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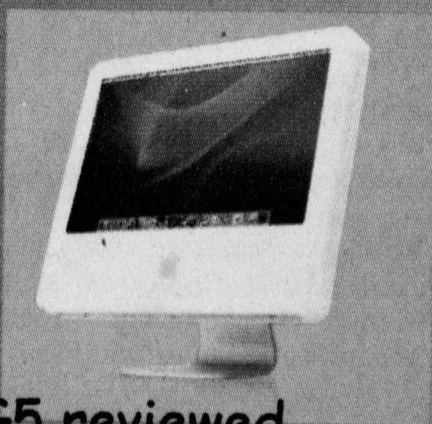
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From the Editors Desk... again.

So, new year, new classes, new friends, but same politics. Republican's, Democrats; I don't know, I don't care. Involved or not, jock, geek, nerd, surfer, skater, UCSD is your home. We're back.

The California Review: your source for news straight from the vast right wing conspiracy. New staff, new editor, new look, new feel, same views. We run from Christian-conservative Bushophite, to extreme left libertarian, "leave my ass alone" politics.

You want government intervention, then you've come to the wrong place. Lower taxes, defense spending, according to the Governor, *that* is the new republican. We have Rudy, Arnie, Zell, and the rest voting for President Bush. Where do you stand?

If the recent CBS news hasn't been on your mind here is a synopsis: Fake documents, leading to a fake story about why President Bush didn't fulfill his commitment to the Air National Guard. And they were all fake.

Charges against President Bush's record during the Vietnam era are baseless. Where does that leave Kerry? 12 points behind for anyone keeping track.

So, I'm walking down library walk, my first day of class and some dude in an overly festive DNC shirt asks me, "Want to beat Bush in the upcoming election?" My response... a simple view of the "W04" sticker on my skateboard, right alongside the college republican logo. "Oh," he says. Interesting.

Further along my library walk, I see "Dirty Mike" (for those of you who don't know he is my post-Barton/post-Darby compatriot against the UCSD status quo); I show him the cover of the issue, and first thing out of his mouth is, "Is that a joke, people are going to think *The Koala* is at it

It's not a joke. Conservatives abound on campus, and you may not know it. We form some sort of an underground IRA-like militia (minus the weapons, and scheming). Our place is the preservation of a non-Communist America that most collegiate professors would have you believe is the evil empire.

Sad, but true, academics still often believe that Soviet Socialism is the model we should be so lucky as to follow. But they are wrong. The Cold War is over and we WON.

Capitalist, democratic-republics are the victors, yet again. The only fear we have, as charter members of the right wing, is the corruption from within that many prominent socialists proclaimed would be the fall of America.

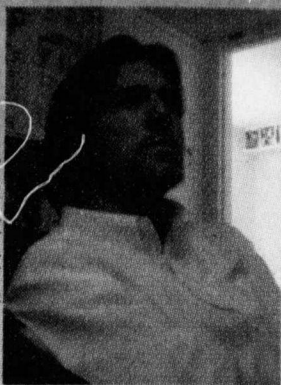
So welcome back UCSD, lets have some lively debates, not nearly least of which will be about the next president of the United States. good

I know you will have your views and I will have mine, so for you leftists reading this, thanks for listening, I count you as friends, because at least you are willing to see some portion of the other side.

And for you conservatives, keep up the fight, we are that shining city on the hill that our much loved President Reagan believed in.

Finally, welcome to the new *California Review*, have a thought, a complaint, a letter, or simply want to be a part of what we have going on here, drop me a line, editor@californiareview.org

God Bless,
Christopher J. Fennell



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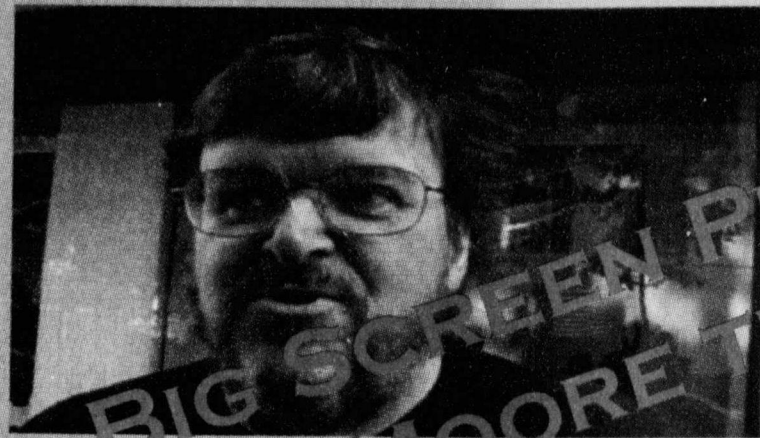
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By Josiah Prendergast
From the September 2004 Cal Patriot

Courtesy of Michael Moore, conspiracy theorists may unite finally under a blockbuster of over-priced, quick-fix propaganda that leaves the consumer dissatisfied and in an increasingly unhealthy state of being. While the informed viewer will likely notice the myriad of manipulations within Moore's "objective" film, the general public may be more easily persuaded by such deliberate misinformation.

From the onset, the tone of the film is overwhelmed by a "sore loser's" agenda – too resentful to impartially discuss any facts actually presented. After "something called Fox News Channel" announced Bush's victory, Moore asserts, "the other networks said, 'Hey, if Fox said it, it must be true.'" While it is possible that Fox News is the most respected news outlet, two Florida courts, one Federal circuit court, and the U.S. Supreme Court were flooded by numerous *amicus curae* ("friend of the court") briefs, filed to illustrate their points, none of which originated at Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. or any of its affiliates. All four courts reached the same conclusion. Yet Moore still ponders, "How does someone like Bush get away with something like this?"

Upon confirmation of the election results several members of the House of Representatives—mostly African American—decried the supposed racial discrimination in the vote tallying. However, the film notes that not a single member of the Senate signed petitions to invalidate the results—not even Senators Edwards and Kerry. Where, then, does the fault lie in what several saw as a great debacle, and how can we trust these DNC nominees when they too claim to represent the African American populous?

Moore is especially mocking in his treatment of the morning of September 11, 2001. From the seven minutes that Bush sat, pondering the gravity of the situation, to the authorization for planes to carry twenty-four members of the Bin Laden family out of the United States, Moore is unforgiving. Placing full blame for their departure on the President, the film fails to recognize that Richard Clarke accepted full responsibility for having authorized their flights. Meanwhile the film includes audio clips from the attacks and displays people on the ground watching in dismay; not a single shot of the two towers was included. The simple fact that Moore is willing to have blank screen rather than acknowledge the devastation of the attacks, is testament to the agenda that pushed the film beyond the point of impartiality.

Especially shocking is the revelation that President Bush makes vastly more money outside of the Oval Office than the \$400,000 that he rakes in for leading our nation. Most would not find this to be out of the norm, but Michael Moore is anything but a normal person. Perhaps he is unaware that the Senate has often been referred to as the "Millionaire's Club," inspiring many a Thomas Nast cartoon. While Moore may be right about the President's outside

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influences, his focus is misplaced. Having been an owner of the Texas Rangers, the undue influence that has swayed our noble leader comes most directly from former Ranger Alex Rodriguez. Doesn't anyone find it odd that the Republican Party held its convention in Rodriguez's new place of employment – New York?

Equally shocking was the President's statement that a dictatorship would be easier to govern under. Never mind the fact that most political theorists consider absolute monarchy the most stable, efficient form of government. But really, Aristotle, Cicero, St. Aquinas, and Plato were all part of the Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy that now runs our nation.

On the whole, I must say that the film was rather entertaining. I give it a C+. There is a definite separation from reality within the film. The assertion that the common policeman is epitomized by Joe Friday from Dragnet and the expectation that Congresspersons should enlist their children (a legal impossibility) are just two examples of this. Yet it takes a serious chip on the shoulder to avoid breaking into laughter over a somewhat less than keenly designed emergency parachute for people working on levels 10 floors up or higher.

Fortunately, many have seen this film for what it is – propaganda. Moore included a clip of a Fox News show host admitting that he was biased. If only the film's director might have been willing to be similarly honest. According to Washingtonpost.com, many

Europeans view the film as out of touch and Moore as "oblivious." Perhaps the hypocrisy of Moore's not-so-objective reporting was too much for even the French to swallow. Within the U.S. there has been a backlash against the film as well. Fox News reported on the O'Reilly Factor that Las Vegas casino performer Linda Ronstadt was fired and removed from the facility after her support of Michael Moore created an uproar that involved cocktails being thrown at the stage. Despite his claims to be an elucidating prophet of the people, one can only hope that each new far-flung film will further expose Moore for what he is: a rich, embittered, super-sized stupid white man with his pants on fire.



The iMac is Back

By Christopher J. Fennell
Editor-in-Chief

Apple Computer Inc. is at it again. This time with the mind blowing new iMac G5. The new ad campaign says it all. "What if you could fit your whole life into the worlds thinnest desktop computer?" 2 inches thick, 20 inch monitor, no tower, to exterior drives, one wire.

The new iMac is an engineering marvel. The designers are very happy to remind you that they are also the creators of the rampantly successful iPod. Looking at the designs it is quite obvious that these two devastatingly gorgeous pieces of technology are cut from the same cloth.

"But what about the specs?" you ask. How does a 1.8 GHz PowerPC G5 sound. For you non-Mac types that equates to roughly the processing power of a 3.0 GHz P4. They begin with only 256 MB of DDR SDRAM. But that is easily fixed with the upgrade bays supporting up to 2 GB. The video processor is modest, but gets the job done. Up to 250 GB hard drives are awaiting you, did I mention, it all fits into a computer that is roughly 2 inches thick!

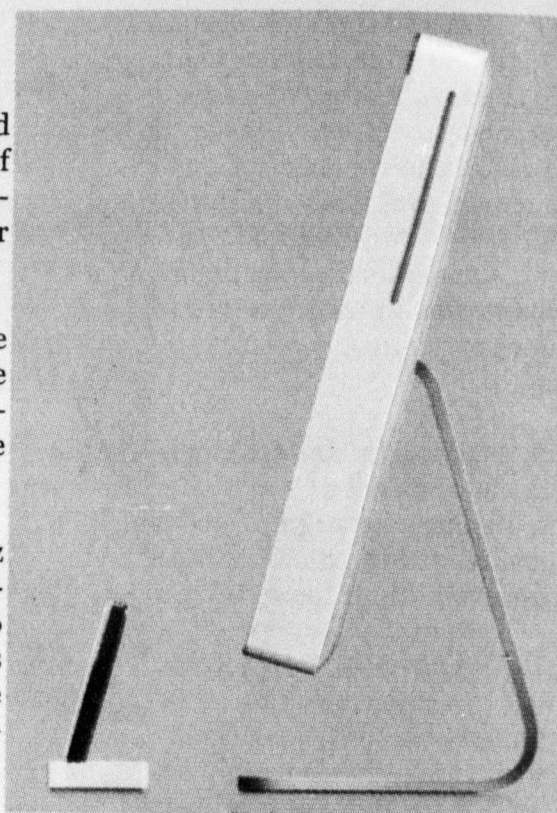
Also included are full stereo speakers designed to reflect off the desk, and a vertical slot loading Superdrive. How cool is that?! Superdrive means read and write both CD's and DVD's. This computer absolutely blows me away.

Include the build to order options of Bluetooth and Airport Extreme (802.11g) and the only cord connecting you new iMac to the rest of the world is the power cord. Internet: wireless, keyboard: wireless, mouse: wireless, networking: wireless. This is one amazing computer.

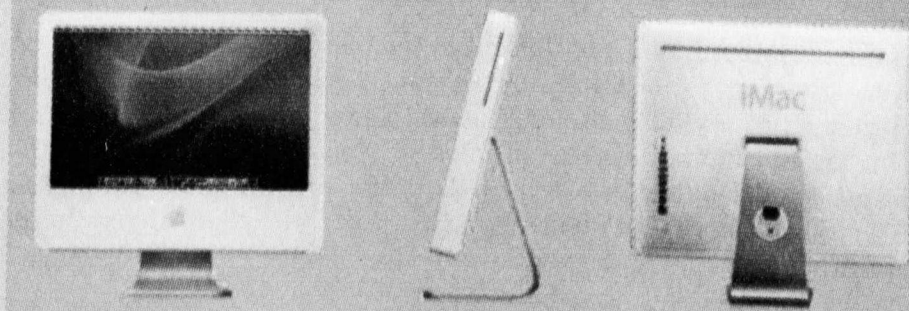
Plus, with the 20 inch configuration you have more than enough screen real estate to work on those papers late into the night, play the latest iteration of the DOOM series, crunch some serious numbers, or simply listen to the music you bought on iTunes.

Coupled with an Airport Express base station, you can even play music WIRELESSLY across the room, on any stereo you wish. For this type of machinery I would easily expect to pay \$3000, and add onto that the classic Apple premium and I am expecting a computer way out of my budget.

But here is Apple's biggest surprise: iMac G5's start at \$1199 for students. That is like one months rent! Dude, these things are going to be everywhere. Do yourself a favor and pick one up today, they are available at the bookstore or apple.com. The iMac is back!



Where did the computer go? The all-new iMac G5.



BERTOS: FOOD FOR THE WEARY

By Matt Pfohl
Staff Writer

Sure, it may not give you the fine dining experience that an elegant restaurant in downtown La Jolla would give you, and it may not give you as much food per dollar as a low end fast food restaurant, but one thing Roberto's does give you for sure is the absolutely delicious taste of semi-authentic Mexican food in your mouth. And by the way, they are open 24 hours.

Upon first inspection from the outside, Roberto's does not necessarily have the most inviting appearance to the average customer. Even on the inside, the shanty tables, oddly placed menu, and generally unkempt appearance fail to give a customer even the slightest clue as to the amazing taste sensation that they are about to experience.

Soon after ordering, the customer can get their food. After taking a seat, the customer quickly realizes that the quality and taste of the food is clearly misrepresented by the appearance of the restaurant. As the warm, flavorful juices of succulent carne asada or chicken satisfyingly melt away in their mouths, the customers draw the conclusion that this is the reason their friends recommended Roberto's to them, and this is also the reason they would be coming back to Roberto's at least twice in the next week.

AT LEAST TWICE. Berto's, as your friends probably referred to it, is nothing more than a whole in the wall, in a strip mall. There are multiple locations and each seems to have some aspect of their menu that puts them on top.

The portion size is perfect. It is large enough to split if you are not starving, but not too huge so as to be intimidating. The perfect example of this is the carne asada fries. A must have for finals week, late night, study breaks. Finishing a full serving may be a chore, but is well worth the effort.

After finishing, the customer has three choices. Their first choice is to stay seated in order to try to savor the lingering flavor in their mouth. Choice number two is to get up and walk over to one of the two arcade games and start slamming quarters into them in order to burn off some of the calories they just ingested. The third choice, which could quite possibly follow after choice number one or choice number two, is to declare, "Damn, that was good," casually strut towards the door, tip your hat towards the cook, and walk out to your car.

Two steps out the door, the customer will remember that they left their receipt in their wallet, reach for their back pocket and pull it out. As they separate the money fold, it becomes evident that they still have five out of the ten dollars that they came to Roberto's with. Although they would have had six of the original ten if they had opted for McDonald's or the like, the customer feels like they clearly made the right choice by eating at Roberto's, despite being short the extra dollar. With tiny cheeseburgers and nasty mystery meat chicken as the alternative it becomes quite obvious why Roberto's is the late night choice for most UCSD students.

Last but not least, the customer still feels good two hours after arriving home after eating. They are not left with the ungodly "Mexican food hangover" that is traditionally experienced after eating at other Mexican food restaurants. And unlike with the fast food diet, you are actually still full.

Overall, Roberto's simply cannot be beaten as far as taste and quality goes. Roberto's treats its customers well, and leaves them satisfied. There is simply better place to go and spend five dollars of your hard earned money next time you are hungry, and the time after that, and the time after that...

RUSSELL BUI: SPEAKING OUT!

By Russell Bui
Staff Writer

I am a firm believer that to judge and criticize one's political ideologies, one must also understand the person's life structure in which the fundamental reasons originate from. A sort of "You don't know me ::snaps::" thing. Here's a snip of what I'm about: I'm a first generation, Buddhist, Vietnamese homo with half-English speaking parents that came to this country dirt poor and speak today as model citizens. I worked my ass off even until now, and am fairly independent with big goals. My political views steer moderately Republican, yet my demographic points toward an expectation of overtly liberal. So am I hypocritical, or simply willing to make up my own mind? I'm going to touch on three hard-pressed issues that lively effect our society and our time - Affirmative Action and Civil Rights, economic intervention, and international affairs - and show you why I am a republican.

The biggest dilemma about Affirmative Action is favoring any demographic over another. Whether by race, gender, sexual preference, or religious affiliation, I personally, am against Affirmative Action, even if it would favor me. My work ethics have never included assistance from anyone else, and that my academic credibility would be built solidly on my merit and performance, and that any "assistance" I would receive to me, is considered a handout. Handouts aren't my style. They are degrading. They force hidden bigotry of lowered expectations upon an individual. The republican stance on Affirmative Action aligns itself perfectly with my own. Affirmative Action would negatively deconstruct the work ethics of not just minorities, but for everyone in our country. Think about prolonging welfare... and it's fairness to those who work hard versus those who just get free food, and those who get free food getting funded by those who work hard. To enforce our standards of equality, we CANNOT make special circumstances of inequality. Although many Democrats believe that Affirmative Action is a form of supporting Civil Rights, it does not affirm the conditions of addressing equality for any race. Affirmative action is a liberal construct designed to increase their share of the underprivileged vote by creating a false sense of optimistic security in those it holds back.

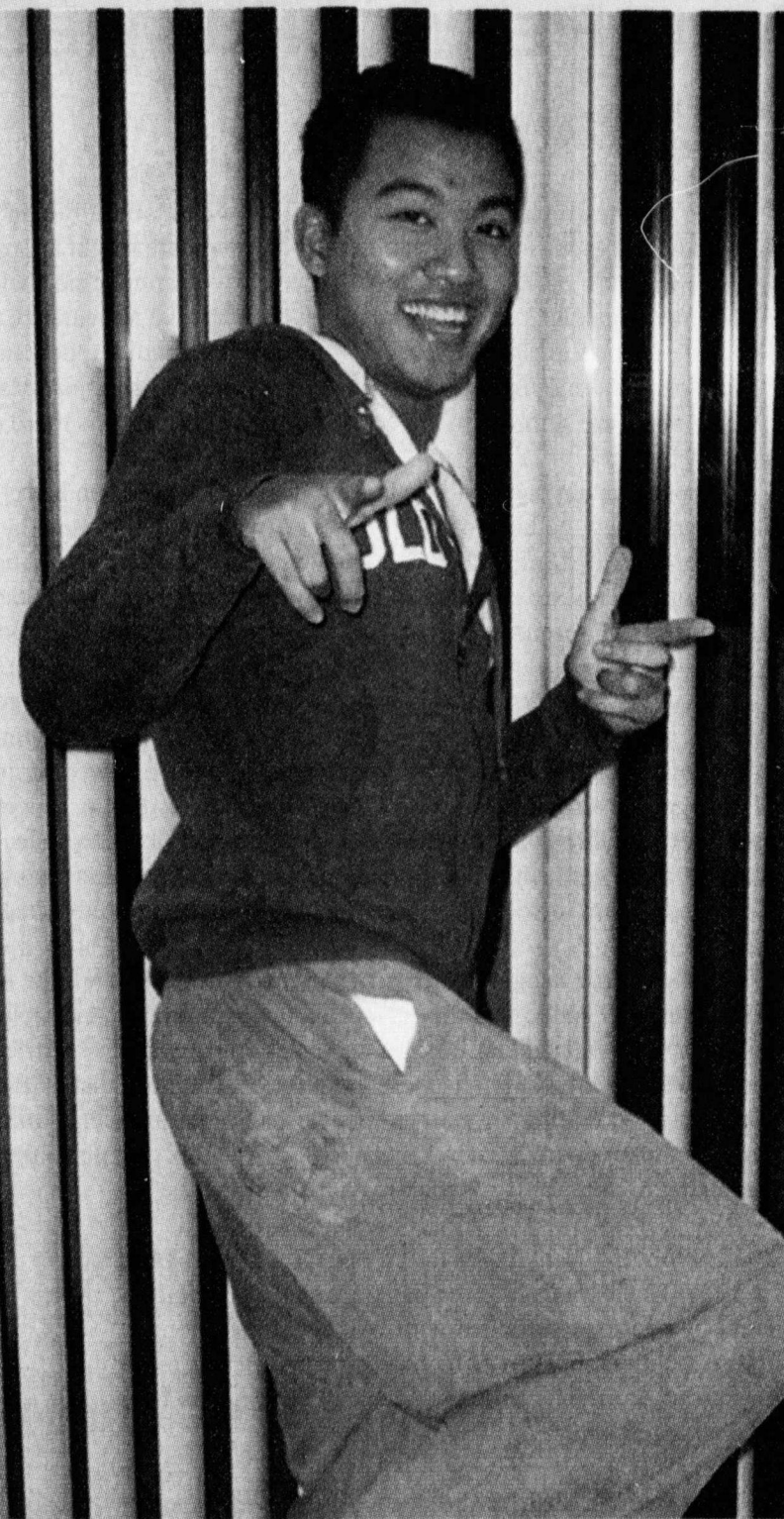
"I'm a first generation, Buddhist, Vietnamese homo with half-English speaking parents..."

Admit it. We've all heard it before, and I used to believe it too. We all said, "The economy was so much better during the Clinton administration before Bush came along and fucked everything up." Here's what really happened: The reason why the economy was so peachy during Clinton's administration, was because of Reagan's economic agenda (Reaganomics). Reagan believed in limiting spending for domestic programs and emphasizing military and intelligent progression. Reagan believed in TAX CUTS. Clinton's administration ripped military and intelligence programs to fund domestic policy. The moral of the story is, Republicans believe in priority spending with future insight. Not saying that domestic policy shouldn't be attended to. But Republicans feel that programs that could be maintained at the state level should stay at the state level to at least see if the state can maintain its own program before government intervention. The Republican economic agenda expends its funds under the forecast of future productivity, even if it requires saving money, which requires time and disciplinary limitations. If you can leave money in the hands of the consumer, the manufacturer, the distributor, THE PEOPLE, then the economy will strengthen itself. Regulation is necessary, but minimalism is the key. Taxes are

not a way to create economic growth. Even the moderate Clinton administration realized huge increases in taxes hurt, don't help. - Sidebar: did you guys notice that after Clinton's administration and his military and intelligence cuts, "whammy!" Terrorist attacks? - Bush's tax cuts, realigned the small miscalculations of the Clinton administration, turned around the crash fueled by terrorism, and brought back the strength of the American economy.

This brings me to my last but never final point - International Affairs. Republicans have a very noticeable elitist belief that America is the supreme super power in the world. I like that idea. Is it because we fund 75% of the UN but have only 1 vote? Is it because we are the first to respond in any international crises? Is it because we are the hot spot for peace and democracy? Yes, yes, and YES! It's this idea that allows us to think of more selfish yet righteous things about our lives rather than worrying whether we will die tomorrow going to work. Republicans feel that to fully enforce this idea, military and intelligence must be top priority for national security. It also means intervention of countries that may preemptively harm us. Republicans emphasize international affairs because they feel that they must protect the comfort and security of its citizens in which all of us deep down do take for granted and never fully recognize and acknowledge how and where this comfort supports us.

I refuse to believe that because I'm a double-minority and I sway Republican that I am wrong. I simply know what it takes to succeed, individually and as a nation.. I don't believe that it is fair to group political ideologies to individuals as their main identities. There are a lot of things that I take out of being a Republican that may contradict who I am. But disagreement on issues is what keeps the political system afloat. It is the big picture that makes me republican: A belief in the individual, and the defense of human rights. This is the platform for republicans. Lower taxes, give people their choice, fund defense and intelligence networks, and leave the rest to the people. My point is, do not allow societies expectations of your outer appearance dictate your political views. At least I have a political stance because it essentially dictates my life in this country and allows me to speak on my behalf with what I want to see happen. It's a beautiful thing.



10 AND PERSONALITIES TO MATCH...?

By Ashley Frame
Staff Writer

The past few months have been filled with chat about the upcoming election; I pondered the issues facing the country and the various ways in which each '04 candidate might approach them. However, I can't ever seem to get past the surface answers of the candidates. I mean, if we cannot find their true depths maybe we should vote based on an even shallower agenda. Let us vote based on the physical appearance of President George W. Bush's family in comparison to that of Senator John F. Kerry. Is it just me or should appearance still be nine tenths of the law (or is that possession?). I mean let's say just for a moment that we were voting just based on looks, do looks mirror reality? And just to add a little spice we'll throw in the entire family... Because, is there really any competition between Kerry and Bush?

I mean can anyone honestly tell me that they think John Kerry is better looking than our current commander-in-chief? If you knew nothing of these men and were forced to vote based on a single good picture of each, would anyone vote for Kerry? Doubtful, but if you would an eye exam might be in your immediate future. In President Bush we find nonchalant, smiling confidence, mixed in with an even distribution of features, nothing quite as *^ahem^ interesting* as the Frankenstein-esque appearance of the democrats candidate of choice.

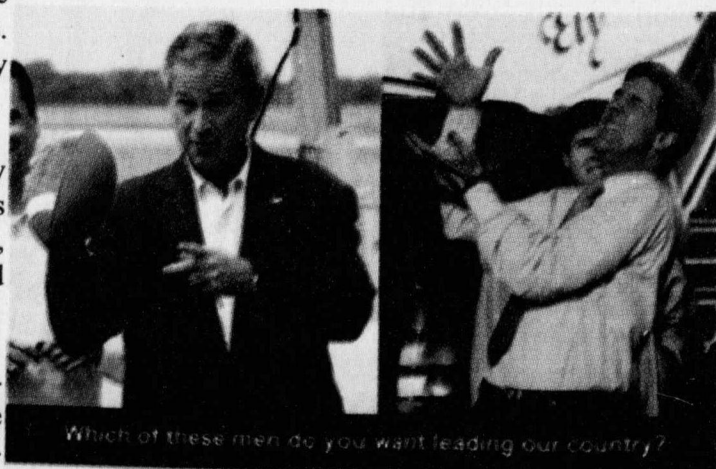
Since we have now established that we would take Bush's good looks over Kerry's unfortunate ones the next question is what would you like the first lady to look like? The competition is a bit stiffer here. Or is it? We have an independently wealthy woman with a rather large nose v. a woman that you might like to invite over for a family dinner. Don't get me wrong Teresa Heinz Kerry has a lovely smile, as long as she is marrying senators, but it seems to have a hint of bitch in it' remember that self-absorbed whack-job of a speech at the DNC? She was all smiles then too, smiles similar to a rabid chihuahua. At any rate as a couple Laura and George W. look comfortable, loving, and sincere, while the John and Teresa look like they are together because it is advantageous for each.

Bring on the daughters. It is rather convenient for the sake of this comparison that both Kerry and Bush have two daughters. To add to this they also each have a brunette and a blond, I appreciate this similarity. Let us begin with Barbara (the granddaughter) Bush, and Alexandra (my dad remarried into even more money) Kerry. Brunette's here seem to have more fun. Who is more attractive? Well now that all depends, do you like scantily clad I can see you nipples and read the writing on your underwear or I'm an innocent (minus a few minor drinking incidents, but who hasn't had one of those) daddy's girl. I'm going to leave this one up to the individual because I think it is greatly dependent of the sexual preference (or is that deviance?) of the viewer.

So moving right along to the blonds we have Vanessa (my dad is a gold-digger) Kerry and Jenna (my uncle's named Jeb) Bush. Do you like your lines sharp or rounded? Kerry seemed to give his daughters hard, rigid lines, reminiscent of anorexic ostriches with overdeveloped bone structure, who just happen to be holding ketchup bottles. Bush passed on more gentle, subtle lines, leaning away from the jagged nature of the Kerry girls.

George W. Bush is the head of a united happy looking family. I'm not sure who runs John F. Kerry's home, but they sit together stiff and divided. By the way, has anyone ever seen a picture of the girls' mothers? Did she even exist? I haven't heard or seen anything of her.

Anyway, simply put, if I had to vote for our president and family based strictly on looks I would place Bush a good 10-12% ahead. (I guess looks do mirror reality).



11 BE NOT AFRAID

By Jonathan Israel
Staff Writer

Change always seems to provoke worry. Currently, my big change is school. I am entering the University of California, San Diego as a transfer student from a community college and this has forced many different worries to arise—many of the same concerns that every new student has. I am worried about adjusting to the fast paced quarter-system and the greater expectations that accompany the higher difficulty level. This is also the time when all students are finally forced to confront the "F" word so many of us have been evading: our future. Slapped in the face with the reality of deciding our long-term goals has a sobering effect on the too often inebriated student body. But the thing that I am equally, if not more, apprehensive about is something that doesn't even cross many students' minds: facing up to the liberal bias that seems to manifest itself so strongly in almost every university environment.

As a student, most of my concerns coincide with those of others, usually based upon anticipation rather than experience or fact. Having grown so accustomed to the semester schedule throughout my entire educational history, the idea that my classes are only going to be ten weeks long is still an intimidating thought. Having been admitted to one of the top schools in the country, where the competition amongst students is more fervent, is also an intimidating thought. However, the reality is that anyone admitted to UCSD is no simpleton. Therefore, tackling schoolwork with the same diligence and discipline, which were the basis for admission in the first place, will serve as the foundation for success. But for most new students, what is burdensome is not the complexity of courses, but rather the question of which calls for their commitment.

As a human being, it is only normal to be concerned about your future. It is an issue that no one can avoid forever. No one else can decide your future for you. It must be determined through experimentation and risks. But I am burdened with an issue that not all students are troubled with, yet it is one that should not even be an apprehension to anybody in the first place.

As a conservative, I have realized that the liberal bias that has permeated our educational system is quite overwhelming, not to mention alarming. For most students, this may not be much of a concern, but for many it is an issue more serious than any other I have mentioned, for this isn't based on change or uneasiness about the future. This worry is grounded on personal experience and fact.

When I attended community college, I sat idly by and listened while my professors railed on the United States' foreign policy, portrayed terrorists in a kind light, invoked students to vote a certain way, and reminded so matter-of-factly that we haven't found any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. I was worried that my grade would be affected should I question their preaching. My distress was only intensified as I discovered that these weren't isolated incidents, but were widespread occurrences. For speech class, I delivered a persuasive pro-war speech provoking my professor to scorn me as she made it very clear that she was a liberal. I was accused, in front of my peers, of being offensive, inappropriate, and inaccurate. For fear of failing, I was forced to drop the class. Unfortunately, I'm not expecting this type of situation never to occur again as I move to the University of California, San Diego, because I have already experienced this bias on other university campuses.

This bias has been well documented in books such as Ben Shapiro's *Brainwashed*. "Leftists dominate the universities," warns Shapiro "and they use their power to mold impressionable minds." The brainwashing of students, as it has been described, has become such an integral part of college life; it is almost accepted as coming with the territory. But the reason that this worry is most troubling to me is simple: all other typical worries that come with the normal anxieties of change can be resolved by oneself; to overcome this problem requires societal change. We need to return the universities to what they were meant to be: a place of education and not indoctrination, a place that welcomes a diversity of ideas and not just a diversity of skin color... To borrow a quote from Ben Shapiro's book, when asked about teaching both sides of the story, UCSD provost David Jordan asks, "Why should I teach a point of view I don't agree with?" This is what we are faced with, so speak up, and be not afraid!

12 MUSTANGS MATCHED UP

By Matt Pfohl
Staff Writer

With so many new cars on the market, anyone, from teenagers to senior citizens, can go out and buy a car that is fast. With all the recent marketing hype, even the most clueless of people would know that muscle and sports cars are now coming with over 300 horsepower straight from the factory. Each company bases their advertising on the power and torque numbers produced by each of their cars. Sure, horsepower and torque figures are simple and easy ways to compare a car to another, but are these ways really fair ones? One has to ask what it is that really makes a car. Is it all about horsepower and torque? Is it all about sheer speed? The answer is no. The fun factor is what really makes or breaks a car. The fact that a car is fast does not make it fun by default. Many other things come into play that make a car fun other than just the power of a car.

The Ford Motor Company provides the perfect muscle cars in order to prove this point. Upon first glance, the 2004 Ford Cobra seems like the obvious choice, coming supercharged stock with 390 horsepower



The Glory Days: 1969 Shelby Mustang GT500

and 390 ft lb. of torque over the 2004 Ford Mustang Mach 1's stock naturally aspirated 305 horsepower and 320 ft lb of torque. On top of the power difference, the Cobra has a 6th gear, a slightly upgraded suspension setup, and a sticker price of only about 5000 dollars more. With so many upgrades, it almost seems foolish to waste the time to even look at a Mach 1.

But despite the extra tricks that the Cobra has, it simply lacks the flare, and more importantly lacks the fun factor that the Mach 1 embraces. It is readily noticeable at first glance at both cars.

The Cobra misses the styling and functionality provided by the shaker hood that the Mach 1 comes stock with. The Cobra also misses the deep gurgling exhaust note that the Mach 1 sounds as well as the heart pounding intake whoosh when the Mach 1 is opened up. Even the untrained eye can instantly differentiate between a Mach 1 and normal mustangs, whereas the only way for an untrained eye to identify a Cobra from any other mustang is the word Cobra on the back.

Once both cars are driven, the fun factor immediately comes into play. Sure, the Cobra is faster and sticks harder around the turns, but it feels like driving any other car. It is very quiet, well refined, and incredibly smooth. The only ways a driver could tell it apart from driving any other car is by the subtle whine of the supercharger once the right foot of the driver hits the floor coupled with the speed at which the needle in the speedometer rises. It does not throw the driver back into the seat very hard, nor does it get any sort of an adrenaline rush whatsoever. It feels as if the car was designed to accommodate a sleeping baby in the front seat with a 90 year old grandmother for a driver. This target audience is not representative of what a muscle car truly stands for.



2004 Mustang Cobra

2004 Mustang Mach 1

appetite. When the time comes to shift into second in the Mach 1, the driver still feels compelled to keep flooring it instead of trying to squeeze in a quick nap before finally reaching cruising speed as one would do in the Cobra. The Mach 1 feels fast, if not incredibly so. From inside the car, it would be easy to convince a passenger that the Mach 1 would dust a Cobra by a long shot. Based on this, the Mach 1 is clearly more fun to drive. It feels faster, it looks faster, and it sounds faster.

Whether a person is inside or outside of each car, the Mach 1 is simply more noticeable than the Cobra. The Mach 1 comes with an assortment of incredibly bright and flashy colors that look like they were taken straight out of a kindergarten crayon box, where as the Cobra has colors that tend to blend better with those of daily traffic one would see on local highways. From inside the car, the Mach 1 shakes, rattles, and is rather loud, where as the Cobra is almost silent.

In the end, the decision has to be made: which car does one take? Does one take the blindingly fast Cobra, even though it does not feel all too quick and lacks the soul that the Mach 1 has? Or does one take the Mach 1 that feels and drives like a true muscle car, slams the driver back in the seat, and is much more fun to drive, despite the fact that it will not win as many races? If the choice is not easy enough, factor in the price. The Mach 1 wins on all counts hands down.

Given this, it becomes evident that although a car is more expensive and faster, it does not necessarily

mean that it is the better choice. This truth is not only limited to the Mach 1 and the Cobra, but extends to all types and brands of cars. The key is to test drive as many cars as possible and to pick the one that suits the buyer best. It is important not to be fooled by misleading advertising. Just because a company says a car is better than another based on this number or that, does not mean that it is by any stretch.



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14 YOU DID WHAT?!? ...WITH MY MONEY

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During the 1980's, America was weathering gargantuan governmental deficits- amounting to over a trillion dollars. Feeling the brunt of funding the world's greatest military, educating tens of millions of children, aiding foreign nations, paying for welfare, subsidizing dying industries, purchasing \$7000 Pentagon toilet seats- the federal government was spending itself into the red.

Seeing his government drown itself in debt, President Ronald Reagan remarked, "We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much."

Back then there existed a principle in government that has long been forgotten. Last seen around 1998, fiscal conservatism has fallen prey to a spending orgy of Democrats and Republicans, who spend tax dollars as if there was no tomorrow.

As of today, The U.S. Government is minus 500 billion dollars, and counting. Both presidential candidates Kerry and Bush have ambitious, not to mention expensive, proposals that have yet to be considered by the current congress. What will become of this government, so brilliantly engineered by Madison and Hamilton?

Democratic Presidential Candidate and Massachusetts Senator John Kerry has in his platform, a plan to provide health care to 95% of Americans, placing citizens under the same health plan that members of Congress are enrolled in.

At first glance, this proposal seems humane and morally correct. There is no debate between Democrats and Republicans over the belief that every American should be receiving some form of health care.

But what about that 500 billion dollar deficit that so many politicians have chosen to ignore? Providing health care to 250 million people is no cheap task. A venture like that could ring up a tab to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars, a year!

How does Kerry intend to pay for his health care plan? Tax increases, of course! When Senator Kerry talked to Union officials in Chicago, he spoke euphemistically- anybody with a pulse knows that proposing a tax increase is political suicide. "I intend to return tax fairness to America," said Kerry.

Soon after that appearance in Chicago, the Kerry campaign cleared up any ambiguity regarding the Senator's earlier comments. They sent out a press release stating, "As President, John Kerry will repeal the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and use that money to invest in health care and education."

Not many people were surprised by Kerry's ambitious spending plans and proposed tax hikes. He has distinguished himself in Congress' upper chamber as being one of the most, if not **THE MOST**, liberal member of the United States Senate, according to *National Journal*. What is surprising though, is that the views and of Senator Kerry's opponent in the November presidential election, President George W. Bush, seem not too different regarding fiscal responsibility.

During the 2000 election, Republican Presidential Candidate and Texas Governor George W. Bush introduced himself to the American public as a "compassionate conservative," arguing that the government so hounded by his fellow Republicans could actually do some good.



15 Donald Devine, Vice Chairman of the American Conservative Union, clarifies that moniker, saying that, "He is a social conservative, but he is not an economic conservative."

After being sworn into office on January 20, 2001, Bush immediately began to push new program proposals, much to the chagrin of many fiscal conservatives within his own party. In one of his most stunning moves, the self-styled "conservative" 43rd president signed into law a massive overhaul of the Medicare system. On top of the half a trillion deficit, the Bush Administration recently adjusted the cost figures of the Medicare plan, from \$400 billion to \$540 billion over the next ten years. According to Bruce Bartlett, an economic policy official for former Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush, "This administration has done virtually nothing to restrain its growth and nothing to cut it back. This is not the thing that Republican administrations are supposed to do."

It appears as if conventional wisdom regarding the beliefs and actions of the two major political parties has been realigned,

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if only slightly (forget John Kerry for one moment). Flash back to 1998, when Democratic President Bill Clinton signed a balanced budget for the Federal

Government. At the budget signing ceremony, Clinton remarked, "It is obvious that you can have a smaller government, but a more progressive one, that gives you a stronger America,"

Compare that to what President Reagan said, "The era of big government is over."

Though for some fiscal conservatives, the verdict is still out on Bush.

"Even budget hawks such as myself don't get too upset about a budget that is rising because of an emergency situation or a bad economy," said Robert Bixby, executive director of the Concord Coalition, a balanced-budget advocacy group. "But what we do worry about is if the deficit becomes a long-term problem. . . . If you run chronic large budget deficits, it ultimately harms the country by draining national savings and results in its putting off the tax burden to let future generations worry about it."

Events such as the September 11th tragedies and the resulting War on Terror, as well as the War in Iraq, have proved to be quite expensive undertakings. Times of war have always placed a financial strain upon the Federal Government. Yet the fiscally conservative CATO Institute argues that non-defense spending has piggybacked on the shoulders of war and security appropriations.

The CATO Institute goes on to argue saying,

But the real truth is that national defense is far from being responsible for all of the spending increases. According to the new numbers, defense spending will have risen by about 34 percent since Bush came into office. But, at the same time, nondefense discretionary spending will have skyrocketed by almost 28 percent. Government agencies that Republicans were calling to be abolished less than 10 years ago, such as education and labor, have enjoyed jaw-dropping spending increases under Bush of 70 percent and 65 percent respectively.

After a successful Republican National Convention held only a few weeks ago, President Bush received an eleven-point bounce in the polls. Such a dramatic rise in polling numbers suggests that there are a substantially greater amount of undecided voters than most political pundits originally thought existed. The Presidential race will almost certainly remain dynamic- The Time and Newsweek polls placing Bush at 52, Kerry at 41, will no doubt have changed by the time of this article's printing. This shows that there are many Americans, many of them fiscal conservatives, still unsure of whom to vote for in November.

At the moment, both candidates seem equally unappetizing to fiscal conservatives. In the few weeks remaining in this presidential contest, one of these candidates must prove to the American people that his potential administration can clean up Washington's finances and cut spending. Millions of Americans, including myself, are waiting for some words of fiscal responsibility from either campaign.

16 WHAT THE "F" INDICATES

By Jasmin Djawadian
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Soon after a glorious and successful Republican Convention that clearly mirrored the successes and strengths of our commander and chief, John Kerry had nothing else to imply but to equate the initials of the president's middle name with the word "wrong." The impact of a convention that powerful and convincing for the American people clearly left a scar on the Kerry-Edwards campaign. A convention whose primary focus was to emphasize on the consistency of the president and his party on an important American agenda made any attempt of consistent flip-flopping become quite obsolete, weak, and most importantly: counter to true American ideals that is based on the idea of consistency.

This is exactly the reason why Americans have not heard much from John Kerry after the convention. As a political science major, I tend to dissect and analyze every word that is implied by politicians; Nevertheless, I am completely unaware of John Kerry's entire platform, especially on Operation Iraqi Freedom. It seems to me that his mind is operated by a mysterious labyrinth that shifts according to the newest polls and public opinion, yet whose parts do not necessarily match up. To summarize his positions on Iraq, he first voted for military intervention in that country—so far so good. Soon after the war started, for which he voted for, he decided to vote against its funding. He, who emphasizes his own military record in Vietnam, would have surely not been pleased if he did not have the right ammunition, services, and utensils to defend himself and his own country. So why did he vote against the funding of a war which he supported? That was also the time when he logically also decided to be against the war and somehow convince the American people that the removal of a sadistic dictator was a terrible mistake.

The transition of power to the Iraqis that acted as the first lighting rod to a new democratic Iraq also made John Kerry switch his position—once again. In a rally, he claimed that he would have gone to Iraq even if he could have foreshadowed its consequences. After the Republican Convention, Kerry recognized he had to react to the newest polls which all indicated a substantial lead by our commander and chief. So he had nothing else to do but to return back to his old position: oppose the war as he did soon after he voted for it.

His voting record along with his shifting opinions indicate the weak credibility of the presidential candidate. Interestingly, Kerry has not only switched his position on this specific issue, but almost any issue that is currently on the American agenda including immigration, health-care, stem-cell research, and gay marriage. In short, no person is able to recognize what the Senator stands for. Somehow these actions have not hurt his success in the Senate—but there is no question that they would if he were in the oval office.

It is extremely obvious that the American people have recognized, as the newest polls



indicate, that this kind of confusion and inconsistency on an issue that is so crucial for all of us is not welcomed. The United States is a country that has proven to stand on its will and not let its actions be dictated by other countries that surely are not necessarily pleased of the fact that the United States is the most powerful country in the world—interestingly enough, many of them are trying to do anything to balance against its power. The European Union is a clear example: most of the countries that belong to the union opposed the war on Iraq. These are also the countries who John Kerry would listen to, as he has said many times, in times where American security and fate would be at stake. John Kerry has to recognize that the United States is not just an ordinary country, but one that has to maintain its reputation of consistent action no matter what the newest polls or other countries imply.

Our president stood up to the issues and dangers he believed the American people faced soon after the most atrocious terrorist attack that took place on American soil. He mentioned the threat of weapons of mass destruction, dictators who are the equivalent of weapons of mass destruction, and terrorists who are supported by such dictators. The fact that the United States had to act to protect itself from this threat was inevitable and had a double-sided effect: it defended itself in an attempt to make itself safer by giving those who have been oppressed a novel kind of freedom. An action that is very similar to President Reagan during the Cold War: he defended his country as well as the world from a major threat while at the same time granting freedom to the many people who suffered from the evil of Communism. In short, George W. Bush is aware of the fact that preemption is a necessary tool in order to protect the American people. John Kerry, whose various positions are unfit for strong decision-making, is not one who would embrace this preemptive doctrine.

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something, he defends his beliefs and is confident about them until the job is done. This is clearly not the case with John Kerry—he has switched his position on the most crucial issue that faces the United States as well as the entire world. No individual is aware of the fact what John Kerry would have done if he were president, and most importantly: what he would do if he would be president. He has done everything he could to blur his values in order to attract as many voters as he can at the cost of American security and strength. This is not a man who can be trusted in the oval office once elected since he has shown that every issue he supports will come as a complete surprise; quite certainly, the United States is not a country of surprises but ongoing consistency.



*ACTUAL QUOTE, JOHN KERRY ON THE IRAQ WAR APPROPRIATION

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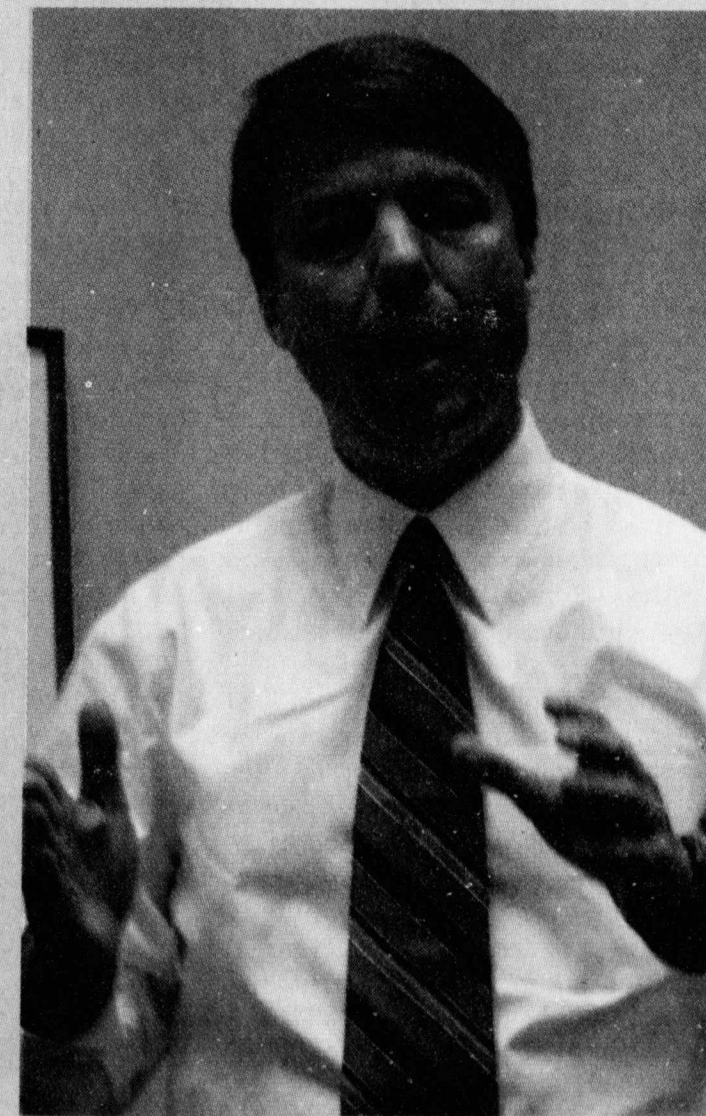
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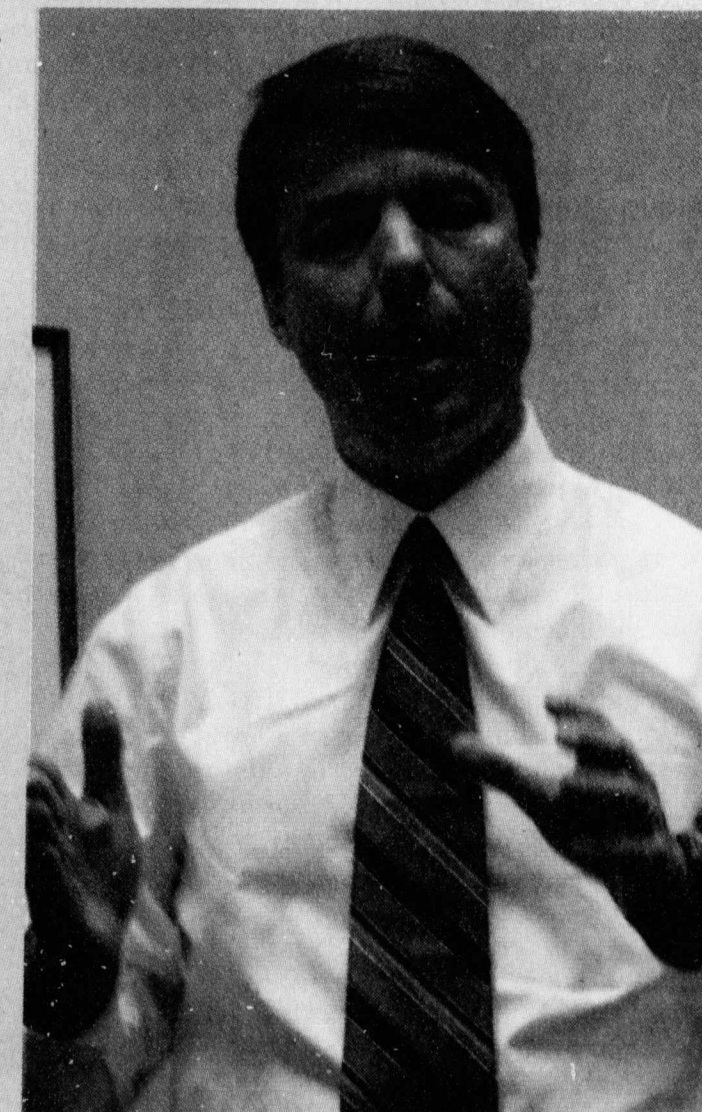
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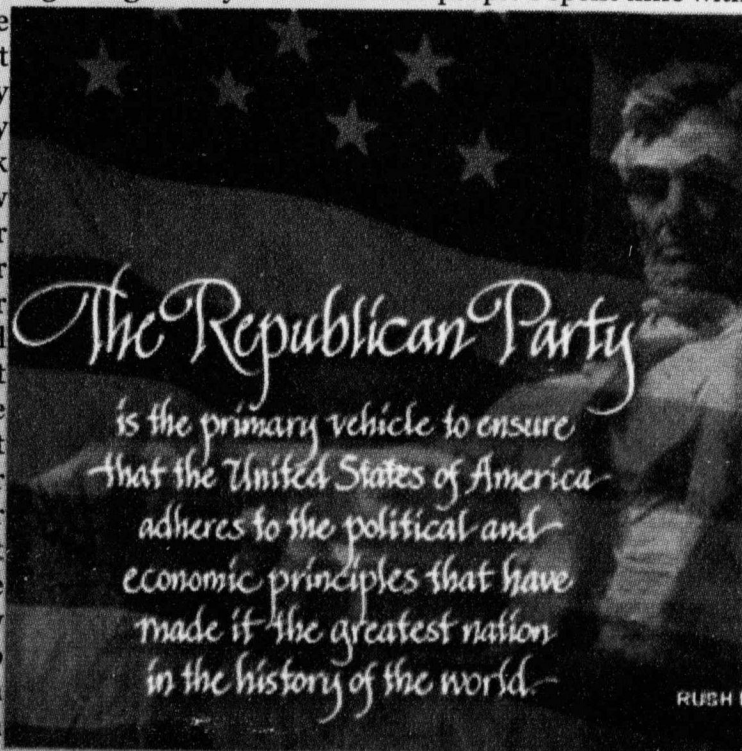
20 THE MOST UNDERREP ON CAMPUS: THE

By Ashley Frame
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If you have picked up this paper in search of solace because you feel alone as a republican on a college campus its because you are alone. Well at least anyone with a voice would like you to think so. College campuses are notoriously liberal especially in California. It can be intimidating walking into a classroom with a "wise" professor and having him tell you that you are foolish, close minded, racist, heartless, and greedy if you are anything other than a democrat. It does not exactly encourage you to raise your hand and share any kind of political view other than his in the classroom. Keep in mind *we* are close minded. We who listen day in and day out to the liberal views of the media and the masses on our campus, while our opinions are not only silenced but scoffed at and immediately undermined.

This has been my experience at UCSD anyway. Let me make one thing clear before I continue, I do not dislike UCSD, I loved my first year here and expect to like the second year even better. However, I will not attempt to be kind or forgiving in my criticism of the political agenda of the school which I felt was forced on me in my first year here. I came to UCSD as a registered republican voter; and despite the efforts of many of my professors and multiple organizations on campus I will vote in November, still a republican. I consider myself an independent thinker. I look at political issues one at a time and I vote my conscience not my party. So for me the liberal nature of our college is simply a frustration, it does not change me (unless it makes me more decidedly republican as I see many liberals to be hypocritical); and it has not molded my mind, it just annoys me. I came prepared to be flooded by a sea of liberal views, condemned for my opinions, laughed at for my "ignorance", and with almost no one to share my feelings.

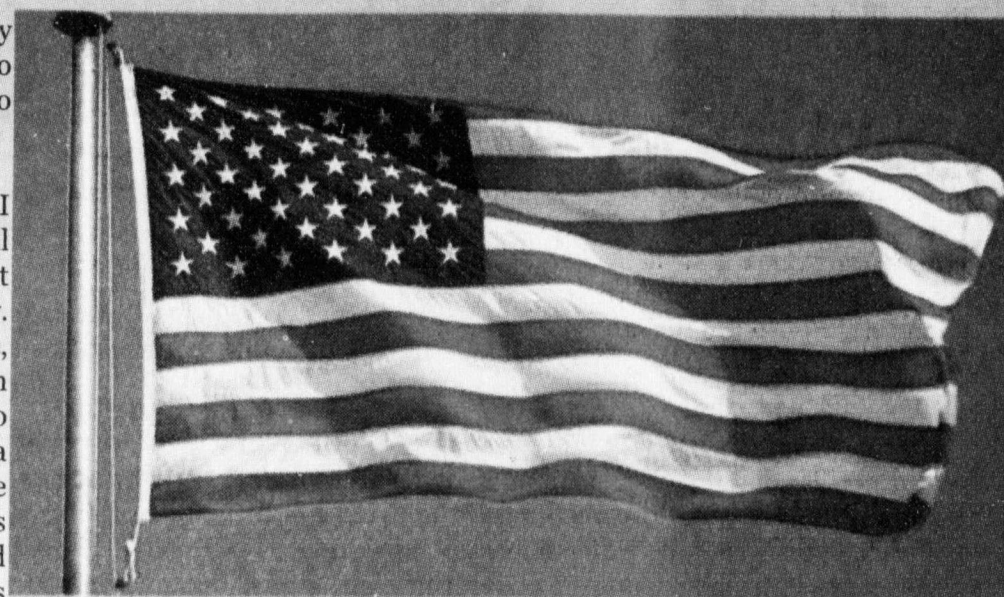
I was pleasantly surprised to find that at the beginning of the year most of the people I spent time with didn't have political opinions and the others were fairly evenly split democrats and republicans. It was shocking to me, however, that so many of my colleagues knew nothing of politics nor did they seem to care at all about the subject. I guess I took it for granted that educated people would know what a major role politics would soon play in their lives. Politics will effect our pocketbooks, our environment, the quality of the education our children receive, the safety of our nation, and countless other aspects of our lives. Why is it that as young adults we vote the least when we have the most to gain and loose, when we know that what happens now helps to shape the rest of our lives? Why do older people vote the most, four years from now they may no longer be around but they hit the polls in huge numbers? Is it because they have seen, over the course of their lives, how important politics are? The point of all this was to come to the fact that for those people who came in with no political views, most seemed to leave with



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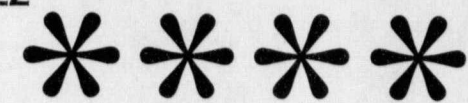
My fist day of classes I attended DOC, the Marshal three quarter GE. The first quarter was all about diversity. I was taught how evil white, protestant, heterosexual men are. I managed to make it into the pity zone by being a woman, and naturally I have been greatly oppressed as such. This quarter was filled with personal political views



expressed as fact. There were never two sides to an argument. There was one, the one held by both the TAs and the professors, it happened to be a liberal view in case you were wondering. While the second quarter was based almost exclusively on supreme court cases in which those Justices that were praised as "progressive thinkers, wise and caring" were always liberal while those who held conservative views were portrayed as old-fashioned and either raciest, sexist, or homophobic. I wouldn't have minded being presented with the liberal views if they had been presented next to the conservative ones. I could have tolerated the TAs and profs had they not been claiming to let us share our own opinions and thoughts in papers while only allowing us access to the necessary support for their opinion, and not my own. Oh no, I never was given liberty to be me, my republican self, they wanted me to share the liberal me, the me they expected, hoped and tried to force me to be all the while telling me how important it was that I think for myself.

It seems that there is a required class for each college that encourages such thoughts, and as I expressed earlier, it seemed to work on those who did not enter the school with opinions of there own. Let me add a disclaimer: I have no evidence other than my personal experience, and this is limited to my circle of friends and acquaintances. This is, however, what I saw and it did not surprise me in the least. I would also like to add that it is not just in these classes that we are encouraged focus on liberal ideals. Professors are not shy with there political views and they can be brought into almost any subject. While I found this problem significantly less often in my science and math classes, if the prof ever made a political joke or comment, it always had a liberal bias.

Here's a warning to the new freshman class conservatives and those who do not stand with a ready political opinion. The staff at this University will try to persuade you to think as they think, support what they believe in, and scoff at people like me who dare to be different in this college atmosphere. If you are already a conservative, understand why you are. If you have reasons for your beliefs, you will not quiver and collapse under the criticism of this institution. If you are unsure of your beliefs I challenge you to explore the issues one at a time on your own away from those who might attempt to tell you what to believe (conservatives and liberals alike.) I wish all of you the best of luck for this 2004-2005 school year, and encourage you to be mindful!



OUT ON THE TOWN: THE DINING EXPERIENCE ROY'S



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Staff Writer

It's dinner time. So you decide to treat yourself to expensive yet exquisite Hawaiian cuisine at Roy's restaurant located at 8670 Genessee Ave.. Roy Yamaguchi's cuisine blends local ingredients with European sauces and Asian spices, with a focus on seafood.

Simply said, it's a pretty fancy restaurant perfect for a first date or to impress your significant other. Taken or not, if you like to dress up and have a great dinner, this is definitely the place for you. There is no enforced dress code, but most customers tend to dress a little fancy seeing as it's a top notch restaurant with pretty pricey meals ranging from sixteen to thirty dollars per person. The setting definitely gives off a very tropical yet modern vibe making it a chill place to enjoy your lunch or dinner. And not only is the environment enjoyable, the service is excellent. As a customer you definitely feel like you are the number one priority. The servers are very friendly and accommodating; they make sure your dinner experience is comfortable and enjoyable.

The most important part of your experience is the food, of course. The menu includes a wide variety of appetizers, main courses and desserts especially for us seafood lovers. The truth is, I don't understand most of what's written on the menu, but it

doesn't matter anyway because anything you order is bound to taste good. For appetizers, the best option if you're with a big group would probably be Roy's Canoe Appetizer which includes shrimp sticks, szechuan Baby Back Ribs, island ahi Poke, pork & shrimp lumpia, edamame, & crisped seafood potstickers. This is a chef's item, so it does change daily but any way around you're served delicious food that can satisfy the meat, seafood, and veggie eaters.

If you're not with a big group, or if you're just not very hungry you can choose from more appetizers such as Roy's original Hawaiian blackened island Ahi with spicy soy mustard butter, wood grilled szechuan spiced baby back pork ribs, and yellow fin Ahi poketini with wasabi aioli, avocado & tobiko caviar. As mentioned above, the main course menu consists mainly of seafood entrees which usually are Hawaiian style misoyaki Butterfish with sizzling soy vinaigrette, Roy's classic roasted macadamia nut mahi mahi with lobster butter sauce and hibachi style grilled salmon with Japanese vegetables and citrus ponzu. But if you're more of a meat eater, Roy's slow braised and charbroiled short ribs is always a pretty decent option. And for dessert, they serve Roy's melting hot chocolate soufflé. Incase you don't know what the chocolate soufflé is, it's a soft, fresh baked chocolate cake with molten choco-

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late inside, served with vanilla bean ice cream and drizzled with raspberry sauce. So let's talk a little bit about this specific soufflé. It is a masterpiece; perfection. Even if you're not hungry, even if you're so full you feel like you're about to pop, you have to eat the soufflé. If you decide you don't want Roy's for dinner, that's fine. But do yourself a favor and simply stop by for a quick dessert because you'll practically be licking the chocolate off your plate. Just incase you've missed the point; it is the best dessert you will ever have.

So let's say you have an extra thirty dollars in your pocket, and you want to have a complete three course meal. You can go for the prix fixe menu, where you get an appetizer plate including shrimp on a stick with wasabi cocktail sauce, wood grilled Szechwan spiced baby back pork ribs, and a chef's special creation. For your main entrée, you may choose between slow braised and charbroiled shortribs of beef, tender braised new fashioned misoyaki pot roast, Hibachi style grilled salmon or macadamia nut Crusted mahi mahi with lobster butter sauce. Your dessert options include Roy's melting hot chocolate soufflé or a caramel macadamia nut almond tart with vanilla bean ice cream. The prix fixe meal is probably your best option because you have so many options and you can leave the restaurant feeling pretty satisfied and full, maybe too full.

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Thinking back, my first visit to Roy's was quite interesting. Last year, my cousin and her fiancé decided to introduce me to this restaurant and without having heard anything negative about it, I complied. I checked out the menu, and we all decided to order from the prix fixe menu seeing as it was the best deal. The appetizers came along and we each received our platter of goodies; everything was perfect. A few minutes later, the main course arrived and halfway through it I accidentally spilled water all over our food. I frantically tried to fix the mess by trying to dry off the excess water, switching plates, and even offering them what was left of my salmon. Believe it or not, the food still tasted amazing. I don't know how it happened, but even when I thought I completely ruined an expensive, I was surprised at how delicious it still tasted. Sue the rice was a little soggy but the meat still melted in your mouth. Now how many people can say they spilled water on their food and it still tasted good? After all that, we managed to stuff ourselves and anticipate the arrival of the chocolate soufflé. And when it finally arrived, oh did we party.

If you like gourmet food, and if you don't mind paying a little more than the average cost for dinner, Roy's would be a great option. You're pretty much guaranteed a mouth watering meal whether you go for lunch, dinner or dessert. And if you walk out of the restaurant feeling dissatisfied, then you're probably just not a fan of awesome food. Check out the Roy's website at www.roysrestaurant.com incase you want to read more about Roy Yamaguchi and his cuisine. To conclude, according to the Zagat survey of 2003, "Roy sends your taste buds to Heaven; if you don't love this place, nothing is going to please you."



Great Food!



Casual Ambiance

HAWAIIAN FUSION

FROM THE LAND OF NINTENDO...



Konnichiwa and such.

I'm writing this on September 8, but my editor is probably reading this on September 7. Having crossed the international dateline, I am now living one day in the future. You present-dwellers need not be alarmed about what is to come, for I shall explain to you what the future holds: In the future, there are grocery stores that sell kimonos. While the absence of anything approaching a sneeze guard may concern you, fear not, for the people in the future do not poke or prod at food and there are no insects at all inside buildings. The "Japanese," as the people in the future are called, do not mind the lack of sneeze guards; indeed, I believe them to be proud of their sneeze- and insect-free indoor society.

In the future, temperatures are measured with a system called "Celsius." After crossing into the future, the airplane captain announced that the weather in the future was "about 25 degrees Celsius and overcast." While 25 degrees in my old life in present-day California would've meant "coldest day in recorded history", in the future, 25 degrees means "hot as an oven and humid as a rainforest." Go figure. Air conditioning is prevalent in the future, but not at airports, which are sweltering prisons of futurist efficiency.

Efficiency, you wonder? Yes, efficiency. Baggage claims in the future spit out luggage immediately. In the largest futurist city, "Tokyo", the largest international airport (Narita) sends newly-arrived futurists through customs with remarkable speed. A single question is asked -- "do you have anything to declare to customs?" -- before the entrant is waved through the checkpoint.

Should any of you travel to the future in the future, be wary of seating assignments. Although I was seated next to a friendly, 40-something social worker who quit her job to study Tai Chi in Thailand for six months before returning to present-day America to teach the martial art to geriatrics, other travellers sat next to old men who would not yield the appropriate leg room to let them leave their seats. Intend to travel first class, where travellers are given in-flight DVD players, leather recliners, extra food, and the luxury of not having to sit next to anyone. Every man an island in first class.

Nighttime strolls are encouraged in the future, since crime has been all but eliminated. However, travellers should watch out for futurists riding bikes in the dark. Getting run over is likely, since the futurist bikers tend to read comic books while riding in the dark. Compounding the danger is the futurists' tendency to ride their bikes on the left side of the sidewalk and drive on the left side of the road. Present-day inhabitants, brain-washed through years of "KEEP RIGHT" signage, will find this alternately distressing and amusing.

The future's televisions are similar to present-day TVs, as is some of their programming: "Aflac: American family!" Such commercials are reminiscent of the present-day, but oh so much cuter.

New futurists can expect to awaken at odd hours. Attempting to adapt to future-time, I went to bed at 10pm, only to awaken at 3:30am. Plan your day accordingly.

Remember these, and your future will be bright.

From the Land of Nintendo,
Daniel Watts