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### WORLD NEWS

#### Russia Claims Chechen Rebels Failed in Attempt to Flee Grozny

MOSCOW — The Russian military insisted Wednesday that it had thwarted a rebel attempt to break out of the besieged city of Grozny and would soon capture the Chechen capital.

Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev, who visited Russian troops near Grozny Wednesday, said that 586 militants had been killed trying to escape and that the Russian advance on Grozny had accelerated.

With virtually all of the Western press barred from the battle zones in Chechnya, howev-

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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Federal Reserve Raises Interest Rates by a Quarter of a Percent

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve raised interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point Wednesday and signaled that further rate increases would probably be needed to keep the persistently strong economy from generating inflation.

The move, the fourth rate increase since June, was in line with what most economists and investors had expected. Financial markets took the announcement in stride.

Stocks ended mixed. Bond prices rose, in part because the

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### COLLEGE NEWS

#### UC Regent Proposes Reversal of Race-Blind Admissions Policy

BERKELEY, Calif. — UC Regent William Bagley said Monday he is preparing a proposal to reverse the university's groundbreaking ban on the use of racial and gender preferences in admissions decisions.

Bagley, a San Francisco lawyer and a member of the UC Board of Regents since 1989, said he is gathering support to overturn the 1995 ban.

Although approval by the regents would send a symbolic message to prospective students, it would not reinstate the use of

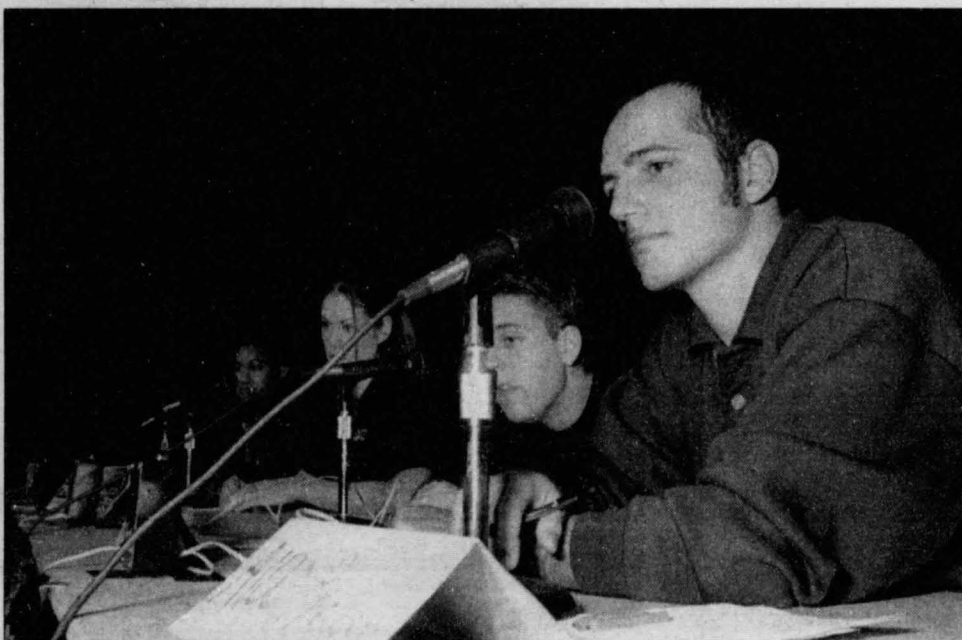
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### SPOKEN

"Basically, everyone who has flown on this aircraft for the first time has emptied out their stomach."

— Gaurav Abbi  
Revelle junior  
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## College Bowl 2000



David Piltz/Guardian

Is that your final answer?: From left to right, Dan Abinsay, Triston Parker, Mike Rosenblatt and Aldo Preciado play as part of the Roosevelt team at Wednesday night's college bowl competition.

## A.S. Cuts Media Funding

**COUNCIL:** Reductions are a result of increasing media groups

By **MATT SCHRADER**  
Staff Writer

The A.S. is allocating less money to each media organization this year due to an increase in the number of such organizations on campus, combined with a decrease in their popularity.

"The problem is that there are more publications and other media this year," said Bobby Kim, commissioner of communications. "Funding has to be spread out thinner."

Kim said that many media groups that were given more

money in the past have had their funding cut due to an increase in the number of media organizations.

"They are not getting nearly enough," he said. "I am essentially giving most of the media about half [the amount] they are asking for, even though I would love to give them more."

The *Koala*, one of UCSD's alternative newspapers, is one media organization that has suffered due to the decrease in allocated money.

"As of last year we were getting \$1,800 a quarter," *Koala* member Tulley Rafferty said.

"Now we are getting around \$1,350, which is obviously not enough to do our normal run."

The *Koala*, which has published two 12-page papers per quarter in past years, no longer has the necessary funds to complete their goal. The *Koala* makes 8,000 copies of each issue for distribution, which costs approximately \$850 per issue. The excess money is spent on necessary office supplies.

As a result of the decrease in its budget, the *Koala* was only

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## Professor Emeritus Herbert Schiller Dies at 80

**OBITUARY:** Communication expert researched mass media and issues pertaining to the 'Information Age'

By **REBECCA WOOD**  
Staff Writer

Herbert Schiller, professor emeritus of the UCSD communication department, died Jan. 29 in La Jolla after a long illness. He was 80 years old.

Schiller was known for his research in the study of communication and public debate on the role of the media in modern society.

Schiller began his career as an economist and then directed his studies to the media in the 1960s.

He argued that because the mass media is closely tied to the centers of political and economic power, it often falls short of its most crucial role of providing a democratic forum and acting as a

watchdog of powerful interests. Schiller also foresaw trends in the communication field.

Carol Padden, chair of the communication department, said that in the 1970s Schiller recognized the issues pertaining to the "Information Age," such as how the interest of ownership interferes with the spread of ideas.

Schiller came to UCSD in 1970 and was the first professor in the communication program. He established communication as a regular department of the university by 1982 and developed a Ph.D. program in communication in 1984.

"When I arrived here in 1978, Herb was the heart, soul and rallying point for students interest-

ed in critical studies of the media," Michael Cole, professor of communication, stated in a press release. "The conversion of communication from a small program to a large, world class department is in no small measure a monument to Herb's energy and determination."

Cole said Schiller was known as a controversial figure to many and said he will be most remembered for "his radical views, compelling speaking style and sharp wit."

Padden said that Schiller was a popular professor whose classrooms were often packed.

Schiller is also the author of eight books and hundreds of articles in scholarly and popular journals. In his work, he warned

## Students Chosen by NASA

**PROGRAM:** Students will conduct experiments in a low-gravity airplane

By **MALAVIKA GANGOLLY**  
Staff Writer

Bioengineering students Gerhardt König, Bhavin Patel, Jason Nathanson and Gaurav Abbi were chosen to participate in a NASA program where they will design and test a reduced-gravity experiment.

The team, along with faculty mentors John Frangos of the bioengineering department and Michael Wiskerchen, director of Cal Space, designed an experiment that involves modeling fluid shifts that occur when the body enters a reduced flight gravity environment.

David Gough, chair of the department of bioengineering, said that the students' experiment is quite significant.

"If validated, such a model may prove beneficial for the development of effective counter measures for this fluid shift, which likely mediates the bone loss and cardiovascular problems associated with space flight," he said.

Each year, NASA holds its KC-135 Student Flight Program. The program provides a unique academic experience for undergraduate students to propose, design, build and test a reduced-gravity experiment.

The teams, which are comprised of four students, formulate a proposal that complies with Standard NASA Lyndon B.

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# UCSD EVENTS

## Thursday, Feb. 3

### Community Service: UCSD Blood Drive

The San Diego Blood Bank is holding a blood drive in Price Center Ballroom A. All participants will receive T-shirts. Please eat before donating and bring a picture ID. For more information, call 534-0286.

### Film: 'Sixth Sense'

See this Bruce Willis drama at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Price Center Theater. Admission for students is \$2. For more information, call 822-2068.

### Performing Arts: Music

See Colin McAllister play the guitar at 8 p.m. in the Mandeville Center Recital Hall. Admission is free. For more information, call 534-4830.

## Saturday, Feb. 5

### Aquarium Excursions: Whale Watching

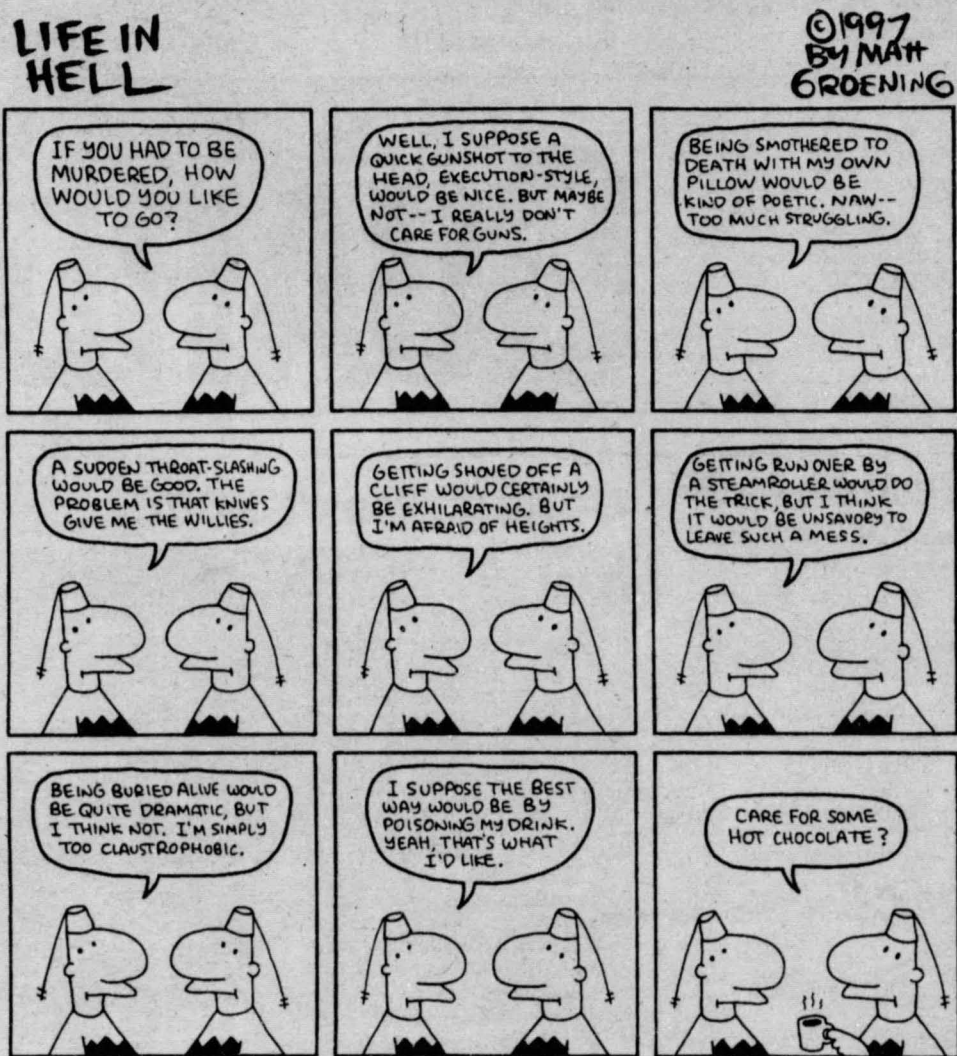
Two whale watching cruises leave twice daily from Mission Bay from Feb. 5 continuing through Feb. 13. The cruises run from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A naturalist will discuss the natural history of these marine mammals, answer questions and exhibit whale-related items. Admission is \$17 for participants who are 16 years and older. For reservations and more information, call Seaforth Sportfishing at (619) 224-7767.

## Sunday, Feb. 6

### Performing Arts: Roma Nights

See Dave Shilling perform at 8 p.m. in Espresso Roma Cafe. Admission is free. For more information, call 822-2068.

# ETCETERA ...



## BRIEFLY ...

### UC to Recognize Veterans Day

The University of California will honor the service and sacrifice of the nation's war veterans by designating Veterans Day, Nov. 11, one of its official holidays beginning this year, UC President Richard Atkinson announced Wednesday. In years where Nov. 11 falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be the date of observation. If the date falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the following Monday. This practice corresponds with the dates set for observing Veterans Day in California's public schools.

### Regional Bioterrorism Conference to Be Held in La Jolla This Week

"BioTerrorism: The Medical and Public Health Response" is a western regional conference for medical care providers, emergency medical services, public officials and community members to be held Feb. 3 through Feb. 5 in San Diego.

The conference will focus on preparations underway and those still needed in the Western United States, Western Canada and Northern Mexico. Representatives from local, state and national agencies will come together to discuss plans to deal with an attack. This conference will help facilitate coordination and cooperation between agencies and organizations that have very different missions and philosophies, according to conference sponsors.

In the event of mass casualties, local and state medical care facilities will potentially be overwhelmed. Conference sessions will include the nature of the bioterrorism threat, and will address international, federal, state and local agencies' preparations.

Panelists will discuss how a large metropolitan city with an international border, major military installations and a large population of tourists should prepare for detection of a threat, examine options and make decisions during time of crisis, mobilize effective responses and undertake containment measures.

The conference will feature experts on three top

ics: education of medical care providers and emergency medical services about early diagnosis, epidemiology and appropriate responses to the most likely agents; understanding institutional and appropriate response roles, identifying resources and limitations; and public education on bioterrorism facts and myths.

A panel discussion on a scenario of the release of a smallpox virus will cover medical community needs; public health monitoring and surveillance; treatment and containment concerns; pharmaceutical, vaccine and equipment needs; quarantine, decontamination and ongoing medical care.

Another panel discussion called "Operational Considerations: Responding to the Threat" will cover inter-organizational coordination efforts as well as preparations for strengthening a response plan in the event of a bioterrorism attack.

The final panel session will discuss informing the media and the public about protection, accessible resources, bioterrorism preparedness and how response objectives can be met.

For further information or to register for the conference contact UCSD Continuing Medical Education at 534-3940.

### Alpha Epsilon Phi Joins Hillel in Supporting Hunger Relief 2000

Alpha Epsilon Phi and Hillel of San Diego will be supporting Hunger Relief 2000, a one-man, cross-country bike ride to raise awareness and money for hunger relief efforts around the world. On Thursday and Friday, they will be riding stationary bikes on Library Walk and selling pizza, bagels and other food items to raise money.

For more information, call Chase Kohn at 822-1046 or e-mail ckohn@ucsd.edu.

### Roosevelt Senior Darren Bates to Appear on College Jeopardy

Roosevelt senior Darren Bates will appear on College Jeopardy next Monday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. on KNSD 7/39. Bates will appear on the first night of the two-week College Jeopardy tournament. He is one of 15 college students from across the country to compete in the tournament. The winner of the tournament will receive a Volvo and \$25,000.

## ERRATA ...

In the Jan. 31 article titled "Angelou to Speak at Graduation," the commencement date was incorrectly identified. The correct date is June 17.

## MEDIA: Kim said most media is unpopular

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able to finance one 12-page issue and one 8-page issue, printing 5,000 copies of each.

"Issues normally don't last more than a couple of days, partly because of demand and partly because various administrators/janitors inexplicably decide to throw away large stacks of them," Rafferty said. "So it sucks to cut our copy that much."

Rafferty said Koala staff members have had to resort to other revenue resources.

"We have had to put money out of our own [pockets] to meet the difference," he said. "This would be fine if we had advertisements, but that is a full-time job and it is hard to get someone to do that for us, even with the incentives we can offer."

Despite a desire to allocate more money to media organizations, Kim said that the A.S. Council feels it is justified in cutting funding due to the decreasing popularity of media groups on campus.

"There is a lack of money for media specifically because media is basically dying, if not already

dead, on our campus," Kim said. "Students may simply be more into things like the Internet now or other forms of media besides print publications."

Kim also said the quality of many media organizations may contribute to their lack of popularity on campus.

"Current media publications are, on the majority, very poorly made and hardly produced even once a quarter," he said.

Regardless, Koala staff members argue the validity of this claim as they feel they are very popular among students.

"The Koala has been around longer than most incoming freshman have been alive," Rafferty said. "We have consistently been one of the most — popular forms of alternative media around."

The money allotted to these alternative media groups most likely will not increase in the future. Kim said he foresees less allocation in the future as the perceived popularity continues to decrease.

"In my opinion, funding for media will go nowhere but down from here," he said. "A lot of paper is being wasted and a lot of potentially great publications [are] simply thrown away because no one's reading any of it, if they can find it anywhere on campus to begin with."

## RACE: Prop. 209 would still be in effect

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racial and gender preferences since California voters made the ban a state law with the passage of Proposition 209 in 1996.

Since the passage of Proposition 209, other state governments have battled over the use of racial preferences. Texas, Florida, Michigan and Washington have recently passed or are attempting to pass legislation that would end the use of affirmative action in admissions decisions for their public university systems.

—The Daily Californian

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## Students Often Neglect Their Participation in Elections

This Monday, February 7, is the last day to register to vote in California for the March 7, 2000 primary election. If the students at UCSD continue to show the same political apathy they have displayed in the past, the prospects for our future will be grim. Nationwide, statistics show that the college-age population is not only far less likely to register to vote than those 25 and older, but we are far less likely to show up and actually cast a vote on election day even if we are registered.

The university population, where the average student is more educated than those of the general public and should have a better understanding of politics, has absolutely no justification for its dismally low voter turnout. Older voters consistently have a much higher turnout than college students. Do UCSD students really want our age group to be marginalized and remain unheard in the political arena for simply failing to vote?

Students at UCSD have little excuse for not registering. There are several locations on campus with voter registration forms: in the Price Center (until Friday), at the Registrar's office, at the Food Co-op in the Student Center, at the LGBT Resource Center Office and at the Women's Center (behind the Registrar's office). There are also roaming volunteers across campus who will happily give students a form.

For UCSD students who are registered to vote in other counties, it is not too late to apply as an absentee voter. To do this you will need to get in contact with your county elections official, information which is readily available on the California government home page at <http://www.ca.gov>. Even if you're not interested in San Diego politics or candidates, there are important statewide initiatives and positions that will effect all Californians and residents of other states that you should vote on.

College students traditionally volunteer more than any other segment of the population. This is an admirable quality that we should all be proud of, but community involvement comes in more forms than hands-on experience. As the next generation of leaders, college students have a duty to help shape the future of our city, our state and our country through voting.

The *Guardian* urges all UCSD students to take a stand and register to vote for this year's primary. Even if you can't relate to any of the candidates, you should still vote on the controversial propositions on this year's ballot.

One vote doesn't make a difference. It's true. But thousands of people refusing to vote because of this logic does make a difference. The college population as a whole needs to mobilize if it wants to make a difference. Register to vote, convince your roommates and your classmates to register. Then make sure that you show up to the polls March 7.

## Props and Flops

Thumbs up to everyone who contributed to securing Maya Angelou as this year's all-campus commencement speaker.

Thumbs up to this year's UCSD admissions data, which indicates increased numbers of minority applicants among a record 85,818 applications.

Thumbs up to the UCSD women's basketball for their eight-game winning streak. Good luck against UC Santa Cruz on Friday.

# OPINION



Austin Hsia/Guardian

## Presidential Front-runners Claw Their Way to the Top

COMMENTARY: Bush and Gore rely on dirty tactics to secure their victories

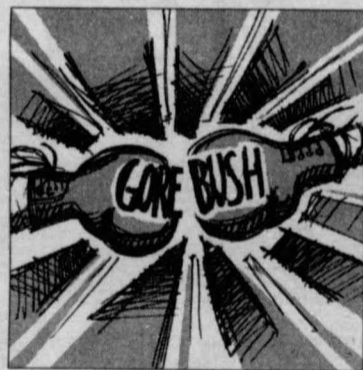
By DAVID YEN  
Staff Writer

The easiest way to stay on top in a presidential election is to start out on top. Such is the case with Republican and Democratic front-runners, Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, who emerged victorious from the nation's first caucuses in Iowa. Beginning the race as prohibitive "overdogs" enabled Bush and Gore to overcome serious blunders along the campaign trail as well as to re-establish themselves as "the ones to beat," often at the expense of other less fortunate candidates.

Bush, for example, was practically anointed president by his party before he even announced his candidacy. The Republican Party was so desperate to regain the White House that it was willing to jump on the bandwagon of anyone with a decent chance to win. Who better than the former president's son, a clear anti-Clintonite who nonetheless has a dash of that Clinton-esque charisma? The media showered him with publicity; after all, he was the flavor of the month and a serious alternative to the "inevitability" of Al Gore.

It would not be until a few months later that the tide turned and people started to believe that Bush possessed an arrogant disdain for everyone other than himself.

The kickoff to Gore's campaign, in contrast, was more low-key and plagued with turmoil. Considering Clinton's record-high popularity and the booming economy, Gore's bid for the nomination seemed like a no-brainer. The media was well aware of his reputation for being "wooden" and his lack of Clinton-style charm. Still, they figured these liabilities would emerge in a presidential election, not a Democratic primary. Gore, unpredictable and unpolished, managed to prove them wrong: He took the nomination for granted, opting to focus on Bush instead of looking over his



*Bush and Gore's tactics are quite intriguing — usually, it is the underdogs and not the front-runners who concentrate on negatives in an election. But this is by all means a different kind of election, dominated by character rather than issues. With the economy in great shape and the country suffering from post-Lewinsky political fatigue, people are really not paying attention, which is why Bush can get away with assuring "tax cuts so help me God," and Gore can promise to "fight for American families" 10 times in one speech.*

shoulder. So, on came the challengers. On the Republican side, enter Arizona Sen. John McCain, Vietnam war hero and obliterator of special interests.

As a "straight shooter" with an interesting biography and a history as an independent thinker, he is the opposite of Bush. Whereas Bush spent much of his adulthood jumping from career to career and feeding off his father's fame, McCain was confined to a Vietnam prisoner of war camp where he was almost tortured to death. He was an obvious choice for the media to embrace in their efforts to make a contest out of the Republican nomination.

Former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley rose into the spotlight by virtue of his positive, idealistic message and high-minded campaign. For many, he represented a departure from "politics as usual" — the term often attributed to Clinton and Gore, who rely more on pollsters than their personal convictions. Like McCain, Bradley also led an interesting life: He was a Hall of Fame NBA basketball player who won two championships with the New York Knicks, then went on to a productive 18-year senatorial career. Bradley's initial success was also due to polls that showed Gore running 15 to 20 points behind Bush.

While McCain and Bradley garnered national attention, Bush and Gore did little to endear themselves to voters. Bush was all rhetoric and no substance (or as McCain would put it, "all hat and no cattle"). He talked about being a "compassionate conservative" — a fancy way of calling himself a Republican with a heart.

In debates, he resorted to scripted responses, using little other than his standard campaign rhetoric. On the campaign trail, he rarely fielded questions from the public. Instead, there was a smile here, a pat on the back there and a thousand handshakes he could later brag about.

Gore, however, had the opposite problem. He had lists and lists of ideas, but didn't seem to be connecting with actual people. He hired a feminist consultant, Naomi Wolf,

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## Volunteer At Your Own Risk

COMMENTARY: Insights into local politics brings disillusionment

By PARISA BAHARIAN  
Staff Writer

Please restrain me if I'm ever tempted to get involved in politics again! Have me committed to a mental hospital if you have to, just don't let me ever intern or get a political job that would throw me back in with the sharks!

I am so sick and tired of the mind-and-soul-consuming game of politics where anything and everything is considered fair game, where there are no boundaries of right and wrong — just the all too familiar world of gray. That's why I had to quit, for I am still too idealistic, I can't just throw off my conscience as I would my coat.

For three long months I interned for a San Diego mayoral campaign, where my morals were constantly compromised. Everyday I would come back to my dorm room feeling dirty, my conscience buried deeper under the pile of stinking political garbage I dealt with daily.

My role in the campaign was a "researcher," but for all practical purposes I was an investigator. My job was to build files

against the opposition — to dig up dirt.

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information they were giving me in good faith would go straight to their opposition. Why? Because the philosophy was, whatever is good for the campaign must be done, no matter if I found it ethically appalling. The unspoken motto was: The ends justifies the means.

So whenever I had to request information for the campaign, I had to give my name, phone number and address at UCSD. So I was never off duty, because when I got to my room at UCSD, I often had over seven phone calls to return.

It got to the point that I began to fear the ringing of my own phone. I knew that if I picked up the phone it would most likely be some politician returning my call and I would have to lie and get the information the campaign needed. When the phone rang, I would shriek out loud in frustration and anger at having my private dorm room invaded by the slime and corruption of politics. I hated it.

The other interns and I were nothing but slave labor, never

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## Freedom of Hate

COMMENTARY: Free speech cannot be abused

By JEFFREY EISENBERG  
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Free speech isn't without limit. Or so the Supreme Court has ruled. In a unanimous Supreme Court decision, *Schenck v. U.S.* (1919), Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote that if he were to shout "Fire!" in a crowded theater, he would create a harm far outweighing his right to free speech. Holmes created the clear and present danger test, which allows safety concerns to trump free speech rights.

This past week, Matt Hale, a white supremacist and leader of the World Church of the Creator, attempted to establish a chapter of his organization at Northwestern University. Hale has incited violence before and was involved in a scuffle at the school during a series of demonstrations in the last few weeks. Now Northwestern faces the dilemma of what to do.

If Northwestern does what is right, it won't tolerate this man's presence, despite his and the American Civil Liberties Union's pleas for free speech.

Not all speech is good, and

Hale's words do hurt. Last July, Benjamin Smith, one of Hale's followers, went on a shooting rampage, for which he was immortalized as a martyr among Hale and his followers. For the World Church of the Creator, senseless murder is saintly behavior. Incidentally, Smith is now known as Brother Smith in the ranks of the World Church. Also, Hale's initial demonstrations at Northwestern resulted in violence.

Hale clearly endorses disorderly, dangerous behavior, and his words incite violent hatred. "We struggle to win the Racial Holy War for our people's existence," he states on his Web site. Continuing, he observes: "We perhaps planted more seeds of our people's resurrection in [the past year] than in the 25 years previously." Their motto is "RAHOWA," which stands for Racial Holy War. War and resurrection imply violence on a grand scale.

"We long for our revolution," Hale adds in another essay. Hale probably doesn't sanction every act of violence. But he does understand their effect. Those

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### VOLUNTEER: Real job experience brings bitterness

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worth a thanks or a smile of acknowledgment for all the blood, sweat and guts we shed in the campaign's name. We were invisible to the candidate we were working so hard to get elected.

For three months, my routine was the same: I would wake up every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m., shower and run to the bus stop for the 7:41 a.m. bus that was always at least 20 minutes late. When the bus finally arrived, it would take over an hour to get to campaign headquarters.

Then for the next four hours I would answer phones, do miscellaneous projects, go to City Hall, research and make a few calls. I also had the wonderful opportunity to meet the public by collecting signatures of registered voters in order to qualify the candidate for the ballot.

It was such fun to interact with so many abusive citizens outside Crown Books, Ralph's and on the streets. I was spit at,

cursed at and threatened because I happened to ask if they were registered to vote. Unfortunately I did not have the ability to spot convicted felons who had had their right to vote stripped away by their foolishness. Although it was pure hell, I did get the required number of signatures. That's the bottom line — get the job done.

I did not even have the weekends to relax by myself or to spend time with my friends. Instead, I staffed political fundraisers, friend-raisers, street fairs and walkathons.

I noticed a funny phenomenon: the crowd. The candidate was invariably speaking with and collecting money from consisted of upper-class, rich snobs. This candidate didn't target the votes or pockets of the everyday middle class. No, this person only hung out with the people with the beach-side mansions and the big bucks.

This got me thinking — what were this candidate's true motives for becoming mayor? I had automatically believed that this person was sincere about running to help the people of San Diego. But I'm no longer sure. My internship has

opened my eyes to distrust all politicians — I've seen too much to even recount it all here.

I'll admit, I'm bitter. I liked my internship at the beginning until I figured out how the game was played and that I was trapped.

This was my first quarter at UCSD, and because of the internship, I gave up participating in Revelle's Emerging Leaders Program, Revelle TV, a better job at the *Guardian* that required Saturdays free and getting involved in student government on campus. I thought a "real job" in the "real world" would be better than the college world where everything is pretend.

Now, after all my experiences, I'd take pretend over real any day.

Until I can stand alone with my values intact against the rapid deterioration of the morals of everyone that steps into game of politics, I will not get involved in politics again. That's my promise to me.

I'd rather look in from the outside through reporter's eyes and report on politics and expose the corruption. Oh, what fun I'll have!

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### UNDERDOG: Front-runners enjoy privileged status

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atives in an election. But this is by all means a different kind of election, dominated by character rather than issues. With the economy in great shape and the country suffering from post-Lewinsky political fatigue, people are really not paying attention, which is why Bush can get away with assuring "tax cuts so help me God," and Gore can promise to "fight for American families" 10 times in one speech.

Some people have claimed that the media have given McCain and Bradley a free ride for the last few months. This is not the case. Whatever voters may think of the candidates' issues, both McCain and Bradley have demonstrated sound ethical judgment by defying conventional pollsters, special interests and, for the most part, refusing to engage in typical mud-sling politics.

If anything, Bush and Gore have been the beneficiaries of their own mistakes and front-runner statuses. Their mistakes along the campaign trail lowered performance expectations and allowed them to see the error of their ways and change

for the better. McCain and Bradley, as underdogs, never had that opportunity. One mistake, and they are finished.

If this nation is to have an honest, effective dialogue about the issues that shape its present and future, we must treat all candidates equally. We must not be swayed by negative attacks, cheap sound bites or tactical ploys. The American people deserve better.

The Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary may be over, but this election is far from finished. Let's try to do it right from this point on. Let's let ideas and issues, not politics, take center stage. And let the best man win.

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### SPEECH: Inciting violence is not a protected right

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who turn his words into acts are glorified. He knows that he can turn visceral hatred into violent battalions. Most people would disagree with Hale. That's why winning a race war is a gargantuan task. If Hale wants to win, then he needs violence to meet his tall order of white supremacy.

No legal precedent allows Hale this forum.

Northwestern is a private institution, and there is no free speech guarantee in the private domain. So long as Hale is speaking on Northwestern's dime, it is at the administration's discretion whether it allows Hale to speak, or to what extent it allows him to speak. But even if Northwestern is worried about the slippery slope entailed in censoring Hale, it shouldn't. He has no constitutional right to speech.

We must not forget that Northwestern is 10 to 12 percent black and also consists of a sizeable Jewish population. Allowing Hale to speak would alienate many of Northwestern's students. It also would endanger their safety. These students are paying tuition, and they have a right to be there. Hale doesn't. Violence tends to follow Hale. It's a disservice for Northwestern to compromise the security of those footing the bill.

Speech that is imposed and from which there is no escape is

not protected. Hale has an in-your-face approach to speech. For many at Northwestern, escaping Hale's presence is impossible. If a student is not at liberty to move freely about his or her campus without being threatened, then Hale has no obvious right to speech. How Northwestern handles this situation is important. Letting this man speak, when it doesn't have to and where there are clear harms, is an implicit endorsement of his views.

What it comes down to is whether there is any possible value in this man's speech. If the value isn't in the content, but in the mere act of his speech, then Northwestern is sacrificing its principles for an overly broad definition of free speech, a definition that ignores constitutional precedent.

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More importantly, Northwestern is enjoined by the demand for the security — physically, mentally, emotionally and otherwise — of its students. The school has no choice but to bar Hale, because he will do harm.

Fanatics think their goals noble. They also think them inflexible. They see truth, but truth for fanatics has the added hurdle of the masses. The masses, though, aren't deluded by Hale's vision — most of them see right through it. Hale must overcome that. And he won't stop short of violence.

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### No Decision Yet in Austrian Government

VIENNA, Austria — As thousands marched here to protest the prospect of including a rightist party led by Joerg Haider in the government, President Thomas Klestil met Wednesday with party leaders but failed to announce whether he would accept such a coalition.

The 20,000 or so marchers indicated that they were delighted that the European Union had set off a diplomatic crisis this week by threatening to isolate Austria diplomatically if the president allowed Haider into government.

"From Brussels to Vienna: No Government with Racists," one banner read. Another called Haider a "pop fascist" and "pseudo-Christian."

The march, substantial for a country of only 8 million people, was peaceful. A pot of blue paint — the color of Haider's Freedom Party — was flung on the doorstep of the People's Party, the prospective coalition partner. Some protesters carried babies or marched under pictures of Che Guevara. Many more carried the circle of yellow stars that is the symbol of the European Union. Inside the Hofburg Palace, the

seat of government here for 600 years, Haider and the People's Party leader, Wolfgang

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Schuessel, came and went after meeting with Klestil for an hour each.

Haider said afterward that some amendments to the pro-

posed cabinet and platform were suggested by Klestil, who was unable to make a decision Wednesday in part because Schuessel needed to meet with his own party to discuss the changes.

Haider also said that Schuessel would be chancellor if the coalition was approved and that he himself would not be in the cabinet. "I will go back to Carinthia because my work here is done," Haider said of the province where he currently serves as governor.

The drumbeat of international condemnation continued, meanwhile. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, visiting Croatia to praise its democracy, criticized the possibility of Haider's party entering the government. While "obviously the Austrian people have the right to elect whom they want," she said, Washington has expressed its concern that Austria "maintain its good international reputation."

— Donald G. McNeil Jr. *The New York Times*

### RUSSIA: Fate of rebels still unknown

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er, there was no way to confirm the Russian claims.

And the Russian military's account was contradicted by Bislan Gantamirov, a pro-Moscow Chechen paramilitary leader who has been fighting alongside Russian troops in Grozny. He said that thousands of militants were not trapped in Grozny but had managed to flee.

"Over the last three days about 3,500 fighters have left," Gantamirov told reporters in the Chechen town of Urus-Martan on Wednesday. "I cannot say how many are still in Grozny, but those who were able to leave have left and the last group left today."

The fate of the rebels is one of the larger mysteries in the four-month-old war. Even judged from afar, it seems clear that the fighting within Grozny has reached a turning point and that the Russians finally appear to be on the verge of taking the city.

Grozny, however, is a ruin and its capture is of more sym-

bolic than strategic importance. By planting the Russian flag in Grozny, the Russian military will re-establish control over a city that was the scene of some of their greatest humiliations during the 1994-1996 war. But the capture of Grozny will not end the fighting.

The militants, however, almost certainly never planned to keep the city. Their plan was probably to inflict high losses on the Russian side and then flee to fight another day.

The Russian military said it had confirmed that Shamil Basayev, the Chechen warlord, had been injured by a mine while trying to flee Grozny and had lost a leg. Gantamirov said that he also had information that Basayev was wounded in the leg, but did not say how serious the injury was.

But the Russian military did not capture Basayev and his whereabouts were unknown. The rebels have also said that several of their senior commanders were killed in the attempt to escape from Grozny, including Lecha Dudayev, the Grozny mayor and nephew of the first president of the breakaway republic.

— Michael R. Gordon *The New York Times*

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### McCain Rides Into SC, Vowing to Unite GOP

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Riding the wave of his decisive victory in New Hampshire, Sen. John McCain (R-Az.) tore across South Carolina on Wednesday arguing that he is the candidate who can "attract people to our party who have been alienated and disenfranchised" and carry Republicans to victory in November.

Only hours after McCain's double-digit victory in the New Hampshire primary shifted the contours of the Republican race, McCain and a humbled Gov. George W. Bush both shifted their battle for the nomination to this conservative state, whose primary is less than three weeks away.

Wednesday morning Bush spoke to students at Bob Jones University, a bastion of Christian conservatism, where he promised to keep "our ideas, Republican ideas, conservative ideas, at the top of the national agenda."

At a subsequent news conference, Bush rolled out his latest prominent endorsement: that of former Vice President Dan

Quayle, who courted the votes of social conservatives in his own presidential campaign before ending it in September.

Every few hours, McCain's aides ticked off new fund-raising totals from his Web site. By late in the day, they said, McCain had taken in \$415,000 online since the primary ended.

Although Bush has been leading opinion polls in South Carolina by as many as 20 percentage points, McCain said Wednesday that the record voter turnout in New Hampshire showed that he was the "electable" Republican whose campaign against big-monied special interests could broaden the party base.

The Bush campaign sought to diminish McCain's victory by insisting that its superior organization and campaign war chest would allow the Texas governor to run a 50-state campaign.

— Alison Mitchell and Frank Bruni *The New York Times*

### INTEREST: Government will buy back some debt

Continued from page 1 Treasury Department announced a plan to buy back some of the government's long-term debt as part of an effort to deal with growing budget surpluses.

The central bank allowed the economy to expand for the last several years at rates well above what conventional wisdom once thought could be sustained without igniting inflation, betting that investments in technology would allow companies to absorb cost increases without raising prices.

But in raising rates Wednesday, the Fed and its chairman, Alan Greenspan, made clear once more that the central bank's growth experiment had its limits. The message Wednesday was that the Fed was increasingly reverting to its tradition of stamping out inflationary pressures before they could endanger

an expansion that on Tuesday became the longest on record.

The Senate took up Greenspan's nomination to a fourth term Wednesday. Both parties said they expected an overwhelming vote in his favor on Thursday.

By increasing its benchmark federal funds target rate on overnight loans among banks by a quarter point Wednesday, to 5.75 percent, the central bank pushed rates above where they had been in mid-1998, when the Fed cut rates three times to help bring the global financial crisis under control. The Fed also raised its discount rate on loans to banks from the Federal Reserve system by a quarter point Wednesday, to 5.25 percent.

By raising its official short-term rates, the Fed puts upward pressure on rates paid for everything from credit cards and mortgages to business loans. Banks immediately said that they would raise their prime lending rates.

— Richard W. Stevenson *The New York Times*

### Senate Passes Wage Increase

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved a sweeping overhaul of the nation's bankruptcy laws on Wednesday, decisively passing a measure that would make it harder for people to seek legal protection from payment of their debts.

But in a move that could complicate final enactment of the legislation, it also included in the measure a \$1 increase over three years in the minimum wage to \$6.15 per hour.

Major differences still exist in the details of the bankruptcy overhaul passed on Wednesday and a rival House version approved last year. But lawmakers from both parties and Clinton administration officials expressed confidence on Wednesday that Congress can produce a compromise bankruptcy bill that Clinton can sign into law this year.

Less certain is how Democrats and Republicans will resolve their differences over the minimum wage. Democrats had

preferred that the \$1 increase be phased in over two years.

Senators voted 83-14 to approve the Bankruptcy Reform Act that was proposed by the nation's largest banks and credit card companies, but opposed by consumer and civil rights groups. One reason the outcome was so lopsided is the campaign contributions and lobbying muscle come mainly from the politically powerful financial community, concentrated in New York.

The banking industry has grown increasingly concerned that too many people with money are taking advantage of the bankruptcy laws and skipping out on mountains of debt. "Despite their ability to pay, wealthier filers walk away from an estimated \$3 billion per year in debt," said Edward L. Yingling, chief lobbyist for the American Bankers Association.

The measure imposes new income requirements on people seeking a fresh start by using the nation's debt-forgiveness laws. It

limited a loophole exploited by the wealthy to shield their homes. And the bill requires credit-card companies to disclose interest rates and fees more prominently on monthly statements.

"It was time for Congress to close the loopholes that let big spenders walk away from debts and update the code to achieve a healthier balance between consumers and creditors," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who sponsored the bill.

Negotiators from the Senate will now meet with their counterparts from the House to reconcile competing bills. Last year, the House approved, 313-108, a bill with even stricter provisions on debtors. The White House said both versions are unacceptable, calling the House version too harsh and inflexible and tax breaks attached to the minimum-wage provision in the Senate measure unacceptable.

— Eric Schmitt *The New York Times*

### Senators Press for Answers on Gene Therapy Case

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials, under pressure from Congress to explain lapses in oversight of gene therapy, acknowledged Wednesday that they could not be certain whether experiments had hastened, or caused, the deaths of patients other than the 18-year-old man who died at the University of Pennsylvania last fall.

"Most gene therapy trials are done in people with life-threatening or terminal illnesses," Dr. Jay P. Siegel, an official of the Food and Drug Administration, told a Senate subcommittee. "Patients in those trials die. It is usually not possible to make a definitive determination" about what role gene therapy played in the deaths.

Siegel made his remarks at a three-and-a-half-hour hearing before the Subcommittee on

Public Health that covered a range of topics, from whether scientists had been truthful in informing patients about the risks of gene therapy, to why the FDA and the National Institutes of Health had not shared information with one another. The two agencies monitor the research.

At the conclusion, Sen. Bill Frist, the Tennessee Republican who is chairman of the subcommittee, declared that the system for protecting patients was broken. "It's a multisystem failure," Frist said.

Among those testifying Wednesday was Paul Gelsinger, the father of Jesse Gelsinger, 18, whose death on Sept. 17 has been the only one, as far as government officials know, directly attributable to gene therapy. Gelsinger, who not long ago defended the Pennsylvania

researchers as "ethical men," said he now feels he had been naive to have trusted them.

He called for an independent patients' advocate to be present at discussions when risks are explained to patients considering taking part in experiments. He also attacked the influence of money from biotech companies in the race to making gene therapy work.

Gelsinger described the death of his son as "an avoidable tragedy from which I will never recover."

On Jan. 21, the FDA shut down all gene therapy experiments at the University of Pennsylvania, citing "numerous deficiencies" in the way the clinical trial was run, including serious lapses in informed consent. — Sheryl Gay Stolberg *The New York Times*

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## NASA: Team will fly to Houston later this month

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Johnson Space Center guidelines. This proposal is then judged on its scientific merit and outreach content. After being selected, the teams are given three months to build their experiment and the opportunity to run their experiment aboard NASA's KC-135A reduced flight gravity aircraft.

The team will fly to Houston at the end of this month where they will spend two weeks testing their experiment on a NASA KC-135A plane, which simulates a low-gravity environment.

The first week will consist of pre-flight training, designed to make sure that each individual on the team is mentally, physically and emotionally prepared for the flight. During the second week, the team will fly on the aircraft in groups of two.

Abbi, a third-year Revelle student, said the actual flight, which is often referred to by NASA workers as the "vomit comet" will prove to be an interesting experience for all four team members.

"Basically, everyone who has flown on this aircraft for the first time has emptied out their stomach," Abbi said. "Therefore, the flight should be a very interesting experience for all of us."

For participating students, this program presents an opportunity to gain real-world experience. König, a fourth-year Warren student, said he was thrilled when notified that the team's proposal was accepted.

"Participating in this program will give us the chance to meet many interesting people, as well as assist us in our relations with our professors at UCSD," König said.

Patel, a third-year Warren student, said he is also looking forward to the team's trip to Houston.

"This is one of the only experiences where we will be able to conduct this type of experiment by completing all of the research with virtually no guidance," he said. "By allowing us to complete the experiment on our own, we are sure to have a very hands-on experience."

Although already accepted into the program, the team must raise their own funding for their experiment as well as travel expenses for the two weeks they will spend in Houston. With a budget exceeding \$7,000, the team is attempting to earn money from the California Space Institute, a multi-campus research unit that is directly connected with NASA.

"This experience will provide us with the chance to do something that not many people are given the opportunity to do," Abbi said. "We hope to educate people of all ages about our experiment after we return."

## SCHILLER: Professor retired from UCSD at the age of 70

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ential outside of the American academic realm.

"Herbert Schiller was a media intellectual on a global scale," stated Kaarle Nordenstreng, Finnish scholar and president of the International Association for Mass Media Research. "His ideas traveled well in the divided world of the East, West and South."

Schiller's work was important in defining the position of the critics of Western media industries during the 1970s, when sharp debate arose in UNESCO and other forums over issues of cultural imperialism.

Schiller was born in 1919 in New York City to Benjamin Schiller and his wife Gertrude Perner. He grew up in the Washington Heights section of northern Manhattan, and attended DeWitt Clinton High School and City College of New York.

Schiller retired in 1990 at age 70. He is survived by his wife Anita of La Jolla and two sons, Dan of Del Mar and Zach of Cleveland, Ohio as well as two grandchildren.

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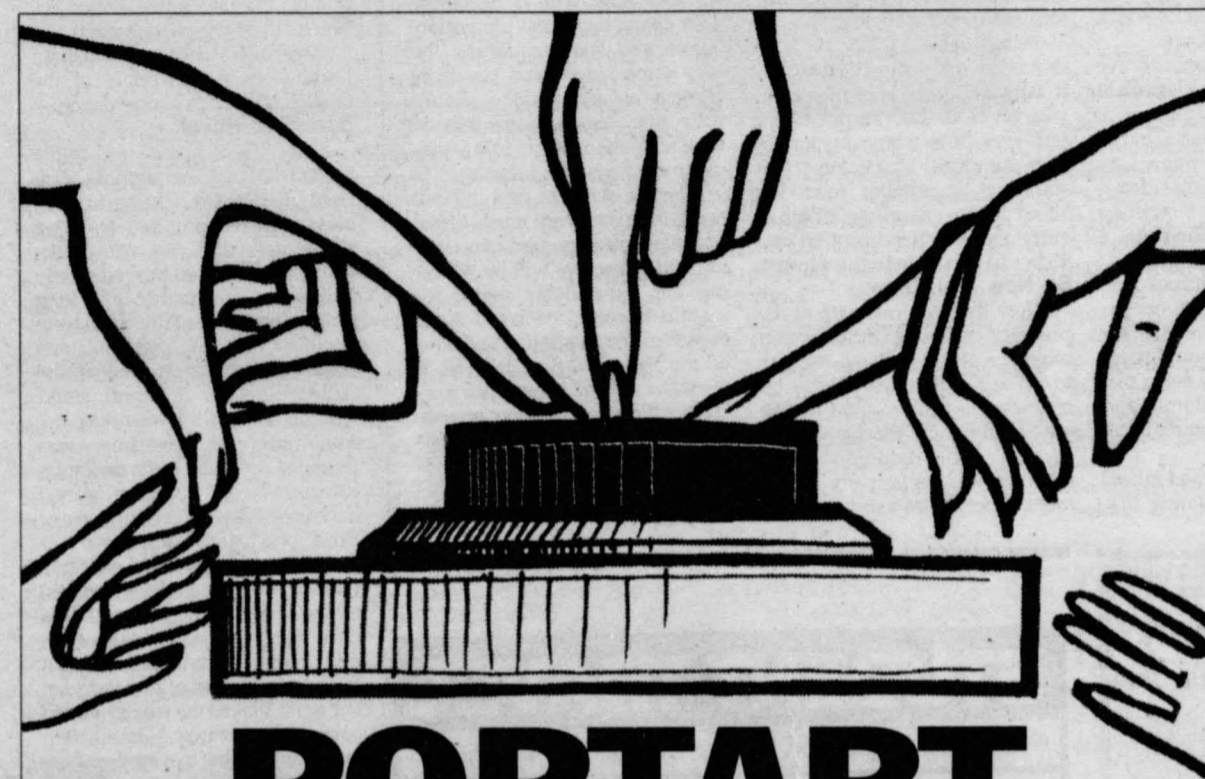
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## Pre-pubescent girls are taking over MTV

Perhaps you're familiar with MTV's Total Request Live (screaming fans line up on the streets of New York, holding up signs professing of love to the host Carson Daly whichever Backstreet boy is in the studio that day). It's not entirely a bad idea, giving your average Joe the ability to control 90 minutes of air time.

Unfortunately, girls between the ages of 10 and 15 are controlling the programming. This is not a fair representation. We do not all enjoy this music. Granted, some of you might enjoy the masochistic participation in what I like to refer to as the "Poptart culture," but I personally like to see real videos made by real musicians.

TRL has distressed me so much that I want to encourage the viewing public to stop being so apathetic over video rotation. Spare viewers over the age of 16 from four weeks straight of Backstreet's "Larger than Life" being played at number one. It's time to take matters into your own hands. It's time to start voting for the good music. It's time to grow up.

You are probably wondering how to become an active member of the music voting community. You must follow one simple rule:

Start requesting responsibly. Thoughtful requesting leads to satisfying rotation (and music that not only your 13-year-old sister can enjoy). Here are four general guidelines on how to eliminate the evil trend of the Poptart culture:  
**Know Generation Poptart, Fear Generation Poptart**

We are standing knee deep in a flaky, frosting-coated revolution. Pop music has exploded. We are unable to go anywhere without it looming over our heads. It's impossible to watch television or go to the mall without pop culture taking over our traip of thought.

Pop music is back in a big way and being used as a marketing tool. Poptart culture is drawing people to conformity by disguising it as a popularity club. It's a plot against mankind. It's clear that radio stations and MTV are bribed to rotate through only 10 songs at a time. The same songs over and over and over.

Sometimes it's just one song over and over and over, but on different stations. Conformity has gone surround sound. Santana's comeback with "Smooth" has erased all other songs by being played on simultaneous broadcast. One afternoon that song was playing on two radio stations plus MTV

all at the same time.

People must have been brainwashed. The Poptart culture is being fueled by the request system. People are actually being fooled into liking this kind of music and asking for more.

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Let's make a prerequisite for bands: it actually has to be a band in order to be considered one. People who can play instruments. People without head-mounted microphones and matching track outfits.

Each and every one of the current 10 boy groups should die. The only thing different between all these boy bands is the fact that they have different names.

Every one of these groups consists one of the following members: "the blond one," "the cute one," "the tall, dark and handsome one," "the ugly outcast that none of the girls like," and finally "the one that wears strange clothing, funky hats or colored hair extensions."

Any groups containing these five members should be eliminated from the industry.  
**Hotness is Not a Degree of Talent**

MTV is driven by one thing:

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Story by Kristin Withers, Contributing Hiatus Writer



## Chicago Comes to the Guardian

Chicago's Next Dance Festival merges art and technology

By HANNAH GRIFFITH  
Staff Writer

Some may wonder why the *Guardian* would review a dance performance that happened in Chicago. The answer is: for the same reason that newspapers publish articles about political upheavals in far-away places. What is true in politics is true across the spectrum of human experiences, the arts included: The ripples of what happens in other places will eventually reach us here in San Diego.

Chicago's Next Dance Festival 2000 can be hailed as a good example for dance communities around the nation. The festival is a performance opportunity for emerging or risk-taking choreographers, and presents fifteen artists in 11 performances over three weekends.

Such support for the arts speaks well of any city, and such organization and support among artists speaks well of them. To have a festival the scope of *Next Dance* is a goal worth emulating.

**The Performance**

Unique light and video-related effects, strange costumes, drama, humor and straightforward dancing all had their place in *Next Dance*. The evening began and ended with humorous dances, passing through, among others, the dark drama of "Through Night as Long as Rain ..." by The Dance COLective and the cute yet surprisingly insightful, "American Girls" of Paula Frasz.

The most innovative pieces on the program were those of the Breakbone Dance Company, which used camcorders and lighting tricks to achieve spectacular visual effects in "Woe" and "A Day in the Life of Gauche Mann, Belgian Cartoon Solo-Artist." This latter piece, the first in the program, was more of a performance art piece than a dance. A video of a quirky character dressed entirely in a yellow body-suit — head, face and hands included — waking up and leaving his apartment was projected onto the scrim by a projector near the front of the theatre.

The scene cut to Mann entering the front door of the Athenium Theatre, coming down the same hallway that the audience had just walked in from themselves. Video projection met reality as the door to the theatre opened and a pink-haired camara-woman backed down the aisle, followed by a yellow-suited form. The "Belgian cartoon artist" capered around innocently in the audience, then climbed on stage and pretended to be an amateur imitating dance moves and jumps. The only apparent source of illumination on stage was from the larger-than-life video projection.

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### MTV: Cable station driven by lusty, pre-teen girls

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lusting pre-pubescent girls. If these fem-bobbers aren't requesting the videos, they're starring in them. The average age of the music industry's artists has dropped to 17 in the last six months.

Britney Spears is becoming the Grand Marshall in parades across America and is currently being pursued by Prince William of Wales. Christina Aguilera is telling us what she wants when she hasn't even been outside of the Mickey Mouse Club long enough to be legal. Mandy Moore has boy groupies twice her age. Even Tiffany has been reported to make a comeback this year.

Here is the main concern for where TRL stands: Why should 14-year-old girls have more passion about musical choice than everyone else in the world? TRL is playing the top 10 most-listened-after groups, not the best music.

The proof of this shows up in the live audience requests: "Hi my name is Michelle, and I'm from Ann Arbor MI, and I requested N'SYNC's Tearing up my Heart"

because they tear up my heart, baby! I love N'SYNC! Woohoo!" What matters here is that videos are being played and replayed because of eye-pleasing teen idols. No one says they request the song because they like it. Just because Britney looks good in a tube top is no reason to make her the best new artist of 1999.

**The Daily Rock Star — Carson**  
That isn't saying much, since half of the male population thinks that the TRL host is a poser and pretty much hates him for being the tool who got his hands on Jennifer Love Hewitt. But let's face it, most of us watch the show for Carson Daly.

He is a fearless leader, brave enough to stand up to his neck-in-middle-school madness for a daily dose of 90 minutes. That in itself makes the man huge. Last month the TRL host shot down folk singer Jewel for remarking on his nail polish, calling him a "rock star" condescendingly.

Carson is more of a rock icon than anyone appearing on the top 10 of the day. Perhaps for you to realize this, I should point out the difference between a real rock star and the glamorized embodiment who Poptarts think rock stars should be.

In order to choose good music, we need to stop assuming that

music is good because of the artist's status. Record sales indicate nothing. It's time to praise the avant-garde, to get excited about music that has never been done before. (There are ways to make music enjoyable without sampling every single on your hit list, Puffy.)

It is far more difficult to produce an entire album that can keep a fan's attention than popping out a single hit. It's called talent. Being a rock star is a three-fold responsibility: The artist/group must have the ability to produce more than one album, have equal greatness in live and recorded performances and charisma.

Achieving rock star recognition is the mastering of presence. It isn't about how many votes you get from the pre-pubescent public or how many days a 15-year-old from Maine kept you standing at number four. It's about being charming, original, witty and able to admit that you didn't have a date to the prom.

**So Now You Know**  
Now that you're aware of the presence of Poptart culture, you might be afraid that it's too late to make a difference. This is by no means a time to give in. We are standing on the brink of a societal breakdown, and whether you support my movement or not, at least my concerns

have been brought to the table. We've all suffered moments where our reality is intersected by the evils of flaky music. Maybe you've caught your roommate listening to the same music you heard at Club A last weekend. Maybe you've defended which boy band would look best dancing in dresses, or taken a moment to decide which one of your friends would make the best new Spice Girl. But have you once thought that something might be wrong here? Have you considered that Poptarts might be taking over the world?

How long will it be before your joking turns into promotion, before you start requesting the very same videos that you once cringed at? That alone should scare you, should force you to rebel and take action before things really do slip beyond repair.

The fate of TRL is probably not going to change very much. Other than new teenie-poptart fads coming and going, we will be watching the same fluffy music for months to come. We could spare ourselves the frustration and turn off the TV at 3:30 p.m., but TRL is the show we love to hate. Just realize that the world does not revolve around top 10 lists and 15-year-olds wearing crop tops. There is better music out there. Now it's just time for you to find it.

### CHICAGO: Multimedia dances are a big success

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This was all very cute, but what made the piece a worthwhile dance concert was the startling visual effect created by the fact that the performer was still being filmed. The eye received Mann's motions in triplicate: his dancing body, the video projection of him on the scrim directly behind him and his shadow in that projection. The result of this phenomenon was a stage filled with a fascinating, harmonious visual effect of the amateurish jumps of one dancer.

**Sparking Ritual**  
"Woe," which appeared in the second half of the evening, also used unorthodox lighting to great effect. A solo dancer in a sparkling silver dress and wig with wide, shiny silver ribbons moved slowly and fluidly, unafraid to take long pauses. The arms of the dress were about six feet long and contained some kind of stick so that the dancer, Sheldon B. Smith, could lean on them while standing up. This amazing costume was designed by Atalee Judy, the camerawoman from "Gauche Mann" and reportedly, the driving force of Breakbone Dance Company.

Judy, who cites Elizabeth Streb (known for her equipment pieces) as one of her main influences, was once more an indirect part of the performance. This time holding a flood light instead of a camcorder, she again played the role of wizard behind the controls, illuminating and accenting the movement of the dancer as she circled around him.

Her half-crouched compact form became part of the dance, as it was alternately half-seen behind Smith and starkly silhouetted in front of him, her spiky hair standing out. Sinking around the edges of the pool of light and shimmering movement, she created a sense of voyeurism, as if both she and the audience were watching a personal ritual, and the enigmatic, shiny character seemed to enjoy being watched.

**Roses and Stalkers**  
The sense of ritual and magic did not carry over into the Same Planet Different World's "The Needy & Nasty," the last dance, which started off with five dancers doing ballet gestures that seemed frighteningly dull after the drama and fascination of "Woe." Even their reserved black costumes seemed uninteresting.

However, it soon became happily apparent that this seeming classicism was just a backdrop for a series of comedic escapades, centered around roses. At first a single rose was displayed, tossed, coveted and kidnapped. The rose was a pretext for the dancers to follow each other, do some good partnering and stalk each other.

At one dramatic point in the music, the two men skittered briefly out of the wings, left elbows rigidly above their shoulder like a shark's fin, head turned fixedly towards the oblivious, lyrically dancing women, then immediately exited. The audience found this hilarious, but they laughed even harder when the motif was repeated later in the dance with the roles reversed, the women stalking the men.

The choreographer, Jsun Ohlberg, played with what is traditionally expected from male and female dancers. Costumed along gender lines — short-legged unitards for the two men, long skirts for the three women — the male and female dancers were impossible to mistake for each other. A large gender gap was initially reinforced by classical partnering, the large strong men lifting the smaller women. Then, however, without so much as a blip in the rest of the classicism, a man assisted his partner, one of the two smaller women, in a jump, and she turned around

## By a Thread at the Ché

Canadian indie band discusses their roots and history

By REID MONASTER  
Staff Writer

After a long road trip wherein the van's transmission blew out and where they played "Koo's Cafe" in Santa Ana until 1 a.m., Canada's By a Thread came from the Fullerton to perform at the Ché Café on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Regardless of the hectic schedule, this talented four-piece band was still upbeat, due to surprisingly excellent turnout, good responses and refreshingly interested fans at their shows.

By a Thread received a nomination for "Best New Band of 1998" by Vancouver's premier weekly *The Georgia Straight*, got signed to the well-respected Huntington Beach label Revelation Records and had their debut album, *The Last of the Daydreams*, aired on Vancouver's local radio station CFOX.

Happy (bass), Joe (drum), John (guitar, vocal and lyrics) and Sean (guitar) explained that, so far, this year's trip has been better than last year's trip to San Diego's Empire Club, where only 10 fans attended their show.

By a Thread has played numerous venues throughout the West and won the support and appreciation of many towns that they performed at.

"Our favorite California show was] at the Bottom of the Hill in San Francisco with AFI and the Nerve Agents," said Sean, followed by the band's agreement. By a Thread's favorite show of all time was a living

room show that they performed in Logan, Utah. By a Thread explained that they enjoyed the people and the response they received there. They have also performed with Ten Foot Pole, GOB and Gameface.

Long drives, little food, infrequent showers, long hours and little pay can be the back-breakers for life as a small band, but By a Thread manages to maintain a positive outlook on touring.

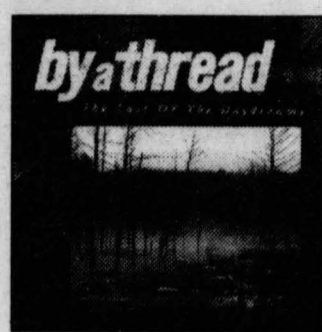
"Good shows make it worth it if your heart's in it," Sean said. "This is what we want to do right now — get our music out there."

As for success at this point, Sean added, "We have had good reviews; More and more people are showing up. It's encouraging."

By a Thread described Canada as a utopia where the police ride around on yaks and carry wooden sticks that look like guns instead of real guns. According to the band, the movie "Strange Brew" is an accurate portrayal of their homeland.

By a Thread is one of those bands (such as Face to Face, Goldfinger and Dave Matthews Band) whose performance is just as good live as on the album. Blending together brilliant vocals by lead singer John, a four-piece band and lyrics with intense depth and emotion, By a Thread has come up with a unique and powerful sound.

The intimacy and quality acoustics of the Ché Café complemented the band's sound and made for a memorable concert.



The entire playlist was good, and songs like "Surface," "A Stale Goodbye," "Crushed Beneath" and the radio-friendly song "The World to Me" were almost better live than on the album. They even played a new song "Tainted" and maintained a high level of intensity throughout the show.

The only drawback to the show was that the UCSD crowd seemed comatose by the performance. Fortunately, By a Thread delivered their show successfully, as did Bright Eyes, following their performance.

The Ché Café regularly puts on quality shows for reasonable prices and is a pretty cool place to hang out. Built to Last, The Nerve Agents, Palpatine, No Reply and In Control will be performing at the Ché Café on Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. Go to [www.che cafe.com](http://www.che cafe.com) or call 534-2311 for more information.

By a Thread went on to Las Vegas to play Sound Barrier with a brand new transmission and all. For more information on the band go to [Rev.hq.com](http://Rev.hq.com) or [byathread.vancouverhardcore.com](http://byathread.vancouverhardcore.com)

## Grub and Beats

La Jolla's Galoka provides a relaxing setting with tasty snacks and good music

By CHAKO SUZUKI  
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Sunday nights are always dreary because Monday is on the flipside, and kids are on the lookout for that one last event that they can close their weekends off with. This night can now be filled with an evening of tasty organic Indian food and DJ Mike Czech at the turntables in the restaurant Galoka.

Dinner is priced at approximately \$10 a plate and it is definitely worth every penny. Galoka has exquisite vegan and vegetarian dishes and even gives you a choice of how spicy you would like your food.

Galoka provides a relaxed atmosphere for after-study hours (the kitchen closes at 10 p.m.). Smooth jazz music plays, and refined and eccentric artwork decorates the walls. Starting at around 9:30 p.m. and going until

midnight, the bar opens and holds a small dancefloor for the b-boys and b-girls, an open mic and DJ Mike Czech, who spins strictly hip-hop from the sounds of Souls of Mischief to L.A. Symphony to A Tribe Called Quest.

The scene is intimate and the beats are off the hinges. For those that eat in the restaurant there is no cover. However, if you are coming solely for the music there is a \$3 cover. In addition to Sunday's hip-hop night, Galoka features yet another hip-hop night on Wednesday and live improvisational jazz nights Thursday through Saturday. For even more encouragement to try out Galoka, all these events are open to all ages and not too far from campus.

Galoka is located at 5662 La Jolla Blvd., in downtown La Jolla. Call 551-8610 or visit [www.metamorphcreations.com/galoka](http://www.metamorphcreations.com/galoka) for more information.

### CHICAGO: Gender role stereotypes dispelled

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and returned the favor. The motif continued as the men and women lifted each other with ease and grace, dispelling many of the stereotypes about gender roles in partnering.

The dance, like Jennifer Grisham's clean, potent "Alucy Glimpse" from earlier in the evening, made excellent, clean use of entrances and exits from the wings. Like in all the dances in the program, the dancers were both technically sound and good performers.

If the succeeding weekends measure up, it will be worth packing bags, grabbing winter coats and taking a trip to a city of real winters and great dancing.

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pharmacist; I'd buy drugs from you any day. happy birthday wishes from across the way. love, yvette. (2/4/00)

A G Happy Birthday this Sunday to the Master of Distribution, Jacob Meyberg. (2/3)

The mayor of Folsom, California resigned after being arrested for offering rock cocaine to an undercover officer in exchange for sex. Found in his possession was the book "Marion Barry's Civics For Dummies." (2/3)

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**TRADE:**  
Faulk deal put Rams over the top

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to be one of the top quarterbacks in the league. With James behind him, the Colts have a lot to look forward to for years to come. At this moment, Vegas is taking bets on next year's Super Bowl. And who are the favorites in the AFC? You guessed it, the Indianapolis Colts.  
Now, I hate the Rams and I hate Georgia Frontiere, their inept owner, even more. However, I have to give them

some credit. Acquiring Faulk was pure genius. With this bit of strategy, and a lot of luck (the Rams would not have been in the Super Bowl this year had Trent Green not broken his leg in the pre-season) they went from perennial doormats to Super Bowl champs.  
As much as it pains me to say it, the future is bright in St. Louis as well. Head Coach Dick Vermeil's retirement won't slow the Rams a bit and Kurt Warner will again lead them to a successful season next year. I guess the Colts and the Rams have proven the old economics adage that there are such things as mutual gains from trade.

**SWORDS:**  
Chicago meet proves a success

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Women's epee, usually the strongest team of the three for UCSD, posted impressive individual records against some of the best collegiate fencers in the nation.  
Hannah Griffith led the way with a 16-11 record while teammate Julia Kulla-Mader posted a record of 13-14.  
"With a full team, we would have been a real force to deal with," Lee said of the epee squad. "As it is, we have to [be content] knowing that we fenced well and can hold our own in woman-to-woman combat."

Women's foil also fielded only two fencers, but still managed to defeat two of their opponents. The team was led by Josephine Roberts, who posted a record of 18-9 on the weekend. Her record was the best of any woman fencer for UCSD.  
Lee said he was happy with the way the two members complimented each other, and also added that Roberts put herself in good position for a spot in NCAA Nationals with this performance.  
The Tritons will battle some competitors closer to home when they travel up to Santa Barbara to fence against UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, USC and fencing powerhouse Stanford. With this tough eastern competition, the Tritons plan on doing what they do best — picking on California schools and winning meets.

**VICTORY:**  
After weeks of anguish, volleyball finds success

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More blocking resulting in kills for UCSD followed as Ben Vernon showed his strength at the net. The Tritons went up 14-8, and by no surprise, Zack Hite polished off the game with a kill. Tritons two, Leopards nothing.  
The Tritons continued all of their momentum into the third game. On paper, it was their easiest game of the match, but in reality it was a hard fought battle for UCSD.  
The Tritons jumped out to a 6-0 lead and for all practical purposes, the game was in the fridge of being over.  
At this point, the whole team seemed to possess more energy on the court than

they had displayed all season long. You could see the excitement brewing in their faces as the end of the game neared. In their burning anticipation to leave RIMAC that night with a win, La Verne managed four points.  
The teams played to sideouts for nearly ten minutes. Yun and Hite then came alive as they capped a UCSD night of solid ball-movement and blocking with key hits to finish off the Leopards.  
Five Tritons scored in double digits kills in the contest with Zack Hite leading the barrage with 19. He was equally strong defensively with 11 digs.  
UCSD topped LaVerne in the kill column by only one, 75-74, but the Leopards' 35 errors to the Tritons' 15 was a major factor in the game. UCSD hopes to ride this momentum into Saturday's match against Division III rival UC Santa Cruz. Catch the match at RIMAC Arena at 7:00 p.m.

**UCSD CLUBSPORTS**

**MEN'S RUGBY**

It was an up-and-down weekend for the UCSD men's rugby team last weekend as they took on both Arizona University and Arizona State.  
In the match against the Arizona University Wildcats, UCSD experienced its first loss of the year, a heart-breaking 23-17 defeat.  
The first half was a defensive battle that saw both sides make numerous mistakes. UCSD had 12 unforced turnovers, while Arizona piled up six. Both teams also had seven penalties as the first half ended mercifully in a 0-0 tie.  
In the second half, the teams really began to heat up the action. Arizona scored the first try of the match off of a UCSD turnover and went up 5-0. After a penalty, the Wildcats were up 8-0. That is when UCSD got on the board with a try by Julio Duenas and with the conversion by Andy Wilga, UCSD was only down 8-7.  
Arizona then went on a scoring rampage, quickly recording two tries and one conversion to go up 20-7, effectively ending UCSD's hope of victory. A late try by Darren Garb and another conversion by Wilga was not enough as UCSD fell 20-17.  
"We are really disappointed that we took that loss, especially since we didn't play nearly to our potential today," team captain Brian Kennedy said. "Arizona is a really good team, but we should have been better today."  
In its second game of the weekend, UCSD took out league rival Arizona State and ran its league record to 2-1. The first half featured tries by Kennedy, Joe Schmitz and Shane Maguire as UCSD went up 17-10 at halftime.  
The second half was all Tritons as they quickly ran the score to 44-22 with tries by Ward Wilsey and Wilga. UCSD allowed two late tries but that was not nearly enough as the Sun Devils went on to win 44-34.  
"It was good to get back to winning so soon after our loss," UCSD Coach Shammus Brown said. "We still have some things to work out but we're improving each week." For most teams, one loss isn't a very big set back, but for men's rugby, losses are few and far between. National championships are the norm.  
UCSD will show how much they have improved next week when they take on UCLA in Westwood on Saturday Feb. 5.

**WOMEN'S RUGBY**

The UCSD women's rugby team knew they were in for a tough task when they took on Arizona State last Sunday. Their fears proved to be correct, because when the smoke cleared, UCSD had fallen 22-3 to the Sun Devils.  
UCSD was lead on defense by Sharan Dhanoa. Kristin King and Candace Jackman. These three took a great deal of punishment to ensure that the Sun Devils didn't pile on more points.  
On offense, Melissa Mitchell and Maho Ho were dominant forces for UCSD and Maggy Krell also had a solid contribution despite the injury she incurred during UCSD's match with the University of Arizona.  
Despite the loss, the match allowed UCSD to compete against strong teams and see where they need improvement.  
"We've never been so strong at this point in the season," Ho said. "The rookies are excellent and getting better. We know we can take this team further than it has ever been in the past."  
The team will get a chance at redemption on Sunday when it takes on Occidental College at Warren West Field at 11 a.m.

—Bill Burger

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Friday, February 4**  
Ice Hockey vs. UCD at San Diego Ice Arena, 10:15 p.m.
- Saturday, February 5**  
Sailing @ Mission Bay; All Day Sat-Sun Cycling-UCSD Grand Prix; All Day Sat-Sun Women's Lacrosse vs. USC at Pryatel Field, 1p.m.
- Sunday, January 30**  
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**UCSD INTRAMURAL SPORTS**

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**RUSS'S ROUNDUP**

It's hard to imagine, but the season is already 3 weeks old. RIMAC is busting out with hoops action almost every night of the week. So, it's time for some rankings. OK, OK, early season polls are always subject to debate, but after extensive and exhaustive investigation these are the top 5 squads from each division as reported by none other than Triton Superstar Ahmad Russ. Which means of course, if you want to see your team move up the ladder, you know who to take care of at his next ballgame, or at the pub, or at Round Table or wherever.

RANK/TEAM	RECORD	GAME OF THE WEEK
<b>Men's AAA</b>		
1 House of Hoops	2-0	The big showdown between D's Nuts and Bangboom on Sunday night at 10pm should set the table for March Madness. House of Hoops is already engraving their name on the trophy.
2 Medballers	2-0	
3 D's Nuts	3-0	
4 Bangboom	3-0	
5 Scochers	2-0	
<b>Men's AA</b>		
1 Magic 8 Ball	2-0	The Blue Demons will have their hands full with the Small Ballers next Mon @ 8pm.
2 Blue Demons	2-0	
3 Tarheels	2-0	On Sunday @ 3pm two undefeated squads, OCC and Shaft, will fire it up with the Wilt League title on the line.
4 The Rock	2-0	
5 PIA	2-0	
<b>Men's A</b>		
1 LA Outlaws	3-0	Tonight Chibi C's will host the AC Green Look Alikes at 6pm. On Sunday @ 5pm # 3 Showtime will battle the Fun Police for the Weber League's top spot.
2 Manute Bol	3-0	
3 Showtime	2-0	
4 Chibi C's	2-0	
5 Fun Police	3-0	
<b>Women's</b>		
1 CSC	3-0	The big showdown is Sunday @ 9pm. We've got the 3-on-3 champs from last quarter, ranked # 1, against Renee Chong's superstars, Reggie's Girls. Look for this one to go right down to the last shot.
2 Reggie's Girls	2-0	
3 Lakers	1-1	
4 Superstars	1-1	
5 Hot Shots	1-1	
<b>Coed</b>		
1 Karli & Cindy's Bitches	1-0	The x-Tritons should stay on top until their last league game against Roomate Lovini on March 5. Big Ballers will be tested this Sun when the Happy Ballers roll into RIMAC. Feb 17 is the big showdown for # 3 & # 5.
2 Big Ballers	2-0	
3 IM/NaTl Champs	2-0	
4 Worthless	2-0	
5 Trying to Win 6	2-0	

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It had to happen sooner than later. I mean here we are well into the new year, century, and millennium, or whatever and at some point we were going to have conduct the very first Intramural Outdoor Sport of the next 1000 years.  
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It all took place at our beautiful North Campus Field Complex north of RIMAC on another typical sunny San Diego morning.  
Two quality Men's AA squads (BOOM, BOOM DIGGY and FALCONS) from the REAL MADRID League got the honor of putting the first ball in play, and then playing lights out for the next hour. Kevin Franks of the appropriately named squad, BOOM, BOOM, DIGGY busted a first half goal past a flailing FALCON goalkeeper and the gig was on. The Boom Diggys got more help in the second half from a FALCON own goal and wound up winning 2-zip in the opener of all openers. Yah!...first outdoor game-goal-win of the mil—such history. Check back with us in another 1000 or so and we'll let you know who gets the last one.

<b>MEN'S AAA</b>	<b>COED AA</b>
1 Old Milwaukee (2-0) (10-3, goals for-against)	1 Manchester United (2-0, 11-2)
2 X-Turd Burglars (2-0) (10-2)	2 Booty Call (1-0, 8-0)
3 Bucky Balls (2-0) (5-0)	3 Stallions (2-0, 18-5)
4 Federales (1-1) (5-1)	4 Liquor Box (1-0, 8-3)
5 Flying Eagles (1-1) (6-6)	5 Jammin' (1-1, 9-13)

<b>MEN'S AA</b>	<b>COED A</b>
1 Circle of Willis (2-0, 9-1)	1 409ers (2-0, 15-2)
2 Long Balls (2-0, 6-0)	2 J.I.M. (2-0, 11-0)
3 Ouzo Power (2-0, 4-0)	3 Sock It To Me (2-0, 8-3)
4 Boom Boom Diggy (2-0, 6-0)	4 Chitters (1-0, 8-1)
5 IRPS (2-0, 9-3)	5 Deception (1-0, 10-1)

<b>MEN'S A</b>	<b>WOMEN'S AAA</b>
1 Eagles (1-0-1, 4-1)	1 Vikings (1-0, 1-0)
2 Herb Sucks (1-0-1, 5-2)	2 Strikers (1-0, 3-1)
3 Toad (1-0, 2-1)	3 Chiquitas (1-0, 3-1)
4 Team Stinky Nuts (1-0, 6-0)	
5 Propeca (1-0-1, 5-2)	

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# SPORTS



## Reality Check

Bill Burger

'The Trade' was the cause of success

There were many memories of Super Bowl XXXIV that were worth talking about. Every football fan will forever remember "the Tackle" as the Titans came within one yard of forcing the first Super Bowl overtime in history. Most people will remember "the Catch" (no, not the one by Dwight Clark) when Isaac Bruce ran in for a 73-yard touchdown to fuel the sputtering Rams to victory.

Most people, however, do not remember "the Trade."

No, there was no trade that occurred during the Super Bowl that made the outcome of the game change, but there was a trade, before the season even began, that shaped not only the fate of the Super Bowl, but the entire regular season and playoffs.

Of course, I am talking about the pre-draft trade that sent Marshall Faulk from Indianapolis to the Rams in exchange for the fourth pick in the draft. That fourth pick later became Edgerrin James, the probable choice for rookie of the year, the pro-bowler and the NFL's rushing leader.

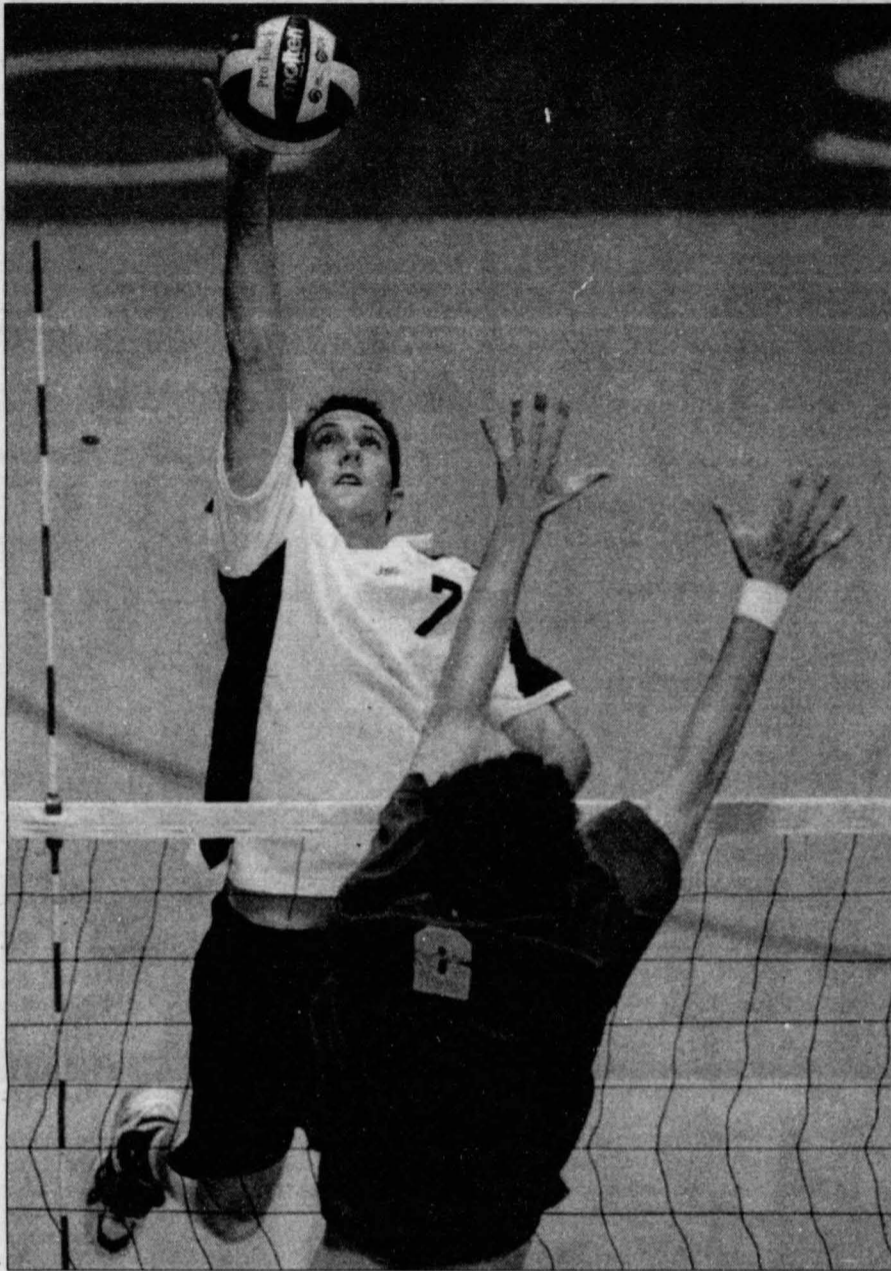
Many people would say that the Rams would have been as good with James as they are with Faulk. Many people would also say the same thing about the Colts. I disagree.

Although James and Faulk are similar kinds of backs, both of which are able to catch and run the ball, they have a few important differences.

Faulk gave Kurt Warner a mature back he could rely on. Early in the season, when Warner's superman-like qualities were not yet discovered, teams would focus on Faulk and Warner burned them for it. By the time Warner was an accepted star in the league, he had a level of confidence so high that nobody was going to stop him. Coming from a part-time grocery store box boy, Warner's confidence could have wavered, but Faulk's ability allowed him to mature into the league's MVP relatively quickly. With a rookie like James as his back, Warner would have been less confident and possibly could have crumbled under the pressure.

The Colts' lack of maturity showed through when they lost to the Titans in the playoffs. Despite their inability to make it to the big game, they also were winners in this trade. The Colts have the youngest team in the league and three legitimate superstars on offense that are extremely young. Peyton Manning, in only his second year, showed himself

See **TRADE**, Page 14



Lisa Huff/Guardian

**Over the top:** Zack Hite (7) hits over an opponent in UCSD's match against USC. The Tritons' victory over La Verne was its second of the season.

## Volleyball Mauls Divisional Rivals

**DOMINANCE:** After a depressing string of losses to Division I opponents, the Tritons destroy La Verne University

By **BRIAN WELLES**

Associate Sports Editor

Well volleyball fans, your Tritons have come up with something special. A win in a game. Three games! A match victory! UCSD did it the easy way by dismantling the University of La Verne Leopards in three straight games 15-11, 15-9, 15-6.

The Leopards themselves had been suffering a slump by not winning a single game in the first six matches of their season. The Tritons succeeded in exacerbating the Leopard sense of loss with the sweep. The loss for La Verne made their record a dismal 0-7, while UCSD is now 2-5.

It wasn't all fun and games for the Tritons in the first game. Both teams battled to tie the score at 4 early on.

La Verne seemed to be winning the match at an emotional level, as the Leopards had their share of mid-court screams and congratulatory gestures after burying some big points on the Tritons.

Both teams committed a lot of hitting errors and violations which slowed down the flow of the game greatly. Both teams' games appeared strong at these stages of the match, but it was UCSD's exploitation of La Verne's middle which gave the Tritons the victory in the game.

Also, the Tritons made the presence of their blocking on the right side of the net felt right from the beginning.

It was the duo of Jordan Hove and Earnest Yun that especially kept the Leopards offense in their cage. Yun contributed to the Triton effort defensively with eleven blocking attempts in the match.

With the score 14-11 in favor of the Tritons, La Verne hit the ball long on the attack and UCSD took the game 15-11. UCSD had captured its first winning experience at home this year.

Donald Chen led off the second game with a kill to make it 1-0 Tritons. By this point in the game, LaVerne was on its heels and having to defend more than their talent would allow. The Tritons had the Leopards diving for balls on rallies created by the Tritons. Zack Hite also provided a spark on offense with a huge block for a point on the left side and it was 5-3 UCSD. The teams then played to a series of sideouts. LaVerne tied the game at six when Leopard middle Nate Silva smashed the ball just inside the line. Hove and Yun continued their blocking magic into this game, but half-way through, LaVerne was still hanging tough at 7-7.

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## Fencers Slice Foes in Chicago

**EN GARDE:** Despite not fielding full teams, UCSD's fencing squad does well in Midwest

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The UCSD fencing team had its Super Bowl Jan. 21st through 23rd, when it traveled to Chicago for the Northwestern Invitational.

This tournament was once a UCSD staple, but this is the first time the Tritons have participated in it in many years.

"We simply had to have exposure to eastern United States competition," Head Coach Stuart Lee said. "This kind of experience is invaluable to our fencers."

Because funding was low, the Tritons were unable to fly a full team to Chicago, yet they still had an impressive showing.

The men's team, which was only short one fencer, went 4-5 on the weekend and had two losses by only one bout.

"Given that we forfeited three bouts to every team, I am very impressed with our results," Lee said. "Had we a full complement, I believe we could have very possibly [been] looking at a 6-3 record."

Given that many of their competitors received scholarships to eastern schools for fencing, that is very impressive.

The men's saberists, led by Tedd Padgitt, compiled the best record of any group at 6-3. Craig Johnson and Andrew Anfora were also up to the task as the team showed that they are a national force.

"Andrew improves with every competition," Lee said of his sophomore team member. "He matched Craig victory for victory and was the key to several squad wins over the weekend."

The men's epee team went 5-4 during the weekend. The team was led by Min An, who posted an impressive 16-11 record against stiff competition. Freshmen sensations Shawn Pfiel and Mike Davis-Allen both ended the weekend with 14-13 records.

The men's foil squad only fielded two competitors, sophomore Wes Bellanca and last year's rookie of the year Jackie Hunt. Bellanca posted an incredible 23-4 record on the weekend and was undefeated against six of the nine schools he fenced against. Bellanca and Hunt were able to defeat three schools even though they were forfeiting a third of the bouts. If third team member Jackie Ngo had been able to attend the meet, things might have been very different.

"It's extremely difficult to win a nine-bout match when you forfeit three bouts going in," Lee said. "Had Jackie been at Chicago, I dare say men's foil would have gone 8-1 or 7-2 at this meet."

The women's team only fielded five fencers for nine spots, but their individual records were very impressive.

At women's saber, Jessica Spuehler fenced alone and posted a 10-15 record.

"This meet was key for Jess," Lee said. "I am astounded at how she has risen to a competitive level so quickly."

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