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## Sun God Finale Draws Crowd of 12,000 to RIMAC

By Jaclyn Snow  
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Traditionally known for drunken debauchery, trips to detox and a huge turnout for the concert finale, this year's Sun God proved to be no exception.

Approximately 12,000 people turned out for the 26th-annual festival concert, according to Commissioner of Programming Di Lam.

"This was actually the biggest crowd we've ever seen at Sun God," Lam said. "In past years, we've never had an accurate count of Sun God [attendees] since our scanners have gone down, so the numbers in past years have definitely been inflated. But this year, we did do an official count."

Demonstrating the reputation the festival has gained among those unaffiliated with UCSD, the 4,000 reserve tickets sold out, according to Lam.

"The social scene was amazing," University of La Verne senior Ben de Ayora said. "The parties were great and everyone was friendly."

However, the lack of beer gardens on campus did not stop students from drinking. Officers were out all over campus, watching for intoxicated attendees. The UCSD Police Department declined to give exact figures on arrests and citations during the festival, as the figures were not yet finalized.

The daytime stage featuring Lyrics Born, a San Francisco rapper with a large West Coast following, attracted hundreds at Price Center with some students listening from the fountains.

"It's been great, the best Sun God yet," Thurgood Marshall College junior Christopher Puck said. "I got pushed into the fountain, but I can't recall much else."

During the day, Sun God lawn had booths hosted by student organizations. The *Koala* set up a slip-and-slide and a jacuzzi before administrators shut down the booth in the afternoon.

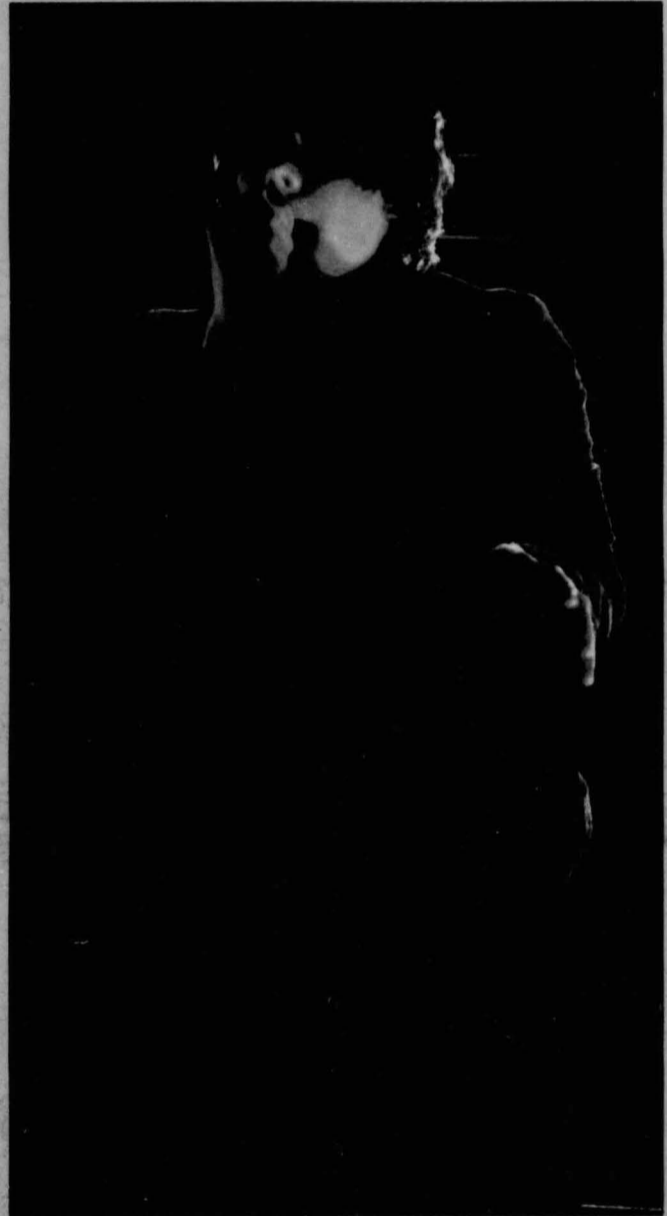
"I think [administrators] realized there would have been a riot if they shut it down earlier," John Muir College alumnus Steve York said.

Lines started forming at the gates for the main event at RIMAC Field around 4:30 p.m. Plain-clothed officers were stationed in front of RIMAC near the gates, pulling people with drinks aside to check their contents, issuing citations for alcohol. Visibly intoxicated students were also barred from passing through the gates. This Sun



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Above: Talib Kweli's performer flips a lid. Right: My Chemical Romance serenade the Sun God concert crowd.



God was about the same as years past in terms of drunk students, according to Officer Dan Cook.

After passing through the gauntlet, students were bombarded with food stands and blow-up obstacle courses, which continued running after the show began at 5 p.m. After the concert, students expressed frustra-

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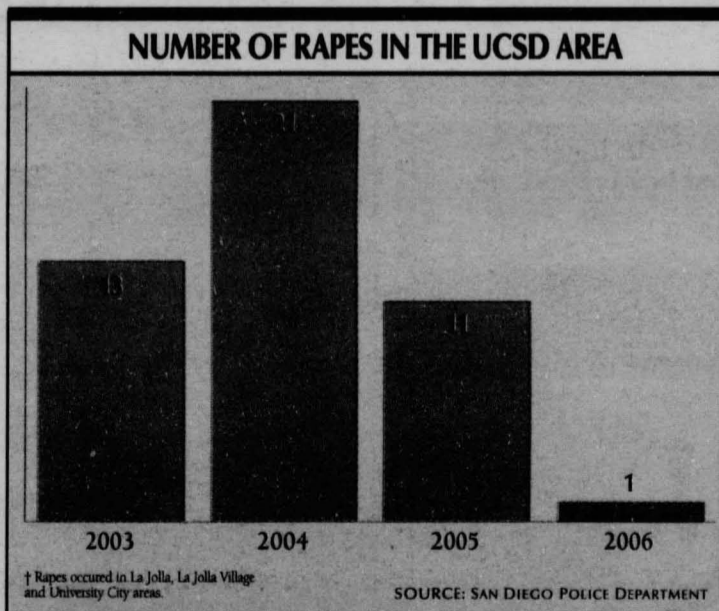
## UCSD Police Join City Cops In Hunt for Rapist

By Charles Nguyen  
NEWS EDITOR

San Diego law enforcement has partnered with the UCSD Police Department to investigate two rapes of female students in the UCSD area.

DNA evidence and how the crimes were committed showed that the same suspect was involved with both crimes, San Diego Police Department officials said. To expedite investigations, the city decided this month to enlist efforts of university police to catch the suspect. According to victim and witness reports, the perpetrator was an Asian male between 30 and 40 years old, between 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing between 140 and 180 pounds.

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## Campus, MTS Partner to Expand Free City Bus Zones

Starting fall quarter, students and staff will have access to bus routes to Fashion Valley.

By Erika Cervantes  
STAFF WRITER

Beginning next fall, UCSD students, faculty and staff will have greater access to bus services in the San Diego area.

UCSD is working with the regional Metropolitan Transit System increase the frequency and service areas of the buses MTS provides for the community, according to Greg Snee, director of planning and anal-

ysis at the campus' Transportation and Parking Services.

To work in conjunction with these transit-service improvements, UCSD will expand the range of the free campus bus pass zone to include a larger regional area than previously served, including the entire length of MTS route 41, which connects UCSD and Fashion Valley, Snee said.

Surveys completed last quarter by T&PS reported that approximately 1,300 students, staff and faculty utilize the MTS and County Transit District to enter UCSD each day.

No major changes are anticipated for the on-campus shuttle system in the fall, Snee said.

While the improvements to

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### American Dreams?

Undocumented students struggle to get by at institutions of higher education.

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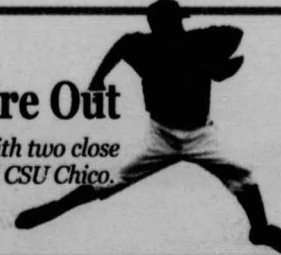


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### Strike Three, You're Out

The baseball team's season ends with two close losses to CSU Dominguez Hills and CSU Chico.

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Approximate number of people who attended this year's Sun God festival concert, according to A.S. Programming

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CHASING THE D.R.E.A.M.

By Marnette Federis ASSOCIATE FOCUS EDITOR

In 2000, months before graduation at UCSD, Amy was just as anxious as any other college senior. The excitement of finally earning a diploma was overshadowed by uncertainty.

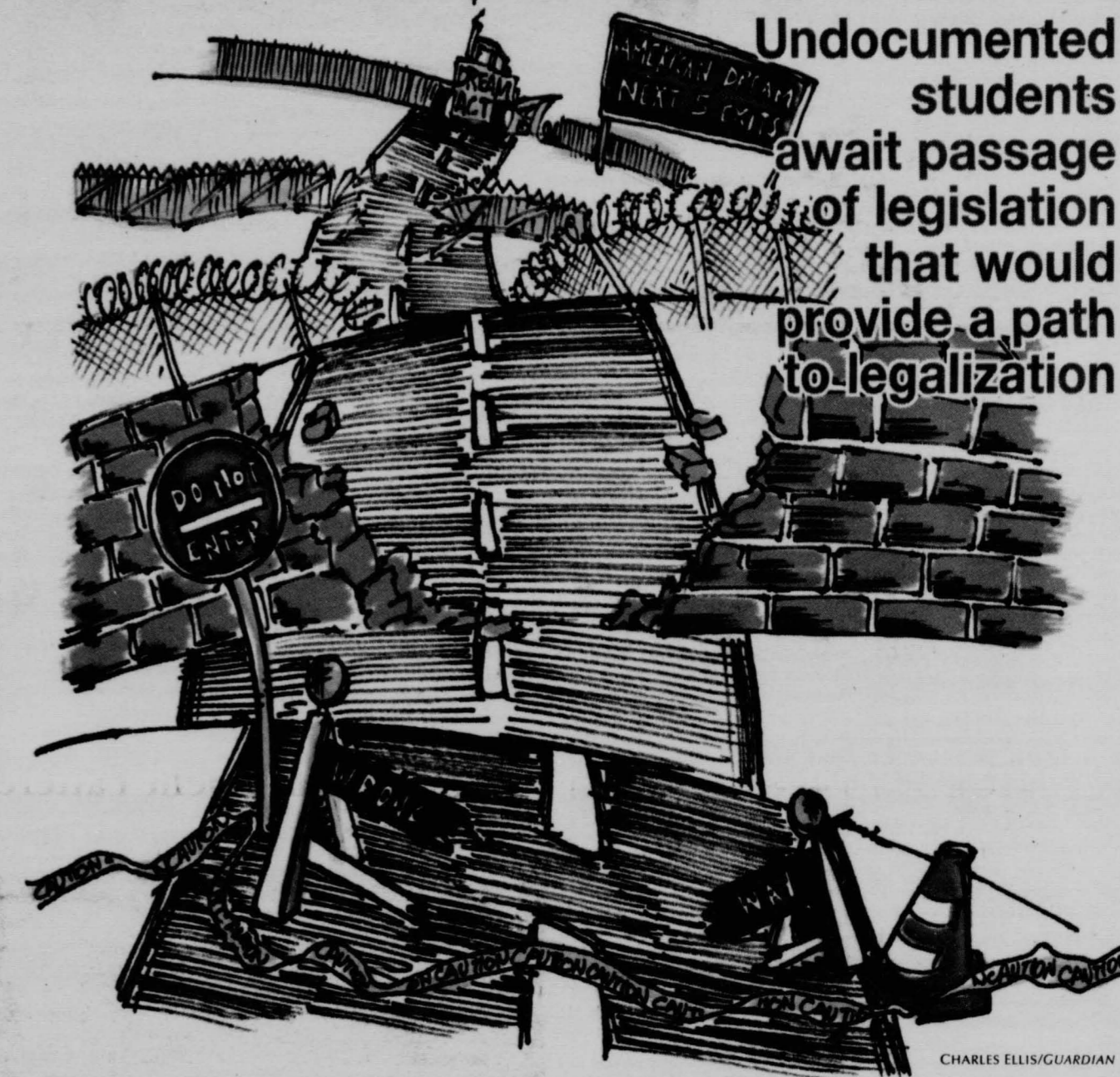
It was 1982 when Amy's entire family left Taiwan for the United States on tourist visas — with no intention of ever going back.

"In this country, there's a law that immigrants can go to public school, and if you go to public school you're raised as American," she said.

As the debate on immigration continues to ring throughout the country, tens of thousands of undocumented students who are in the same situation that Amy was in six years ago, are closely watching Congress' next step.

The bill, set aside before the Senate broke for a recess this past spring, would create a legalization path for undocumented immigrants. Attached to it is the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act.

The D.R.E.A.M. Act would apply to those who came to the United States at 15 years or younger. As long as a student can prove good moral standing and completion of high school and acceptance to college, the D.R.E.A.M. Act would provide a conditional permanent resident status to those who qualify.



Undocumented students await passage of legislation that would provide a path to legalization

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period, the conditional status would be lifted upon graduation from vocational school or a two-year college, completion of at least two years toward a bachelor's degree or higher, or two years of service in the military.

"The D.R.E.A.M. Act does not offer amnesty, nor is it an entitlement," Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), a supporter of the bill, stated. "I believe we should give these talented students a chance to succeed."

The D.R.E.A.M. Act would also repeal a law that prohibits states from providing higher education benefits to undocumented immigrants unless the same benefits are given to U.S. citizens. For some states, the provision discouraged allowing undocumented students to pay resident tuition rates for their public universities. Meanwhile, these students do not qualify for state and federal financial aid, while

most loans require a Social Security number or a co-signer who is of legal status.

In 2002, a law called A.B. 540 went into effect in California which allowed for in-state tuition for anyone who has spent at least three years in high school within the state, graduated from high school or received a GED, or signed an affidavit stating that they're pursuing lawful status. According to the University of California Office of the President spokesperson Ricardo Vasquez, most students who utilize A.B. 540 are U.S. citizens, but about 524 students with undocumented status have been able to qualify since the law's inception.

According to Director of Legal Services Anthony Valladollid, prior to A.B. 540, prospective UCSD students faced enormous economic hardships in trying to fund their education. He recalled families who were willing to work long

hours or to incur heavy debt on credit cards just to allow their students to attend the university.

"Post A.B. 540, it has definitely taken some financial burden off students," he said. "Most students still end up working full-time, since they are still ineligible to access grants and financial aid."

UC Davis student R.J., who came from the Philippines in 1990 as a child and is currently undocumented, said that he feels lucky to be in California where in-state tuition is an option.

"I'm also lucky that my parents are capable of funding my education," he said. "It's just really draining on me emotionally ... knowing that if one day my parents just decided to stop

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In Lieu of Class



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Sun God 2006 was loaded with activities that spread to every corner of the UCSD campus. Students skipped class and roamed around with no apparent destination, oftentimes doing so with a little help from "adult beverages."



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COURTESY HADLEY MENDOZA

Musical Equipment Faltered During Sidestage Performance



JASON CAMPA/GUARDIAN

Hip-hop pioneer Talib Kweli drew many concert attendees. An exodus of students, however, exited the concert before headlining band My Chemical Romance's performance.

CONCERT, from page 1 tion over problems with Talib Kweli's set.

"I was very disappointed that Talib was not on the main stage and had to deal with such horrible sound equipment," de Ayora said.

The concert went very smoothly, Lam said, although she admitted that there were problems with Kweli's set. Fireworks were set off immediately after his act, preceding My Chemical Romance. Many concert goers chose to leave before the headlining act.

"I don't like My Chemical Romance

and I think programming could have done a better job picking a headliner who doesn't just appeal to a very specific group," Earl Warren College freshman Yesenia Padilla said. "I think that's why a lot of people left [after Kweli]."

Most students were just happy to be there with friends and socializing.

"Personally, I had a pretty good time at the concert, granted I was hammered off my ass," Marshall senior Billy Iksipentarios said.

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Both Rapes Occurred Close to Campus

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Both crimes occurred in the early morning hours, police said, when the suspect forced his way into the victims' homes through unlocked windows.

The first sexual assault occurred at an apartment complex on Cargill Avenue on June 13, 2005 according to UCSD Sgt. Tom Morris. The second rape was also close to campus, and occurred on Charmant Drive on March 6 of this year. Police declined to release any more information on the suspect or incidents. Both locations were within a mile of Regents Road, which connects directly with the UCSD campus.

In total, there were 11 rapes in the University City and La Jolla area last year, according to local police department statistics.

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NEW ORGANIZATION BRINGS HOMELAND SECURITY CLOSER TO HOME

By Molly Crystal CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What John Muir College junior April Deibert had in mind when she began pushing for the creation of a new student organization was very different from what has grown from her efforts. Her original idea was to create a community service organization that would allow students to intern with local politicians, but when her e-mails to local officials were met with negative responses, Deibert had to change plans.

The S.O.L.O. organization called The Intern: Homeland Security sprung from Deibert's interest in

promoting student involvement in issues related to national security. It is a nonpartisan, preprofessional club that provides information and hands-on experience for students who are interested in homeland security. With the help of two other students, the organization began this year and is now over 60-members strong.

"This project seeks to showcase the talents of UCSD undergraduates who wish to go on to work in government, public service, social science ... or any other related field," Deibert stated in an e-mail. "Although we are very new, we have been attempting to provide networking opportunities, guest speakers, job opportunities, and the most important of all, a well-

rounded view of each issue."

Deibert, who is chairman of the organization, and the founders of the club pushed its development in the hopes that it would become a sort of training ground for students who are interested in going into any aspect of foreign affairs. After finding statistics indicating that nearly half of the current members of agencies under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will retire within the next five years, they became concerned for the next generation's ability to protect the country from future disasters and attacks.

"If you look at where [current officials] are at and how they got there, there's a huge gap," Vice President

Matt Ramirez said. "There's no real set curriculum for getting into these organizations, and it's not as easy as one, two, three."

The organization hopes to give students exposure to the issues that these agencies deal with, and to let them know about the plethora of opportunities available to people with interests in national security, no matter their background.

"People tend to think that there's just the FBI and the CIA," Deibert said. "But really, there are trillions of organizations dealing with homeland security, and so many opportunities for everyone. If you want to use your

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microbiology degree, you can work with bioterrorism. There's medical work involved. You could basically do anything that you want."

One of the organization's biggest goals is to foster discussion of current

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The women's crew team, including seven graduating seniors, earned a medley of gold, silver and bronze medals in all four of its races at the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships at Lake Natoma May 12 through 13.

## BADMINTON DEFENDS NATIONAL TITLE AT YALE

By Rael Enteen  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UCSD club badminton team traveled to Yale University, the host of the 2006 Collegiate Nationals, and defended its national title, taking home the men's and women's trophies for the third time in the last four years.

"We had pretty high expectations going in," junior captain Joshua Barroga said. "I don't think anyone didn't think we were going to come out with trophies. I was confident that we were going to be first place."

Despite Barroga's confidence, the Tritons faced some tough competition in this year's title run, much more than they have in their previous championships. In UCSD's top-ranked women's doubles match, senior Caroline Chen and sophomore Deana Tran rose from a 6-10 deficit to close the game with a 15-11 win.

Wins from other lady Tritons only added to the team's strong showing in the tournament, as UCSD took first and second overall. Chen and Tran ended up with second place and freshman Samantha Jinadasa and junior Grace Cheung placed in the top spot. Also helping the women to their championship title were senior Lillian Lai and junior Jessie Totten, who made it to the semifinals of the main draw and the consolation draw, respectively.

"We have a lot of good girls, which is fortunate for our school," junior captain Jessica Totten said. "It's really nice to have that kind of turnout for the girls."

The men's team also impressed the competition, as freshman David Lim and senior Scott Bering lost in the men's doubles finals to George Washington University's Sameera Gunatileka and Will Do, who had combined to beat two other UCSD men's teams earlier in the tournament.

The Tritons also combined to place well in the mixed doubles competition, with duos of Barroga with Jinadasa and senior David Lamb with Cheung adding points to the UCSD total as each team made the semifinals.

The Tritons' youthful energy contributed to the team's win, with freshmen Harold Juang and Tim Chen — both unseeded players to start the competition — battling to make it to the men's singles semifinals.

Although they saw the fiercest nationwide competition at Yale, during the regular season, the badminton team plays against some of the top schools around California in the Southern California Collegiate Badminton League.

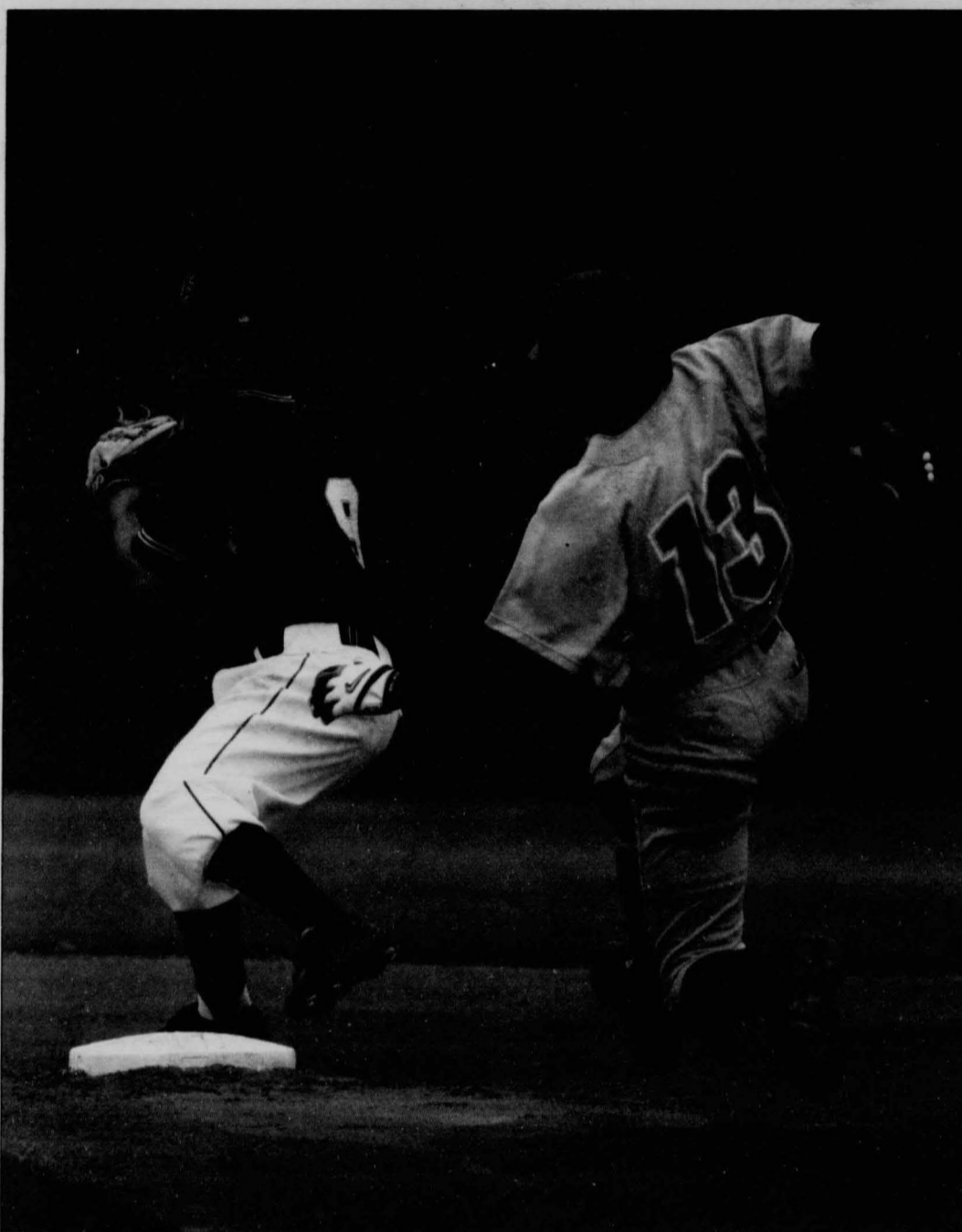
Throughout the year, the Tritons squared off against players from UC Irvine, UCLA, San Diego State and many others. A loss to UCLA in a dual match cost UCSD the regular-season SCCBL title.

According to Barroga, however, the loss to UCLA is a sore subject among many of the UCSD players because the Bruins used ineligible players to pull off the win. However, the Tritons ended up with the nationwide title, which should make them feel a little better about the injustice.

The Tritons almost didn't have the chance to make it to Yale, but fundraising efforts and the support of the UCSD sports club program made it possible for the team to defend its title. The best fundraising effort, according to Barroga, was the Sun God Tournament, which was held on Feb.

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## Tritons Sent Home Without CCAA Title



DANAI LEININGER/GUARDIAN

Senior second baseman Dusty Destler turns a double play during the Tritons' eight-game win streak to make the playoffs, but UCSD's luck ran out when it arrived at the CCAA tournament, getting eliminated by Cal State Dominguez Hills in its third game on May 12.

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UCSD tops CSULA 8-4 to advance, but losses to Chico State and CSUDH eliminate Tritons from contention.

By Rael Enteen  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UCSD baseball team managed an 8-4 win over Cal State Los Angeles in the first round of the double-elimination California Collegiate Athletic Association tournament on May 11. However, two two-run losses at the hands of Chico State and Cal State Dominguez Hills on May 12 ended the run for the young team that won its last eight regular season games just to earn the chance to play in the postseason.

The Tritons fell in an elimination game against Dominguez Hills after their 7-5 loss to the eventual CCAA champion Chico State Wildcats.

The Toros and Tritons squared off fiercely — the teams exchanged leads five times and neither ever had a comfortable advantage.

Dominguez Hills took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a two-out RBI single by Jason Klug, but the Tritons one-upped the Toros in the bottom half of the inning with a two-out rally that started with freshman utility Matt Cantele's double down the right-field line, and ended with junior catcher/first baseman David Morehead's 12th homer of the year. Morehead's two-run shot gave the Tritons a 2-1 lead, but one that would not last long.

The Toros came back in the top of the second to take a 3-2 lead on Cody Puckett's two-run homer.

Dominguez Hills' slim lead lasted until the bottom of the fifth, when the Tritons got a one-out double from senior outfielder David Gomez. Freshman shortstop Josh Tanner followed him with a double of his own that could only advance Gomez to third. Senior outfielder Damian Fante

## Doubles Play Dooms Tritons In 5-3 Loss to Lynn

Men's tennis loses to Fighting Knights in Sweet 16 of NCAA Division-II tournament to end season.

By Nicky Buchanan  
STAFF WRITER

A 5-3 loss to Lynn University on May 10 in the Sweet-16 round of the NCAA Division-II National Championships sent the talented men's tennis team home to La Jolla from Kansas City, Mo., where the team will contemplate the challenge of replacing three top seniors for next year.

"We knew it was going to be a close match from the start," freshman Kazumi Negishi said. "What's most crushing is that we could have been having the time of our lives playing in finals right now."

In doubles play, usually the Tritons' strength, UCSD could not find its game. In the No. 1 spot, Jack Macko and Lorenzo Cava took charge and got Lynn off to a good start with an 8-2 victory over the Tritons' sophomore Blake Meister and senior Erik Oijala.

"We just got outplayed," Meister said. "We handed them too many mistakes to pull for the win."

In the second seat, UCSD senior teammates Steven Oechel and captain Brent Molden were dealt a similar blow, an 8-5 loss to Dennis Reigraf and Julien Carsuzaa, who earned their



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Sophomore Eric Rubens and freshman Kazumi Negishi made up the UCSD's No. 3 doubles duo, the only pair able to top their opponents from Lynn University. Due in part to their subpar doubles play, the Tritons fell 5-3 to the Fighting Knights in the NCAA tournament on May 10.

team-leading 20th doubles victory. Sophomore Eric Rubens and Negishi decided to bite back and pulled off an 8-4 victory over Lynn's No. 3 duo of Regnier Azevedo and Raphael Koehle.

Down 2-1 after the poor showing in doubles, the Tritons felt the pressure to step it up in their singles

matches.

"Everyone was nervous for such a big match, but practice and regionals went so well that we had high expectations for ourselves," Meister said. "[Lynn] wasn't as tough as I expected, but they aren't a team we couldn't handle. They don't do anything spectacular; they are just tough and have a

bit more confidence."

Lynn picked up its third point in the opening singles match as Reigraf overtook Meister 6-2, 6-4 in the third spot to improve to 19-2 in singles matches this season.

Down 3-1 and on the brink

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