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Worldwide

Britain to Cut Cash Benefits for Asylum Seekers

LONDON — In the latest effort by a West European government to stem the tide of immigrants flowing into the region, many of them from war-ravaged, postcommunist Eastern Europe, a sweeping law takes effect in Britain on Monday that aims to make the country far less attractive to asylum seekers.

Last year more than 70,000 people applied for asylum here, compared with about 5,000 just before the Berlin Wall fell in 1989. And with a backlog of more than

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National

Budget Surplus Lures Potential Spenders in Congress

WASHINGTON — It was only nine days ago that the House of Representatives narrowly passed a tax-and-spending plan that its Republican authors proudly hailed as a model of fiscal restraint.

So imagine that just last Thursday, to the dismay of fiscal conservatives, the same House overwhelmingly approved \$12.7 billion in extra spending for this year.

Some of the money was earmarked for what lawmakers said were real emergencies, like battling

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Collegiate

University of Florida Student Charged with Rape of Girl He Met Online

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A 22-year-old University of Florida student was arrested last week at his Gainesville apartment on charges of statutory rape and child molestation, after police allege that he had sex with a 13-year-old Georgia girl with whom he had been having an online relationship.

Binh Thanh Lam faces 10 to 20 years in prison if convicted of statutory rape and five to 20 years if convicted of child molestation.

Lam is being held at the Alachua County jail without bond.

— *Independent Florida Alligator*

Spoken

"It is an outreach opportunity for the families to learn about how to get health information."

— **Doris Alvarez**
Preuss School Principal
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A Mother's Touch



David Pliz/Guardian

Gratitude: A child attendee of the Early Child Education Center thanked retiring director and founder Josephine A. Foulkes at a retirement and appreciation party last Friday at the Faculty Club.

UCSD Graduate Arrested for Murders

David Arturo Medina, a graduate of Marshall college, pleaded not guilty to murder charges

BY **PARISA BAHARIAN**
Staff Writer

UCSD graduate David Arturo Medina has been arrested and charged in connection with multiple gang-related murders.

Medina, who graduated from Marshall college in winter of 1998 as a sociology major, faces the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted.

While local news media originally reported that Medina was a graduate student at UCSD, the registrar's office has no record of Medina's enrollment after 1998.

Medina, 23, pleaded not guilty to murder charges in February, as did alleged fellow gang members Ruben Bernal, 23; David Bury, 23;

Julio Aguilar, 23; Rafael Hernandez, 20; and Michael Sierra, 19. Medina and Bernal are being held without bail whereas Bury, Aguilar, Hernandez and Sierra are being held at \$1 million bail.

San Diego homicide Lt. Ray Sigwalt said Medina is a documented member of a Mexican street gang. Sigwalt declined to name the gang with which Medina is said to be affiliated. Sigwalt said it is the policy of the department to not release the names of specific gangs.

Sigwalt said there are eight gang-related cases in Chula Vista for which Medina is being investigated.

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TAs Reach Settlement, Avert Strike

Agreement was made one day before walkout was scheduled to take place

By **VINCENT GRAGNANI**
News Editor

Union-affiliated teaching assistants reached a settlement with the University of California last month and agreed to postpone their strike and enter into a three-week mediation period.

TAs originally called a strike for Friday, March 17, alleging that the university had engaged in unfair labor practices. The agreement was reached just one day before the strike was scheduled to begin.

As a result of the settlement both sides agreed to nonbinding, voluntary mediation in their negotiations that will occur on a system-wide level for three weeks. Marty Morgenstern, director of the state department of personnel administration, will serve as the mediator.

The purpose of the mediation is to assist the parties in making progress toward a contract agreement. Negotiations between the union and the university began in September of 1999.

According to the union, part of the agreement included a commitment from the university to instruct administrators and faculty of their obligations under the state Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, the law that governs collective bargaining in California.

The university stated that it agreed

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Preuss School Receives \$40,000 Outreach Grant

Money will go toward providing health information to students via two Web sites

By **JOSEPH LEE**
Staff Writer

The Preuss School and the UCSD Medical Center Library were awarded a \$40,000 National Library of Medicine Outreach Grant last month.

The grant will go toward providing Preuss school students and faculty with information over the Internet, and will also fund faculty training, according to a press release from the university.

The grant will be used to set up two Web sites, one of which may be partly designed by Preuss School students. The Web sites will have information that students and faculty can access and use.

Preuss School Principal Doris

Alvarez said the Web sites will be integrated into the curriculum as a part of the Preuss School's advisory classes, which also include tutoring, information on college as well as health issues.

Alvarez said she feels the Web sites will be good hands-on learning tools for the students.

Alvarez stated that the primary objective of the Web sites is to provide students with important information regarding their health as well as the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Alvarez said the Web sites "will help give students more knowledge about nutrition, exercise and sex education."

According to Alvarez, the Web

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OPINION



Nicholas Runco/Guardian

DIPLOPIA

The United States' efforts to force democracy on the rest of the world often has disastrous results

By TOM VU
Staff Writer

"The spotlight we flash into the darkness of the past is guided by our own concerns in the present," writes Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. in his book "The Disuniting of America." Schlesinger is referring to the United States' current interests on the global stage, affairs and issues that concern the country's hegemonic place in the world.

As the world's sole superpower since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the United States has shined its spotlight globally, into every nook and cranny. By doing so, the United States is attempting to shape the world of the 21st century into what it views the world should be: a macrocosm of itself.

The form the United States wants the world to take is that of a utopian society: more precisely, a democratic, utopian world. A world where every single nation on the earth, from Turkey to Vietnam to Cuba, can hold free, democratic elections. More importantly, every economy will be capitalist, ready to help line the wallets of the hegemony of this world, which just happens to be the United States. Quite an honorable task the United States is taking on, freeing the world from communism and all things authoritarian and oppressive, isn't it?

It should be noted, however, that in its attempt to free the world from the bonds of oppression, the United States has become precisely what it feared most during the Cold War: a powerful nation forc-

ing its beliefs and government onto other countries. Beyond this, the very system of government that this nation promotes, democracy, has not only stunted the natural growth of some nations, but has caused many of the problems it has been trying to solve. In some cases, democracy has utterly failed the country that tried to implement it and forced it into the worst type of government possible: anarchy. With its spread, democracy has destabilized the very nations it was supposed to help.

In Latin America, the implementation of a democratic government has led not to rich, capitalistic societies, but rather has resulted in oppressive governments wrought with corruption. With the fall of the Iron Curtain and the much-too-quick incorporation of democracy, Russia has been facing economic meltdowns and an ineffective government that is ruled more by the oligarchs than the politicians. In Rwanda and Bosnia, democracy utterly failed once the authoritative rule was lifted, resulting in anarchy and leading to the slaughter of millions.

The preaching by the United States — sometimes with the barrel of a gun — to obtain its utopia has prompted comparisons to the spread of another ideology several hundred years ago, that of Christianity. In Christianity's attempts to "civilize" the heathens and pagans, the missionaries and conquistadors have more often than not violently disrupted — even wiped out — entire nations in the name of a higher cause. As Robert Kaplan writes in his book, "The Coming

Anarchy," "Christianity made the world not more peaceful or, in practice, more moral but only more complex. Democracy, which is now overtaking the world as Christianity once did, may do the same."

At this point, a closer examination of how the religion of democracy has affected these countries should be taken. Consider first some Latin American countries. In democratic Venezuela and Mexico, the people are given the right to vote but are afraid to do so half the time because of what seems like an endless string of political assassinations. Government corruption runs high and these nations' economies are in constant threat of collapse. In Colombia, corruption reaches the highest levels of government, allowing the crime rate to grow unchecked.

Russia has a unique situation. The fall of the Iron Curtain allowed for the trickle that was democracy to turn into a roaring river that flowed into Russia and the Eastern Bloc. As a result, Russian leaders demanded faster change and revolution, pushing what should be a slow, evolutionary process into what seems like an overnight event. Who can forget the image of Boris Yeltsin standing on top of a tank, demanding the release of Mikhail Gorbachev from the grasps of the evil communists?

That was many years ago, and many Russian cabinets have come and gone since then. The Russia of 2000, a democratic Russia, is a country in turmoil. The fault for this lies not only with Yeltsin but

also with the government he led an economy in the gulags, a crime rate as high as Mexico's, mafias as vicious as Colombia's with an arms trade that reaches into the United States and Canada and corruption that may not stop short of the president. Abroad, ethnic strife tears this nation apart while the oligarchs rule the government at home, a situation much like that of Athens during the Peloponnesian War. These oligarchs were allowed to come to power because of the weak democratic government in place at the time.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in the late 1980s, many of the states that were once controlled by the iron fist of Moscow found that they were free to govern themselves. Former communist states like Bosnia-Herzegovina and Armenia held democratic elections under the watchful gaze of the United States. What ensued was the overpowering plague of ethnic hatred that eventually led to the elections of leaders like Slobodan Milosevic and Radovan Karadzic. The result was a string of the worst ethnic cleansing in Europe since the Holocaust. Kosovo is the latest of these genocidal examples.

Turning our attention away from Eastern Europe and toward Africa, we see how the United States' spread of democracy has taken a turn for the worst. The West's rash push for democracy in Rwanda led to a multi-party political system that was merely a mask for the rivalry between different ethnic groups. In

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Fight Against the Use of Child Soldiers

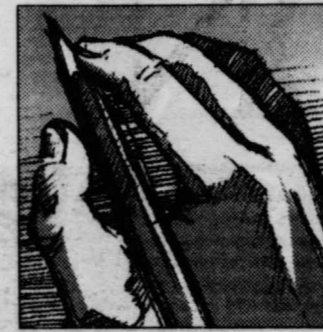
Editor:

In the East African country Uganda, the Christian fundamentalist rebel group called the Lord's Resistance Army is composed almost entirely of children. Over the past 13 years, the army has abducted more than 12,000 children from Northern Uganda, forcing them to become soldiers and slaves. Nearly all children, some as young as eight, are forced at gunpoint to kill other children, raid and loot villages and brutalize and murder villages. Often, these child soldiers are forced to kill members of their own families or villages. In addition, abducted girls are raped or forced into "marriages" with LRA commanders and held as sexual slaves.

There are more than 300,000 children involved in wars and other armed conflicts throughout the world. Children as young as seven are used in combat in more than 30 different countries on nearly every continent. These children are often kidnapped from their homes and forced into combat. If they survive, their experiences in training and combat leave them severely traumatized.

The majority of child soldiers are used by nonstate actors, which are paramilitary units linked to governments and armed opposition groups. Children are used because they are easily manipulated into violence. These children are found on the front lines — in minefields ahead of troops, on suicide missions, as porters, cooks, guards, messengers, spies and sexual slaves. As a result, they suffer from higher casualty rates than adult soldiers. Even if they survive, their lack of education and psychological scarring leads to social rejection.

There has been a renewed call



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to end the use of child soldiers throughout the world. In January, 50 countries, including the United States, were involved in the drafting of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which raises the accepted minimum age for participation in armed combat from 15 to 18. This Optional Protocol would set a new international standard for the minimum age for participation in armed combat.

UCSD students are not helpless against the LRA and similar organizations. All are encouraged to come to the Amnesty International table Thursday, April 6 in the Price Center. There, students will have the opportunity to sign appeals to countries, send cards to Ugandan

children recovering from their experiences in the LRA and learn more about the human rights work done by UCSD's chapter of Amnesty International.

Students who cannot come by the table can e-mail amnesty@ucsd.edu or come to Amnesty International meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights in the Women's Center, University Center building #407.

Every week, Amnesty International members learn about human rights in the news, write to a government to help end human rights abuses such as the use of child soldiers and learn about related events in San Diego.

Students can also appeal to California Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein, urging them to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to support S. Con. Res. 72. In addition, students can write to their member of the House of Representatives, urging him or her to support H. Con. Res. 209. Both of these resolutions condemn the use of child soldiers.

The state department can also be written; students should tell it to stop providing military weapons and training to governments and government-supported paramilitary groups that use child soldiers.

Finally, students are encouraged to write to countries that have child soldiers fighting in armed conflicts and urge them to outlaw the use of child soldiers.

Let's work together to end the use of child soldiers.

— Charlotte Bell
Member of AI-USA Human Rights and Education Steering Committee and UCSD alumna

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U.S. Census Has Bitten Off More Than It Can Chew

Despite all the resources devoted to the census, the results will still only be an approximation

By KEVIN SEID
Staff Writer

Have you filled out your census form yet? It's that time again — the U.S. Census Bureau is taking a head count of every person living in this country. Forms have been mailed to every house, apartment and mobile home. Armies of census takers are being sent across the country to count the homeless and people who don't bother to return their forms.

Despite all the resources, money and manpower the Census Bureau is devoting to the census this year, it will never get completely accurate results. The statistics it will collect will not be an exact portrait of the American population.

First of all, counting every person living in this country remains a formidable challenge. When the national census was last taken in 1990, the Census Bureau missed an estimated 5 million people — about 2 percent of the U.S. population.

Most of the people the census missed included renters, migrant workers and the homeless. These three groups of people are essentially nomads. Renters move in and out of apartments or other properties. Migrant workers move from one region to another in search of jobs. The homeless wander the streets in search of food and shelter. Since many members of

these groups do not have permanent residences, census takers always have trouble tracking them down. Many remain uncounted as they wander from street to street, city to city or even state to state.

The Census Bureau is not like the FBI, CIA or other such federal law enforcement agency with the resources necessary to track the movements of such people. The Census Bureau hopes it will get as many homeless, renters and migrant workers as it can. Despite its best efforts, it knows that some U.S. citizens will ultimately slip through its fingers.

Secondly, the Census Bureau's new question on race will also cause problems. This is the first U.S. census where racial combinations will be counted; people can mark one or more of the boxes representing different races. No longer will there be statistics on just a few racial categories, rather data will be collected on the many possible racial combinations.

This question could skew the statistics on minority groups. The problem is that being a member of a racial group is entirely subjective. Any person who is even remotely associated with a particular racial group can be counted as a member of that group. For example, if a person is 99 percent Caucasian and only one percent African American, he or she could

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Democracy only hurts countries that are unready

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1994, all hell broke loose and the murder of one million people ensued. More recently, the breakdown of a weak democratic government in Sierra-Leone led to more ethnic strife and ultimately, chaos. The same applies to Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. As Kaplan writes, "They operated with a fatally flawed system, which our own ethnocentric hubris helped to construct."

As history can testify, democracy, implemented too soon or too rashly, often leads to the rise of an oppressive leader. Both Hitler and Mussolini came to power in their respective countries through democratic elections. Napoleon was elected by his fellow French civilians to lead them into what they believed would be a democratic future. Instead, they were brought under the rule of Emperor Napoleon and into a series of wars that lasted until 1815.

Looking at these countries, we cannot help but wonder where things went wrong. Why did democracy fail so miserably in these countries while it has been successful in others like the Czech Republic, Greece, nations in the European Union and of course, the United States, the epitome of democracy?

The answer has many facets. The first is the period of time in which the nation converts to democracy. This conversion is a long process — an evolution, some political theorists call it — ranging from several years to decades in length. The union of East and West Germany was a slow and patient process that has paid off. Even China has benefited from the slow conversion to democracy, though its leaders would vehemently deny this fact. The communist government has allowed the sale of industrial plants to private owners, something that would have been unheard of 20 years ago. The inclusion of Hong Kong, and the relative little effect communism has had thus far on its capitalist economy, has only furthered China's economic reform. Recently, China has made a deal with an Australian telecommunications company, NewTel, an event that undoubtedly caused Mao Tse-tung to roll over in his grave. Because of these developments, many theorists believe that within 30 years, the People's Republic of China will indeed become a republic.

Where the United States has erred in its push for democracy in some countries is its insistence that every country become a democracy right now. As mentioned before, this conversion to democracy is an evolution. A rash implementation of democracy in a country not ready for it can only cause turmoil.

A second factor is the nation taking on this conversion to a democratic government. History seems to identify two major requirements for a successful democracy: a well-educated people and a larger middle class. Many of the countries in the examples above had a populace with a literacy rate below 25 percent. While Russia has a population with a literacy rate of 95 to 99 percent, there is a serious lack of a middle class. This middle class comes not from democracy but from authoritative governments.

Revolution was how this country was established — the reason democracy was established in this nation. Despite what the Young Republicans on campus might be thinking, I am not preaching that democracy is a fallacy and that communism is the government of the future. Democracy, actually republicanism, is by far the best government in use. My problem is how this edict, like Christianity, is being forced down the throats of other nations who are not yet ready for it.

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Letters:

Programs Abroad Office offers students opportunity

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More information on Semester at Sea

Editor:

In response to the March 13 article "Sailing Through School" about Semester at Sea, I would like to provide some additional information about the program's activities on the UCSD campus. Craig Stephenson, assistant resident dean at Eleanor Roosevelt College, is spending this spring on the ship as assistant director of student life and will have firsthand knowledge of the program when he returns to campus.

Students may use their UCSD financial aid on this program, as well as special study abroad scholarships and can receive credit by working with a Programs Abroad advisor before the program. In addition, the UCSD Programs Abroad Office will be hosting an information session with a Semester at Sea representative on Tuesday, April 18, tentatively set for 2 p.m. (please call for exact time) at the International Center Conference Room.

For more information on this and other international study or work programs, contact Programs Abroad by calling 534-1123 or sending e-mail to abroad@ucsd.edu

— Bill Clabby
 Programs Abroad Advisor

St. Patrick Effect Religious Persecution

Editor:

In college, one is expected to open their mind to new things and learn about the history of other cultures. In giving "props" to St. Patrick you have shown total ignorance of Irish history, and, as I'm sure your literature professors have told you before, you missed the metaphor.

Those "dastardly snakes" are not snakes at all. Serpents are the symbols of the High Druids, and it was these Celtic priests and earth-worshippers whom Patrick and his compatriots killed, forcibly converted or drove out of their beloved Eire forever. "Driving the snakes out of Ireland" refers to the "cleansing" of the island by missionaries, of which Patrick was one. It was no act of heroism, but one of intolerance and evangelical murder.

I would certainly not mar St. Patrick's Day with mourning; it celebrates Irish heritage, and no one should stop drinking or dancing because of it.

But a college newspaper should know better than to give "props" to an act of religious genocide. Would it praise the inquisition? Or give props to Columbus — way to go with those dastardly Indians? No, it would have more respect.

So drink another pint, laddies, and I'll have one, too. But I'll never toast St. Patrick, and perhaps you should think twice before praising persecution and murder.

Flops to the *Guardian* for knowing nothing about history. Maybe its editors should try to stay awake in class.

— Bethany L. Thomas

Having trouble sleeping in class?
 Read the *Guardian*.
 (Zzzzzzz.)

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U.S. practices the same policies it once fought

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or may not even want it. These countries, teeming with ethnic strife and conflict use the political parties to their advantage to carry out their genocidal plans. With an unstable central government, the economy crashes as corruption and the crime rate shoots up. Trying to shape the world into our own utopian, brave new world ideals are no better than Lenin's spread of communism.

"If men were angels, no government would be necessary," James Madison writes in "The Federalist 51." Angels we are not, but as Thomas Paine admonished, government is a necessary evil. Our government, our necessary evil, as well as it may serve us, may not be ideal for other countries. The United States' inability to recognize this, and its continuous push to spread democracy, has not helped the world, nor the United States' own vision of the brave new world that Miranda speaks of.

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Census:

Ambiguities may distort population demographics

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mark two boxes on the census form. Many people do not consider remote associations justification of membership to a racial group. Some will want to check off a particular box, even if they have only a small quantity of that specific heritage in their blood. A person who is 90 percent African American and 10 percent Caucasian is considered biracial to some, but African American to others. The point at which the line is drawn is essentially subjective.

Another problem with the census is that the questions on the long form ask too many personal questions that many people will be reluctant to answer. Everyone receives the census' short form with questions on sex, age, race and relationship to the rest of the household because a population count is needed for district apportionment purposes. However, about one of every six households is mailed the long form, which asks additional questions on social, economic and housing characteristics. The Census

Bureau is using statistical sampling to derive the results from these questions.

One question on the long form asks about physical, mental and emotional conditions and how they affect daily activities. There are questions that ask the name of one's employer, what kind of business the employer runs and how many weeks and hours the person worked in 1999. The questions on income are similar to what is on the 1040 federal income tax form. There is a question that asks whether the person has complete plumbing facilities: hot and cold water, bathtub or shower and a flush toilet. There is even a question that asks if one has phone service.

Many people have complained to their congressmen that these questions are too nosy. Some will lie or exaggerate their answers. Others will follow Sen. Trent Lott's recommendation to just leave the intrusive questions blank. Whatever happens, the data collected from these questions will be skewed.

Another problem with the census is how it counts college students living away from home. College students are supposed to fill out their own forms, even if they are living in on-campus dorms or off-campus apartments. Many students do not consider

their college residence as their permanent address and thus do not think they are required to send in a form.

This problem is aggravated by the fact that census takers cannot possibly reach every student that does not respond before they move out at the end of the semester, quarter or school year. Thus, the census will miss the many college students who do not complete its forms.

In addition, many parents of college students may accidentally put their sons or daughters on their forms. As a consequence, many college students could be counted twice.

Finally, the Census Bureau cannot truly check the accuracy of every form. Many people will exaggerate, lie or leave answers blank. The Census Bureau is not going to send census takers to every respondent to check his or her answers. Many people never get caught cheating on income tax forms, and it will not be any different with census forms.

Keep in mind that the census does give a portrait of the American population and all its characteristics. However, it is really only an estimate. We should never take the results at face value — the statistics will never be 100 percent accurate.

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World News

Life Stagnates for Slovakia's Gypsies

RUDNANY, Slovakia — Darina Horvathova, 23, lives with her baby on the crumbling remains of an abandoned iron and mercury mine, without a husband, a job or indoor plumbing. The soil, under the mounds of uncollected trash, is known to be contaminated. But 500 Gypsies, or Roma as they are also known, live here in sickness and squalor in the shadow of a factory shut down when communism died.

"The government doesn't care about us at all," said Horvathova, standing in a path of oily mud and trash. "They could put down some pebbles or pick up the garbage," she said. "Anything you put on is dirty immediately. Is this life?" No Gypsy here has a regular job.

"We want to work, but there is

no work," said Cyril Horvath, 26, a trained bricklayer. "When you show up, they take one look at you, and that's it. They take only whites."

Worsening conditions for Gypsies throughout Eastern Europe have caused thousands to try to emigrate, quickly wearing out any welcome from Western Europe. Their flight has created new pressure, most recently in Britain, to tighten regulations on visas, immigration and asylum, so they can be kept out.

Those who remain face Slovakia's notorious treatment of Gypsies, who make up some 10 percent of its 5 million population. Discrimination, including police mistreatment and beatings, has been reinforced by the postcommunist rise of skinheads and other neofascist groups who, as in the

neighboring Czech Republic and Hungary, single out the Gypsies and are rarely punished.

According to Claude Cahn, research director for the European Roma Rights Center, a nonprofit foundation based in Budapest, Hungary, "Slovakia is deeply segregated, with unabashed, open hatred."

In a report to be published soon, Amnesty International describes "punitive police raids" against Gypsy settlements, with dogs at dawn, apartments damaged and inhabitants beaten.

In September, the new government published a "strategy" to solve "the problems of the Roma national minority."

— Steven Erlanger
The New York Times

Britain:

Law would give asylum seekers vouchers

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100,000 people and their families waiting to hear whether they qualify for asylum, the Labor government has been under intense pressure to act decisively.

Under the law, asylum seekers will be given vouchers redeemable for goods worth about \$58 per person per week, instead of cash welfare benefits. Instead of being able to settle where they want, asylum seekers with nowhere to go will be sent to one of 13 designated areas around Britain, some far away from refugee support networks.

The government has also pledged to speed the asylum process and to close most avenues of appeal for rejected

applicants.

The tabloid press here is virulently anti-immigrant, and there is a growing public perception, reflected in and fueled by overtly anti-refugee statements from both main parties in Parliament, that most asylum seekers are taking advantage of Britain's generosity and do not have legitimate asylum claims.

"They're seeking recourse to a better life in this country, for economic migrancy, and the system can't sustain them," Barbara Roche, the Home Office minister, said at a conference on refugees late last year, expressing the government's view.

In the last few years, refugee organizations say, European countries have worked hard to present themselves as tougher on asylum seekers than their neighbors are, so as to deter even refugees with legitimate claims.

— Sarah Lyall
The New York Times

National News

Florida: Members of Congress want to spend surplus

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drug traffickers in beleaguered Colombia and paying for the military operation in Kosovo, but lots of other spending was pure pork or projects that were not in any rush, like the \$19.4 million to assist the New York lobster industry, which is suffering a tough season.

The events of the last week show just how hard it is going to be for Republicans, much less Democrats, to keep their hands off the projected federal surplus.

Even some Republicans were appalled.

spending plan only after weeks of wrangling with conservatives in his party who wanted less spending. The Senate plan tracks closely with the House version.

The Senate committee passed its resolution last week only after Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, extracted a promise from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi that the Senate would not take up a supplemental spending bill this year.

But Gramm may now have reason to worry that his ironclad pledge is on the verge of crumbling.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who heads the Appropriations Committee, intends to push ahead with an emergency spending bill on Tuesday, despite Lott's promise to block it.

Admissions Officers Focus on Details

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — The candidate was a high school senior from Florida who played soccer, built houses for Habitat for Humanity and was taking advanced placement courses in English, calculus and physics.

Her grades were A's and B's, and her College Board score was 1360 out of a possible 1600 — not bad, although lower than many other applicants'.

But the 10 admissions officers from Wesleyan University, gathered here on a balmy March afternoon to hear her case, were focused on something else.

They homed in on her personal statement, where she described a protracted bout with cancer in her junior year in which she periodically flew to New York for chemotherapy.

"She was still doing soccer

while being treated for cancer," one officer noted.

"She was the captain," another marveled.

"She's apologized to us for not having submitted a third SAT2 score," the acting chairman, Christian Lanser, said in near wonder. "But damn it, she has Hodgkins."

With that, Lanser rapped his knuckles on the 12-foot-long cherry table to call the vote.

Three arms rose to recommend the waiting list. Lanser and six others voted to admit. Majority ruled; the Floridian was in.

It was Day 2 of the annual rite of the admissions season known as "committee," the last round of the process at Wesleyan and other colleges, when the university's gatekeepers convened to consider the 368 applications still unresolved for next year's freshman class.

And while top grades and academic skills remained central to admission, it was often the personal details that tipped the balance.

Of the nearly 7,000 applications submitted to Wesleyan, in a record year here and at other highly selective colleges, these 368 were the hardest calls, for reasons as varied as a single failing grade, an extended absence, a borderline test score, or a rating of "arrogant" from an alumnus interviewer.

And so, as the April 1 deadline for mailing decision letters to candidates loomed, each of the 368 applicants received a bonus hearing, before the entire committee, their young lives reduced to a two-minute highlight reel.

— Jacques Steinberg
The New York Times

Uneasy Partnership in Microsoft Case

WASHINGTON — As the settlement talks between Microsoft and the government foundered, so apparently did the relationship between the Department of Justice and the 19 state attorneys general who together filed antitrust suits against the software giant almost two years ago.

Over the weekend, an official allied with the states complained that the Justice Department had been trying to ram through an inadequate settlement proposal without bothering to involve them. But a lawyer who was close to the talks had a different point of view, saying the states were "trying to snatch credit for sinking the talks" in part because "they're tired of being in the back seat."

Sunday, however, both sides

were trying to make up, because they knew full well that they had no choice.

"In anything this complex, there will be bumps along the road," said Tom Miller, the attorney general of Iowa and head of the Microsoft task force for the attorneys general.

"We've seen some bumps but we learned from them, and now need to go on and seek cooperation."

The trial judge, Thomas Penfield Jackson, has made it clear to the parties that he would be most unhappy if they did not cooperate. He also told the parties that he expected to get just two remedy proposals — one from Microsoft, and one from the plaintiffs, the official added.

That means the Justice Department and the states will have

to agree quickly. At the moment, their views differ. Several attorneys general are known to favor structural remedies, such as breaking up the company. Some others have said publicly that they oppose structural remedies. Several state officials said the hawks would most likely come around if it turned out that their opinions were in the minority — which was not yet clear.

The Justice Department, in the settlement talks, demonstrated a willingness to accept a remedy that merely altered conduct.

Surprising as it may seem, throughout the mediation process the two sides have never sat down together and tried to work out a comprehensive joint proposal.

— Joel Brinkley
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Preuss:

One Web site will serve as a resource for faculty

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sites can also help teach students how to interact socially.

"You can teach them important social and coping skills — especially about saying no to alcohol and drugs," she said.

UCSD Medical Center Librarian Craig Haynes, along with Preuss School Media Librarian Marsha Schorbin, will design the training program and curriculum for the students as well as the faculty.

One of the Web sites will be designed as a resource for the faculty and will detail how to accurately retrieve and evaluate data regarding health.

Haynes said the second Web site, to be designed for students, will be more interactive. He said there are plans for Preuss School students to have a creative role in the designing of the site, such as using students' photographs on it.

Haynes also said the Web site will not be limited to student use.

"The Web site is for the students to use for themselves and also to draw in their families," he said. "It is an outreach opportunity for the families to learn about how to get health information."

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Generation

Ut has a variety of names and comes in many shapes and sizes. It has been around since the early 1900s, but it has only come into the public eye in the past decade. It is MDMA (methylenedioxyamphetamine), or as it is commonly referred to, ecstasy.

Once used as an appetite suppressant and later as a psychiatric drug, ecstasy is now widely used as a party drug, circulated at various venues such as clubs and raves.

Ecstasy is classified as a class-A drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act of 1971, making possession, supply or production illegal. Because of this, the penalties are the same as those for heroin, meaning that possession of even a minimal amount can lead to heavy charges. Actual sentencing varies depending on the local policies and the circumstances of the arrest.

The Origins

MDMA was developed in 1914 and patented by a German pharmaceutical company as an appetite suppressant. It was never sold in the open market due to its "strange" side effects.

The drug disappeared for nearly 60 years before it was rediscovered in 1970 and used as a medical drug by psychiatrists. Psychiatrists used the drug because of its "heart opening" effects that allow its users to become more social and be open to increased emotional and physical contact than they would normally experience in their everyday lives. Some psychiatrists claimed that the drug helped patients to speak more openly during therapy sessions.

After being outlawed in 1985, the use of the drug turned more toward the party scene. Starting in Great Britain, and later moving on to the continent, MDMA became popular with both the house and techno music scenes.

MDMA has been altered over the years and mixed with other drugs in an attempt to find loopholes in the law that banned the popular party drug. The result is a wide range of MDMA drugs that are currently in circulation.

Synthesis

A natural version of MDMA can be found in both nutmeg and oil of sassafras. It is a stimulant drug that shares many properties with LSD, however it does not cause hallucinations. MDMA itself is not a single substance, but a group of synthetically manufactured drugs.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Web site, MDMA is both a stimulant as well as a hallucinogenic drug. Users report images when taken in high doses that peak for about two hours but residual effects can last several hours.

MDEA (methyldiethanolamine) and MDA (methylenedimethoxyamphetamine) are two drugs that are similar to MDMA. Many users can-

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An old drug finds new life as the youth of America break loose with ecstasy at raves, techno houses and now even in suburbia



Story by Josh Crouse, Associate Features Editor

The Editor's Soapbox

A harmless evening between friends soon turns into a vicious battle of the sexes

By **JESSICA SCHEPPMANN**
Features Editor

I don't subscribe to the philosophy that men and women are on opposite teams, stuck in an eternal battle for domination. I don't believe in the "War of the Sexes" because it creates an "us vs. them" mentality. So the other night when it became clear that I was caught in some sort of battle between the "men's team" and the "women's team" in a pretty nice bar in L.A., I was alarmed.

Let me set the scene. I was the designated driver, and my friend was drinking. It was her birthday, so I was buying the drinks, and we were catching up because it had been a while since we had last talked. We were conservatively dressed (not that it should matter), and were engrossed in our conversation. I didn't establish eye contact or smile at anyone, and I wasn't interested in being approached. Personally, I can buy my own drinks and provide my own conversation I don't appreciate any guy who presumes that I am sitting at a bar waiting for him to come along. Fine, right? Only for some reason, at this place, it wasn't.

Somewhere along the way, someone told guys that it is OK to behave like assholes when they get drunk. Within five minutes of entering the place, some guy grabbed my butt. I turned quickly and threw a punch to get his hand off me, but he thought it was funny. I thought it was disturbing that some guy I had never met felt it was OK to grab me.

After that, two brothers who were probably at least 10 years too old for us intruded on our discussion — without invitation. They proceeded to make inane attempts at conversation. We were unimpressed, but highly amused. Who did these drunk guys think they were?

Then it got worse. One of them grabbed my friend and licked her forehead when he found out it was her birthday. The other one asked me to make out with him. When I politely turned him down, he offered me money. We were up to \$50 before I had to explain to this bozo that my decision was not negotiable.

The most disappointing thing about the interaction was that they didn't go away when we said no. To them, the fact that we were uninterested seemed like a starting point — as if we could be cajoled into participating in their plans. They didn't leave until we professed to be "involved" with other men.

My involvement with someone else is no one's business but my own. The brothers' inquiries should have stopped as soon as I said no. It seems that a girl in a bar has to be involved with someone before her "no" will be taken seriously.

The next guy who came up to us seemed to think that it was OK to touch us. I'm not talking about a casual brush of the arm, either. This guy's pick-up line was to pet my arm and then purr at me. He then turned to my friend, put his hands on her hips and ground his



The worst part wasn't the physical intimidation, though. It was the feeling that "I" didn't matter. "I" was a set of breasts walking across the room, whose individuality was irrelevant. "No" merely meant that I was playing hard to get.

pelvis into her butt.

Pardon me for being a bit prudish, but I don't find it acceptable for total strangers, drunk or not, to grind anything into any part of my body. When we told this guy that we weren't interested, he acted offended and insulted, and gave us menacing looks.

"Oh, you think you're pretty hot shit, don't you? Well I wouldn't want to offend you ladies. Excuse me."

Excuse you? No, I will not

excuse you.

We were polite to everyone who spoke to us. Pleasant conversation was not entirely unwelcome from strangers because we were in a social setting, looking to be social. But there is a huge difference between talking to someone, and physically assaulting them.

Rule No. 1 guys: If I feel physically intimidated or threatened by you, it's not a turn on. So don't touch me, grab me, pet me or offer me money to spend time with you.

By this point I'd had enough, and was ready to leave. We were walking out when a guy grabbed my arm and pulled me toward him. I'm 5'3" and he was at least a foot taller than me. He asked my name and I politely told him — "Julie."

"Julie, I just have to tell you, you're the prettiest little thing in this place."

Bullshit. I was wearing crappy clothes and standing next to what must have been a super model. Fine, you want to compliment me, that's great. Don't grab me though, and don't think it is the automatic key to my pants.

My friend walked up behind me and told the guy that we were on our way out, and that we weren't interested. She was polite and smiled, but she too was at the end of her rope.

So what did this guy do? He went berserk.

"You fucking bitches. Fucking whore bitches."

I was visibly shaken and felt nauseated. I'm not used to feeling dominated in such a powerfully intimidating way.

In a matter of two hours I had been grabbed, groped, pawed, verbally and physically assaulted, and generally victimized by obnoxious men who physically dominated me. An exaggeration? Not really. The fact is that I felt threatened and my personal sense of safety was compromised.

The worst part wasn't the physical intimidation, though. It was the feeling that "I" didn't matter. "I" was a set of breasts walking across the room, whose individuality was irrelevant. "No" merely meant that I was playing hard to get. The guys in this bar didn't understand that we didn't want them to buy us drinks, didn't want to dance and weren't interested in upping the ante to become another notch in their bed posts.

We were threatened and felt threatened. Walking out of the bar, my friend said it how it was.

"That's just guys. That's the way they behave. To be perfectly honest, I don't expect anything more from them, because if I do, I'm generally let down."

Do you guys realize that this is how you are perceived? Is that OK with you?

I don't agree with this either, however. I know men who are reasonable and pleasant, and who respect the fact that women are people too. People overgeneralize, forgetting that everyone is someone's mom, dad, brother, sister, boyfriend, girlfriend or other. No man would want his sister or mom to be treated like that. How about

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Getting Ready to Step into the Real World

The Spring Job Fair offers students a chance to meet with business owners and network for the future

By **JOSH CROUSE**
Associate Features Editor

For underclassmen, it is the farthest thing from their minds. For upperclassmen, nothing can be more nerve-racking. It is the real world, and it is coming whether you like it or not. College cannot last forever, and we will all have to get a job eventually. This seemingly intimidating venture is not as bad as it seems, as the UCSD Career Services Center offers help for students.

Throughout the year, the Career Services Center sponsors career fairs that give students a chance to be interviewed by real employers for career positions, as well as a chance to gather information for future career ventures. The final job fair of the year, the Spring Job Fair, will be offered Friday, April 7, and it promises to be the biggest of the year, attracting more than 200 employers.

What is the Spring Job Fair?

The Spring Job Fair, presented by the UCSD Career Services Center and Philips Semiconductors, will offer students the chance to meet with employers on a one-on-one basis from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday at Library Walk. If there is rain, then the employers will be split between the Price Center ballroom and the Rec Gym.

The Spring Job Fair will offer students a chance to be hired for career positions, part-time jobs and internships. Students interested in simply finding a summer job can also find one at the fair.

The job fair is open to all current students, alumni who have graduated in the past quarter and to alumni who have obtained an alumnus card from the Career Services Center.

The list of employers scheduled to attend this year's fair include diverse companies such as Apple Computer company and the Gallo Winery. Harvey's Casino is also looking for summer employees.

A complete list of employers scheduled to attend as well as the positions that they are looking to fill can be found on the Career Services Center's Web site at <http://career.ucsd.edu>

Use The Fair to Your Advantage

The Spring Job Fair offers students an opportunity not only to find immediate employment, but also to network and make contacts that may prove useful in later employment. Students may also gain useful information about careers that they are interested in pursuing in the future to make sure that it is what they really want to do.

In order to take full advantage of all that the job fair has to offer, students are encouraged to prepare in advance for the fair. The Career Services Center's Web site urges students to check out the list of employers in advance and decide which employers they wish to visit.

Students are also advised to broaden the range of employers they visit. The Career Services Center's Web site reminds students that a hospital is not all about doctors and nurses. There are also positions available in management



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and information systems. The fair allows students to check on jobs in all fields.

Students are urged to bring plenty of copies of their resume to the event. For resume pointers as well as sample resumes, students may visit the Career Services Center's Web site.

Those interested in following up with employers after the fair should pick up business cards from the employers and take the initial

ative.

How to Prepare for the Fair

In addition to preparing their resume and viewing the list of employers, students are also advised on a few other things on the center's Web site.

Students should have plenty of paper and a writing utensil available to take notes during interviews with the various companies. They should also bring folders in which to carry their resumes and the var-

ious materials they might collect during the fair.

When meeting with the employers, students should remember the time demands that the employers are faced with. They do not want their time monopolized by one person. Students should ask direct questions. If more time is needed, then students should follow up with the employ-

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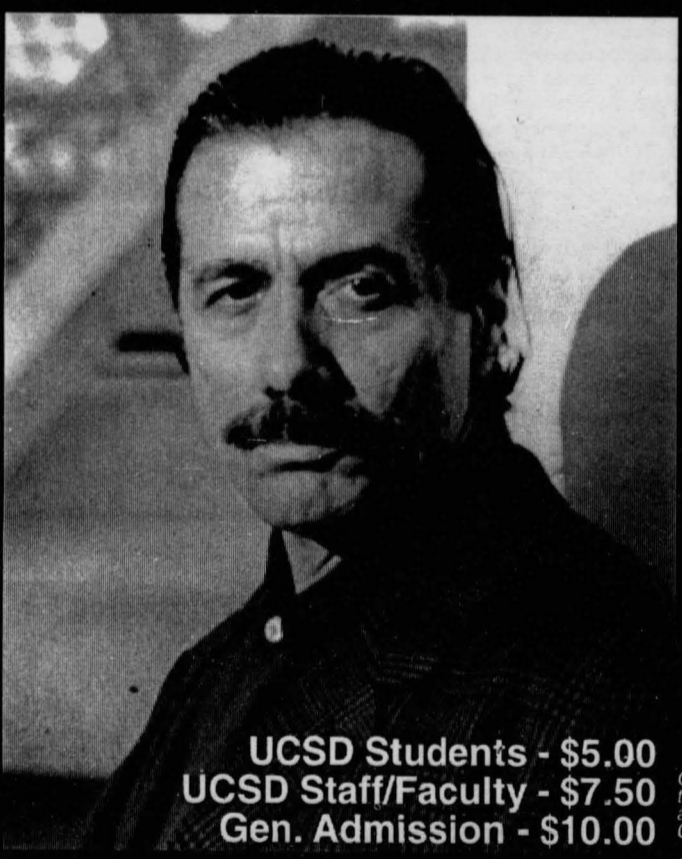
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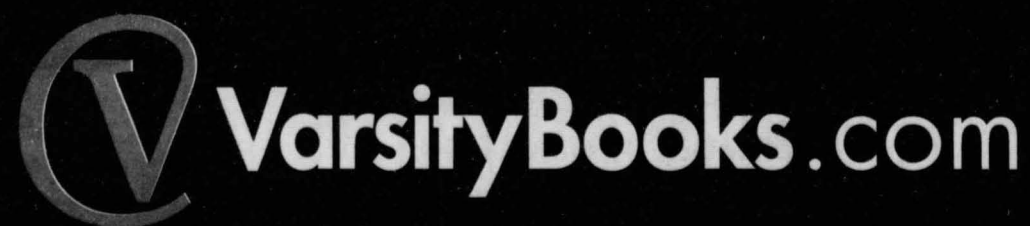
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Interviews by **Josh Crouse** • Photography by **David Pilz**



"It's a hard question, but I think that [it] should because it's the university's own system and if [it chooses] to block the MP3 sites, then that's [its] choice. Students can access the sites from other servers."

Danica Kidd
Roosevelt senior



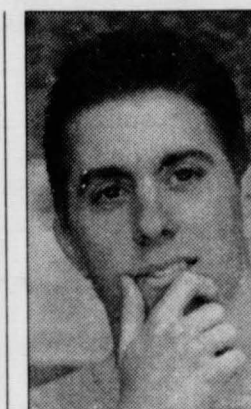
"No, because it's up to the students to decide whether it's legal or not."

Matt Devico
Warren senior



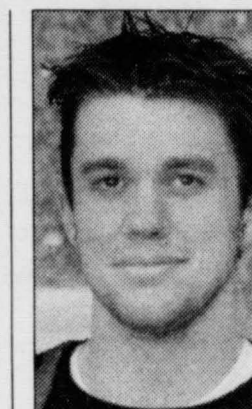
"Yeah, because it causes too much traffic. I don't use them anyway so it doesn't affect me."

Kim Hunt
Revelle sophomore



"No. Basically it is interfering with our lives and our personal activities. It's not like they block porn sites or anything. How is that any different? There is really no reason. I don't think that it's that big of a deal, blocking the server. There's ways, I'm sure, that they can get around that."

Derek Foster
Revelle sophomore



"No, because we pay for our bandwidth here. I think that it's kind of dumb that they can use our bandwidth how they want and how they think it should be used."

Jack Barry
Revelle junior



"I really don't think so because I like playing with my MP3s. [The university] should just get a better server."

Brianna Thompson
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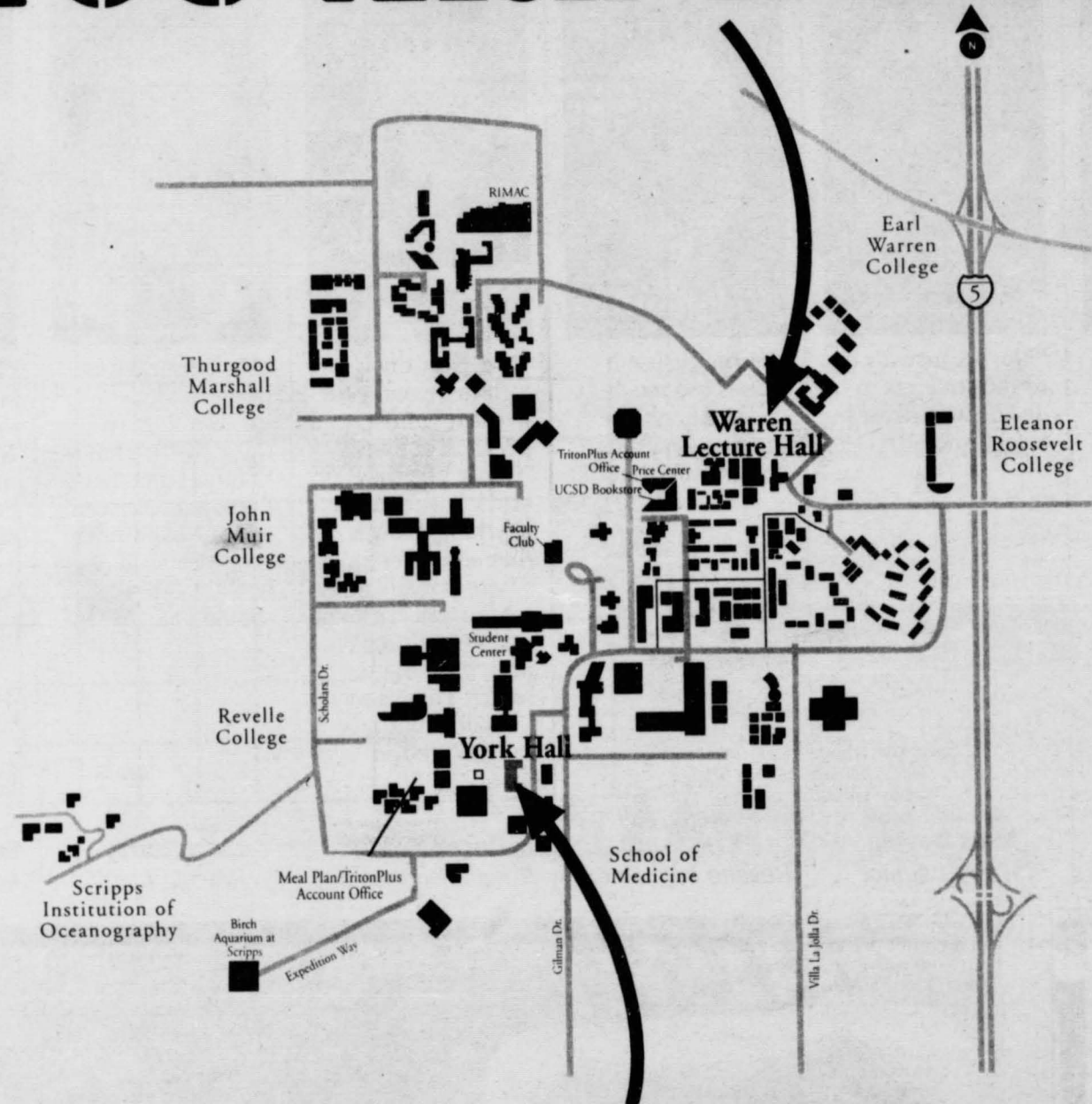
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Ecstasy: MDMA offers fuzzy feelings at a price

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not tell the difference between these drugs, according to Nicholas Saunders, a proponent of ecstasy use for spiritual exploration. MDEA is frequently found in pills sold as ecstasy, either on its own or mixed with MDMA.

"It lasts a slightly shorter time than MDMA, while MDA lasts a longer time and has a more speedy edge.

Both drugs lack the empathic qualities of MDMA, which is why MDMA is generally preferred," reports Saunders Web site. www.ecstasy.org

The most popular form of MDMA is in a small pill that is five to 13 millimeters in diameter and between three to five millimeters thick. The pill is in tablet form and usually brands a symbol, such as a Mercedes star or a hammer and sickle. There may also be writing on the pill. There is often a groove located on the back of the pill used for dosing.

The pills may range in size, color and weight, depending on the type of MDMA that is contained in the pill. They can range in strength and the drugs that are mixed with MDMA.

MDMA may also be taken in capsule form. This type of MDMA is dangerous because the capsule can be easily opened and other drugs may be mixed in, cautions the Poison Center at the University of Bonn's Web site.

According to the National Institute on Drug Use (NIDA), MDMA is typically described as

Effects

a non addictive drug. It is usually ingested orally, but is occasionally snorted in its powder form as well as smoked and injected.

The drug's initial effects includes dry mouth, sweating, an increased heart rate and loss of appetite. These effects are often followed by feelings of serenity and calmness. Users also report emotional closeness and understanding with people around them. There is also an increase in the sensitivity of both hearing and touch.

The peak effects of the drug are usually felt 60 to 90 minutes after the initial dose is taken.

The effects of this drug can vary widely depending on the dosage, the type of drug taken and the surroundings. However, the MDMA drug family does share several similar side effects.

MDMA, when taken on an occasional basis, causes very few problems, report researchers at www.ecstasy.org. When the drug is taken more frequently, one can build a tolerance to it and need to take a higher dosage to get similar effects, leaving oneself open to the potentially harmful toxic side effects.

Some side effects include nausea, dizziness and jaw tension. When taken over an extended period of time, some users report anxiety, panic attacks, insomnia, confusion and even depression. Additionally, since MDMA increases heart rate and blood pressure, it creates a greater risk to those with heart problems. There have also been links between MDMA use and brain damage in long-term users.

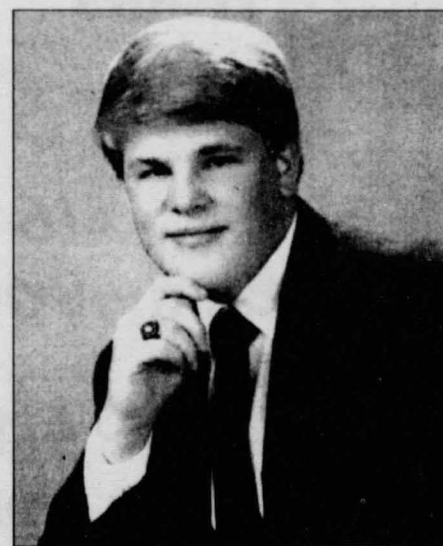
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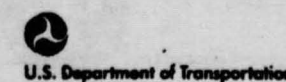
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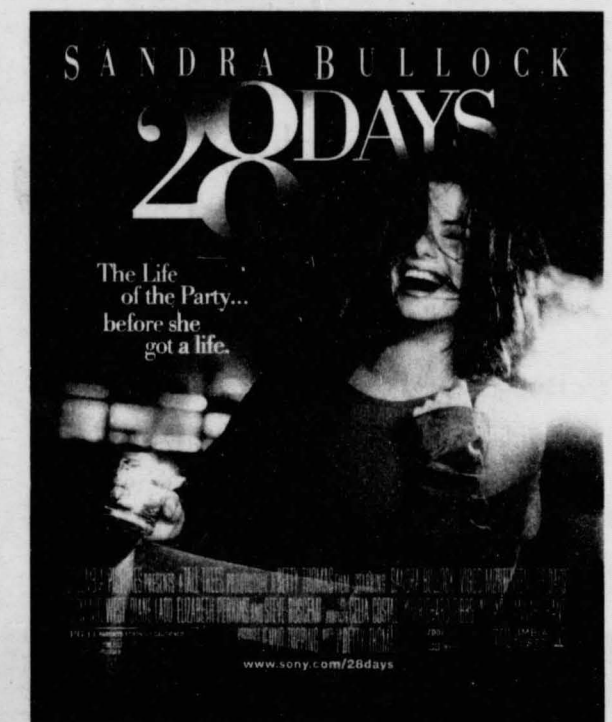
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Ecstasy:

MDMA shown to be used widely among youth

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While MDMA is not classified as physically addictive drug, it has been known to cause psychological dependence.

On stopping the drug, many users report becoming depressed and tired. Users may find that the drug becomes very important in their lives, according to researchers at www.dancesafe.org. Those who discontinue the use of MDMA often report not feeling as comfortable socially without the drug.

Several new studies have also shown that MDMA may be physically addictive in certain cases.

One such case study done by London researcher Karl L. Jansen who reported that three of his subjects fulfilled the criteria of dependence on MDMA. One subject was an 18-year-old, night club promoter who was taking 20-40 MDMA tablets per weekend along with various other amphetamines.

In a study done by researchers at the University of East London, A.C. Parrot and J. Lasky from the department of psychology kept track of three groups of people, 15 people who had taken MDMA on 10 or more occasions, 15 novice MDMA users who had taken the drug on fewer than 10 occasions, and 15 controls who had never taken MDMA. The subjects were evaluated three times during the study, one at a night club when

they took the drug, one two days later, and the final evaluation seven days later.

In the first observation at the dance club, all subjects reported positive moods, however there was a slight trend in the MDMA subject pool to be less sad and depressed than the controls.

Only two days after the club, the mood of the subjects had changed dramatically. The MDMA users reported feeling significantly more depressed, abnormal, unsociable, unpleasent and not as well tempered as the controls.

During the evaluations, the MDMA users also showed a significant reduction in cognitive skills such as verbal recall and visual scanning. Memory recall was also worse in MDMA users as opposed to the controls. Memory was consistently worse among the regular MDMA users.

The User Population

MDMA is typically used by young adults who frequent "rave" or "techno" parties, according to the DEA's Web site. While the drug is usually taken in the large urban party scene among many people, there is an increasing trend toward use in smaller suburban party environments. The drug is also becoming more and more available in high school drug networks.

The number of college students using ecstasy, or some form of it is rising rapidly as well. According to NIDA, this jump has been exponential.

"In 1995, 2.3 percent of college students said they had used ecsta-

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Soapbox:

The War of the Sexes is a battle for domination

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your daughter?

Sex is no longer an expression of affection between two people or a primal act of passion. It has become a tool that women withhold to get what they want, and that men use as a weapon to control and dominate. This mode of interaction no longer refers simply to penile penetration. It describes the entire interaction between men and women.

Truth be told, these guys probably wouldn't act like that normally. But, it should not be OK just because they were drunk and in a bar. There were three guys sitting a few feet away who didn't get fondled, attacked or groped by any women. It was a packed bar, so I expected to come into contact with some people, but despite the tight quarters, I didn't see any women rubbing against other people. It was only men who felt the need to press against every woman they walked by.

To be perfectly honest, issues regarding women and sexuality are important to me. Check out the *Disre-Guardian* staff box. Jessica "Feminazi" Scheppmann is a nickname I have earned.

However, if you look at the facts, you will see why these things are so important. Rape statistics are so unreasonably high that it isn't just sad and pathetic. It's indicative of an overwhelming social problem that needs to be addressed at the most basic levels.

You see, for me to think that the relations between men and women need to be addressed isn't really going to accomplish anything. Truth be told, what I think doesn't really matter. I'm a little girl with some big opinions, but I can't really change anything.

But you can. Men have the power to rethink the way they view women. If you walk into a bar, see a girl, and want to talk to her, that's fine. Don't talk at her, though, and don't assume that she wants you to touch her. You have to realize that usually, you are physically bigger than she is, and that's intimidating.

You may not intend to scare her, but most of the time women have to be constantly aware that every guy is a potential attacker. This is the culture that has been created by society. Assume the worst and hope for the best. Watch for date rape drugs or signs that he might be physically or verbally abusive, but hope that this person is really "a nice guy."

So guys, I'm calling a truce on this ineffective "war." I'm asking you to not refer to women as a nice set of anything, or compare sexual relations to a ball game. Stay away from me if you think that sex equals a home run, or that buying me dinner will get you anywhere.

I'll do what I can. I'll treat men with the respect they deserve, as my family members, friends, lovers and colleagues. And I hope that everyone else will do the same. So now the ball is in your court. What are you going to do?

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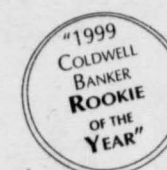
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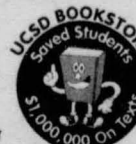
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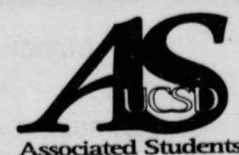
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• Undergraduate Growth Group: Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m., 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by John Wu, 534-1579 and Geri Weitzman, 534-5905. Call to sign up.

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• Alcohol and Substance Abuse Support Group: Meets Fridays, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. Led by Dan Munoz, 534-0251 and Jerry Phelps, 822-2614. Call to sign up.

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Ongoing Thursdays
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ARTS

Thursday, April 6
 • 8:00 p.m. Mandeville Auditorium. **The Second Hand Dance.** This post-modern performance appeals to the kid in all of us. Three young in raffals swinging from the jungle gym, playing dress-up in your grandma's attic, etc.. Admission: \$15 Students; \$18 Senior Citizens; GA: \$20

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Ongoing Mondays
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ACTIVITIES
Wednesday, April 5
 • 7 p.m. Price Center Theater. The Helen Edison Lecture Series Presents: "Women, Politics and Creativity" with Author and Psychiatrist, Nawal El Saadawi. Free to Public.

Thursday, April 6
 • 3-4p.m. Price Center Gallery B. **A discussion on internships;** their value and importance. Summer and Fall internships will be discussed. Sponsored by SOLO. 534-0501 for more info.

Ongoing
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Thursday, April 6
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Your Weekly Calendar

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Thursday, April 6
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world. Visit the Programs Abroad Office and Library for free advising. Located on Library Walk. Contact: Programs Abroad Office 534-1123, abroad@ucsd.edu, <http://www.ucsd.edu/center/pao>.

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ONGOING CALENDAR submissions must be renewed at the start of each quarter.

The Business Office has Calendar forms that can be filled out in our office (Student Center, upstairs, Room 217) or faxed. Please list the event; date of event; time of day; location; fee, if any; contact person; and a 25 word or less description. Lengthy descriptions will be edited. Categories are: Academic, Activities, Arts, Clubs, Health, and Religion.

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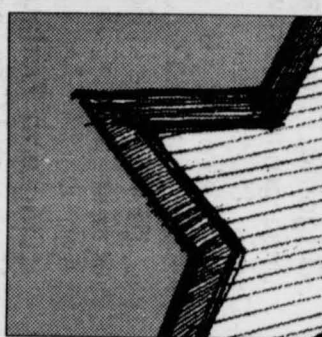
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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 You're interested in partnerships, legal matters and maybe even marriage from Monday through Wednesday. If you do form a partnership the first part of the week, you may have more money to play with on Thursday and Friday. Travel looks good this weekend, and you'll communicate well, too. Sunday could get complicated, though. Don't stay out late then.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
 You're going to be powerful from Monday into Wednesday. Be kind and gracious, as well as cute. From Wednesday through Friday, you could find lots of ways to make money. You get more successful later in the week, but watch for a minor breakdown Thursday night. This weekend would be good for taking a class or seminar. You'll retain what you learn pretty well.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 You'll feel like a kid again from Monday through Wednesday. You'll make everybody around you feel like kids again, too. On Thursday and Friday you'll have to get serious, however. You may have to catch up on quite a bit of work. You're still lucky in love, so things aren't too bad. You might even make a romantic commitment this weekend — of your own free will!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Home and family are important for you on Monday and Tuesday especially. Make changes to your place and get things just the way you want them. Around Wednesday you'll feel cuddly. Invite your favorite person to come over then. You're in a party mood on Thursday and Friday. You may not feel like working until this weekend, but that's OK. You'll be able to find something to keep you busy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 You're intelligent from Monday to Wednesday, so study as much as you can. On Thursday and Friday you may want to stay home and take care of personal matters. Don't plan any big outings. Romance looks good over the weekend, especially with another intellectual type. Luckily, you won't have to spend much money. You could run out by Sunday night, so don't be far from home.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
 You're going to look for ways to make money this week. On Monday and Tuesday you could come up with a brilliant scheme. From the middle of Wednesday until about Friday, study, read and practice. Your nerves may be on edge over the weekend, so schedule something relaxing. Don't try anything too wild and crazy.

... Having a Birthday This Week ...
 April 3: You're gaining strength as the year goes on. Remember to be gentle, too. April 4: You have the power of 10 ordinary mortals this year. Take care to use it wisely! April 5: Use your considerable confidence to make yourself wealthy. You can do it if you don't get sidetracked by an ego trip. April 6: You're getting younger and better looking this year — and maybe wealthier, too. Start the process by apologizing to a friend. April 7: You could generate a nice income this year. Spend some on education and some on travel and keep the rest hidden away. April 8: You're interested in everything this year. Your biggest problem is figuring out which classes to take. April 9: You're a builder by nature, even if you don't know how. This will be a good year to upgrade your skills — and your living conditions!

By LINDA C. BLACK
 Tribune Media Services

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 You'll be interested in travel and higher education from Monday through Wednesday. Watch out Wednesday evening, though. Travel could get complicated. Also, be prepared for Thursday and Friday. You may have to explain what you've been doing at work and why. This weekend, get together with friends. Have fun but don't forget an obligation that must be done on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
 Friends and organizations are important to you the first part of this week. You might meet a new friend, or if you're single, you might find new romance. Around Wednesday you'll need to give your full attention to practical matters. Keep it there through Friday. You'll be in a playful mood over the weekend, so schedule something interesting with a person you don't understand completely.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
 You're focusing on your career or some other project that's important to you. A problem needs to be solved the first part of the week. Do the homework, and you'll find the answer. From Wednesday through Friday, you may discover some powerful people are on your side. That's nice, but it may not keep you from having to do paperwork over the weekend. Better pay the bills to avoid the horrors of late fees!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 You may be worried about money during the first part of this week. If you plow past your fears, you may be able to get a loan or grant to alleviate those concerns. Wednesday through Friday, travel should go pretty well. Study Thursday evening if you suspect there might be a quiz on Friday. You may get grilled by an older person on Saturday, too. Don't make elaborate plans on Sunday; there are too many problems that could creep in. Keep things simple for

Job Fair:

Different employers will be on campus next week

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Students are also reminded to be direct. Introduce yourself and tell the employer the type of job that you are seeking. Also, if you are simply interested in gathering information about a certain profession, then you should let the employer know that from the start of the conversation.

What to Learn from Employers
Employers attend this job fair to both meet students and to recruit potential employees. They can provide both general information about career options and specific information about current job openings within the company.

In addition to this information, students may also want to learn the current employment and hiring trends, the skills necessary for different careers or jobs, both current and future job openings, the different salary, benefits, trading and other information about the organization.

Students can also learn whom they should contact for follow-up discussions about the company and its jobs.

What Employers Want to Learn
Students are not the only ones who are looking to gain insight from this job fair. Employers are also looking to learn about potential employees.

When meeting with an employer, it might want to know such details as your specific career or job goals and objectives. It might want to know what you see yourself doing in 10 years, or what your ideal job would be.

Employers may also want to know your specific strengths and weaknesses. One of the most important questions an employer may ask you is the potential contributions that you would make to the company if hired.

Internships
For students not ready to fully commit to a career, or for those who simply wish to gain useful job experience, an internship may be more practical than jumping into a career.

The Career Services Center's Web site urges students to start their internship search early in order to find one that is right for them. The site advises that the

search for a summer job or internship should be conducted in much the same manner as a career search.

When looking for a summer job or internship, students are urged to consider several different things, one of which is the student's priorities. Students should ask themselves if they want a career-related experience, the opportunity to travel or funds to support tuition fees. All are important questions in finding the right internship.

Students are urged to identify possible employers early and make contact with them as soon as possible. Some highly coveted internships may fill up quickly.

Another key is to develop a resume that emphasizes your skills, as well as completing the application and being prepared for interviews. In preparing for interviews, students should be prepared to answer questions about their background.

Finally, students are reminded always to follow up on their interviews. A thank-you letter to the interviewer is often a good way to distinguish yourself from other

interviewees.

Before You Accept an Offer

Before you commit yourself to a job, be it a career or a simple internship, there are several things that you must clarify.

First, you should find out the name of the person to whom you will be responsible. You should learn the hours you are expected to work, the flexibility of the schedule and your specific responsibilities with the company, along with the salary offered, including overtime pay.

You should also find out if there are any special requirements associated with the job, such as a medical examination.

You should know where you will be working as well as the travel requirements, if any, related to the job.

Tuning Up For the Job Fair
Seniors wishing to tune up for the Spring Job Fair can attend the Spring Job Fair tune-up on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Students can bring their resume to be critiqued, go through trial interviews and learn what to do at the job fair to be successful.

For Further Information
Students interested in the Career Services Center may check out its Web site at <http://career.ucsd.edu> or call the center at 534-3750.

Ecstasy:

MDMA use on the rise among youth

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at some time during the year, more than double the 0.5 percent of students who reported using the drug in 1994," according to NIDA's latest Monitoring the Future (MTF) study.

A 1998 NIDA-funded study by MTF study found that 3.6 percent of high school seniors, 3.3 percent of students who reported using the drug in 1994, and 1.8 percent of eighth graders had used MDMA within the past years.

In a follow up survey, NIDA found that a group of graduates from each surveyed high school class indicated that the number of college students who had used MDMA during the past year rose from 0.9 percent to 2.4 percent in 1997. The study also found that annual MDMA use among young adults rose from 0.8 percent to 2.1 percent during the same period.

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Swim:

Tritons flex UCSD might in last Division III meet

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taking first place with an untouchable 670.5 points as it won its 21st straight title. Denison placed second with 317, and Emory was third with 287, just four points ahead of UCSD.

"Our expectation was to be in the top four," McGihon said. "We set out with several goals, which we did. As with the women, everybody had at least one good swim. I'm pretty happy about that."

The highlight for the men was Mark Latronica, who took fourth overall in individual scoring with 51 points, behind Cole Aaron of Denison with 60 and Tom Rushton and Estevo Avila of Kenyon with 56 and 53 points, respectively.

Latronica took the championship in the 100-yard backstroke with an NCAA meet record time of 48.81. Latronica teamed with Matt Payne, Russel Jones and Christian Deck to finish second in the 200-yard medley relay in a time of 1:31.94.

To go with his silver medal in the 200-yard medley relay, Payne clocked a 55.04 to capture the 100-yard breast stroke. He also added a second-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The Tritons were preparing for the championships all year, and their accomplishments wind out the season on a great note.

"Our whole season is for the national championships," McGihon said. "A dual meet record is not a prime concern. That is why we swim one of the toughest schedules. We swam against Arizona, USC, Harvard, Air Force and Utah. We have a very high standard and that prepares us for the NCAAAs."

Track:

Tritons shine among first-rate competition

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hurled the shot 40 feet 10 inches, a foot better than her previous best.

While the UCSD Open was happening at home, the Tritons' star runner James Nielson was doing well at an invitational at Stanford University. Nielson qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the 10,000 meter.

"We had a number of strong performances with very tough competition," UCSD Head Coach Tony Salerno said. "It gets us to step it up a little."

In more recent action, UCSD did well at the Riverside Invitational this weekend.

Rachel Campbell had a big day for the Tritons. The freshman finished first in the pole vault, clearing 10 feet 6 inches. The mark is a UCSD record and qualifies her for the NCAA Division III National Championships.

Catherine Nolan tossed the javelin 119 feet 10 inches, far enough for a first-place finish.

In the high jump, Nicole Johnson leapt for four feet, 11 and three-fourths inches to take the top spot.

Clara Wilson won the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 1:07.18.

Megan Steel took second in the discuss event with a toss of 119 feet 11 inches, and Nolan finished fourth in the same event with a throw of 114 feet 5 inches.

Amy Wu was second in the 1500-meter event with a time of 4:49.58, just 0.28 seconds off the lead.

As for the men, freshman Mark Gomez took the pole vault competition by clearing 15 feet. It is the eighth-best pole vault mark of all-time at UCSD.


UCSD's next event is at home Saturday, when the Tritons hosts the UCSD Collegiate Invitational.

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Tennis Rallies for Three Big Wins

Tritons move up in Division III rankings with upset victories

Bill Burger
Sports Editor

Over spring break the men's tennis team had three of its biggest matches of the year. Without wins during this stretch, the Tritons would certainly not have been participating in the National Championship tournament later this year.

As it happened, the Tritons came away with three big wins and strengthened both their regional and national rankings.

On March 18 the Tritons played at home against Pacific Lutheran University. The Tritons were expected to come out on top in this matchup and did by a score of 5-2. UCSD was led by Michael Meyer and Dan Albrecht. The duo teamed up for an 8-5 win at No. 2 doubles while Meyer won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 singles and Albrecht won 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 at No. 3 singles.

Corey Moderhak also had an undefeated day, winning at No. 1 doubles with Mike Rosett 8-5, and easily rolling to a victory at No. 2 singles by a score of 6-2, 6-4.

On March 30 the Tritons traveled to Pomona to take on Pomona-Pitzer. This match was as close to a must-win as the Tritons

will have all season and UCSD played with a sense of urgency because of it. Pomona-Pitzer had previously been ranked higher than the Tritons in regional rankings but UCSD triumphed 7-0 and showed that rankings aren't always correct. Moderhak and Mike Rosett won 8-6 at No. 1 doubles while Meyer and Albrecht won 8-3 at No. 2 doubles.

In singles the Tritons massacred Pomona-Pitzer, winning every match that was played. Meyer rolled to a 6-2, 6-1 victory at No. 1 singles while Moderhak won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2. The Tritons' top four players won in straight sets. The most exciting match of the day was at No. 6 singles where Ryan Thompson and his opponent split the first two sets before going to a tie-breaker in the third. The two were tied at seven when Thompson stepped up his game and took the next two points to win the match.

UCSD had a tougher task last Saturday when it took on Gustavus Adolphus University from Minnesota. Gustavus Adolphus was ranked No. 7 in the country and a heavy favorite heading into the match.

Early on it looked like things would go Gustavus' way as it took

two of the three doubles pro-sets and won the doubles point. Moderhak and Rosett lost 9-7 at No. 1 doubles while Sean Nagle and Joe Diehl lost 8-5 at No. 3. Albrecht and Meyer won 8-5 at No. 2 and went 3-0 in doubles during the three matches.

Down 0-1 going into singles, things were not looking good for the Tritons. The outlook got far worse when Ryan Thompson lost 0-6, 2-6 at No. 6 singles and Rosett lost 2-6, 1-6 at No. 4 singles to bring the Tritons to the brink of defeat.

In one of the most amazing comebacks ever by the UCSD men's tennis team, the Tritons won the next four singles matches to take the match 4-3. Meyer won 7-5, 6-1 at No. 1 to finish his perfect weekend. Moderhak lost the first set in a tie-breaker but won the next two 6-2, 6-4 to win at No. 2 singles. At No. 3, Albrecht had the most exciting match of the day as he won 7-5 in the third set to win. At No. 5, Sean Higginbotham came up with a clutch 6-4, 7-6 victory that ensured the Triton victory.

With the three wins, UCSD's record is now an impressive 9-3. The Tritons take on Trinity University of Texas on Saturday on the Muir Courts at 2 p.m. Get out to root the Tritons on as they make a push for the postseason.

Volleyball:

Win shows Triton dominance in Division III

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end, tallying 21 kills while only committing 3 hitting errors. The Tritons didn't shut down NYU but they did enough on the offensive to secure the 15-7 victory in game three.

The Tritons played their best volleyball in game four as they held NYU to only five kills while forcing it to commit nine hitting errors. The game ended in a whitewash by a score of 15-2 as the Tritons secured the victory over their Division III foe. The offense was led by Donald Chen's 30 kills and Zack Hite chipped in with 15 kills.

The Tritons' other two matches over the break were both against the University of Hawaii, the sixth best team in the nation. Although UCSD lost both matches, it played some of its best volleyball of the year.

"Winning and losing isn't always how I look at it," Larsen said. "[Hawaii was] sixth in Division I, and we played them really tough. We played especially well in games one and four."

In game one the Tritons prevailed 15-11 with the help of 28 kills. The Tritons lost the second

and third games by the scores of 15-3 and 15-4 respectively. The defeat was mainly a product of Hawaii's defense, which forced the Tritons into more errors than kills in both of those games.

In game four the Tritons dominated the Rainbows. Their offense ran wild as UCSD totaled 25 kills while only committing 3 hitting errors. The Tritons came away with a 15-5 thrashing of the Rainbows and forced the match to a deciding fifth game. The fifth game was rally scoring (all side-outs are counted as points) and the Rainbows came away with the victory in the game and the match.

"Jordan Hove set a good game for us, and that is what made us competitive."

— Ron Larsen
Men's Volleyball Head Coach

"Jordan Hove set a good game for us, and that is mainly what made us competitive," Larsen said. "Chris Mortimer probably played better than anybody on the team."

Donald Chen again led the team in kills with 27 while Mortimer had 16.

The Tritons played Hawaii again the next day, and although they played well early, the Rainbows came away with a 15-11, 15-5, 15-7 victory.

UCSD now has a record of 6-15 and is undefeated in Division III play. The Tritons have already been invited to the NCAA tournament later this month. After playing three games on the road, the Tritons have their last home match on Tuesday, April 11 against rival San Diego State.

Softball Earns Six Victories in Florida Over Break

In an unorthodox tournament, the Tritons show their softball power and go 6-2 during their week-long trip down south

By ROBERT FULTON
Sports Editor

Instead of heading home to see old friends or taking off to the beach to relax by the waves, the UCSD softball team used its time over spring break a little more constructively. UCSD was on a roll going into spring break and continued their hot streak during their spring road trip.

The Tritons headed to Fort Meyers, Fla. to participate in a spring break tournament and showed teams from all over the nation how strong West Coast softball really is.

The tournament in Florida was not a usual tournament with teams finishing in first or second place. No trophies were given out. The tournament is a month-long event that brings in various schools to play for a week at a time during their spring breaks.

"The competition was less than what we had seen recently," UCSD Head Coach Patti Gerckens said. "We just played exceptionally well for most of the tournament."

The Tritons did great against a number of opponents they had never competed against, finishing the week 6-2. Many of the wins were lopsided as the Triton bats were hot all week.

"We just hit the ball," Gerckens said. "We were hitting well and we outscored our opponents tremendously."

The first game of the tournament came against the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. The Tritons smothered their opponents 9-1 and garnered 10 hits. Lea

Harlan picked up the win for UCSD and helped her own cause at the plate with a home run and three RBIs.

The second game did not go as well for the Tritons as Southern Maine beat UCSD 4-1. Erin Flanigan was given the loss for UCSD and Harlan had another good game by going 2-3 with an RBI.

"After the loss to Southern Maine, we became very focused," Gerckens said. "We didn't give it everything we had, and we learned from that."

With a new focus, the Triton bats came alive to beat Bethel College 8-3. Erin Flanigan rebounded from her previous loss and picked up the win and Harlan launched her second home run of the tournament and drove in two runs. Also for UCSD, Kristina Anderson went 2-3 with a triple and Natalie Arcade, Jeanine Cordero and Cynthia Sam also all went 2-3 from the plate.

The Tritons continued their hot bats against Eastern Nazarene as they won 7-0 with 11 hits. Erin Flanigan picked up the win. Natalie Andrade, Erin Bridges and Cordero all went 2-4 and Hannon was 2-3.

The Tritons appeared unstoppable against Bethel University as they won 14-4 and had 15 hits. Stacey Bolaris got the win and Samantha Hayes was the one of many offensive stars as she went 2-3, driving in three runs and scoring three times.

UCSD continued rolling against the University of Wisconsin at Riverfalls as they



Going deep: Samantha Hayes takes a swing for the fences in a Triton game earlier this season. Hayes helped her team amass a 6-2 record over the break during a tournament in Florida.

won 8-0. Flanigan blanked her opponents for yet another victory and Hayes went 2-4 and scored twice.

The Tritons suffered their second loss of the week when they played the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. The Tritons fell by a score of 4-0. Flanigan picked up the loss and Hayes and Michelle Wilson each went 3-4 in the losing effort.

UCSD finished the tournament on a high note, beating Cornerstone College 4-1. Stacy

Bolaris allowed only five hits and struck out six in the complete game victory. Kristin Hinstad was 2-3.

"They had a lot of fun while playing," Gerckens said. "That's important for any team. Everybody's spirits were very high. The people who didn't play very much had the greatest spirit. They are the ones I give the most credit to."

The Tritons became closer as a team during the trip. "People got to know each other

well," Gerckens said. "Instead of playing for wins, they play for each other."

In action before the break, UCSD downed Occidental twice 1-0 and 11-4, and they beat Claremont 4-1.

The Tritons head back into action on Wednesday when they host Pomona-Pitzer College at 5 p.m. After that UCSD will take on La Verne University and then host the UCSD Power Bar Classic on April 13-15. Get out to root the Tritons on to victory.

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SPORTS



Reality Check

Bill Burger

NCAA Shockers Due to NBA Draft

After two weeks of competition, the field of 64 has been narrowed down to two. For all of you who had Michigan State defeating Wisconsin and Florida defeating North Carolina in the Final Four — well, none of you really chose that. It has long been said that the only way that you can choose every game correctly is if you don't know anything about basketball.

Never was this more true than this year when two No. 1 seeds fell in the second round and a third in the Sweet 16. Never before has a team with 13 losses been in the Final Four; this year there were two (Wisconsin and North Carolina).

Why is all of this happening? The experts say it is parity, but they don't explain the cause of the parity. The cause is the early entries into the NBA draft. With all the best players leaving college after their freshman and sophomore seasons, the college ranks are left with only mediocre senior performers and underdeveloped underclassmen.

The worst things that ever happened to the NCAA were Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett. Because of their successes in jumping from high school to the NBA, every athlete with any amount of talent thinks they can do the same thing.

This year's tournament was a great example of this problem. With the exception of outstanding performances by Stromile Swift of LSU and Marcus Fizer of Iowa State, this tournament lacked the star power of yesteryear.

Young players jumping to the NBA are not only hurting the college ranks, they are also hurting the NBA.

By luring their top prospects before they are ready, the NBA is lowering the potential of these players and ensuring that they don't mature into the professional players that they could be.

Many freshmen are drafted late in the first round or early in the second round and then sit on the end of the bench for their NBA teams while they could be the stars of their college teams.

Without getting the experience they need, these players usually just waste into obscurity without ever coming close to becoming the players they were expected to be.

So how does this affect the game tonight? Both teams have talent unusual for this day and age. Florida is 12 players deep and most of those players are freshmen and sophomores. Michigan State is led by two All-Americans in Mateen Cleaves and Mo Peterson and also has good depth.

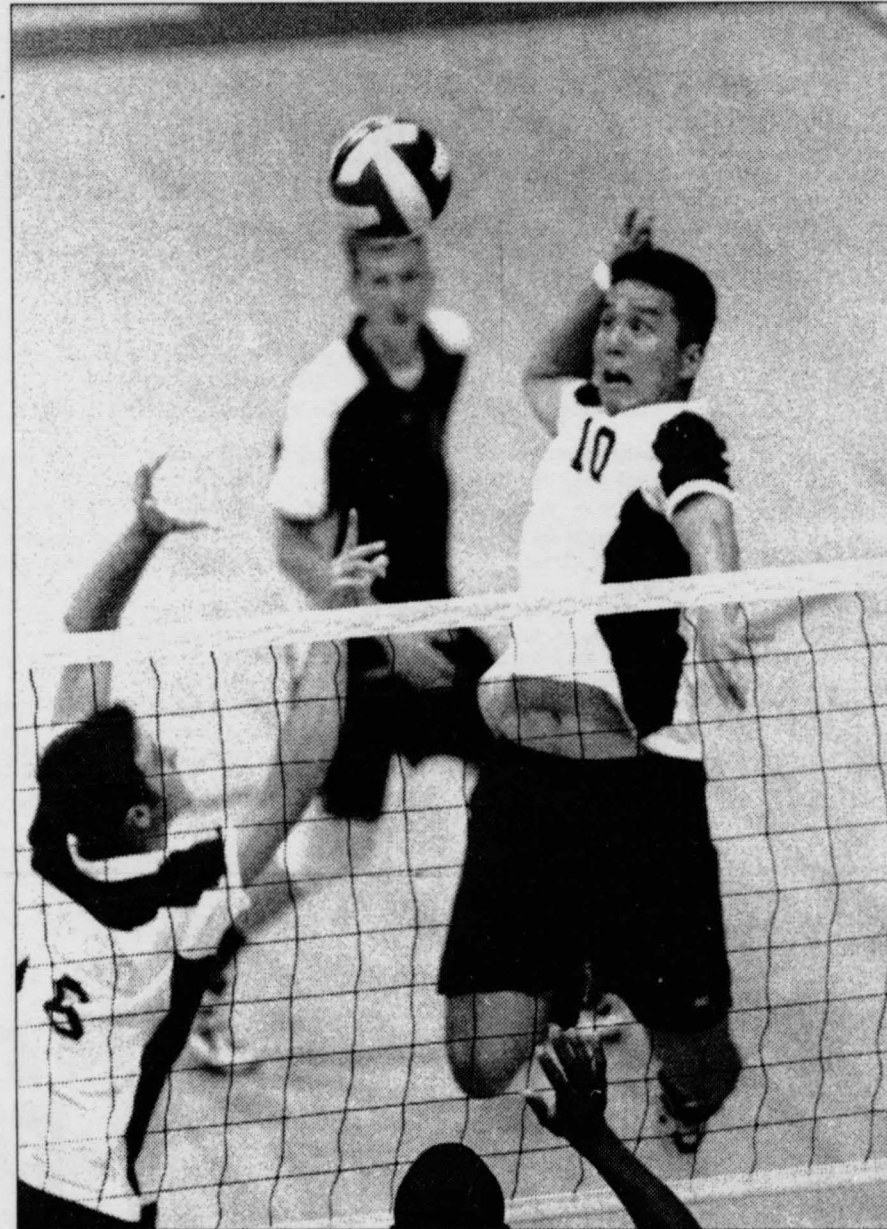
I predict that Florida's depth and athleticism will put Michigan State down early, and this time the Spartans won't have enough to come back like they did in previous games in the tournament. Michigan State will rally in the end but it will not be enough to overcome its early deficit.

Florida 78, Michigan State 72.

These teams better enjoy the success now because next year all of their stars will be in the NBA.

Volleyball Takes Out NYU

The Tritons nearly upset Hawaii University and secure a spot in the NCAA Division III Tournament



David Pilz/Guardian

Smash: Senior Earnest Yun (10) goes up for a spike in the Tritons latest game against University of Hawaii. Yun and his teammates have already secured a spot in the NCAA Tournament later this month.

By BILL BURGER

Sports Editor

Over spring break, when the sun was beating down on the beaches of La Jolla, most of us were lounging around on the sand or in the water reveling in the fact that there was no school for a week.

The men's volleyball team experienced no such luxury as it had three games over the break, winning one and losing two.

In the first game, UCSD took on New York University. The opponents were ranked No. 3 in the nation in Division III, so the Tritons were expecting a tough contest as they tried to uphold their top rank in that division. NYU came out tough and looked like it might run away with the match, but the Tritons fought back and won in four games.

In the first game the Tritons were manhandled by the visitors. Everything NYU hit went down for the kill and UCSD could not coordinate any kind of defensive scheme to stop it. The game ended with UCSD losing 15-8.

"We started off slow and didn't play well in the first game," Head Coach Ron Larsen said. "They did some nice things, but I think we adapted well."

The Tritons could manage only 13 kills in the first game and had nine hitting errors while NYU had 19 kills and only four hitting errors. It was certainly an auspicious beginning.

The Tritons were also slightly sluggish in the second game, but they did enough to win the game 16-14.

"I didn't think we played all that well in the second game," Larsen said. "We just played a little bit better than they did."

The Tritons' defense is what rallied them to victory in the second game, as they held their opponents to 11 kills while making them commit 12 hitting errors. UCSD improved its hitting percentage from .114 in the first game to .163 in the second game but was certainly not playing its best offensively.

Game three saw the Tritons play better than the first two as they lit it up on the offensive

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Swimming Has Stellar Meet at National Championships

The women take third and the men fourth at the season's culminating event

By ROBERT FULTON

Sports Editor

The UCSD swimming and diving team finished the 1999-2000 season in prime form at the NCAA Division III Championships last month.

Both the men and women had stellar performances. The women finished third in the nation and the men grabbed fourth.

On the women's side, a score of 355.5 earned the Tritons third place. Kenyon College took first by a large margin with 619.5 points, winning its 17th championship in a row. Denison took second with 417.5.

"We accomplished some of our goals," UCSD Head Coach Scott McGihon said. "We broke some school records. All in all, it was a good weekend for the women."

UCSD's Jennifer Watanabe was the story of the meet. The freshman tore up the pool with

four championships, the most ever won by a Triton. She was also named Outstanding Swimmer of the meet and led all individual scorers with 60 points.

Watanabe grabbed the 200-yard backstroke in a time of 2:03.30, shattering UCSD's record.

Watanabe also took the 400-yard individual medley with a UCSD record time of 4:27.28. She also grabbed the 500-yard freestyle.

Watanabe anchored the 800-yard freestyle relay with teammates Sharon Smith, Amanda Gurnee and Samantha Wong in winning the event in a time of 7:37.

Gurnee finished 13th overall in individual point scoring with 36.5, and Wong placed 22nd with 31 points.

On the men's side, the Tritons took fourth with 283 points. As with the women, it was again Kenyon who dominated the meet,

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Tritons Find Success During UCSD Open

World-class athletes come to UCSD to compete in one of the premier competitions of the year

By ROBERT FULTON

Sports Editor

During spring break, the UCSD track and field team had its biggest event of the year — the UCSD Open.

The event was a colossal grouping of athletes with 50 different teams competing and 1,500 individual athletes running, jumping and throwing.

Over 30 four-year universities and junior colleges were represented, along with dozens of track clubs. Most of the entries were Division I and Division II schools. The biggest event of the open — the discus throwing competition — garnered attention from around the world.

Gabor Mate of Auburn University set a new collegiate record with a throw of 219 feet 6 inches. Also, individual competi-

tor Adam Setliff tossed the discus 224 feet 9 inches for the best throw of the year and a UCSD stadium record.

The women also made noise as Suzy Powell heaved the discus 210 feet 11 inches for the top American mark in 2000.

Olympian Ronaldo De Costa of Brazil was also present. He took the 5000-meter competition in 14:41.58 and the 10,000 meter in 30:18.42.

Against such stiff competition, it was hard to be noticed, but UCSD did come up with a number of shining moments.

Catherine Nola of the Tritons qualified for the NCAA championships in the javelin with a toss of 130 feet 9 inches.

Megan Stool was also impressive in the women's shotput as she

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