

**Target: Anthrax** 

With cases of anthrax on the rise following the terrorist attacks, its threat as a weapon is assessed.

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# A.S. works with LGBTA for Safe Zone

Council seeks way to make gay students more comfortable

By DANIEL WATTS

**Contributing Writer** 

The A.S. Council is joining with UCSD's alternative lifestyle organizations to create a program to make students leading alternative lifestyles feel more comfortable on campus.

A.S. President Jeff Dodge, in conjunction with Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Office Director Sean Travers and Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Association principal member Brian Latham, proposed bringing the "Safe Zone" program to campus. The program, which would draw upon \$4,000 of A.S. Council funds, originated at Texas A&M, where Travers previously worked.

Latham was a resident advisor last year.

He said that his job made him realize the need for such a program.

"I know there's a demand for it on cam-

pus," he said.

There are two ways in which Safe Zone

might work. In one scenario, departments would provide sensitivity training for their faculty. The training is designed to increase staff

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# Students lend helping hand in Tijuana

Fraternity and sorority members complete houses for needy

By GEOFF DIETRICH

Associate News Editor

More than 100 members of UCSD's Greek organizations traveled Oct. 13 to Lomas del Valle, one of Tijuana's most decrepit shantytowns, to help finish 26 homes started two weeks ago by other San Diego volun-teers. They worked with Project Mercy, a nonprofit humanitarian

organization.
"This is for a good reason," said Kate Mossbarger of Kappa Alpha Theta. "It's not for me; it's for other people. I've never been to Mexico to paint houses before.

In Lomas del Valle, the meal and the house mean a lot to the 500 families who live on this dirty hillside. Though the town is located only miles from UCSD, it may as well be light years away.

They are humans, they deserve respect and a better quality of life," said Panhellenic Director of Philanthropy Annie Abbott. "That is why we are

The students' goals were to help the impoverished residents of Lomas del Valle and to bring UCSD's fraternities and sororities closer together.

"The real reason [of the trip] is to help out the families in

Mexico," said Randy Takaki of Sigma Alpha Mu. "A better reason would be to strengthen the Greek system as a whole

After traveling southeast in Mexico for nearly 40 minutes, the buses pulled up to the base of the hill on which the shantytown sits. The students became more somber as they realized that Greek needs would take a back seat to those of the residents of Lomas del Valle.

It took just one step off the bus to realize the conditions these people live in. Students saw the squalor on the ground, smelled the stench of muck, heard the squealing barks of rotten dogs, tasted the muggy air, and felt the experience of poverty. That was all before catching a glimpse of residents' faces.

"It's easy to become cynical and give up on humanity. But we can't give up — other people still need our help," said Abbott, who is also a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

For the next five hours, the students painted homes, laid roofing, moved furniture and did other odd jobs intended to turn the simple shelters into homes.

A coat of paint seemed futile to many when they considered the surroundings.



Rebecca Drexler/Guardian

Paint job: A neighborhood boy watches as Annie Abbot, Kirk Miller and Ed Campbell paint a house in Tijuana Saturday, Oct. 13.

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MEChA celebration

Chris Padfield/Guardian

Drummin': A dancer performs at the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Azatlan event held Friday, Oct. 12 in the Price Center.

# TMCSC condemns The Koala

# Marshall council passes resolution unanimously

By MARGARET O'NEILL

News Editor

The Thurgood Marshall College Student Council passed a resolution condemning content of the most recent issue of The Koala at its Oct. 11 meeting.
Student Affirmative Action

Committee Representative Isaac Pearlman authored and introduced the resolution, which states that TMCSC "upholds the UCSD Principles of Community which 'affirm the right to freedom of expression,' while also 'affirming each individual's right to dignity.'

The editor of The Koala, George Liddle, said that he believes that The Koala has not offensively portrayed any groups in the publica-

The council slightly amended the resolution before it was passed. Pearlman introduced the resolution in an e-mail earlier in the week so that members could review it, according TMCSC Chair Adam Sharki.

The council passed the resolution 20-0.

"Everybody was very much for this," Sharki said.

In the resolution, the council "strongly urges the members of The Koala to make retributions to all ethnic communities they have offensively portrayed in its issue by either volunteering for community service helping those specific ethnicities they have slandered, donating space in their next edition to

the various group[s] they have offended to publish educational material, holding a fundraiser and donating proceeds to minority organizations, or at the very least giving a sincere public apology to every ethnic group they have offended."

Liddle said The Koala won't be meeting the resolution's requests.

"The Koala has no plans in the foreseeable future to do any volunteer community service or make a public apology," Liddle said.

Sharki said that TMCSC is "all for freedom of expression and freedom of speech," but he also said that "there's too much tolerance of intolerance."

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"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion.

# TMCSC:

Council calls for apology from The Koala

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College councils and the A.S. Council have received complaints about The Koala. TMCSC was the first council to pass a resolution against the publication.

"This type of attack is offensive to us as individuals and as representatives to our college, which prides itself on its diversity and has incorporated it as a major part of our school's philosophy," the resolution states. "Diversity of race and ethnicity are critical components of any modern society and the abuse or degeneration of any one person's heritage is an

Sharki said that the other councils on campus are considering similar actions. He said that figuring out what action to take was difficult for

"It was a matter of trying to figure out what we can do," Sharki said.

The resolution was passed in response to complaints brought by numerous groups and individuals.

"We recognize the complaints from the members of the Student Affirmative Action Committee [complaints from] the president of the Union of Jewish Students and the president of Alpha Epsilon Pi as valid, and condemn any promulgation of negative ethnic stereotypes, racial slurs and any other type of insults to people's heritage," the res-

Sharki feels that some sort of action was necessary to help students

"A lot of people don't see it as humor. A lot of people find it offensive and it tears apart the fabric of our community," Sharki said. "People were feeling uncomfortable It hit people on a very personal

Liddle thinks that The Koala did not overstep any boundaries. "We have freedom of the press in

this country and this is what it entails, it allows people to do stuff like this," Liddle said.

He said he is not angry at TMCSC for the resolution.

"Everyone is entitled to his own

## LGBT:

Program might use allies

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awareness of alternative lifestyles and needs specific to those who lead them. Staff members who participate and pledge to become aware of LGBTA issues would place identifying marks, such as stickers, on their office or classroom doors, stating that the room inside is a "Safe Zone" for -LGBT students.

Another option is a more individual-oriented approach, dubbed the "Allies" program. Here, individuals would decide on their own to undergo training. The trainee could then opt to identify his personal space by use of a marker as a separate "Safe

Latham thinks such a program would get a lot of support.

"We've had a lot of interested heterosexual allies approach us looking for an outlet to show their support for the LGBT," he said.

UC Santa Cruz has a program that resembles the proposed Allies program. Students sympathetic to LGBT issues attach pink triangles bearing the word "Ally" to their dorm or apartment doors.

"The staff here has had sensitivity training on different topics," said sophomore Nicole Chiodo. "But with students involved, I think it probably gives [LGBT students] an even better feeling because it lets them know that they have a safe

place among peers." A program similar to Safe Zone

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# **ETCETERA**



# Alumnus wins fellowship to study in Jerusalem

UCSD graduate David Fabienke was one of four chosen for the Anna Sobol Levy Fellowship Program this year. Winners are selected from on climate prediction applicants planning careers in the U.S. diplomatic

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The ASL Fellowship allows candidates to study the subject of their choice at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem with full tuition paid for a year. The winners participate in a special individual tutorial with a selected senior member of the fac-

Fabienke plans to establish liaison contacts with the Israeli military during his time as a fellow.

Fabienke received his bachelor's degree in political science at UCSD. He focused his studies on the Middle East as related to the U.S. political agenda. He spent his junior year in the One-Year Program at the Rothberg International School at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

After completing a master's degree, Fabienke hopes to join the United States Foreign Service.

#### Staff members to be honored for contributions to diversity

UCSD's Human Resources Department has established the 2000-2001 Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity Award Program to recognize employees, departments and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to equal opportunity, affirmative action and diversity in the past year.

The time frame to be reviewed is November 2000 through October 2001. All are invited to nominate staff members for the

A panel selected by Chancellor Robert C. Dynes and the vice chancellors will evaluate eligible nominees and recommend recipients to the chancellor. Dynes will present the awards at the annual cere-

mony, which will be held on Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. in Price Center Ballroom B. Nomination forms are available

http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/diversityawards and must be submitted by Oct. 31 to be considered.

UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography will host the 26th Annual Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop from Oct. 22 to Oct. 26.

Over 200 international scientists are expected to attend the event, according to event coordinator John Roads, director of the Experimental Climate Prediction Center at SIO.

The event will be co-sponsored by Scripps and the National Centers for Environmental Prediction. The workshop will include a review of global cli-

mate, climate predictions, the 2001 Atlantic hurricane season, the climate and wildfire season, the relationship between El Niño and global climate change, precipitation over the southwest United States, and drought and water monitoring in the West Monsoons

Registration is \$200 for members of the public. The event's home page and agenda are available at http://ecpc.ucsd.edu//cdw/CDW.html.

#### Jackiewicz appointed head of UCSD Health Sciences

Thomas Jackiewicz, the current Senior Associate Chair for Finance and Administration in the Department of Medicine at Stanford University, has accepted the Dean of UCSD's School of Medicine's offer to become UCSD Health Sciences' chief of staff.

Jackiewicz will become chief of staff Jan. 7, 2002. In the newly created position, Jackiewicz will assist Dean Edward W. Holmes in coordinating and realizing the many initiatives underway within the School of Medicine, the School of Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Medical Group.

Jackiewicz has worked in academic administration at the University of Pennsylvania, Oregon Health Sciences University and Stanford University. At these institutions, he gained experience in academic administration and physician practice operations.

He received his master's degree in public health from Columbia University.

#### ERRATA...

In the Oct. 11 article titled "Koala accused," a quote from Revelle Senator David Cohen was cut off. The quote in its entirety should have read, "We should celebrate our cultural heritage rather than live uncomfortably because of it. When I arrived at UCSD, I felt comfortable and respected my ethnic background and religious heritage. The primary reason I joined [the] A.S. [Council] was to keep that feeling alive for other students.. The Guardian regrets the error.

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Sunday, Oct. 7 3:46 p.m.: A 25-year-old male nonaffiliate injured his neck while playing football at RIMAC field. Transported to Thornton Hospital

by paramedics. Monday, Oct. 8

6:39 a.m.: An 18-year-old male student injured his chin and right knee after falling from a skateboard at a dip in Voigt Drive. Transported to Thornton Hospital by officer. Subject was not wearing a helmet.

10:03 a.m.: Officers arrested a 23-year-old female student for misusing a handicapped placard in Lot 508. Cited and released. 6:45 p.m.: A student reported

the theft of a blue 1999 Acura Integra from Lot 703. Loss: \$5,000. 7:13 p.m.: Officers detained a 41-year-old female nonaffiliate at Gilman Drive and Eucalyptus Lane for being drunk in public.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Transported to detox.

9:45 a.m.: Officers towed a white 1991 Honda Accord from Lot 753 for five or more unpaid parking citations. Stored at Eastgate

1:17 p.m.: A 27-year-old female student injured her hip after falling off a ladder at Visual Arts Building No. 3. Transported to Thornton Hospital.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

5:35 a.m.: Officers impounded a black 1995 Acura Integra at La LIGHTS & SIRENS

for driver having a suspended license. Stored at Star Towing.

3:42 p.m.: An 82-year-old female nonaffiliate cut his head after falling at Perlman Ambulatory Care Center. Subject sought private

Thursday, Oct. 11 12:00 a.m.: A student reported

receiving threatening and annoying phone calls on her cellular phone 7:40 a.m.: Officers arrested a 56-year-old female nonaffiliate on Nobel Drive for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for illega

encampment. Cited and released. 4:58 p.m.: A 65-year-old female nonaffiliate suffered facial lacerations after falling on the west side of CLICS. Transported to

Thornton Hospital by paramedics. 8:00 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a white Royce Union B21 mountain bike from Lebon Drive. Loss: \$200.

Friday, Oct. 12

10:46 a.m.: A student reported the theft of a cellular phone from the Thurgood Marshall Activity Center. Loss: \$100. 12:16 p.m.: A 53-year-old male

staff member injured his leg during a recreation class at RIMAC. Subject sought private treatment.

Saturday, Oct. 13 5:23 a.m.: Officers arrested a

23-year-old male nonaffiliate at the Torrey Pines Glider Port for auto theft, possession of a concealed weapon, possession of a loaded

Jolla Village Drive and Interstate 5 firearm, possession of metham phetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Transported to

> 5:23 a.m.: Officers arrested a 31-year-old male nonaffiliate at the Torrey Pines Glider Port for auto theft, possession of a concealed weapon and possession of a loaded firearm. Subject released at the police station for insufficient

5:23 a.m.: Officers recovered a red 1995 Jeep Wrangler stolen from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office in Tacoma, Wash. at the Glider Port. Stored at Star Towing.

11:29 a.m.: A student reported burglary to a black Honda Civic in Lot 502. Loss: \$100.

brought copies of the UCSD 12:34 p.m.: A student reported Principles assault with force likely to produce Community, as well bodily injury at RIMAC field. as copies of The 2:37 p.m.: A student reported Koala's most recent

burglary to a blue 1993 Toyota issue. These two 4Runner in Lot 502. Loss: \$1,300. visual aids were 3:37 p.m.: A student reported intended to show burglary to a white 1990 Honda

Civic in Lot 502. Loss: \$300. 3:40 p.m.: Officers detained a 36-year-old male nonaffiliate at Espresso Roma for being a danger to himself. Transported to County "The atmosphere I get is 'I'm Mental Health.

4:00 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a red and silver B21 Giant ATX 880 mountain bike from the fence on the west side of Frankfurter Hall. Loss: \$450.

> Compiled by Margaret O'Neill News Editor

> > resolution passed by the A.S.

# SAAC concerned about Koala material

Committee members present complaints at A.S. Council meeting

By DANA WEST

Senior Staff Writer

Members of the Student Affirmative Action Committee gave a presentation at the A.S. Council meeting on Oct. 10, arguing that The Koala printed racist material that is offensive to many groups on campus, including those represented by SAAC, the Union not expect the A.S. Council to propose a funding cut after Algeri's of Jewish Students and the Alpha explanation of the A.S. Media Epsilon Pi fraterni-

'The atmosphere SAAC members get is 'I'm just one student, I feel powerless."

-Ernesto Martinez SAAC Chairman

that a university that prides itself on diversity should not stand by and watch while slanderous things are being printed, according to SAAC Chairman Ernesto Martinez.

just one student, I feel powerless," Martinez said. "Or people read it and they think, 'Wow, that's really terrible,' and then they go on with their lives."

The goal of the presentation, according to Martinez, was "primarily to raise awareness within the A.S. [Council] and the UCSD community that these things aren't

influence any action the A.S. Council may take against The

SAAC met previously with A.S.

Commissioner Communications Catherine Algeri and members of The Koala to discuss cutting funding, so SAAC did

> Charter. "Going in, we knew that they weren't going to be able to cut the

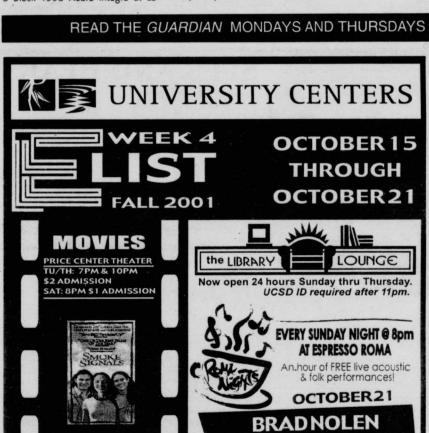
funding, Martinez said. "It's discouraging and disheartening when your administration tells you that

they can't do anything." SAAC also wanted to address the college council chairs and urge them to take action within their councils, as well as start sending representatives to the SAAC meet-

"In general, I did get a good response from the college council chairs," Martinez said. "I got feedback from most of them."

Martinez Thurgood Marshall College Student Council for continually sending a representative to the SAAC meetings and for unanimously passing a resolution that con-SAAC hopes that the anti-hate demns the allegedly racist language printed in The Koala.

#### **OCTOBER 15 THROUGH** OCTOBER 21 **FALL 2001** the LIBRAR MOVIES ICE CENTER THEATER the LIBRARY LOUNGE TU/TH: 7PM & 10PM Now open 24 hours Sunday thru Thursday. AT: 8PM \$1 ADMISSION **EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT @ 8pm** AT ESPRESSO ROMA An.hour of FREE live acoustic OCTOBER 21 BRADNOLEN **TUESDAY, 10/16** SNUAYNIGHT ELLI BALL Now Open 24 Hours TONIGHT at 6PM Sunday thru Thursday **BIG SCREEN ACTION** FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS THURSDAY, 10/18 WASHINGTON VS DALLAS UCSD ID required after 11pm. HUMPOAZE 200 LIVEMUSIC by RADBONES UNIVERSITY CENTERS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2001



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hen Peter Jennings speaks does your home fall silent like the aisles n a church service? In the wake of the tragedy that has befallen America, I com- assuage unwarranted hysteria. mend anyone who is paying more attention

The television has demonstrated an unprecedented reach into our homes, businesses and even our bedrooms with millions

This saturation can lead news media to present ideas as if they are "common sense" and should be unquestionably accepted. I suggest that Americans filter the headlines careful eye, rejecting this notion of "common sense" because even when tragedy is on our doorstop, the media is still in the business to

The talking heads tell us with furrowed brows that America has reason to fear a new threat: biological warfare. The death of a caused by a readily available pathogen that photo editor at American Media, a division of can be found in infected livestock and soil. It

has spawned a new panic among American citizens and the media have done nothing to

And why should they? Due to the continuous coverage of the terrorist attacks by But how much of the news disseminated all three of the major networks, a lot of by the media accurately portrays real-life advertising revenue was lost. If the netwe can expect them to do. They need to sudden death. recover their losses from the Sept. 11 The medi

This isn't to say that the threat of biological assault is a figment of news executives imagination. It is only an assertion that their coverage of the anthrax threat, which usually includes pictures of men donning airtight space suit protection and gas masks with closely and scrutinize each news story with a huge circular eye shields, is sensational at worst and incomplete at best.

What they aren't telling us is the optimistic outlook of germ and chemical weapons. For an actual gauge of the threat, Americans must do a little homework.

Anthrax, which is now in the spotlight, is

The Sun newspaper, after inhaling anthrax, does not have to be obtained from a secret terrorist attacks and the outbreak of anthrax laboratory by scientists with special haz- on the East Coast. The FBI is investigating ardous material licenses. Therefore, if Osama the incidents as criminal acts, but no solibin Laden or any other terrorist organization wanted it they probably already have it and have for years.

It is a deadly infection, but treatable when found early. It is difficult to spread and even events. It is our civic duty to observe the works can pull us back in after the immedimented more difficult to contract, even after exponews we are presented and to be critical of ate threat has passed, by constantly intro-sure. Simply touching the anthrax spores or the information that is pumped into our liv- ducing new ones, then that is exactly what even breathing them in does not precipitate

The media have conveniently underplayed the fact that even though the three anthrax victims, besides the one who died. had spores in their nasal passages they are currently doing well. I had to flip all the way to page 20 of the Los Angeles Times Oct. 12 issue to find a mere two-inch article stating, "Third Anthrax Victim Is Back at Work."

Within that article, the Times reported that the victim said, "I just want everyone to know that I'm fine," as she smiled and headed back to work. Of course, we didn't find this article on the front page because calming the masses doesn't make for good headlines (or good business).

Similarly, it isn't popularly addressed that no connection has been made between the

conclusions can be drawn tying the tragedy in New York and Washington D.C. to the discovery of anthrax exposures or the isolated anthrax death.

Obviously, the likelihood that the two events are connected is worthy of investigation, but when the newspapers publish stories about anthrax under their "U.S. Strikes Back" headline, they are conducting blatantly interpretive news reporting and most readers are unaware of that. The papers do not allow readers to form their own conclusions, but instead present the occurrences inextricably as one.

So do we need to run, not walk, to our nearest Army surplus store? Well, if you do, news cameras will surely follow you in. They will snap pictures as you pull your chemical suits off the shelf, your gas mask from the rack and throw bottled water into your cart. Congratulations! You have just created more

As Americans are already on edge, we are susceptible to being frightened into doing

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# Columnist's article lacked sensitivity



#### Letters the Editor

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I was disgusted and appalled by Bertrand Fan's column in the Sept. 24 issue of the Guardian. It showed not only a lack of compassion for all of us who have been so profoundly affected by the recent tragedies, but it also showed a lack of understanding of basic human

While I agree that it was sad that there were so many flags displayed in the week following the terrorist attacks, it is not for the same reasons that Fan thought so. I think it is sad that it took the deaths and to have the pride to express that. I think it is sad that we had to go out and buy flags because we should have had them already. Now I only hope that this pride in our country does not fade as the shock of these horrid events begins to

I also think that it is sad that Fan does not understand that there is so much more to the flags than pride in this great country. People are displaying their flags feel a sense of community Seeing people with flags lets us all know that there are others out there who feel our pain; it lets us know that we're not alone in this time of suffering, but that we are part of a group.

As to the comments about

Americans spending so much money on flags when the money could have gone to the Red Cross, I have a question for Fan: How many times have you spent money on things like meals out, magazines or brand-name clothing when you could have donated that money to a good cause?

I could be wrong, but I bet you never have. Not that I am any less guilty of these offenses. I'm just trying to point out that people spend lots of money on things that are much less important than American flags, but Fan is not putting these people down. Purchasing and displaying flags is part of the healing process that most of us are going through and it's sad that Fan is condemning us

this hypocrisy is Fan's statement that he is not a "poser" because he did not give blood or donate money. Doing anything you can, great or small, to help in a time like this is not being a "poser," it's

would like to commend the many people who have ignored what people like Fan think and fol-lowed their hearts. If we were all "posers" who gave our time, our money and ourselves on a daily basis to help those who need it, this world would be a much better

I feel that it's sad that Fan does not understand and feel patriotism during this time in our lives. I also feel that it's a shame that he cannot understand the sense of community and pride that displaying the American flag gives to so many of

- Jessica M. Long

I am going to do something that vill probably make me unpopular in the eyes of many students; I'll do it anyway because it is what I truly believe. I'm going to take The Koala's side regarding the allegedly racist comments printed in its

I justify this because I do not truly believe that The Koala hates Jewish people, Asians or any other group on campus. I'm quite sure, with a population of this size, that there are individuals among us who harbor irrational hatred toward various groups. We all have a low-key resentment of the regents and the local administration, but I cannot believe that any group or organization holds true hatred or enmity for any other

People need to grow thicker skin and let small slights and com-ments of this sort slide. I'm tired of

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this has my explicit permission to call me a bigoted honkie or a racist cracker. Why? Because of an old adage that ends, "but words will never hurt me."

Kristallnacht was hatred. The Japanese internment camps of World War II were hatred. A threeline comment about a fictitious fraternity is not hatred.

I believe that we already have a hate-free campus. Day after day, month after month, we get along with each other. We hate finals, lengthy writing assignments and an overload of work, but not each other. We've had tense situations on campus before, but at no time since I arrived here in 1996 did violence break out or did anything get

People will argue about times when things have appeared in the middle of the night or items have gone missing. To that I can only answer that it doesn't happen often, and not to a single group over and over. Those incidents are probably not the workings of a single group. Furthermore, if the only hatred we have on campus rests in the minds of individuals, then the only solution is a form of thought policing. I don't think anyone is comfortable

Are The Koala's comments in bad taste? Of course! The Koala is nothing but bad taste from cover to cover - that's why we read and enjoy it every month.

The Koala should not be praised for its latest issue (aside from the general "good job, you printed another one and made us augh"), but neither should it be

-Steve West

# basically CARRIE ELIZABETH SKLAF

**OPINION 5** 

his may surprise I many of you, but I was not always staggeringly the amusing and intelligent columnist that I am today.

No, really, try to control your shock. Among other things, I am also a copy reader for this esteemed publication.

Now, being a copy reader for that most people will admit to offhand. We get paid laughingly little and get virtually no credi for the work we do. They don't call us copy hoes for nothing,

And it's not an easy jo either; the requirements are somewhat intimidating. I have to be familiar with Associated Press style as well as grammar - for example, I am expected to know that Frisbee should be capitalized because it is the trademarked version of "flying

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Duh! Everyone knows that Frisbee is a trade name that should always be capitalized! What kind of dumb fuck wouldn't?" And you are right — every dumb fuck should know that

But I also have to know that nonessential phrases must be set off by commas, which requires that I be familiar with what a

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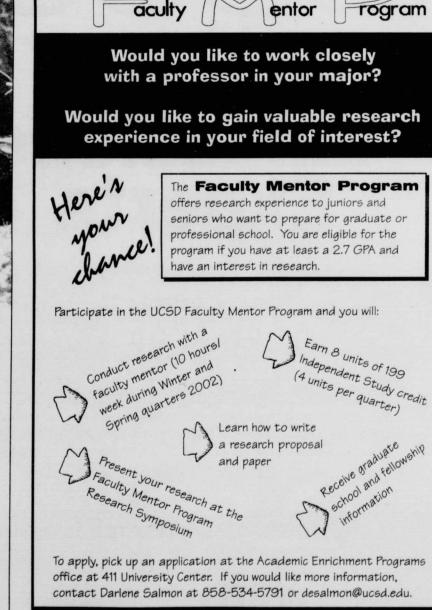
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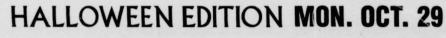
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# **Anthrax:**

Media's version of truth is colored by business Continued from page 4

irrational things based on the emphasis news coverage places on certain topics. This trepidation can be seen as the cause of the closure of a subway line in Washington, an IRS center in Kentucky and countless other establishments, sending workers home when any unidentified liquid, powder or smell has been detected

The nation's pharmacists have reported almost double the usual request for Cipro, the antibiotic used for anthrax treatment. Despite the medicine's \$5 per pill price tag, Americans have been flocking to their physicians to obtain prescriptions for their loved ones. The Los Angeles Times reported that one Southern California family purchased Cipro for its entire six-child family, totaling a whopping \$3,500 - the Times did not say how responsible it felt for contributing to this purchase.

The American news media, for the most part, adheres to rather our eyes wide shut.

rigid guidelines, regulating their conduct through federally implemented stipulations. The rules see to it that broadcast and radio stations and newspapers maintain a level of professionalism and integrity in the production of our

However, these regulatory bodies can only control the industry to a certain extent. While they can ensure that the news stations will not tell outright lies for their own capitalist gain, they cannot oversee how sensationalized a story is to increase the network's bottom line, if the details are correct. The American people must make this

Anthrax, like nuclear war and terrorism, is an imperative topic that deserves careful consideration by the media and the

American people.

But as the TV stations and newspapers relentlessly deliver images that may or may not represent the whole truth, we should be extremely careful not to unquestioningly accept every story. The news industry has a business to run, and we help them to capitalize at our expense if we watch with

# Column:

Snagging a staff position is surprisingly tough Continued from page 5

nonessential phrase is. (In case you were wondering, it's a phrase that is not essential to the rest of the sentence.) Not laughing anymore, are

Well, maybe you are. I would be. But as pathetic as this job may seem, it was surprisingly hard to

It was about this time last year that I applied at the Guardian for my more-pathetic-than-words-ornonessential-phrases-candescribe job. I went in, filled out an application and went on my merry way, assured of the fact that I was way too much of a journalism geek to be turned down.

I was wrong. I should note here that, as a freshman trying to get used to a new school and sense of independence, I did not really want a job. By this I mean that I was basically just really lazy. My mother made me apply. So I was hardly heartbroken when I was summarily told that the Guardian no longer needed any

more copy readers. Then, at the very end of winter quarter, I ran into one of the copy readers who was not rejected. She mentioned that this paper was looking to hire readers again, and, because I just love rejection, I

decided to reapply. The second time I applied, I was actually rewarded with an interview. Jennifer Sposito and Jeffrey White, who are now the opinion editor and editor in chief, respectively, were the copy editors then. And quite intimidating people they were!

But they were also cruel, heartless people because they scheduled my interview for three days after I had my wisdom teeth pulled out. I realize they had no way of knowing this, but dammit, it's hard to interview without all your teeth.

So I showed up to my meeting with a swollen face, missing teeth and a head full of Vicodin. I was a ly a member of the Guardian staff. happy camper, let me tell you.

The interview started out with tough, hard-hitting questions like, "What college are you in?" and "What is your major?" I, of course, took several moments to contemplate the fuzzy colors dancing before my Vicodin-clouded eyes before answering each question. I am great with first impressions.

Then we got to the really hard stuff - copy reader stuff. to work at the Guardian, make Questions like, "What is the difference between 'than' and ly it helps.

'then'?" My response: "Well one is time and the other is, like, a comparison, or, er ... just trust me, I know the difference." And I still say that when under heavy medication, none of you would have been able to do any better. You probably can't anyway.

That portion of the interview over, I was then told that I would need to take the "copy test." You could almost taste the ominous undertone in that phrase - and with Vicodin, you really can.

The only problem with this plan was that there were no available computers. I may have been high at the time, but I knew even then that this was not what I would call a "highly efficient, well-oiled machine" of a newspaper if they couldn't even give me a computer for an hour.

As scary as it sounded at the time, the copy test turned out to just be an article with a lot of inserted mistakes that I was supposed to catch in the span of one hour. No biggy. After all, I am a journalism nerd. This was cake.

About 20 minutes later I went to find whatever copy editor caught my eye. I told Jeff I was done, full of pride in myself for doing well and not falling asleep on the keyboard (again)

Jeff's response: "You're done? Are you sure?'

Looking back on it now, that sounded a lot like Regis Philbin's patented, "Is that your final answer?" So of course I was not at all sure that I was really done with the copy test — what the hell was I thinking?

I staggered back to the computer and sat in front of it for 15 more minutes, trying to look very busy, very important and very not high on Vicodin. After that, I really did feel sure that I was done - or at least that I was tired — so I left.

I have never seen that copy test since, but I am fairly sure I did well because I was hired.

Jenny has since claimed that she "lost" my first application, and that could be true, but I still like to make her feel guilty about it on principle. But with one quarter left in my freshman year, I was official-

Needless to say, my cup run-

Now it's a new year and I'm still here, reading stories and making sure that two-thought compounds (compounds that are smarter than one-thought compounds) have hyphens. And it only took two applications, one copy test and a whole lot of Vicodin.

So basically, if you ever apply sure you're on drugs - apparent-

# TJ:

Students worked through Project Mercy Continued from page 1

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"I wish we could have done more," said Anu Shome, vice UCSD's InterFraternity Council. "I wish we could build stuff, but today we just did what we are asked to do and to help out where we can."

According to Shome, the residents feel that a coat of paint adds style and pride to their houses.

At 15 feet by 15 feet, the homes are only slightly larger than an American bedroom. Each has one electrical outlet inside, but no running water or plumbing. The structures also have lofts to add sleeping space and outdoor faucets to provide water. Communal outhouses are scattered throughout the neighbor-

The homes finished Saturday will allow for "the possibility of a sanitary lifestyle and hope for the future, so parents don't have to worry about their kids in the winter." said Paula Claussen, who is the director of Project Mercy.

Donations to the Poway branch of Project Mercy fund the building project. According to Project Mercy worker Peter Almlie, each house costs about \$2,650 to build.

The homes are built on lots that will be purchased from the Mexican government by the families that will live in them, Claussen said.

Project Mercy, which replaces existing shelters with new homes, selects families based on need, but need is a common characteristic found in Lomas del Valle, according to Claussen. Other factors, such as available help from within the community and number of children, are considered as well, Claussen said.

Some homes contain children from two families because orphans are common. Saturday, volunteers installed carpeting in a home to a family of



Helping out: Sigma Alpha Epsilon member Kirk Miller repairs a wheel on a Lomas del Valle child's go-cart on Greek organizations' philanthropic trip Saturday.

three, plus the mother's nieces and nephews, whose parents died of cancer.

Many of the residents migrate from economically stagnant central Mexico to Tijuana hoping to work in the nearby maguiladoras. For some, it is a stop-over before making the dangerous trek into the United States, Claussen said.

"The scene is something like ou see on TV or read about," said Lance Miller, a member of Alpha

"It makes you appreciate what you have," said Caitlin Nimmo, a member of Alpha Chi Omega.

"Some people have so little - just a few clothes and their name, that's all."

When the job was done, most of the volunteers said they felt a sense of accomplishment knowing their work was appreciated and "We made some people happy;

I definitely think we did a good job," said Chris Peuvrelle, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "A lady I talked to was stoked that we

were here to help." For others, getting out of La

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# Help:

Trip raised philanthropic emotions in participants Continued from page 7

Jolla and going to an area in need of help made it even more reward-

"It's nice to do hands-on work. It is a whole lot better than just raising money," Mossbarger said.

Miller shared similar feelings. "It's always different when you are doing philanthropy in a place like La Jolla because you aren't really sure what your money is doing," Miller said. "So this gave myself and my fraternity brothers a better perspective of what needs to and can be done."

Many talked of returning soon

with more people to help.
"You can't just come here once and not want to come back and help again," said David Cohen, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. "We are dedicated to doing more than painting houses. This is just the begin-

Cohen said that he plans to return with medicine and other

"I think the biggest thing was not necessarily the painting of the houses, which was a nice thing to do," said Sam Shah, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. "The main thing is that everyone who has gone on this trip has come back with something that will inspire them to do bigger and better things for

Members of sororities Kappa Alpha Theta, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma and Pi

Beta Phi volunteered to help out.
Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha
Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Alpha
Epsilon Pi, Sigma Phi Epsilon
and Sigma Chi fraternities sent members on the trip as well.

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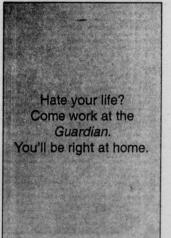
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existed at UCSD a few years ago, according to Dodge, but it was inconsistent across campus. Since the program did not exist on a universitywide level before, this time the A.S. Council has stepped in to help bridge the gap between the LGBTA and the campus com-

"We feel like there's a necessity to bring LGBT issues to the forefront of the university discussions," Dodge said. "We as an A.S. feel it's important to construct a program that emphasizes all levels of each LGBT issue and work to create awareness on the

As a student organization, LGBTA will work with the A.S. Council in the program.

"Right now, we're working as an advisor to A.S.," Latham said. "Later, we'll be involved in recruiting members to be involved in the



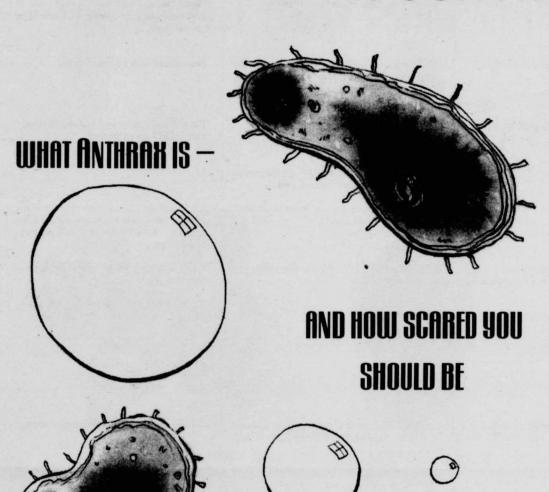
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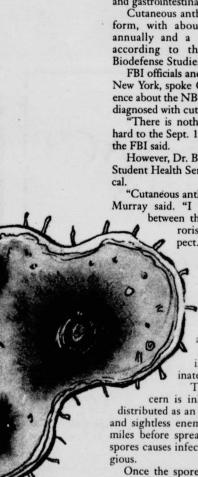
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A panic seems to have spread through the United States in the past few weeks. Americans are wondering if we are at a high risk of a biological or chemical warfare and if such an attack could effectively be conducted against the United States.

Fears of an attack intensified last week after Robert Stevens died from inhaling anthrax in Florida. While the circumstances surrounding his death are still unclear, many fear it is a harbinger of biological warfare as a new form of combat. The scare is reminiscent of other attacks in which chemicals were used as weapons.

For example, in 1995, terrorist group Aum Shinrikyo spread aerosols of anthrax and botulism in Tokyo on eight occasions. Most of these attempts were only marginally successful, killing a total of 12 people. In 1979, 64 people died of an accidental release of weaponized anthrax in Sverdlovsk, Russia.

Other possible biological agents include smallpox, cholera and plague.

An outbreak of smallpox would be "devastating," according to Gerard Spahm, director of occupational health at the Salk Institute. "It would be horrendous. But we have every indication that there is no other small-

pox," Spahm said in an interview Oct. 11.

While small amounts of smallpox still exist in laboratories in the United States and

Russia, it was declared eradicated in 1977. Of the biological and chemical agents that could be used in an attack, anthrax seems to

be on most people's minds.

There are three types of anthrax infection: inhalation anthrax, cutaneous anthrax and gastrointestinal anthrax.

Cutaneous anthrax is the most common form, with about 2,000 cases reported annually and a 20 percent death rate, according to the Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies.

FBI officials and Rudy Giuliani, mayor of New York, spoke Oct. 12 in a press confer-ence about the NBC employee who has been diagnosed with cutaneous anthrax.
"There is nothing that ties it firm and

hard to the Sept. 11 events," Barry Mawn of

However, Dr. Brian J. Murray, director of Student Health Services at UCSD, is skepti-

"Cutaneous anthrax is fairly uncommon,"
Murray said. "I would say the relation
between the NBC woman and terrorist activities is highly sus-

> The cutaneous form of anthrax is usually transmitted by infected animals, which places wool sorters at industrial mills at the highest risk.

Gastrointestinal anthrax is less common ince it is spread by eat-

The strain of most concern is inhalation anthrax. When distributed as an aerosol, it is an odorless and sightless enemy, and can travel many miles before spreading. Inhaling airborne spores causes infection, but it is not conta-

Once the spores grow, the disease fol-lows in two steps. The first stage shows symptoms of fever, cough, headache, vomiting, chest pain and weakness. The second stage is red-flagged by a sudden fever and

From the time that the first symptoms appear, most victims last from 24 hours to three days without medical treatment. However, many victims do not show symptoms for a long time. But if a victim is treated with antibiotics such as Cipro at the

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# 10 QUESTIONS

# **Interviews by Eagle Hartmans-Ogawa**



**Amara Stough** Roosevelt senior



Pam Lai & Jamie Jung Roosevelt freshmen



**Neil Wilson** Marshall junior

What exactly were you thinking before I stopped you?

If you could go to where would you go

Has there been any improvement in stu-dent events since you started at UCSD?

How many times have you been to Tijuana?

What do you think the biggest slacker major is? Why?

Who would win in a street fight between Peter Jennings and Dan Rather?

If you could go any-where for spring break, where would you go? What radio station is your radio tuned to

right now? If you had a hot cousin, would you hook up with him or

If your partner wanted to give you an olive oil massage, would you be down for it? eat for lunch today.

I would go to UCSB because it's almost as beautiful as San Diego.

ticipant.

About four

Undeclared, because you don't have to make any commitments. In any major there will be slackers, though.

Dan Rather. Actually, I don't know who either one of them are. Are they football players?

Mallorca - it's an island off Spain. Although Jamaica would be cool too; I

No. If I didn't know they were my cousin it would be OK, but I just wouldn't do

I was thinking about what I'm going to

I don't know - I'm not much of a par-

Lunch I'm going to get from Plaza.

UCI because it's right by home and I miss the food. You probably think I'm all about food.

I don't know

I've never been. I was going to go this weekend, but I have midterms next week.

Sociology. I heard it's like being undeclared but you still have a major.

Dan Rather. But I don't know who either one

90.3 and 100.7.

Hell no. Eewww. It's just not right. I should run a background check before I go on dates

No.

Going home. I have a lot of stuff to do at home because I'm moving in. I moved in

Somewhere with a football team.

I'm definitely more aware of events now. I give UCSD props for that.

VA [visual arts] because it's easy shit. One of my friends is a VA major and he takes like one class a quarter and he'll graduate

Craig Kilborne would take them both at

Trinidad, because they have a month-long drinkfest — everything gets shut down.

92.1 — Independent Rock.

No! There's no need for an explanation.

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# THE EDITOR'S SOAPBOX

# **Hidden costs of LSAT** burden aspiring lawyer

By ALISON M. NORRIS

If you're one of those people who has ever said, "I think I'm going to take the LSAT just to see how I would do," I have this to say in response: Don't even toy with the idea of law school unless you have hundreds of dollars to throw

Now, when I mention dollars, you probably think I'm referring to the astronomical tuition fees, associated with most of the toptier law schools. Harvard, Yale and Stanford all demand something around \$25,000 per year. Even the lower-ranked, but still noteworthy schools - such as USC, Cornell and Columbia - will cost you a pretty penny. Still, the steep

tuition is expected. What you might not expect from law school is just how much it could cost you to simply take the test and apply. Let me enlighten you, dear prospective LSAT-takers, with a few insightful bits of wisdom that constitute the sum of all I learned while studying for the Big Test over the last three little legalistic self into a quandary

It costs \$96 to register for the LSAT. On top of that, most testtakers register for the "Basic Law School Data Assembly Service 12month subscription fee" for \$95. The \$95 buys you one free score report and ensures that your letters of recommendation will be on file with the LSDAS. It already sounds like an expensive proposi

The average applicant applies to 10 law schools. You get to pay \$9 for each additional score report

got a bill of \$281.

Let's be fair and imagine that you're taking the test just to "see how you would do," and that you thus have no need for 10 score reports or for the filing service. Being there on test day is still going to cost \$96 and if you ever do apply, you'll still have to register for the LSDAS for \$95.

Now, let's imagine another scenario: You paid the \$96 just to see how you would do, but now that the economy and the world seem a tad wobbly, you want to apply to your 10 schools and ensure your position on the student deferment list rather than your position on the front lines in Afghanistan.

First, you'll be hit by that \$95 fee and then you've got to order those additional score reports at \$9 each. Then, a month later. you'll forget that you're a communications or political science major and you'll think, "What the heck? I might as well apply to Harvard. I mean, I do have a 3.90."

Now you will have gotten your - you only ordered 10 score reports! Never fear, of course.

The LSDAS loves to predict your blunders and make money off them, and they predicted this one perfectly. You can order additional score reports for Harvard at a later date, but the price goes up from \$9 each to \$11 each.

Now that's \$95 for the test, \$96 for the LSDAS subscription, \$90 for score reports and \$11 for the Harvard decision. That adds up to

that the LSDAS sends out.

After registering to take the LSAT and deciding which 10

And you haven't even paid your application fees yet, which run between \$50 and \$70 each. Ten

per application is \$600. The grand total has now risen to \$892.

Oh, and what about those preparatory courses you've heard such wonderful things about? They must be worth something mean, they're the reason the LSAT is getting harder every year. Well, don't even consider trying one unless you've got about \$1,000 to drop.

New grand total: \$1,892. Before I go on, I'll admit that the LSDAS does offer fee waivers for U.S. citizens. The general condition upon which such waivers are granted, however, is an "absolute inability to pay for the LSAT and other essential applicant services."

That seems sort of reasonable, but LSDAS also states that, "Because the cost of these services is only a fraction of the cost of a legal education, the need criterion is considerably more stringent than for other financial aid processes."

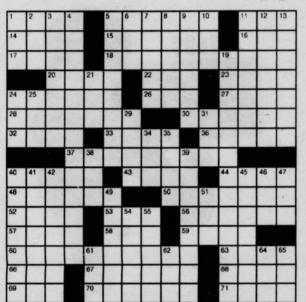
Here's my reading of that very fishy statement: "If you can't afford to take the LSAT, you probably can't afford law school. You should be intimidated by these looming costs and shouldn't even bother applying."

At first, it seems like I sound a lot like the LSDAS booklet.

But here's how my LSAT philosophy differs: Even if you're empty-pocketed, you should save up and apply, you should still go if you get in, and, of course, you should apply for the fee waiver no

Just be aware of the price tag attached to your decision and prepare for it. I wasn't and now I've got a new \$1,300 student





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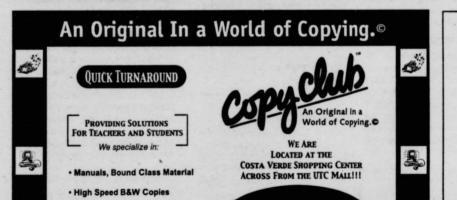
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#### Wednesday, Oct. 17

UK/IRELAND INFO. SESSION. 2:30 - 4pm @ International Center Lounge. Earn UC credit towards your major or land a prestigious job/internship in the morning and sip tea with the Queen in the afternoon! 534-1123.

#### Thursday, Oct. 18

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#### Friday, Oct. 19

PROGRAMS ABROAD EXPO. 10am - 3pm @ Library Walk. The world at your feet! Over 70 representatives from study, work and internship programs from all over the globe are coming to UCSD. Explore your options at the Expo! 534

# **ACTIVITIES**

#### Monday, Oct. 15

Small Claims Court. 12pm @ Price Center, Gallery B. How to represent yourself, How to file a claim, How to present your case. Sponsored by student legal services, 858,534,4374 for

@ The ERC Lawn across from The Women's Center. Join us in celebrating our 5th birthday with a BBO! FREE FOOD and great company. More into? 822-0074.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 16

· Guest Lecture. 4pm @ Cross-Cultural Center. Faculty in Residence. Dr. Jody Blanco on the Philippine "Insurrection" and the Katipunan. Co-sponsored with UCSD Kamalayan.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 17

Committee for World Democracy Presents the film "The Education of Little Tree." 7pm @ Center Hall 212. The compassionate tale of 8 year-old Little Tree, an orphaned youth, whose sojourn at his grandparents' backwoods Smoky Mountains Cabin sparks a legacy of Learning about his Cherokee roots and the oppressive vernment that seeks to assimilate him Speaker: Patricia Dicksen.

Identity Theft! 12pm @ Price Center, Davis Room. What is it, how to protect yourself, & advice for victims. Sponsored by student legal services. 858.534,4374 for info.

Roundtable Discussion/ Mixer. 4pm @ Cross-Cultural Center. Hear Me: Multicultural/

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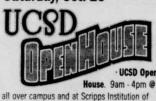
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#### Ongoing

The International Affairs Group (IAG) meets every Monday evening at 7pm in the Pepper Canyon Lodge, ERC. We discuss global topics being either social, political or cultural in nature by inviting notorious speakers, holding excursions, forums, disscussions, films and debates. Everyone is Welcome Anytime!

# **CLUBS**

#### Tuesday, Oct. 16

Asian & Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APSA). General body meeting. 7pm @ Cross Cultural Center. We will be discussing the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks.

#### Thursday, Oct. 18

Darkstar's Science Fiction Dinner at Crocodile Cafe in Fashion Valley. Come to the Darkstar office (in the Che Cafe complex) at 6:45 for rides or to check out our 3500 plus volume library, or meet at the restaurant at 7:30pm. Info. darkstar@ucsd.edu

· Lord of The Rings reading group with Darkstar. 5:30 - 6:30PM @ Eucalyptus Lounge, Old Student Center. Come discuss Tolkin's mas terpiece "The Lord of The Rings." Please read part 1 of The Fellowship of The Ring beforenand. Info. darkstar@ucsd.edu

#### Saturday, October 20

BOARD@UCSD Aspen 2001 signups will be held at Rock Bottom Brewery. \$100 deposit due before November 1. Think about it, would you rather spend your first week of winter vacation bored at home, or riding some of North merica's finest powder? It's your winter... you know what to do. For more info and Board propaganda, e-mail board@ucsd.edu or check our

# **ARTS**

Ongoing

African American Student Union, Mondays 6-

8pm @ Cross Cultural Center. Join us for our

meetings this quarter as we unite as a commu

Night, Being Black at UCSD, and Kwanzaal For

Wednesdays (starting Oct. 3rd) 6:30pm @ PC

Gallery A. Great opportunity to meet new peo-

ple and immerse in the exotic Vietnamese cul-

ture. Come out to find out more about upcom-

· Cal Animage's FREE Weekly Anime Showings, Mondays 7pm @ Price Center Theater. Cal

Animage, UCSD's Japanese Animation Club, will

be having its weekly showing at the Price Center

acs.ucsd.edu/~animage
• UCSD Dance Team Tryouts Oct 9, 11, 14. 7-

9pm @ Rimac Room 1. Looking for Jazz and

Hip Hop dancers for competition dance team.

9th & 11th are clinics (mandatory), 14th are

Ballroom Dance Club (BDC) Friday Fur

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• MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantii Chicano de

Aztlan) will hold club meetings every Monday @

5pm in the Cross Cultural Center. If you're

interested in meeting other Raza, becoming

more involved in the Latino culture and com

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Theater. For more info, visit http://www-

nity and plan for exciting events like Poetry

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ing activities and/or events.

#### Monday, Oct. 15

UCSD-TV @ 7PM. Democracy and Justice in Baja California. Newly elected Governor Eugenio Elorduy of Baia California in Mexico reflects on the growth and strength of the National Action Party (PAN) in Baja California.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 16

· "Winged Victory" Reception and Booksigning with Art Myers. 5pm - 7pm @ UCSD Women's Center (U.Cntr 407). A booksigning and meeting of the artist of the photo exhibit "Winged Victory," a photo exhibit honoring breast cancer survivors. For more info. 858-822-0074. UCSD-TV @ 7PM and 9PM. UCSD Conversations: Cancer Center, Recording Studio.

Sept. 11. Pat Ledden hosts David Tarin, Director of the UCSD Cancer Center.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 17

UCSD-TV @ 7PM. Ethical Implications of the Genome Era: How Should We Use the Eighth Wonder of the World? Join genetic researcher and author of "The Coiled Spring", Ethan Bier, on an exploration of the potential benefits and ethical challenges facing us as we enter the post-genomic era.

# Thursday, Oct. 18

UCSD-TV @ 7PM. Health Matters: Thyroid Wolfgang H. Dillmann, M.D. discusses the biology of the thyroid gland and its disorders, and methods for prevention, diagnosis, and

## Friday, Oct. 19

Jimmy Bosh-best trombonista in Salsa and Latin Jazz today!! 7:30 pm at UCSD's Price Center Ballroom. Join New York's most soughtafter trombonist/ band leader and fiery exp nent of the sound called "salsa dura", for a sizDance space available. Visit our website at ueo.ucsd.edu. Prices: \$12 Students: \$18 Sr. Citizen: \$20 GA

UCSD-TV @ 8PM. OperaTalk! with Nick Reveles: Puccini's Tosca. Nick Reveles introduces viewers to Puccini's "shabby little shocker," which has become one of the world's most beloved operas.

· UCSDementia every Wednesday @ 9pm. SRTV Channel 18 Triton cable. Dangerously interesting sketch comedy and other little jagged pills force fed to you in viedo form. Narf.

# HEALTH

#### Wednesday, Oct 17

"Analyzing Breast Implant Risk." Noon -1:30pm @ Women's Center (U. Cntr 407). A discussion with Dr. Michael Middleton (Asst. Clinical Prof., UCSD Radiology) discussing the design and results of the 1998 EDA Breast Implant Study, along with recent work at UCSD with MRI. More info 822-0074.

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Student Health is here for YOU! We're a full service clinic open to ALL registered students. You can use all the services of Student health regardless of your health insurance status! Appointments for physical visit and specialty clinics - call 534.8089. Walk-in for Urgent Care weekdays 8am-4:30pm (Weds. 9-4:30pm).

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Questions? Call a Health Educator @ CHOLESTEROL TESTS @ Student Health. Sign up at first floor bulletin board for this quick test. It's only \$5.00! Questions? Call a Health

Educator at 534.2419. DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP 6-7pm @ 2nd floor conference room in Student Health Center.

Physician and social worker, both living with diabetes, and dietitian lead the group. Learn the latest news in treatment, resources, share support. Meets the first Tuesday of every month. For more info call the dietitian at

# RELIGION

#### Ongoing

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Thursdays 7:27pm for South Chapter (Muir & Revelle) @ Center 115, and 7:30pm for North Chapter (Warren, ERC & Marshall) @ Solis 104.

· Anglican/Episcopal Student Association, 5-6pm @ International Center South Conference Room. Anglican/Episcopal students: Eucharist and free dinner alternating Wednesdays starting

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### Anthrax:

UCSD weighs in on possibility of attack Continued from page 9

# first signs of the disease, anthrax is

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There is also a vaccine against anthrax, though it is almost exclusively used for the U.S. military and its reserves. The vaccine is not recommended for public use because of its harsh side effects, as well as the cost and logistics of a largescale vaccination

Authorities also are trying to discourage people from creating a personal stockpile of antibiotics in case of an anthrax attack.

Dr. Jeffery Kaplan, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Oct. 2 that the centers "do not recommend that physicians prescribe antibiotics at this time.

"We currently have enough antibiotics to prevent the disease in two million persons exposed to

anthrax," Kaplan said. "We could rapidly get preto those who may be affected by the disease, which cannot be transmitted between people. As nice as that

sounds, this statement has done little to allay people's

Muir senior Elijah Zarlin eral systems. Many thought health said,"There is no doubt in my mind that they [terrorists] have the capacity to unleash a biological offensive. And if it happens, it would be devastating, no matter how many precautions you take."

While terrorists may have the ability to unleash these agents, it could be difficult to effectively spread it. A successful attack would use a confined space to discourage dilution into open air. The effectiveness of a chemical attack would also depend on location and weather conditions.

Spahm said that San Diego residents would not be prime targets for a chemical attack.

"The prevailing winds from the ocean to the mountains would disperse the particles, therefore dramatically reducing its effectiveness," he said.

Since the primary symptoms of inhalation anthrax resemble that of influenza, there is a growing concern that an increased public panic could lead to a psychosomatic reaction. That means that people could convince themselves that they have inhaled anthrax spores instead of simply acquiring

Following the death in Florida,

for example, over 60 people who had an affiliation with the man or the company he worked for convinced themselves that they had acquired the disease. So far, no one there has been diagnosed with inhalation anthrax.

Sylvia Wallace, assistant director of public affairs at Kaiser Permanente in San Diego said, "We would encourage people with possible complications to come in first for the flu vaccination, which comes out in the end of October. Those without complications should wait until November and December, when supplies trickle in to get this year's flu shot."

Flu shots will also be available at the UCSD Student Health Office on Oct. 23 for \$15.

Officials have also reassured a public that is unaccustomed to living in fear of terrorist activity. The CDC and the World Health Organization urge citizens to continue their normal daily routine.

Wallace pointed out that the government has "stockpiles" of antibiotics to treat most of the pos sible diseases from biological or

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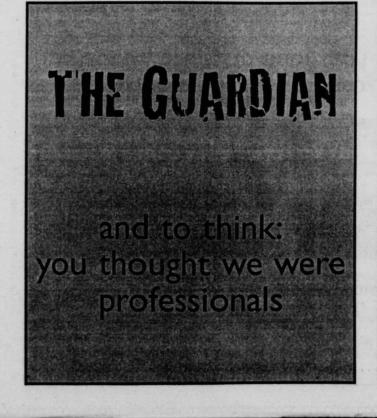
said that there are few practical precautions for a biological or chemical attack. "In order to be protected, you

must wear it [a gas mask or air-tight suit] 24 hours a day," Spahm said. Student and faculty seem to favor continuing a normal routine

"I don't take any precautions, UCSD employee Katy Pilikova said. "I think we have to be worried. But still, I am going on vaca-

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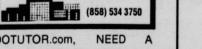
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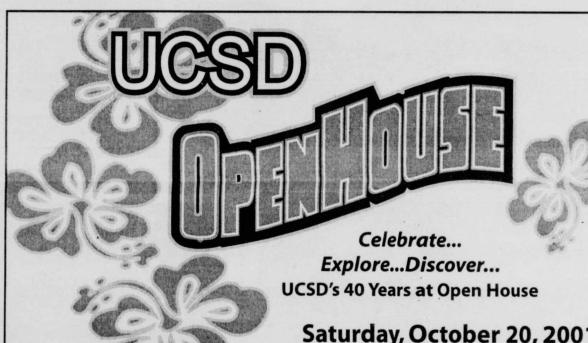
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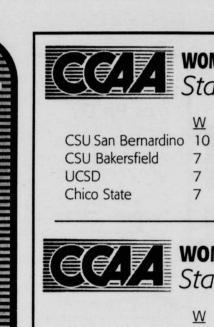
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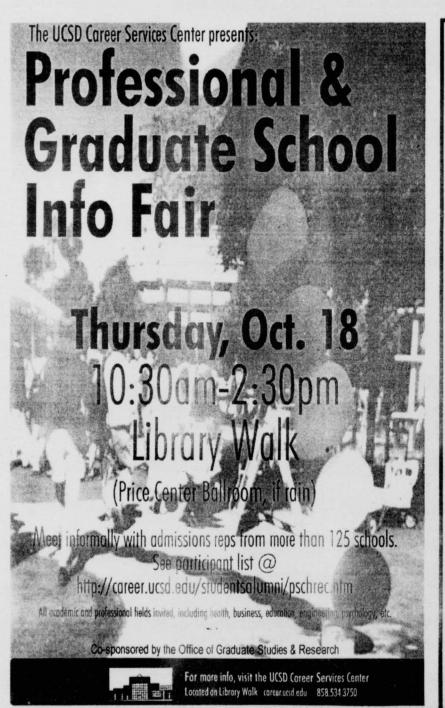
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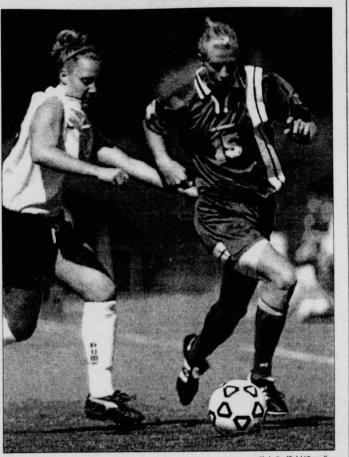
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Vikings' overall record dropped to

The Tritons remain perched atop the Southern Division of the CCAA and are ranked No. 5 in the nation.

The team will face its next challenge Oct. 19, when it plays Cal State San Bernardino at Triton With the victory, the Tritons Soccer Stadium. The game is improved to 12-1 overall, while the scheduled for 7 p.m.



Speedy Gonzales: Triton senior forward Erika Alfredsen blows by a Western Nashington University opponent last Saturday at Triton Soccer Stadium.



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## **Because:**

Superstitions and rituals add a lot to the game Continued from page 20

he pitched. It was just his thing. There was a pitcher at my high school that used to write a girl's initials in the back of the mound before each game. He said that it inspired him to pitch better. I told him he could do whatever he wanted, so long as he kept striking people out. I had a friend who had to listen to Korn before each football game because it pumped him up.

I must admit that even I have my share of silly superstitions and rituals. When I used to play baseball, I would never let my left foot touch the batter's box until my right one was firmly dug into place. I was even quirkier in basketball, when I had to take three dribbles, spin the ball and then take two more dribbles before

The question seems to be: Why do we go through all of this? I can't speak for anyone else, but

helped me to stay loose during games. I was always so focused and serious that I probably would have given myself a heart attack had I not had a suitable form of release.

The cheers that all teams have for rallies, good plays and inspirational moments are also great ways to bring a team together. They're just another reminder that you are all out there working for a common goal. The action of cheering as a team during a game shows solidarity and reminds you that you have support. Support is a huge thing for an athlete; it's something you can lean on during the rough patches and feed off

Thus far, I have only mentioned amateur sports, but these traditions continue in the professional ranks as well. There have been many professional athletes tions and rituals.

Retired basketball player Jeff Hornacek used to wipe his cheek three times with his right hand before every free throw that he took. This started as a way to subtly acknowledge his three children what we're talking about anyway. during televised games. As time

went on, he kept the routine, saying that it comforted him on the line. It must have worked: He retired as one of the greatest free throw

shooters of all time. Ex-Major League Baseball pitcher Fernando Valenzuela had the famous glance to the sky during his windup that baffled pitching coaches. He said that it was a look to heaven. The late looks to the plate didn't seem to bother him. Valenzuela was a phenomenal pitcher who was the ace of the Dodgers staff for many years.

The point of this column is that these rituals are a normal part of sports that add a lot to the game The cheers emanating from benches worldwide are not hokey cheers made to entertain fans during cheers are a way for a team to come together and show its support.

To all the athletes out there keep doin' what you're doin', and don't let some moron sports writer like me discourage you from your rituals because we think you're being hokey. Don't worry about what we think. We rarely know

# **Volleyball:**

918 attended latest victory by Tritons

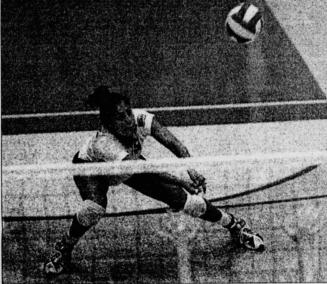
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and the high energy in the crowd helped motivate us to keep up our intensity throughout the matches."

Indeed, the energetic crowd Saturday night totaled 918 the largest crowd at a UCSD volleyball match since 1,335 attended the NCAA Division III championship match in

Triton women's volleyball team improved to 9-2 in the CCAA and 14-4 overall.

UCSD's next match is on the road Oct. 18 at Cal State



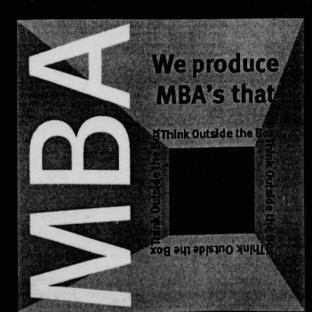
Get down: Triton sophomore Diana Camarillo digs out a ball last week

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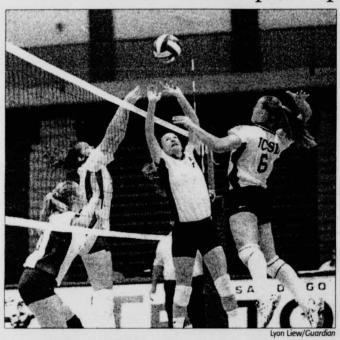
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SPORTS 20

# Volleyball wins two over the weekend

20th-ranked Tritons pick up victories against SFSU and Sonoma State



Spike me: Triton freshman Katie Hogan goes for a slam off an assist from her teammate as several opponents go for a block.

#### By COURTNEY FIELD

Contributing Writer

The UCSD women's volleyball team returned home this weekend after a five-game road trip where it beat San Francisco State University and Sonoma State University.

The Tritons, now ranked No. 20 in Division II, overpowered the SFSU Gators. The Gators are now 0-22 this season.

UCSD started the match strongly and led by as much as 22-6 in the first game, which the Tritons won 30-13. Thirteen out of the 17 players on the Triton roster played in the game and recorded at least one kill

Lauren Mills, Ashley Peterson and senior co-captain Kathleen Hentz led the team with six kills apiece. Freshman Teresa Ohta, who had 14 assists, and junior Jessica Bartter, who had 19 assists, split the time as setter.

The Tritons went on to win the second and third games, which they won 30-22 and 30-14 respectively. Behind the tough defensive play of Gator Kirsten Ulfig, who had seven kills and nine digs, SFSU fought hard and hung tough during the second and third games, but the Tritons were too much to handle.

"We needed to communicate more because communication is key in order to add to the momentum of the game," Gator head coach Heather Sisneros said.

After their substantial win Friday night, the Tritons were prepared to face California Collegiate Athletic Association foe Sonoma State University on Saturday. Sonoma State, now 6-7 in the CCAA and 16-8 overall, had just notched a crucial win over Grand Canyon College on Friday

With a powerful starting line-up, UCSD took control of up, UCSD took control of Saturday night's game. Hentz, who had an outstanding hitting percentage of .522, pounded a remarkable 13 kills and Stacy Dunsmore, who hit .323, added another 11 kills as the Tritons buried the Cossacks. Ohta added 34 assists for UCSD. Jennie

Wilson had 10 digs and ignited the Triton team when she served 11 straight points, helping UCSD to a commanding 19-9 lead in the second game.

Cossacks Kristen Graham and Christine Shiba led Sonoma State with 10 kills each. Shiba also had a match-high 18 digs, and setter Kathleen Gamboa logged 28

The Cossacks and the Tritons battled for possession of the ball, but the Tritons were again victorious, winning the match in three straight games, 30-20, 30-19 and

Triton senior outside hitter and co-captain Laura Santerre did not start either match this weekend.

"We have so much depth on this team and wanted to experiment with different combinations of players on the floor," said Triton head coach Duncan McFarland.

McFarland also noted that the "excitement of being back at home

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# Women's soccer earns 1-0 victory

# Sophomore Megan Mendoza sparks UCSD offense

By KIAN TAYRANI

Contributing Writer

Continuing its quest for a third straight national championship, the UCSD women's soccer team beat Western Washington University 1-0 at Triton Soccer Stadium Oct. 13.

UCSD's only goal was a shot by sophomore co-captain Megan Mendoza, who took a pass from sophomore Kristen Conahan, dribbled around a defender, and hit the right corner of the goal with 43 minutes into the second half. However, the Tritons clearly dominated the contest from the start. UCSD took 23 shots to the Vikings' seven. The loss brought the Vikings' record to 5-8-1 over-

The Tritons won despite losing starters Jessica Cordova and Kara Morriss to injuries. Cordova, a senior forward, is expected to play in the next game. Morriss, however, is waiting for the results of her recent MRI and is expected to

remain inactive for approximately one month.

Triton coach Brian McManus described his team's play as "scrap-

py." McManus described the Vikings as "good athletes who work their backsides off.

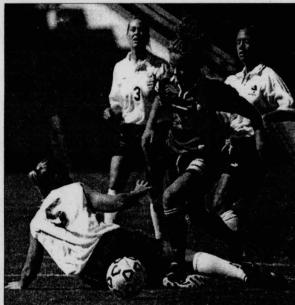
"We've never been a real physical team," McManus said about the Tritons. "We try playing with a little too." tle too much finesse at times. At some point in the game you have to stand up for yourself and battle back. We have to get a little stronger physically.'

However, McManus wasn't too disappointed with the game's low

"In the end, the result is what you want. I'd rather win 1-0 that way than win 5-0 playing badly," he

Sophomore goalie Kami Poma made seven saves in the game to earn her third shutout of the season, while her counterpart for the Vikings posted nine saves on the

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Chris Padfield/Guardian

Too quick: Sophomore midfielder Megan Mendoza eludes three Western Washington University defenders last Saturday.

# **Cross country hosts Triton Invitational**

# Tritons rest top runners for CCAA Championships meet next week

By ISAAC PEARLMAN

Sports Editor

The UCSD men's and women's cross country teams hosted the Triton Invitational on Oct. 13 at UCSD's North Campus Course.

Cross country head coach Ted Van Arsdale rested his top runners for the men's and women's teams, but the Tritons still impressed the field of over 170

Mesa College's Sean Ricketts was the overall winner, finishing the 8,000-meter course in 25:53.

UCSD junior Jon Wong ran a 27:56 to finish 35th overall and first for the Tritons. Sophomore Erik Wackenstedt finished right behind Wong at 36th with a time of 27:50. Junior Steve Smith placed 43rd, running the course in 28:12, while freshman Luke Sigmon rounded out the top four finishing Tritons by placing 46th with a time of 28:29.

Freshman Michael Daly, sophomore Richey Hansen, sophomore Mike Lord, sophomore Adam Miller and freshman Bryan Burnley also placed for UCSD's men's team.

The Men of Troy, a club team, won the team competition. UCSD finished sixth out of 16 teams.

On the women's side, Emma Garrard of the University of Nevada won the 6,000-meter race with a time of 22:24. She also led her team to first place in the team competition.

For the Tritons, freshman Julie Lee was the top finisher, placing 73rd with a time of 26:09. Sophomore Jessica Bray was the next to finish for UCSD, running the course in 26:16 to place 79th. Senior Grace Sousa rounded out the top three Tritons with a time of 26:25 and finished 83rd.

The Tritons will host the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship meet next Saturday.

# because I said so



nce again, I have to give credit to the women's volleyball team for giving me inspiration for my col-

umn. Thank you, ladies.

Heading into Friday night's match against San Francisco State, I honestly had no clue what I wanted to write my column about It's not like this is anything unusual; I usually decide on a topic at the last minute. What set this week apart from any other was that there was simply nothing going on in the sports world.

Then, like a sign from the gods, I saw the gorgeous women of the volleyball team dance on the sidelines of the game.

Result: instant inspiration. At first, I have to admit that I found the constant cheers and dances that they were doing to be a bit hokey. I've always been an athlete who was very focused on the game: For myself, chatting with teammates on the bench was acceptable, but dancing and cheering after every play was reserved for the cheerleaders. However, the more that I thought about it, the more I realized that I'm just like them.

In fact, many athletes behave in the same fashion, though maybe not as overtly as our beloved women's volleyball team. Routines, rituals, cheers and superstitions re an integral a part of the sporting world. Take a look at the posterchild for youth sports, Little League baseball, and you will a game filled with these things.

Children wear the same socks for weeks on end, turn their hats inside out, and chant the word "rally" until they are blue in the face. The simple act of throwing the ball around the horn after a strikeout is another example.

I remember catching for a pitcher that used to sleep in his cleats the night before

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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