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Turkish Study Finds That Torture of Prisoners is a Widespread Practice

ISTANBUL — When a harsh report asserting that torture is widespread in Turkey was released last week, the surprise was not just the amount of damning evidence it contained, but also the source.

The report was the work of the parliamentary committee on human rights, not a private advocacy group.

For years, Turkish leaders have sought to downplay accusations that torture is widely practiced here. That will be harder now.

The report contains transcripts

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National

Political Memo: Is Bush Overplaying His Ignorance Too Much?

AUSTIN, Texas — In the annals of political hucksterism, it will undoubtedly go down as one of the strangest pitches ever made.

Selling Gov. George W. Bush of Texas to the voters at a rally in Albuquerque, N.M., this past week, Gov. Gary Johnson of New Mexico recounted a conversation that he and Bush had once had about the speakers at a conference of state leaders.

"George turns to me," Johnson recalled, "and says,

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Collegiate

Jury Advises Life in Prison for Former UC Berkeley Student

BERKELEY, Calif. — Nearly three weeks after he was found guilty on three counts of first-degree murder, a jury this week recommended former UC Berkeley student Michael Singh spend life in prison rather than die by lethal injection.

Singh, 25, was convicted May 9 of killing his ex-girlfriend Rhoshima Pippins, her unborn child and the couple's seven-month-old son. The December 1996 slaying took place in the

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Spoken

"This is the first time in all the years I've been here I can remember somebody pulling something like this off."

— Douglas O'Dell

UCSD Police Detective

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Concrete Schoolyard



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Harmony: Akil of Jurassic 5, an underground hip hop group, performs in Price Center Plaza Friday night. A review of the concert will appear in Thursday's Hiatus section.

Student Falls Victim to Scam

Female suspect allegedly uses child as an accomplice in theft of student theft and makes \$2,000 in fraudulent credit card charges

By **REBECCA WOOD**

Staff Writer

A woman and child allegedly stole a student's money and wallet in a scam operation last Monday.

The 29-year-old female student, was approached by the woman and child around 4 p.m. in Lot 206. According to police, the suspect told the student her daughter had just received treatment at Scripps Hospital and they needed a ride to their home in Chula Vista. The student agreed to take the woman and child home.

According to the police report, the woman sat in the front passenger seat, and the child sat in the back seat. Police suspect that during the ride, the child stole the student's wallet and money from her purse, which was on the floor in the back seat. The loss was approximately \$20.

The victim noticed her wallet was stolen when she stopped at a gas station after dropping off the passengers. When she tried to cancel her credit cards, \$2,000 in fraudulent charges had been made.

"The woman worked pretty quickly," said UCSD Detective Douglas O'Dell.

Police described the woman as African American, in her early 30s, 5'7" and weighing 170 pounds. She had shoulder-length, red-streaked black hair worn in a ponytail. She was wearing denim overalls, a dark blue sweatshirt and a jacket. She told the victim her name was Christy and that the child's name was Denisha. The child is described as being around eight or nine years old.

O'Dell said the child was an "unwitting partner" in the crime.

"The suspect is using the eight-year-old as a

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UCSD Receives Award for Triton Taxi Service

A.S. Council's program gets gift in recognition of efforts to cut down on drunk driving

By **REBECCA WOOD**

Staff Writer

UCSD received a \$1,000 College and University Drinking and Driving Prevention Award last month for the A.S. Triton Taxi program.

The annual award was presented by the Automobile Club of Southern California and Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention. The award recognizes colleges and universities in Southern California that reduce campus drinking and driving, and control campus alcohol and other drug use.

UCSD won the same award in 1998 for a student-run program that emphasized reducing driving under the influence, increasing the knowledge and practice of responsible beverage service, and implementing integrated and consistent campus alcohol policies.

The Triton Taxi program began in fall '99, modeled after a UC Davis program called "Tippy Taxi." Matt Conroy, A.S. commissioner of services and enterprises for 2000-2001 and director of Triton Taxi, said the program at UCSD has been very successful and effective so far.

"Functionally, it's the same as Davis', except it's free here," Conroy said.

The free taxi service is available to undergraduate students on Friday and Saturday evenings from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. during the academic school year, not including summer, winter or spring breaks. Students are limited to one, one-way ride per evening within 10 miles of the campus.

"We chose to implement a safe rides program," Conroy stated, "because it seemed like the most direct way to keep students who have been drinking out of their cars and provide them with an alternative to unsafe or uncomfortable situations."

Conroy said the program will be expanded and more utilities will be available next year.

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Physicists Find Way to Detect Solar Disruptions

Researchers create computer program to solve problems attributed to the disturbance phenomenon

By **VINCENT GRAGNANI**

News Editor

Physicists at UCSD and Japan's Nagaoya University have developed technology that will help space-weather forecasters predict solar disruptions on Earth. Solar disruptions can interrupt satellite communications, produce disruptive surges in power grids and increase radiation exposure to airplane passengers.

The technology consists of three-dimensional images of magnetic storms from the sun and

comes at a time when the sun is moving into the most active period of its 11-year cycle.

Large magnetic storms are produced by energetic solar eruptions known as solar flares, which consist of giant clouds of energetic electrons and strong magnetic fields traveling from the sun at up to 2 million mph.

For years, space-weather forecasters issued warnings of these storms whenever they detected a solar flare near the sun. However, because they could not see the mass ejection traveling through

space, they could not tell with any certainty whether it would affect the Earth when it arrived four days later, or whether it would totally bypass the planet.

Bernard Jackson, a solar physicist at UCSD's Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences, said the new technology will dramatically improve the forecasting of solar flares, also known as coronal mass ejections.

"We are now at the stage where weather forecasting on global scales was 30 years ago, when satellites first became available," he

said. "We discovered then that we could see hurricanes really well from a satellite and could tell what direction they were going in and could watch them over time to predict where they were going to make landfall. We're now at the same point with coronal mass ejections."

The physicists have used a network of four radio telescopes in Japan to develop a method of predicting the movements of geomagnetic storms in the region between

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Scam:

Woman tries to convince students to give her a ride

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tool to commit crime," O'Dell said. "Whether the child has any concept of what she is doing is wrong ... I don't have any idea."

O'Dell said scams are uncommon on campus, and he has not heard of a scam this sophisticated occurring.

"This is the first time in all the years I've been here I can remember somebody pulling something like this off," O'Dell said. The victim later learned from a male friend, also a UCSD student, that he was approached by a woman and child of similar description on May 15 around 5:45 p.m. in Lot 306. The woman told the male student the same story about her child and her need for a ride. After the student refused to provide the ride, the woman asked for \$11 each for bus fare.

Police would not release the name of the students.

The student gave the woman \$30 and his phone number and address so that she could repay him. As of last Friday, he had not been repaid.

O'Dell said he suspects it is the same person involved in both cases, although he has not heard of any similar incidents in the San Diego area.

"If she can't convince someone to get a ride, she panhandles," O'Dell said.

O'Dell said the UCSD campus has probably been selected for this scam because it is an area where there are a lot of people during the day and a lot of movement. He added that scam artists may "target younger people who would be more inclined to help somebody who was down on their lot."

Anyone who is approached by someone of this description or who has information about this crime should contact O'Dell at UCSD Police by calling 534-4357. Emergency call boxes in parking lots may also be used.

Solar:

Computer program helps predict solar forecast

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Earth and the sun. By focusing the telescopes on powerful sources of natural radio emissions in the universe, the physicists can infer the location of these storms from the intensity fluctuations, or scintillation, that they produce in the radio sources.

The scientists can detect the direction and velocity of the storms by measuring precisely when a particular fluctuation reaches each of the four telescopes.

"If you have four radio telescopes not too far apart, then you can correlate the time the scintillation pattern goes from one telescope to the other," Jackson said. "That allows you to say how fast the material is moving."

Combining all the information into a computer program, the scientists produce a three-dimensional picture of the region between the sun and Earth.

The information is then sent to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Environment Center in Boulder, Colo., which provides forecasts and warnings of space-weather disturbances.

Jackson added that the accuracy of the forecasts will once again improve dramatically when a U.S. Air Force satellite is launched in December 2001, carrying an instrument that will take direct pictures of the mass ejections between the sun and the Earth. "We'll get a thousand times more data from the Solar Mass Ejection Imager and we'll be able to resolve these things by an order of a magnitude better," Jackson said.

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LIFE IN HELL

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A grid of 24 cartoon panels with various questions and instructions for a 'fun test' about life expectancy. Questions include 'If you work behind a desk, subtract 2', 'If you are ever even thought about going to graduate school, subtract 2', 'If you are impressed by rock stars who pout, subtract 2', etc. The final result is 'VOILA!! YOUR SCORE AT THIS POINT IS HOW LONG YOU HAVE TO LIVE. Have a nice day.'

BRIEFLY

Spring Crafts Sale to Offer One-of-a-Kind Items Next Week at UCSD

The annual spring crafts sale, featuring ceramics, blown glass and jewelry, will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Crafts Center.

The one-of-a-kind items are created by UCSD faculty members, students and independent artists. The glass and ceramic work runs the gamut from functional ware, such as bottles, vases, plates and bowls, to more nontraditional, sculptural forms. The jewelry items are cast and constructed from a variety of precious metals and adorned with beads and semiprecious stones.

More than 40 crafts persons will be represented. All work will be for sale.

The Crafts Center at UCSD offers a wide range of classes — taught by some of San Diego's top artists and crafts persons — in everything from glass, clay and jewelry to weaving, photography, graphics and metal work.

For more information about the sale or the Crafts Center, call 534-2021, or visit the Web site at www.crafts.ucsd.edu

Women's Health Seminar to Focus on Sports Injuries

"Sports Injuries in Women" is the topic of the next UCSD Healthcare women's health seminar, to be presented by Robert Pedowitz, associate professor of orthopaedics and chief of the division of sports medicine. The seminar will be on Thursday, June 15 at 6 p.m. at the Center for Molecular Genetics large conference room on the School of Medicine campus.

Pedowitz, a specialist in the surgical and non-surgical treatment of athletic injuries, will examine the nature of injuries that plague female athletes. He will review the diagnosis and treatment of serious athletic injuries, and give guidelines for treating minor injuries and identifying "red flags" that indicate immediate need of a physician's attention.

The seminar will be preceded by refreshments at 5:30 p.m. For information and reservations, call (619) 543-6960 or e-mail vtunnell@ucsd.edu

Revelle Banquet Honors Outstanding Undergraduates

Revelle College honored its academically outstanding students Friday night at the Faculty Club with its annual Honors Banquet. Over 200 students attended and were recognized by 40 faculty members and the college staff. Charles Kennel, vice chancellor of Marine Science and head of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, gave the featured talk, stressing the commitment of the college's founder, Roger Revelle, to the pursuit of science in the public interest.

The college's seniors honored biology Professor Paul Price and humanities Professor Todd Kontje with outstanding teacher awards. Three seniors also spoke, led by Rambod Amirnovin, UCSD's top molecular biology graduate and recipient of the Alumni Association outstanding senior award. Sacha Lewis spoke as the outstanding transfer student who was graduating, as did Leena Shankar, one of four recipients of the college's outstanding academic and leadership award.

The other three winners, Faith Fluegge, Laura Ann Hardaker and Kien Vuu were also recognized. Melissa Przeklasa was recognized for both her excellent academic record and service to the college. Eight students receiving departmental awards at graduation were announced and the college recognized three more, Sean Clayton in economics and political science, Ryan Lowe in mechanical engineering and Roland Roeder in mathematics.

Finally, in what has become the highlight of the event, sophomore Andrea Mann was awarded the Chris Norris award and scholarship as this year's outstanding student in the college's humanities program.

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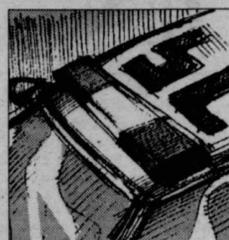
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\$675.

Wednesday, May 31 8:50 a.m.: Officers arrested a 20-year-old student in Lot 206 for misuse of a disabled placard. Cited and released.

12:31 p.m.: Officers arrested a 29-year-old nonaffiliate at the UCSD Bookstore for petty theft. Cited and released.

4:00 p.m.: Officers impounded a gold '95 Honda Accord from Lot 406 for an alarm sounding for over 20 minutes. Stored at Star Towing.

6:30 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a bicycle seat from the Solis Hall bike racks. Loss: \$115.

Thursday, June 1 7:51 a.m.: A staff member reported a burglary to Scripps Institute Oceanography. Loss: \$50.

5:18 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a carpet extractor from Argo Hall. Loss:

8:29 p.m.: A student reported the theft of an identification card from Geisel Library. No loss.

Friday, June 2

2:41 a.m.: Officers towed an '87 Suzuki Samurai from 3200 La Jolla Village Drive for having an expired registration for over six months. Stored at Star Towing.

2:30 p.m.: Officers arrested a 15-year-old nonaffiliate for petty theft at the UCSD Bookstore. Released to parent.

3:53 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a day planner from the Chemistry Research Building. Loss: \$25.

7:25 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a wallet from

the third floor of the Literature Building. Wallet later recovered at the Price Center. No loss.

Saturday, June 3

1:28 a.m.: A student reported receiving annoying phone calls at Pepper Canyon.

2:21 p.m.: Units and paramedics responded to a nonaffiliate suffering from a stroke at RIMAC. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.

2:57 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a wallet from room 2878 of Applied Physics and Mathematics building. Loss: \$35.

4:22 p.m.: A staff member reported a burglary to Medical Teaching Facility room 345. Loss: \$1700.

Sunday, June 4

12:01 a.m.: Officers towed a silver '80 Toyota Corona from Gilman Dr. south of Voigt Drive for being a road hazard. Stored at Star Towing.

12:20 a.m.: A student reported the theft of laundry from the Pepper Canyon laundry room. Loss: \$50.

— Compiled by Lauren Coartney Staff Writer

Berkeley:

Singh is prepared to appeal ruling if necessary

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parking lot of a Hayward, Calif. Safeway.

William Linehan, Singh's lawyer, said yesterday his client would appeal the ruling after his

Aug. 8 sentencing date. Although the judge can overrule the jury's recommendation and sentence Singh to the death penalty, Linehan said that is very unlikely.

Deputy District Attorney Stuart Hing, who prosecuted Singh, is on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Singh shot Pippins, 22, once in the back of her head, and their son, Michael Glass, twice in the head

and once in the chest. Police reported finding the two victims dead in their still-running car. Pippins had gone to the store to buy milk for her infant son and was still wearing her seat belt.

Singh and Pippins met at the West Berkeley branch of Wells Fargo Bank, where he was an employee.

— Daily Californian

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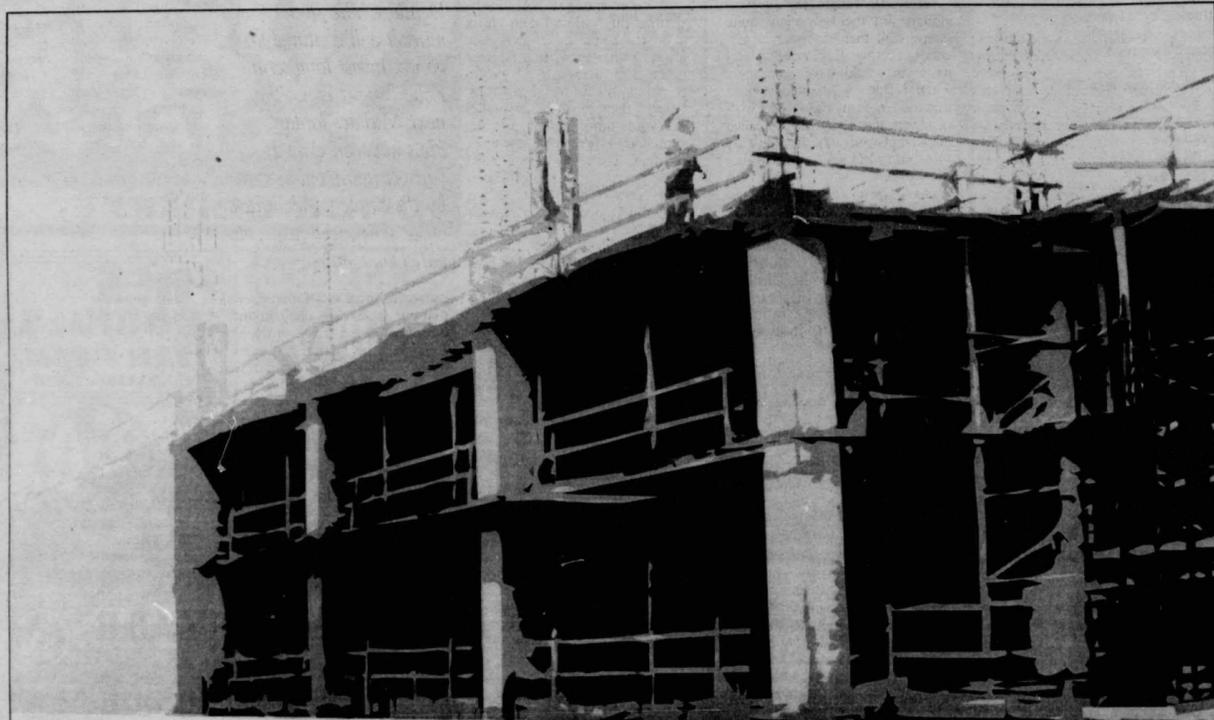
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OPINION



Sky Frostenson/Guardian

Growing Pains

Loss of spots in the process of parking lot constructions at UCSD will exacerbate the current lack of parking that plagues commuters and noncommuters alike

By KEVIN SEID
Senior Staff Writer

Parking at UCSD has always been a nightmare. Students scour the parking lots daily looking for that rare empty spot. All the student spaces around the center of campus are gone before mid-morning, and many students become frustrated because they are forced to park far from their classes.

The problem has been compounded during the current school year with the destruction of several lots to make way for the parking structures on North Torrey Pines Road and Gilman Drive. A new parking lot west of Regents Road was built to help offset the loss. This meant that parking became less convenient for many commuters.

Parking will get even worse this fall. First, the faculty lot between Pacific Hall and Plaza Cafe will be destroyed to make room for the new Natural Sciences building. Second, construction of the new Roosevelt campus will begin on what is now North Parking. Finally, the opening of the North Torrey Pines parking structure has been delayed until February 2001 at least.

At first glance, the destruction of the faculty lot between Plaza Cafe and Pacific Hall may not seem pertinent to students. The current plan, however, is

to relocate all 149 "A" parking spaces to the lots south of Revelle College. This would displace many "S" spaces in that area. As a result, most of these spaces would be grabbed by Revelle residents. There will be little room for commuters who want to park near York Hall, Galbraith Hall or the dance studios.

The North Torrey Pines parking structure was scheduled to open in the fall. Construction delays have pushed the opening to next winter quarter. Meanwhile, construction of the new Roosevelt campus in the fall will displace about 970 "S" spaces in North Parking.

The original plan was to have the opening of the North Torrey Pines parking structure coincide with the groundbreaking of the new campus. Because the structure is designed to hold about 970 spaces, it would have effectively been a net zero gain. Now, with the delay, there will be a major loss in the number of spaces in the north campus area.

There will be more "S" spaces created before school starts in the fall. When the Gilman parking structure is completed in September, of the 860 total spots, about 311 will be student spaces. In addition, another 212 "S" spaces will be created in the Regents Road Lot.

These additions, however, will not help commuters who want convenient

parking. For one, residents will be allowed to park in the Gilman structure, and consequently, commuters will be forced to park elsewhere as well. The additions to the Regents Road Lot will just increase the capacity of an undesirable place to park.

Thus, more commuters will be forced to find space in East Parking and the Regents Road Lot. Many students hate parking in these lots, however. The only way to get to class from there is either to take a shuttle or hike. The shuttle is the first choice for many, but this can be frustrating. First, there are considerable delays between shuttles, and second, they tend to fill up so quickly during peak hours that many students are forced to wait in long lines for the next one. Most students are unwilling to take the mile-long hike to the Price Center. Despite the wait, it would be faster for them to get to class if they continued to wait for the shuttle.

The A.S. Council has been working on a number of proposals to help alleviate parking difficulties.

One controversial plan would ban all UCSD residents from parking on campus. Of course, there would be an appeals process for those residents who have off-campus jobs responsibilities.

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Freshman Year Proves Disastrous for Students

End of the first year traumatizes UCSD students

By DIVYA RUNCHAL
Columnist

The end of this academic year brings me to tears: tears of joy. Thank God there will be no more tests, papers and mundane lectures by boring professors. Perhaps it would not be wise for me to be so cynical. After all, some of my TAs might read this before grading my final exams.

Maybe school isn't that bad. I mean, one-and-a-half-hour lectures, indefinable paper assignments and endless multiple-choice exams aren't the exact requisites of hell. However, they come pretty close.

College was supposed to be different. In my head, I pictured parties, boys and endless days on the beach, in no particular order. So far, I have not gone to one party, met one boy or visited the sunny shores of La Jolla. If you haven't guessed already, I'm bitter. After reading every self-help book in the world, I've learned that bitterness gets you nowhere. It's always easy to pity oneself, so I think they're selling a pretty unpopular concept.

Anyway, after suddenly recalling Oprah's teachings, I realized I should focus on the positive things that have happened to me since I came here. OK, I'm done.

I suppose you're asking yourself why all this matters. Who cares what an 18-year-old brat like me — who has tripped down more stairs and has had purses and back packs spill more contents onto Library Walk than anyone else — really feels? Judging that my mother is my only known fan, someone — very per-

sonal to me — cares a great deal.

I realize that there are many individuals out there who are quite happy with their first-year experiences in college. If so, thanks a lot. I wish you could have been there when I failed a psychology exam that the rest of my class aced. I wish you were there when a boy called me a fat platypus (OK, he didn't say that, but he did say I was unattractive in not so many words). I wish you were there when I bungled up an interview by saying I didn't think I was the best person for the job (I was trying to be humble, alright?).

You're probably thinking, "Divya, you idiot, turn lemons into juice," or whatever that phrase is. Even worse, perhaps you're thinking I really am a fat platypus (I would like to inform you, dear reader, that my mother thinks I'm gorgeous).

You may be thinking many things, but I want to assure you that I'm jealous — extremely jealous — of your happiness. I'm aware that this column may offend readers for its attack on the quality of freshman year. Perhaps there actually may be one or two people who actually relate to it or (gasp) enjoy it (sorry, Mom, but you don't count). To those few individuals who have suffered the unlucky fate of circling the parking lot like greedy vultures for five hours looking for one space, who always discovered that the one book they needed from the thousands at Geisel Library was checked out, who dragged toilet paper unsuspectingly all over campus, who tripped on tree branches in front of their crush, this column is for you. Let's hope that next year

College Years Are a Great Time

Years of experience have yielded a few anecdotes and many warnings

By DAVID YEN
Senior Staff Writer

I never thought I would be writing this column four years ago. It seems as if everyone always wants to write a farewell piece and dispense advice in some way to future generations. What's the point? What makes my words more meaningful than somebody else's? The answer is, nothing. That is why the most important thing I have realized in four years is that everyone has something good to offer and it's up to you to listen, learn and prosper from the opportunity of being around such diverse people.

A second realization is there is more to life than what happens at UCSD. There is an entire city around us, and it is beautiful — with oceans, mountains and sprawling cliffs. The view from Torrey Pines Gliderport overlooking Black's Beach is unparalleled. Go there with a good book and watch the majestic waves and the sunset. Venture up Mount Soledad in Pacific Beach and savor the breathtaking view. It is slightly better than what you see from the sixth floor of Geisel.

The same thing applies to the news. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in our studies and relationships that we forget what is going on in the nation and world around us. Read the newspaper, watch CNN or if you are really low on free time, use the Internet. It has more productive uses than pornography and video games.

Follow the issues that you are passionate about. Champion a

cause. Get involved. If you believe that gun violence is rampant and out of control in this country, let your voice be heard. If you are upset about discrimination against gays and lesbians, go to a meeting, join a rally or even start one. There is no better time than now. Remember, youth is a powerful, driving force in our society. Use it to your advantage.

Take a wide variety of classes. Better yet, if you have free time, just find a random class and sit in on it. You're bound to learn something. Take an acting class. It's fun, relaxing and offers the unique opportunity to put yourself in another person's shoes. When dealing with people, ask yourself how you would feel if you were that other person. This seems like common sense advice, but few people really exercise it.

Exercise. Don't sit around. That television will still be there over the summer or when you graduate. Do a lap around

Mission Bay Park. Play tennis. Go rock climbing at Canyonview Pool. I'm taking a nutrition class right now that I hardly ever go to, and when I do, I'm bored stiff. However, I was reading the notes the other night, and it seems like exercise and a good diet are the keys to solving many health problems. Jack Daniel's whiskey and a bag of Cool Ranch Doritos do not constitute a nutritious meal.

Speaking of alcohol, take it in moderation, or better yet, not at all. OK, I sound like an administrator or a student health advocate. I don't care. Alcohol ruins so many lives, and for the most part, it tastes like turpentine.

Even worse is smoking. If I could say one thing — just one thing — to every student entering UCSD and have them follow it, it would be never to start smoking. I've seen people hopelessly addicted, promising to quit every other week. I've seen people ravaged by second-hand smoke, which kills over 50,000 people per year. Please, don't smoke, and boycott the General Store Co-op while you're at it.

Relationships tend to be the most dominant concern for most. They should be. I have neither great experience nor insight into the issue, but here's something I've come to believe: Whether it be a friend or a significant other, the key to making your relationship work is to overcome selfishness. You have to be willing to give wholeheartedly without expecting anything in return. Do that, and if it's the

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Front Page Photo Did More for Racist Viewpoints Than for Tolerance

Editor:
I am very troubled that the profane racist comments decorating your front page on Tuesday, May 30 were photographed on March 10. I find it ridiculous that it would take so long for such a thing to be published. We are left with less than three weeks, including dead week and finals week, to ponder the implications of what was sensationally placed on your front page. After reading Jessica Scheppmann's review of campus policy and how people who receive nasty e-mails actually read them, I am convinced that your choice of front page photos has done more work for hate than the instigators themselves. I will reserve further comment with the hope that you will print my letter in your fine publication.

— Devin Lee Drew

Hate Messages Have No Place at UCSD

Editor:
The hate message depicted on the cover of this week's *Guardian* is a real eye catcher. As a person of Caucasian descent, I am embarrassed and utterly ashamed that this kind of ignorance still prevails.

My hope is that upon seeing this exposed publicly, the coward that secretly thinks those thoughts is also ashamed.
There is no room for that sort of rhetoric in an enlightened society. Every person has the unquestionable right to live on a day-to-day basis without fear. The presence and diversity of life on Earth is a phenomenon of cosmic rarity that is worthy of awe and respect. So, also, is the diversity amidst our own species. Life on Earth owes its very existence to the strength of its diversity, and it is this diversity that will ensure its future.

To anyone reading this now, if you know someone that thinks that hate messages are funny or correct, tell them they are wrong. No good will come from the hatred of cowards.

— Dylan Doxy

Local News Media are Second-rate

Editor:
Contributors Denny, Gherini and Wiefel ("News Media Get High Marks For Purpose," May 30) are suffering from serious delusions — or more likely an industry snow job — if they believe local



Letters to the Editor

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television news departments serve any interest other than that of producing revenue for the stations' owners.

They write "A station can deliver quality news without compromising monetary reward." If true, we in the San Diego area (and the rest of the country) have not witnessed it. It is not just the accuracy of the stories presented that must be scrutinized, but which stories the stations choose to air.

Only stories that bleed outrage or invoke sympathy find their way onto the air. Anything that would take more than 30 seconds to explain is discarded in the fear that a viewer might start to get antsy and switch stations. Just listen to the stories on National Public Radio's news shows or watch public television's "News Hour" to see what quality reporting looks like.

Accuracy, too, is shoved aside if it stands in the way of attracting a larger audience. Twice in the last year, the company that I work for part-time has been the subject of exposes on local newscasts. The first time they said we were running a house of prostitution in the Mission Hills neighborhood where we were located. Just a few weeks ago, stations started reporting that we (a telephone company) had diverted telephone calls directed to the mayor's office to a pornographic telephone line.

— Jim Gottlieb

Pillars:

Pointers for a successful undergraduate career

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right person, what you will receive in return will be special and sacred.

Regarding your future, don't worry about it too much. However, don't wait until you are a quarter away from graduation to find a job or make definite plans. Make sure you do something you want to do. Make sure what you choose to do enriches your soul as well as your bank account. Make sure you know how to get there, but remember, the "why" is just as important as the "how."

Finally, remember these things: Milk is good. Drink it. The stock market will continue to go up. Invest long term. "Star Wars: Episode One" did not have a prayer of beating "Titanic's" box office record. The next prequel doesn't stand a chance, either. Politics needs a makeover: Just look at our candidates for president this year. Sierra Summit in Muir is the best cafeteria on campus by far. Kobe Bryant is not the next Michael Jordan. He's not even close. If you get into trouble, consult a student advocate. They will help you out. Again, don't smoke.

At the 1997 commencement, speaker Newt Gingrich offered these four pillars of advice: "Dream big, work hard, learn daily and enjoy life." Whatever you think of the man, don't discount these words and their significance. Let me conclude by offering two more pillars: Strive to make a difference in whatever you do, and never give up hope. The journey begins with you. It has already begun.

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Parking:

More improvements may alleviate parking crunch

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This idea may not be realistic. There is increasing opposition among the undergraduate colleges and many students living on campus. Among the consequences for residents are safety concerns, the limitation of public transportation's hours, schedule flexibility and areas to which they travel. Students will also have problems getting off campus at odd hours to get items like medication.

Other ideas seem more plausible. Increasing the number of shuttles running around campus would decrease the long lines and the time spent waiting for them. New shuttle routes to the grocery store or areas like Pacific Beach may discourage on-campus residents from bringing cars to campus.

Increasing security around the parking lots and extending shuttle hours to 3 a.m. or 4 a.m. could entice residents to remain parked in peripheral lots. Designating specific lots or spaces "for commuters only" would ensure parking for students living off campus. Creating more carpool spaces would also encourage more students to buy carpool permits.

There is also the "flex-passes" program. Special three-day student permits would be available for Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The cost of purchasing these special permits would be less than normal "S" permits. Not only would they help reduce students' expenses, but they would better distribute the parking burden.

Unfortunately, flex-passes are highly dependent on how classes are scheduled during the quarter. Students must fit required courses into their schedule. They may want to avoid terrible classes or horrible professors. Some students' preferred classes could be full by the time they enroll, possibly forcing them to take classes five days per week. Depending on how the courses are scheduled, the costs of coming to campus only three days per week may outweigh the benefits.

Do not expect any of these ideas to help solve parking problems soon. It remains to be seen which plan, if any, could pass through the university bureaucracy and be implemented by September. Even if the flex-passes become available in the fall, it might be too late for them to make an impact. Most students have already enrolled in classes, unaware of the program. Because many classes are already full, interested students would have to change classes all at once for flex-passes to be effective.

Perhaps we have come to the point where all commuters have to seriously think about alternative means of transportation. It will be difficult to get all of the solo drivers out of their cars. However, after they have spent a few consecutive hours trying to find parking in the fall, alternative transportation may seem appealing enough to be a realistic option. The costs of trying to park on campus could increase so much that free bus stickers, car and vanpooling, bicycle commuting and even walking could be more beneficial.

Whatever happens, you can count on one thing: Parking here will always be a nightmare. Those seniors who will be graduating next week can breathe a sigh of relief. For those residents who will be moving off campus, be prepared for the hell that is UCSD parking.

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STANDING OUT

Today's youth use tattoos and piercings as a form of expression, not unlike ancient civilizations

Some students follow fashion trends to project an identity and carve out their niche. Others take more permanent measures to convey their personalities, such as tattooing and body piercing. Although these more extreme measures seem almost commonplace in our generation, tattooing and piercing have a long history.

Tattooing

Tattooing originated in ancient Egypt between 4000 B.C. and 2000 B.C. By 2000 B.C., the art form had spread across the Mediterranean, Southern Asia and parts of China. The Ainu, who came from Western Asia, believed it to be a divine gift. Adopting it from the Ainu, the Japanese used the art form for ornamentation.

Tattoos have a historically ceremonial, as well as decorative, purpose. Polynesians in New Zealand developed a style of tattooing called "moko," which was used in ceremonies to indicate tribal community, family, rank or marital status.

Ceremonial tattooing spread to the West with the Gauls and later the Normans. A custom was developed among warriors to indicate heredity. Distinguished pilgrims who had traveled to Jerusalem got tattoos as a reminder of their journey.

Reasons for tattooing

So, what would motivate members of our age group to alter their appearance in lasting ways?

Many college students decide to change their physical appearance to demonstrate their commitment to an idea, whether it be a sense of independence, personal fashion or spirituality.

Third-year student Annemieke Delange chose to get a tattoo of a Japanese symbol signifying love — an idea she values. Delange had the piece done on her upper shoulder in San Francisco several years ago. She affirms identifying with the symbol, but knows that certain peers remain skeptical.

"My boyfriend thinks the only reason I got it was because of my [previous] boyfriend," Delange said.

She has considered covering it up with another tattoo because removal costs too much.

Delange has not experienced any problems due to her tattoo, despite her mother's initial disappointment in seeing it.

"No one said anything," Delange said.

Regardless of other people's opinions, on warm days, Delange proudly

displays the symbol of her personality.

For sophomore Nhat Le, the 30 minutes of pain for a two-inch sun was well worth it. She said getting a tattoo was something she had always wanted to do.

"It is a symbol of independence and of knowing yourself," Le said.

Although hidden on her lower back (away from her parents' critical eyes), the sun tattoo also serves as a symbol of family pride for her and her cousins. Four of her cousins had the same design done in different colors before motivating Le to also get one. Committed to this single emblem of cousinhood, Le has no desire to further ornament her body with more tattoos or piercings.

Expert point of view

Spiritual meaning and love for the art serve as motivating factors for tattoo artist Jason Salinaz, who works at Big City Tattoo Co. in Pacific Beach. The 20-year-old professional of four years received training through an apprenticeship, beginning with small pieces and working up to larger ones.

Salinaz displays an image of the Virgin Mary on his left arm, juxtaposed against an Aztec design. He explained that both pieces are "symbols of his spirituality — not necessarily the Christian or Native American

religion."

Salinaz feels that his love of the art can be viewed as emblems of milestones he has passed during his life. For example, whenever he visits a specific friend from home, he adds a tattoo to his arm.

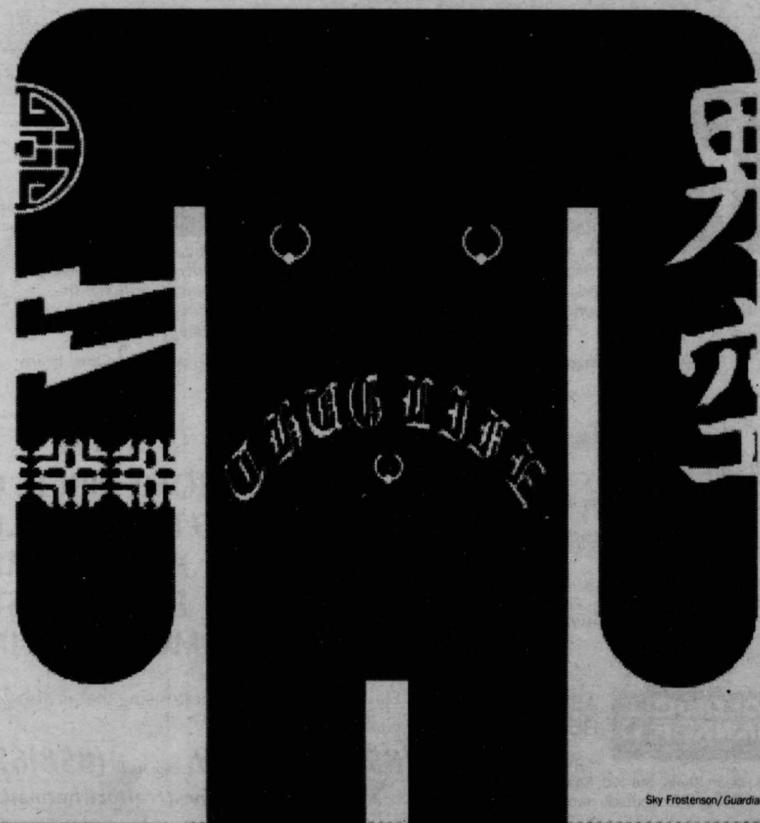
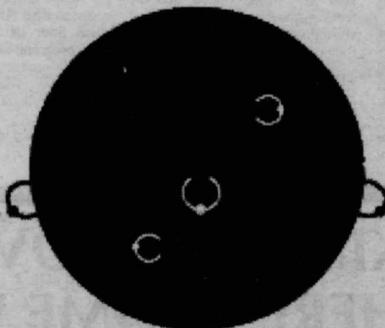
Salinaz considers himself more a visual artist than a businessman.

"When I think a proposed tattoo is not visually pleasing, I give them

advice or might help them design their own so that both [of us] are happy with the design," Salinaz said.

Like Salinaz, tattoo artist Eric Wyatt from Tattoo Ink Spot in Pacific Beach believes that the effort an artist puts into every piece is important because each tattoo is a permanent representation of one's work.

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BY ANDREA P. MANN
STAFF WRITER

The Editor's Soapbox

An incoming editor in chief recounts his rise to the top of the Guardian, reliving both good and bad times

By VINCENT GRAGNANI
News Editor

A little over three years ago, I wandered into the Guardian office (truly a strange sight to someone unfamiliar with us). At the time, I was still in high school. I didn't know what college I wanted to attend, and a friend of mine who used to work for the Guardian graciously gave me a tour of UCSD. I knew at the time that I wanted to enter the field of journalism in some facet or another. What I didn't know, however, is that the office that I was so briefly exposed to would soon become my home away from home. Or just simply, my home.

Next year, I will assume the role of editor in chief. With the help of a competent staff, I will continue to crank out issue after issue, staying in the office until one, two or even 3 a.m., ensuring each one is complete. (Please, people, don't walk past our offices at 3 a.m. and stare at us as if we are part of a freak show or something. We're really just doing our jobs.)

My election to the position of editor in chief was pretty straightforward (my only competition was an application from "Common Sense" author Thomas Paine ... it's a long story). The road to the posi-

tion, however, was long and circuitous.

Once I finally decided to attend UCSD, I made it a point to visit the Guardian, hoping I could be a writer. I was told that my friend who worked for the Guardian, the one who brought me into the office months earlier, was no longer employed there.

Lost and confused, I made every attempt to contact the news editors. Once I finally did, I was given my first assignment. It was a rather boring assignment (as most first assignments are) that ended in a slight disaster.

I attended an event that consisted of a panel of speakers. As the event got started, the organizers said that all comments made by the speakers, were off the record. My enthusiasm for the story diminished; I didn't know where to start. In the end, I turned in a three-paragraph story. I am sure my editors weren't too happy with me.

I persisted by constantly asking them if I could write more. They put me off, perhaps trying to tell me that they didn't want to deal with my writing. My persistence paid off, however, and before the end of the year, I was writing more and more.

The following year, I returned



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as a writer. This time, I had my own beat. It was actually by accident that I was asked to cover an A.S. Council meeting. One meeting turned into two meetings, which turned into a year full of meetings. As a result, I wrote at least one article a week for the Guardian and was top on the list (or

near the top) to become the next news editor.

I took that position last fall and immediately became stressed out. On my first production day as news editor, I arrived at the office at 9 a.m., supposedly getting an early start. I planned to finish 14 hours later at 11:30 p.m.

That deadline came and went, and we worked through the night. I didn't leave until 7 a.m. the next morning, 22 hours after coming into the office.

After about a month of being news editor, I had this brief notion that I should start looking for another career. Finding story ideas, finding photo ideas and spending an average of 12 to 14 hours in the office on a production day all taught me that perhaps I didn't want to work for a newspaper. My job included responsibilities that wouldn't leave me when I left the office. I walked around with a burden on my shoulder. Surely journalism wasn't for me.

The bitterness subsided after a very short time, however. I soon realized that after a few months of working in my position, my job actually became easier.

More importantly, when each production night was finished, I could pick up the issue the next day and look at it with pride, realiz-

ing that so many people had put so many hours into creating a product we were pleased with. I think that such pride is what keeps people in journalism. It certainly made me realize that perhaps I do want to work as either a writer or an editor once I am through with college.

One joy about working for the Guardian is that everyone is there because they want to be there. Our paychecks show clearly that we are not doing this job for the money. We are doing this because we enjoy it. Each editor, writer, designer, etc. has a genuine interest in learning something about journalism and producing something for readers.

With this in mind, I look forward to next year. Readers should too, because as each year passes, the Guardian grows more. Knowledge accumulated by editors who have been around for four or five years will now be passed on to those of us assuming power. I believe we have improved our quality this year, and I hope to continue the positive trend.

If you think you can help me do so in any way (advice, suggestions, interest in writing for us, etc.), please drop me an e-mail at ugragnamit@ucsd.edu

Thank you, and we'll see you next year.

The last issue of the Guardian is coming on Thursday. You know you want some.

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Activities

Wednesday, June 7

- 8 p.m. Solis Hall 104. CWD presents: **"A Place Called Chiapas"**. The film delivers a multifaceted and complex portrait of Chiapas and the Zapatistas. Speaker: Tom Hansen, member of the Alliance for Global Justice. For more info: 534-4873 or cwd@ucsd.edu
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Clubs

Ongoing Mondays

- 6:30p-8:30p. Conference Room, International Center. **PLATO'S REPUBLIC**. A forum for the presentation of, discussion on, and analysis of what people believe philosophically/religiously.
- 7:00 p.m. PC Gallery B. **Circle K International**. Want to meet new people? Want to have a little fun? Come check out Circle K International.

Ongoing Thursdays

- 6:00 p.m. Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. **MUIR COLLEGE COUNCIL (MCC) meetings**. Find out what the low-down is with A.S. business at Muir, and who's on this week's "shame list." General Public Welcome.

Ongoing Fridays

- 1:00 p.m. Cross Cultural Center. **Muslim Student Association Meetings**. Come join us for Friday Prayer. For more info on meetings. msa@ucsd.edu.
- 3:30p-5:30 p.m. RIMAC Activity Room 1. **Friday Dancing**. Ballroom Dance Club's weekly meetings. Come dance with us! Beginners welcome.

Arts

Ongoing

- "Dancers and the Dance," an exhibition of photographs by Lea Rudee, UCSD professor emeritus. Ongoing through June 30. Main Floor, Geisel Library. For gallery hours call 534-2533.

Health

Ongoing Mondays

- Bisexual Forum:** Mondays from 4:00-5:00p.m. starting April 10th at the LGBT Resource Office (corner of Meyers & Gilman). Led by Geri Weitzman, 534-5905.
- Grief Group.** Mondays, from 2:30-4:00pm. 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by

Nancy Wahlig, 534-5793. Call to sign up.

- Gay/Bisexual Men's Undergrad Support Group.** Mondays, 8 pm, starting April 10th. LGBT Resource Office. A supportive environment where you can speak your mind and make new friends.
- Undergraduate Men's Group:** Monday's 2:30-4:00 p.m. starting April 10th. 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by Jeff Jones, 534-3456 and Ron Lane, 534-0250. Call to sign up.

Ongoing Tuesdays

- Graduate Women's Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Group:** Tuesdays at noon, starting April 11th, LGBT Resource Office (corner of Meyers & Gilman). Call 822-3493 for more information.
- OVERCOMING BINGE EATING:** Meets Tuesdays, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by Karla Materna, 534-6463 and Keisha Paxton, 534-1725. Call to sign up.

Ongoing Wednesdays

- Women's Open Forum and Supportive Atmosphere:** Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30pm, starting April 12th, Women's Center Conference Room. Led by the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Peer Counselors. Call Sylvia Gomez, 534-5989 to join the group.

Ongoing Thursdays

- From A to Z, Managing Anxiety and Panic Attacks.** Thursdays from 12:15-2:00 p.m., starting April 20th. Muir Provost Conference Room. Led by Jerry Phelps, 822-2614 and Reina Juarez, 534-3875. Call Jerry or Reina to sign up.
- Undergraduate Growth Group.** Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m., 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by John Wu, 534-1579 and Geri Weitzman, 534-5905. Call to sign up.

Ongoing Fridays

- Eating, Body Image and Relationships:** Fridays, 1:00-3:00 p.m, 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by Equilla Luke, 534-0248 and Holly Wilson, 534-5981. Call Equilla or Holly to sign up.

The Weekly Calendar is published in every Monday (or first issue of the week) issue. There are 10 Calendar editions each quarter. Listings in the Weekly Calendar are free to any on-campus department or organization to publicize their events taking place on or off campus. Press releases to publicize events with no UCSD connection will not be published in the Calendar. The Calendar is for events only. One-time events are published in the Calendar issue for that week only; ongoing events, such as weekly meetings, will be listed every week as space allows through the end of the quarter.

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

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

Members of CalPIRG team up with San Diego Food Bank in latest effort to help out the needy of the area

By **MELANIE HOHLFELD**
Staff Writer

The most important test during finals week this quarter will not be given in a lecture hall. This finals week, UCSD students have been challenged to fill the barrels at all five colleges with food and clothes for the hungry and poor of San Diego.

From June 9 to June 15, the California Student Public Interest Research Group and the San Diego Food Bank will be hosting an all-campus food and clothing drive to benefit thousands of families in San Diego. Combining CalPIRG's efforts with the organization and experience of the San Diego Food Bank, the finals week drive will give students an opportunity to help out the community in a big way. Instead of throwing away items they do not want to take home this summer, students can donate to families who suffer from hunger and poverty all year.

CalPIRG members are eagerly awaiting the upcoming food drive. "This finals week food drive is a simple way for the community to come together," freshman Alison Bodenstab said. "We have so much to give — we're such a community of excess. This food drive is a good way for people to become involved." The food and clothing drive is just one of the many projects that the Hunger and Homelessness branch of CalPIRG organizes at a local level. Headed by Tala Abassi, the Hunger and Homelessness branch works to benefit the San Diego community through education, service and action — goals synonymous with those of the San Diego Food Bank. It

was natural that these two would team up for a food and clothing drive during finals week.

Barrels donated by the San Diego Food Bank will be placed at locations all over campus. With the exception of Warren, every location will have separate barrels for nonperishable food items and clothing items.

Because neither CalPIRG nor the San Diego Food Bank previously have attempted a finals week food drive, each is hopeful for a successful drive and excited to see the outcome

CalPIRG is about more than just the environment. As a statewide public interest group, CalPIRG tackles a wide spectrum of issues — from ATM surcharges to deforestation — often unnoticed by the general student population.

of this all-campus event. "With this drive, we hope that we can remind everyone that the hungry need food all year round — not just during the holidays," San Diego Public Relations Manager Teresa Leader-Anderson said.

Abassi joins Leader-Anderson in her excitement. "The combination of our two groups will be great because we're combining their vast resources — trucks, pick-up systems, methods of distribution, etc. — with CalPIRG's campus knowledge and energy," Abassi said.

The beneficiaries of the donations will be Goodwill for all nonfood items, and the San Diego Food Bank for all food donated by UCSD students.

"All the food we collect in June will benefit our Senior Brown Bag program — which serves more than 1,000 seniors countywide — and our shopping warehouse, which distributes to over 300 other nonprofits around the county," Leader-Anderson said. "The San Diego Food Bank distributes enough food for more than 20,000 meals every day of the year."

As an affiliate of America's Second Harvest national food bank network, the San Diego Food Bank receives and distributes donations from national corporations such as Nabisco and Kellogg's. It also provides warehouse space for smaller, local shelters that cannot store all of the food they collect.

CalPIRG member Joanna Chang invites people to take the time to donate during finals week.

"It's a great way of reaching out to the community," she said. "You want to give to people who are hardworking. If you have extra meal points, go to Earl's Place to get a can. Helping out is a reward in itself."

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UCSD CalPIRG is a local chapter of a statewide organization founded in 1976. There are chapters of CalPIRG at seven UC schools.

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Finals Week Donation Locations

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Warren	1. ResHall Lobbies* A. Frankfurter B. Harlan C. Stewart 2. Apartment Laundry Facilities A. Black B. Brennan C. Douglas D. Goldberg

*There will not be any clothing bins at these Warren locations. Warren is having a separate clothing drive. If you are a Warren resident wishing to donate nonfood items, please drop them off at the Student Activities Center.

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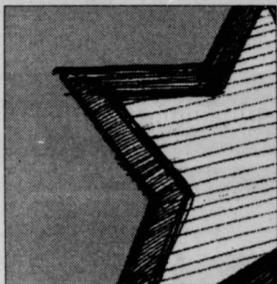
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HOROSCOPES



By **LINDA C. BLACK**
Tribune Media Services

Aries (March 21-April 19)

You are intelligent again this week. Romance looks good from Monday through Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, work hard to make up for the time you have missed. Go along with what your partner suggests over the weekend. It is not easy for you, but it is possible. Your playmate will love it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You are looking for new ways to make money, and you are creative. Get what you need for your home from Monday through Wednesday. Show off your talents, as well as your shrewd shopping ability. On Thursday, you may be finishing a project, and you might not have much time for romance. Schedule that for Friday, starting as early as possible. Put the finishing touches on your project over the weekend, and then relax and soak up the applause.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

You are learning quickly this week. Soak up the new material on Monday and Tuesday. Move slowly on Wednesday, though. Something you are trying may not

work as well as you expected. That is part of the learning process. More complications arise on Thursday, but by Friday you should have everything under control. Then you will have plenty of time and lots of confidence when you meet your sweet-heart this weekend. Plan the most romantic interlude you can imagine.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You might be worried this week. Talk with a good friend, and you will be reassured. From Monday through Wednesday, you are sharp with business. You could make an awesome deal then, so watch for the chance. Do not believe gossip you hear on Thursday; check it out. On Friday a conflict arises, but it should work out well for you. Make time for a heart-to-heart conversation this weekend.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You are obviously the best person for the leadership position, especially on Monday and Tuesday. You could run into a little trouble on Thursday, but nothing you cannot handle. Show respect, and you will get it back. Count your pennies on Friday so you can afford to do something educational over the weekend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

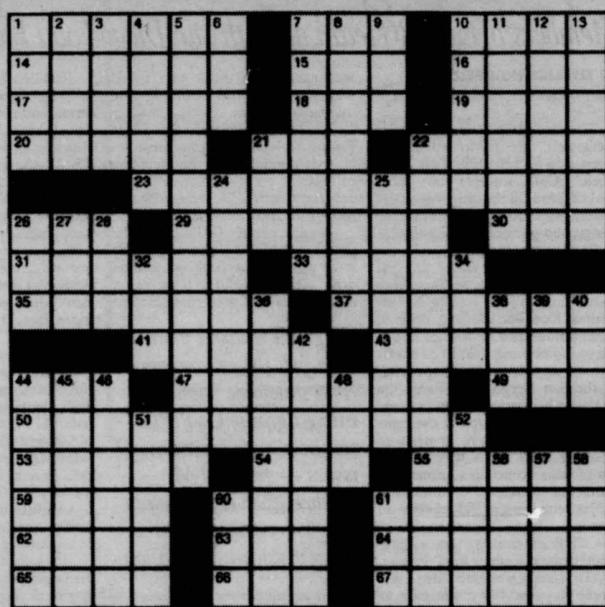
You have opportunities again this week. Watch for them. You are under pressure from Monday through Wednesday. Think it over by yourself, and you will reach the wisest decision. On Thursday be persistent if others will not do what you want. By Friday, you should be successful. Ask for money if you need it over the weekend, and then get yourself a treat.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Your luck should hold again this week. You are popular from Monday through mid-Wednesday. Do not exhaust yourself because Wednesday afternoon or

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Tattoo:

Piercings are another way to ornament the body

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"You always have to consider yourself an artist before anything, because your reputation is walking around — it's on someone's skin," Wyatt said.

He said this is the reason he refuses to create racist, hate-oriented designs.

Tattooing process

The actual tattooing process occurs in three steps. First, the artist designs a stencil based on the pattern chosen. Then, he creates an outline of the pattern in black. Finally, he fills in the colors from darkest to lightest.

Big City Tattoo Co. charges a minimum of \$40 per piece in addition to Salinaz's rate of \$100 per hour. An average-size tattoo costs between \$80 and \$160.

The perception of pain experienced in the process varies from person to person. Le described her experience as "a painful, constant poking and digging into the skin."

Salinaz described the feeling of getting a tattoo as uncomfortable.

"There's a lot of discomfort involved rather than pain," Salinaz said. "The pain feels like someone scratching you when you have a bad sunburn."

According to Wyatt, women have their ankle or lower back tattooed with a butterfly. He also said that men tend to get bands around their biceps, dragons or monsters. The fetus Wyatt has tattooed on his right arm is a "symbol of a mistake I had made."

Piercing

Because they are less permanent, body piercings, unlike tattoos, tend to be less symbolic and more like fashion statements. Both types of ornamentation, however, serve as expressions of people's personalities or their desire for individuality.

According to www.sexpositive.com, ear piercing is one of the oldest forms of piercing. It originated in pre-

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industrial societies as a ritual to mark the life stages of an individual or to signify group affiliation. Most upperbody piercings originated in pre-industrial societies and were symbols of pride and status.

Expert point of view

Professional body piercer Jennifer Yahner, also an employee of Tattoo Ink Spot, recommends cleaning new piercings two or three times per day for the first few weeks no matter what area one chooses to pierce.

According to Yahner, summer is the most popular time for piercing because people tend to be on vacation or away from home.

Hoops, bars and gemmed barbells are the most popular jewelry for piercings, according to Yahner.

She feels that naval and tongue piercings, followed by nipple piercings, are the most popular areas of ornamentation among women. The most painful areas for piercing are the nipples and cartilage.

Genital piercings are more popular for males than for females because there are more places to pierce on men. Ornamentation on the genitals usually serves as a less visible fashion statement. Genital piercing, however, can become more easily infected if one does not take proper care, Yahner warned.

Reasons to pierce

More visible piercings, found on the tongue, eyebrow, nose, ears and lips, make a statement of personal style to a wider audience. Nicole Guiang decided on her first body piercing at age 15, when she was walking the streets of Toronto, her hometown.

"My friend wanted to get her belly button pierced, after which I decided I wanted to get my tongue pierced," Guiang said.

Her friend decided tongue piercing was a good idea and changed her original plan. At age 18, Guiang had a loop placed through the septum of her nose. Her latest piercings are two studs placed symmetrically in her upper lip.

Guiang asserts that her parents did not mind her piercings and actually enjoy showing off her and her brother to friends. She does not claim to be stating her individuality or independence through her piercings.

"I don't do it for anything spiritual," Guiang said. "I do it for the pure aesthetics."

CalPIRG:

CalPIRG daims to make a difference on state level too

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support. Consequently, each campus must pledge the student population for support to continue to fund the organization.

As pieces of a larger organization, each chapter is geared towards making a difference on both local and state levels. When a special interest group threatens the rights of consumers or jeopardizes the environment, CalPIRG steps in.

CalPIRG's mission is to serve and protect the public interest in Sacramento on a variety of issues, such as zero-emission vehicles, genetically engineered food labeling and pre-testing, hunger and homelessness campaigns, higher education, forest protection, clean water, off-shore oil drilling and abolishment of ATM surcharges.

Noah Greer, UCSD CalPIRG chapter chair for the 1999-2000 school year, feels the group has great influence in the capital.

"CalPIRG is well recognized within the state legislature as a statewide, grassroots, organizing force that tackles issues of students' rights, higher education and environmental issues, among others," Greer said.

CalPIRG works on a myriad of issues that it feels will impact

UCSD students' standards of living.

"People have this perception that we're only tree huggers, but our group does so much more," sophomore Abassi, chair of the Hunger and Homelessness Campaign, said. "We aren't only about the environment. We work on hunger and homelessness issues, banning ATM surcharges and increasing federal aid for students. Our hunger clean-up this spring raised over \$1,500 for homeless shelters."

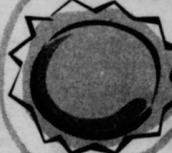
According to the new chapter chair Nadia Balici, UCSD will see CalPIRG continue to tackle tough issues next fall.

"CalPIRG is continuing our hunger clean-up, we're going to launch a water watch program, we will be working on a clean energy campaign and we will be working with A.S. [Council] on a voter registration drive in the early fall," Balici said.

CalPIRG awaits the outcome of the finals week food and clothing drive that will distribute the proceeds in the San Diego community. Perhaps this event will change the perception at UCSD that CalPIRG is just an environmental group.

"This is great for kids during finals week because it's simple — there's no work," Abassi said. "Instead of throwing that can of tuna in the trash can, you can take it to a barrel outside your apartment."

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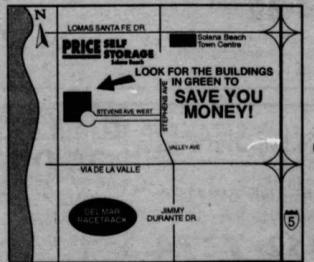
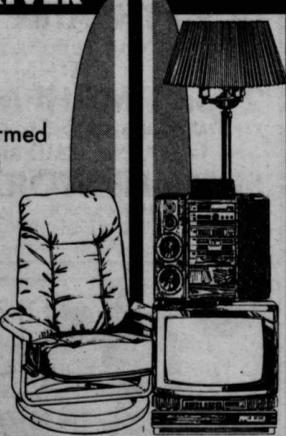
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What are your plans for the summer?

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"I want to get a job wherever they will hire me."

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"I don't know. What are yours?"

Brian Chen Revelle junior



"I will be spending a lot of time with my girlfriend."

Hak Lee Revelle junior



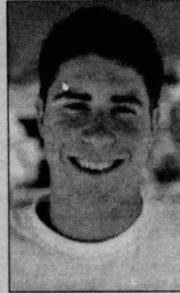
"I want to do random jobs — maybe be a pizza delivery person. I want to do random things before I graduate and actually have to do something serious."

Elizabeth Shin Roosevelt junior



"Hopefully, I am going to get an additional job, and I plan on going to summer school as well. I will be living with nine of my closest friends in a seven-bedroom house with a pool and a spa, so hopefully I will be getting a good tan as well."

Jackie Ostler Muir sophomore



"I am going to go home, sit on the beach, play volleyball and train for next season."

Griffin Cogorno Marshall junior

Follow These Easy Steps for a Perfect Summer Bash

By following several basic rules, even the most virgin of party throwers can rise to greatness with a good party

By JOSH CROUSE Associate Features Editor

The temperature is rising. School is almost out. Summer is upon us. That can mean only one thing: It's time to party. Everybody who is anybody wants to throw a party at some point during the summer. He or she plans the party meticulously, praying to the party gods to make it the best bash of the summer. Inevitably, something goes wrong. Be it police involvement or the shattering of mom's priceless vase, Murphy's Law is always in full effect when there is a party involved.

Fear not, faithful party throwers, for there is hope. By following a few simple party rules, chaos and mayhem can be easily reduced to minor party casualties.

The most important thing to do before throwing a party is to set rules. While nobody likes a party pooper, people will understand that rules must be made in order to ensure that the structural integrity of the house remains for the duration of the evening.

First on the list of rules is that the person throwing the party must not get drunk. A slight feeling of intoxication is allowed, but the host must function in his role

as the party master. Many people may not be happy with this rule, but it is one of the most important ones. Many parties have gone awry due to a drunken host disregarding the rules and not monitoring the house.

The second rule is that there must be sectioned areas for various aspects of the party. There must be specific areas for sex, smoking, going to the bathroom and disposing of trash. The last thing a host

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A good host also will not forget the sacred rule of privacy. A portion of the house (usually the host's bedroom) should be blocked off to preserve some level of privacy for the host. This area can be used for the storage of valuable objects from around the house as well as a place to talk to a member (or members, if it is a really good party) of the opposite

sex. With these most basic rules in place, the next task for the party thrower is to decide what kind of party he or she wants. This information can be directly applied to rules regarding the number of people and the type of people allowed into the party. Hosts can choose to have anything from a small gathering of close friends to a gigantic bash with total strangers. While the latter will

earn the host a higher social ranking, it may also lead to more trouble, due to the simple fact that total strangers have no regard for another stranger's belongings. It takes strict adherence to the previous rules in order to pull off a successful, large-scale party.

With the rules and guest list established, the all-important aspect of alcohol must be addressed. While urging people to bring their own booze is an excellent policy, having some alcohol on hand, especially hard liquor, is a good idea. Rum, tequila and vodka are the most popular forms of hard

liquor, as they can be mixed easily with common beverages to make a tasty treat that all party-goers will enjoy.

Music is also an important aspect of a successful party. Depending on the crowd, different types of music may be appropriate. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the music should be upbeat. Slow, sentimental songs do nothing but kill an otherwise happy mood for many party-goers.

Well, there it is. The party thrower's guide to hosting the perfect summer bash. Just by paying attention to a few minor details, an otherwise doomed party can be directed to salvation. Hallelujah!

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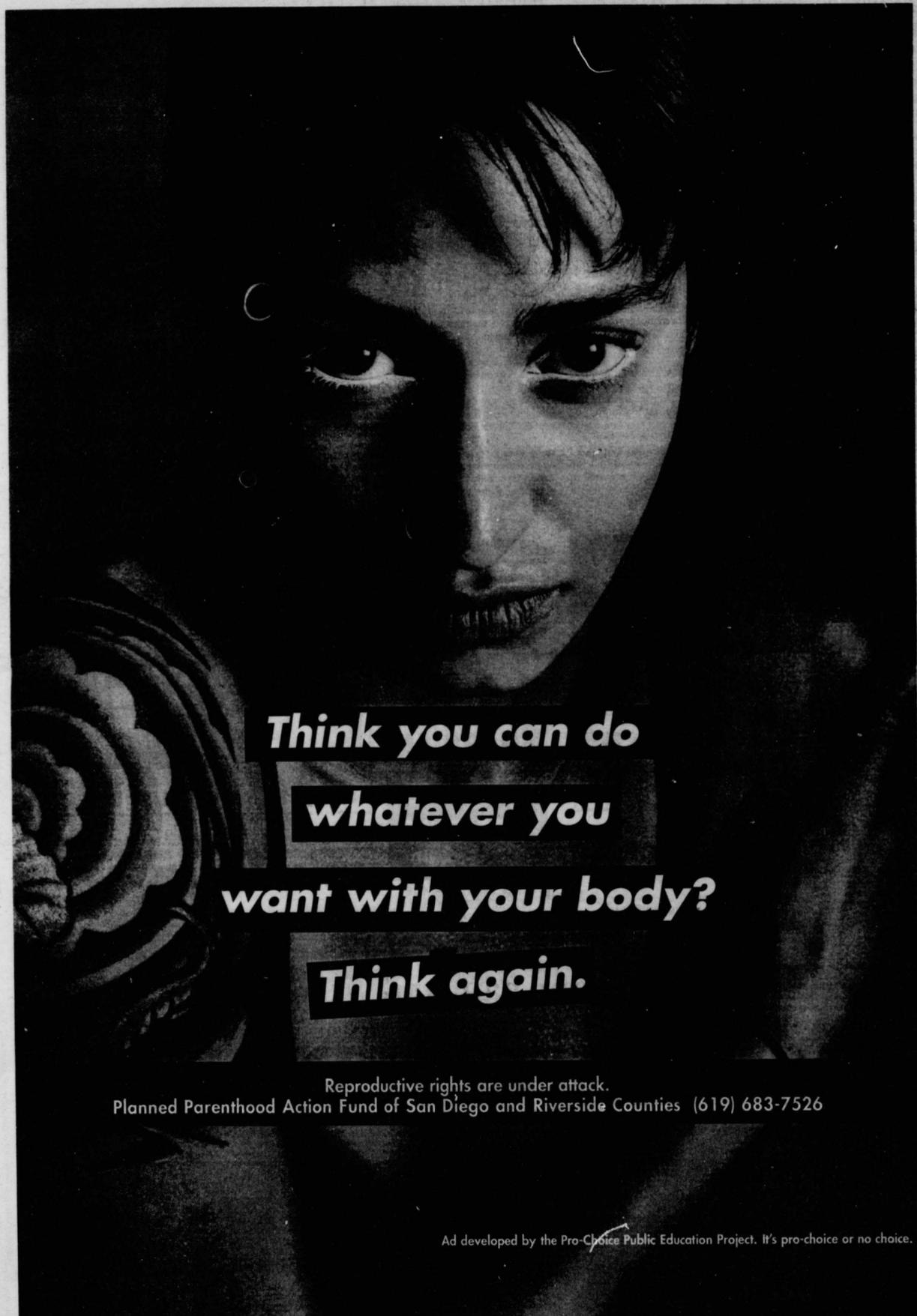
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Horoscopes:

See what the future holds for Scorpio, Pisces and more

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Thursday could be tough. A decision needs to be made. Do not plan travel or even lunch for Thursday or Friday. You will be too busy. You can get out for a fabulous time with your friends over the weekend. Your communication skills are excellent then, so talk everybody into doing whatever you want!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You are still wheeling and dealing, and most likely making lots of money. You may be frustrated, though. You are being tested on Monday and Tuesday. You can break through to success on Wednesday with the help of a strong partner. Thursday could be confusing, but you will have the puzzle figured out by Friday. Get old paperwork out of the way once and for all over the weekend. You will feel much better once that is done.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Partnerships are important again this week. You may get the chance to travel on Monday or Tuesday. Expect a quiz at work on Wednesday and maybe on Thursday, too. Somebody will find something to complain about. Just put in the correction as quickly as possible. Watch for the details on Friday. This weekend is good for a party with friends, either your place or theirs.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You will have no trouble staying busy this week. You may be able to work out a good deal with other people's money on Monday or Tuesday. Heed the advice of an attorney or wise partner on Wednesday. Travel beckons on Thursday and Friday, and romance looks good those days, too — Friday especially. Do what an older person suggests over the weekend, and you might get something you've always wanted.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might want to make a romantic commitment the first part of this week. Think it over carefully because this decision could change your life from now on. On Thursday and Friday you should find the money to carry out your plans. Spend the weekend celebrating your relationship. With the right person at your side, anything is possible.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You will most likely work hard on a household project Monday and Tuesday. Difficulties arise on Wednesday, so it is OK to bring in help on Friday and Saturday. Ask somebody who knows what they are doing. You can find some nice things if you shop this weekend. Get the best you can afford.

Birthdays This Week

June 5: What you already know should pay off well this year. What you are learning is an investment in your future.

June 6: You are always curious, but this year is worse than usual. Your itch to learn is insatiable.

June 7: This year you are being tested and tempered like steel. You will emerge much stronger, as well as wiser.

June 8: This year get your house in order. You have been meaning to do something, and it could become imperative.

June 9: You have a pretty strong nesting instinct this year. Take things apart and figure out how to put them back together again.

June 10: This year you are lucky — and cute. Somebody you admire likes you too.

June 11: You are on a natural high all year long. Zip by a potential difficulty by saving your money instead of spending it.

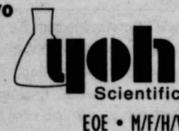
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Men's and Women's Tennis Teams Lose Five Seniors

Mike Rosett leaves the men's team, and Yen-Yen Ho, Becky Jones, Kelli Tsai and Lindsay Witmer depart the women's squad

By **BILL BURGER**
Sports Editor

With the 1999-2000 school year winding down, UCSD coaches will soon have to say goodbye to their senior players who have served them so well in recent years. The men's and women's tennis coaches are no exception; both are losing integral parts of their squads.

The men's tennis team changed coaches two years ago and went through a rebuilding year last season. This year, Head Coach Eric Steidlmyer's team had a resurgence in its form and came only one win away from a berth in the NCAA National Championship Tournament. Much of that turnaround can be credited to the play of senior Mike Rosett.

Rosett was the team captain this season and also one of its most consistent performers. In a season filled with turmoil and upheaval, Rosett was one of the anchors that held the Tritons steady.

For most of the season, Rosett played at the No. 1 doubles spot with teammate Corey Moderhak. Rosett and Moderhak were truly a force, competing and beating many of the top doubles teams in Division III. One of their most impressive performances came in defeat, when the duo took Brigham Young University's top doubles team, a powerhouse that was ranked in the top 15 in the nation in Division I, to a tie-breaker before losing.

Even after Moderhak was declared ineligible for academic reasons, Rosett played well in doubles with various partners, amassing a record of 10-7 in doubles play. Although Rosett's record in sin-

gles, 3-11, was not as strong, many of his defeats came at the hands of some of the top singles players in Division III. With the ousting of Moderhak, the team's No. 2 singles player, and with No. 1 Michael Meyer injured, Rosett and junior Dan Albrecht shouldered much of the load during the late part of the season. Rosett's ability and leadership will definitely be missed.

The women's tennis team was one of UCSD's best squads this season. While amassing a 20-3 record, the women's tennis team came only one set short of winning its fifth National Championship under the guidance of Head Coach Liz LaPlante. LaPlante is losing four seniors who helped her team reach the levels it did this season.

Kelli Tsai was an important part of the team her first two seasons but sat out her junior year.

"Kelli got a concussion and didn't play for us last season," LaPlante said. "She made a comeback this year and played at No. 3 doubles for a lot of the year."

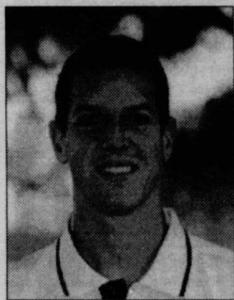
Tsai totalled an impressive 7-2 record in doubles and a 4-1 record in singles for the Tritons this season. After graduation, Tsai hopes to go to culinary school.

Lindsay Witmer played all four years for LaPlante and was the team's Triton Athletic Council representative and team captain.

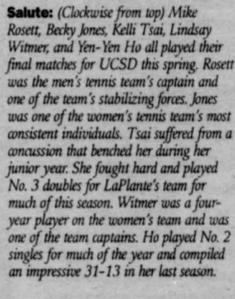
"She always supported our team," LaPlante said. "She organized everything that we did socially and was one of our team's leaders."

Witmer won the only match she played this season and volunteers with AIDS patients in her spare time.

Becky Jones also played all four years during her career at UCSD and was one of LaPlante's most



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Salute: (Clockwise from top) Mike Rosett, Becky Jones, Kelli Tsai, Lindsay Witmer, and Yen-Yen Ho all played their final matches for UCSD this spring. Rosett was the men's tennis team's captain and one of the team's stabilizing forces. Jones was one of the women's tennis team's most consistent individuals. Tsai suffered from a concussion that benched her during her junior year. She fought hard and played No. 3 doubles for LaPlante's team for much of this season. Witmer was a four-year player on the women's team and was one of the team captains. Ho played No. 2 singles for much of the year and compiled an impressive 31-13 in her last season.

consistent players during that time.

"Becky is a great person and a great team player," LaPlante said. "I could always count on her."

Jones played more in her first two seasons with the team but graciously stepped aside during her senior year when the team was making its run to the NCAA Division III Finals. After graduation, Jones hopes to go to medical

school.

The fourth senior to whom LaPlante will have to say goodbye this season is Yen-Yen Ho. Ho only played two years because of back surgery she underwent after a car accident her senior year of high school. In those two years, Ho was one of LaPlante's best players.

"Yen-Yen was very mature for her age and was basically the mom of our team," LaPlante said. "She is a great

player, and I hate to see her go."

Ho's 14-8 record in singles and 17-5 record in doubles were among the best on the team. Many of her wins came against the second- or third-best players on the opposing squad. Next year, Ho will attend graduate school at USD.

Much of LaPlante's squad is returning next season. The team should perform well next year when the Tritons move up to Division II.

Column:

Rocker will be released because he isn't producing

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inning, and fans in his home state of Georgia have given him standing ovations when executing the same action. Everybody has a very heated opinion of Rocker and the things he has said and done. Unfortunately, these things are not what will eventually bring the Braves executives to release him. They will release him only because he has become a non-contributing member of his team, and somebody else can do the job better than he can.

The Braves are not the only team that has executives with this mindset. Baseball executives everywhere would have welcomed a player with Rocker's past history onto their team at the beginning of this season, if it meant his blazing fastball

was coming with his excess baggage. The sport is slowly becoming a member of corporate America — a regime where the only thing that matters is profits, and the way you get profits is performance. This is the kind of environment where shady characters like Rocker shine.

So later on this season when the Braves do release Rocker, don't be awed by the "moral" stand they are making. The fact is that if they cared about the quality of character of their players, they would never have had Rocker on their team in the first place. Now, the Braves will almost definitely release him and try to save face by saying that they tried to reform him and make him understand that the rights of others are important. The only kind of change they really care about is helping Rocker develop an unhit-able sinker to help the Braves get to the World Series again. Now that they know that isn't going to happen, he has become expendable.

Award:

Harispe, Latronica big winners at award dinner

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women out there just as qualified as I am."

Other teams honored Thursday were the Molten Division III Champion men's volleyball team and the women's 800-meter freestyle relay squad that took first at nationals with a time of 7:37.00.

Additional Vice Chancellors Scholar-Athletes were Gordon Beh of men's water polo, Seth Goldman of men's fencing, Amy Olin of

women's cross country and Michael Sanders of men's soccer. Beh was also named a GTE Academic All-American.

Other award winners were Jen McLain from women's volleyball, who received the Husar Family/TAA Award; the women's cross country squad, which won the John McGinnis Family GPA award; men's volleyball, which won the Triton Athlete's Council Spirit Award; softball coach Patti Gerckens, who won the Excellence in Coaching Award; and Dr. Diana Marquardt, a professor at the UCSD School of Medicine, who took home the Meritorious Service Award.

Volleyball Stars Say Goodbye

Earnest Yun and Raffi Mitillian leave UCSD with National Championship

By **BILL BURGER**
Sports Editor

One of the hardest things about coaching a college team is having to say goodbye to seniors. Every four years, a college coach can count on having a 100-percent turnover of his players. This season, the seniors leaving the NCAA Division III National Champion men's volleyball team are Raffi Mitillian and Earnest Yun.

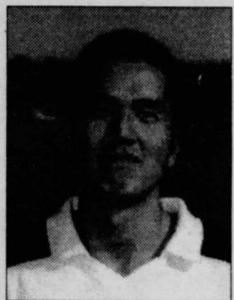
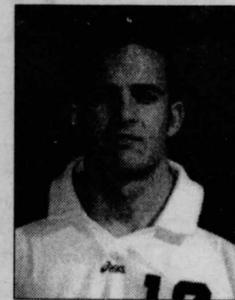
Mitillian was primarily a back-row player for the Tritons this season but made his mark on the team nonetheless.

"Raffi was probably the toughest player I have ever coached," Larsen said. "He had bad knee problems but practiced through it. I think he was a very inspirational player because the other guys would see him playing through pain."

Mitillian's six aces this season were fifth on the team, as were his 91 digs. Mitillian's contributions, however, could not be measured by statistics. His grit, guts and energy were what made Mitillian an irreplaceable factor on the team this season. His effort impressed Larsen.

"He was always really energetic," Larsen said. "He always went out ready to play and gave it everything he had."

After graduation, Mitillian is going to travel around Europe before going into e-commerce.



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Salute: Raffi Mitillian (left) and Earnest Yun (right) are leaving the men's volleyball team after graduation. Mitillian's energy and hard work were inspirational to his teammates, and Yun was a force to be reckoned with at middle blocker.

Yun only played two seasons on the Triton volleyball team. Prior to that, he was playing intramural volleyball and, on a whim, decided to try out for the team his junior year. Coach Ron Larsen should be thanking his lucky stars Yun did.

At times Yun would put the team on his back and lead them to victory.

"Ernie could be a dominating force at middle blocker this year," Larsen said. "He played especially well in the national tournament."

Yun was a monster in the middle for the Tritons this season. He went from being a relative non-factor last year to being

one of the Tritons' stars this season. His 195 kills placed him third on the team behind stars Zach Hite and Donald Chen. His .321 hitting percentage was the best on the squad, as was his 1.244 average blocks per game. When the Tritons were in trouble, they often went to Yun for a sure kill.

Next year, when the men's volleyball team goes to Division II, the returning players and the recruits Larsen brings in should be in good shape to compete. In spite of all the ability returning to the team, it will be very difficult to replace everything Mitillian and Yun brought, day in and day out.

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Reality Check

Now can we get rid of John Rocker?

By **BILL BURGER**

Yesterday I woke up and began my normal routine for a Sunday: I changed out of my clothes that I fell asleep in the night before, threw away the beer bottles that were lying all over the family room, and went back to bed until the hangover went away. When I awoke, newly refreshed, I turned on the computer and went to ESPN's Web site to check out what happened in sports the previous night.

I was troubled by what my eyes saw when they looked at the page: our friend John Rocker again making an idiot out of himself.

When last we spoke of Rocker, *Sports Illustrated* had just run a story about him in which he made racist and bigoted statements toward homosexuals, African Americans and basically anyone who lives in the New York area.

Now, Jeff Pearlman, who originally wrote the story about Rocker's racist attitude, is accusing Rocker of making threats toward him when the two ran into each other before a Yankees-Braves game last weekend. It was the first time the two had seen each other since the story in *Sports Illustrated* ran, and Rocker allegedly made statements such as, "This isn't over between us. You don't know what I could do to you." Braves representatives have acknowledged the encounter but have not confirmed any specifics.

In a conversation with my dad last week, he partially convinced me that what baseball did to Rocker after he made those comments was wrong. Granted, I did come out and say that the Braves should cut him because of the comments, and both my dad and I agreed Rocker was a worthless human being, but legally it is shady whether Rocker could have been released or even punished for what he said.

That is not true this time around. They might not teach the basics of the law back in Georgia where Rocker is from, but threatening violence against somebody is against the law. Not only can you not hurt somebody, you can't threaten to hurt anyone in a way that makes him fear for his safety. For this offense, Rocker can be dismissed from his job, and no lawyer or judge in the country would be able to find a legitimate reason to reinstate him.

The truth of the matter is that if Rocker were still playing at the level that he was playing at earlier this season, the Braves wouldn't release him no matter what he did. He could kill a cop in the line of duty and the Braves would have had him pitch the ninth inning and then rush him to the gas chamber for his execution.

Unlike the time last year and earlier this season when Rocker's fastball was basically unhittable, the Braves ace closer has fallen on hard times of late. In his last 17 1/3 innings Rocker has issued 25 walks and has nearly cost the Braves a few games that already seemed to be decided in their favor.

Only now that Rocker's baseball ability has fallen back to earth will he pay for what he has done.

Fans all over the country have booed him incessantly when he sprints onto the field in the ninth

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ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

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Thanks: Janine Harispe gives a speech after winning an award at Athletics Recognition Night as Associate Athletic Director Regina Sullivan looks on. Harispe took home Athlete of the Year, NCAA Woman of the Year All-American, and GTE Academic All-American honors.

David Piliz/Guardian

Athletic department honors UCSD's top athletes at the annual Athletics Recognition Night dinner

By **ROBERT FULTON**
Sports Editor

The Triton athletic commission celebrated its last year in Division III Thursday evening at the annual Athletics Recognition Night held at the La Jolla Marriot on June 1.

In an evening that included fancy clothes, fine food and even finer acceptance speeches, a number of UCSD athletes were honored with various awards.

The evening's climax was reached with the presentation of the Outstanding Senior Student/Athlete award.

Allison Bender of the women's volleyball team and Mark Latronica of the men's swimming squad received the award.

It was a big evening for Latronica, who in addition to the final honor, took home one of several Athlete of the Year honors and a Vice Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete award.

Over the course of his senior year, Latronica won the NCAA 100-meter backstroke in a meet record time of 48.81, was named an All-American and became the first ever athlete from UCSD named as the GTE Academic All-American of the Year because of his 3.93 GPA.

"I think the key is whatever you're doing, don't worry about other things," Latronica said of being a student athlete. "If you're at the pool training, don't worry about class. If you're in class, don't worry about training. It's about focus."

"It's somebody who puts high regard to academics, but realizes there is more to life than books," Latronica continued. "It's the

epitome of balancing the mind and body."

During his final acceptance speech of the night, Latronica talked about what it means to be a Triton.

"It's the team concept," he said. "It's selflessness. You put your teammates before yourself. You support your team in whatever happens."

Bender added on a Vice Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete award herself in her big evening.

Fifteen Athletes of the Year were named on Thursday. Softball's Erin Bridges and Leea Harlan, men's volleyball's Donald Chen, men's golf's James Donahoe, women's soccer's Cindy Dostalek and Janine Harispe, track and field's Jim Freeman and James Nielson, Carolyn Jones of women's track and field, Ross Mecham of men's water polo, Matt Payne of men's swimming, Amy Tranckino of women's tennis, Leslie Punelli of women's volleyball and Jennifer Watanabe of women's swimming were all named Athletes of the Year.

Payne earned his stripes over the year by winning the 100 breaststroke with a time of 55.04 at the NCAA Division III Championships and was named a Triton All-American.

Nielson won the 5,000-meter run at nationals in a time of 14:34.97, was named a GTE Academic All-American with a 3.95 GPA and earned All-American honors for his performance on the track.

Watanabe was no slouch, winning three individual events and one team event at the NCAA Division III swimming champi-

onships. She won the 500-meter freestyle in an NCAA record time of 4:55.48, the 400-meter individual medley in 4:27.28 and the 200-meter backstroke in 2:03.30. She was also a part of the women's 800-meter freestyle relay team that took home a first place.

Jones, Bridges, Chen, Donahoe, Dostalek, Freeman, Mecham, Punelli and Tranckino all added All-American honors.

It was a huge night for Harispe. In addition to the Athlete of the Year Award, she also won the NCAA Woman of the Year Award, was named an All-American and a GTE Academic All-American and was part of the women's soccer team that won the 1999 NCAA Division III Championship.

"I think of a well-rounded person," Harispe said of student athletes. "Especially at this school. [A student athlete] can juggle many things, and they understand the importance of being physically fit."

Harispe has a slightly different opinion than Latronica when it came to describing what it means to be a Triton, but both had the same general definition.

"It's working hard and teamwork," said the soccer star. "It's making sure others do well. It's not just selflessness but working hard."

Harispe was especially happy about the NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

"It's an incredible honor," Harispe said. "There's an amazing number of female athletes, not just here but everywhere. I worked hard, and everyone else did. There are some

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