

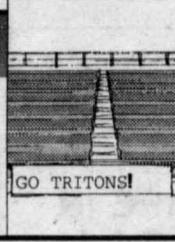


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Worldwide

Violence Near Lebanon Border Threatens To Widen Conflict

JERUSALEM — Striking across Lebanon's southern border into Israeli-held territory, Hezbollah guerrillas set off a roadside bomb near an Israeli patrol on Sunday, killing a soldier.

Israel responded with an airstrike and artillery barrages, threatening to renew a pattern of cross-border hostilities that had stopped since Israeli troops withdrew from southern Lebanon last May.

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National

Congressman Draws Strength From Disability, is not Defined by It

WASHINGTON — The men's room that congressmen use just off the House floor is unavailable for now to Rep. James Langevin, elected this month by voters of Rhode Island's 2nd Congressional District. The telephones in the cloakroom where members gather to hash out legislative strategy are inaccessible, too.

Langevin, a Democrat, is the first paraplegic member of the Congress, and his election has

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Collegiate

MIT Student Ends Life In Jump From Fourteenth Floor of Westgate Dorm

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Lucy D. Crespo Da Silva fell from the window of her 14th floor Westgate room at 9:15 p.m. on Sunday evening in an apparent suicide.

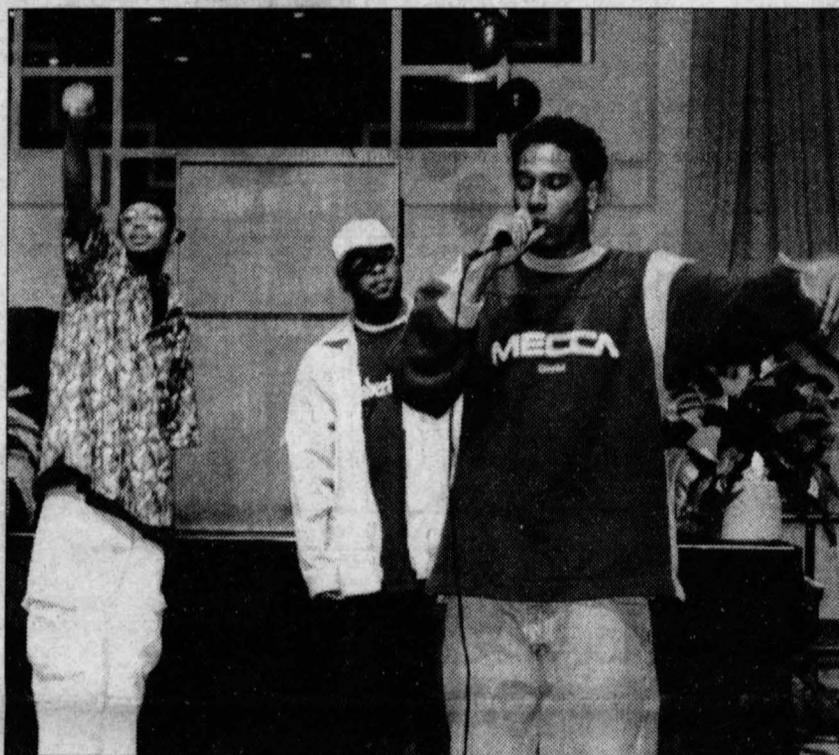
Da Silva was a senior majoring in Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences. She had planned to enter graduate school at MIT in January.

A meeting last night in the basement of Westgate brought friends together to discuss the unexpected loss. Friends expressed their surprise about Da Silva's act, saying that she had seemed to be doing very well. Several friends commented on how she had helped them through difficult times.

Spoken

"Kwanzaa is a celebration of the harvest."

— Ashley Winston
AASU Publicity Director



Tyler Huff/Guardian

Celebration: The musical group PackaBlacks performed for those in attendance of the Kwanzaa celebration held last Monday in the Price Center Ballroom.

AASU Holds UCSD Kwanzaa Celebration

Musical acts, speakers and food were enjoyed at the ceremony in the Price Center Monday

By **PATRICK LEE**
Contributing News Writer

Dozens of students from many cultures gathered at the Price Center ballroom last Monday to share in the African-American Student Union's celebration of Kwanzaa. The celebration was a three-hour event that featured music, poetry, food and a keynote speaker.

The event's program was a busy one, beginning with a drum call and other traditions that have been part of the celebration of Kwanzaa since its inception in the 1960s. Owna Cortes performed the Libation ceremony, an ancient African teaching intended to honor one's ancestors by pouring water into earth.

"Our ancestors suffered a great many hardships to bring us to where we are today," Cortes said. "Let us not forget this; let us be grateful and honor them every day."

She then invited those present, instead of honoring just those historical heroes of the African culture, to name deceased family members so they might be honored during the pouring of the Libation.

Sherman's Cajun Creole provided dinner, while UCSD catering presented and served the food. Included on the menu were gumbo, red beans and rice, collard greens, sweet potatoes and crawfish, among other dishes.

"Kwanzaa is the celebration of the harvest," said AASU Director of Publicity Ashley Winston of the cultural basis for the menu. "Traditionally the meal has very little meat and is made primarily of grains and vegetables."

After dinner, the AASU presented its keynote speaker, Mzee (Elder) Kadumu Moyenda. Moyenda, in addition to being an iridologist who has studied under Paul Gross, is a teacher in the San Diego Unified School District and an Elder in the "Rites of Passage" for Boys and Girls in San Diego. Moyenda spoke generally about the meaning of Kwanzaa and the motivations behind its creation.

"For 400 years, our culture had been oppressed in America," Moyenda said. "It needed a tradition. It needed something that reflected us as a people."

Moyenda made it clear that, like other holiday traditions, the idea of Kwanzaa is not to exclude other cultures, but to be specifically representative of the African culture, much as Christmas is specifically representative of the Christian tradition.

Moyenda's oration also focused on the idea of transitions and rites of passage, the steps and stages necessary to properly progress to full adulthood.

"It's my second time here at UCSD and it's always nice to see what's going on on college campuses today," Moyenda said. "That's because today's universities are the foundations of the future."

As much as it was a cultural event, the AASU Kwanzaa celebration was an educational one as well. The program included a history of Kwanzaa as well as a demonstration and explanation of its many traditions, symbols and practices.

Entertainment during the evening included several poetry readings and a performance

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Ten UCSD Professors Honored

Faculty members recently received various awards

By **MARGARET O'NEILL**
Staff Writer

Ten UCSD professors from the division of social sciences were recently recognized for their achievements in their fields.

Diana Deutsch, a professor of psychology, was named a fellow of the division of applied experimental and engineering psychology of the American Psychological Association.

"I was pleased, not in the sense that it was inappropriate, but it wasn't something I'd worked toward," Deutsch said. "But I was obviously very pleased. I felt good about it."

Deutsch had previously been named a fellow to two other divisions of the APA: the division of psychology and the arts in 1991 and the general psychology division in 1997.

Deutsch's work is heavily integrated with audio studies, particularly with differences in how music is perceived. She has also done studies involving balance and placement of instruments within an orchestra.

Deutsch has been named a fellow to many other societies in areas of psychology and audio engineering. She founded the Society for Music Perception and Cognition and is the founding editor of the journal *Music Perception*. She gave a speech on perfect-pitch at a Mozart festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in 1998.

"The fact that I'm fellow of all these societies really does reflect that my work is interdisciplinary," Deutsch said.

Economics professor Rob Engle was named a fellow of the American Statistical Association, for his individual contributions to the advancement of statistics. Engle has been a member of this society since 1989. He has been a member of UCSD staff since 1975. Engle is currently working in New York for a year.

"A People's History of the Supreme Court" (1999, Viking; 2000, Penguin), by political science professor Peter Irons has received a 2000 Silver Gavel Certificate of Merit from the American Bar Association for its "contribution to public understanding of law and the legal system."

Irons, a UCSD staff member since 1982, received his master's and Ph.D. degrees in political science from Boston University and a J.D. degree from Harvard University.

Rebecca Klatch, an associate professor of sociology, received various awards for her book, *A Generation Divided: the New Left, the New Right, and the 1960s* (1999, UC Press). The book was chosen Book-of-the-Month by the libertarian organization Freedom Network. She was honored by the American Sociological Association with the 2000 Distinguished Scholarship Award from the section on social movements and collective behavior.

Klatch was a finalist for the C. Wright Mills Award, which is given to authors whose books are written in the tradition of Mills.

"I'm very happy to have received such recognition from scholars and the larger community," Klatch said.

"A Generation Divided" is currently being translated into Chinese.

Andrew Kehler, assistant professor of lin-

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Award:

Phi Beta Kappa enriches campus academic atmosphere

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guistics, was awarded two grants for his work in the area of computational linguistics. One grant was awarded by the National Security Agency for Leveraging Minimal Training Data to Improve Information Extraction Performance, and the other was from the National Science Foundation for Multimodal Access to Spatial Data.

Kehler received his bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and his master's and Ph.D degrees in computer science from Harvard.

Arend Lijphart, 22-year UCSD faculty member, research professor emeritus in the political science department, and former president of the American Political Science Association, was named a Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar for 2000-2001. He will travel to several colleges nationwide, meeting with undergraduate students in both informal and classroom settings to give a major address at each campus for the entire academic community.

Phi Beta Kappa's visiting scholars program is designed to enrich the intellectual atmosphere of colleges with chapters and to let undergraduates meet and interact with distinguished scholars of many disciplines.

The British Society for the History of Science awarded sociology professor Steven Shapin the Dingle Prize for "Best Book Bringing the History of Science before a Wider Audience for his book, *The Scientific Revolution*."

Shapin holds master's and Ph.D. degrees in history and sociology of science from the University of Pennsylvania. He has been a member of UCSD's staff since 1989.

Political science professor Kaare Strom was elected a fellow of the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters. This organization is the oldest scholarly society in Norway, Strom's country of origin, and it is similar to the United States' National Academy of Sciences. Strom lived in Norway until 1974, and then again from 1983-1985.

The society, which is based in Trondheim, Norway, has meetings six times per year. Strom will be attending a meeting in May for his official induction.

Strom received his bachelor's degree in political science from Saint Olaf College, and his master's and Ph.D. in the same area from Stanford. He also studied at the University of Oslo, Norway.

David Swinney, a professor in the psychology department, was named an honorary university professor at the University of Queensland, Australia.

Swinney, a UCSD faculty member since 1992, received his bachelor's degree in psychology and his master's in language disorders and speech pathology from Indiana University and his Ph.D. in psycholinguistics and cognition from the University of Texas.

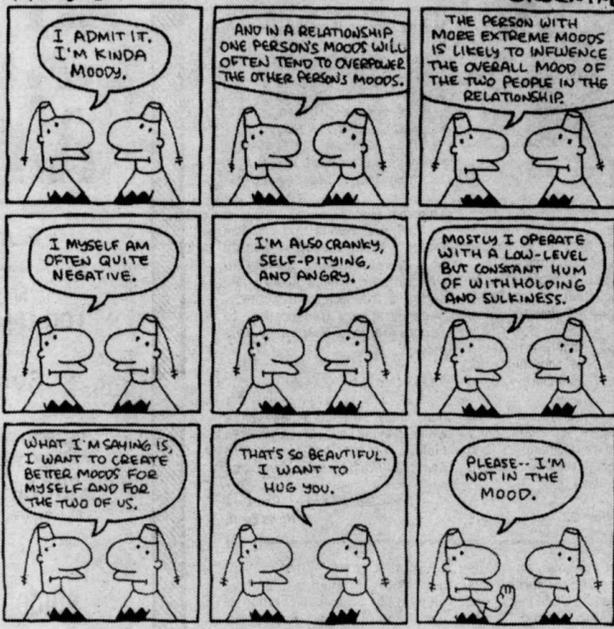
Twelve-year UCSD faculty member psychology professor John Wixted received the 2000 George A. Miller award as co-author of his 1999 paper "Psychophysics of Remembering," which appeared in the "Journal of Experimental Analysis of Behavior."

The "Journal of Experimental Analysis of Behavior" publishes basic experimental psychological research in animals and humans, with an emphasis on behavior.

Wixted, who teaches Psychology 144: Memory and Amnesia, co-authored the paper with K. Geoffrey White, a professor of psychology at the University of Otago in New Zealand. "I was notified through e-mail first [of winning the award] and I thought it was a joke," Wixted said. "I thought they preferred super high-profile papers." Wixted felt his paper was more laboratory-based than most winners of the award.

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LIFE IN HELL



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BRIEFLY

Founding Biology Dean Appointed

Professor Eduardo Macagno, associate vice president of arts and sciences for research and graduate education, and dean of the graduate school of arts and sciences at Columbia University, has been named founding dean of UCSD's division of biology.

Macagno has worked at Columbia since 1973 and will begin his work at UCSD starting Feb. 1, 2001.

The division of biology, formerly a UCSD department, was created in July when UCSD's division of natural sciences split into two divisions, each with its own dean. Mark Thiemens, a professor of chemistry and biochemistry, is the founding dean of the division of physical sciences.

Macagno is a developmental neurobiologist and serves as co-editor of the "Journal of Neurobiology." As dean of Columbia's graduate school of arts and sciences, Macagno oversaw a major improvement in graduate student financial aid and the development of a new endowment for graduate fellowships within Columbia's capital campaign.

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A.S. President to Wash Chancellor Dynes' Car Monday

A.S. President Doc Khaleghi will wash Chancellor Dynes' car on Library Walk Monday at noon as part of his defeat in the Chancellor's 5K Run challenge.

The annual stakes between the A.S. president and the chancellor state that if the chancellor finishes before the A.S. president, he must fund the annual A.S. barbecue. If the A.S. president finishes behind the chancellor, he must wash the chancellor's car.

Khaleghi came in 241st out of 719 entries. The chancellor came in 124th, and his wife Frances Dynes Hellman came in 171st.

The chancellor pledged to donate \$25 for every person who beat him to the finish line donating \$3,075. Dynes Hellman pledged to

donate \$25 for every woman who beat her to the finish line donating \$525. Dynes contributed an additional \$40,000 in undesignated funds. All proceeds were put toward undergraduate research scholarships.

Among the winners in the various 5K categories were Michael Breen, Terri Dowie, James Nielsen, Sally Anderson, Robert Starkey, Kevin Harley and Tamara Mau.

Cross Cultural Center to Recognize World AIDS Day

The UCSD Cross Cultural Center will present the World AIDS Day Celebration 2000 from Nov. 27 through Dec. 1 with poetry, artwork and informational materials.

Included in the celebration will be an AIDS Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 on Library Walk in cooperation with Student Health Advocates, the AIDS Research Institute and the Women's Center. A movie screening of "And the Band Played On" will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Cross Cultural Center.

Scholarship Office Seeks Goldwater Applicants

Science and engineering sophomores and juniors with excellent grades and research experience are encouraged to apply for national Goldwater Scholarships, which provide winners with \$7,500 a year for up to two years. The awards are intended for students who plan to pursue graduate studies in engineering and the sciences.

UCSD students have been quite successful nationally, winning three awards in 2000, two in 1999 and four in 1998.

Applications are available at <http://www.act.org/goldwater> or at student financial services' scholarship lobby and must be returned to the UCSD scholarship office by Jan. 16, 2001. Thomas Bond is the UCSD campus representative for the Goldwater Scholarship and can discuss the application with interested students. For more information, call (858) 534-3263.

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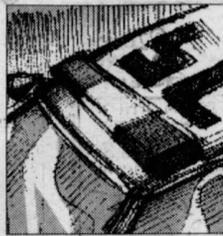
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burning food.

Sunday, Nov. 19

5:15 p.m.: A student reported burglary to a black '95 Ford Explorer in Lot 703. Loss: \$500.
11:25 p.m.: A student reported burglary to a white '98 Acura Integra in Lot 102. Loss: \$4,400.

Monday, Nov. 20

11:50 a.m.: A student reported the theft of a black and purple Trek B21 bicycle from the south bike racks at the Price Center. Loss: \$400.
12:06 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a wallet from RIMAC. Loss: \$20.
1:00 p.m.: A student reported losing a cellular phone at the Price Center.
3:03 p.m.: Officers arrested a 52-year-old male nonaffiliate for burglary at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center. Booked into Central Jail.
7:53 p.m.: Units and the San Diego Fire Department responded to a fire at Bates 106. Caused by

Tuesday, Nov. 21

9:46 a.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a parking meter from Lot 113. Loss: \$575.
11:00 a.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a camera from the Argo Hall elevator. Loss: \$150.
2:46 p.m.: Officers arrested a 34-year-old female nonaffiliate for petty theft at Geisel Library. Cited and released.
5:19 p.m.: A 24-year-old male student suffered an ankle injury after falling at Humanities and Social Sciences Building. Sought private treatment.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

10:45 a.m.: A staff member reported vandalism to a gold '96 Geo Prism in Lot 753. Loss: \$500.

12:15 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a blue B10 Magna Glacier Point bicycle from the racks on the south side of Geisel Library. Loss: \$75.

1:30 p.m.: Officers arrested a 19-year-old male student in Lot 104 for misuse of a handicapped placard. Cited and released.

10:18 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a VCR from Thornton Hospital. Loss: \$400.

Thursday, Nov. 23

1:10 p.m.: Units and the San Diego Fire Department responded to a 20-year-old male nonaffiliate who suffered a head injury while surfing at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.

Friday, Nov. 24

9:51 a.m.: A 17-year-old male nonaffiliate suffered a head injury while playing soccer at Warren Field. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.

— Compiled by Lauren I. Coartney, News Editor

Kwanzaa:

The event has been held at UCSD for seven years

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by the hip-hop group PackaBlacks.

"The food was good, so was the entertainment, and the speaker was very poignant," UCSD student Antonio Chamberlain said. "Bravo, AASU."

Kwanzaa has been celebrated at UCSD for seven years and was first observed at the UCSD Cross

Cultural Center. Winston said that the organization begins planning for the annual celebration at the onset of the academic year. Winston and Activities Coordinator Amelia Baxter served as masters of ceremony for the evening.

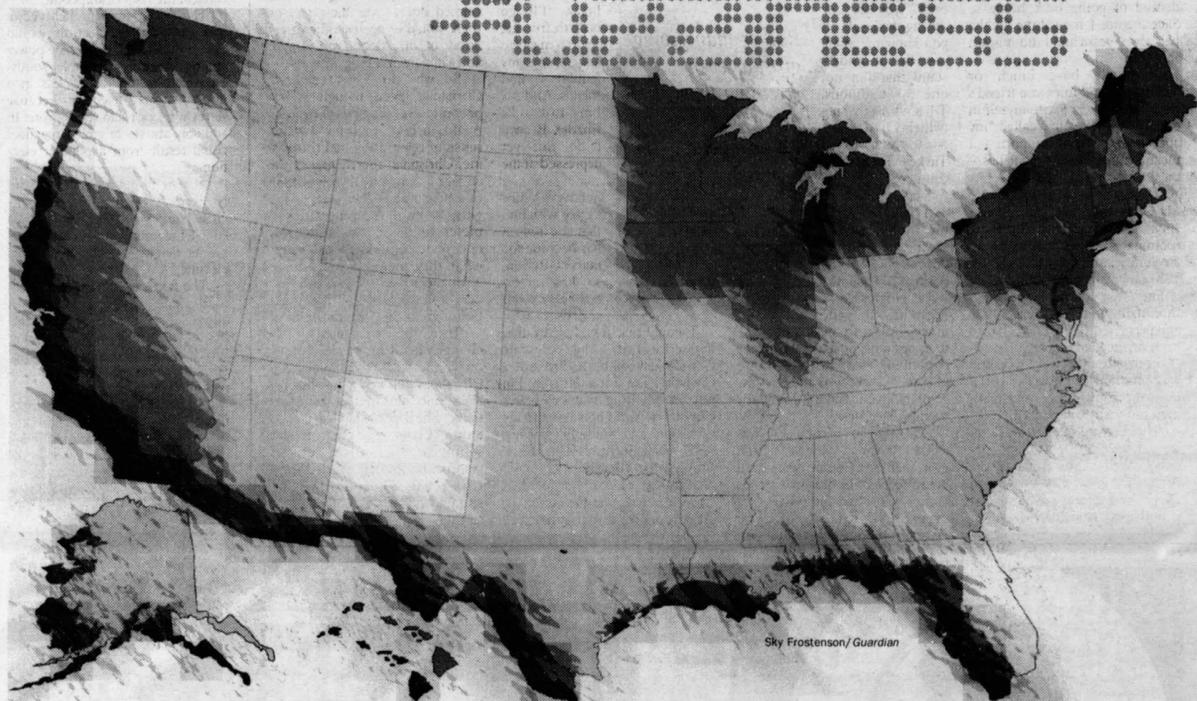
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OPINION

ELECTORAL



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The Electoral College is an obsolete mechanism needing reform

By ALEX J. LEE
Senior Staff Writer

The never-ending controversy in Florida is enough to make a person even more cynical about today's politics in the United States, if that is possible. Not since 1887, when Congress created an election law regarding voter rights, has the fate of a new American president hinged for so long on a single state.

Many Americans are oblivious to how our country's politics work. One would hope that by now, however, they have at least learned that they do not actually vote for their presidents. Their vote is far more indirect. In accordance to our country's official form of electing presidents, the Electoral College system, Americans vote for other people to vote for their president. In other words, even if a candidate wins the popular vote of the people, he may still lose the election if he loses the electoral vote. Sound stupid? Well, you are not the only one who thinks so.

According to a recent article in *Newsweek*, many have described it as "a dinosaur that should be retired to a museum," "an appendage to an anachronism" or "a train wreck waiting to happen." Many prominent politicians are part of this list of Electoral College critics. For instance, New York Senator-elect Hillary Clinton and California Gov. Gray Davis, two politicians who appear to be the front-runners for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination, have urged the eradication of the entire system.

Throughout America's history, there have been attempts to reform the Electoral College or abolish it altogether. Today, more than 700 such attempts at reforming the system have been made, most recently in this year's election. Past presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter have been among the past attempted reformers.

Perhaps the biggest drawback of the Electoral College is the fact that a president

can be elected even if he does not win the popular vote. Such a characteristic cheapens the notion of a so-called fair democracy, one in which the views of a people are supposedly reflected in the political process, especially one as significant as the election of their president.

Ironically, an American president has been elected without winning a majority of the popular vote 15 times. It occurred twice in the case of Bill Clinton; he won only 43 percent and 49 percent of the popular vote in 1992 and 1996, respectively.

Put simply, the system is old. In fact, it's so old that at one time, its primary objective was to give a political edge to slave owners, many of whom, not surprisingly, were members of the Electoral College.

The Electoral College was born in a country far different from the one we live in today. Two hundred years ago when the framers created it, they emphatically did not want a president dependent on the legislature. Consequently, they immediately rejected a model reminiscent of England's parliamentary system which allowed the legislature to pick its own leader as chief executive officer and prime minister.

Post-colonial traveling was very difficult, and this made the transfer of information slow and tedious. Adding to this was the fact that no national parties existed, leading the framers to fear that many regional candidates would divide the vote and subsequently skew the election process.

Proposals to select presidents by direct national popular election were shot down quickly and deemed impractical for a young nation so large and spread out. Three reasons were given by the framers, according to the testimony of Yale professor Akhil Amar to the House Judiciary Committee in a 1997 hearing on Electoral College reform.

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Abolishing the Electoral College would cause more confusion

By PARNAZ TAHERI
Contributing Opinion Writer

Two hundred years ago, our founding fathers developed a method of electing a president by way of an institution known as the Electoral College. This system, in which voters choose state electors who are then entitled to vote for the president, has caused some controversy between those who want to keep it and those in favor of abolishing it.

My question is: Why touch something that does not need to be changed? The quest of some to change the method of electing the president will only complicate things and disrupt the current, legitimate institution of the Electoral College.

The majority of people who favor the abolition of the Electoral College want the popular vote to be the deciding factor in electing the president, especially now that we have no president-elect almost a month after election day. But when the framers of the Constitution organized the idea of the Electoral College, they sought to organize the best possible method of election that would prevent what has come to be called populism.

So why is the Electoral College the best system for electing the president? For one, there could be no replacement, such as popular vote, that would come even to improving the election of the president. In fact, direct elections would only produce more disputes in choosing a president than the current system.

It is for this reason that the election process in Congress is not based on majority rule (the winning candidate does not have to have the majority of the votes) and federal judges are not elected, but are appointed. For instance, take into consideration this year's election. Were there a tight race between the candidates, a direct election would result in recounts all over the country, not just in Florida, as is the case today.

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Untraditional Ways of Celebrating Traditions

The holiday season brings warmth and joy to many in cultural and religious ways, but it can be observed without the tradition as well



TOM VU

"Aww, I'm sorry," was what my friend Joanna said to me when I mentioned to her that I would be spending Thanksgiving weekend by myself here in San Diego instead of going back home to Sacramento. I have done so the past three years and I did it again this year.

I usually have lunch or Thanksgiving dinner at a friend's house and then recluse myself in my cell, affectionately called "my apartment," staring at porn - I mean fantasy hockey statistics - on the Internet.

This year is entirely different. My entire four-day weekend was spent by myself, up until my roommates' return Sunday night. No lunch, no dinner. Was I lonely, like a lone coyote baying at the moon in the desert? Not at all - I thoroughly enjoyed the solitude and peace, a much needed change from my hectic life.

I can actually say the weekend was productive. I got the rest I needed, caught up on my readings and just plain relaxed.

The second response I got was, "Don't you miss your parents?" Well ... no, not entirely. After all, I moved down to San Diego for a reason. All in all, this is perhaps the main reason I do

not celebrate Thanksgiving the "traditional" way: I have no one to celebrate it with.

Please, please, do not say "aww." This is, in a way, of my own machinations. As mentioned earlier, I have friends from San Diego who I could join for dinner, or I could go up to the City of Angels. But I decided to stay on my own.

"But what about the tradition of having Thanksgiving dinner with your friends and loved ones?" you must be asking yourself. If you know me at all, you would understand that I'm not one for traditions.

Thanksgiving (which I have started to refer to as Turkey Day) is a time for me to reflect on things. I admit, during my freshman year, staying alone in the dorms got a little boring. But, as the years progressed, I began to value the time I spent with the apartment all to myself. This holiday gave me the opportunity to sit back for a couple of days and reflect on the year: the good things, the bad things and the friends I hold dear.

This year in particular, I was able to reconcile some issues and give thanks to some existential being for all the positive things and people I had the privilege of being friends with.

Well, perhaps existential being is not the correct term, seeing how I am not religious and do not believe in any god. This leads me to another holiday I do not celebrate, at least not in the traditional sense: Christmas. Yes, that's correct, call me a heathen, call me a pagan, call me an infidel; I do not celebrate Christmas.

Don't get me wrong, I'll be going back home for Christmas break ... sorry, I meant winter break. I'll go back to freezing Sacramento and see my family and friends. And no, I'm not like Charlie Brown: I do not get depressed at the coming of the holidays. While I agree with him that the season has become too market-driven, so has everything else in our society.

I would find it odd and rather hypocritical if I did celebrate Christ's day of birth. I'm not a Christian. I'm not a Catholic. I'm not anything that celebrates Christmas. And I apologize to my Christian and Catholic friends, but I mean no disrespect; this is simply what I believe.

Actually, one can argue that Christmas has, over the centuries, become more of a pagan ritual.

Rather than giving gifts, or even receiving them, I prefer to devote my time and energy to expressing to others what they mean to me and to wish them best luck in the new year.

Pro:

The Electoral College needs to be scrapped

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First, very few candidates would have truly continental reputations among ordinary citizens. As a result, most Americans would not have enough information to intelligently choose a national figure for president.

Second, a president elected by a national popular vote was seen with much suspicion. Many founding fathers felt that a populist presidency was at risk of attracting demagoguery and even dictatorship if one man claimed to be the voice of the American people.

Third, the framers believed a national popular election would ruin the delicate balance of power among states. For example, southern voices would count less in a direct national election because slaves were not allowed to vote. In addition, abuses in voting practices could result from a popular election.

"A state could increase its clout by recklessly extending its franchise," Amar said. "For example, if a state let women vote, it could double its weight in a direct national election."

The framers endorsed an Electoral College system because it allowed a state to get a fixed number of electoral votes no matter how broad or narrow its franchise.

Amar claimed the system is painfully outdated.

"I consider the so-called Electoral College a brilliant 18th-century device that cleverly solved a cluster of 18th-century problems," Amar said. "As we approach the 21st century, we confront a different cluster of problems and our

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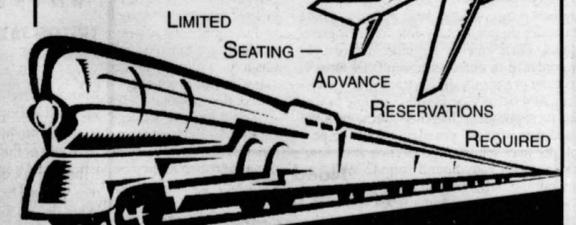
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Pro:

The old way of electing a president needs change

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tutional machinery of presidential selection does not look so brilliant."

None of the reasons the framers had for defending the Electoral College system is relevant today. For one thing, almost all Americans are familiar with the candidates running for the presidency. Even if they are not, today's advanced communications technology allows all information on a candidate to be virtually a click away. The mass media alone is enough to relay sufficient amounts of information about a candidate, even though it is often biased in nature.

With the existence of different political parties, demagoguery or dictatorship are highly unlikely. Finally, the framers' last argument about abuses in state voting practices is thoroughly obsolete. Today, both African Americans and

women are able to vote and are no longer selectively disenfranchised. States do not play as big a part in deciding whether to give the voters a direct voice in choosing electors, nor do they play as significant roles in defining the electorate.

The Electoral College suffers from other faults, as well. Over the years, it has tended to over-represent voters in rural states. For instance, in 1988, seven of the least populous jurisdictions in the United States, including the District of Columbia, combined to have the same number of electoral votes as Florida: 21. At the time, however, the combined population of those seven jurisdictions was only one-third the population of Florida.

Yet another criticism of this antiquated system is that the electoral votes of each state are awarded solely on a winner-take-all basis, in which case the potential of a third-party or independent candidate to win any electoral votes is pitifully slim.

Defenders of the Electoral College system argue that to abolish it

would be profoundly dangerous. They say that it would allow presidential candidates to direct their campaign attention solely to those areas with the largest populations. With campaign conduct already under heavy scrutiny, many of them feel the problems would only get worse were the current system revised.

My retort to these defenders is really quite simple: Time causes change and America as a nation has followed suit accordingly. All complications which may arise as a result of the abolishment of the Electoral College system should be anticipated and prepared for: After all, everyone knows that any significant social change necessitates an almost equal amount of adjustment. Such is evolution and the nature of transition.

Let this year's mess of an election be proof that America is in dire need of change in its method of selecting its presidents. In times of change, America has followed suit admirably before. I say it's high time we did so once again.

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There are no problems with the current system

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their votes, and smaller states would be ignored.

Thinking about getting rid of the Electoral College is only the seed of the problem. Actually attempting to abolish the Electoral College is a complicated mess that would only add to the controversy. Since the institution is written into the Constitution, its amendment would require approval by two-thirds of each house of Congress and three-quarters of the states. To get it passed would take a tremendous amount of time and

would create a larger controversy than the one that already exists. If the College's opponents would leave the issue alone, there would be no need to go through the hassle of amending the Constitution.

In reality, all the Electoral College does is take into consideration the popular vote and make the election easier through the elimination of the margin of error of the vote. According to a testimony by Walter Burns, the resident scholar for the American Enterprise Institute, "The Electoral College is ultimately spread out in a system of one man, one vote and majority rules," with the exception being that the majority rules at the state level. Thus, the college is the most fair and least complicated way for America to choose its president."

It is safe to say that when the founding fathers developed the idea of the Electoral College, their intentions were only for the best. More importantly, the college is written in the Constitution, and that furthers its legitimacy to the greatest extent. What the abolitionists need to realize is that getting rid of the Electoral College would be not only disadvantageous to the candidates, but to the country in general. Besides, who can really say or prove that a president elected directly by the people will be a better president than one elected by the Electoral College?

The Electoral College is still in the Constitution and what the Constitution says is what should be followed. If we have something that still works today, why touch it?

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WORLD & NATION

Florida Legislators Trade Charges of Partisanship During Special Session

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — With Republicans inching closer to calling a special session of the Legislature this week to name Florida's 25 electors, legislative leaders of both parties abandoned even the slightest pretense of bipartisanship Sunday.

Each side accused the other of trashing major institutions of government for the sake of self-interest and political ambition. Neither gave any sign of seeking any accommodation that might pull this fractured, exhausted state back from the brink of a political crisis.

Democrats, who are a 77-to-43 minority in the House and 25-to-15 minority in the Senate, said that Republicans had rigged the membership of a newly formed select committee whose work this week is expected to set the stage for a special session.

The committee, made of eight Republicans and six Democrats drawn from chambers, was formed on Friday by Tom Feeney, the House speaker, and John McKay, the president of the Senate, both supporters of Gov. George W. Bush of Texas.

In an interview Sunday, state Rep. Lois Frankel, the House minority leader, said that in selecting the committee, Feeney was counting on these Democrats to be less aggressive than those who come from Gore strongholds.

"He's a very shrewd politician," Frankel said of Feeney. "He's always tactical. Nothing is ever by happenstance."

In an interview Sunday afternoon, Feeney denied any such machinations. "I've picked members for the committee that are very well respected," he said.

Some Democratic lawmakers have been pressing for a boycott of the select committee, arguing that to participate might lend credibility to a process they view as rigged. But Frankel ruled out a boycott.

"Somebody has to be there to speak up for our side," she said. "We have an obligation to keep fighting and fighting and fighting with every legal means at our disposal. We will be there."

—David Barstow
The New York Times

Some of South Africa's White Voters Bewildered by Changes in Elections

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — It is election season, and politicians are rolling through Sophiatown, a stronghold for the white opposition, where people distrust the black government and reminisce about the days of all-white rule.

And so when whites began posting election flyers here, residents of this predominantly white neighborhood rubbed their eyes in disbelief.

To their surprise, they learned that the opposition party was competing with the governing African National Congress for black support in next month's local elections. The electoral prize is no longer just working-class white homeowners: It is black maids, black gardeners and black supermarket clerks.

Opposition officials have touted their decision to court South Africa's black majority as a critical step away from racially polarized politics. But at Mary's Hair Boutique and at Tasty's Take-Away restaurant, there is little celebration as shears clip-clip and burgers sizzle.

Instead, the talk is more often about growing confusion and disillusionment among whites, who struggle to understand the shifting political landscape.

"Whites must look after whites and blacks must look after blacks; they mustn't look after each other," said Martin Naylor, a 60-year-old parking attendant, as he guided traffic at a shopping center.

Asked whether the opposition party, the Democratic Alliance, was looking after whites in Sophiatown, Naylor shook his head sadly. "I don't think so," he admitted.

To their surprise, they learned that the opposition party was competing with the governing African National Congress for black support in next month's local elections.

"They're like the ANC now. It's very confusing. That's the whole problem. We don't know who to vote for."

As this nation prepares to vote on Dec. 5 for local council members in 284 cities and towns, a record number of white voters remain undecided about which party to support, according to a national survey released from the Human Sciences Research Council.

Whites make up only about 10 percent of the population here and many find it hard to see how their vote matters. "We found people saying, 'We're marginalized anyway; what difference does it make if we vote?'" said Stephen Rule, the manager of public opinion surveys for the Human Sciences Research Council, a non-profit research group.

"I found that particularly among white Afrikaans voters," Rule said. "A fairly common comment was, 'The numbers are against us; so what's the point?'"

—Rachel L. Swarns
The New York Times

Chairman of Broward Canvassing Board Kept Things Moving

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — In the one Florida county where things seemed to go right for Vice President Al Gore, nearly every important decision seemed to fall to one man.

County Judge Robert W. Lee, the chairman of Broward County's canvassing board, presided over a marathon counting session that ultimately found 567 more votes for the vice president than it did for Gov. George W. Bush. Democratic lawyers often cheered at the votes, and Republicans sometimes snickered, but when it was over, the fiercely independent judge who spends most of his days refereeing family quarrels merely shrugged.

"It wasn't that difficult intellectually," said Lee at a 1:30 a.m. press conference on Sunday following a 16-hour day of vote counting. "There were people who said that this was a political process. I'm not disturbed by that."

For the past 12 days, Lee, a 40-year-old judge with a reputation for bucking stereotypes, often found himself caught between his partisan colleagues on the right and left. Time and again, the board's Democratic county commissioner, Suzanne Gunzburger, saw a Gore vote where its lone Republican saw none.

And time after time, Lee, a registered Democrat, cast the deciding vote — and often in Gore's

"But when you look at 500 or 1,000 of them, you notice things that are obvious. I decided I would look at the physical appearance of the ballot. I looked for patterns. I thought those things were relevant."

—Robert W. Lee
Florida County Judge

favor. But Lee, a Mexican-American

Disability:

Langevin's community rallied around him

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prompted the officials who run the Capitol building to speed up their renovation projects.

The floor of the men's room is being rebuilt to allow Langevin (pronounced LAIN-je-vin) the same access as everyone else. A cloakroom telephone booth will be refitted for his use. And alterations are planned to allow Langevin, in his wheelchair, to vote, debate and mingle with lawmakers.

"For the first six months I was in the Senate, I had to use the ladies' room," said Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga. Cleland, a triple amputee elected in 1996, knows the obstacles Langevin faces. Cleland's wheelchair could not fit into the Senate men's room or squeeze through various committee rooms before workers began installing ramps and making other adjustments.

The effort to accommodate people with disabilities in the Capitol began a decade ago: But as

Alan M. Hantman, the architect of the Capitol, put it: "It's a work in progress. We have a lot more to do."

It was a freak accident 20 years ago that left Langevin paralyzed from the neck down.

He was a police cadet, 16, in Warwick, R.I., when a SWAT team member pulled the trigger on his semiautomatic pistol in the police locker room, believing it was unloaded as he showed it to a friend. The bullet ricocheted off a locker and severed Langevin's spinal cord. Gone in an instant was Langevin's dream of a career in the FBI.

Langevin's community rallied around him.

"It thrust me into a public life whether I liked it or not," he said. "And I didn't like it at the time."

Langevin, 36 and single, said he would devote most of his attention to issues that had nothing to do with his accident or disability, like improving education and reducing prescription prices for the elderly.

But the disability will no doubt have a bearing.

—Mark Lacey
The New York Times

Israel:

Bombing took place in Shabaa Farms area

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The fighting, accompanied by stone-throwing at Israeli soldiers elsewhere along the Lebanese border, raised renewed concerns that the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip could ignite wider conflict along Israel's borders.

Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh accused Syria, the dominant force in Lebanon, of permitting Sunday's bombing. He also asserted that the attack had been ordered by Iran, which backs Hezbollah, or the Party of God.

"Hezbollah wants to drag us into a confrontation on four fronts — we're not interested," Sneh said in a television interview, referring to Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel, he said, would not be drawn into a "ping-pong" of guerrilla attacks and retaliation.

The bombing was in an area known to Lebanese as Shabaa Farms and to Israelis as Har Dov, on the southwestern slopes of Mount Hermon. Hezbollah and the Lebanese

government assert that the area is occupied Lebanese territory. However the United Nations, which verified the Israeli pullback from Lebanon, determined that the area is not Lebanese but land captured by Israel from Syria in the 1967 Middle East War.

Hezbollah, which fought a guerrilla war for 22 years to oust Israeli troops from southern Lebanon, has vowed to fight on to regain Shabaa Farms. Last month it seized three Israeli soldiers on patrol in the area.

The bomb that exploded on Sunday was planted about half a mile inside Israeli-controlled territory and went off as a patrol moved on a road near the border, checking for explosives. One soldier was killed and two others were wounded.

In response, Israeli warplanes attacked in southern Lebanon for the first time since the May withdrawal, striking what the army said were Hezbollah positions.

Witnesses said that the planes attacked near Kafr Shuba and that helicopter gunships raked the area with machine gun fire. Israeli artillery also shelled what were described as Hezbollah targets.

—Joel Greenberg
The New York Times

Trying to strike a nonpartisan image in the current presidential deadlock is probably impossible, but Lee has charted an unusual path to the bench. A former president of the Hispanic Bar Association, he is the county's first openly gay elected official. He was first appointed to the bench by a Democratic governor in 1996, but recently interviewed with representatives of Gov. Jeb Bush for a promotion to the circuit court. He won re-election this year for his nonpartisan job, and he is a registered Democrat.

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A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

World AIDS Day promotes education and remembrance of those who have passed away

Currently, over 34 million people around the world have HIV or AIDS. Additionally, 8,000 people worldwide die from AIDS every day, according to the World AIDS Day Web site, <http://www.worldaidsday.org>

"Figures like these make it seem like AIDS is winning," the site states. "But all over the world, people like you are making a difference."

World AIDS Day, one of the most effective events that takes place in hopes of making a difference against AIDS, is held annually on Dec. 1.

The day is dedicated to educating people about HIV and AIDS and recognizing those individuals who have either died from the disease or are still living with it. The event continues to be the only coordinated international day of action against HIV and AIDS.

The origins of World AIDS Day trace back to January of 1988, when the World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programs for AIDS Prevention made a request to open channels of communication, strengthen the exchange of experience and information, and forge a spirit of social tolerance.

The organization wanted a more honest way of dealing with the new-found AIDS epidemic and has succeeded in this over the last 12 years.

The proof is this: Since its inception, World AIDS Day has received the patronage of the United Nations and the World Health Assembly, as well as innumerable other countries, governments and individuals.

Themes Throughout the Year

World AIDS Day has a particular theme for each year. "Communication" was the theme for its first year in 1988. Since then, more specific themes have been developed. In 1999, the theme, "Listen, Learn, Live: World AIDS Campaign with Children and Young People," stressed the importance of educating young adults on the dangers of AIDS.

This year, the theme is "AIDS: Men Make a Difference."

According to the World AIDS Day Web site, over 70 percent of HIV infections worldwide occur through sex between men and women, and a further 10 percent through sex between men. Additionally, another 5 percent occur among people who inject drugs, 80 percent of whom are men. The World AIDS Day campaign hopes that by bringing attention to men's roles in infection, awareness will be increased and, they feel, this may be the surest way to fight the AIDS epidemic.

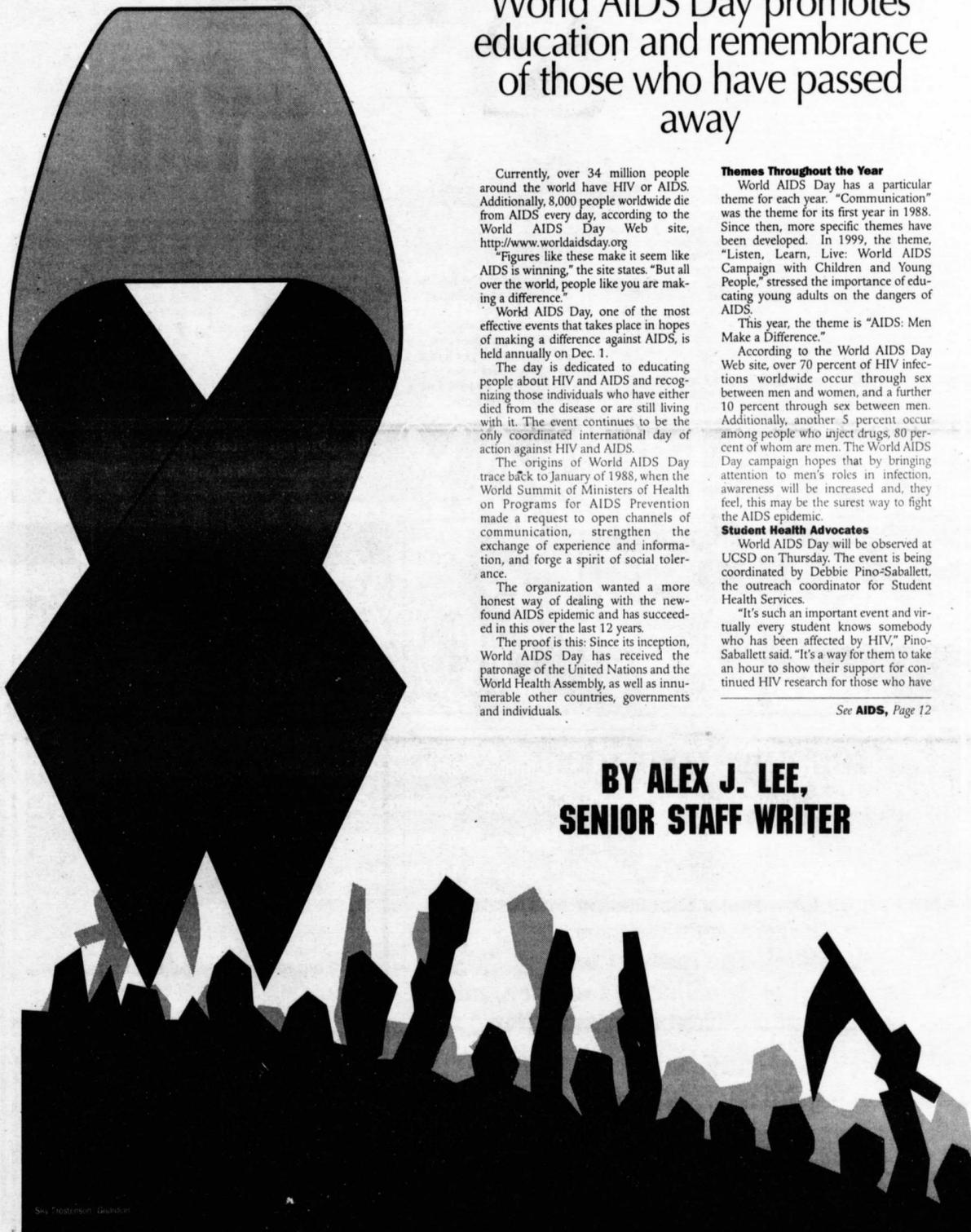
Student Health Advocates

World AIDS Day will be observed at UCSD on Thursday. The event is being coordinated by Debbie Pino-Saballett, the outreach coordinator for Student Health Services.

"It's such an important event and virtually every student knows somebody who has been affected by HIV," Pino-Saballett said. "It's a way for them to take an hour to show their support for continued HIV research for those who have

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**BY ALEX J. LEE,
SENIOR STAFF WRITER**



HOROSCOPES



By LINDA BLACK
Tribune Media Services

Aries (March 21-April 19)

You'll have a powerful urge to start your world cruise Monday, leaving the same-old, same-old behind. Unfortunately, if you're not a pilot or ship's captain, you could miss a great career opportunity. Marvelous riches could be yours on Wednesday, if you have the skills and do the work. Thursday and Friday you'll more than double your output with an enthusiastic team. Saturday is for sports action, but as a participant, not a spectator. Save Sunday for prayer, contemplation and the overturning of new leaves.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

If you're a trader, be alert on Monday for excellent deals. Travel is appealing on Tuesday, but will go more smoothly if you wait until Wednesday. A confrontation is brewing on Thursday. If you're smart, you'll use it to your advantage. Hold out for what you're worth on Friday, too. Expect an older person to be dictatorial on Saturday. If you're thinking of giving money on Sunday, make sure you know how it will be spent. You might have to get involved to make sure the job's done right.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

The other guy's going to win the argument on Monday. You might

learn a lot by listening, though. Talk your sweetheart out of spending the rent on something else on Tuesday or Wednesday. If you don't, you could find yourself in an awkward situation. On Thursday and Friday, love prevails in an unexpected way. If you're going out, try a place you've never been. An exotic ambiance sparks romance. Cool it on Saturday and Sunday, however. This weekend is not a good time to do anything you don't want to read about in the Sunday papers.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Manage your workload Monday, or you'll never get it all done. You'll have more help on Tuesday, but proceed with caution. It will take a day or so to divvy up the chores in a way that works for all. By Wednesday you should be clicking along in an efficient fashion. You'll make up for lost time then. Watch your reserves on Thursday and Friday and plug leaks. On Saturday a done deal could fall apart, so take care. Read all the fine print then, and on Sunday, too.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

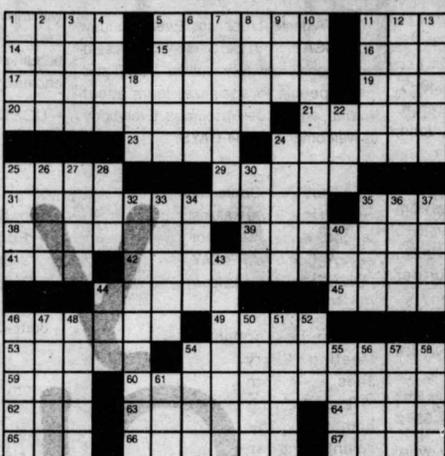
An early date on Monday is best. Your workload increases later and gets downright hectic on Tuesday and Wednesday. You love the challenge, but it interferes with your social life. A partnership proves stimulating Thursday and Friday. Let the other person argue your case while you supply necessary information. A difference of opinion about money could mar your weekend — and your romantic relationship — if you're not careful. Love's more important, remember?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Getting to work on time is hard on Monday. You'd rather stay home and take care of something more interesting. Don't spend too much on romance or a child on Tuesday; you'll regret it later. A long-distance

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RELIGION

Ongoing

Anglican/Episcopal Student Association Eucharist and free dinner/fellowship. 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays each month. 5-6pm in the International Center Southwest Room.

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Ongoing

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ACADEMIC

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CLUBS

Ongoing

Amnesty International, UCSD meeting. Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in Women's Center. AI UCSD is devoted to protecting human rights. Come write a letter and save a life.

International Club meetings. Meet the International students. Plan trips, outings, and hang out. Everyone is welcome! Snacks are provided. 7pm @ International Center every Tuesday.

MECHA: Mondays, Cross Cultural

UCSD Rotaract Meeting. Mondays at 5:30pm in International Center Conference Room. Interested in community service, professional development, and meeting new people? Come join the Rotaract Club!

ARTS

Ongoing

Tony Oursler video installations at UCSD art gallery; Oct.13- Dec.9. Oursler's installations utilize video, sound, and sculptural forms to create atmospheres of psychological tension and mystery. Info: 534.0419

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NEXT WEEKLY CALENDAR: MON. JAN. 8. Submission deadline: Thurs. Jan 4, 3pm.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season
The Guardian Weekly Calendar staff

Horoscopes:

Words of wisdom for tenth week

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connection proves quite beneficial on Wednesday. Apply new information and skills to streamline procedures at work Thursday. Ask for your reward on Friday. Don't wait to cash the check, either. By Saturday conditions for your prosperity aren't as favorable. Conversations with your mate are predicted for Sunday, but don't take yourselves too seriously.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Something you discover on Monday could change everything. Don't just sit there; go digging! Put your personal agenda on hold Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday's good for entertaining at home. Friendship could turn into romance as the evening progresses. Don't discuss finances on your date Friday night. Venture farther than usual with your sweetheart and/or the kids on Saturday. You're in for a pleasant surprise. Stick close to home on Sunday. Relax and make plans.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Watch for bargains and valuables on Monday. That's a good day to mine for gold. Then, put what you find into savings on Tuesday. Otherwise, it may slip through your fingers. An older woman's comments could stir you up on Wednesday. Consider the consequences before taking action. Your mate or partner's got the good advice on Thursday, so listen. Avoid a misunderstanding by being respectful on Friday. Things don't go quite as planned at your house on Saturday. Focus on love, not money, Sunday, and

you'll wind up with plenty.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're so creative Monday, you may surprise even yourself. Put your talent to good use on Tuesday and bring in much appreciated extra income. Turn down friends who have expensive tastes on Wednesday. Take on more work instead and have even more in your pockets by Thursday. A temporary upset sends you back to the drawing board Friday. Do more reading on your own time Saturday and find the answer to the riddle. Hide out at home on Sunday for a private conversation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Information from private sources could be quite profitable Monday. You can find a bargain you might have missed otherwise. Don't tell too much to a co-worker Tuesday or the boss on Wednesday. Wait until Thursday to take action, and you'll scoot past the competition. This could work in love, as well as business. Schedule a shopping trip instead of a date on Friday, and Saturday's good for earning a bonus. A conversation on Sunday could lead to a change in your perspective. Don't be convinced of something that just ain't so.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A meeting is full of surprises on Monday. Your creativity is much appreciated, as you come up with an idea no one else considered. You're under pressure Tuesday, from friends as well as family. Everybody wants your attention, and yet you have big deadlines to meet! Postpone a trip on Wednesday so you can get everything done. Don't plan to go out on Thursday, either. You'll most likely be exhausted by then. Stand up for yourself on Friday,

and you'll gain the boss's respect. You're the one leading the pack on Saturday, with your sparkling wit. Curtail your exuberance on Sunday. Don't spend more than you have, even for a worthy cause.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Be flexible on Monday. The boss may feel like changing everything. Get together with your group on Tuesday and Wednesday to figure out how to do what is required. You may not come up with a plan until Thursday, but that's fine. If you wait that long, you're more likely to succeed. A lot's going on behind closed doors on Friday. If you wait until Saturday, telling truth from fiction will be easier. Don't let yourself be pressured on Sunday. If another person's suggestion doesn't feel right, don't do it.

Birthdays This Week

Nov. 27: A keen competitor keeps you on your toes and sharpens your wits. You'll thank this person later for helping you get your act together.

Nov. 28: Shortages inspire your budget. They could inspire creativity and a group effort, as well. Be flexible.

Nov. 29: You should do well this year through work, not luck. Clean up your lifestyle, and you'll be much happier, too.

Nov. 30: This year you're practical and scholarly. You'll earn more if you spend more on your own education. It's deductible!

Dec. 1: Study technical material and become a whiz. Even if you've been all thumbs before, it all starts making sense.

Dec. 2: Set long-term goals. Include stuff you don't know how to do yet.

Dec. 3: This year learn to plan and to put in the corrections. And never take "no" for an answer.

AIDS:

Several awareness events planned on campus

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died as well as for those living with HIV."

According to UCSD's Student Health News, Student Health Advocates is a program that provides students with special training as clinic aides and peer educators. One of their many duties on campus is to provide sexual health information to the UCSD community. They accomplish this in various ways, including information sessions and programs on contraception and sexually transmitted disease prevention.

Pino-Saballet feels that an event like World AIDS Day is extremely relevant to college students' lives.

"For one thing, the majority of people affected by HIV are in the college-age population," Pino-Saballet said. "The purpose of World AIDS Day is to acknowledge people who have died of AIDS and to increase awareness of HIV."

UCSD Events

UCSD's events for World AIDS Day will be held in the Price Center and on Library Walk on Nov. 30. Pino-Saballet said the events will take place a day early because they feared that a later date would bring about a lower turnout. With finals so close, organizers felt that Thursday would be better than Friday to maximize student participation.

Activities begin at 9 a.m., starting with the AIDS Quilt on the Price Center lawn. (In case of rain, this event will take place in Galleries A and B.) Students can view the quilt until 3 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to noon in the Price Center plaza, there will be a panel of speakers who are infected

with HIV. Students will hear testimonials from these speakers and have the opportunity to ask questions about AIDS and HIV. Those in attendance will also receive a free "condom rose."

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be an HIV and AIDS resource fair on Library Walk. Students will be able to view art and poetry by children living with HIV. Temporary tattoos and free condom roses will also be available.

Other events will take place throughout the week at the Cross Cultural Center. The art and poetry will be on display in the gallery. In addition, an HIV- and AIDS- related movie will be shown at the Cross Cultural Center on Nov. 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

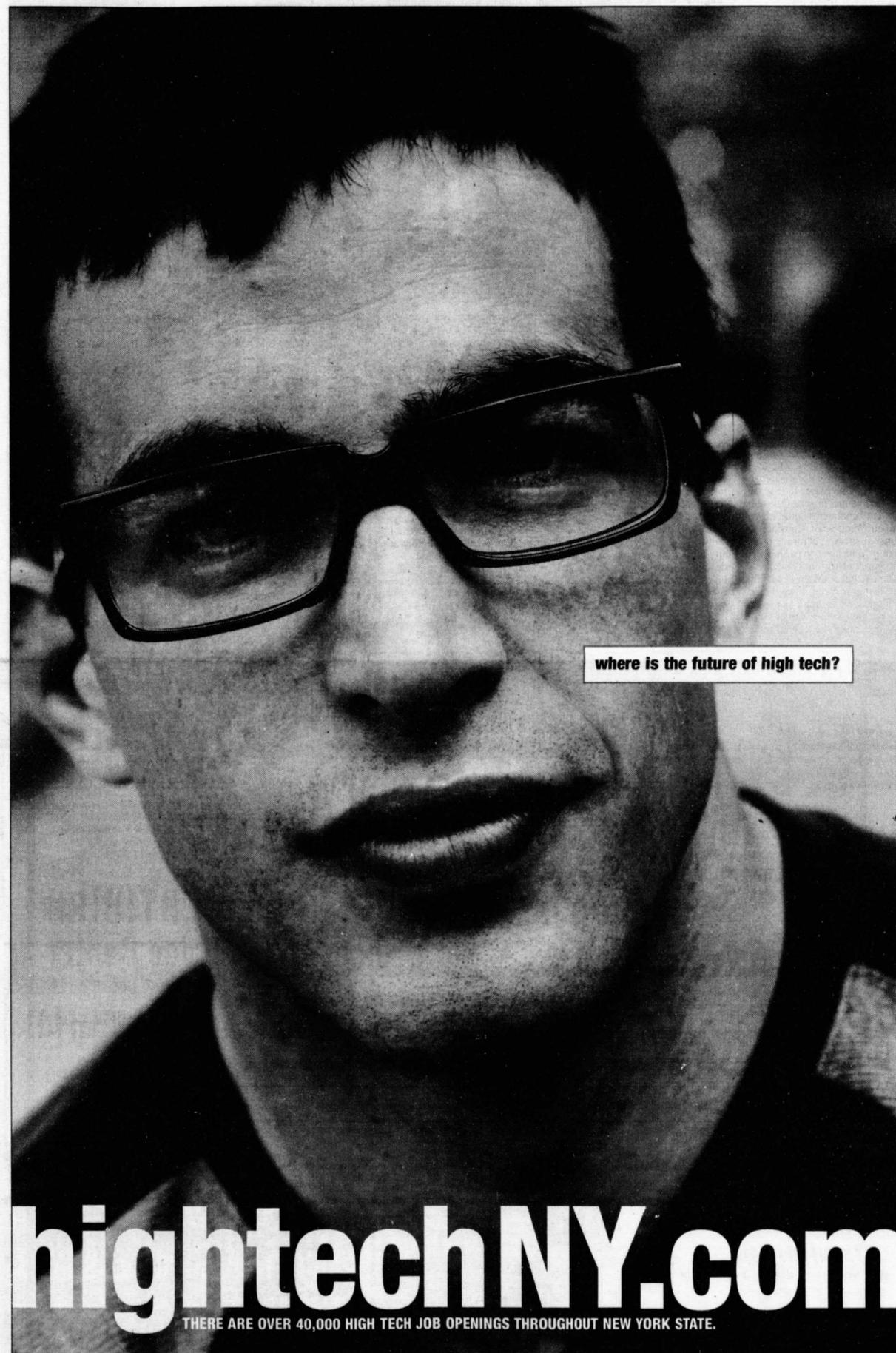
World AIDS Day is co-sponsored by the A.S. Council and is a joint program by the Cross Cultural Center, the Women's Center, the AIDS Research Institute, Student Health Services and Student Health Advocates.

For more information regarding World AIDS Day at UCSD, contact Student Health Services at (858) 534-8089 or go to its Web site, <http://www.ucsd.edu/shs/>

For more information on World AIDS Day in general, visit its Web site at <http://www.worldaidsday.org/>

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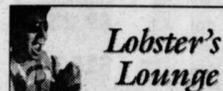


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In case any of you have not noticed, there are only 27 shopping days left until Christmas. If this means anything to you, please remove this newspaper from your gloved mitts and go back to discussing the new Abercrombie and Fitch catalogue on your voice-activated, internet-surtable, metallic-colored cell phone. You clearly have nothing of substance in your life and are thus incapable of heartfelt reflection. Heartfelt reflection is what this time of year is all about, and those of us with souls take this opportunity to reminisce over the wondrous components that comprise our lives.

Here in San Diego, there is much to be thankful for, as we are among the luckiest of the lucky to be not only smart enough to get into a high-faluting institution of knowledge endowment like UCSD, but also wise enough to choose a place where we can still drive our car to school (or the local tavern) without shoveling heaps and heaps of snow.

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UCSD Men's Basketball Falls To Cal Poly

Mustangs too much for Tritons, hands UCSD a second loss

By ROBERT FULTON
Sports Editor

The UCSD men's basketball team faced another tough opponent last Monday when it squared off on the road against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

The Mustangs gave the Tritons more than they could handle, winning 89-67. UCSD did make it a game early on, down only 10-9 after a pair of Sam Higgins' three-pointers. Later, the Tritons' Cole Miller hit a three-pointer to give his team a 17-16 lead.

It was all Cal Poly after that. The Mustangs went up 45-30 at halftime and led by as much as 25 at one point. The Tritons did rally back to pull to within 13 points, but that would be as close as they would get en route to the loss.

Cameron Jackson led UCSD with 18 points and four assists. Higgins chipped in with 14 points and Miller finished with 12 points and five rebounds.

The Mustangs sported four players scoring in double-digits, including Scott Jamaal with 20.

The win was the first game of the year for Cal Poly, while the loss made UCSD fall to 0-2.

After playing a two tough games against a pair of Division I schools, UCSD looks to pick up a victory on Wednesday when it face Christian Heritage College at 7 p.m. at

By TAIT MILLER
Associate Sports Editor

The role of athletics, as associated with school spirit, should be one of importance. That is not to say sports should be of more importance than academics or quality of life at the school attended, but it should be of some importance.

UCSD boasts a top-notch athletic program, full of national champions and All-Americans, and with its move to Division II, the Tritons are showing that they have no problem adjusting to the new level of competition and that they will continue to produce A-list athletic teams.

If both these assertions are to be believed, then the question must be posed, where do athletics stand in relation to school spirit at UCSD? The answer to this question is simple: There's no relation.

Triton Assistant Athletic Director Ken Grosse said "Athletics do not play as much of a role in school spirit as we, meaning the athletic department, wish it would."

Athletics, outside of the athletic community at UCSD, plays no role in the UCSD student body's conception of itself as Tritons.

"As an athlete on the volleyball team, the other guys on the team and I make an effort to go out and support the other teams," said Marshall sophomore Bill O'Connor. "For instance, we went to the State game last week. I just don't see that effort from most students here at UCSD."

If athletics play little or no role in school spirit, then what forms the core of a Triton?

It seems as if the focus of the administration at UCSD is on the academic aspect of student life. This creates an atmosphere in

which it is very hard for students to come together outside of the stressful arena of the quarter system.

There seems to be an invasive malaise that has seeped into the very pores of this La Jolla campus that makes it impossible to have fun while attending school here.

Is it really impossible, are classes that hard, or is the student body just apathetic?

Now, going to a basketball game or a water polo game is not a cure-all for this elusive malaise, but at the same time, it does give students something to do and it brings students together in a community that fosters unity.

There is a purpose to being at that game and the purpose is to cheer on UCSD, to support YOUR school.

"Athletic events create a critical mass, a place where students can be brought together," said

men's basketball coach Greg Lanthier. "Bringing students together is what creates school spirit. The chance to become a part of this campus is there and is provided for students. All they have to do is get up and take advantage of it."

Why sit around and complain about how boring life is as a Triton, as many UCSD students have been known to do, when there are usually between one and four home games a week featuring one or more of UCSD's 23 NCAA teams?

One group that certainly does care about Triton athletics is the pep band.

The pep band is made up completely of volunteers, as opposed to most schools of comparable size and athletic stature, where the band is fully funded by the music

See SPIRIT, page 18

David Dunbar Has Made His Mark

Cross country runner ends an excellent season with a strong showing at nationals

By ISAAC PEARLMAN
Staff Writer

When cross country head coach Ted Van Arsdale was looking at recruits for last year's squad, one local athlete in particular caught his eye.

"I thought [David Dunbar] would be advantageous to the school," Van Arsdale said.

Dunbar was enthusiastic to come to UCSD.

"I really liked the area and I really like the coach," Dunbar said. "I knew a number of guys on the team and I knew the program here was strong."

Fast forward to this year and Van Arsdale looks like a genius.

Dunbar recently became the first male in UCSD history to make it to nationals for the Tritons in Division II. His time of 33:19 placed him 52nd out of over 90 runners and ninth among West Region runners.

What makes this achievement even more commendable is that the national championship is comprised of top run-

ners from about 400 Division II schools. To top it all off, Dunbar is only a sophomore.

"By the time [Dunbar] is gone, he'll have established himself with the other running legends from UCSD," Van Arsdale said.

Dunbar appears to be well on his way to doing just that.

"I just liked running," he said of his decision to join his high school's cross country team five years ago. "And I was good at it. It was fun."

Coming into this season, Dunbar set three goals for himself: to place in the top 15 at the conference championships, to be named All-Region, and to make nationals.

A good performance in nationals assures strong consideration for All-Region honors. Dunbar came in 16th in conference, just short of his goal, but still respectable considering he ran while he was ill.

"It was a big race; we have a

See DUNBAR, page 19

UCSD Cycling Team Wins Home Event

Squad dominates event at home last week, racking up nearly 300 points

By TAIT MILLER
Associate Sports Editor

The UCSD cycling team hosted a race on the par course behind RIMAC on Nov. 19, and won by scoring 298 points.

The weather held true for the race while UCSD faced San Diego State University, Chico State, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Stanford, and Cuesta Community College.

The race featured two events. The first was a one-lap time trial and the second a short-track cross country competition. Each event was then divided into five races: men's A, B and C, and women's A and B. Race director Pete Knudsen was in charge of controlling and setting up this grandiose race.

"It was a lot of work setting up the race, but I had some help, and it was worth it," Knudsen said. "When you get six teams together and have a good turnout like we did here, and when the team performs well, it makes the race fun."

Knudsen also participated in the men's A division race and helped lead UCSD to wins in both

the time trial and the cross country race.

He placed first in the time trial and was one of four riders to break the course record, which he previously held. Knudsen finished with a time of 6:28 and was closely followed by Jesse Beck, also of UCSD, who finished in 6:29. The last two riders to break the old course record were Anthony Medaglia of SLO at 6:35 and Eric Wicker of SDSU at 6:43.

The men's team continued its cycling dominance in the B and C divisions of the time trial event. Eric Mellers won the men's B in a time of 7:13, just edging Gerry Elbert of SDSU in what was a mad-dash finish.

In the C division, UCSD captured three of the top four spots and was led by Brian Flock, who finished first in a time of 7:27. Flock destroyed the rest of the field as the second place finisher, Eric Hermawan from SDSU, clocked in at a distant 8:00.

The women's team was not

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Spirit:

Despite supreme teams, school spirit is down

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department and is offered as an actual class.

Even though they are volunteers, the band still manages to make it to at least one game a week where they play anything from jazz to rock to pep band classics like "Louie Louie."

The pep band makes a deliberate decision to go to the games, and the student body could do the same thing, so why don't they?

For some, the choice to go or not to go is hamstrung by their schoolwork.

"I would love to check out a basketball game or go to a soccer match," said Muir freshman Kirk Miller. "But half the time I'm either too tired or too busy with a job and schoolwork to go."

However, this is not the only reason students don't go to the games. For many, sports are obscured in anonymity.

"Most of the time I just don't hear about the games. If the advertising for the games was better, and I knew when and where they were, I would definitely show more often," said Roosevelt junior Adam Taylor.

The move to Division II could alleviate this problem.

"In the CCAA, we play double-

headers and it makes it much easier to advertise and much more spectator-friendly since in Division III, many of our games were played during the break," Grosse said.

Athletics can offer an outlet for the student body, and it can help form UCSD's vision of itself. Events present times and places for students to come together and, if even just for the hour it takes to play a water polo match, feel like they are part of something more than a study group for their Chem 6A class.

How to make this happen is a hard question to answer, but the tools are there. We have a great athletic program and students who want to get out and be a part of something, but do students want athletics to be that something?

UCSD cyclist Pete Knudsen said "One of the reasons I came to UCSD was because we didn't have the rah-rah attitude of other schools, and I like the balance we strike here between athletics and academics."

Students need to realize that UCSD is lacking in school spirit.

In order to make this campus a better place to go to school and in order to foster a sense of school spirit and unity, both the students and the administration need to let athletics or another aspect of campus life rise up and become equals with that masterful slave-driver, academia.

Dunbar:

First UCSD runner to compete at Div. II Finals

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pretty big rivalry with the other schools in our conference," Dunbar said. "I just took one for the team."

Van Arsdale sees Dunbar as more than just a physical specimen.

"His mentally competitive attitude is an important strength," Van Arsdale said. "He has the desire to see how good he can be."

Dunbar's determination is an example for the other runners, including his younger brother, Jonathan.

"He's shown the way [for the young runners]," Van Arsdale said.

Dunbar downplays his leadership role to his brother. "I help him out a little," he said. "But usually I let him do his own things."

He is also modest about his championship run. "I think it was pretty good, although I wanted to run a little faster," he said.

Van Arsdale has a different impression.

"He was absolutely fantastic at nationals," he said. "It would be tough to improve on this particular

race."

They both attribute Dunbar's performance to a grueling training plan, in which Dunbar ran over 80 miles per week from the beginning of summer until late October.

"The difference between this year and last year is a result of [Dunbar] sticking to the training plan," Van Arsdale said. "It allowed him to complete the season strong."

This was vital, since this was Dunbar's first year in Division II and his first year of running 10,000 meters. Division III meets were only 8,000 meters.

Dunbar is far from finished. Next year, his goals are to finish higher in nationals, as well as make the Division II All-American team. He has started to train for the track team, in which he competes in the 1,500-meter and 5,000-meter races, as well as the steeplechase.

"My main goal is to make it to nationals, which is harder in track," Dunbar said.

Dunbar has no intention of slowing down after school, either. "I'll definitely be running after college," he said.

"He's a hardcore runner," Van Arsdale said.

For Dunbar, there appears to be no end in sight and that seems to be just fine with him.

Bike:

Tritons win every event but one in competition

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able to field a time trial in the A or B squad.

However, Triton Sara Peetz did take the women's B cross country race over Kim Klemintowski from Chico.

The Tritons outclassed the opposition in the cross country race as well as the time trial.

"As a team, we performed incredibly well," Knudsen said. "Even though the event used an outdated scoring system, which favored participation over place, we still won six of the 10 races."

UCSD won every event it entered except the men's C team short-track.

Mark Lunden of SDSU won

that, but the Tritons captured the next three spots in the race to assure them of an overwhelming victory.

"Everyone was excited to have a race at home and I think we came out and showed that by performing the way we did," Knudsen said.

In the short-track, the same two A-team riders captured the top two spots.

The only difference was that Knudsen and Beck switched places as Beck captured first and Knudsen second. Dirk Van Ulden also had a strong performance for the Tritons, placing sixth.

In the B and C divisions, UCSD again showed its strength, winning the B division and capturing places 2 through 4 in the C division.

Mellers won the B division and Flock, after tiring himself

out by winning the men's C time trial by a mile, finished second in the men's C cross country to an energized Mark Ludin of SDSU.

Team president Jason Goldberg placed a solid fourth in both the time trial and short track B division.

The winner of each race, instead of being presented with medals, was given tropical plants and propeller guns.

"We just tried to make things a little bit more relaxed out there, and besides, wouldn't you rather have a propeller gun or cool plant than a dinky medal?" Knudsen said.

As it goes, the team performed well and the event as a whole was a success.

"Everything worked out," Knudsen said. "We had generally fast times and overall the event was satisfactory. I think most people enjoyed themselves out there."

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Column:

Boras attempting to "destroy" pastime

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There are many people in the world who would sacrifice one of their more valuable limbs for just a glimmer of our pleasant SD paradise.

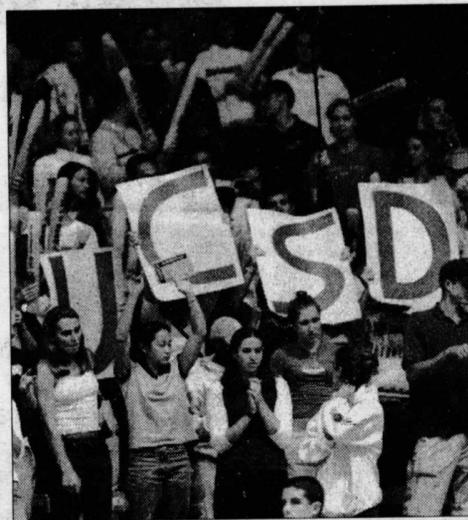
I spent last Thanksgiving in some cold Parisian pub tucked away in the hulking shadows of the Eiffel Tower, with only a few other Americans with whom to share my plight. As our families back home feasted on succulent turkey with all the flavorful trimmings, warm, moist mashed potatoes and ears of corn glistening with butter, we sat and drank warm beer on uncomfortable bar stools, with a bunch of non-American freaks frolicking about us prattling on in their ridiculous tongues.

It was about that moment when I realized America is beautiful. Despite its many and varied flaws, America rules, and those wacky foreign people, obsessed with snooty cricket and riot-inducing soccer, can all just bow down and prostrate themselves before our mighty nation. No matter how many chads are impregnated or ballots vomited on, there is nothing that can shake my faith in our grand system.

At least there wasn't until I opened the sports section a week or so back and read about how the devil, known above ground as agent Scott Boras, was attempting to destroy our beloved American pastime. He was demanding, on behalf of his client, superstar short-stop Alex Rodriguez, numerous and extravagant luxuries, the likes of which have never been fathomed by mere man, all in exchange for Rodriguez's baseball-playing services. The list of demands included private jets, office buildings and an island chain in the South Pacific.

Of course, this was in addition to the \$20 million or so in salary that this cretin pulls down each season. All to play a wondrous game, a game that makes me proud to salute the red, white and blue.

As I fell retching and trembling to the floor, I realized that our nation, which is set apart from all other by this grand game, is losing its grip, with dictator-like players overrunning the game in a quest for land and riches. With mongrels like that dominating our grand old pastime, maybe it's time to break out the wickets and bowl us a cricket match. Cheers!



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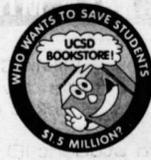
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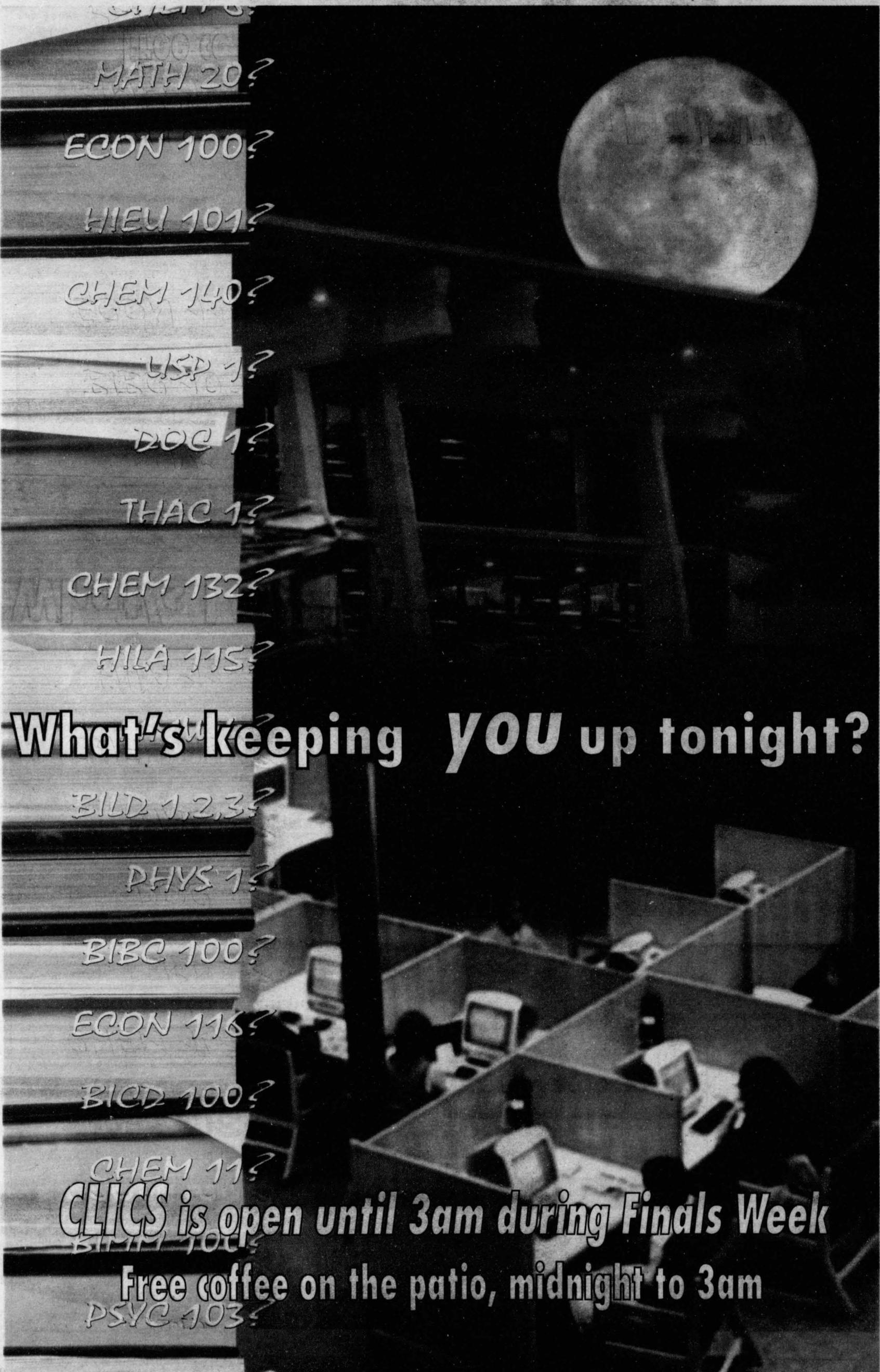


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