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WORLD NEWS

Mainland China Issues Blunt Warning on Taiwan's Future

BEIJING — Less than one month before presidential elections in Taiwan, the Chinese government on Monday released the bluntest warning yet that it will not wait indefinitely for the island to reunite with the mainland, declaring that a prolonged lack of negotiations, in itself, could provoke a military attack.

The Chinese have long made it clear that any moves by Taiwan toward formal independence would lead to war.

Monday's White Paper adds — for the first time in such a

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NATIONAL NEWS

McCain Tries to Recover Momentum in Michigan Republican Primary

SAGINAW, Mich. — Sen. John McCain's high command huddled conspiratorially in the darkened aisle of his chartered campaign plane on Sunday night, plotting their latest move to stop Gov. George W. Bush.

They fretted that Bush had been scheduled to appear first on NBC's "Today" program on Monday, followed by McCain. No way, they decided. McCain would go first on the highest rated morning program — or defect to ABC's "Good Morning America."

In the end, McCain prevailed

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COLLEGE NEWS

One Florida Initiative Passes Regents Board With 12-0 Vote

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Despite more than four hours of emotional protests Thursday, the Florida State University Board of Regents passed Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida Initiative.

At one point more than 400 people crowded a regents meeting in Orlando, many of them voicing distrust toward regents that they said "tormented" them deeply.

Two of the 14 regents did not attend the meeting, leaving the vote 12-0.

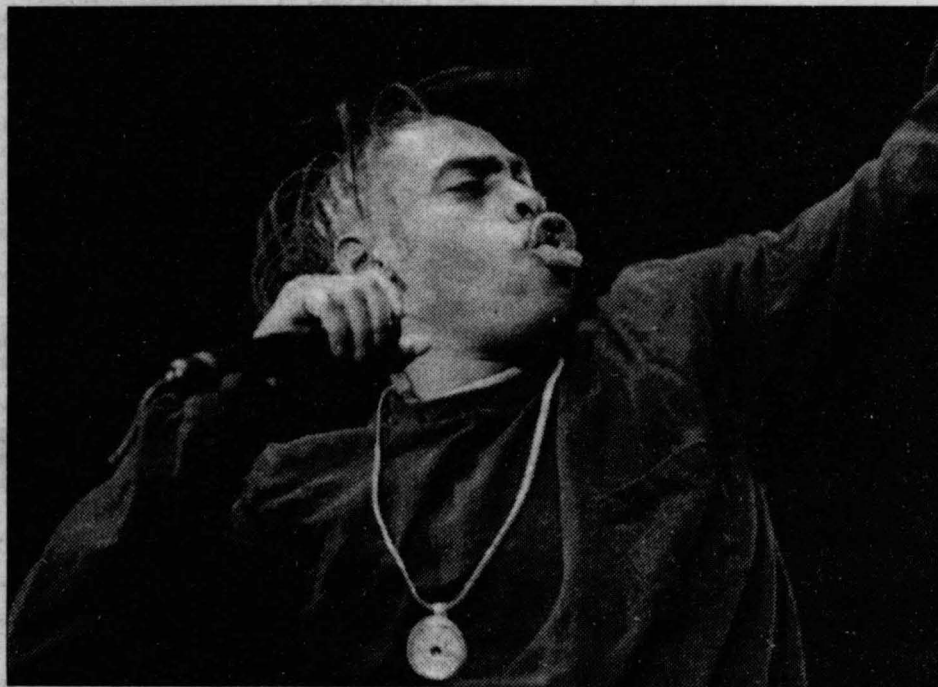
The plan will now be forward-

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SPOKEN

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— Scott Mantell
A.S. Programmer
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David Pilz/Guardian

Gangsta's paradise lost: Coolio headlined last Friday's Winterfest concert at RIMAC. Many said his performance lacked enthusiasm, energy and good songs.

WINTERFEST 2000

Coolio, Buck-O-Nine and Ozomatli perform before 2,500 people

By **MATT SCHRADER**
Staff Writer

Buck-O-Nine, Coolio and Ozomatli played to a crowd of over 2,500 students last Friday as part of Winterfest 2000 held at RIMAC Arena.

"Overall I think it went really well," said Scott Mantell, A.S. programmer and organizer of the event. "It looked like many students had a really good time."

Mantell said Buck-O-Nine provided the audience with a very good performance and attributed the low attendance at their show to the performance time.

"I wish more could have heard [Buck-O-Nine] play," he said. "They had a really great performance with a lot of energy."

Marshall freshman Eric Robin said he agreed with Mantell's assessment of Buck-O-Nine, but wished the band would have started their performance later.

"Buck-O-Nine did a really good job on Friday," he said. "The only problem is that I couldn't get there until 7:45 p.m. and I missed half of their performance."

Mantell said that in the future, Winterfest will begin at a later time so that more people will be in the audience for the opening band.

"It is a shame that we had such a small turnout," Mantell said. "Next year we will start the show later so that the time doesn't affect the turnout."

In addition, many were impressed and surprised by Ozomatli's performance, as

their music was mostly unknown to the crowd.

"Ozomatli did a really good job," Marshall freshman Adam Huie said. "Even though I didn't know who they were until the show started, I am glad they played."

Mantell said he was pleased by Ozomatli's performance as well and enjoyed the whole experience of working with them.

"I think they are a band that a lot more people should know about," he said.

Mantell said Ozomatli arrived on campus early Friday afternoon and began to play outside their van amid spectators who were enjoying the music.

"[Ozomatli] were really

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A.S. Council Passes New Constitution

CHANGE: Document takes voting power away from commissioners

By **MATT SCHRADER**
Staff Writer

After months of editing, reworking and debating, the A.S. Council passed its new constitution on Feb. 16.

"I am really happy it happened," A.S. President Tesh Khullar said. "The changes we made were really important for the students of this school."

Khullar said the most important change for the students is that the four commissioners serving on the A.S. Council will now be appointed by the council instead of elected as in previous years.

"This will be the best thing for the students because I gain nothing by not appointing the best person for the job," he said.

Khullar said that in previous years, presidents could attempt to get commissioners elected who would always vote in their favor. With the new changes to the constitution, the entire council appoints the most qualified person for the job.

"Things become a lot more efficient because these commissioners always know what is going on," Khullar said.

In addition, the commissioner of communications is no longer a position on the A.S. Council because the title demanded little work.

"Tesh and I were talking and we decided that my position isn't necessary anymore," said Bobby Kim, the current commissioner of communications, at last Wednesday's A.S. Council meet-

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San Diego Mayoral Candidates Debate at UCSD

FORUM: Nine participants, all vying for the city's top spot, discussed the area's role in the global economy

By **LAUREN COARTNEY**
Staff Writer

Nine of the 12 candidates for San Diego mayor debated on global topics such as NAFTA and maritime trade Thursday night at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium.

Jim Bell, Loch David Crane, Peter Q. Davis, Janice Jordan, Dick Murphy, Ron Roberts, George Stevens, Barbara Warden and Byron Wear aired their views in the debate which focused on San Diego's role in the global economy. Foremost on the minds of the

candidates was the issue of healthier trade with Mexico, in light of the North American Free Trade Agreement as the first step in fully joining the global economy.

"We must establish a relationship with Mexico, not at the time we want to be trading, but at the time that begins right now," Stevens said. "Our relationship with Mexico is not very positive because of some of the issues that are taking place. Also, we need a free trade zone. We must establish a minimum wage with-

in that free trade zone."

Bell expressed a desire for the same healthy trade with Mexico and others but said he felt that it should be encouraged with caution.

"One of the things I want to ensure is that we don't have run-away trade, in the sense that it is basically turning our environment into artifacts that will end up in a landfill," Bell said. "So what I would like to do is encourage trade with countries that have sustainable economies. That means that we use their resources

in ways that do not diminish its productive potential."

Jordan said that the issue is also a humanitarian one.

"This is a big issue for me because I think NAFTA has a major role in this," Jordan said. "What I've seen happen since Jan. 1, 1994 is the exploitation of workers on both sides. We need to treat our neighbors to the south as people. We have taken away the livable wages and union wages from the people that live in the United

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"It's not hard being good from time to time. What's hard is being good all the time"

— Willie Mays

SPORTS



Reality Check

Bill Burger

Tony Gwynn is worth every penny

I'm sorry but I just can't help it — when baseball is in season I have a hard time thinking about anything else. The Triton baseball and softball teams are destroying every opponent who dares to enter their domain and spring training is well under way in Arizona and Florida.

To further immerse myself in the baseball season, I was listening in to a local radio station earlier this week when I heard some news about Tony Gwynn. Now, I'm not a die-hard Padres fan like many of you, but I respect Gwynn and all he means to San Diego, so I decided to listen in. It seems that Gwynn has requested to be made the highest paid Padres player ever, citing that he has done a great deal for the team over the years and now deserves to be compensated.

This news came as a shock to me at first. Even in the years before Kevin Towers, Gwynn stuck by this team and took much less money than he deserved because he wanted to play in his hometown. A demand for more money was very out of character for the future Hall of Famer.

The Padres have been cutting payroll ever since their World Series season that ended in the fall of 1998. They plan on putting together a contending team once their new stadium gets built, but for now they just can't afford to be paying out big sums of money to high-priced free agents. Every baseball fan understands this aspect of the game, but Gwynn isn't just any free agent.

Despite the fact that he is getting old, Gwynn is probably still the most productive member of the Padres team. For that reason alone he deserves to be paid more than the other Padres players.

Gwynn has been a stalwart in this community since he was a rookie in 1983 and even before that when he played baseball at San Diego State. He has shown loyalty to his team and his city in a way that few players have. He will certainly go down as the best player in Padres history, and he is also one of the best people who has ever worn a Padres uniform. For all these reasons he deserves to be compensated.

Gwynn isn't going to be playing baseball for that much longer. It would be a shame to have him go to an American League team and be a designated hitter for the rest of his career. If the Padres give him a short-term contract, his salary will not hurt them when they are in the position to make another run at the series. This is their only option as far as most fans see it because for all that Gwynn has meant to the organization and to baseball as a whole, a little backpay is not much to ask.



David Pitz/Guardian

For the Fences: Erin Bridges (23) takes a swing during Friday's first game against Whittier College. The Tritons won the game 12-0.

Defense Ensures Softball Victories

DOMINANT: The Tritons keep their opponents from scoring in double-headers against Redlands and Whittier

By ROBERT FULTON
Associate Sports Editor

If the performance of the UCSD softball team over the first four games of its young 2000 season is any indication of how the spring season will unfold, opposing teams have a great deal to worry about.

The Tritons have been on a tear coming out of the gate, winning all four of the games they have played so far.

Not only have the Tritons averaged seven and a half runs a game, they have outscored their opponents 30-0 over the four-game span. That's right. Not a single batter has yet to cross home plate against Triton pitching this year.

"We have, I think, the best team I've ever had at UCSD," Triton Head Coach Patti Gerckens said. "We have some incredibly solid hitters. They hit the way they should hit. They know how important each game is in order to get to the postseason."

UCSD's most recent pair of wins came Friday in a double-header against Whittier College Poets.

The first game was a laugher as clutch hits, Poet errors and a fine performance from winning Triton hurler Erin Flannigan combined for a 12-0 win.

Flannigan was superb, pitching a perfect four innings. The game was shortened to five innings due to the eight-run mercy rule.

"Erin has done a tremendous job," Gerckens said. "She pitched a perfect game. It was a team effort. Everyone did their job."

Stacy Bolaris came on in the fifth inning to strike out two and close out the contest.

Christina Searing also had a big game for UCSD, garnering a triple and a home run in her two at-bats.

The slaughter came quickly as Searing tripled to lead off the bottom of the first. She was driven in by Michelle Wilson and the score was 1-0. Wilson and teammate Kristina Anderson both came around to score after a Poet error on an Erin Bridges bunt and the game was 3-0.

In the bottom of the second, UCSD's Kristin Hunstad reached first on a Whittier error. Searing came to bat and rocketed a home run over the left field fence to extend the Triton lead to 5-0.

It was more of the same in the third inning for UCSD.

Anderson, Bridges and Jeanine Cordero all scored to extend the Triton lead to 8-0.

The embarrassment did not stop in the fourth as UCSD tacked on four more runs to seal the victory.

The second game of the double-header against Whittier was almost as bad, as UCSD won 8-0.

Samantha Hayes and Kim Vorsatz each pitched an inning with Vorsatz striking out two.

The Poets' Stacey Karnya allowed seven hits and six earned runs in the loss.

The win was a complete team effort as the seven Triton hits came from seven different players. UCSD's Marcella Di Micheli and Caroline Engler each had two RBIs to lead the Tritons.

Last week, the Tritons traveled to square off against the University of Redlands to

Baseball's Streak Reaches Six

ROLLING: Solid pitching and clutch hitting boost Tritons to victories

By BILL BURGER

Sports Editor

You could say the baseball team has been in a zone of late.

The pitching and defense have been stepping up when they have had to and the offense is certainly getting the job done. Together, this combination of pitching, defense and offense tells why the Tritons are on an impressive six-game winning streak.

On Thursday, the Tritons had a dramatic come-from-behind victory over Cal State Dominguez Hills. UCSD then went on to defeat Menlo College three times last weekend.

Against Cal State Dominguez Hills, the Tritons found themselves down from the outset as they were down 3-0 after three innings.

The Tritons got one run back in the sixth inning when Matt Merrifield was hit by a pitch and eventually scored on Chad Addison's RBI single. UCSD was unable to score any more in the inning and began to get desperate as it looked for a chance to take the lead.

The Tritons got their chance as a single and two hit-batsmen loaded the bases for clean-up hitter Chris Tallman

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Win Should Put Women in Playoffs

BASKETBALL: 20-5 record should be enough to ensure postseason

By ROBERT FULTON
Associate Sports Editor

The UCSD women's basketball team ended its regular season at home Saturday night in the same fashion it has been ending its games for the entire year — with a big win.

The Tritons downed The Master's College Mustangs 71-62 to finish the year 20-5 with a chance for a spot in the playoffs.

UCSD had a big 37-25 lead going into halftime and managed to maintain the upper hand from there. The win, however, was not as easily gained as the final score indicates.

"They came in fired up," Triton Head Coach Judy Malone said of the opposition. "They had lost four of their last five, so I didn't think they would be that fired up, but The Master's [College] is always a good team."

The victory was precarious at times, but UCSD had nothing to fear with Nicholle Bromley on its side.

The freshman guard from San Diego finished the contest with 21 points, four rebounds and six steals, and had a number of timely baskets that killed Mustang runs.

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