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## Spirit Night

Spirit Night is held annually at one of UCSD's home basketball games. The event is a competition between the colleges to see which college has the most spirit. At half-time each college is given a few minutes to rally their crowd into a spirited frenzy.

This year Fifth and Muir did cheers acappella while Warren and Third did their cheers with music. Revelle did a skit remembering the colleges through the decades 60-80's and speculating on what's in store for the 90's.

Third college won for its cheers to "Wild Thing" played live by a mini-band. UCSD also won the basketball game.



(Top picture: R.A.'s from the 60's portray what UCSD was like when peace, love and joy existed only at Revelle. Bottom picture: Revelle's crowd was noisy, most of it from the balloons they brought.)

## Change in MCAT Makes Test Easier

Students applying to medical school for the fall of 1992 and later will be required to take a new version of the Medical College Aptitude Test (MCAT). These test results and students' math-science grade point averages are the primary factors used to determine their admission to most U.S. medical schools.

According to a booklet issued by the American Association of Medical Colleges, "the new test will be designed to encourage students interested in medicine to pursue broad undergraduate study in the natural and social sciences and in the humanities." Copies of this booklet are posted in the kiosks outside the provost's office and USB 2722.

The new test will be shorter than the old and will include a one hour writing sample. Students will read two essay questions which will require a written response designed to test skill in:

- Development of a central idea
- Synthesis of concepts and ideas
- Cohesive and logical presentation of ideas.
- Clear writing with accepted practices of grammar, syntax, and punctuation

According to Revelle Provost, Tom Bond, students who have completed the rigorous Humanities sequence should be particularly well prepared for this test. In addition he feels they will also be well prepared for the new section on "verbal reasoning." This test will consist of reading nine passages from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, followed by questions based on information presented in the passages. This will replace the present skills analysis reading section which has traditionally been a test on which UCSD students do not excel. This part will take 85 minutes.

The new MCAT will contain two science sections, physical sciences (100 minutes) and biological sciences (100 minutes), replacing the four scores previously reported. What is not known, is how different schools will use these test scores. Some may emphasize the science scores but it is likely that, as now, students who score well across the board will have the best chance at the most competitive schools.

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## Revelle Gets a New Face in the Resident Dean's Office

By Leesa K. Light

Well, to tell you the truth Clare Hansen is not exactly a new face in the Resident Dean's office or in the Dean's office. Clare graduated from Revelle College in 1987. She has come back to the one place in the United States she knows the best, La Jolla. Clare noted about her new job, "I never thought I'd be here. Not that I didn't want to, it just didn't cross my mind."

Born in Germany, Clare had visited the United States several times on family vacations, but making a decision to move here for college was a different story. Here sister, a year older, had come to UCSD and the family was trying to place Clare somewhere. Since Clare's father still pays California state tax, he and his children are considered California residents. The natural choice for Clare seemed to be UCSD. Believe it or not, Clare noted that "UCSD has a great reputation in Germany. People have heard of it and speak well of the school."

When Clare arrived in San Diego she knew one person, her sister. Her major was drama to begin with, but she eventually added another major, political science. In addition to adding a major she added many new friends and interests in San Diego. While at Revelle Clare was an orientation leader for two years. One year for the parents, and one year for the

students. She was also a Resident Advisor for one year in Beagle and one year in the apartments. At this time Beagle had already been set up as the Language House. There was not a Language House director the year that Clare was the RA, so she did all of the cultural programming for the dorm.

One of the most memorable experiences Clare had during her undergraduate years were with the Undergraduate Theater activities. She initiated these activities for "students whose hobby is singing or dancing or acting. A lot of them were engineering or biology majors." She directed two of the major productions, one during her sophomore year and the other, *The Pajama Game*, during her senior year.

Clare has been gone from San Diego for two years. One year was spent as a flight attendant which she claims "was such a good experience for me. I needed to work in the service sector to really understand it. I understand it now and I can work from the other end." The other year was spent working in an advertising agency. This experience has helped her with her current job. Learning to work in public relations has been a useful tool for Clare while working on a university campus. Two weeks before the fall quarter started, Clare worked temporarily for the Dean's office helping the interns with welcome week and sharing the



Clare Hansen a Revelle Graduate will serve on the Resident Dean's staff as the Language House Director and will work with the Dean's staff as the advisor for SCCA.

knowledge she learned during the years she worked at Revelle.

As the Language House Director Clare works not only for the Resident Dean's office coordinating language programs and activities in Beagle, she also works for the Dean's office. In both arenas she plans activities to aide students in cultural understanding and relationships. She serves as the advisor for the Student Committee for Cultural Affairs at Revelle.

Working in the setting of a university really appeals to Clare: "I worked with uneducated people, as a flight attendant many did not expect me to be educated...I like being at a university...being around people who want to learn.... It's wonderful to be in a college."

While Clare has made no guarantees that she will be here forever she is interested in retaining an involvement with student affairs. Eventually she wants to apply her skills to another career, but for now, she noted that "I love the staff here. Everybody is so friendly, optimistic and goal oriented...I love being challenged...no one is limiting you and you can do so much."

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# Chemistry Tutor Eric Schmitt Keeps Door Open

By Mary Ann Nogaki

In response to the notorious difficulty of the Chemistry 6 sequence a pilot program involving a residential chemistry tutor was initiated last quarter in the Revelle Dorms. Eric Schmitt, a bioengineering major, conducts the free chemistry tutoring section, which is open to all Chem 6A and 6B students, in the Argo Hall Publicity Center.

The experimental program is designed to offer regular and small group assistance at a time when most students study, but, until now, virtually no help has been available. A residential tutor works with fewer people at a time but potentially much more frequently than perhaps a graduate student. Help is available on the bottom floor of Argo from 7-9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays for Chem 6A students and on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Chem 6B students.

Eric encourages Chem 6A and 6B students to come in "just to do your work" as this allows immediate help on any potential problems. Last quarter Eric noted that while on occasion he worked with students one-on-one, often the "students were generous" helping each other when he wasn't immediately available. This quarter, in addition to tutoring hours, Eric aims to construct handouts in the form of extra problems and quizzes due to the extreme popularity of handouts during the finals week of last quarter. Many students may find it easier to approach an



Eric Schmitt (middle), the resident chemistry tutor, helps chemistry students learn how to do the problems, not just the right answers.

undergraduate tutor in comparison to a graduate student who works only for a quarter in the sequence. Once a relationship is established, perhaps during the Chem 6A course, additional help from the same person will be available throughout the rest of the sequence. Revelle Provost Tom Bond noted that in the section/office hours set-up of the sequence, "Everybody will give you the right answers to problems, but it's hard to find somebody who'll show you that your answer is wrong and why." Some have sought Eric's advice as a veteran of UCSD's chemistry sequence. Eric commented that this is one of his favorite parts of the job.

Apart from the ten hours a week that Eric devotes directly to the students, Eric also attends TA meetings

and occasionally audits a 6B class. Considering that there are two courses and multiple professors available for each, students come to Eric with all different pace levels, providing another challenging aspect of the job.

Since Revelle College residents are paying for the residential tutor and the attendance last quarter was slow in the beginning, Dr. Bond expressed concern that the program may not be effective: "Students who have comments about service, both positive and negative, are encouraged to contact me -- anonymously, if they so desire--with their constructive criticism, sugges-

tions, and comments." Feedback is also something that Eric expressed an interest in learning from the students he is tutoring. The funding for the program comes from the Housing and Food Services, but funding for next year's residential tutor has yet to be approved. Comments are a valuable contribution in determining the program's success.

In return for his eight hours tutoring and two hours developing handouts per week for the year, Eric receives board and a token stipend. Provost Bond explained that the compensation is approximately equal to that for an Oasis tutor.

Applications for next year's position will not be available until the spring. Dr. Bond looks for the following criteria in applicants: (1) proficient command of the UCSD general chemistry sequence, (2) enthusiasm to teach, (3) willingness to participate in TA training and meetings and (4) ideas on what would help the program. Provost Bond also noted that he would prefer a Chemistry major, but it is not a requirement for the job.

Eric Schmitt is definitely a great choice for the job. He is planning to go to medical school, however, he is not aiming to be a physician but wants to pursue a career as a professor (M.D. plus Ph.D.). He noted that this job has really strengthened his goal to teach in the university setting.



## CLO's Encounters Party Foul, Foul Party

Welcome back! I'm glad to see that most of us are quite out of the holiday spirit and back on the saddle of education. Well, most of us are anyway. I spent my holiday like a good little boy working at my job and at home preparing for the mad rush of bills I knew would accompany this new beginning. Don't they always?

I certainly didn't set out to bore you with the details of my vacation or my monetary disputes. Rather I set down a problem that we always seem to have. In a few hours will begin a cycle of events that typically lead to, what I call, Party Foul. No this is not your average drinking game rule that someone, in his (or her) inebriation, has broken. No, this is a turn of events that spoils the evening for some hapless RA or resident.

You all know the story: It's the night of a pit dance. You don't feel comfortable, or maybe you feel you dance better with a few drinks, whatever the reason, so you have someone you know go out and buy you the beer, wine coolers, etc. After the first one you feel relaxation set in, and the second one sure goes down smoothly. The third one down, you start to feel warm and confident...wow! Even the thought of dancing starts your blood pumping. You realize though that in order to keep this wonderful feeling you have acquired through the whole night...it's going to take more than what you have now. So you go out and get more (or at least some of us do!). In some cases this leads to even more disaster, because you can't always think straight. You may even want to try to take this liquid refreshment to the dance with you,

secretly of course. They'll never know, and what harm is one or two beers gonna have on the dance???

The next thing you know, the hastily built fences are quickly torn down and their parts scattered. Some of the landscape is trampled and the bushes stepped on. Students are written up, lectured, and even sent to the resident dean's to face punishment. Tell me...is this any way to start and end an evening? The RA's certainly don't find it appealing, and you certainly wouldn't either should that you find yourself in that situation.

I've seen it done, I've watched the consequences. Such incidents often don't even serve as warnings. The RA's and some of the residents invest a lot of time and effort into the making of the dances, and the brunt of supervising it falls on the RA's. But you want to know something really funny? These dances still continue, regardless of the incidents, regardless of recklessness. I know I sound like I'm putting these dances down, but I'm not. We as college students have the right to do what we want, within reason. Drinking by underage students is highly disapproved of by the administration, but by no means totally banned. This means you can party...just don't party foul, or you just may foul the party. The chances of losing these dances is there and if we, the residents, don't start to take a little bit of responsibility given as trust, the dances are going to stop. It may not happen tonight, it may not happen ever, but I still would rather not take that chance...would you?

That's it for this time, so until next time...

## MCAT

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Dr. Bond noted that applications for medical school have increased this year after dropping off over the past five. The competition in this field is intense. Dr. Bond recommends that students should seek to do no lower than B work in the math/science courses and to show they can carry a full load. Volunteer experience, research experience and letters are also involved, but grade point average and MCAT scores are crucial.

To get into relatively inexpensive UC schools is particularly hard and according to Dr. Bond some private schools have accepted Revelle gra-

duates with g.p.a.'s as low as 3.0, but these students typically have special things going for them.

Dr. Bond encourages Revelle students who are considering medicine to discuss their plans with him usually during the sophomore year. He reminds premedical students that the MCATs are best taken in Spring of the junior year by which time students are aided by recently finishing all of their science prerequisites as well as the Humanities sequence, as well as organic chemistry and physics. Dr. Bond also encourages early contact with the Career Services' health sciences advisory staff as an essential aide to medical school admission.

Have some fun this summer . . .

Be a Revelle College  
Orientation Leader

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Orientation  
Programs

Applications are available now  
at the Revelle Dean's Office.  
Deadline is 4 pm, Jan., 31, 1990

## International Events

**Language Tables:** Here's the perfect opportunity for you to improve your foreign language skills, to meet foreign students, and to share stories of international adventure. Join us for Language Tables, every Tuesday night from 5:00 - 7:00 in W.N.H? All levels of French, German, Spanish, and Japanese are welcome. For more information, call Clare (534-3025).

The International Club is presenting these events in January.

Monday, Jan. 22: 6:30 p.m. Bert Kobayashi speaks about California Grey Whales at the International Club Meeting. International Center Lounge.

Sunday, Jan. 28: 9-11 a.m.: International Club Whale Watching Trip. Sign up at the International Center in advance.

Monday, Jan. 29: 6:30 p.m. - ? International Club Study Break at the International Center: food, music, etc.

## Academic Notes

The Career Services Center is offering some special events this quarter that may be of interests to students examining career options.

**Finance Interviewing Week** - Graduating students aiming for the distant fences of high finance won't want to miss this new program. In one week, February 5-9, more than twenty finance-related employers will be here to scout (and interview) UCSD students. Those interested need to attend one of the Career Center's Orientations to On-Campus Interviewing early in the term, if you haven't already.

**Retail Interviewing Week** - As Yogi Berra (or was it Casey Stengel?) once said: "It's just the same, but different." This similar program puts the emphasis on retail careers. It will be held February 20-23. Earlier attendance at an Orientation session is a must.

**Career Exploration Week** - A Spring Training program of sorts. Over spring break, students are placed in a work setting related to their career interests. The experience gives them valuable insights so that they can make needed career decisions. Sign-ups are already open.

**W.E.C.A.N.** - (Writing, Entertainment, Communication, Arts Network) - A rookie returning program has returned in an expanded version. Students who want to make a hit in any of the above fields, learn how to make contact in this program. It doesn't happen until April, but applications are available in January.

The Career Center has many other special opportunities for students, drop by their office near the Price Center, or call for information at 534-3750.

## Volunteer Yourself

Feeling the need to give of yourself? Get involved with the Revelle Community Outreach Committee. The San Diego Community has some great needs that Revelle volunteers are fulfilling. For more information

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on the events listed below contact Karen Peters in the Revelle Dean's Office at 534-3492. Only one day per week commitment is all that is asked of each volunteer.

Sherman Elementary School Tutoring. Monday - Thursday 3:00 - 5:15.

Sherman Elementary School Parent/Child Computer Class. Wednesday 5:30 - 8:30.

Carsen Adult/Family Literacy. Tuesday/Thursday 5:30 - 7:30

Tijuana Orphanage Trips. Alternate Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Special Meetings

The 1990 ALL CAMPUS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE will take place on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Price Center. The conference is open to all UCSD students and faculty/staff advisors of student clubs and organizations. All students are strongly encouraged to attend.

The conference registration fee is \$5.00. The Revelle College Dean's Office is sponsoring 25 students registration fees to the conference on a first come, first serve basis. Visit the Dean's office for more information and registration forms. Registration Deadline is January 17.

For further information about the Leadership Conference, contact Paul DeWine at 534-4090.

and Procrastinating Students. This is a group for students who find it difficult to study or get started on the writing of papers and who feel that school is not the place for them at this time. It is led by Hugh Pates and you may contact Hugh at 534-3456 for the day, place and time.

In hope of better informing Revelle students of leadership opportunities available to them and other ways by which they can take an active part in their campus community, *Revellations*, and the Revelle College Council (RCC) are initiating a new regular section in *Revellations*. This will be a part of the Campus Notes Section and will list the meeting days and times, as well as describing the activities of both the representative organizations and the event planning committees at Revelle.

All Revelle organizations are invited to take part in this new section. If you belong to a group not already contacted by RCC and you would like to be involved, drop a note telling us how to contact you into the RCC mailbox in the Provost's office.

REVELLE STUDENTS: Do you remember Orientation?? Did you ever want to become an Orientation

## Applications Accepted For Revelle Orientation Leaders

Leesa K. Light

Most Revelle students remember their Orientation leader throughout their entire stay at UCSD and even beyond that. I know that I can still remember my Orientation leader and others who were leaders during my orientation. They had a tremendous impact on me, as I saw them lead me through "Basic Training" at UCSD. The time has come again for the selection of 16 Orientation leaders for Revelle College.

The Orientation program was designed to provide information on the support services and programs offered at UCSD and to ease the transition from high school/community college to the University. This program was not exclusively designed for the students, it involves their families as well, most specifically parents. Knowing more about the atmosphere, location, classes and living arrangements of their children often eases the minds of worried parents and allows the parents to have an extra bond with their children once they have left home.

The Offices of the Dean of Student Affairs and Academic Advising work jointly to coordinate a sound program--both academic and social in nature. As a result, student orientation participants register for classes, in addition to meeting new friends and learning more about the many opportunities for leadership

Leader? Now is your chance to live that dream. Applications are being accepted now through January 31 for 1990 Orientation Leaders at the Revelle Dean's Office. Pick up your packets now and make that dream a reality. It's an experience you don't want to miss.

## Entertaining Activities

**Attention UCSD Bands!!!** Revelle College's Annual Battle of the Bands is coming soon. You may pick up an application packet now at the Revelle Provosts Office. Applications must be received by Friday February 2, 1990. At least one member of each band must be a student at UCSD.

The Faculty Student Programming Board has a lot in store for Winter quarter. First up is a Dean's Luncheon on Tuesday, January 16. The Last Lecture Series will continue again this quarter. Look for it from third week through the eighth week. And some dates to be announced will include a "Faculty Flipping Pancakes Breakfast," "Burt in the Bahamas" with Burt Kobayashi and a Provost Luncheon.

Third College Provost Cecil Lytle will be performing a Jazz Cabaret with Gunnar Biggs on bass and Leon Alexander on drums. Limited seating is available for the even Saturday January 27 at 8 p.m. in the UCSD Faculty Club. Appetizers and Cocktails will be available. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. at tickets (\$8/6) are available at the UCSD Box Office. This event is presented by the UCSD Department of Music.

involvement in Revelle College.

Orientation leaders will be under the general supervision of the Student Orientation Coordinator and under the direct supervision of the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. The O.L.'s will be responsible for program coordination, group leadership, role modeling, peer counseling, promotions and publicity, administrative tasks, and various additional responsibilities.

To be chosen as an O.L., you must be a registered Revelle College student with a minimum of 24 quarter units by the end of winter quarter, a minimum grade point average of 2.3 and a general knowledge of Revelle College academic curriculum. Other qualifications the selection committee will be looking for are the ability to communicate effectively, both in writing and orally, the ability to facilitate small group discussions, to function as a team member, an awareness of and sensitivity to cultural diversity, to work under pressure, and an overall commitment to the Revelle College way of life.

Orientation leaders do get paid. They receive \$546.00 and are provided with room and board for the duration of the summer Orientation program and, board only is provided for the September session. Applications are now available in the Revelle Dean's Office and are due by 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 31.

Remember, you can make a difference in someone's life at Revelle.

## Dean's Office Announces New Awards

The Revelle Dean's office has recently announced four new awards that it will be presenting this year. They are the Most Creative Publicity Award, Outstanding Program Award (for both Entertainment and Education), and the "Spirit of Volunteerism" Award. Applications for the Awards are available in the Dean's office and are due May 4, 1990. Keep them in mind while you are planning your next program or meeting with your committee or group. The awards are open to Revelle committees, organizations, individuals or programming bodies.

The Most Creative Publicity Award is presented to the Revelle

committee, organization, programming body, or student that developed and utilized creative and innovative ways to publicize an event/activity sponsored on the UCSD campus. Criteria for selection requires that the event/activity being publicized must have taken place during the 1989-90 academic year. Also, the publicity/promotion must show creativity, use new and innovative ideas in reaching the college and campus communities, and show evidence of reaching a broad spectrum of the campus population. All college and campus regulations and policies must have been adhered to by the programming entity and

remember, publicity developed by professional services are not eligible.

Two Outstanding Program Awards will be presented. One will be for the most Outstanding Entertainment Program and the other will be for the most Outstanding Educational Program. The event must be open to the entire college, must be creatively presented and must show evidence of enhancing the growth and development of students. The program must also sustain a high level of group membership participation.

The "Spirit of Volunteerism" Award will be presented to the Revelle committee, organization, programming body, or student that has gone beyond the status quo in providing unselfish and philanthropic community service programs/activities. This program must be of a high level of creativity and innovativeness. If funds collected are involved at least 85 per cent of the proceeds must be donated to a "worthy cause." The remaining percentage must be used to offset

expenses incurred directly related to the program implemented. Documentation must be provided that reflects these gifts/expenditures. Members of the programming entity must have played an active role in planning and implementing the program/activity. The program must have been publicized effectively and accurately. According to Revelle Assistant Dean, Anthony Jemison, a decision has not been made regarding the Revelle HUGG committees eligibility.

Don't forget that the applications must be submitted to the Student Activities Department at the Revelle Dean's office, no later than Friday, May 4, 1990 at 4:00 p.m.

### Interested in Revelle Activities?

Students interested in working with the 25th Revelle Anniversary committee or the Renaissance Faire committee in any way should contact Anthony Jemison at the Revelle Dean's Office.

All students are welcome to participate in the planning and creating of these events.

## Are the answers to these questions on the tip of your tongue?

*The movie "The Paper Chase" offers a comic, if rather bleak, view of the law school rat race. It is set at what actual school?*

*He once was president of the National Geographic Society and a regent of the Smithsonian Institution. But he is far better-known for his pioneering inventions in communications. Who was he?*

*This solid, chemically inert polymer is used in electrical insulation and on cooking utensils. Its chemical name is polytetrafluoroethylene. What is its trade name?*

*What is the cube root of 1728?*

*Born in Norway in 1863, this painter's highly personal style anticipated 20th Century German Expressionism. His most famous work is probably "The Cry." Name him.*

If you can answer these questions and find that the challenge of answering more appeals to you stop by the Revelle Dean's Office and sign up to participate in the Revelle's College Bowl. Applications are now available and they should be completed and returned by Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1990 before 4 p.m. If you don't have a team to sign up with there are open spots on teams now forming. Come and check it out.

In order for students to participate in the College Bowl, several practice sessions will be held in the weeks before the competition. Practice nights will be January 17, 23 and 24 in Galbraith Hall 1156 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Below is the information for Revelle's College Bowl Competition, the Campus-wide competition and the Regionals.

Revelle: Jan. 31, 1990 6 p.m. GH 1438

Campus-Wide: Feb. 10, 1990 9:30 a.m. Price Center, Student Chambers

Regionals: March 2-4, 1990 San Luis Obispo

Answers:  
Harvard Law School, Alexander Graham Bell, teflon, 12, Edward Munch



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## ACCENT ON ACADEMICS

### ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS:

Are you planning to graduate in the 1989-90 academic year? If the answer is "yes" you must file a Degree & Diploma Application by the end of the ninth week of the quarter prior to the quarter of your expected graduation (that's this quarter for June graduates). Applications are available at the Revelle College Provost's Office.

### Important Date:

January 19, 1990 -

Last day to apply for part-time status  
Final day to drop classes without \$3.00 fee  
Final day to add classes  
Final day to change grading option.

### Are you making minimum progress?

Remember the campus-wide policy requires completion of 36.0 units within an academic year (three consecutive quarters). If you feel that you will not meet this requirement or plan to drop below 12.0 units in any quarter, please discuss your situation with an academic counselor.

### Juniors:

Declare your minor by the end of your junior year. Your minor must be noncontiguous to your major, have at least three upper division courses and/or letter grade option. See any of the academic counselors for help in deciding and/or declaring your minor.

### Subject A

Subject A must be met during your first three quarters in residence at UCSD and must be met by taking the Subject A examination given on campus. If for any reason you have not met the Subject A requirement and are not enrolled in SDCC1 (or ESL 10) this quarter, or have any questions about Subject A, see an academic counselor immediately.

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Contact Leesa Light at 534-2519 for more information