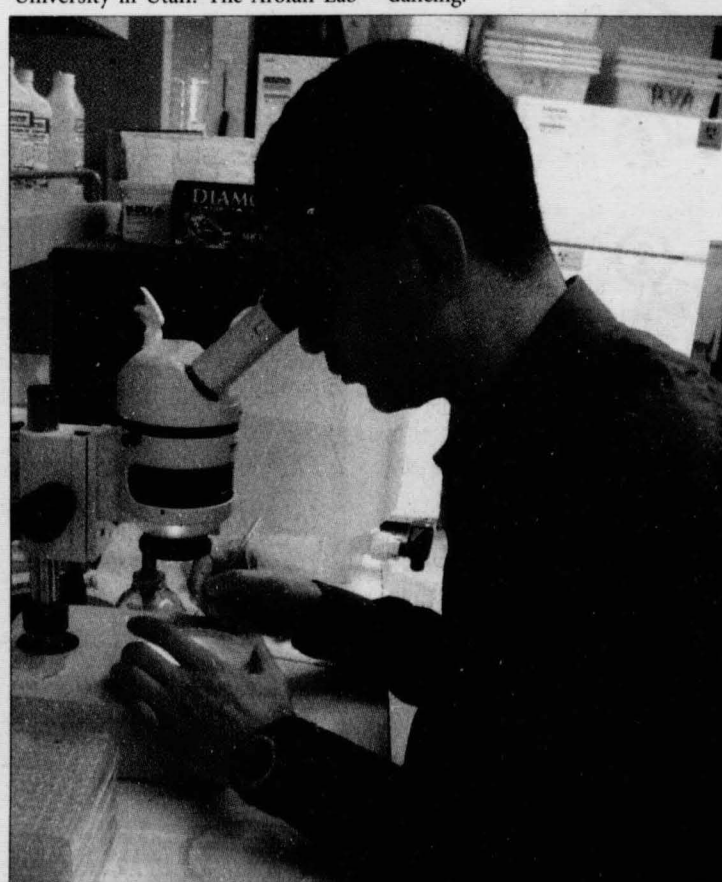
His technique has not only drawn laughter from pupils but has thrust figures like Elyassnia and Griffiths onto successful career trajectories — the former of whom Aroian believes now attends medical school.

Griffiths plans to set up a research laboratory at Brigham Young University in Utah. The Aroian Lab

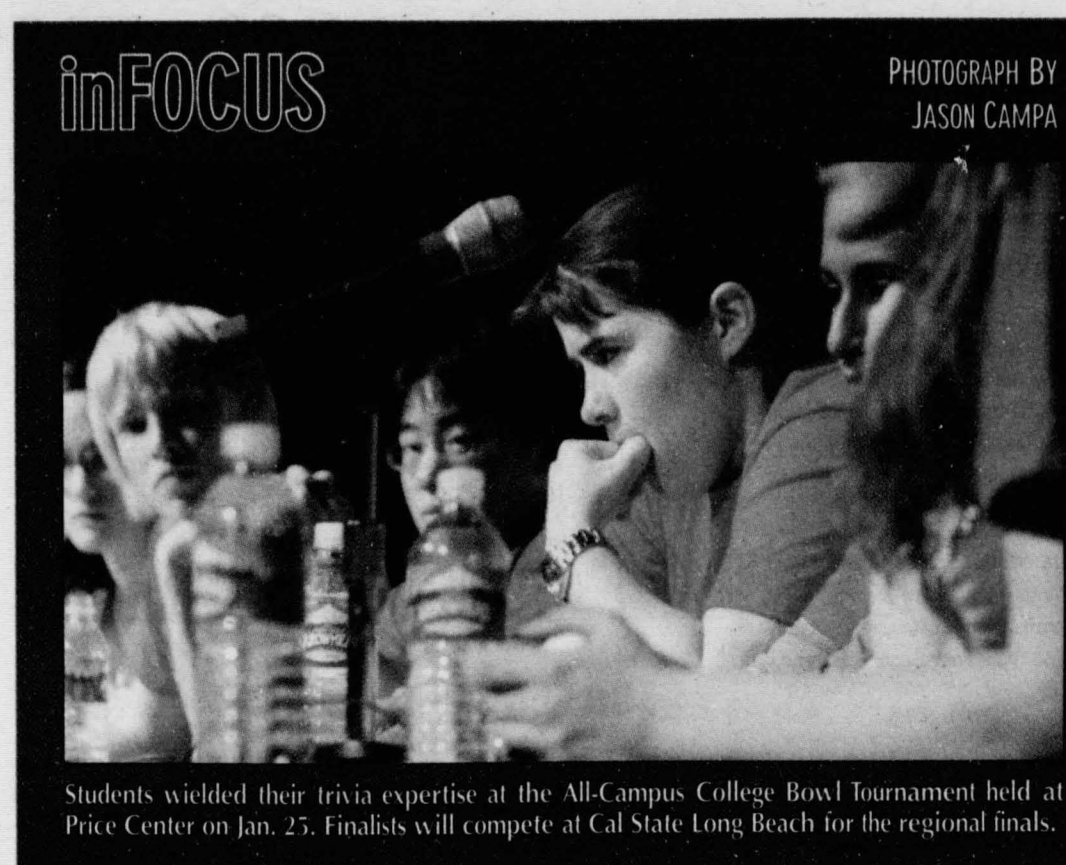
veteran lauded Aroian as a critical springboard in his career and “part of a lineage of great scientists, having been trained by some of the best minds in the biomedical sciences,” Griffiths concluded.

“I have enjoyed watching him rise to his great potential, and hope that I can do my part to carry on the legacy,” Griffiths said.

Aroian appears undaunted by the prospect of a legacy, however. Grateful for what he termed “the opportunity just to live and breathe and grow everyday,” you will find him amongst the gleaming glass lab apparatus listening to some internal rhythm and dancing.



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Biology professor Raffi Aroian researches crystal toxins derived from a strain of bacteria with the purpose of providing a safe alternative to current pesticides used in crops.



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Men's Basketball vs. Cal State LA, 7:30pm.

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Men's Basketball vs. Cal State Bakersfield, 7:30pm.

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Democracy's Dangerous Sequel

Two international relations specialists explain why 'the democratic peace' may not be so peaceful, after all.

By Vladimir Kogan SENIOR STAFF WRITER

There is no solution to the Palestinian problem except by Jihad," states the charter of Hamas, several paragraphs before it accuses Jews of using "secret societies, such as Freemasons, Rotary Clubs and the Lions" for sparking the French Revolution and the birth of communism.

This is perhaps why the victory of the group, also known as the Islamic Resistance Movement, in last week's Palestinian legislative elections has cast a long and uncomfortable shadow over hopes for a peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Combined with other democratic successes of Islamists parties last year, including the election of a Shia-dominated Iraqi parliament and the many electoral victories of the Muslim Brotherhood (from which Hamas emerged) in Egypt, Hamas' election largely repudiates President George W. Bush's assertion that the spread of democracy is the best way to ensure lasting world peace.

"The reason why I'm so strong on democracy is [that] democracies don't go to war with each other," Bush said during a joint appearance with British Prime Minister Tony Blair in late 2004. "I've got great faith in democracies to promote peace. And that's why I'm such a strong believer that the way forward in the Middle East, the broader Middle East, is to promote democracy."

To be fair, Bush was not the first to voice his support for the Democratic Peace Theory. The idea that democracies are less likely to become involved in international conflict was first introduced by philosopher Immanuel Kant in his 1795 essay "Perpetual Peace," and was also behind Woodrow Wilson's famous, and rejected, 14-point proposal at the end of World War I.

In the 1980s, social scientists resurrected Kant's theory with much fanfare, as empirical testing seemed to support its underlying idea, though with some caveats: No democracy has ever gone to war with another democracy. It also became a main pillar of the Clinton administration's foreign policy, which made the spread of democracy a key component of ensuring America's defense. Since it came into vogue, though,

the Democratic Peace Theory has largely taken on more and more qualifications and limits. In recent years, political scientists have suggested that its empirical success may largely stem from the way its supporters have defined both "democracy" and "war."

The recent academic criticism of the theory has come from international relations specialists Edward D. Mansfield and Jack Snyder, in their new book "Electing To Fight."

Their most startling conclusion is that - far from promoting peace - the rise of democracy may actually lead to more war. "Our research shows that incomplete democratic transitions - those that get stalled before reaching the stage of full democracy - increase the chances of involvement in international war," Mansfield and Snyder write in the introduction. "Democratic transition is only one of many causes of war, but it is a potent one."

Mature democracies, with developed institutions like robust political competition, a free press and independent judiciaries, may indeed promote lasting peace, they suggest convincingly. But through a series of empirical examinations and case studies, Mansfield and Snyder argue that in nations that are democratic in name only - those with voting, but without other requisite con-

ditions of democracy - elections may actually lead to the rise of ultranationalist parties, which can push them into war. Despite its dry, scholarly delivery, the book makes a vital contribution to a timely debate about the structure of the international system.

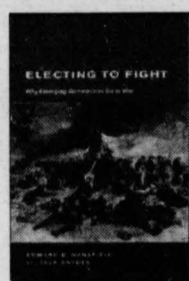
Instead of critiquing America's foreign policy, the two academics suggest their goal is to clarify when, and under what circumstances, America's push toward democracies will succeed.

"Spreading democracy is a worthwhile long-term goal, both as a value in itself and as an eventual means to increasing global peace and stability," Mansfield and Snyder state in the book. Their conclusion, though, is a more cautious one: "Urging a democratic transition when the necessary institutions are extremely weak risks not only a violent outcome, but also an increased likelihood of a long detour into pseudo-democratic form of nationalism."

In Palestinian areas, where institutions are indeed weak and corruption is rampant, Mansfield and Snyder's conclusions seem to find support.

"You're seeing across the world, most notably in the Middle East, that democracy and freedom are on the march," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said last year, in response to questions about democratization in the Arab world.

With a militant group now in power through democratic elections - one that has promised to march all the way to Jerusalem - he might soon be regretting his choice of words.



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First-Place Sonoma State Too Much for Inconsistent Tritons

▶ **BASKETBALL**, from page 12 three-pointer by the Gators' Jevon Doss ended the game with the nine-point spread.

Shooting 31.6 percent from the field and 42.9 percent from the free-throw line in the first half obviously led to UCSD's early struggles, but the Tritons rebounded by shooting 51.9 percent from the field and converting 85 percent of their free throws while holding the Gators to 37 percent field-goal shooting in the second half. UCSD proved more efficient, committing 14 turnovers to San Francisco's 17, and won the rebounding battle 31-29, en route to the comeback victory.

Allard led the UCSD attack as one of three players in double-digits, scoring a game-high 16 points to go along with three assists and three rebounds, while Lawlor came off the bench to score 14 points and record a game-high four assists. Fellow freshman forward Henry Patterson recorded 13 points and four steals during the game. The Gators were led in defeat by two players in double digits, with both starter Will Logan and reserve Doss scoring 12 points, while Logan also grabbed a game-high eight boards.

Before the second half heroics gave them their eighth overall win, the Tritons three-game winning streak, tied for the longest in the program's Division II history, came to an end on Jan. 27 at Seawolf Gym against Sonoma State.

UCSD and Sonoma State battled early on, with the lead changing six times in the first half. The Tritons showed they were very capable of battling with the CCAA elite, coming back each time the Seawolves grabbed the lead to regain their positioning. A jumper by Poppen at the 1:44 mark gave UCSD a nine-

point advantage, the largest of the half. After two free throws by the Seawolves' J.T. Tipton, UCSD forced two turnovers, but missed three shots, settling for a 35-28 lead at the half.

The Seawolves went on a 14-0 run to open the second half, while the Tritons continued their cold streak from the end of the first half, missing their first three shots of the period. They turned the ball over twice before a layup by Patterson and a jumper by sophomore guard Andrew Hatch finally gave the Tritons some second-half offense. However, the Seawolves showed why they were undefeated in conference play, pushing their lead to 10 with just over five minutes played in the half. The 19 points Sonoma State scored after the break would outweigh the Triton offensive output for the entire half, as the Seawolf lead was never less than nine and reached 17 by the final buzzer.

The Tritons had only one player in double figures on the evening as Patterson continued his impressive freshman season, notching a new career high with 20 points. The CCAA field-goal percentage leader went 8-of-13 from the field and 4-of-6 from the line. Allard also contributed with nine points and three assists, while junior guard Robby Peters added seven points in a team-high 27 minutes off the bench.

Next, the Tritons return home, where they are currently 4-1. UCSD will try to avenge two early season losses, taking on Cal State Los Angeles on Feb. 3 during Spirit Night 2006, and facing Cal State Bakersfield on Feb. 4. The Tritons lost to both teams in the final series of back-to-back games in early December, part of their season opening nine-game road trip.



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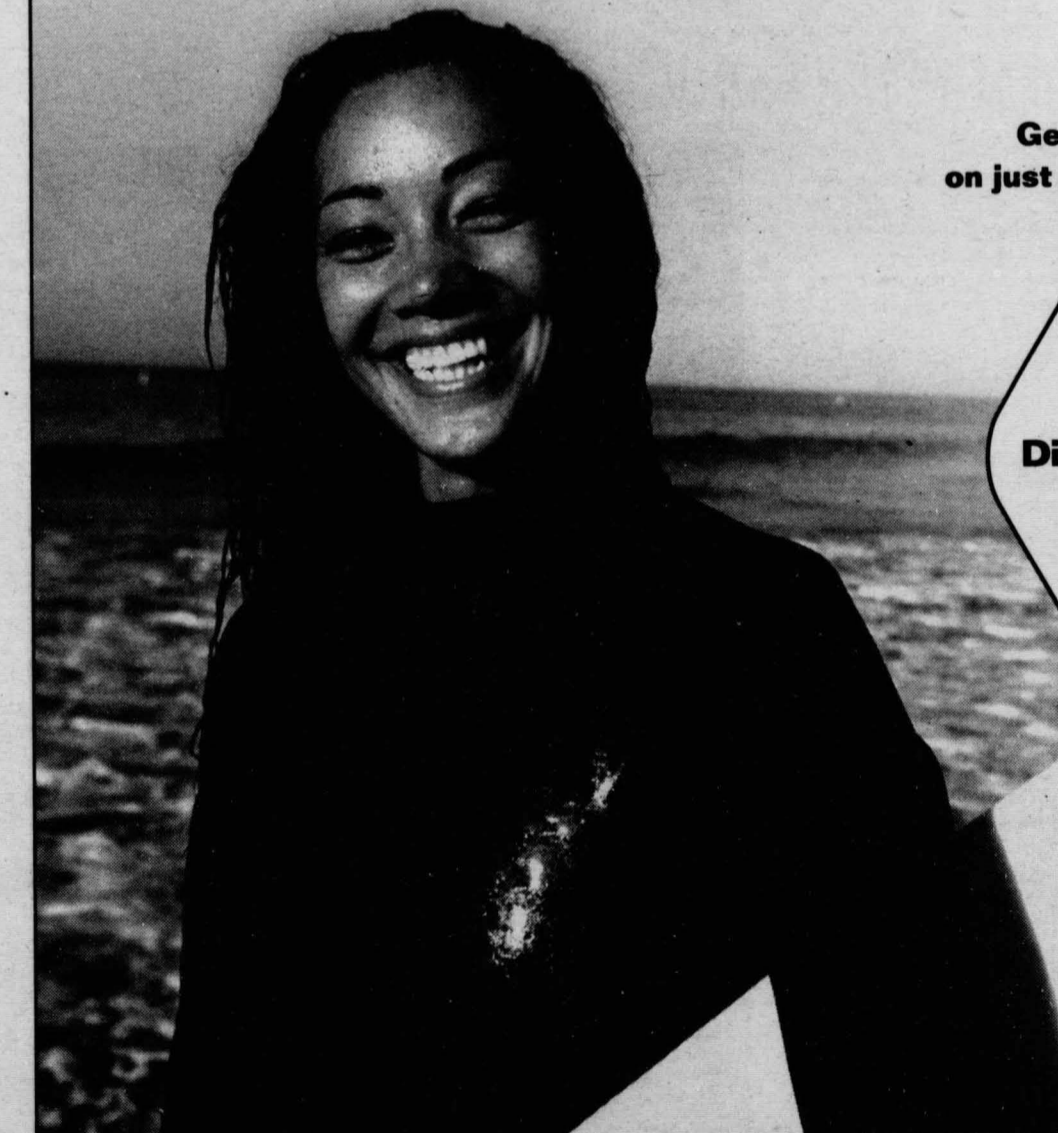
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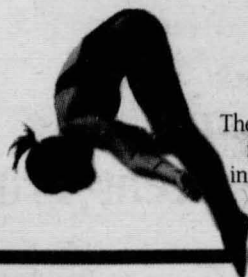
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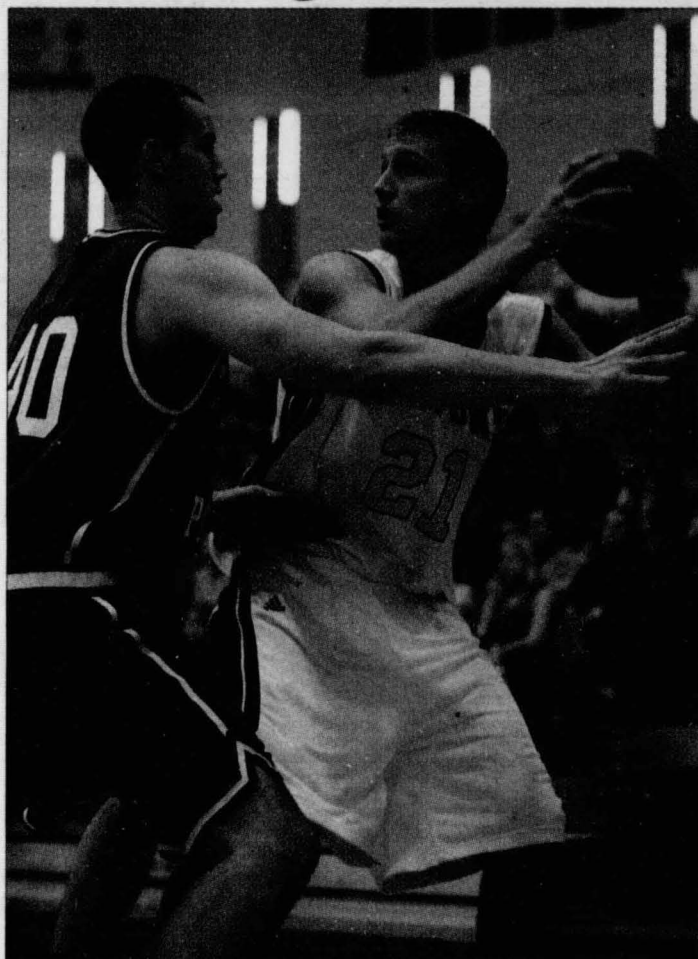
UCSD men's basketball falls to CCAA-leading Sonoma State but pulls even with 65-56 win over Gators.

By Joe Tevelowitz
STAFF WRITER

The UCSD men's basketball team spent the weekend in Northern California, where it played two great halves in two games that left something to be desired. After a great first half against the California Collegiate Athletic Association-leading Sonoma State, a cold-shooting second half led to a 70-53 Triton loss on Jan. 27. The tables flipped on Jan. 28, with the Tritons sweet shot absent until intermission. After the break, however, the team put together a strong final half in a 65-56 victory over San Francisco State that left UCSD with an 8-10 overall record and a 5-5 mark in CCAA competition.

Against the Gators, UCSD found itself in a rut more common of the opponents who have had to face their own CCAA-leading defense. With over 14 minutes played in the first, the Tritons had only managed seven points. Fortunately for UCSD, San Francisco State was unable to run away with the game, with its largest margin in the half at 12. Five different Tritons scored in the final five and a half minutes as UCSD went into the break down 25-17.

The Tritons came out determined in the second half. Unable to go on a remarkable run on either end, the Tritons instead attacked with steady basketball and proved relentless as they slowly chipped away at the Gators' lead. Led by three three-pointers from sophomore guard Clint Allard, UCSD



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Freshman forward Darryl Lawlor and the Tritons split their weekend road series against Sonoma State and San Francisco State to improve to 8-10 overall and 5-5 in league play.

took its first lead of the game, 41-40, with just over eight minutes to play. From there, San Francisco State would hold close, but never again gain the lead. After allowing the Gators back to within one with six minutes to play, UCSD went to freshman forward Darryl Lawlor, who nailed a jumper while being fouled and sunk the ensuing free-throw to complete the three-

point play. San Francisco State's Zack Johnson answered with two free throws on the other end, before another Triton freshman, guard Shane Poppen, stepped up and scored four-straight UCSD points. The lead was never in serious jeopardy after that point and would grow to as much as 12 before a

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Women's Basketball Ups Win Streak to 10 Games

Tritons barely top Sonoma State 69-65 but blow-out Gators, 93-57, for No. 2 ranking in West Region.

By Nicky Buchanan
STAFF WRITER

It's no surprise that the Tritons, the No. 25 Division II team in the nation and the No. 2 team in the NCAA West Region, continue to breeze through their California Collegiate Athletic Association competition. They bump opponents out of their comfort zones, and put themselves up in rankings with ease night after night, including this past weekend, when their winning streak reached 10 games. While nerves flared up after the close call on Jan. 27 when they barely came out on top against Sonoma State with a 69-65 win, the game against San Francisco State on Jan. 28 was an entirely different story. The Tritons gained a secure lead early on and kept the Gators struggling until the bitter end when UCSD finally finished them off with an intimidating 93-57 win.

San Francisco State took the Tritons on a little ride at the start of Saturday's game, as the Gators pushed the Tritons behind by one point after only three minutes of play, but the Gators' lead was short-lived. UCSD completed a 15-4 run over the next four minutes to lift the Tritons to a 10-point advantage, which they held firmly in their grasp for the remainder of the game. They led by 15 at halftime and scored 56 points in the second half to come away with the win.

Everybody chipped in for the victory. Freshman forward Michelle

Osier had a big night, scoring 16 points and pulling in a career-high 19 rebounds. Junior guard Leora Juster added 16 points, junior forward Hillary Hansen contributed 14 and junior guard Kim Buffum and freshman forward Meaghan Noud completed the double-digit-scoring pack with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Juster and Osier again seemed to be the ringleaders this weekend, as they have in many of the Tritons' earlier victories. Against Sonoma State, they combined for 46 points, despite a first half that saw the Tritons deadlocked with the Seawolves at 33 points at intermission. The halftime chat with head coach Janelle Jones proved effective, because the Tritons came out in the second half on a 20-7 run, which pushed them up by 13 with 13 minutes remaining on the clock. The Sonoma State team fought hard to pull ahead and nearly did, but in the end they just couldn't break UCSD's rhythm.

With the Tritons' 10-game winning streak still alive and their momentum driving them to big wins, movement in the charts is only headed in one direction: up. The Tritons improved to 14-2 overall and still remain tied with No. 17 Cal State Bakersfield atop the CCAA standings with 9-1 league records. The Tritons will have a chance to separate themselves from Cal State Bakersfield when they play Cal State Los Angeles on Feb. 3 — a revenge game, as the Golden Eagles are the only team so far to beat them in CCAA play this season. Then the Tritons will face the team they are neck-and-neck with atop the league standings on Feb. 4. The Tritons will look to use homefield advantage to take sole possession of the CCAA league lead.

No. 3 Pepperdine, No. 13 USC Keep Volleyball Winless After Seven Games

By Paul Choi
STAFF WRITER

The UCSD men's volleyball team continued its winless start, dropping to 0-7 with losses to No. 3 Pepperdine University, and No. 13 University of Southern California in front of the home crowd on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28, respectively.

On Jan. 28, the Tritons lost in straight games to the Trojans, 22-30, 27-30 and 27-30. With the win, USC improved to 4-4 overall and 3-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

UCSD outblocked an opponent for the first time this season, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Tritons' timid play and USC sophomore outside hitter Juan Figueroa, who had 20 kills to go along with senior outside hitter and libero Joao Grangeiro's 15 kills.

UCSD coach Kevin Ring wished his team could take advantage of a struggling Trojan team.

"When we go back to serve I want them to play aggressive and find ways to score points," Ring said.

The Trojans got off to an early start in game one with a lead of 6-13, but the Tritons made a run of their own to pull within three points. However, the lead was too much for UCSD to bounce back from, with the team eventually losing 22-30 on a USC kill.

Throughout the night, the Tritons made hitting or service errors that ended their runs.

"What concerns me is that we didn't serve the right guy," Ring said. "We didn't get the ball to No. 13 [Figueroa], who wasn't passing the

ball very well. Hitting errors are things that we just have to cut down on."

UCSD again fell behind early in game two, trailing 4-10 and later 15-22. The Tritons showed how well they could play, putting together a run that brought them within three at 25-28 after junior middle blocker Garret Smith's kill. But another error and ultimately a service error would end the game in favor of the Trojans 27-30.

"[Serving is] all mental," Smith said. "We serve well in practice, we come out here and don't play as we practiced it."

Game three was very competitive, going back and forth between the two teams. The Tritons were down 14-18 when a small run cut the lead down to 22-24, with the help of Smith and sophomore outside hitter Russ Hardy. Again a good run was stopped by a service error. After senior outside hitter Jon Daze's kill brought UCSD within one at 25-26, USC refused to relinquish the lead. Finally, with the three Trojan fans holding out their 'victory' sign (made popular by their football team), Figueroa ended the match 27-30 with a kill.

"We were always playing from behind and we made a few plays, but unfortunately we were never in one of those three games," Ring said.

Daze led the Tritons with nine kills and a perfect reception percentage in 19 attempts. Smith also added nine kills against only one error. Junior setter Brooks Dierdorff had 36 assists despite senior opposite Chris Sayers, the team's kill leader, playing only a few minutes with one kill.

"[Sayers] came in and made some errors tonight, but he's going to bounce back," Ring said. "We got to get him going, we need his offense."

UCSD faced No. 3 Pepperdine University the night before, losing in three games, 28-30, 19-30 and 25-30.

"Regardless of who it is and what their ranking is, we need to play at a high level," Ring said.

Game one was close with neither team pulling away. Two Triton attack errors ended the game in favor of the Waves after a 28-28 tie.

In game two, the score was tied at 9-9 when Pepperdine scored 11 of the next 14 points to take a commanding lead. UCSD was not able to catch up, losing 19-30 on a freshman outside hitter Paul Carroll service ace.

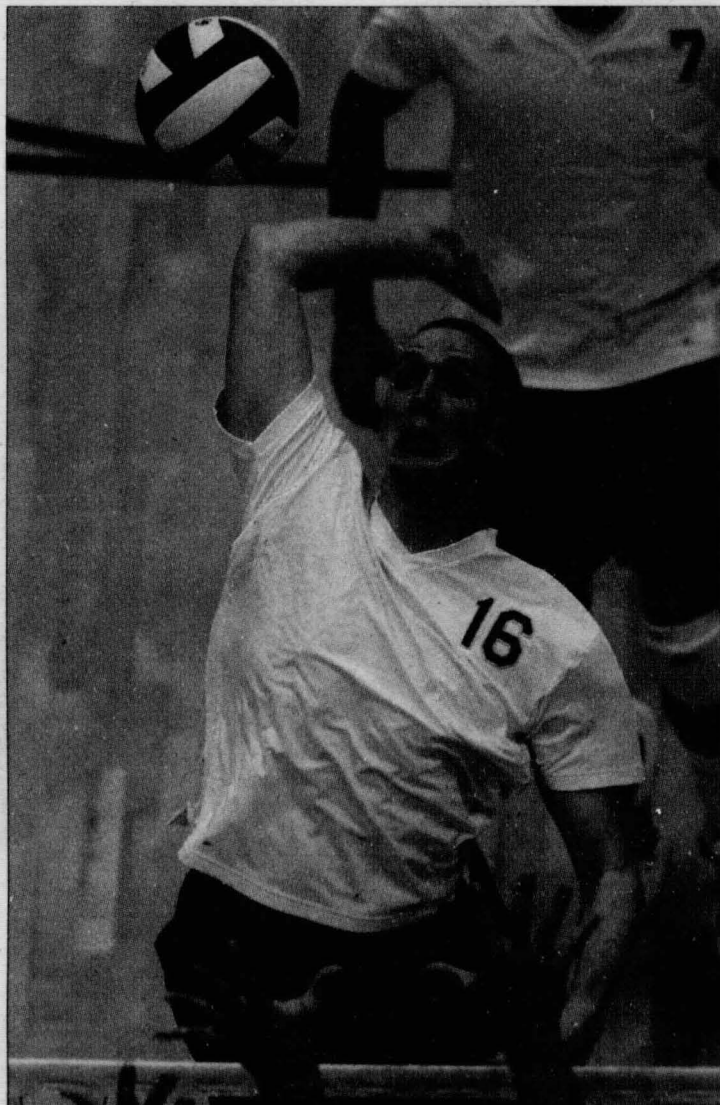
The Tritons played well in game three, even taking a 21-17 lead, which forced the Waves to call a time out. Pepperdine quickly tied the game at 21-21 with a kill by senior middle blocker Andy Hein. The Waves went ahead with a comfortable lead until junior outside hitter John Parfitt put down the winning kill at 25-30.

Senior opposite Brenden Bowe led UCSD with 10 kills, while Daze added nine. Hein led Pepperdine with 15 kills against one attack error.

Smith had eight kills for the Tritons on a .357 attacking percentage.

"[Our performance] was average; we could've done better," Smith said. "We lacked intensity and basically we need to keep our passing up higher in order to perform well."

UCSD will go for its first win against an unranked Princeton team Feb. 1 at RIMAC Arena.



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Freshman Tim Dietrich and the Tritons lost to USC on Jan. 28, falling to 0-7 on the season.