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Puerto Ricans Protest Navy Training Exercises on Island of Vieques

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico — The Navy resumed military maneuvers on this lush, hilly island Friday, sparking angry demonstrations as hundreds of Puerto Ricans demanded an end to bombing exercises they say harm the island's ecology and its residents' health.

Officials said at least 44 people were arrested Friday after they slipped through a fence into the Navy's Camp Garcia.

— Andrew Jacobs
The New York Times

National

Rolling Stone is Challenged by Newcomer Maxim

Jann Wenner can only blame himself for the hugely successful raunchy men's magazine "Maxim."

"Rolling Stone's" ad pages are down 36 percent, ad revenue is off 24 percent from last year for the two March issues, from a reported \$17.3 million to \$13 million, according to the Publishers Information Bureau.

"Spin's" newsstand sales are down 15.8 percent, according to the bureau. "Vibe" is down 15 percent in advertising, and its newsstand sales are down 11 percent.

— Alex Kuczynski
The New York Times

Collegiate

Princeton Surveys Students About Drug and Alcohol Use

PRINCETON, N.J. — Over the past 10 days, Princeton University students have received the Core Institute Alcohol and Drug Survey via e-mail. The survey data will allow the university to identify patterns of alcohol and drug use on campus and to assess the effectiveness of recent efforts to address problems of abuse.

The national survey was designed by the Core Institute at Southern Illinois University.

—The Daily Princetonian

Spoken

"I think if Matt's claim had gone through, it had a chance of nullifying the election."

— Cristina Villegas
Assistant A.S. Elections Manager
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Fee Referendum Fails

Record 33 percent of students vote in special election, defeat fee increase by 3-2 margin

By **MATT SCHRADER**
Associate News Editor

Despite receiving the highest voter turnout in UCSD's history, the Campus Life Fee Referendum failed to pass by over 750 votes, thereby eliminating the possibility of an annual student fee increase of about \$210.

Friday afternoon, the A.S. Election Committee released the results showing that 2,739 students voted in favor of the fee increase, and 3,492 voted against it.

Of the school's 18,600 students, 6,231 undergraduate, graduate and medical students voted

last week contributing to a record 33 percent voter turnout.

"There were too many issues being tacked onto it," said A.S. Services and Enterprises Commissioner-elect Colin Parent. "It ended up making the whole thing controversial."

The A.S. Council sponsored 12 voting booths across campus from April 23 through April 28 in an attempt to raise voter turnout to over 20 percent, which is the minimum percentage that would have enabled the fee referendum to pass.

Assistant Elections Manager Cristina Villegas said that a number of factors led to the record-

breaking turnout.

"It affected so many aspects of campus life so people wanted to vote," she said. "The polling places across campus certainly helped as well. People were definitely voting with their wallets."

Villegas said that while sitting at the polls she noticed most of the votes were in favor of the fee on Monday and Tuesday, but that the numbers drastically changed by the week's end.

"People who planned not to vote realized we had the turnout we needed so they went and voted themselves," she said. "After everything that went down on Friday, I was not surprised [with the result

of the election] at all."

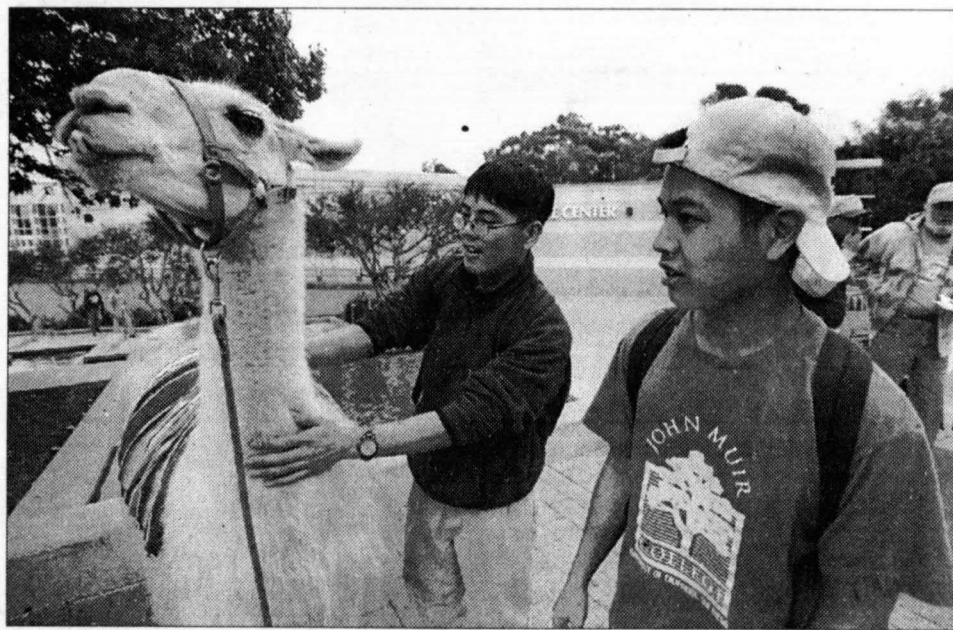
According to Joshua Cooper, the results are in part because of some A.S. Elections Committee members' resentment toward the administration.

"The failure of the Campus Life Fee referendum is a clear indication that students want direct control over student fees," said Joshua Cooper, one of the two Graduate Student Association representatives on the election committee.

"They do not want to pay for administrative office space, they do not want to pay for the construc-

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Spitting Pretty



Lyon Liew / Guardian

Animal Farm: Muir freshmen Roger Nguyen and Sam Tran admire one of the llamas brought in by Pacific Crest Llamas as part of the Israeli Block Party sponsored by the Union of Jewish students last week.

Petition Filed Against Elections Manager

Vasquez faces controversy over inclusion of slate names on ballot

By **MARGARET O'NEILL**
Staff Writer

The A.S. Judicial Board convened to hear a petition filed against A.S. Elections Manager Vince Vasquez on April 23. The petition was filed by Matthew Bechtel, who ran for A.S. commissioner of programming in the recent A.S. elections.

Bechtel officially withdrew his complaint at the hearing after Vasquez failed to appear.

"I was never informed of [the hearing]," Vasquez said. "No one ever contacted me. I actually was waiting every day for news about this, when we were going to have a hearing. No one ever called me,

Anna never told me, I never got an e-mail."

The petition alleged that Vasquez failed to treat all candidates equally in the election.

"This complaint is brought forth against Vince Vasquez for unfair and biased actions toward candidates not running within a slate," Bechtel stated in his petition.

Vasquez expressed that he didn't feel that he personally should have been called to judicial board.

"Matt's issues aren't really with me, they're with just the general A.S. elections and how they're run," Vasquez said.

Before the election, Vasquez changed elections policy to omit

slate names from the ballot. He later decided that slate names would be included. Bechtel's complaint was that he decided not to participate in a slate based on Vasquez's original decision to omit slate names from the ballot.

Vasquez legally changed the elections policy to exclude slate names from the ballot before candidate filing began.

"After I took everything into consideration, I thought it was in the best interest of the A.S. elections that that be changed," Vasquez said. "I made this decision in complete accordance with the election bylaws."

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MEChA Crosses Not Stolen

Posters were defaced, workers removed crosses to mow lawn

By **PARISA BAHARIAN**
Senior Staff Writer

The recovery of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/la de Aztlan organization's missing display of crosses has stirred controversy and spurred MEChA to continue its awareness campaign to dispel the hate and ignorance expressed by some toward immigrants.

The UCSD police have been investigating the defacement of the MEChA display that was located on the Price Center's grassy area as a hate incident.

The disappearance of the defaced crosses display occurred on Admit Day and has also been under investigation.

UCSD police Detective Nate Floyd said that the crosses from the display were found and that they had not been stolen.

"The crosses display was removed by the grounds crew in order to cut the grass," Floyd said. "It wasn't a theft."

Floyd also said that the identification of the perpetrator who defaced the poster display is still under investigation.

University Centers Director Gary Ratcliff affirmed that the display was unintentionally removed by the grounds crew so that the grass could be mowed.

"The grounds crew were unaware that the crosses display was an exhibit when they cleared the grounds," Ratcliff said.

Ratcliff said that he e-mailed an

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Fee:

Many rumors circulated about the referendum

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tion of more fast food chains, they do not want to make this university even less affordable for those who already can barely pay for it and they do not approve of the administration's disregard for the democratic process at any stage of the referendum's development.

To make the election fair for both parties, the administration funded lobby groups for and against the referendum.

However, Villegas said that those against the fee referendum were able to present their views to the student body in a better fashion than their opposition.

"The 'no' campaign was very well-mobilized and the 'yes' side wasn't as well-organized," she said. "There were also a lot of messages being spread by the 'no' side and things really got embellished by people."

Villegas said one such rumor was that the administration would not increase financial aid accordingly so that the students would have to pay for the increase on their own. A.S. President Doc Khaleghi said this, in fact, was false.

"It is certified in writing from the office of financial aid that this fee would be covered by financial aid for those who qualify for it," he said in a campuswide e-mail.

In addition, many students wanted a line-item vote for the election, as they felt they would be able to vote for specific things they wanted as opposed to turning down the entire referendum.

"It is a shame that it had to be done that way," said Marshall senior Scott Dalva. "I really wanted the Price Center expansion, but I really didn't want the sports to get that kind of money. I wasn't about to vote 'yes,' considering I was completely against a lot of it."

Villegas said that although the election committee thought about making this a line-item vote, they decided otherwise thinking that this way was the most likely way the fee referendum would get passed.

"People just have their own interests," she said. "We were just afraid that the competing referendum would collectively fail."

Regardless, the student body's rejection of the referendum will affect other aspects of student life, which were previously unharmed.

Villegas said that after the election results had been posted, Watson said that he was planning on cutting all departments under student affairs such as the college councils, Student Health and Psychological Services by 10 percent to allow for spending on items he feels are important.

"Everything under Student Affairs would be cut because the priority with Watson is with expanding Price Center," Villegas said. "State funds can't be used for the expansion because it is a nonacademic building."

In addition, the school made a commitment three years ago to fund moving to Division II athletics and must abide by that promise. Without the fee referendum, the money for this needs to come from other places such as Student Affairs.

Cooper is opposed to this decision by the administration.

"In order to find funding for campus improvement projects, it is the administration's responsibility and clear ability to tap into the university's enormous discretionary funds, solicit outside donations, seek funding at the state level and search for money sources other than students' pockets," Cooper said.

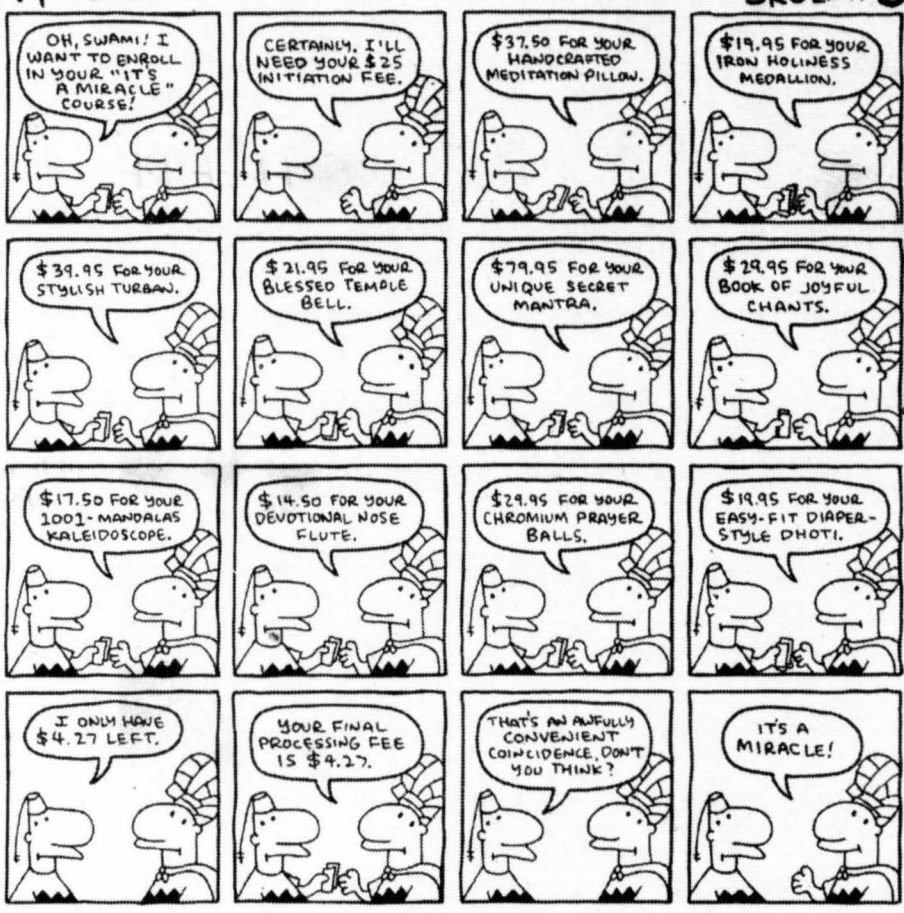
The recent vote shows that a majority of the student body does not agree with the expansion as well, citing that the students have failed to pass a referendum two years in a row that would expand the Price Center.

For now, the opinion of the students has been heard.

"This vote carries with it a message from the students: If you want to use our money, we are going to say exactly how it will be used," Cooper said.

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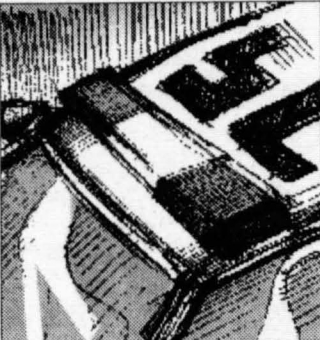
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Thornton Hospital. Sought private treatment.

Saturday, April 28
3:53 a.m.: Officers arrested an 18-year-old male student at Argo Hall for being drunk in public. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.

4:07 p.m.: An 18-year-old male nonaffiliate suffered a head injury after walking into a cement pole at the Price Center. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital.

Tuesday, April 24
10:30 a.m.: A staff member reported the theft of an orange Taylor-Dunn golf cart from the Price Center. Loss: \$2,500.

Wednesday, April 25
8:26 p.m.: An employee reported the theft of a vacuum cleaner from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library. Loss: \$125.

Friday, April 27
9:20 a.m.: A staff member reported the theft of books from Geisel Library. Loss: \$455.
3:49 p.m.: A 78-year-old female nonaffiliate suffered abrasions after falling in front of

Sunday, April 29
3:03 a.m.: Officers arrested a 19-year-old male student at AP&M for providing false identity information to a police officer, resisting arrest, possession of false identification and being drunk in public. Cited, rejected at detox, transported to jail.

— Compiled by Margaret O'Neill, Staff Writer

Petition:

Villegas said some considered taking action against Vasquez

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"Unfortunately, he didn't mention that slate names would not appear on the ballot until after the candidates' meeting," said Assistant A.S. Elections Manager Cristina Villegas. A.S. Secretary Anna Mason sent out an e-mail after the candidates' meeting, reaffirming what Vasquez thought everyone already knew.

"The e-mail basically said, 'If you didn't already know,' because I thought everyone knew, 'slate names won't be allowed on the

ballot,'" Vasquez said.

Many candidates expressed that they had not been previously informed of the change.

Vasquez changed his decision to omit slate names from the ballot after an uproar from candidates on slates who had not been informed of Vasquez's original decision.

"There was talk of impeachment," Villegas said. "[Slate members] were about to file violations against Vince because he hadn't publicized the change."

Vasquez said impeachment was not an option.

"I think the whole impeachment thing is completely unfounded," Vasquez said. "There aren't even any guidelines for that."

Bechtel filed his petition March 23.

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OPINION



Jennifer Myer / Guardian

Learning a foreign language promotes culture and allows students to enjoy art and literature in its truest form

By **SIMONE SANTINI**
Senior Staff Writer

In a sense, I can understand why some people might turn against a requirement for foreign languages in college. In an age dominated by technology, and by the pidgin English language that comes with it, why should we, one might ask, waste our time learning Spanish or Russian? Wouldn't that time be more sensibly used learning yet another computer language or some Internet skills?

This opinion (which, believe me, is far from hypothetical) reveals some serious misconceptions about the role of education and its place in today's society.

An example of these misconceptions is the confusion between education and job training, and the reduction of the former to the latter. To assume that one's goal in college is only to learn the skills necessary to find a well-paying job is a common, but hopelessly narrow statement.

Education is, or should be, a way of creating curious, open-minded, critical people with a decent amount of cultural awareness and the capacity to acquire more. This distinction is more important than it might look at first.

This country ostensibly professes freedom, but freedom entails choice, and choice entails the capacity to critically analyze the cultural and economic messages that society sends us, lest freedom be reduced to an empty shell in which we only choose what we are brainwashed to choose. To the extent that culture is necessary for freedom, so is education in a sense that transcends job training.

This consideration brings my somewhat lengthy preamble to the point of the study of foreign languages. For it is true that job training, especially in technical fields, would not require the knowledge of any foreign language (it doesn't even

require a real knowledge of the English language), but it is also true that our cultural environment is sending us increasingly multicultural and fragmented signals that can only be analyzed using sophisticated cultural instruments, many of which are multilingual.

To the extent that college education should be primarily cultural, it is fitting that society acknowledges the changed cultural landscape and imposes some language requirements as part of the normal educational process.

There will certainly be a legitimate desire to know why, of all the forms that multiculturalism is taking, universities should privilege the linguistic. After all, 20th century media have been primarily visual, and even now the race toward anything multimedia is favoring visual (and, maybe, in a near future, haptic) modes of expression. We can

expect that the intercultural influence will often take the form of visual arts, like paintings, cinema, or video; can't we be just as well-immersed in the multicultural flow without having to learn any languages?

I will surmise that language is not just another medium through which a certain type of content is delivered. Language is the social construction par excellence, and it is the matrix in which cultural artifacts, even visual ones, are created.

It is not just that without Spanish one will be unable to fully enjoy a Garcia Marquez novel; it is that without Spanish and the knowledge of Hispanic culture that comes with it, one will only be able to have a partial understanding even of the visual work of Diego Rivera. It is not just that without French one will be unable to appreciate a Chabrol film; it is also that without knowing a little French, one will find it hard to understand the environment in which surrealism flourished.

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Foreign language requirements hinder students' abilities to enjoy college and will help little in their future careers

By **CLAIRE VANNETTE**
Staff Writer

It's a fact of life here at UCSD and countless other universities: Every year, college students are forced to take courses they do not want to in order to complete general education requirements. For the literature major, it may be a dreaded quarter of calculus; for the engineer, a course in obscure history.

Grumbling about GEs is usually answered by administrators and professors with a common sense: "It's good for you," like the nasty-tasting cough syrup Mom used to force down our throats. This is true for many GE requirements; there is certainly much to be gained from understanding history and society, and possessing basic science and quantitative skills. However, those who lump foreign language into the scope of indispensable talents are mistaken.

The learning of foreign languages at a university is as old as higher education itself. In the Renaissance, scholars had to read Latin fluently in order to have access to the greatest literary works and histories available. Certainly, learning to speak French or Spanish or American Sign Language has its relevance and importance for many. However, it is simply ridiculous to expect it of every single student who enters the hallowed halls of a university.

Proponents of foreign language as a crucial element of general education often cite the growing globalization of all fields of business, public and private. They claim that because bilingualism is an advantage in the job market, college students should be forced to either demonstrate fluency in a language other than English, or devote several quarters to its study.

There are two problems here. The first is that while bilingualism is helpful in many occupations, especially in California where Spanish is as much a lingua franca as English, there are plenty of jobs for which someone never needs know more than "bon appetit"

and "yo quiero Taco Bell." For every future academic who must consult journals in German, there are scores of aspiring computer programmers who need C++, not Catalán.

Second, universities with this requirement assume that graduates will retain whatever language skills they are forced to learn. This is not the case. Three quarters of Italian in a student's freshman year will be a distant, fading memory by the time he begins his career.

Another argument used to advance the case for foreign language requirements is that knowledge of another language provides knowledge of another culture. The benefits of this are undeniable, as understanding other cultures allows for comparison with and better evaluation of one's own society.

However, spending hours a day in language labs, discussing how Marie went to l'hôpital for her fièvre, gives no insight into the particularities of life in France. If colleges are interested in providing their students with a grasp on international affairs, they should require courses in foreign history, not in the language.

Of course, this requirement annoys students, and any annoyance that clearly is not necessary ought to be removed. This provides for the improved health and happiness of students, which is a university's top priority — a fact that could stand to be reiterated to some here-unnamed administrators at some here-unnamed universities. There is a more pressing detrimental effect on students, however, than complaints over the subjunctive tense and the masculine article.

If people are not happy in a class, they are not going to exert very much effort toward it, or bring very much passion to discussion. We have all suffered through classes we hated, snoozing or sneering our way to a Pass grade. What is an inconve-

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A Few Paragraphs on Some Random Topics



I've decided that my attention span is so short that I can't actually write approximately 800 words on any one topic. So, instead of writing on semi-related topics and badly joining them together with opening and closing transition sentences, I've decided to write about two random topics, dedicating a paragraph to each. Or rather, several paragraphs each, after my editors are done with it. Or maybe they'll be done with that last sentence and this one as well.

You see, the problem with writing one big paragraph, which I like to do, is that it looks like crap. And then you have to take into consideration that it's a column. The very definition of a column is something that's not very wide and rather skinny. And skinny text looks even longer when you print it in newspapers, because they print your words in columns. No one likes to read long strings of crap, but I suppose you do if you've gotten this far. But as I was saying, I'm writing on two topics. They are alarm clocks and Black Mountain Road, and they have nothing to do with each other.

I hate alarm clocks. I have two in my room, and one on my cell phone. An interesting fact is that neither of the alarm clocks in my room are mine. They both belong to my girlfriend, and I'm holding on to all of

her crap while she's in Spain. My room is like Public Storage, but with lower monthly payments.

The one on my desk is what I fondly refer to as "the loud piece of crap." It has a nice, big, red LED and it's louder than any alarm clock I've ever heard in my life. It sounds like a smoke detector.

And the other alarm clock, the one on my bedside table, is a Powerpuff Girls alarm clock. Let me stress again that this is my girlfriend's alarm clock. I think the fact that it is my girlfriend's alarm clock counters the blatant homosexual implications of having it on my bedside table.

Regardless, on regular nights, I set the loud piece of crap for around noon. I have class 1:25-ish, but I take long showers, which might imply that I masturbate in the shower, but I find that rather cold and uncomfortable. I find that places to masturbate are a lot like places to have sex — beds seem to be the best.

On irregular nights — let's say I have a lab at 9 a.m. — I'll set the Powerpuff Girls clock for 7:30 a.m., the loud piece of crap for 7:45 a.m., and my cell phone for 8:40 a.m. This is what happens the next day: A quiet buzzing will emit from the Powerpuff Girls clock, I'll wake up, laugh at the ridiculous thought of waking up at such an absurd hour, and turn it off. Then, around 7:45 a.m., a loud, piercing sound will go off, my eyes will shoot open, and I'll get out of bed, walk over to it and hit snooze. 7:55 a.m.: Repeat, adding profanity: 8:05 a.m.: Similar, coincidentally, to 7:55 a.m., but

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Arrest of Milosevic Not the End

The 'Butcher of Balkans' was recently captured, but the ethnic tensions are still close to boiling over

By **MARY ONELIA ESTUDILLO**
Staff Writer

Since the two world wars last century, the Balkans have maintained a reputation as the "powder keg of Europe," a reputation that is perpetuated into the 21st century.

Although it seems like things are finally beginning to simmer down with the arrest of Slobodan Milosevic and his cronies, it is the start of much more controversy.

Last October, there rang a certain hope in the air for those in Serbia. The supposedly unsinkable Milosevic had been arrested. Never in the last 50 years have people compared anyone to Adolf Hitler as much as they do Milosevic. Although the man, whom many believe single-handedly destroyed Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia, has been arrested, it is currently uncertain whether he will actually be charged for his crimes against humanity.

Reconstruction has already started. Last year on April 26, Yugoslav president Vojislav Kostunica announced that initiatives were already being launched to foster understanding between Serbian and Montenegrin authorities. Election plans are already underway.

Serbia, however, is still far from peace and healing. The future holds a tedious reconstructive process that most observers believe will be a great task for not only Serbia, but for all of the Balkan states and Europe. Tribal and political con-



Many questions will be raised, and the extraction of Milosevic will not really provide a solution to the Balkans' problems.

Conflicts are still potential hindrances, and although the Balkans are more democratic now than they have ever been, it will take more than just the departure of Milosevic to erase the effects of the Communist dictatorship that they have all known.

Today, armed Albanians in southern Kosovo still take refuge in NATO's buffer zone while killing Serb policemen. On the other side, in Macedonia, there is still fighting over the multi-ethnic state. Killings have not slowed quite yet, as eight soldiers were shot in Macedonia two Saturdays ago. These killings are considered the highest death toll in a single attack since last February.

The never-united Bosnian Croats and Serbs do have one thing in common: the American-engineered federation. The United States is arranging to make agreements with Yugoslavia and the United Nations to renew the lease on the 9,000-acre American base in Kosovo for 75 years more. Many criticize the United States for their arbitrary and brutal methods of peace keeping. Some say this "forced protection" will soon breed violence among the Balkan states.

Then, of course, the question of statehood comes to play. Will the Yugoslav federation continue to exist as one entity? Montenegro and Serbia are likely additions, as is Kosovo. Additionally, the Serbian Mafia threatens Serbian officials who are handling Milosevic's charges. The future of these states will, indeed, prove a larger catastrophe than Milosevic himself if matters are not handled correctly.

Many questions will be raised, and the extraction of Milosevic will not really provide a solution to the Balkans' problems. While it is certain that his arrest has lifted some of the burden, it has not lifted all of it. Thousands of supporters are still demanding that Milosevic be released, and violence continues to plague the region as you read this article.

While all we can do is sit and wait for events to unfold, it is certain that the people of the Balkans have yet to come to a point of relief.

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Pro:

Foreign languages help culture students in life

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The list could go on indefinitely and, of course, one cannot learn all of the languages spoken in the world. Tough choices are necessary, but one has to start somewhere.

To be an attentive, critical and aware actor in today's world, the horizon of one nation or one culture is too short. Universities would give students a disservice if they didn't include the knowledge of languages with basic requirements like knowing English and mathematics.

In a few words: A multilingual culture has become a de facto requirement for any educated person, and it is time to include it as an essential requirement of any college career.

The possibility of talking to people using their own language makes life in a multi-ethnic environment such as San Diego much more stimulating, and I must admit that my Spanish-speaking friends were a large part of my initial impulse to study Spanish. This is not to mention the deliciously useless pleasure of knowing, for instance, that the French word for "man" is "homme," which comes from the Latin "humus," meaning "earth," signaling the earthly essence of man as opposed to the spiritual essence of the divinity.

These factoids will not help me in my job and will not make any money for me, but I find them fascinating.

The question, if anything, is this: Why wait as late as college to impose a foreign language requirement at a time when most

developed countries are introducing foreign languages as early as first grade? French, German and Dutch students leave high school with seven to 10 years of exposure to one or two foreign languages. Given the condition of American high schools, I doubt that such a solution would be feasible here. So, as a temporary solution, it makes sense to postpone the language requirement until college.

Finally, if I can have the presumption to give some advice to UCSD administrators, I would suggest that they make the requirement particularly pressing for science and engineering majors. Whether we like it, engineering activities have a great weight in this technology-dominated society. At the same time, American engineers are singularly absent from the cultural and political debate around technology and the choices that it entails, due, at least in part, to the narrow education that they receive.

I am not saying that learning a foreign language, per se, will provide engineers with the necessary cultural preparation, but with languages comes the appreciation of a different social structure, and that will help a lot. It is probably not a coincidence that engineers and scientists in the countries I have mentioned above are much more involved than their American counterparts in the cultural and political life of their respective countries, and that none of the corresponding languages has a word for "geek" or "nerd."

We can have techno-geeks enamored with their gizmos and happy to spend the night in a lab, or critical, open-minded individuals. Learning a language will not bring us from one to the other, but it will at least be a step in the right direction.

Con:

A language requirement is not useful to all

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nience to us is a disaster for those who want something more than a checkmark on a list of requirements.

Those students whose passion drives them to explore intricacies of etymology and syntax suffer immeasurably from being forced into classes filled with people more interested in note-passing than note-taking. Perhaps cowed into believing their input is unwelcome by their peers (and probably being right), they are denied the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. They may refrain from asking in-depth questions. Their pursuit of knowledge — the purported reason for higher education at all — is stunted by the presence of well-meaning but dissatisfied students only in it to get it over with.

The ability to speak a foreign language is, for some, a useful skill. It can also be a rewarding and interesting field of study, and makes for a great elective. However, what it cannot do is promise a better job after graduation, necessarily enrich a student's understanding of other cultures or stimulate everyone who walks into the classroom.

If a department feels that foreign language study will better the student experience (as is the case, for example, with the literature major, in which students are required to complete upper-division course work in a secondary language), let them figure that into their requirements. Other students should be allowed more freedom with their academic schedules. Foreign languages should be a joy or a useful tool, not a bitter pill to swallow.

Column:

Random topics make for some great laughs

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with even more profanity. The process repeats until 8:25 a.m., when I get sick of the whole process and just turn it off. Then, at 8:40 a.m. my cell phone goes off, I yell some expletives, grab my keys and try to cut off enough people on Genesee to get to class on time.

Once I hit campus, I pretty much assume that all driving laws are null and void. Stop signs are optional. I always have the right of way, much like a pedestrian, but in a moving car. Really, I could shorten the whole procedure and extend my sleeping time by at least 20 minutes by just setting my cell phone alarm, but that all seems pretty damn pessimistic, if you ask me.

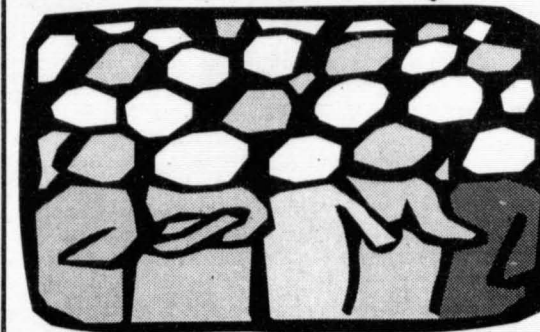
Black Mountain Road doesn't have a lot going for it. It's the other road we never talk about. It's not "don't go down that road" bad, but it's not exactly Nobel, either. Nobel has a lot going for it: Tower Records, Ralph's, Jamba Juice, apartment complexes and UPS drop-off locations.

Black Mountain Road has street races and drug dealers. That's right, I actually made a drug deal on Black Mountain Road. It was a real pain in the ass, because whenever you need drugs you had to drive all the way out into the middle of nowhere.

It really paid to buy in bulk after the first couple of times. But then you'd forget to buy in bulk, because you were smoking weed, and when you remembered, you'd buy weed in bulk. It was sort of a Catch-22.

On the plus side, there's a really good Indian place on Black Mountain Road, so if you time it right, you could be a part of a street race, smoke a lot of weed, and then eat the buffet at the Indian place.

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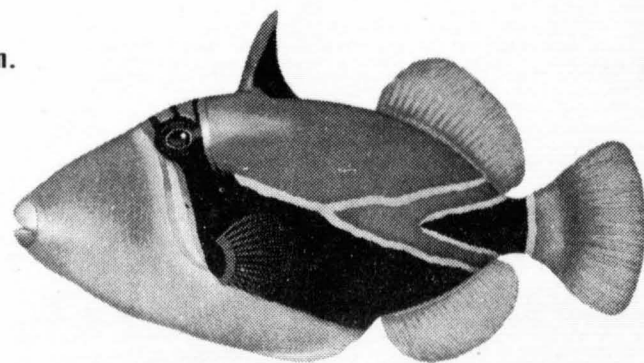
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Petition: Vasquez allegedly didn't publicize ballot change

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According to A.S. bylaws, the judicial board has 16 academic days to hear such petitions. Outgoing A.S. President Doc Khaleghi appointed Warren student Cori Hall as chair of the judicial board.
The judicial board convened on the 16th day, April 23. Hall and representatives from Marshall, Muir, Roosevelt and Warren colleges were present at the hearing.
Bechtel proposed three possible resolutions in his petition. One was to uphold the original decision to omit slate names from the ballot. Another was to reopen filing to allow all candidates to decide again

whether to be on a slate and begin the campaign period over. The third was to allow independent candidates the space on the ballot allotted for slate names for their own advertising.
According to Bechtel, Vasquez tentatively agreed to the third proposed solution, then later informed Bechtel that it could not be done.
"Bechtel was pretty irate and I just wanted to get through everything he addressed," Vasquez said. "I told him I'll go with it, as long as it didn't arise controversy."
Bechtel said that Vasquez told him he would allow use of the space unless he found that it violated election bylaws.
"He has still not informed me of any violation this resolution might cause, yet he turned it down anyway," Bechtel stated in his petition. Vasquez decided based on precedent that the space could not be used as a free speech space.
"[The space] had never been used as a free speech space," Vasquez said. "[Bechtel] wanted a second chance for his own personal campaign. I was looking at it in terms of that it wasn't in the best interest of the election. I was following precedent."
Because Bechtel withdrew his petition, no judicial action was taken.
"I think if Matt's claim had gone through, it had a chance of nullifying the election," Villegas said.
No other candidates filed petitions regarding the issue.
Vasquez has since submitted legislation to amend the election bylaws.
"If candidates have information

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MEChA:

The organization put the display back up

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apology to the MEChA organization.
"I said that I was very sorry about the removal of the crosses display. I told them that it was an honest mistake," Ratcliff said. "And I also informed them that we revised our space reservations procedures so that our grounds crew is fully informed about exhibits on the green space," he said.
Muir junior Jessica Lopez, chair of MEChA, said that she replied via e-mail to thank him for the apology and to also raise some of her organization's concerns.
"After discussing this incident with the MEChA board, it is clear that we have not ruled out the possibility that our exhibit was taken down for Admit Day to eliminate anything 'controversial' from campus," Lopez said in her e-mail.
Ratcliff was adamant in his explanation that the removal of the crosses display was not an attempt at censorship before Admit Day began.
"The reservations department doesn't make judgments on content of exhibits; we just schedule," Ratcliff said. "It is an absolute myth that the removal of the crosses display has any connection with Admit Day or has any intent to squelch their message."
"It is important that student organizations, such as MEChA, have access to this space to build awareness of social issues. The staff here will be fully supportive of such efforts."
Lopez said that once the display was returned to her organization nearly a week after it went missing, there were three separate com-

ments on their poster that had been covered by either black paint or permanent black pen: "That's what they get," "Why commemorate criminals?" and "These people are criminals."
Lopez said that the comments were obviously referring to the statistics provided by MEChA on the poster memorializing the hundreds of immigrants who have died trying to cross the border into the United States.
Yet Lopez said the real issue is not illegal immigration, as implied by the person or persons who defaced the poster.
"The real issue is that people are dying and that some people think these deaths are justified," Lopez said.
Lopez said that in the aftermath of the hate incident and removal of their crosses display, the MEChA organization has responded by putting its display back up in the

Price Center grass area, but with one significant change.
Lopez said that MEChA added a separate poster board so that there would be a place for students to make comments.
"We added a separate poster board so that students could respond," Lopez said. "We've gotten a lot of positive comments."
However, Marshall junior Candace Katungi, who is not a member of MEChA, said she witnessed a student write a negative comment on the response board.
"The student wrote: 'Why are you making a memorial for criminals? If you want to prevent deaths, build higher walls,'" Katungi said.
Katungi said she then engaged the student in a thoughtful and calm dialogue for the next 20 minutes.
"I asked him what he meant by criminals," Katungi said. "He replied that the emphasis should be on the fact that when the immigrants ille-

gally crossed, they knew the risks. "I told him that no death is justifiable. I pointed out that we only use the death penalty for severe crimes. I then asked him if what the immigrants did was severe enough to warrant their deaths. He didn't say anything after that," Katungi said.
Lopez said that the hateful and ignorant reactions by some students to the organization's attempt to bring awareness to the campus through the crosses display has made it clear that there is still a lot of ignorance that needs to be deconstructed.
"People at UCSD need to analyze and challenge notions that 'immigrants are criminals,' or that 'immigrants deserve what they get,'" Lopez said. "These misconceptions about immigrants are made to seem natural to hide the fact that they are constructed strategically to justify the exploitation of these groups for the benefit of others."

Petition: Bechtel officially withdrew his complaint

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that they want to get out to the students, the only place that should be considered for that is the candidate statement," Vasquez said. "I amended one of the bylaws to say 'no other candidate information is to appear on the ballot.'"
The newly elected A.S. Council will decide on Vasquez's submitted legislation Wednesday. All members of the newly elected council ran on the Unity slate.
"I just hope that the Unity slate has the ability to be open-minded in the review of Mr. Vasquez's pending legislation," Bechtel said. "He has a difficult task considering that all of next year's council ran on, and probably won as a result of, slate names being listed in the A.S. election ballot."

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THE WEEKLY CALENDAR

for the week of **april 30 to may 7 2001**

ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 30

• **Fundamentals of Event Planning**, 3-4pm @ PC San Francisco/Santa Cruz Room. Learn how to plan effectively to coordinate the best possible event, while remaining stress free! This event will teach you to utilize campus resources and professional etiquette to get the answers you need.

Tuesday, May 1

• **All campus transfer social**, 5pm @ the Cove in Price Center. All transfers invited. Call 534.3490 to reserve space. Free food!

Wednesday, May 2

• **CWP free film**, 7:30pm @ Center Hall 119. Film traces 3 years in the life of Los Angeles Bus Riders Union. A rare mix of fine film making, good politics, and a portrayal of a multiracial grassroots movement.

Thursday, May 3

• **Preparing for Work After College**—What's Really Out There, 2:30-3:30 @ PC Davis/Riverside Room. Workshop topics include finding the right career paths and exploring options, setting goals and making decisions, resumes, cover letters, and interviewing.

Friday, May 4

• **EAP Application Deadline!** Study in 2002 in Australia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, or Spain.

• **Muir Rooftop Dance**, 8:45pm-1am @ Tioga Rooftop. "Ass Shakin' Under the Stars." Come shake your ass on the roof of Tioga Hall. Free drinks and prizes for dance competitions.

Saturday, May 5

• **African American Student Union's Banquet Social**, 6:30-9pm @ Gospel Cafe(5:60 El Cajon Blvd). Free food, social AASU Awards, entertainment.

• **African American Student Union Afterparty**, 9-12pm @ Choluta's at SDSU. Come to a free party following our recognition banquet at Gospel Cafe! Doors open at 9pm.

Ongoing

• **ROOM@UCSD**: SRIV new show every Monday, 9pm. Dorm cable, ch 18. Broadcasting all the news that fits on the screen, ROOM@UCSD focuses the lens on every aspect of campus life you can shake a mic at.

• **ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY FORUM**: This informal group addresses Asian students concerns in a supportive and problem-solving atmosphere. Possible topics

include academic success, family pressures, cultural identity, and relationships. Led by Dr. Jeanne Manese 534-3035 and Dr. John Wu. Fridays 12-1:30pm at the Cross Cultural Center, 510 Univ. Ctr. Psychological and Counseling Services.

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ACADEMICS

Monday, April 30

• **"The Grass is Always Greener on the Other Side"** @ The Pepper Canyon Lodge, ERC. A historical account of the European Immigration to the United States of America. Presented by the International Affairs Group.

Tuesday, May 1

• **DENTAL APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2002**, 12:45pm @ Career Services Center. Interested in applying for dental school? You'll learn the application process, how to choose schools, what letters you need. Come get your questions answered! 858.534.4939

Wednesday, May 2

• **"Women in Organized Racism: Who, Where, and What Difference Does it Make?"** 3pm @ SSB #104. Come hear Professor Kathleen Blee of the University of Pittsburgh discuss her current research on women in organized racism.

• **ACING YOUR JOB INTERVIEW**, 11:30-12:30pm @ Career Services Center. Does the thought of interviewing give you the jitters? We're here to help! Attend this workshop to learn helpful strategies, how to prepare, typical questions, and follow-up tips. 858.534.3750

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Friday, May 4

• **"Communication and Democratic Reform in South Africa"**, 3:30 @ SSB #101. Professor Robert Horwitz/Department of

Communication) will discuss his new book "Communication & Democratic Reform in South Africa" as part of the African and African-American studies research project's spring lecture series.

Ongoing

• **Black Grad Committee Meetings**, Tuesdays, 4:30pm @ TMC Dean's Office. Be a part of the committee that is planning the African-American Recognition ceremony.

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• **Harmony Club Meeting**, 6pm @ North Conference Rm. in Old Student Center. Do you play a musical instrument? Or do you have a passion for music? If so, then come join UCSD's new music club HARMONY and share your interests with others.

Wednesday, May 2

• **Pre-vet Club Meeting**, 6-7:30pm @ University Center Bldg. 413. Dr. Gary Amaral will be speaking about his experiences as an equine veterinarian.

Ongoing

• **LGHTA general meetings**. Every Monday 7pm. GSA room in Old Student Cntr. A safe and friendly environment for LGBT and other people to socialize, learn about events, and access resources. Everybody is welcome! info: 534-GAYS.

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• **M.E.Ch.A. general body meetings**. 5pm every Monday @ the CCC.

• **African American Student Union Meetings**, 6-8 @ Cross Cultural Center. Join us for an exciting last quarter to general body meetings and social events including: Semiformal, 2001-2002 Board Elections, Fashion Show, and more.

ARTS

Wednesday, May 2

• **Art Beat Cafe**, 6:30-10pm @ Pepper Canyon Lodge. A night to celebrate student artists of all kinds with delicious desserts and coffee provided. We are looking for studio art, photography, performance, sculpture submissions and more. For info call 642.2018.

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HEALTH

Wednesday, May 2

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Ongoing

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FEATURES

Capitalizing on Your POTENTIAL

By MALAVIKA GANGOLLY,
Associate Features Editor

UCDC program offers students an opportunity to live and learn in Washington

Arja Scherer/Guardian



When Muir junior Jacob Knapp arrived in Washington in January, he had mixed feelings about the experiences that lay ahead. Knapp, a participant in the UCDC program, was initially overwhelmed.

"I didn't know anyone else who was in the program, so I was a little nervous going in," Knapp said. "But by the time it was over, our group had really bonded."

Knapp is one of 24 students from UCSD who participated in the program winter quarter. The UCDC program was created nearly 10 years ago, with the purpose of giving UC students the opportunity to take courses and have internships while living in the district area. UCSD has been sending students to participate in this program for the past five years, and the program has grown considerably since its creation.

In the past, participants of the program have resided at the Virginian apartments in Arlington, Va., but beginning this fall, students will live in the new University of California Washington Center, located in the heart of the city.

The new 11-story building will house nearly 300 students each quarter, as well as several seminar rooms, conference rooms, an auditorium, a multi-purpose room, a computer lab and several classrooms. Additionally, the building will house the Office of Federal Governmental Relations and other administrative and research units of the University of California. The center will serve as the epicenter of the UCDC program, making it the largest nonlocal university in Washington.

Along with the opening of the new center, there have recently been some changes to the local program headquarters. After five years of being centered in the political science department, the headquarters for the program has moved to the Career Services Center. Although the program will continue to be operated by the political science department, the promotion, recruitment, Web site, internship information and advising and application procedures will all be orchestrated by Career Services.

Shannon Roberts, the UCDC internship coordinator, feels that the move will have a strong impact on the amount of publicity that the program receives at UCSD.

"In the past, the program was not promoted as much," Roberts said. "But with the opening of the new center and the increase in the number of students we will be able to send every quarter, we can already see the program becoming increasingly popular among UCSD students."

For UCSD students, the completion of this new facility will increase the number of students participating in the program each quarter. The location of the building is also convenient for students because it is in such close proximity to many governmental organizations and agencies.

For Knapp, a political science major, the internship was a valuable learning experience. "The UCDC program opened up my eyes to the East Coast lifestyle and how our government works," Knapp said. "I've always been a California boy, but this trip made me want to go to law school on the East Coast."

Applicants will assemble a file consisting of a cover sheet, application form, official transcript, letters of recommendation, resume and letter of intent to enroll. Students should then turn these materials in to the Career Services Center, where they will be given guidance on how to obtain an internship in the district.

After the application deadline has passed, application files will then be sent to the political science department, where they will be reviewed by a panel of faculty members who represent many different academic departments at UCSD. The panel will review these files on the basis of GPA, class level and major. Although the program is quite selective, those involved in the application review process try to accept a diverse group of students each quarter.

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The Editor's Soapbox

By VINCENT GRAGNANI
Editor in Chief

I traveled frequently with my family while growing up, but it wasn't until recently that I discovered the pleasures of traveling alone. I use the term "alone" loosely; I wasn't traveling with people I knew, but I was meeting people all the time. The people I met on the road were all very interesting to talk to.

Over winter break, I embarked on a train trip that took me across the United States and Canada. When I wasn't sleeping on the train, I was sleeping in hostels. I have since fallen in love with these forms of traveling, primarily because they foster social interaction.

Trains and hostels are more interesting, stimulating and dollar-saving than the usual hotels and airplanes. Airplanes are filled with people traveling on business. They enter, sit and basically don't get up until arrival. Sure it's quick, but if I have the time, I would prefer to see the country. Hostels, like trains, are another great place to meet people. Strangers eat together, they drink together and talk with each other.

My first trip on Amtrak came at the end of last summer, when I spent two months in Chicago. Being a native of Chicago, I have flown between Chicago and San Diego several times a year since I was 4 years old. It was time to ditch flying and really see what lay

Dolly in the Snack Car, Okie J.R. Are Memories of Traveling on Amtrak

between the two cities.

I set out on a Tuesday afternoon, and almost immediately met a guy named J.R. I was somewhat scared of him, as I later found out he had done time in San Quentin. But when I told him I was going to Oceanside, Calif., he got excited.

He left Oceanside years ago to get away from his drug problem, stopped in Oklahoma, where his truck ran out of gas, and has lived there ever since.

The drug problem explained his San Quentin time, but it was obvious to me that the problem wasn't entirely behind him. He once grimaced in pain while sitting down because he had a pipe in his back pocket. Not a tobacco pipe. "Oops, you didn't see that," he said to me as he moved it to his front pocket. I did see it, and later when he came out of the smoking lounge with some other people, I could tell that they had put the pipe to use.

I was surprised that someone would do such a thing on a train, but there was little doubt as to what had happened. They came out very amused at the most mundane things. Corn fields were entertaining to them. Train life was beginning to entertain me.

Often I am most interested in talking to train personnel. Apparently I am not the only one, as they seem to have heard many of my questions a thousand times before. I now know where the crew sleeps, how well they sleep,

how their shifts are scheduled, what their favorite routes are and why, how fast the train travels, and even how often people commit suicide by lying on the rails. I found it a very interesting life, and so did many of them. I also found that not all Amtrak employees enjoy their jobs.

This winter, I traveled to Seattle, riding coach on Amtrak's Coast Starlight. There were plenty of drunks on this two-day trip. Many started drinking in Los Angeles and didn't stop until Dolly the snack car attendant closed the bar completely, much to everyone's dismay.

Some guys called her a bitch, almost in front of her face, and while I thought they were rude, they weren't that far off: I tried to start a conversation with her by asking her how her day was and it didn't go well. She wasn't having a particularly bad day, it was almost like any other, she said. She hated her job. She sold snacks and drinks all day, and no, traveling wasn't an interesting aspect of her job. It got old after four months, and that was 17 years ago.

She advised me to pick a career I truly enjoy and told me her life was a sad story of someone who didn't do that. I felt sorry for her and after talking to her over a two-day period I began to understand that she was having a rough time with the drunks on the trip. When she found out I was a writer, she

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UCDC:

Students of all majors are encouraged to apply

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Traditionally, a large number of the students who have participated in the program have been political science majors, but the program directors emphasize the vast number of opportunities available to other majors.

Professor Samuel Kernell, director of undergraduate studies at the UCSD political science department and director of the UCDC program at UCSD, encourages students from all majors to apply for the program.

"This is not just a political science program," Kernell said. "There are dozens and dozens of internships in a variety of fields that are available to students, and we are very keen on students from the humanities and sciences applying to the UCDC program."

The quarter-long program provides students the chance to spend time away from UCSD, have an internship, as well as earn regular grades and units for coursework completed while in the district. The cost of the program is comparable to quarterly fees at UCSD, but the cost of living in Washington is slightly higher than in San Diego. Student housing is fully furnished, and the cost is approximately \$725 per month for rent.

Muir senior Jen Levine, a sociology major, participated in the program last spring and advises

students to take advantage of the opportunities that this program offers.

"I chose to participate because I didn't want to leave UCSD for a long period of time yet I thought I would be missing out if I didn't try something new and different," Knott said. "There are many advantages to the program, and if you participate, you will have a memorable experience and learn a lot."

Students who enroll in the program divide their time between classes taught by UC faculty and an internship that relates to their career interest. At the end of the 10-week program, students are expected to produce an intensive research paper related to their internship experience.

Students are able to choose from several different courses including art history, sociology, politics, public policy, media and economics to satisfy their elective requirement.

Although the course requirements and research paper can be intimidating, most students feel that they benefit from the work they complete in the district.

Knapp, who interned at the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, felt that researching and writing his paper, "Federal Grand Jury Reform," was a valuable learning experience.

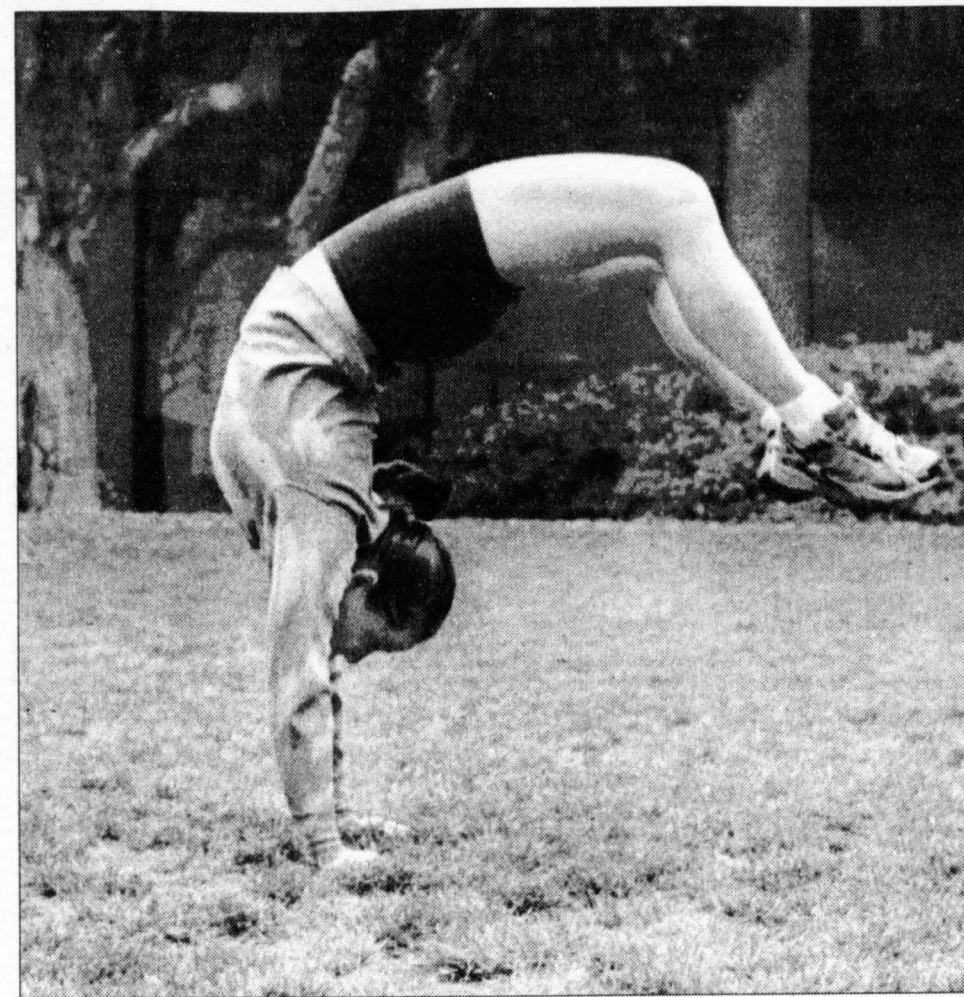
"The research paper was a lot of work, but I feel like it was worthwhile," Knapp said. "D.C. has tons of resources available for students and the public at large. You just

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— Jen Levine
Muir senior

SPOTLIGHT



Playing: Lorayn Heyman, Muir sophomore, practices her back flips in the Muir Quad.

Soapbox:

Amtrak full of encounters with strange individuals

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told me I could write a book about the people on our trip, calling them the worst group of people she had seen in over six months.

Little did she know I would end up writing about her. If any of you are ever on the Coast Starlight, seek Dolly out in the snack car and make some small talk with her. She's an interesting person and

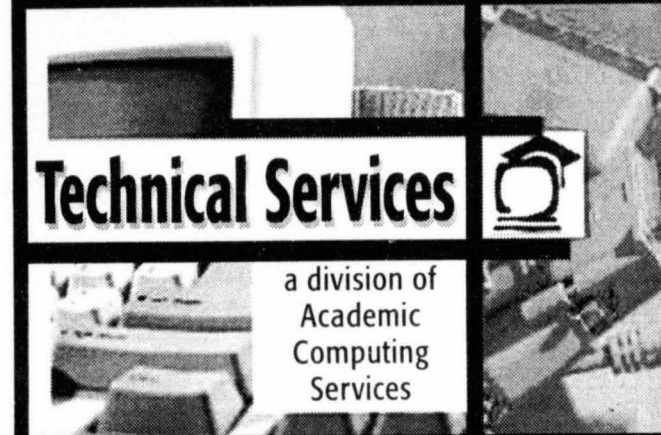
needs someone to talk to.

On the last leg of my winter journey, I spoke briefly with another interesting character, a former psychic reader. She wasn't a true reader, but a former phone operator. She said she initially wanted to be a phone sex operator, but got talked into being a psychic.

Claiming to have experienced *deja vu* was all it took for her to get hired as a qualified reader. I didn't ask her to "read" me, but I watched her do a "psychic reading" on another passenger. She explained

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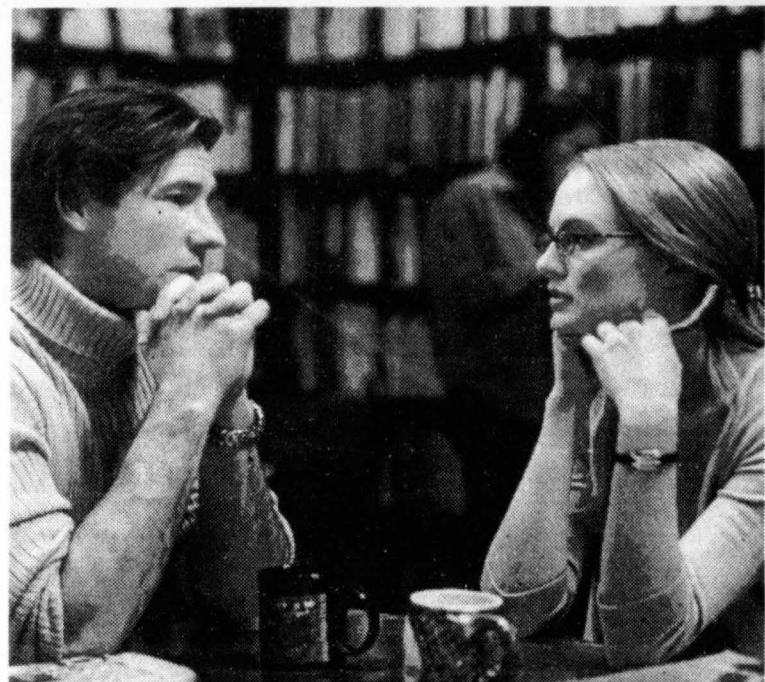
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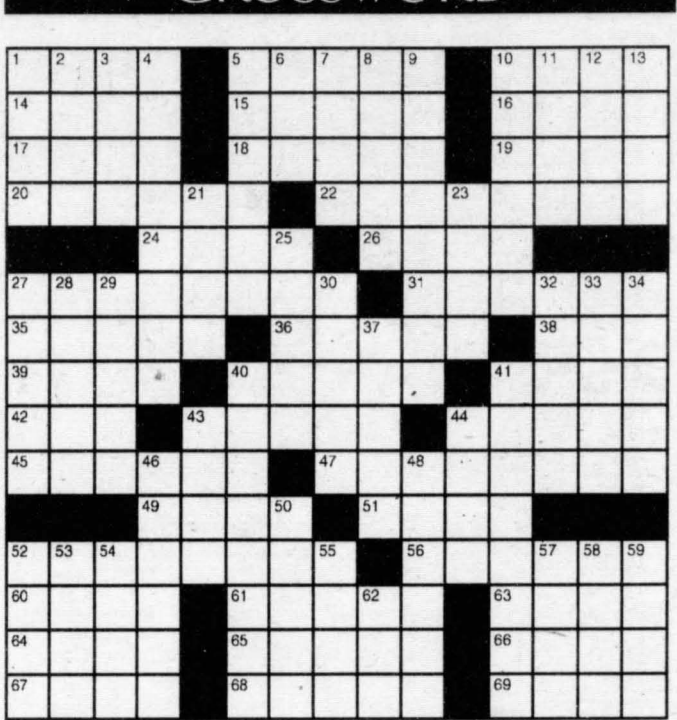
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UCDC:

Internships often have many perks

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Although UCDC students take courses while in Washington, the internship is the main component of the program. According to the UCDC internship coordinators, there are a number of internship opportunities relating to agriculture, science and environmental policy, arts, museums, arts administration, Congress, economic policy, elections, political parties, action groups, human services & social policy, international affairs, law and justice, and press and the media.

Revelle senior Marjorie Knott, a political science major, spent last spring interning at the White House in the Office of Presidential Inquiries for the Department of Correspondence.

She served as a supervisor, and enjoyed the many opportunities she was given while completing her internship.

"I had a lot of perks as an intern," Knott said. "I went to State Arrivals, ushered speaking engagements for diplomats and special White House tours and helped coordinate Volunteer Appreciation Day and the Easter Egg Roll."

The program was also a defining experience in Knott's career. Her internship experience substantially changed her career goals.

"Being a political science major, I always figured that law school was the next step for me," Knott said. "My internship in D.C. redirected my abilities and my passion, because working within the Correspondence Department helped me recognize that my favorite part of my political science studies was in the composition and presentation of material. I liked the public relations aspect of my degree, and as an intern for the ultimate medium of public relations for political affairs, let's just say I found my niche."

For other students, such as Knapp, the internship experience reinforced prior career goals.

"Down the road, I would like to become a federal judge, and by working at the District Court in D.C., I was able to interview and observe several judges and see what their daily routines entailed," Knapp said. "I was able to observe cool trials including the Microsoft case, and my internship at the courthouse has intensified my desire to go to law school," he said.

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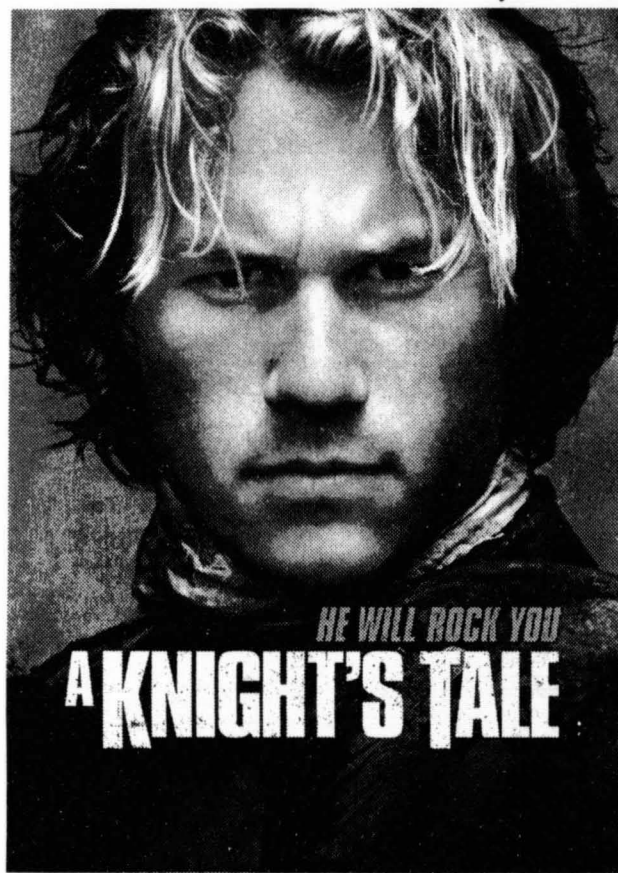
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Large advertisement for Kaplan MCAT prep. It features the MCAT logo and the text '3 out of 4 med school students who took a commercial MCAT prep course took Kaplan. Shouldn't you?'. It states that MCAT classes start Saturday, May 12, and provides the phone number 1-800-KAP-TEST and the website kaptest.com.



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The program often has a strong impact on students

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In addition, with the opening of the new center in the fall, students will be able to reside in the same

place where they will be taking courses and completing their research projects.

For Knott, the UCDC program was a life-changing experience.

"Words cannot describe the impact that this program had on my life," Knott said. "This experience shaped the person that I am, and shaped the goals that I know seek."

The deadline for the fall quarter program is May 7, and students wishing to apply for winter quarter can also turn in applications by this date.

For more information visit the Career Services Center, or go to the UCDC Web site at http://www.ucdc.edu/.

Soapbox:

Traveling alone can be an eye-opening experience

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why she said what she said and it all seemed very logical, as she was trained to pick up on little hints from people and work her psychic magic from there. It was all very fascinating.

The interesting people that I have met during my train and hotel travels are almost too numerous to count: the owner of an Internet company in Amsterdam, a widow whose husband was a big-time editor for a Toronto newspaper, a student from Hungary, a bartender from Scotland, and a man who, as a baby, was allegedly held by William Faulkner.

Inevitably, the discussions would turn to cultural differences. I discussed music in the United States compared to music in Britain and the Netherlands. I explained several times to several people how our nation's electoral college functions. I also learned a lot about the attitudes Canadians have about Americans. Apparently I

don't "sound like an American." I wasn't sure how to take that, but assumed it was a personal compliment from Canadians.

These experiences have taught me the value of traveling alone and the value of alternate modes of travel. It seems that people who ride trains and sleep in hostels are of a different class than those who rush through airports and check into Hiltons. They are often working-class people, and I think that is what makes them interesting. They are not uppity or snobbish. I may travel by myself, but with this crowd, I will never be alone.

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UCSD Triathlon Team Travels

By **ROBERT FULTON**
Sports Editor

The UCSD triathlon team competed in the Southwest Regional Championships in Puerto Penasco, Mexico, earlier this month, kicking off the collegiate triathlon season that runs through September.

UCSD placed sixth out of the 10 schools participating.

The event was Olympic distance, with a 1.5-kilometer swim, 40-kilometer bike ride and a 10-kilometer run.

The race was on a relatively flat course, but weather was not too friendly. High winds and heat visibly took their toll on the athletes.

The overall team scores were based on that school's combined times of its top three finishers.

The men finished sixth with a combined time of 7:04:56. The top school overall was University of Colorado.

The women also came in sixth, finishing with a combined time of 9:09:17. UC Santa Barbara took the top mark in a time of 7:43:04.

A squad also represented UCSD in Big Bear last weekend at the Bird Rock and Damn Sprint Races.

At Bird Rock, UCSD's Megan Anderson placed first, Esther Merki took third and Patrick Fischer placed ninth in their respective age groups.

At the Damn Sprint, Dave Schurig came in third. The team has a number of events in the near future, including nationals at San Luis Obispo.

Water Polo: Tritons topple Roadrunners in polo

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end of the quarter, UCSD held a narrow lead of 5-4.

UCSD scored four goals in a row in the fourth. The increasingly desperate Roadrunners committed more fouls and watched two of their players get ejected for the rest of the game as Rodriguez scored one more goal to end the game, 9-5.

While assistant head coach Robin Bregman attributed the team's initial flat play as "discouragement" after the loss to Davis the day before, "the fact that we have lots of team speed, and we played with such depth - a total of 14 players" eventually overcame the smaller, slower Roadrunner team of only 12. Sanders called the failure of many of our opportunities the Tritons' "Achilles Heel - its been our weakness all year. When we get man-up opportunities, we convert about 30 percent of the time, and to win you need to be 50, 60... It's been frustrating all year to lose to strong Division I teams by only one or two goals after leading going into the final quarter because we need to put the ball in the cage on our opportunities."

Nonetheless, Sanders was very pleased overall: "We had a great season, going 20-13, beat some very strong Division I teams like 5th-ranked nationally Cal State San Jose, and I believe we can come back even better next year from learning from our close losses," Sanders said, pointing out that the team had only one player graduating.

He is a two-time California Col-

Triton Runners Say Goodbye

Top performer James Nielson and others to graduate

By **ARVIND VASAN**
Senior Staff Writer

As the year comes to an end, the men's and women's cross country teams will be losing six seniors due to graduation.

The men's team will be letting go of Conor Medley of Grass Valley, Calif., James Nielson of Novato, Calif. and Michael Wangler of Los Alamos, N.M.

On the women's side Amy Wu and Meghan Scott, both of San Jose, and Amy Kitchen, from right here in San Diego, will be leaving the Tritons after the end of this year. These athletes' accomplishments are numerous.

Medley provided young energy for the Tritons early in his career and continuously improved his ability to compete, finishing within the top 20 in numerous races and 69th in the tough California State Fullerton Invitational, the only competitor from UCSD to do so.

Nielson won the Triple Crown in 1999 as a sophomore at the California State Championships, Conference Championships and National Championships.

He is a two-time California Col-

legiate Athletic Association Division II cross country champion and is the UCSD record holder in the 1,500 meters and the 10,000 meters. Nielson is one of only four NCAA All-Americans for cross country at UCSD.

Wangler had strong moments during his UCSD career, coming in sixth in the Point Loma Nazarene Dual in 1999.

Wu is one of the best-ever middle distance racers for the Tritons, finishing No. 5 all-time in the 800 meters, and No. 6 in the 1,500 meters. She is a leading member of UCSD's NCAA Regional Championship Team in cross country in 2000.

Scott led the seniors in winning the conference 3,000 meters and is currently No. 5 for UCSD at that distance, as well as No. 3 in 5,000 meters.

Kitchen is the No. 2 all-time leader in Triton history in the 10,000 meters and competed at the nationals for cross country in 1997.

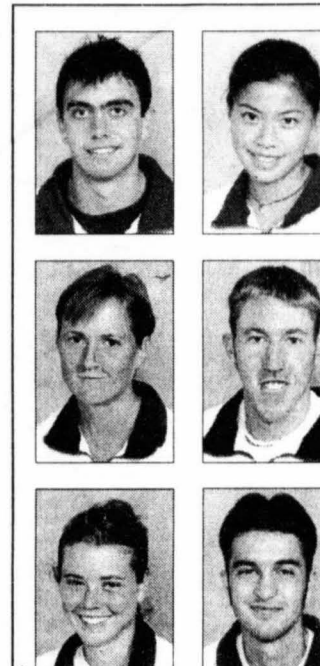
"These are extremely special members of UCSD's program. They have represented the university and its student body at true levels of excellence," said cross country head coach Ted Van Arsdale.

All these seniors have had their share of injuries, halting their running and racing activities for a period of time. Scott and Kitchen's injuries kept them from racing for over a year. Yet all these seniors kept their poise, fought through adversity and raced to their utmost ability.

"Each senior remained committed to achieving their personal goals and returned top-flight performances," Van Arsdale said. "This is an example of perseverance at its best, and the type of quality person who sets the type of example younger people need to see. No quit!"

Remarkably, these seniors all maintained a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 while training 20 hours and running as much as 100 miles every week.

"It takes a tremendously strong person to achieve performances of the likes mentioned above while establishing one's self in preparation for the real world and maintaining excellent academic status," Van Arsdale said.



Courtesy of UCSD Athletics
Runners: Many fine athletes will be bidding adieu to the cross country team this spring.

Fulton: Athletes should be encouraged by school

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Not if they add a dimension to the campus that no one else can bring, which athletics as a whole certainly does.

I am not sure, though, how they would be paid for. The failure of the fee referendum last week sends a message. There will be difficulty keeping things going, let alone paying those who are most important to athletics, the athletes.

Without scholarship of some sort some day in the next few years, we may quit being competitive. It is hard to compete with schools with

scholarships. Are student athletes better than us? I don't know. I mean, many of you can sit there and say that you got straight A's your entire school career, but what else did you do? Get out there and do something.

Others of you can say you graduated with a 3.75 and belonged to some random club, but does it matter?

Hell, I could sit here and say I have a B average and was sports editor at the *Guardian*. Looks OK on a resume, but nothing to tell the grandkids about.

But student athletes, like members of the women's soccer team, can say they graduated from UCSD and were national champions. Let's reward them for their excellence and hard work.

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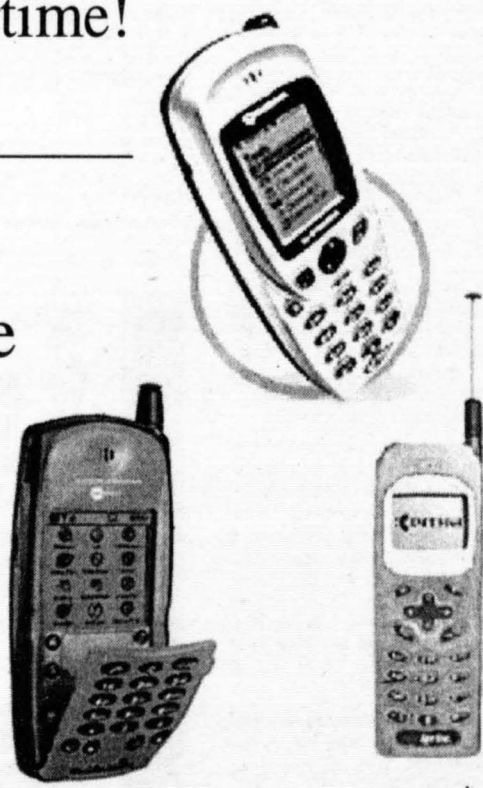
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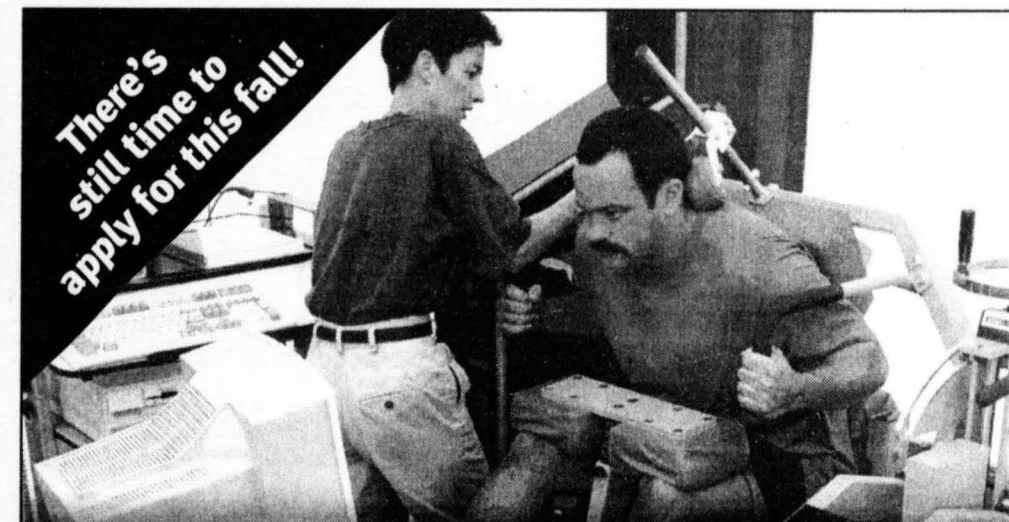
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Giving Athletes Props



You know, going to school is not that easy. At least it's hard to go to school and excel, to get all or mostly A's. Some can do it without any effort. Some can do it, but they need to work really hard at it. I fall under a third group: those who have to work really hard and have to have some luck to pull respectable marks.

Education ain't easy. That brings me to my point: What the UCSD student athletes do is a pretty remarkable thing. They balance school and sports, and many of them excel at what they do.

Athletes have often been looked down upon as a group that is good on the field but that just gets by in the classroom. At times, this holds true. Man, I knew some people back in high school who could sink a three-pointer blindfolded but had trouble multiplying one by itself (Um, the answer is one, I think).

This also holds true at certain universities around the country. Jocks just barely stay on the team, just barely keep scholarships, just barely remain able to go on and make millions in the NBA or NFL.

This is not the case so much any longer. More and more, schools are demanding excellence. I mean, look at Duke University: national champs in men's hoops. And this is DUKE of all places. They don't just let anyone attend. You have to have a head on your shoulders.

Stanford is another example. Excellent basketball program. Freaking geniuses in the classroom. You don't go there unless you have some brain power, and the athletic ability is secondary.

Well, coming back around to our neck of the woods, some day the above scenarios could happen here. Look out. I'm about to use the S word — scholarships.

After thinking a bit, scholarships could work here. We could be a Division II Duke or Stanford. Excellence in both the classroom and on the field.

Many are against scholarships for athletes. Many feel it takes away from the prestige of an educational institution. Many fear the thought of dumb jocks just getting by, being enrolled because they can kick a soccer ball.

Well, let's just hold them to the same academic standards. Actually, that is how it is now — no matter how well someone plays tennis, he has to meet academic requirements to become a Triton.

So give them scholarships, at least partial scholarships. You have no idea what athletics can do for a college. If the athletic program is excellent (such as ours is), it adds prestige. It gets you on ESPN. Then more people want to come here, and "Triton" could become a household word.

The college experience is not complete without heading out to the games to support your school.

Is it unfair to give scholarships? Not if athletes keep their grades up.

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SPORTS



UCSD Athletes Recognized

Tritons Honored by UCSD on Student-Athlete Day

By ROBERT FULTON
Sports Editor

Have you ever heard the term "dumb jock"? Well, it must have been back in high school, because it does not apply around here at UCSD.

On Thursday, UCSD Intercollegiate Athletics honored 10 Triton student-athletes at a luncheon in recognition of the 2001 National Student-Athlete Day.

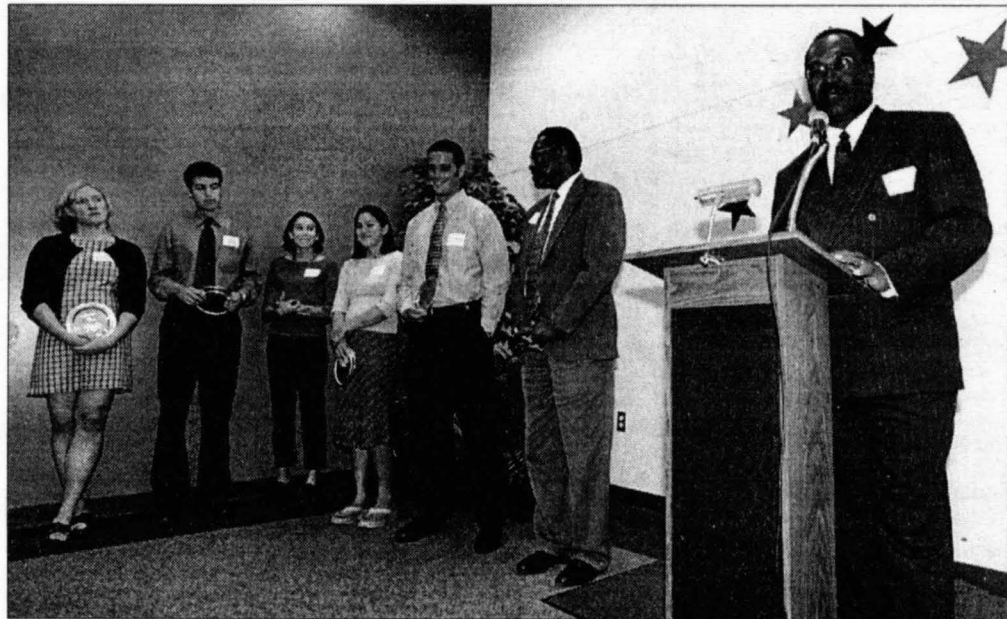
UCSD chose to honor a male and female athlete from each of the five colleges. Representing Earl Warren College were Sara Patton and Matt DeFord.

Patton is a sophomore structural engineering major and is a member of Triton crew, rowing in the varsity eight boat. She also boasts a healthy 3.74 GPA.

"I think being on [crew] actually helps me a lot with my schooling and athletics," Patton said. "With all of that time management, when I get busy, I get a lot done. If I wasn't on a sports team, I think I would slack off a lot in my classes."

DeFord belongs to the track and field team in addition to other Triton activities. He is a graduating this June with a degree in literature in English and classical studies and has a 3.74 GPA.

"I think it's absolutely key in any experience," he said. "Just being a student-athlete, the nature of it is such that you aspire to greatness and excellence both inside the classroom and out on the field. It's tricky at times. But overall it provides its own balance in a way."



Super Students: Earl W. Edwards, director of intercollegiate athletics, addresses the room, while Dr. Joseph Watson, vice chancellor of student affairs, looks at this year's Student-Athlete Day Honorees.

Honored from Revelle college were cross country's Nathan Garcia and basketball's Nicholle Bromley.

Garcia is currently doing graduate work in teacher education, and sports a 3.76 GPA and good time management.

Bromley is a sophomore studying biology and has a 3.53 GPA.

From Marshall college, Kevin Flynn and Jamie Woods, both volleyball players, were also honored. Flynn is graduating in June with

a 3.55 GPA in computing and the arts, and Woods is a junior studying mathematics in secondary education, and boasts a 3.65 GPA.

John Beaven of the baseball team and swimmer Lindsay Meeks were recognized from Muir college.

Beaven is a junior studying biology and has a 3.55 GPA, and Meeks is also a junior, studying biochemistry with a 3.77 GPA.

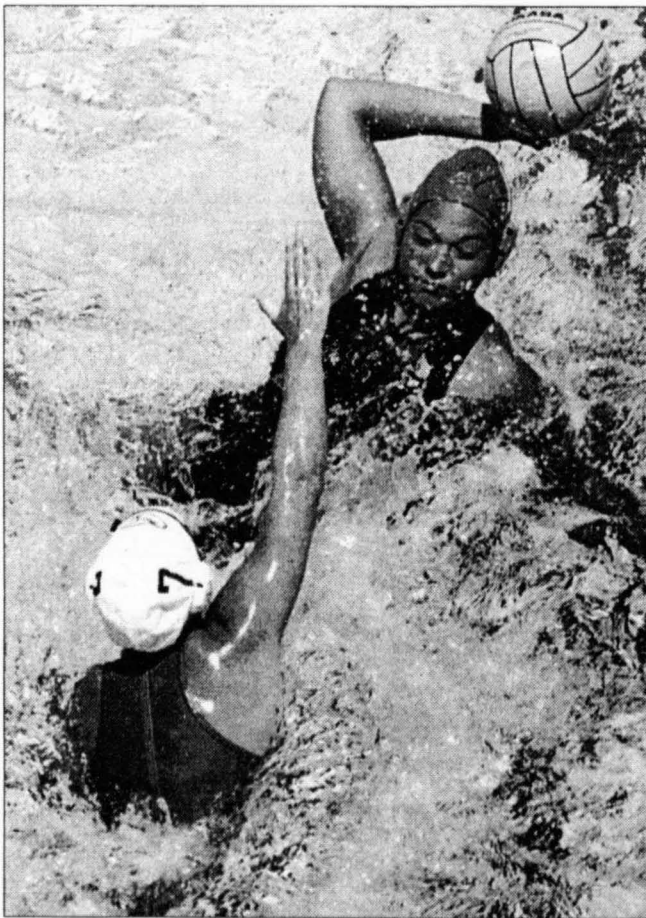
From Roosevelt college, Kamyar Daneshvar and Audrey Sung were recognized.

Daneshvar is a sophomore studying political science and has a GPA of 3.64. When he is not hitting the books, Daneshvar can be found rowing as a member of Triton crew.

Sung is a sophomore tackling biochemistry and cell biology. She is doing just fine with the books, holding up a 4.0 GPA. When not running circles around labs and exams, Sung is running circles around opponents as a member of the Triton track and field team.

UCSD Water Polo Places Third

Tritons Beat CSU-Bakersfield to Finish the Season



Splash: A member of the water polo team looks down upon her opponents' meager attempt to block her.

By ED WU
Staff Writer

The UCSD women's water polo team finished third in the Women's Western Water Polo Association Championship tournament on Sunday, beating the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners 9-5 to wrap up their home season at Canyonview Pool. Loyola Marymount University, the winner of the UCSD-hosted three-day tournament, advanced to semifinal berth in the NCAA Championship tournament.

Sunday's game against Bakersfield followed a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to UC Davis the day before. It forced the third-seeded Tritons into the consolation game for third place, while Davis advanced to contend for the NCAA berth. While the Tritons had led the game 3-2 going into the final quarter, Davis' three goals put them over the top as UCSD managed only one goal in response. Leading the Tritons in that game were Dana Tucker and Samara Silverman, who had two goals each.

"We played really well, but in the final quarter we had a lot of opportunities but did not convert them," head coach Larry Sanders said, "That's kind of been our MO all year."

The disappointed Tritons returned to the pool the next day to battle the Roadrunners in what proved to be a physical game. The

Tritons controlled the flow of play with a number of steals, and often forced Bakersfield to run down the shot clock. While the Roadrunners could not get outside shots off, their inside set player, Dawn Rodriguez, scored two goals, surpassing the one goal by Emma Kudritzki for the Tritons.

They again had trouble converting their offensive opportunities, in spite of numerous penalties against the physical Roadrunners, who were getting sent to the penalty box as fast as they could rejoin the game. By the end of the second quarter, the Tritons' Courtney Hemmerly had scored a goal to bring the Tritons to a tie.

After halftime, the Triton offense started to dominate the game, scoring three goals in the quarter while Bakersfield continued to take penalty calls from the referees. UCSD still had trouble converting these offensive opportunities during this quarter. Only in the fourth, by using time outs to set up their offense after Bakersfield had lost players to penalties. Although the Roadrunners opened the quarter with a goal, the Tritons immediately responded with an inside tally of its own by Tucker. After UCSD took the lead 4-3 later in the quarter, Bakersfield called a time out to set up a special play, only to see it work against them as UCSD beat them to the other end of the pool and score another goal. By the

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