Elsewhere

Davis Graduates Hope to Unionize

DAVIS - In an effort to improve working conditions and the quality of undergraduate education, a group of UC Davis graduate student employees met on Jan. 14 to establish a union. Organizers of the Association of Graduate Student Employees (AGSE) are hoping the union can create a bargaining unit with the administration. Its primary goal is to obtain recognition from the university as an agent for the graduate student employees. AGSE organizers believe that they would have the strength of its members to settle disputes and address concerns.

Foot Patrol Officers Learn Spanish

SANTA BARBARA - The Isla Vista Foot Patrol has begun a program to help its officers deal with the changing demographics of the surrounding community. A new Spanish language training program is helping the officers break the communications barriers that face them every day. UCSB senior and Community Service Officer Emy Donis is leading the twice-weekly classes with no textbooks, a low budget and scheduling problems. Language skills are improving, however, and officers seem to enjoy the program. Donis says the program is helping officers meet the needs of many more Isla Vistans.

Berkeley Students Invent Transistor

BERKELEY— A group of UCB graduate students has built one of the fastest transistors in the world, the result of which may mean quicker, more energy efficient electronics in the future. The speedy device, which governs the flow of electrical current in computers, can switch on or off 74 billion times per second and operates on 1.5 volts. The previous speed record was 56 billion times a second at 5 volts.

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Construction workers search for a break in the water main outside Beagle Hall Wednesday. Revelle dorms were without cold water for much of the day.

Broken Water Mains Flush Out Students

WINTER: Rains are blamed for broken pipes at Third and Revelle colleges; some students relocated

By Lamine Secka

Associate News Editor

UCSD has begun assessing damage caused by the series of severe winter storms that have pounded San Diego for the past two weeks.

The worst of the damage came from broken water mains at Third and Revelle Colleges. The first break at Third occurred on Monday, as rooms were overrun by water and residents were sent scurrying for higher and drier ground. The second break occurred Tuesday evening when students living in Third Upper Apartments found themselves without water for several hours.

According to Third Resident Dean Yolanda Trevino, students were moved out of their dorms and into the Residence Inn on Gilman Drive.

"[Campus housing] is completely booked," Trevino said. "So was La Jolla del Sol, which was one alternative."

While the relocated students may by inconvenienced, Trevino said that there are crews working around the clock to repair and clean out the damaged dorm rooms.

"[The work crews] have fans and heaters going to dry things out... and they are working to disinfect the carpets," Trevino said.

The dean's office is hoping to move the displaced students back into the dorms by Friday.

Revelle Assistant Resident Dean Joey Tse reported that the Revelle Mudhuts lost water See WATER, Page 8

Financial Aid Cuts Imperil Education

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UC Financial Ald

The total financial aid granted from all sources in 1991/92 was \$709.4 million, up \$109 million from the year before.

UC Davis Junior Named Student Regent By Francisco DeVries

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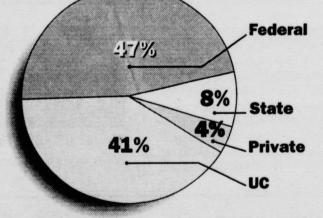
By Dan Krauss Senior Staff Writer

In his proposed 1993-94 state budget, Governor Pete Wilson has not indicated that he would increase funding for Cal Grant, the state's primary financiał aid program, despite the massive fee hike expected this year.

Last year the Cal Grant program was cut by 15 percent although fees increased \$650.

According to University of California Student Association (UCSA) spokesman Andy Shaw, the 15 percent cut corresponded with almost a \$300 reduction in grant money per student. This, combined with the \$650 fee increase of 1992-93, led to a \$950 gap between the cost of tuition and the financial aid granted, said Shaw.

"The legislature will be hardpressed to restore funding cuts made to the Cal Grant programs in 1992-93, much less provide additional funds to cover the increase



Miguel Buckenmeyer/Guardian

needed for next year's fees," said UC interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Murray Schwartz. "Cal Grant recipients and low-income students are bearing the brunt of the state's inability to fund financial aid the way it has in past years."

The governor's budget proposal has prompted intense discussion over financial aid. "Inflation and fees keep going up. Without increasing financial aid to make up the difference, the governor might as well be cutting financial aid," said A.S. Vice-President External Colin Wilson.

According to Shaw, "the governor has basically fluffed off any state responsibility [for financial aid]. Students will be in the same See AID, Page 7

News Editor

UC Davis Junior Darby Morrisroe has been selected as next year's student representative to the Board of Regents after a four month selection process, the UC Student Association announced yesterday.

She will replace outgoing student regent Alex Wong, a UC Berkeley law student, when the full Board of Regents confirms her appointment at their Feb. 18 meeting.

Wong will assist Morrisroe during the first few months to help ease the transition.

Morrisroe, a political sciencepublic service major, has promised to continue many of the issues that Wong has championed during his one-year tenure, including lobbying for increased state funding for the university and improving financial aid.

"We have no doubt that Darby will make an outstanding regent who will be there for the students," said UCSA president Tobin Freid.

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Job Hunters May Be Wise to Look Into Retail

ECONOMY: Recruitment of UCSD students for retail jobs increases; may be a sign that the recession is over

if they don't plan

on staying in

By Karen Cheng Associate News Editor

Do you remember your job as a part-time cashier at Thrifty Drugs when you were a sophomore in high school? You probably worked to My social science major in psycholearn a little extra pocket money on ogy helped me a lot --- just anything

the side and maybe to help boost

your college resume. Little did you know that this retail job might help you to develop certain skills that would prove useful in searching for your future career.

According to UCSD Career Services Marketing Specialist Barbara Wesser, an increasing number of major corporations and companies are coming to recruit graduates during UCSD's annual Retail Interviewing week in February, indicating a possible end to the recession.

According to Wesser, the past retail forever." couple of years have seen a 20-30 percent drop in the number of companies coming to campuses for

cially for companies who are trying to fill retail positions such as Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Silo and Circuit City.

"We couldn't believe the response we got for retail [this year]. Last year, we had 12 companies but this year we already have 22 that have said they're coming," Wesser said.

In the past, students have viewed want to explore as a career because they saw it as something to help them get through school, Wesser said.

"Then, on the other hand, we really good opportunities in retail as thought about their skills, accom-[one] receives a lot of responsibility early in his/her career," Wesser said.

these skills helped one woman gain to brag about yourself," she said. an edge on the corporate ladder. First starting out in a retail job, 1977 UCSD alumnus Jane Burton is now

the manager of the cosmetics department at Saks Fifth Avenue in Mission Valley Mall: "You need to have people skills, as well as math and analytical skills.

that involves you with people,' Burton said.

Burton started on the fashion end of retail by selling portswear in Saks Fifth Avenue before ending up as manager of the cosmetics department.

Burton admitted the hours are difficult, but she said, "I find extra hours a benefit, because I like a varied sched-"This is a great ule. It may be somewhat low on the pay way for students scale as compared to get their foot to other more lucrative jobs, but it's in the door even pleasant work. I

> and in an attractive place." Wesser added -Barbara Wesser that the skills stu-UCSD Career Services dents acquire while Marketing Specialist working part-time

would prefer to do

something I enjoy

retail jobs are the interviewing. This year, however, same skills that can be used in any there is an unusual upsurge, espe- management position. "This is a great way for students to get their foot in the door even if they don't plan on staying in retail forever," she said.

Wesser also cited different types of management jobs, from retail to banking and finance to hotel management. "When you think of the concept of transferable skills, which is a viable way to change careers, retail as something they don't really you're selling the skills you've developed through working in that industry. You can transfer that to some entirely different setting."

Because most of the companies have a lot of students who want to also recruit at San Diego State Uniget into 'business-management' versity and Cal State San Marcos, jobs. But nobody ever seems to see Wesser added that competition can the connection between [retail and be incredibly stiff. "You have to be management]. Most people's retail really prepared for the interview ... experience has been working on the I think a lot of students make the misfloor, selling merchandise, and take thinking they can just wing it. working with the public. But we The edge goes to those who are best have recognized that there are some prepared - those who have really plishments and what they have to offer. You really have to be prepared She cited one example of how to blow your own horn and be ready

Wesser commented that the companies who have come to UCSD in See CAREERS, Page 8



BRIEFLY... **Museum Exhibits 'The Diver's Eye'**

graphs is currently on display at the Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum

The show, "The Diver's Eye," is the premiere exhibit in the aquarium-museum's New Perspectives Gallery and represents images from the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society.

The object of this display is to present viewers with scenes from one of nature's best-kept secrets. The 42 prints in the exhibition were selected from more than 400 quality photographs submitted by members of the society.

The San Diego Underwater Photographic Society was formed by a handful of enthusiasts to promote the often unseen wonders of the sea. The 250 members of the society aim to further the art of underwater photography. More information about the exhibit is available by

calling 534-FISH. **Corona To Become New**

Resident Fellow at Institute Rossana Corona will become the new Resident

Fellow at the Institute of the Americas later this month,

A unique exhibit of more than 40 underwater photo- and will work on a study of the social effects of privatization in relation to the distribution of income and wealth.

Corona comes to UCSD from the Institute of the Americas in Mexico City where she conducted several

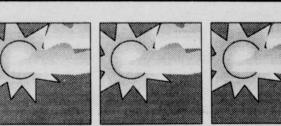
studies on privatization and prepared a thesis on the Telmex privatization. She also co-authored another privatization study with

Manuel Sánchez which is considered one of the best studies to date on the process and impact of Mexico's privatizations

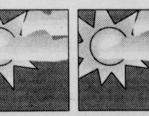
Graduate Studies Dean Chosen As Research Coordinator

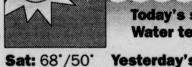
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research Richard Attiyeh has been appointed institutional coordinator for a three-year study on research doctorate programs in the United States by the National Research Council.

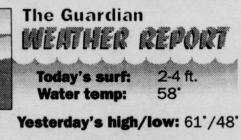
According to the NRC, the main goal of the study will be to "develop and disseminate a compendium of measures which characterize the essential features of the nation's Ph.D. programs in the sciences, engineering and humanities in their present state." The study will include some 300 institutions.



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Local Schools Team Up with **Graduate** Art Students

COMMUNITY: Graduate students help local kids experiment with art

By Terri Duggan Guardian Reporter

San Diegoelementary school students and UCSD graduate art students teamed up to experiment with art in a recent program called Collaborative Experiments in Arts (CEA). Several of the works produced during the program will be on display at the San Diego Museum of Art starting Friday.

The program was spearheaded by Allan Kaprow, an internationally known artist and visual arts professor at UCSD. Kaprow was aided by nine graduate students: Tom Brumley, C'Love, Brian Dick, Nina Katchadourian, Steven Matheson, Shay Poskey, Val Valgardson, Dietmar Walther and Olav Westphalen.

Each graduate student worked with a student from a different school during the 1991-92 academic year to create something that would be "different from macaroni and yarn," said Kathcadourian.

The results of this program will be showcased in an exhibit called



Graduate student Tom Brumley and third graders from Carver Elementary school perform 'Circle Songs' on harmonicas.

will be a public reception on opening night which will be attended by many of the children and teachers involved.

Whether the year-and-a-half long pilot program will continue for another year depends on community interest, support of elementary school teachers and the participation of the graduate students, Kaprow said. He also expressed a desire to "expand [the program] to the school system as a whole" if the decision is made to continue."

The program involves children from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. Carver Elementary is located in east San Diego, where about 80 percent of the students live below the poverty line. Harbor Summit is located in downtown San Diego and serves homeless children as well as those living "The Games They Do With Art" in the nearby St. Vincent de Paul

and will run through Feb. 21. There and Salvation Army shelters.

Most of the graduate students spent a long period of time working with their school, up to several months, but because the mostly homeless children of Harbor Summit tend to spend less time in one place their involvement was limited to one day.

The teachers in connection with the Harbor Summit program were disappointed by this. Teacher Joyce Jenning said, "There was a lack of follow-through. We received little feedback and therefore the kids didn't get as much out of it."

However, most of the students and teachers at other schools seemed pleased with CEA. Carver Elementary Principal Joanne Wall described the "interactive art experiences" as "extremely positive; a wonderful experience for the kids."

Katchadourian agreed, saying See ART. Page 8

Money for Washington DC **Internships Going Unclaimed**

By Ritu Saxena Staff Writer

The UC President's Washington Scholarship Program is currently awarding scholarships to undergraduate students interested in traveling to Washington D.C. for an internship.

According to Amy Pickell, internship counselor at UCSD's Academic Internship Program (AIP), opportunities for students are significant. "The number of applicants in the past have been quite low - last year we awarded thirteen scholarships, but we had enough funds to give out more."

According to Pickell, the program is targeted toward undergrads who are financially needy, underrepresented, re-entry students and students with disabili-

create a greater diversity of students in Washington,"Pickell said. "The students who have gone and come back have had very interesting experiences," she added.

An intem's average budget in Washington for 10-13 weeks is approximately \$3,000. Previous interns have completed internships with the State Department, U.S. congressional offices, CNN, Amnesty International and the Demo- tions are due by April 30. Students cratic National Committee, among will be notified regarding the staothers.

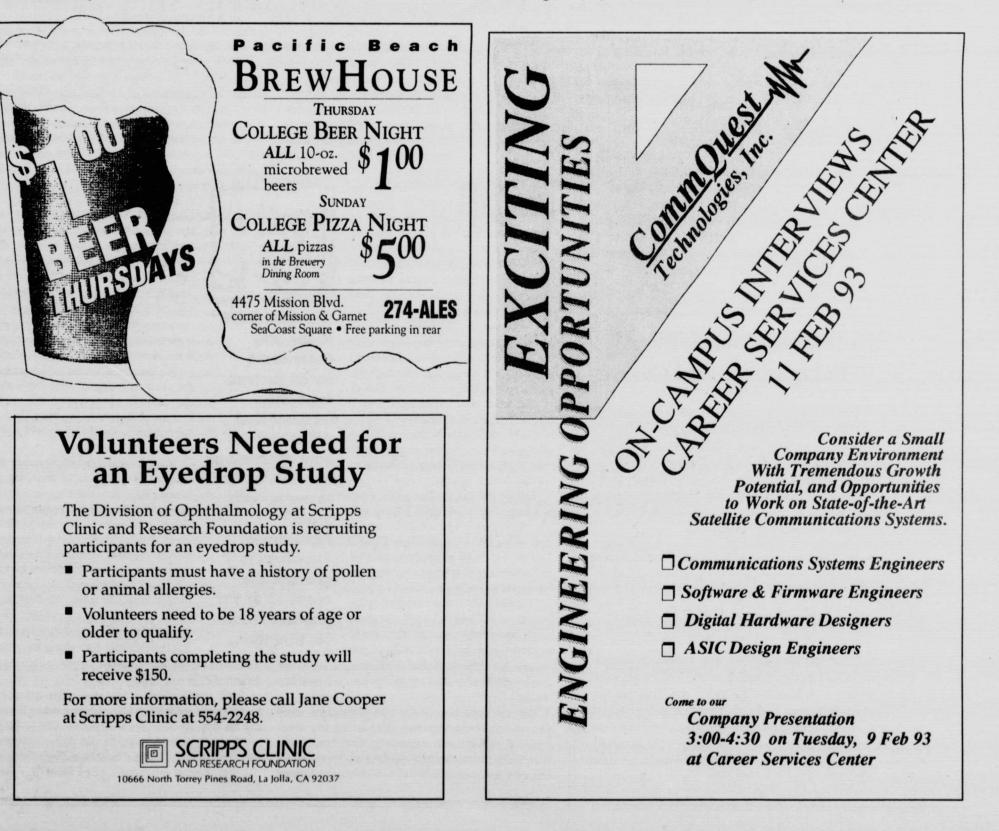
grams with an academic compo- at 534-4355.

nent. This provides a more coherent educational experience through classes, seminars, and supervised field work, according to Pickell.

Third College senior Bob Crotty served as an intern in the fall of 1991. Crotty worked in the State Department in the office of Soviet Affairs. "Being stationed at the aircraft and vessel clearance station was great. I got to meet a lot of high-level personnel," Crotty said. "Working there really gave me a sense of how Washington really works - the people I met were really dedicated and intelligent," he continued. Crotty suggested that the experience can provide a foundation for a future career

Fifth College junior Michael Schelke plans to be an intern this spring. "Right now I'm still going "The program here hopes to through a lot of paperwork. I had to write a statement to the scholarship committee on why I want to go and what I hope to achieve," he said. Schelke is already looking forward to going. "It should be very interesting and educational," he said

Applications for Fall 1993 are now available in the AIP office room 3255 on the second floor of the Literature building. Applicatus of their applicaton by June Applicants are encouraged to 1993. Further questions can be participate in the internship pro- answered by calling Amy Pickell



Thursday, January 21, 1993

COMMENTARY: The false opposition between research and teaching is as simplistic and constraining as the sound bite

By Ely Rabani

Staff Writer search.

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OPINION

GETTING TRAMPLED BY THE MODERN STAMPEDE FOR RIGHTS

COMMENTARY: While every special interest group under the sun clamors for special treatment and protection, private associations and society are lost in the shuffle



Arizona has been removed from institutions and destroy the rights of others. In our litiits much maligned place as target gious society, everyone is in a mad rush for rights. numero uno of the American Left. The new locus of evil and oppression is the state of Colorado. It was there, on Nov. 4th, that the state passed Amendment Two, denying or at least the discovery of common ground." sexual orientation and behavior as a legitimate basis for discriminatory homosexuals at being denied "rights" while much of our

predictable. It has the

Barbra Streisand and other cognoscenti who have resolved to boycott anything Coloradan. And if one were to heed Newsweek magazine's September 1992 issue "What America Thinks about Gays," one would think that any legislation which to the way does not give victim status to homosexuals Coloradans was contrived by the same homophobic youths that toss bottles and scream epithets

The debate about Amendment Two is from the not solely about the morality and accep- mindset that tance of homosexuals. Remember, this is a state where Frederico Pena, an open homosexual, was reelected mayor of Denver for multiple terms.

I do not wish to get caught up in the pros in our society. and cons of the debate about homosexuality. I think people have a right to do what they wish with their freedom, provided that they are prepared to accept the responsibility for their actions in regards to both themselves and others.

The Colorado statute does not contra- creation of yet vene this idea. One may hear that the statute another reason sends homophobic messages that it is ac- for litigation. ceptable to violently treat or malign homosexuals. But this is rhetorical drivel. We still have laws freedom is the freedom to choose, be responsible and be that say physically assaulting another person is just plain dedicated to an association. wrong.

No, the opposition to the way Coloradans voted derives from the mindset that rights are the sole deter- that the Boy Scouts do not want homosexual or female miner of one's status in our society. What Amendment scoutmasters seems to incite the rage of those who want Two does is prevent the creation of yet another reason for every organization, club and business to conform to their litigation. It stops another use of individual rights to shred



voted derives rights are the sole determiner of one's status What Amendment **Two does is** prevent the

itself on freedom. An essential part of that

In our zest for rights, private associations and society become meat ready to go into a rights grinder. The fact See RIGHTS, Page 6

As Mary Ann Glendon writes in Rights Talk, "Our

rights talk, in its absoluteness, promotes unrealistic ex-

pectations, heightens social conflict, and inhibits dia-

logue that might lead toward consensus, accommodation,

One can understand the resentment felt by Colorado

ness of our debate and the close-mindedness

of dialogue. There is, however, a deeper

issue. On the one hand is paternalism, the

idea that State knows best. On the other are

the rights of people to define their lives and

goals. This debate is, therefore, not limited

to Amendment Two but has become com-

monplace in our world of conflicting rights.

It is the question of whether the govern-

ment should enter and force people and

organizations in a free society to conform

to the ideals of the people in that society.

the compulsion to get court orders so that

they can enter all-male clubs, those clubs

lose one of the reasons they exist. In other

words, that action destroys a distinctive

rights of women to not be discriminated

against, but it does nothing to restore the

club and its role as a meeting place for men.

The right of males to associate has been

irrevocably banished. Of course our minds

are conditioned to think that such incidents

are examples of how rights should work:

hypocritically, for males. We think those

males were probably telling blond jokes.

America, however, is a country that prides

It is not proper to shed a tear, however

It is convenient to blithely mouth the

aspect of that community.

For instance, when radical women feel

society sees everything in such terms. Hence the shrill-

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EDITORIALS

Editorial Board

Special Election is the Usual Display of Idiocy

The Associated Students' special election will draw to a close today after a two-day balloting period. At issue are three constitutional amendments and three referenda questions addressing such mundane concerns as altering student representation on A.S. Council, adding more amendments to the amendment process and surveying the readership of alternative media publications. When one considers this demonstration of the democratic process in action, only one question comes to mind - why?

This special election is a tremendous waste of money, \$3,000 of student money to be exact, brought about by the type of bureaucratic bungling that has reduced student government to a perpetual joke.

In last spring's general election, three constitutional amendments were placed on the ballot. However, the order of these amendments on the actual ballot differed from the order on the sample ballot. Chair of Operations, Services and Enterprises Paul Wilcox filed a complaint, claiming that the discrepancy might have affected the results of the vote. This is no doubt true, and the A.S. Judicial Board was right in ordering a re-vote.

The problem, however, is creating the gaudy spectacle of a special election to reconsider a few simple questions of procedure. Quite frankly, the constitutional amendments are hardly of immediate concern - they could have been placed on the ballot for the upcoming spring general election without any hassle, difficulty and, most importantly, additional cost to anyone.

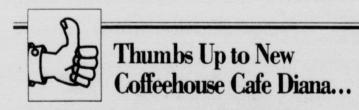
Does anyone lie awake at night wondering if the number of constitutional amendments allowed per academic year should be changed from three to five? Is the university unable to function unless we settle the burning debate over whether senators can be elected from each college regardless of class standing? The answer is no - settling these issues right away is clearly not worth \$3,000. These issues may need to be settled, but they clearly do not need to be dealt with right away.

The referenda, or at least the ones featured in this particular election, deal with issues that, by any reasonable stretch of the imagination, ought to be resolved by the council itself, without the cost and hubbub of an election.

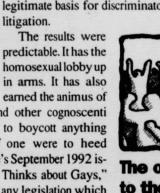
If the A.S. Council is truly concerned with serving the student body it was supposedly created to represent, it would look for ways to save money and cut down on needless bureaucratic procedure, rather than sanctioning one needless election after another. The A.S. has been content for some years now to rely on this somewhat arcane amendment ritual as a remedy for its recurring ills. Such measures only provide temporary relief for the problem of ineffective and inefficient government, letting the disease spread.

Thumbs Down to the Inauguration Committee...

... for throwing away \$30 million on Bill Clinton's inauguration ceremony. A presidential inauguration is something to be celebrated, but spending that much money for a glorified Fleetwood Mac reunion is too extravagant for a country in dire economic straits. Perhaps the committee should take a cue from Jimmy Carter (whose inauguration only cost \$3 million) and save the money for more important matters.



... for providing another late night option for students on campus. The coffeehouse, which will be located at the Ché Café, will be open late enough (until 2 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays) and will provide enough entertainment, food and coffee to appeal to even the most reclusive student. With all these on-campus locations opening within weeks of each other, could it be that UCSD is finally developing a semblance of a social atmosphere? We tremble at the possibility.



The opposition

DISCOURSE OF DEAD TREES AND FACTOIDS

On Thursday, Jan. 7, this newspaper featured an editorial concerning the UC Technology Development Corporation. The editorial took a sufficiently skeptical stance about the temptations to reorient the direction of academic inquiry that such a closely linked development corporation might pose - a concern about ramifications, not the desirability of developing technologies made possible by re-

But the editorial mistakenly asserted that the primary mission of the University of California is "to educate ... students." This, unfortunately, is a very common misconception. Under the California Master Plan for Higher Education a visionary policy partially enacted in 1960 to orient and co-ordinate the tri-partite system of public higher education in California - the University of California is the state's "lead academic research agency." This is substantially different from the orientation toward teaching implied in the editorial.

But what of it? Isn't this just splitting more hairs? Not by a long shot. It strikes at the very core of what the UC is about and what it means

It is always convenient to complain that professors aren't concerned with teaching, that this university is just an assembly line on which undergraduate education is merely a perfunctory matter; and it is true that steps could be taken to enhance the way teaching is done here. All of that — and we've all heard it (if not actually said it) misses the most valuable aspect of the educational opportunity and experience here. This is a research institution, and that is something to be made the most of. Research and education are falsely opposed, when in fact they could readily be combined in a most complementary fashion - doing research can be the

This opposition is due both to the prevalence of these misconceptions and to some unfortunate and unnecessary ways in which education is structured. If anything, education and research should be more integrated. The first step is for students to become clear on this concept. This false opposition mirrors trends in social action in mass society. Teaching implies passivity (on the part of the taught); research is essentially active. It's the difference between being spoon-fed a torrent of information and gaining the independent capacity to produce original and meaningful knowledge. The few students who discover research and what I call 'the learning ethic' (which has nothing to do with tired family-values rhetoric) usually discover it only late in their undergraduate careers - and

Gaining the capacity to be an independent knowledge producer is the best lesson that the university can provide; but in a society so bent on producing intellectual invalids, it is clear how such opportunities can be so systematically

However accidentally, this same trend toward cognitive docility is reproduced and cultivated in most mass media, including some of the reporting in this publication. The Tuesday, Jan. 19 Guardian is a case in point. Were it not something recurrent, it would be unworthy of mention. But it's reflective of the sound-bite reductionism that habituates so much of the media's audience to the unbelievable inanity that we are daily invited to consume.

Conventionally, the sound-bite will be something that states conclusions only, and is usually See FACTOIDS, Page 6 The UCSD Guardian

COMMENTARY: If suffering means piety, then the innumerable religious conflicts that have plagued the history of humankind have practically made saints of us all

CONFESSIONS OF AN ATHEIST

By Damen Scranton Associate Opinion Editor

I am an atheist.

There. I said it. Quick, pray for me. I have not yet reached my 20th birthday and have already come to grips with the fact that religion is a crock. That's right, a crock. Bogus. A big pile o' dog doodoo.

And that doesn't just apply to Christianity. If you put me in a doorless, windowless, thoroughly-inescapable room with nothing but five feet of rope and a handful of devout Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Muslims or followers of any faith, I wouldn't strangle them in any particular order. We'd have a lottery. And if the Christians felt that they just had to suffer a little, why I'd even let them go last. See Atheists aren't all bad.

"But what about the Bible?" believers chant in droves. "How can you decry the Great Book?" God almighty, people, I'm not decrying any of the great books. The stories of Sampson and Delilah, Jonah and Ezekiel and even the big guy himself are some of the greatest stories ever told. Plus, they've inspired some really catchy tunes these past few decades. But I, personally, find Robert Holdstock much more interesting. Less sex, less violence, and a much, much tighter plot...

Now, I know what you're thinking. This man is obviously bitter about something. Maybe he's just rebelling against a strictly religious upbringing. Maybe he's some sort of a devil put on earth to tempt the righteous and wreak havoc upon the weak. (People do often and the decades of witch-hunts, both in Europe demning them or even resenting them need to refer to me as Damien by mistake.) Or maybe and right here in the Home of the Free. Mushe's just plain stupid.

Actually, I must've been stupid to deny my Catholic heritage. I've sinned quite a bit over the years, but nothing that couldn't have been absolved with a dozen Hail Marys and a few hours service at the confessions stand. It was a tough decision, but I just couldn't bring myself to adopt the beliefs of a people who have been at the root of so much conflict and bloodshed not kill" may have been the Christian god's throughout the years.

Pretty much all of the religion I've either much more of this peace we can take.



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experienced or been taught about leads to conflict. There were the Crusades (numbers 1lims seem to have their hands full at the moment, what with those damned Hindus in India and those pesky Jews in the Middle East.

Pagans have always gotten the short end of the stick, but who wouldn't want one less "heathen" in the world. And the Catholics and Protestants never really could seem to patch things up after the Reformation. "Thou shalt

But this commentary isn't about the hundreds of millions of people who have been "saved" throughout history by believing that their deaths were religiously justified. To tell you the truth, I've always wanted to write an article about the absurdity of religion. But religion seems to represent the bottom line when it comes to a person's being, and disagreeing with a person's religious beliefs is like driving into a brick wall.

But this homosexuality issue that has been raging back and forth for, well, it seems like an eternity, is really the topper.

Life is a very, very precious thing. Whadda ya know! I'm not religious and I have come to understand the value of human life. What can I say? It's a miracle. Maybe some of the religious groups around the world should spend a little bit less time trying to convert individuals to their beliefs and a little bit more time learning how to value life because, unless you believe in reincarnation, you've only got one shot.

Homosexuals, just like blacks and whites, just like left-handers and right-handers, just like vegetarians and people who like big, bloody slabs of Sizzler prime rib, have a right to live. They have a right to live with you, they have a right to live with me and, most importantly, they have a right to live with dignity. Without life, there would be no such thing as religion. Those who feel that, for one reason or another, they have a right to devalue the lives 12, take your pick), the Spanish Inquisition of other human beings by berating them, consit down and think about it for a moment. I guess that's all one can ask.

> While the endless justifications for homophobia that have graced the pages of the Guardian these last few months have been both comical and painstakingly tedious to type in, they have not been very easy to stomach. Quote after quote after quote after quote. It's enough to make the big kahuna in the sky hurl.

Okay, I can understand why people created fifth commandment and peace on earth may religion. Everybody needs something to be-But once again, it's not just Christianity. have been a top priority, but I don't know how lieve in. A lot of things in this world don't See ATHEIST, Page 6

THREE-HOUR SEMINARS ARE A BIG WASTE OF TIME

Editor:

In looking over the Schedule of Classes for the Winter Quarter, I noticed what has become a disturbing trend in the offerings of upperdivision seminar classes.

The vast majority of upper division fourunit seminars in several departments occur in three-hour blocks of time once a week. In the Department of Political Science, for example, only one of 11 seminars is offered on a Monday-Wednesday-Friday basis. This detracts from the quality of education provided by the university.

The education of a person is a process that requires time, review and a constant discussion of the subject at hand. Three-hour seminars, because of their occurrence only once a week, tend to encourage a "blitzing" of reading the day before class.

In addition, the daily discussion that is needed for the study of these in-depth subjects (the nature of the seminar classes) is almost encouraged not to take place because the material surfaces but once a week.

Arguments supporting a three-hour class revolve around the fact that a long period of discussion is needed in order to fully digest the of a student becomes severely reduced. material. While this certainly is true, meeting three times a week enables students to more fully ingest the material on a daily basis and Meeting three times a week also alleviates the a regularity of both students and professors.



The Guardian welcomes letters and commentaries from its readers. All letters must be no longer than three pages, typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters should also contain a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for length and clarity. Letters may be dropped off at the Guardian office on the second floor of the old Student Center (right above the General Store Co-op) or sent by mail. Send all letters to:

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seminars has proven that often they last only two or two and one-half hours, in addition to a 10 minute break. The in-class education time

In the coming days of smaller budgets for the university, we must take every step in order to improve the quality of our education. Seriparticipate in discussions as they go along. ous upper-division students, after spending years in large, overcrowded lower-division problem of waning attention spans, which are classes, are entitled to participate in smaller, interaction-oriented classes which encourage Americans are people of color as well. Furthermore, experience with three-hour the daily development of the mind.

The changing of a larger portion of seminars to a MWF basis would be a cost-efficient method of improving the quality of education provided by this great university. Sherman G. Griffin

Asian-Americans Are **People of Color, Too**

Editor

In complaining about the plight of people of color, Gave Johnson has ignored a significant minority: Asian-Americans. She cites specific figures for every other group, but her figures don't add up because she doesn't even acknowledge the existence of 38 percent of the UCSD population.

Asians, consisting of Indians, Pacific Islanders, continental Asians, etc., are also "people of color" and are discriminated against. Spawned by the myth of Asians stealing "American" jobs, anti-Asian violence is on a phenomenal rise across the country.

With shows like Fox's "Super Dave," Asians are portrayed as two-dimensional caricatures in the media and in popular culture. Asians are virtually ignored politically; Bill Clinton's cabinet "that looks like America" has no Asians. I'm not saying that there is a white conspiracy out there and that every Anglo-American is personally responsible for it. I'm saying that Asian-Americans have been and are still being discriminated against. Asian-

Chee-Hahn Hung

RIGHTS: The tired mantra of "what society owes me"

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bigoted and prejudiced ethos of the way the world should be. The only human gatherings immune from such intolerant leveling are churches and synagogues. But why stop there? If rights are at issue, why not go the whole nine yards?

Well, here's the rub. The nature of one basis or another-hopefully in a good way.

We have at this campus organizations which represent the needs of blacks, Hispanics, homosexuals, Asians, chess players, dancers, environmentalists, women and so on. When an organization forms to serve, do so specifically to condemn, criticize or calumniate others different from them.

now used as the mantra of the victim everyone loses.

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on "what society owes me." If a business or organization is going to reject the talented black or homosexual or redhead, then it suffers. I do not believe that people have a right to a job in a business owned by another person. They may deserve the job but this does not mean that they have a "right" to the job.

If a rejected person sues, then it will, no doubt, be for psychological damage. But even if a person is rehired, you are forcing the employer to hire someone she does not want. Most an organization is to discriminate on people do not consider or at best pass over this fact. Let us agree on the fact that it is neither beneficial nor profitable to pass over the gifted homosexual or "person of difference."

In our modern stampede for rights, we are trampling not only the rights of others but also crushing underfoot any discussion of responsibility. Life for instance, the Korean-Americans becomes solitary, nasty, poor, brutish in our student body I hardly think they and short as we assert and counterassert our rights to others.

Rights are extremely important, but when used as an ideological first But this is not how life in a free strike instead of as weapon of last country is seen by many. Rights are resort for the important issues of life,

FACTOIDS: Sound bites breed

passivity in readers Continued from page 5 restricted to touchy-feely statements

that the audience will either identify with or be enraged by, But this is content-lite reporting.

The passivity inheres in a systematic decontextualization and an unfailing tendency to omit any logical argument that connects point A with point B. By inducing the audience to never expect such connections, cognitive passivity is reproduced. Why think when you can just feel the sound

An article stated that I "tried to persuade" (i.e. constructing failure) rallygoers that the "economy is not to blame." I was quoted as saying "One myth we've got to undermine here is that [...i]t's not the ... recession; it's policy.'

By itself, the assertion might sound like a nutty conspiracy theory. But question, i.e. defense cuts without economic conversion, which has directly and indirectly cost California

ATHEIST: Live

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Wilson is exploiting the resulting economic crisis to "fine tune state govthere was no reference to the policy in ernment" read, privatize public higher education.

over one million jobs in slightly over in the quote, the quote is rendered a year — that is policy. Governor vacuous. Better to select fewer quotes wasted dead trees.

sede life.

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and present them more coherently, at least if the goal is to enlighten the readership. But if the goal is instead to cow everyone into unthinking docility with a deluge of sound-bites that bear little connection to substantive issues, then this is the recommended style of reporting.

For those thinking that this is an exceptional instance, or perhaps just sour grapes on my part, I will simply point to a quote from Dr. Robert Livingston which appeared on the same page: "The capacity for genuine olerance, empathy and compassion must be tolerated " Hmm. I have enough faith in the good Dr. Livingston to presume that there was a coherent statement behind the quote.

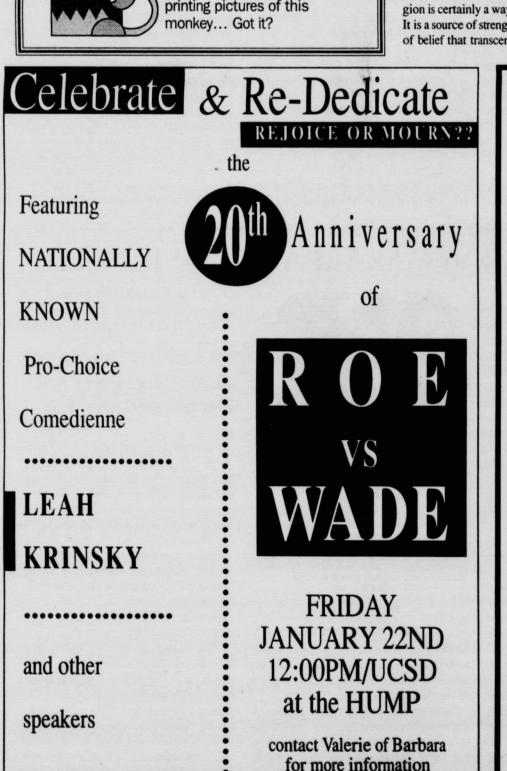
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Until the audience is given any basis for treating the information in By failing to articulate the argu- any manner other than passively - if ment (which was made at the event) it's even worth bothering with at all -the Guardian will only be so many

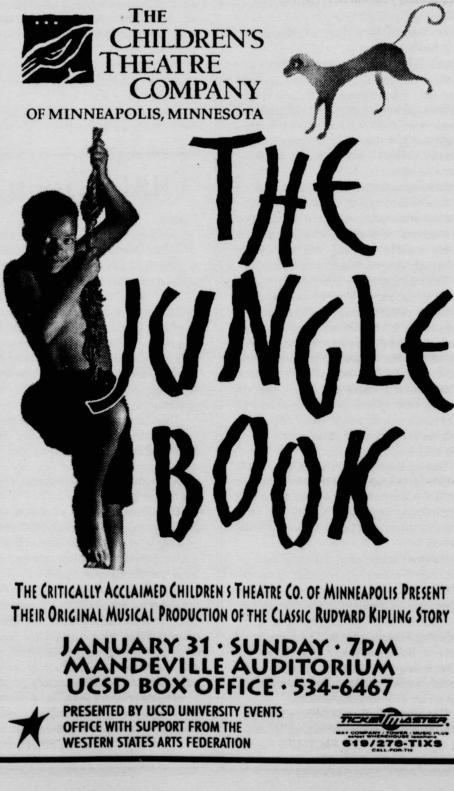
and thought. Religion is truly an intri- I will die a completely content and cate part of life. But it does not super- fulfilled person and my only wish in life is that every other human being on Look, all I know is that I am an the face of the earth could experience utterly happy human being with no life with that feeling, even if only for feelings of hatred or resentment to- one moment. It truly would put an end ward anyone in this entire world — to a lot of this world's problems.

gion is certainly a way of getting by. not even the people who try to drag I've never met an atheist who didn't It is a source of strength and a source me to Bible study all the time. If I die feel that way, and I've never met a of belief that transcends time, space on the way home from work tonight, person of religion who did.

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Staff Writer

Third College Provost Cecil Lytle greeted the audience and introduced the gospel choir, which he began directing 17 years ago with a group of only 34 students. The choir, now directed by Anderson, has grown to nearly 1,400.

Wilson however, believes that the coming year will be even more challenging for students trying to pay fees through financial aid. "Whatever problems we had last year, it will certainly be worse this year," he said.

The fee increase, along with Congress' new definition of need, means that more middle-class students will be eligible for financial aid. According to Shaw, instead of increasing funding, the state is spreading the existing grant money as thinly as possible to cover the increased number of needy students. "More and more students are getting less and less money," he said. Shaw pointed to a figure from the Student Aid Commission which indicated that student loans have increased 50 percent or \$55 million. demonstrates that financial aid is not adequately covering the in-

creased fees students must pay.

UCSA member Matthew Kazmierczak, who represented the association's fee and financial aid committee, met last Thursday with the Board of Regents to discuss financial aid. According to an assistant, Kazmierczak stressed that although the availability of loans does the biggest stumbling block for fihelp, more financial aid is needed to nancially disadvantaged students. avoid forcing students into debt after graduation.

Wilson added that the burden of paying back student loans has proved too much to bear for many students. "We're seeing an incredible rate of default on student loans," he said. Fees constitute only about a quarter of a student's total educational cost. In addition to the price of tuition, financially disadvantaged students must also consider the cost of housing, food and books.

The concert included spirituals performed by the UCSD Gospel Choir led by UCSD Music Professor Ken Anderson with a guest performance by Mike Morgan. The keynote address was delivered by UCSD History Professor Edward Reynolds.

Concert Commemorates King

By Julie Pak

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was honored Monday with a commemorative concert for students, faculty and members of the UCSD commu-

Filling the entire stage of the

AID: Cuts in assistance threaten accessibility of UC

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place, but the level of need will rise with a fee increase."

However, UC President's Office spokesman Mike Alva warned that it is too early to speculate on the financial aid situation.

The governor's proposed budget must still be negotiated with the legislature, and additional factors such as federal loan programs and a decision by Congress to redefine student financial need must be figured into the equation.

A UCSA fact sheet indicates that such expenses, which aren't cov- many minority students away.



Special musical guest Mike Morgan at the concert.

Mandeville Auditorium, the choir performed three spirituals: "We've Come to Praise Him," "Every time I Feel the Spirit" and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot."

The songs were followed by three

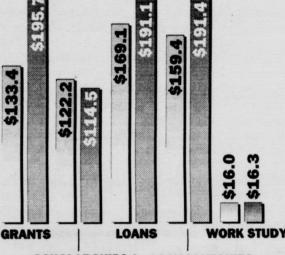
opera numbers by Morgan, who was accompanied by Lytle on the piano. Giving the keynote address, Reynolds reminded the audience to "be strong... be brave... and be involved," emphasizing the selfless courage of Dr. King and his devoted struggles to action and non-violent resistance.

Quoting King, Reynolds said, 'If there is nothing in which you're willing to die for, you are not fit to

Many students were deeply moved by the concert. "I feel it is very important to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and the concert was a good way to do it. But I also feel it should have been publicized more because I would've liked to see more people celebrating the accomplishments King has achieved," said Revelle sophomore Corinna Young.

Types of Aid UC Financial Aid by Type in Millions of Dollars

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ered by financial aid, have risen by \$414 since last year.

According to Shaw, despite the rising cost of living, some UC campuses have diverted subsistence grant money, intended to help cover living expenses for the most needy, to help fund tuition grants for the "newly needy."

"It's taking from the needy to give to the needy," Shaw said.

Although Alva would not specifically address this claim, he did say "Generally, the university has provided larger financial aid for the to give students financial aid is to neediest students."

According to a press release, over the past two years for the UC Schwartz indicated that the univer- last Friday, UCSA President Tobin system alone. Shaw said this figure sity was successful in dealing with Freid presented several proposals to last year's fee increases by allocat- help reduce the cost of fees. ing more money to the system's Fee Grant Program. This program focuses not only on low-income stu- a year take a 10 percent salary cut. dents, but middle-class students as well. The university anticipates al- unthinkable," Freid said at the meetlocating more money to the program this year.

Schwartz cited "outside factors," pensate for a small portion of the program's shortfall.

Shaw said he was "very worstate's financial aid programs has had an adverse effect on the diversity of the student body. "There's been a dramatic drop in African-American and Latino enrollment. There's a general sense that there's not enough financial aid."

Shaw added that the "sticker shock" of the price of tuition drives

"People will simply not come to the university," agreed Wilson. "It's a matter of economics."

Miguel Buckenmeyer/Guardian

However, Schwartz contends that the university's financial aid programs have constituted current levels of accessiblity to qualified students. "There is no evidence that UC lost low- or middle-income students during the period between 1988-89 and 1991-92, the latest years for which we have income data," Schwartz said.

According to Shaw, the best way simply lower the cost of fees.

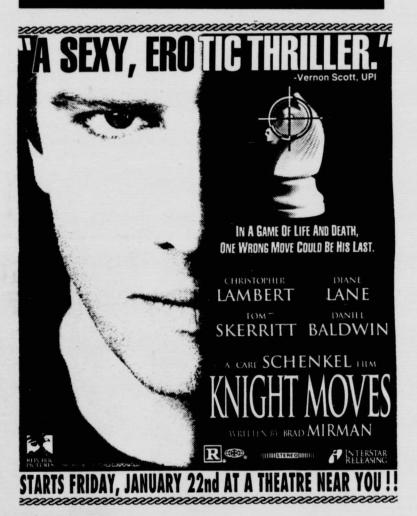
In a statement to the UC Regents

One proposal suggested that staff and faculty who make over \$50,000 "For many of you, I'm sure, this is ing. "For us, it is unthinkable that anyone making \$60,000 a year, with a job and an education, cannot live namely the Cal Grant program, as just as easily on \$54,000 a year in order to allow students with no job and no education the opportunity The university was only able to com- that a staff or faculty member was afforded.'

Freid urged the state to continue a half-cent sales tax which the govried" that the inadequacy of the ernor is not currently supporting. The tax would bring in \$1.5 billion for school systems statewide if targeted as an "education tax," he said.

Freid proposed that the administration could be streamlined by cutting out all assistant vice presidents and assistant vice chancellors. This would not only save money, but would improve the efficiency of the administration, Freid said.





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Applications available in the Warren College Dean's Office (2nd floor Literature Building). Due Wed. January 27 by 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

A.S. MEETING NOTES

University Center Board Suit- A case filed Nov. 16 against the university by the UCB was discussed in last night's meeting. The board is suing for money allocation rights because as an advisory committee to the administration, they are only granted advisory control over their funds. A.S. Representative to the UCB, Mark Rotenberg, believes their case is "built on shaky ground" and opposes the UCB Legal Committee's decision to run an ad in the Guardian to explain their position. A.S. President Mike Holmes, who served in Rotenberg's position last quarter, believes that this ad is a good opportunity to inform students and give both sides of the issue. Rotenberg, however, feels that the document the UCB plans to run is inaccurate. "It doesn't answer the questions a student would ask," he said, pointing out that the document is largely historical and doesn't reach the crux of the issue until much later.

Co-op Negotiations- The negotiations between the A.S., co-ops, GSA, UCB, and university administration resumed this morning at 10 a.m. The meeting was "short but intense," and "fairly productive," according to Holmes. The next meeting is Jan. 27 and the deadline for a resolution is Jan. 31.

Fee Increase Rally -- Vice-President of External Affairs Colin Wilson reported on the success of the fee protest rally last Thursday. He speculated that there were over 130 people in attendance and that 70 letters were written to legislators. He also said that they were able to persuade Assemblyman Mike Gotch to pledge his support in a phone call placed at the rally

New Environmental Newspaper — The Council allocated \$939 to the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) for production of an environmental newspaper, Eco-Logic. The first issue will be published mid-Winter Quarter on 100 percent post-consumer waste recycled paper.

- Compiled by Elaine Camuso, Staff Writer

CAREERS:

Retail jobs are good work experience

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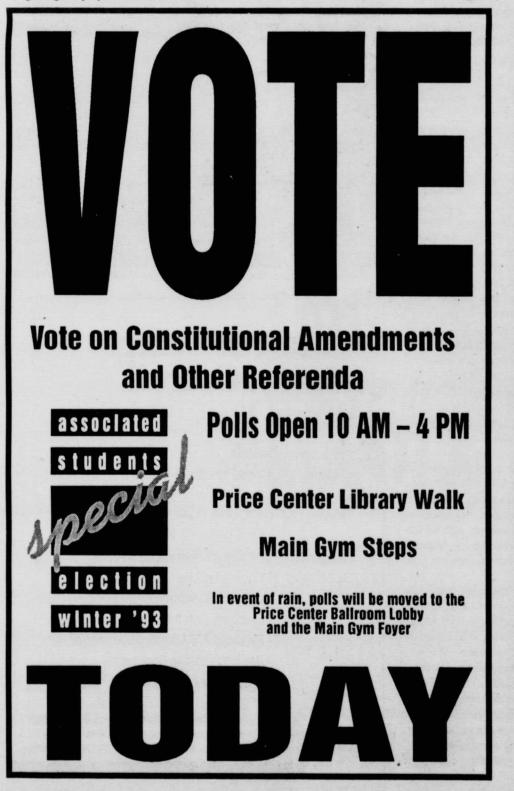
order to recruit have provided positive feedback about the university. "They're amazed at how well our students are prepared, because they know how to think, they're smart, and we're having an easier time in getting employers to come here cards for retail week is Feb. 3.

students are very well-prepared," she said. The Career Services Center is holding its annual retail interview-

because they do know that our

ing week on Feb. 16-19. Anybody interested should drop by at least three weeks prior to check the list of companies and fill out priority cards to set up interviews.

The deadline for filing priority



WATER: Severe winter storm wreaks havoc across campus

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pressure and all cold water as a result of a leak in the water mains Tuesday night.

The loss of cold water left students without the use of showers and toilets. Portable toilets were brought in, and students were asked to use the restrooms at Blake and Argo Halls.

"We asked students to use friends' showers, or to shower at the gym," Tse said.

Housing maintenance went door to door pouring water into everyone's toilets and warning stu-

students team up with

local elementary kids

that she felt the children had a lot of

fun and learned a great deal about

art. Materials and time for CEA

were volunteered by the teachers,

The funding for the program was

raised primarily by Katchadourian.

Originally, the San Diego Museum

of Art invited the UCSD Visual Arts

Department to have a show for el-

ementary school children, but it was

later discovered that the museum

could not provide the money. The

CEA decided to raise the money by

itself.

principals and UCSD artists.

ART: Graduate

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dents of the possible health hazards theorized that the water main breaks that could occur if the toilets were used, Tse added.

The break apparently occurred on the north side of Beagle Hall next to the basketball courts. Maintenight and by late Wednesday afternoon the water pressure had been restored and cold water returned to the dorms

Tse recalled a similar incident that occurred on the same weekend three years ago, when a 30-inch water main belonging to the city burst, leaving the entire campus without water. "Fortunately," Tse recalls, "most of the students were away for the weekend."

One of workers trying to restore water service to the Revelle dorms concluded.

children's programs.

At Carver, Katchadourian helped the children create an audio tour of the museum of art called "Art in Your Ear." She spent time with them in class, encouraging them to make up stories about pieces of art, and then took them to the museum, taping them as they observed different art pieces. The tapes will be available for check-out at the museum.

Another Carver project was entitled "Laundry," in which grad student Olav Westphalen had children bring their favorite article of clothing to school to string up on a flagpole in place of the usual flags. Photos of the project were taken and will also be put on display.

A Torrey Pines elementary school project was a video piece called "Equilibrium Pool Party" in Much of the funding was donated by Helen Bing of Los Ange- which students swam in the La Jolla les, who regularly donates money to YMCA pool and performed in front itself."

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were a result of shifting soil caused by the rain.

In addition to the water problems, Physical Plant Services (PPS) Tree Trimming Supervisor Philip nance crews worked through the Peters reported that the recent storms downed 18 trees at various locations around campus.

A 3,500-pound limb landed on the roof of the Central Utilities Plant. According to Peters, "If the limb hadn't stayed on the roof, it would have landed on a new high-energy transformer."

Another tree reportedly hit a truck parked near Bonner Hall and caused superficial damage.

"For as wet as the ground is, we're still doing pretty well," Peters

of two video cameras, one above the water and one below. Artists Brian Dick and Steven Matheson were in charge of the project.

One of the main goals of the CEA was to create a new and interesting learning experience for both the elementary students and the graduate students.

The graduate students were able to experience a completely different audience, one that had not yet defined art. "Kids will do anything as long as it's fun," Katchadourian

Participating UCSD art students may find job opportunities working with the schools. According to Kaprow, this is "a chance for the community as a whole to see that UCSD does work in the community, [rather than] see the university as a wealthy university that keeps to

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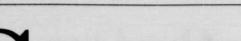
If you knew me before yesterday, you'd be surprised about how much I've changed in the past 48 hours. On Tuesday I was a bitter, coldhearted, hardbitten, cynical kind of guy. But I woke up yesterday to find the sky a little bluer, the grass a little greener, even the birds chirping a little cheerier. Yes, it's now Bill Clinton's America, and coldhearted cynicism is no longer

This new spirit of optimism floods the cold cockles of my heart like a joyous chorus of "I Want to Teach the World to Sing," uplifting my spirit and bringing a neverending smile to my face. "Remember that 20 bucks you owed me before you crashed my car after borrowing it without asking me 45 minutes after you had downed those bottles of peppermint schnapps and Jack Daniels and then wrapped it around a telephone pole in Tijuana? Well, don't worry about it," I told my friend yesterday before hugging him and taking him out for ice cream. Much the same sentiments are being expressed in the sporting world. Football teams have promised not to hit an opposing player and then body slam him to the ground. In Clinton's America, they will gently lower the

opponent to the ground before helping him up again. The NFL rules committee is considering two-hand touch for quarterbacks, while defensive linemen have promised to do the "Hokey Pokey" as a sack dance from now on. Bill Laimbeer has reformed his ways and is now head of the NBA's "Sharing and Caring with Your Opposition" committee, while his teammates and the Chicago Bulls met in a hotel outside of Detroit to talk out their feelings of hostility toward one another. "It was great," said a weeping Dennis Rodman, "We held hands, sang 'Puff the Magic Dragon,' and roasted marshmallows. I'm so happy now, I just want to frolic in a field of tulips,"

the 6-9 rebounding fiend sighed. There is also no place for sloth or beer bellies in Bill Clinton's America. Physical fitness is now the rage, since everybody needs to be in tip-top condition in order to be happy. I have adopted a program similar to our commander-in-chief's rigorous training methods. I walk in from the parking lot, walk between classes and then hit Wendy's for a double with cheese and large fries. That's followed by an exhausting drive home where I recharge my batteries with a couple of Ho-Ho's or Ding-Dongs while watching the

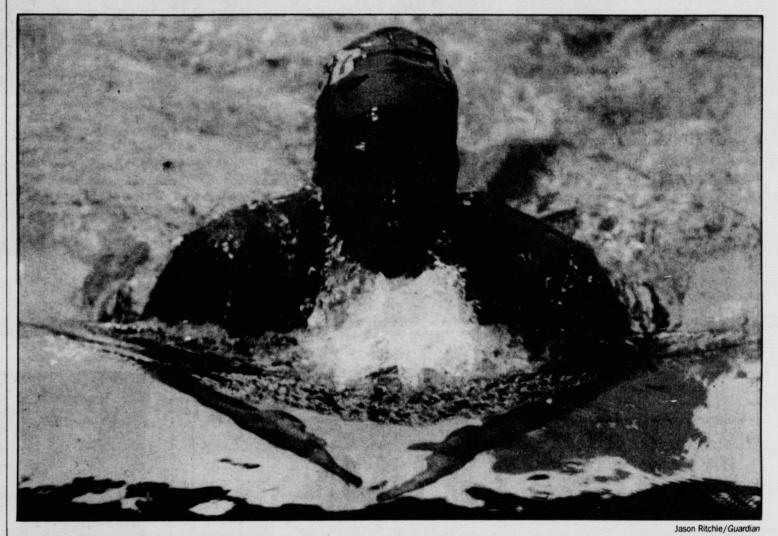
Cindy Crawford workout video. Watching that video will make the average guy sweat just as much as if he were doing an hour of step aerobics. The key to the workout is of course the fluorescent green running shorts that even Cindy would think were too short to wear. Oops, I almost forgot. I need to pick up another pair of those shorts today. I need some to wear when the first pair are in the



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Sabrina Lum powers her way to the finish during a 100-yard backstroke earlier this year. Lum is the UCSD record-holder in two events.

UCSD Soaked at Cal, USD

TWO MEETS: Men lose at Cal while women fall at cross-town rival USD

By Bree Segal Staff Writer

The UCSD women's swimming and diving team got more wet than usual at the University of San Diego Quad Meet Saturday, when the Tritons faced talented swimmers from Colorado State and University of Pacific. "We did very well considering the weather. It was pouring," said freshman Carrie Parker.

Senior Sabrina Lum, holder of the Triton record for 100- and 200-yard butterfly, made a national cut with 1:57.86 in the 200-yard freestyle. With the season grinding toward a finish, the women are cutting down yardage in practice in order to rest for the conference meet.

Meanwhile, the Triton men were in Berkeley for a dual meet against Cal and UC Davis. "It's hard to keep a positive attitude when the weather is bad," said junior Chris Jagard. Even though the rain made the meet colder, the Tritons remained unstoppable.

Highlights of the weekend against Davis were provided by Mark Fahlen, who made the NCAA conditional, or 'B', cut in the 500-yard freestyle and Travis Miller who shined in the 200-yard IM and 200-yard backstroke.

Taylor Spangler took the 200-yard breastroke while John Flowers was a force in the 150- and 50yard freestyles with Andy Hollywood also a highlight in the 100-yard backstroke.

After the UCD meet ended, sophomore Erik Pederson concluded, "We didn't win the Davis meet, but it was more of a team trip and we accomplished a lot that way." Pederson also said that the Tritons are swimming consistently better than last year.



Jill Jackson triumphed at USD Saturday.

Many team members turned in command performances against Berkeley. Fahlen made the B standard in the mile and Miller, with the best swim of the meet, took some time off of his 1:49.0 national record time in the 200-yard backstroke.

Ryan Chapman, junior captain, had his best swim ever in the 200-yard breastroke, while Flowers had his best time of the year in the 100-yard freestyle. Hollywood also mastered his lifetime best swim unshaved in the 200-yard backstroke.

"The team as a whole did really well. The team got a lot closer - it was just the guys," junior Pete Shim said. Shim looks forward to the challenging meets in See SWIM, Page 14

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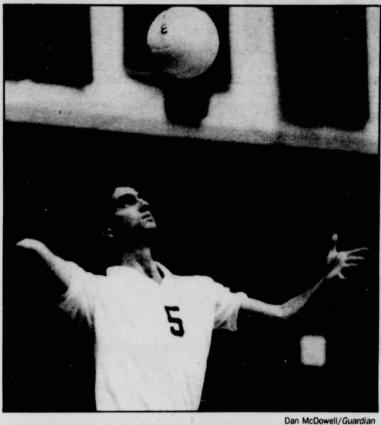
Associate Athletic Director Earl Edwards is leaving UCSD to become Athletic Director at East Stroudsburg in Pennsylvania. Page 14

VOLLEYBALL: UCSD kicks off its home season against San Diego State on Saturday, its first home match as a member of the powerful Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, a merger of the Pac-10, Big West and Western Athletic conferences. Page 10



The Week Ahead

The Headline Matchup: Men's volleyball vs. San Diego State, Saturday at 7 p.m., Main Gym. This is the Tritons' first home game as a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, a 14-team league that includes defending national champion Pepperdine as well as USC and UCLA. Other Games: Swimming and diving vs. USC, Saturday at 11 a.m., Canyonview Pool. Men's basketball at Point Loma, tonight and vs. Dominican College, Friday at 7 p.m., Main Gym. Men's tennis at USD, Sunday. Women's basketball at UC Santa Cruz, Friday, at Mills College, Saturday and at Sonoma State, Sunday.



Matt Brega will be a major factor for UCSD on Saturday night.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

Tritons face San Diego State in their home season opener on Saturday

By Blair Ridley

Staff Write

The UCSD men's volleyball team has a very rough road ahead.

Its entrance into the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation means a sched- the water by the defendule laced with the best teams in the

The federation is a merger of the three largest conferences in the western U.S. - the Big West, the Pac-10 and the Western Athletic Conference.

It was formed to pool resources in several non-revenue sports and remain consistent with the high level of compe- of matches. Before jointition that each of the conferences have come to expect.

In men's volleyball, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation is a 14-team league which is split into two divisions, the Mountain and the Pacific respec-

The Mountain division includes such

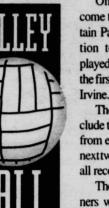
schools as Brigham Young, Cal State Northridge, Loyola Marymount, itself in a hurry in the coming weeks as Pepperdine, UC Irvine, UCLA and they play host to four straight federation UCSB.

Stanford, San Diego State and UCSD. Santa Barbara.

Unfortunately for the Tritons, their first taste of the league was a bitter one. as they were blown out of ing national champion Pepperdine, 15-2, 15-1, 15-4

Joining the league gives the Tritons several distinct advantages. First, theirmembershipenables UCSD to host a fair share ing, the Tritons had to play the national powerhouses on the road.

The team will get its chance to prove matches. The upcoming foes for the The Pacific division contains Ha- Tritons include San Diego State, Pawaii, Long Beach State, Pacific, USC, cific, Cal State Northridge, and UC



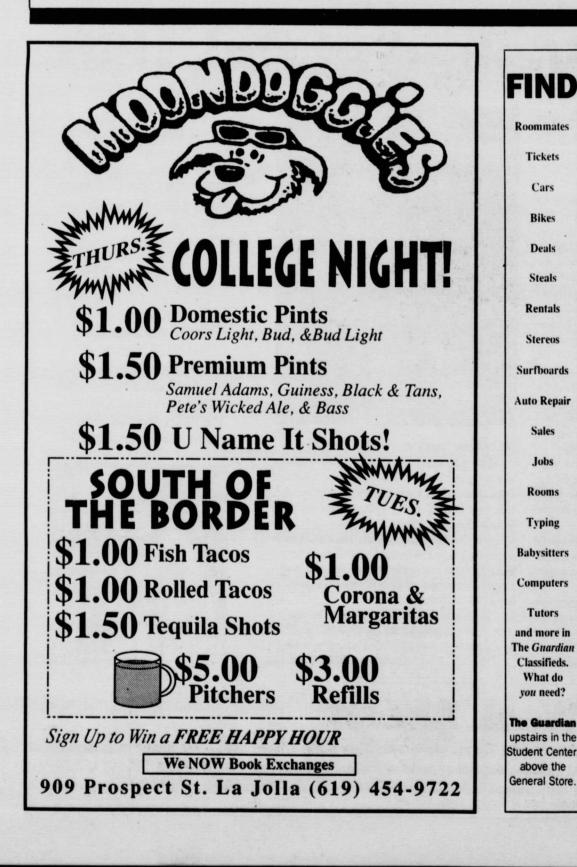
Once the season has come to an end, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament will be played in late April and in the first part of March at UC Irvine.

The tournament will include the top three finishers from each division plus the nexttwo best teams on overall record.

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ADMINISTRATION:

Associate Athletic Director accepts director position at East Stroudsburg

By Art Root

Associate Sports Editor

Jumping from Division III to Division II is no easy task, but UCSD Associate Athletic Director Earl W. Edwards sats he is ready for the challenge. Edwards, 42, was named athletic director at East Stroudsburg University, an NCAA Division II institution in Pennsylvania. His appointment begins Feb. 15.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity, especially since it's a school which I'm familiar [with] and in a part of the country where I grew up," Edwards said. Edwards is an alumnus of East Stroudsburg and played one season with the Warriors' basketball team in 1971-72.

Edwards, 42, came to UCSD in 1987 as associate athletic director to Judith M. Sweet, who is currently completing a sion II conference in the nation. two-year term as NCAA President.

tor in Sweet's absence, and directly su- becomes the university's fifth perma- Division III Minority Opportunities and pervised six intercollegiate sports as nent athletic director and the first Afriwell: men's and women's basketball, can-American to lead the program. men's and women's tennis, women's soccer and women's softball.

the most successful in NCAA Division III competition, winning 10 Division III National Championships, placing second 13 times and finishing third 10 times."UCSD's athletic programs have been enormously successful,"Edwards said

"Every year since I've been here, UCSD has hosted at least one regional or championship event. The number of championships won by UCSD is something atypical; this athletic program has been outstanding," he added.

Edwards served as the tournament director of over 20 NCAA regional and national championship events hosted by UCSD. East Stroudsburg is a member of the 14-school Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, the largest Divi-

At East Stroudsburg, Edwards will Edwards said.

Edwards served as acting athletic direc- be directing an 18-sport program. He

Edwards expressed his admiration of the East Stroudsburg athletic pro- sition on the committee. "Unfortunately, During Edwards' six-year tenure, gram. "East Stroudsburg has an excel- that's one of the downsides," Edwards UCSD's athletic programs were among lent reputation. [The athletic program] is extremely well respected on a national level," Edwards said.

> "What attracted me to the program was the academic record of the program. Graduation rates and GPA of the student-athletes are comparable with the rest of the student body at East Stroudsburg," he added.

> The duties and responsibilites of a Division II athletic director are considerable. "At East Stroudsburg, the athletic director is involved in more of the high-level administration of the university," Edwards said.

Edwards will direct an athletic department staff that dwarfs UCSD's complement of administrators. "At UCSD, the athletic program is run by six to ten full-time staff members, versus 45 to 50 at East Stroudsburg,"

Edwards is a member of the NCAA Interests Committee. However, strict NCAA rules do not allow a Division II administrator to hold a Division III posaid. "Now that I've moved to Division II, I have to resign as Division III representative. "Hopefully, in a year or so, I'll be

considered for a Division II position on the committee," he added.

Edwards brings a wealth of experience to the Pennsylvania campus, in addition to his service at UCSD.

He worked at Drexel University for six years, serving as athletic business

manager for two years and as assistant athletic director for four. Edwards was also was director of

associate director of intramurals at UC Davis for two years and associate intramurals director and assistant basketball coach at the University of Mas- a national search to replace Edwards. In sachusetts for two years.

Edwards admitted how difficult it is to Edwards' responsibilites.



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leave UCSD. "I'm going to miss the relationships I've developed with so intramurals at Michigan for two years, many great people here; coaches, athletes, administrators. I will miss them all," Edwards said.

Sweet said that UCSD will conduct the interim, current members of the As he prepares for his new post, athletic administrative staff will assume

Frigid Fencers Fight 14 Foes in Illinois NORTHWESTERN MEET: Fencers battle cold along with several East Coast teams

By Art Root

Associate Sports Editor

It's a good thing fencing meets are held indoors.

While the temperature inside Northwestern University's gym was warm and comfortable, the temperature outside was cold. Very cold. The UCSD men's and women's fencing teamstraveled to Evanston, Illinois (afternoon high temperature: eight degrees) last weekend to compete against the likes of Northwestern, Illinois, Ohio State and Notre Dame.

"We did really well, considering all the jitters and the unfamiliarity with the competition," UCSD Fencing Head Coach Alison Reid said.

SWIM: Tritons gear up for this

weekend's USC meet

Continued from page 9 the future with enthusiasm, "I'm im-

pressed with the team. Our attitude and performance excite and motivate me."

The Triton divershad as much trouble as their swimming teammates with the weather. "It was a pretty horrible meet," living coach Mike Fitchett said. "It was windy and rainy and there wasn't any kind of cover near the pool."

The weather didn't faze Jill Jackson, however, as the Triton took first place in the one-meter event.

Jackson's 182.85 narrowly edged out Colorado State's Kinuko Hirai total of 179 for the win. The Rams took third place as well, with UCSD's Sheri Takeuchibringing up fourth with a 166.3 score.

"It was basically a practice meet for us. We've got four divers qualified for the NCAA meet, so we're just trying to get ready for those big meets," Fitchett said

One of those big meets is this weekend's home showdown with Division I USC. "That wil be a real test for us," Fitchett said.

It is a test for the swimmers as well. "I've told the team to get mentally ready," Boyd said.

Pederson explained that "USC will be important to prepare [the team] for the ing. Pacific Coast Swim Conference Championships in Long Beach in February."

lina. After humbling Cleveland State, 20-7 scores. UCSD was trounced by Notre Dame,

The women's team suffered another setback, falling 14-2 to the Buckeyes of Ohio State. In the fifth match of the day, UCSD lost to host Northwestern, 11-5. The Tritons rebounded by winning their final two matches of the day, hammering Tri-State University, 15-1, and routing Lawrence, 12-4. First-day match results: three wins, four losses.

The men began Saturday's eightmatch marathon with a 21-6 demolition of Lawrence, followed by a 22-5 loss to North Carolina. UCSD whipped Cleve- ing of Michigan State.

nament with a 9-7 loss to North Caro- to Notre Dame and Illinois by identical University of Chicago, the Tritons squad.

Ohio State and Northwestern, conclud- MIT, followed by a 19-8 loss to Wayne UCSD's best individual record at the ing the grueling Saturday competition with a 20-7 victory over Tri-State University. A 3-5 day against stiff compe- The tournament ended for UCSD with tition

its first four matches. Temple ripped the Shebest posted a stellar 32-7 record against only MIT and Air Force," Reid Tritons, 12-4. Then UCSD fell to MIT over the weekend. "He's our best shot said. "Hopefully, the experience will and Wayne St., losing 11-5 in each for the NCAA's," Reid said of Shebest, carry over into our next match," the the women's team closed out the tour- an invitation to the prestigious national nament with an 11-5 victory over the tournament. University of Chicago and a 14-2 blitz-

dropped four consecutive matches. The The men's team suffered losses to losing skid started with a 14-13 loss to courtesy of the Air Force Falcons, 20-7. a 16-11 loss to Michigan State.

match. After an 11-5 loss to Air Force, a senior who is mounting a strong bid for coach added.

26-13 record, "a good, strong perfor- Cruz, Long Beach, and Fullerton.

The men's squad dropped four of mance" according to Reid. Junior Doug five matches on Sunday. After opening Saqui's 25-14 rounded out the top three The women's team opened the tour- land State 21-6, then proceeded to lose the day with a 14-13 squeaker over the individual match records for the men's

> On the women's side, sophomore Yumi Nishiyama's 34-18 record was State. UCSD's third straight loss was meet. Senior Moriah McCauley posted a 27-21 mark for the Tritons.

"I know the team learned a lot. We don't have much experience against On Sunday, the women's team lost UCSDFencing Team Captain Aaron these schools, having fenced previously

> The fencers compete again on February 6 in a meet at Cal Tech. They will Freshman Gabe Lawson posted a battle Cal Tech, Stanford, UC Santa



UCSD will need a strong start in order to upend upcoming foes Division I USC and NCAA Division III champ Kenyon.

rival, Kenyon College. The festivities Boyd. will begin at the Cannyonview pool at 11:00 a.m..

Boyd encourages everyone to at- sion. The men'steam has won 13 straight noted Boyd. tend and promises it will be entertain- titles while the women have taken nine The sponsor of the UCSD swimming

explain the events to make it exciting down to the last relay to break the tie, also donated a GEO Tracker 4x4 Con-

Most importantly will be the Jan. 30 and fun even for people who don't and Boyd predicts that this year's vertible to be given away to a fan at the

showdown with the Tritons' biggest know a lot about swimming," added Kenyon meet will be just as intense. Geo-NCAA Division III Dual Meet "No one can beat [Kenyon's] women's Challenge. The Lords are the most dominant team — unless they self-destruct. The Anyone who attends will be able to sports team in the NCAA in any divi- men's team is comparable to ours,"

and diving program, Chevrolet GEO, "There will be an an announcer to Last year the women's meet came will fly the Lords to the meet and has

purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win the car. The donations will go to benefit the UCSD swimming team.

- Sports Editor Gregg Wrenn contributed to this article

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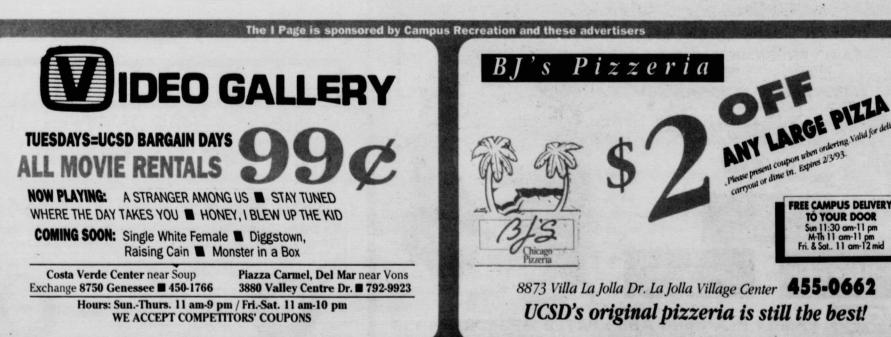
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AUSTRALIA'S OPERATIC THEATRE PERFORMANCE MAKES ITS AMERICAN DEBUT AT UCSD



By Alicia Bell, Staff Writer

hen asked about the meaning of his poem "The Hunting of he Snark," Lewis Carroll explained that he thinks nonsense is an important part of communication. He said, "I'm afraid I didn't mean anything but nonsense! Still, if words mean more han we mean to express when we use them, and if there are some good meanings in the book, I'm very glad to accept them '

If Carroll were alive today, he night admire the way the La Jolla Symphony Chorus, in its production of "Boojum!" which will be performed in the Mandeville Auditorium on Saturday and Sunday, portrays both his life and his ability to play with language and the meanings of words.

Australian twins Martin and Peter Wesley-Smith, the comoser and the librettist of this work respectively, comment on the art and logic of Lewis Carroll in the American premiere of this work.

The composer, Martin Wesley-Smith, is an internationally-acclaimed computer music specialist. In Australia, he is the founder and director of the computer music group WATT and was the music director of T.R.E.E. (Theatre Reaching Environments Everywhere) which presented environmental pieces in Sydney's Royal National Park. In the 1980s, La Jolla Symphony Chorus director David Chase was introduced to Martin Wesley-Smith's vocal writings and has been in contact with him ever since.

The librettist, Peter Wesley-Smith, is a respected law scholar and poet, known for his books of

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Micha Croft/Guardian



MOVIE REVIEWS

DAMAGE: Obsessive love propels Louis Malle's film of fatherly lust and deceit

By Jeff Niesel Hiatus Editor

Director Louis Malle has a history of presenting bizarre love triangles with a good deal of grace and wit. He explored the issue of incest in Murmur of the Heart in such a way that the mother's love for her son came off as sweet and touching rather than taboo. Another strange love relationship erupts in his latest film Damage. But despite the film's eroticism (which is really rather tame), its theme about obsessive love doesn't materialize into anything very powerful.

The film begins by showing the routine of British Parliament member Stephen Fleming (Jeremy Irons). Stephen is an aspiring cabinet member who is hoping to rise up the political ladder, and he is even consulted by the Prime Minister on one occasion. Although Stephen starts to make in-roads into the political superstructure, he doesn't let his wife Ingrid (Miranda Richardson) in on any of his successes. Rather, when Stephen comes home, he expects his meals to be ready and his stately English manor to be clean and wellorganized. He is a disciplined, stoic character and Irons' performance emphasizes his aus- Anna is the girlfriend of his son Martyn (Rupert one composed of silent passion often accomterity

But Stephen's apparent control over his instantly fall in love - or at least they stare at (Stephen doesn't seem to know about fore- tion.

chess.

Carrollesque methods of play and games.

Carroll enjoyed amusing people by fiddling

example, his pen name, Lewis Carroll is an

CONCERT: Carroll's life in a symphony

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poetry such as Putrid Poems, Petrifying Po- wards. In an attempt to mimic Carroll's musia professor of law at the University of Hong wards. Kong and will be flying to San Diego for this production of "Boojum!".

snark, and try to find out what a snark is in the production. process. They know nothing about snarks The character of Alice appears both as an it turns out to be a boojum, the characters will Alice, reminisces over her adventures with "softly and suddenly vanish away." The stag- Carroll when she was a child. Her memories Carroll and Charles Dodgson. According to potential in nonsense. ing of this production is based on an actual give a great deal of information about the real the Wesley-Smiths, this is an attempt to "split" "Boojum!" will be performed by the La



Stephen (Jeremy Irons) embraces Anna (Juliette Binoche), his son's fiancé.

Barton (Juliette Binoche) at a cocktail party. tionship that soon develops between the two is obsesses over Anna.

The production incorporates various graphing little girls in the nude.

loved the company of little girls, not in any and his creative self. with music boxes until they played back- sexual way, but because they were pure and La Jolla Symphony choral director David all of sexual pleasure, to replace the ones who for meaning in life or in the afterlife. Carroll also enjoyed making anagrams; for had insisted on growing up."

exit the stage only according to the rules of mathematician, but she also mentions his darker Dodgson (his persona) and the urbane, confi- p.m. For more information call 534-4637.

play), but Anna doesn't worry about the improprieties of the relationship like Stephen does. As she explains one rainy afternoon to Stephen when he suggests they marry, she has been "damaged" and now has a resilience he cannot possibly fathom.

Anna's trauma resulted from the suicide of her 16-year-old brother. Her brother killed himself after he witnessed Anna kissing a boyfriend.

It appears as if Malle is trying to depict Anna as a strong female character because he shows her resisting Stephen's attempts to control her. Yet, during the sex scenes Anna doesn't act with the same confidence. She usually yields, arms passively outstretched, to Stephen's desires.

The relationship makes for some awkward moments at the dinner table, and the tension and suspense builds at the end of the film when it becomes apparent Martyn will inevitably find out. After the tragedy occurs, it is unclear if Stephen has learned anything. He does admit, in the end, that he cannot control everyenvironment shatters when he meets Anna each other without saying anything. The rela- thing like he thought he could, but he still

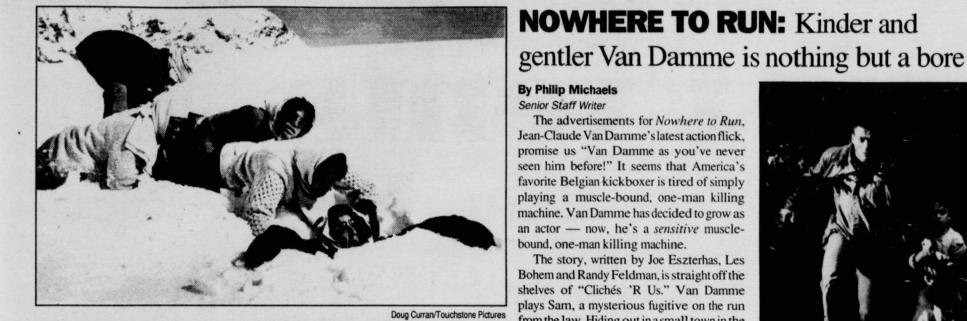
Damage opens tomorrow at the Hillcrest Graves). When Stephen and Anna meet, they panied with a good deal of forcefulness Cinemas. Call 299-2100 for more informa-

> side by explaining how he enjoyed photo- dent Carroll (his anima)." The two characters argue throughout the production, demonstrat-According to this grown-up Alice, Carroll ing the conflict between Dodgson as a person

innocent. She claims that, "with the coming of Chase said that Carroll probably used his ems, and Vile Verse. He is the librettest in cal tastes, the writers of "Boojum!" inverted pubescence, his child-friends became a threat seemingly nonsensical poems to question several Wesley-Smith collaborations, includ- several famous Victorian nursery rhymes. The to his precious purity - so he discarded them. church doctrine that he couldn't openly chaling "Pie in the Sky," (a children's opera) and song entitled "The Question Is," for example, There were many new, beautiful, innocent lenge. The poem "The Hunting of the Snark" "Songs of Australia." Peter Wesley-Smith is has the tune of Humpty Dumpty played back- girl-children, with whom there was no risk at may itself be an allegory for Carroll's search

Those who attend the performance will be Carroll, as the program notes explain, was provided with a complete program and script, In "Boojum!," familiar characters such as an agram of his real name, Charles Lutwidge shy and stuttering around adults, and was a which will include a diagram of all of the chess Alice, the White Rabbit, the Caterpillar and Dodgson. The Wesley-Smiths use nonsensi- boring professor. Around children, however, moves going on so that the audience can see Lewis Carroll himself go on a hunt for the cal anagrams of their own throughout the his stuttering disappeared and he became con- how the Wesley-Smiths manipulated the text. fident and relaxed. Carroll was a reverend who "Boojum!" is a witty and intricate operatic was vowed to celibacy, which might have production that should stimulate a greater inexcept that if they think they find a snark but adult and a child. Mrs. Haregreaves, the adult explained his worship of child-like innocence. terest in the life of Lewis Carroll, and shows Two separate characters also portray Lewis the enormous amount of sensibility that is

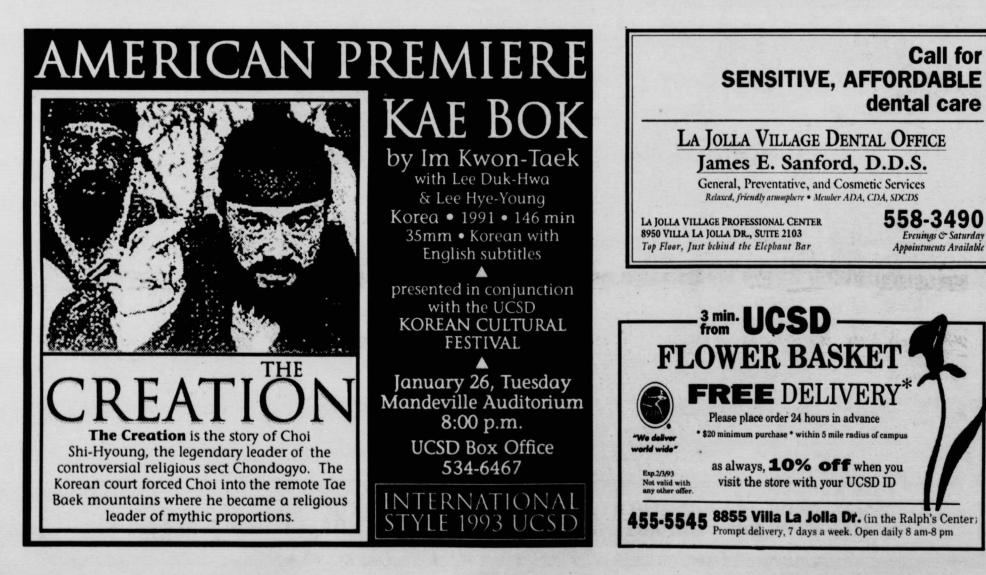
chess variant called Alice Chess, which uses life Carroll, his skills and his flaws. She com- him temporarily in two parts consisting of the Jolla Symphony Chorus in Mandeville Auditwo chess boards. The characters enter and ments on Carroll's talents as an inventor and a shy, conservative, eccentric, flesh-and-blood torium on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3





By Care Udell Guardian Reporter

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By Philip Michaels Senior Staff Writer

The advertisements for Nowhere to Run,

Jean-Claude Van Damme's latest action flick,

an actor - now, he's a sensitive muscle-

bound, one-man killing machine.

Some of the survivors try to save a potential meal in Frank Marshall's Alive.

ALIVE: Realism of tragedy is gnawing

theme about religious redemption. Director order to survive. a rugby team takes to Chile in 1972, but his extraordinary circumstances. struggle to live fall short.

The stranded collegiate rugby team pro- eventually even converting the agnostic. any stereotypical female emotional support.

hard to take as the bad dialogue and overdone team becomes a group which must "win" in Damme to the rescue!

what fictionalized account (not at all a docu- group of individuals who act out perfectly Damme. mentary) of the unforgettable airplane journey every possible reaction one may have in such

one feels as a sudden avalanche rumbles down to organize before setting out to get help. The Because, after all, who doesn't like kids? the mountain or when viewing the survivors two of them courageously leave the crash site Well, me for one. And after Nowhere to

plete male bonding. As their 10 weeks of throughout the film. John Malkovich appears would take a stray bullet in the chest.

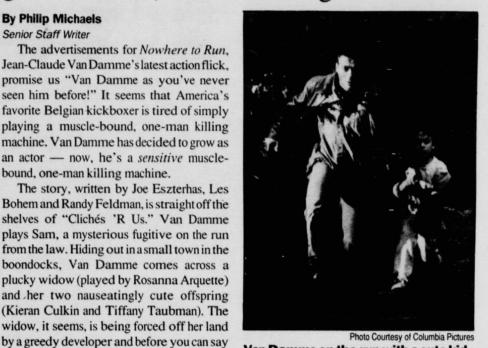
(Kieran Culkin and Tiffany Taubman). The Once the three remaining women die, the widow, it seems, is being forced off her land dozen left, all males, must survive and conse- by a greedy developer and before you can say The cannibalism featured in Alive isn't as quently grow together as a whole. The athletic "Standard action movie plotline," it's Van Much to my disappointment, a kinder, Frank Marshall's film about a group of people While attempting to capture some of this gentler Van Damme does not mean that he who resort to extreme measures in order to essential closeness throughout the film, skips about wistfully and writes angst-ridden survive a plane crash has moments of intense Marshall lacks any truly convincing sense of poetry. No, when they promise us "Van

realism but portrays personal maturation ide- male intimacy. He remains within Hollywood's Damme as you've never seen him before," alistically. In Alive, Marshall presents a some- classical guidelines when he offers an eclectic they mean a moody, introspective Van

Van Damme does a pretty good job-he's with first impressions of numerous characters, performance becomes entertaining, director much of this in Nowhere to Run. The intensity of dramatic scenes such as the who have only their fear in common and take Robert Harmon reverts to portraying Van initial crash, the discovery of mostly incurable on particular stereotypical roles. Nando (Ethan Damme as a moody loner. We're treated to wounds, the piercing cold and accompanying Hawke) is revived after being unconscious- long scenes of Van Damme brooding behind pain (I felt my own lips chapping) and the ness and displays a great amount of strength the barn, extended close-ups of Van Damme's unavoidable cannibalism all pull the viewer and will to succeed, while Roberto (Josh ultra-sensitive eyes and pointless montages of into the intense circumstances. The proximity Hamilton) relies on his intelligence as he waits Van Damme frolicking with tiny children.

amidst the suffocating snow and encircling and trek over the Andes to reach civilization Run, I like them even less. Culkin as one of mountains succeeds in creating a convincing and bring the others to safety. Meanwhile, the Arquette's children embodies the same anpicture of the devastating events they miracu- team captain Antonio (Vincent Spano) ironi- noying characteristics that have made his older lously endured. This sense of realism is felt cally but predictably does not survive, after brother Macaulay richer than you and I can during the physical catastrophes but fails dur- showing naive faith in the search team that ever hope to be. At first the scenes in which ing key moments of camaraderie and inti- never comes. Carlitos (Bruce Ramsay) exhib- young Culkin looks to Van Damme as a father its relentless faith in God throughout the film, figure are cute. As the film progresses, they become repetitive and then grating. By the duces a somewhat unusual scenario of com- There is a peculiar emphasis on religion end of the film, I was hoping that Culkin

isolation and entrapment progress, they are in the opening and closing shots as an older Arquette shows us a stunning array of two See ALIVE, page H4 evershe's confronted by the greedy developer only disastrous, they're a waste of time.



Van Damme on the run with a cute kid. and wanton lust whenever she's confronted by Van Damme. Her performance is wafer-thin and as predictable as the puzzles on "Wheel of

Fortune. But this is not why anyone goes to see a Van Damme film. We go to see cruel, unadulterated violence - Van Damme breaking some goon's jaw, a villain getting his face slashed with the broken end of a whiskey bottle or humorous, charismatic and likable when he some innocent bystander getting impaled with efforts to depict their spiritual and emotional When the plane crashes, we are presented wants to be. But every time Van Damme's a sawed-off cue stick. Sadly, we don't get

> Oh sure, there's violence and prolonged fight scenes. But nothing along the lines of what Steven Seagal, Arnold Schwarzenegger or even Dolph Lundgren have been doing in their recent films. The fighting in Nowhere to Run is by the book, uninspired and uninteresting. Even the climactic battle between Van Damme and arch-villain Ted Levine (who is very good) seems half-hearted. In the mad rush to make Van Damme a kind and gentle hero, the makers of the film forgot what made him popular in the first place - and that is bone-crushing action and suspense.

Maybe one day Van Damme will be recognized as a serious actor. Maybe we'll see him playing Shylock opposite of Seagal's Antonio in a new version of Merchant of Venice. But for now, Van Damme is strictly an action movie hero. When he forgets that, as he apparforced to listen and trust one another without Carlitos reflecting back on his experience. His emotions in her performance-disgust when- ently has in Nowhere to Run, the results are not

time

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This Week

TODAY

The Untouchables play at the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach with Boxing Ghandis. Show starts at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$10. Info: 481-9022.

Stephen Seagal stars in **Under Siege.** The film shows in the Price Center Theater at 6:30, 9 and 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2, \$1 in advance.

FRIDAY

Bad Religion plays at Iguana's nightclub in Tijuana at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Info: 278-TIXS.

The CWD Political Film Series presents **The Presidency Feed** at 7 p.m. in Solis Hall 107. Admission is free.

SATURDAY

Boojum!, the American premiere of Australian composer Martin Wesley-Smith's musical about the life of Lewis Carroll, will be perfomed in the Mandeville Auditorium at 8 p.m. This show repeats tomorrow at 3 p.m. Tickets for students are \$5. Info: 534-4090.

White Zombie plays at

Iguana's in Tijuana at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 in advance. Info: 278-TIXS.

Korean classical music and traditional dance will be performed by the **Korean Classical Music Association** and **St. Agnes Korean Traditional Dance Company** at 8 p.m. in the Price Center Theatre. Info: 534-7624.

A partially-reunited **Jefferson Starship** plays at Rhythm Café in Clairmont Mesa at 7 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 in advance. Info: 576-CAFE.

SUNDAY Women Graduate Stu-

dents perform improvisations in Erickson Hall at 8 p.m. Admission to the show is free. Info: 534-3229.

MONDAY

Richard Thompson, an acclaimed guitarist, plays at the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach with Danny Thompson. Show starts at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$14. Info: 481-9022. **TUESDA**

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The Korean film **The Creation** will be shown as part of the International Style film festival in Mandeville Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets for students are \$4, but a student pass to the festival is \$25. Info: 534-6467.

Rolling Stone **Keith Richards** and his talented band the **X-pensive Winos** play with Minneapolis rockers **Soul Asylum** in Golden Hall downtown at 8 p.m. Info: 278-TIXS.

WEDNESDAY

Paolo Valesio, a native of Bologna and professor of Italian at Yale University, will read from his work at 4:30 p.m. in the Price Center's Davis/Riverside Room. He is a poet and literary critic. Free admission. Info: 534-4090.

Guitarist **Mark Collie** plays at Rhythm Café in Clairmont Mesa at 6 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 in advance. Info: 576-CAFE. Ongoing THEATER

San Diego Repertory: "The Latins Anonymous Lifetime Achievement Awards" will be performed through Feb. 6. "L.A.L.A.A." explores the way the media promotes stereotypes of Latinos. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$19 to \$24. Info: 235-8025.

Casa del Prado Theatre:

Cole Porter's classic musical "Anything Goes" will be performed by the San Diego Junior Theatre. Performances are Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. through Jan. 24. Tickets range from \$5 to \$7. Info: 239-1311.

North Coast Repertory Theatre: "The Immigrant," Mark Harelik's tribute to his grandfather, continues through Feb. 13. The play is about a young Jewish immigrant in Texas. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$1 to \$14. Info: 481-1055:

GALLERIES

Mandeville Gallery: "Contact: Photojournalism Since Vietnam" will be on exhibit until Jan. 24. The exhibit features photographs of people and events that have had a historical impact. Admission is free. The gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Info: 534-3120.

Museum of Contemporary

Art: "Jana Sterbak: States of Being" focuses on the body, the bedroom and clothing as metaphor and is on display until Feb. 28. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission for students is \$2. Info: 454-3541.

Grove Gallery: "New Territory: The Vietnamese Artists Project Begins" is on exhibit through Feb. 20. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Info: 534-2021.

Museum of Photographic Arts: "Mary Ellen Mark: 25 Years" is on display through Jan. 31. Mark is a renown photojournalist. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3. Info: 239-5262.

ALIVE: Film has weak dialogue

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spiritual recollection refers to a "presence of God," a different version of God he met on the mountain, and this blatant motif resonates throughout the entire picture. Carlitos' character reveals an overwhelming faith in a sense of fate or "God taking care" and this religious or spiritual precedence intensifies as the film progresses.

The repetitious scenes of praying, Carlitos' premonitions and other pious references are overdone, producing an almost preaching effect that does not add to the film. Marshall has honestly attempted

to recapture all the intense moments of shock, fear and perseverance to survive which every person in the crash experiences.

Yet the dialogue prevents the serious nature of the film from setting in. When one of the players announces, "We're completely screwed," the audience also realizes that such dialogue is expected given the fact that the film is a commercial production. Marshall will never truly be able to present us the emotions felt in such unthinkable circumstances.



Survivors wave to what they think is a rescue plane in Alive, but they will spend weeks waiting.

