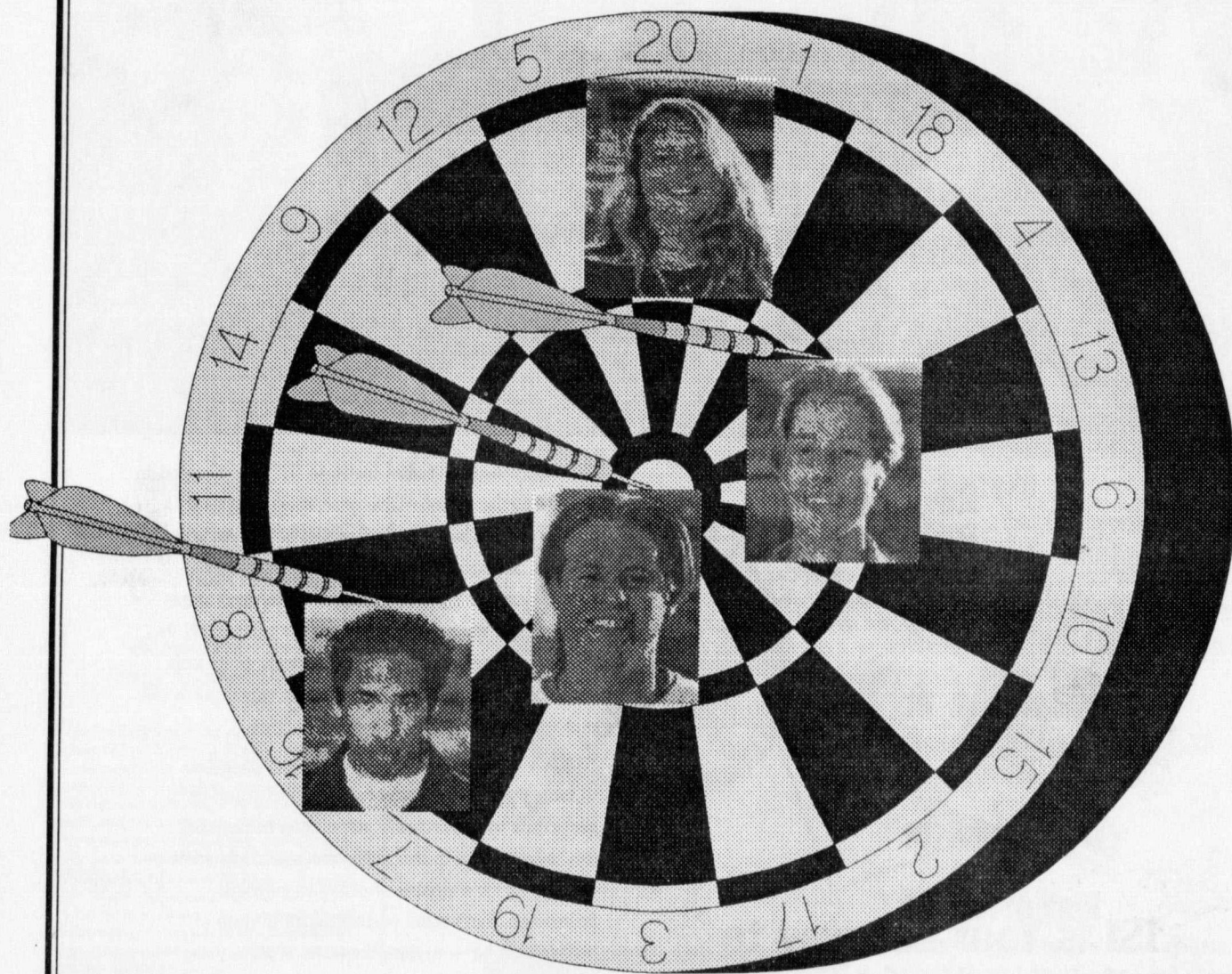


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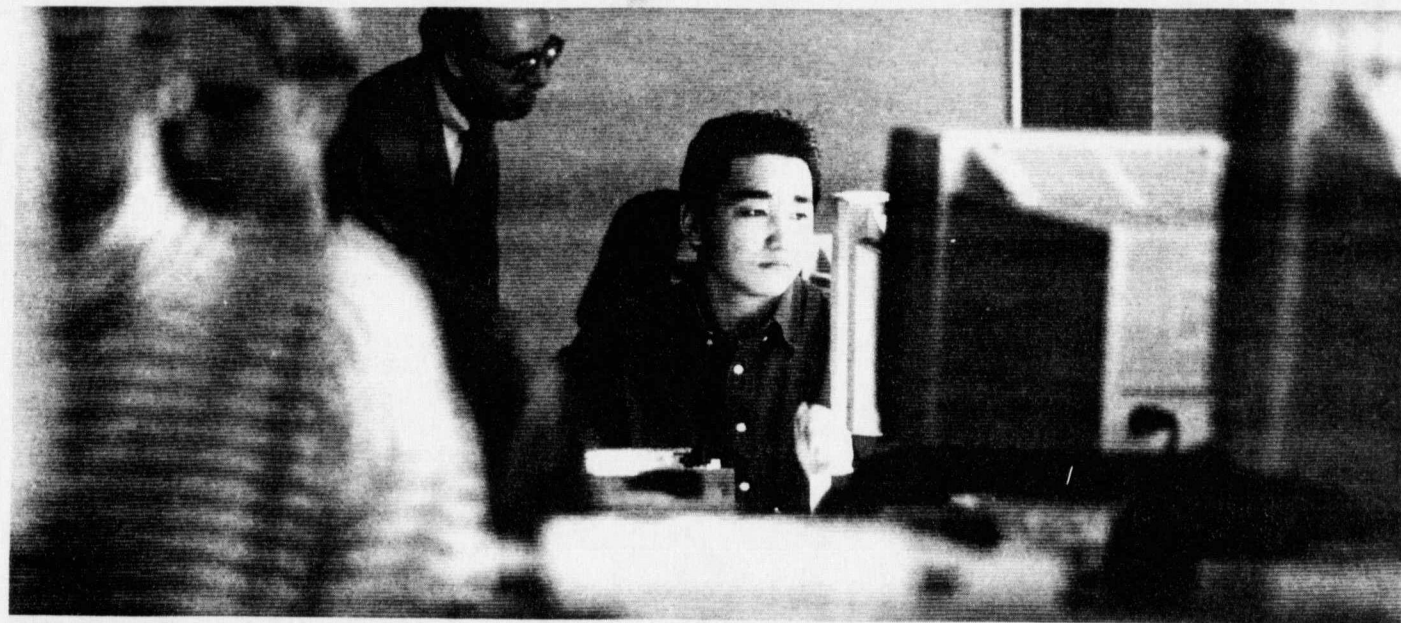
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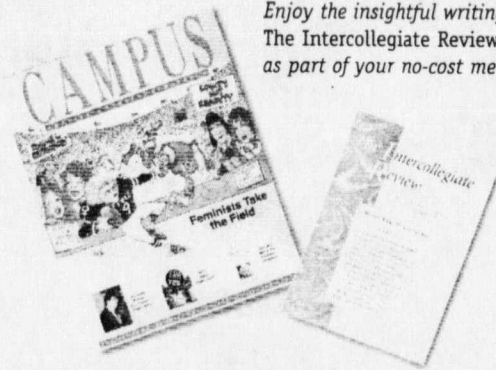
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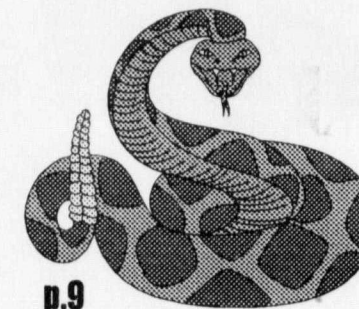
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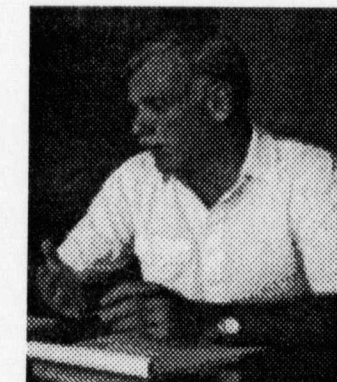
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Advice from a Loyal Reader

Editor:

I wanted to congratulate you on your fifteenth year. I greatly appreciate the fresh insights and new ideas that you are putting across in your paper. I did, however, notice some factual and grammatical errors, and I wanted to help you in your enterprise of putting out a modern, conservative paper.

Robert Bell
La Jolla

Editor's Note: Thank you for your loyal readership; we certainly take your comments to heart. Recently, we have developed a new scheme for editing our articles. We have added additional staff members this quarter. We have also updated our hardware to streamline our layout process. We hope to continuously improve the overall quality of our publication in years to come.

O. J. Speaks Out!

Editor:

I really enjoy your publication. Although most people wrongly believe I'm guilty, I've noticed that your publication has avoided the subject. I appreciate your apathy. And don't worry, I'm hot on the trail of the real killers. If you hear of any good leads, (or any nice golf courses), be sure to let me know.

Respectfully,
Orenthal James Simpson

Editor's Note: The California Review is a non-partisan publication. We would never think of printing that O.J. Simpson is guilty as hell. And we would certainly never capitalize on publicity from the Trial of the Century. Thanks O.J. for your loyal readership. We'll be on the lookout for the real killers.



C.R. Primary Coverage misses Lugar

Editor:

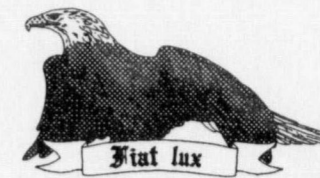
I just picked up the latest copy of CR. I found your articles to be both interesting and insightful. No other campus publication provided a legitimate article on the Republican candidates for President. Although I lamented the absence of a biography on Dick Lugar.

Of all the Republican candidates, Lugar's record is second to none. His accomplishments includes a Rhodes Scholarship, a U.S. naval officer, mayor of Indianapolis and U.S. Senator.

I believe Lugar would've provided the strongest leadership in foreign affairs and trade relations—two crucial topics neglected by every other candidate, including Slick Willie.

Richard Fagen
Alpine

Editor's Note: It's always nice to hear from our readers. Bypress time, Lugar, Phil Gramm, Alan Keyes and Lamar Alexander had already withdrawn from the Presidential race. CR shares your regret that other Republican candidates failed to address the issues that Lugar brought to the debate.



FROM THE PEN OF THE EDITOR

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The race is over.

At least for the Associated Students elections. Students First! rose to victory in its first year of existence. In this issue, our own Goon Pattanumotana, Editor Emeritus, goes behind the scenes to get the spin on the winners (and some close losers) of the election. It is questionable whether or not any of the candidates can be considered victorious considering the fact that a dismal 26% of UCSD's student body "rocked the vote" this year.

Politics plays a ubiquitous, albeit divisive role for its participants. With the turn of the century looming, one of the oldest and most criticized institutions of the United States stands at a crossroads. The Presidency is an undeniable seat of Leadership for the American people. Forget about watershed controversies for the moment and consider the sweeping changes that envelop our nation in the next century. Which candidate will be able to

foresee and tackle troubles before they become controversy, scandal, and reform?

Conservatism is alternative in this day and age. Watergate shattered the image of Republican government leaving many of Nixon's long-term goals largely ignored. Washington Press helped to bring back positive images for the Presidency in the 80's. One can only wonder what's ahead if the Bill and Hillary years continue.

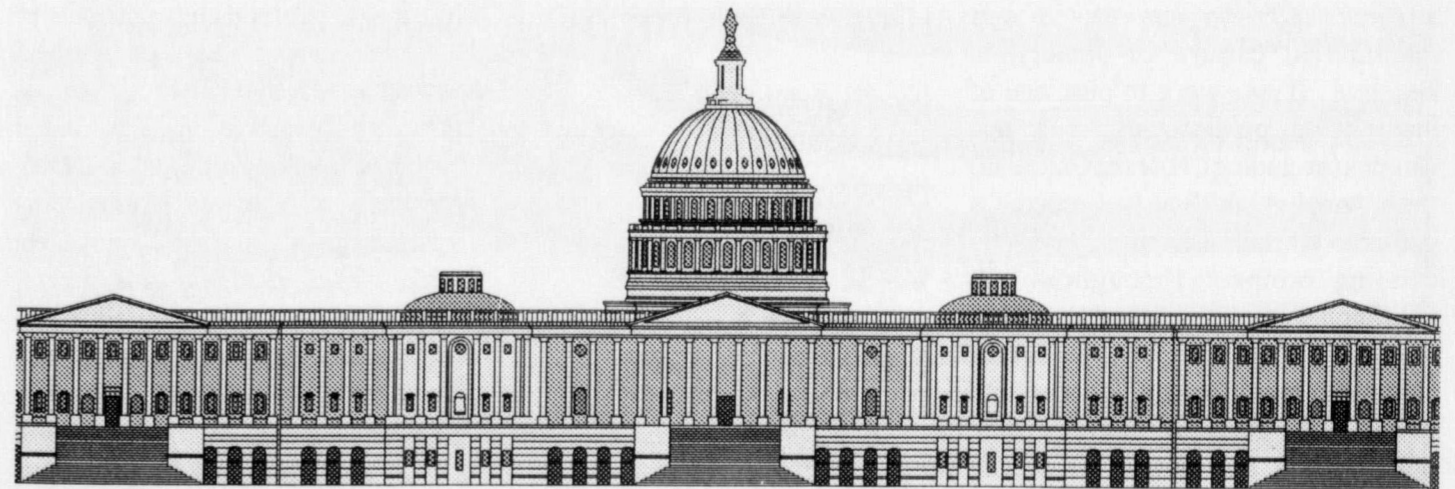
California Review is re-born again in its fifteenth year, representing the "alternative" opinions of the day. Along with new characters in the G.O.P. of '96, CR has undergone a changing of its own in the form of progress. While moderates and the ultra-right winged continually shift the Republican party back-and-forth, a consensus will need to occur to bring the Republican party back to victory.

—**Kerry C. Liu**
Editor-in-Chief

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America the Beautiful

By Michael Georgino

Maybe I am mistaken, but don't we live in America, the land of the free, the nation that people across the world admire, model and emulate, a leader in world trade and a country who continually must turn away immigrants due to the enormous flows that strive to enter? It is funny though, anything that anyone in this university or greater society have to say about our institutions, culture or society, is negative. If one were to pick one of many of the publications across this campus (excluding CR or the Guardian) they would think they had entered a communist state with mass oppression running rampant throughout the buildings on campus. Now don't get me wrong, I'll be the first to admit that there are major racial, gender and representation problems that must be dealt with in our nation. However, no one seems to remember that just around thirty years ago blacks, women and other minorities were overtly discriminated against in

Nowhere in the world do such a diverse group of individuals possess such vast freedoms as in America.

nearly every facet of life. Now, I'm sure there will be those of you who will respond to this statement by saying that nothing has changed in the past thirty years, but I must disagree. The Civil Rights Acts of 1963 and 1964, along with affirmative action and other anti-discrimination laws have greatly improved the opportunities of minorities to succeed and contribute to American society. By saying this I must make clear that I do recognize the fact that a lot of institutional and societal discrimination does still exist, and I feel all means must be extended to end any discrimination in America. My problem is that while we must as a nation, struggle for complete equality and acceptance of all people, we must also recognize the liberty that we do possess by years of progress. It has taken America a while to extend its freedoms to all people, about 160 years, but in the last thirty to forty years we have made great progress.

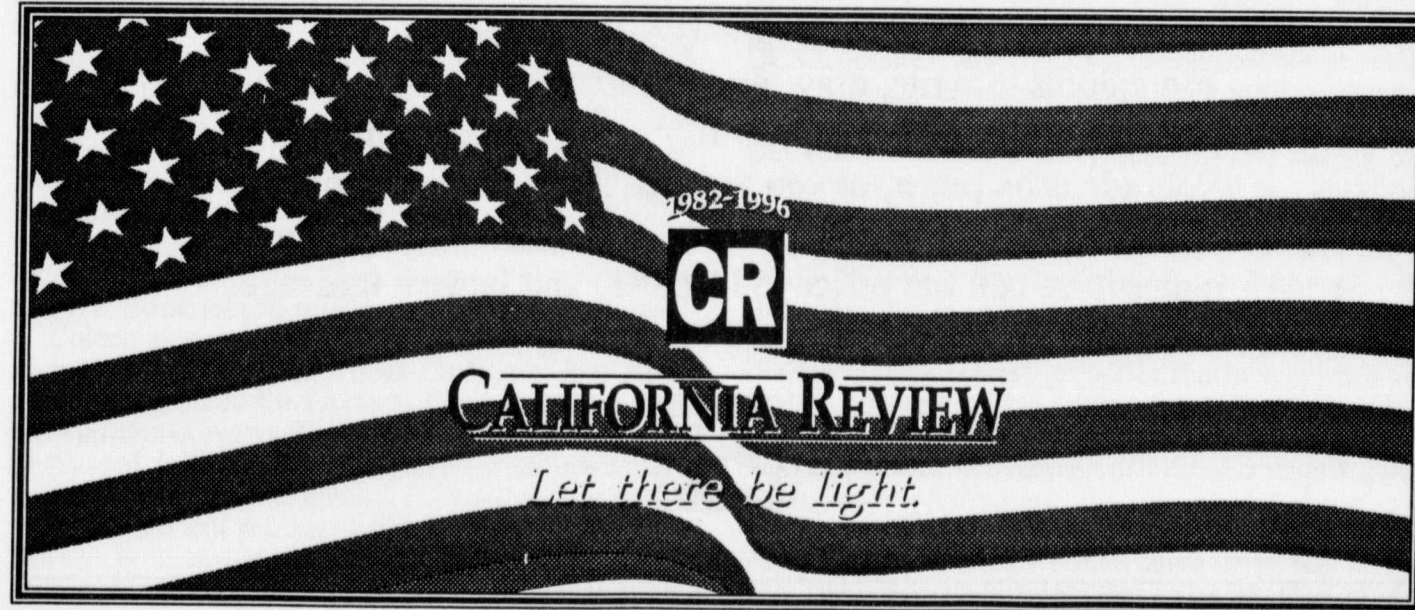
Nowhere in the world do such a diverse group of individuals possess such vast freedoms as in America. Many of our ancestors came here while others were forcefully brought. Nevertheless, our nation has transcended beyond any other nation of the world in relation to rights and opportunities. While hate groups and supremacists still exist in alarming numbers across the country they are still in the great minority. Our nation's racial and gender minorities are not nearly as threatened as those in other countries which compare to America's size and diverse population.

This article may seem to have an angry undertone to it. Well, it does. After sitting through countless classes learning how ill-willed our founding fathers were and how one of my T.A.'s described "America" to be a false ideal more than a nation, I am a bit frustrated. America offers more opportunity, security and freedom than any other developed nation in the world. Sure, maybe our founding fathers were elite swine, but that does not eradicate the fact that our government is one of the most stable and free democracies in the world. If we just stop complaining about what we don't have, and step back and realize what we do have, then society will be able to build on its good aspects while rooting out the bad. Pointing out all of society's negatives is a negative in itself and will get our nation nowhere.

What the people of America need to realize is that America is a representative democracy. While all groups have the opportunity to be represented, there will always be a societal majority and because it is a majority, its very nature will enable it to make most of the decisions. This does not mean that minorities should consent to the desires of the majority by any means. However, it does mean that any significant changes will take time, this not to say that time will change attitudes, only that it takes time to change attitudes.

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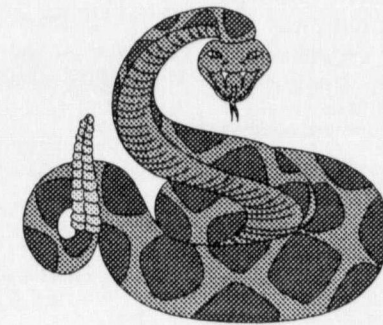
I recently, as a course requirement, saw the movie "Mr. Smith goes to Washington," after viewing that I'd never felt so proud to be an American. The film didn't give me hope that I can achieve the "American Dream," nor did it give me the idea that the founders of the nation were all heroes. It did however, make me realize that the structure of our nation allows its citizens the opportunity to do great things. There aren't many nations that a person can be born into poverty and become a lawyer, congressman or chairman of the military's joint chiefs of staff. We must continue the struggle to achieve complete freedom for all Americans. In doing so, we must not overlook the privileges we have received and our freedom to create change; many are not given that freedom. ✪



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Exposing the A.S.

Padding resumes, screwing the little people

By Goon Pattanumotana

The A.S. election this year became the most exciting election in recent years with the Students First! Slate dominating the election results. Nearly 23% of the student body voted which was a UCSD record. Almost 16% also voted in the runoff election, which was also another UCSD record. The results shaped the new A.S. agenda heading into a crucial election year with a divisive proposition on the November's ballot. Here is the analysis of each important race with some predictions for the future:

President

There were four candidates in the race for the presidency. Coleen Sabatini led the Students First! Slate as their candidate and political veteran. Jennifer Nicoll of UNITE (Uniting New Ideas Through Experience) tried to capture this seat on slate teams. Independent candidates Greg Hearn and Will Streit played spoiler.

Coleen Sabatini captured the seat during the runoff against Greek candidate Greg Hearn. Sabatini organized the Students First! Slate that swept through almost every office. The Students First! slate that dominated A.S. should be suspected as an extension of programs started by outgoing A.S. President Naomi Falk.

More student protests will be organized under Ms. Sabatini both on and off-campus. With nearly her entire slate winning their respective seats, there should be a

more unified student government. The specific agenda will be the continuation of fighting for more rights for the Co-ops.

Despite Smith vs. Regents, in which student government is not allowed to fund religious, political and ideological organizations, the A.S. Government will be geared toward a larger political agenda. They will delve into such issues as increased funding to educate people for affirmative action programs, and unionization of the teacher assistants on campus. The University of California Student Association (UCSA) will be funded this year by UCSD, despite many protests by previous administrations. There will be so-called one-sided education forums funded by the new A.S. Government. These education forums will mobilize students on campus to vote against the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) and Students' Fee Freeze Proposition in November.

Greg Hearn upset Jennifer Nicoll in the runoff election. Nicoll was expected to win the election in the runoff. Mr. Hearn had the support of many fraternities and sports organizations due to his advocacy for increased funding for these areas. It seems hypocritical that he supported the Student Life Referendum to increase student fees nearly 90 dollars a year, while opposing student fee increases by the U.C. Regents. Mr. Hearn's only disadvantage was not running on a specific slate.

Despite her moderatism on many issues, Jennifer Nicoll became the most conservative candidate in the field. There were no firm positions on issues taken by Ms.



Colleen Sabatini
A.S. President

Nicoll. Among her controversial positions, she wanted to issue student surveys into the UCSD community to obtain, "a feel" for what students want the A.S. Government to accomplish. As former A.S. Vice-President Administrative, she was extremely experienced and received the UCSD *Guardian* endorsement. However, most of her campaigning was devoted to passing the ill-fated new A.S. Constitution. Her ideas on increasing funding through non-profit status should have been taken note by the new A.S. Government. With a nonprofit status, alumni could donate money to the A.S. Government.

Will Streit ran as the independent spoiler in the race. Without any experience nor a detailed agenda, many individuals wondered why he entered the race. His main bragging right was his status as UCSD's first quadruple major. This caused many students to talk about the possibility of quadruple majoring, however, it did little to gather him votes.

Vice President of External Affairs

Alex Tom, the former UCSA representative from UCSD was unchallenged for this seat. His views are the most liberal and partisan. He does not deny that he is a very loyal and active member of the Democratic Party. Other views, which should be in conflict, were from his representation as the UCSA representative.

Mr. Tom is a leader of the protests against the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI). His organization presented Freedom City I in October and Freedom City II in March. However, he was not arrested with his colleagues during the blockage of traffic on La Jolla Village Drive. As the new Vice-President of External Affairs, Tom will organize more affirmative action rallies. He will also use some of the Associated Students funding to print anti-CCRI materials.

One of the most ridiculous activities that Tom will pursue are useless resolutions that do not pertain to the community. He has passed a resolution condemning racism on campus. Currently, he is trying to pass another resolution to condemn child prostitution overseas. Somehow, he thinks that the power of the UCSD Associated Students will end racism and child prostitution. He apparently believes that a large population of students favor child prostitution.



Alex Tom
V.P. External

Vice President of Finance

Edmondo Robinson, the former Executive Director of the College Democrats, lost to the Students First! Slate member Paul T. Orviss. Mr. Robinson expected to win because he had many liberal supporters and because of his incumbency on the Students for Affirmative Action Committee. Mr. Orviss managed to squeeze through Mr. Robinson by a slim margin of 52 to 48 percent.



Paul Orviss
V.P. Finance

Paul Orviss, an unknown, rode the wave with the Students First! Slate to victory. Although he was a member of the U.C.S.D. College Republicans, he is in favor of the liberal establishment presented by the Co-op. This will bring an increase in student funding for some student organizations such as the Committee for World Democracy and CALPIRG. The magic of Paul Orviss will be presented in his attempt to find funding for the Women's Resource Center. The WRC has not been funded since 1993, and remains the only unfunded WRC in the UC system. The WRC has requested more than 100,000 dollars in funding to hire regular counselors, and staffers for their office. Already on a limited budget, many A.S. programs will need to be cut so that the Students First! promise can be fulfilled.

Commissioner of Academic Affairs

Funny things happen in elections, and this office presented the biggest confusion for the UCSD community. During the regular elections, Christy Guidi, who had the *Guardian's* endorsement and ran on the Students First! Slate, ran against unknown independent candidate Marcus



Markus Wong
Academic Affairs

Wong and Unite Slate candidate Carol Tran. Mysteriously, the results were thrown out for this race, because Christy Guidi dropped out. No one knew why she dropped out, but most believe for personal reasons. To throw another wrench into this matter, A.S. Elections Manager Jay Park blacked out the results and refused to release the results to the public. The *Guardian* cried censorship and mentioned that the results were public information according to the Freedom of Information Act. The results were not known until the day of the runoffs, which may have influenced voting.

During the runoff, Marcus Wong and Carol Tran ran against each other without the influence of the Students First! Slate. Marcus Wong, who was endorsed by the fraternal organizations had the help of being on a newly formed Greek slate. Carol Tran had no endorsements, and

the Unite Slate disbanded after their disaster in the regular election. Marcus Wong managed to beat Carol Tran by 23 votes in this runoff.

Marcus Wong had no experience prior to running for this office. His main goal was to lobby the U.C.S.D. administration against charging students for use of internet accounts in the future. Due to his inexperience, he appointed former opponent Carol Tran to be his assistant in the Academic Affairs office. Carol Tran, a first year student, will be pursuing a push back of the "W" grade deadline and raising chemistry lab units from two to four.

Conflicts will not end easily with this office. Christy Guidi has now re-entered the spotlight charging that she should have won the seat despite dropping out during the regular election. She has taken this charge against Marcus Wong to the Judicial Board where she is expected to lose her case.

Commissioner of Media Communications

Farsam Shadab, the former Editor-in-Chief of the liberal *Last Indicator* and the incumbent, lost to the relatively unknown, James Fabionar of the Students First! slate by a margin of 74 to 26 percent.

During his tenure, Mr. Shadab adequately redistributed funds from old nonexistent publications to current publications. However, he angered the liberal community with his opinion articles in the *Guardian*. He wrote many articles attacking the liberal community and their beliefs. He labeled the liberal community as the, "true racists of society." He brought forth his main charge during a speech at an affirmative action rally stating that minority graduations for Blacks and Hispanics segregated the community, and should be illegal. Currently, Mr. Shadab has filed an election violation charge against



James Fabionar
Media Comm.

all slates, claiming that the elections were biased against independent candidates. His accusation will most-likely be ignored. It should be noted that a single independent candidate won in the recent A.S. elections, Thurgood Marshall Sophomore Senator Andrea Santos, who did not run against slate members.

James Fabionar's goal is to increase readership of current alternative media publications. His decisions reflect current situations facing alternative media, such as state

legislators and members of Congress who want to eliminate university funding for *Voz Fronteria*. Accessibility of the Media Commissioner has always been difficult for some media groups. Some media groups on campus will never meet their Media Commissioner. As the new Media Commissioner, Mr. Fabionar should try aggressively to meet other media groups on campus.

Commissioner of Operations, Services & Enterprises



Erin Holve
Operations & Services

There were no surprises in this race. Students First! Slate's Erin Holve defeated Unite Slate's Madhav Reddy by 29%. Ms. Holve's goal is to improve the Old Student Center and create a newer and friendlier atmosphere for the Co-op organizations. The only qualm would be that she might concentrate too much energy on the decaying Old Student Center. More energy should be concentrated on the Price Center and the Multi-Cultural Center. Since the Multi-Cultural Center's opening last year, only a few U.C.S.D. students know of its existence. The Price Center remains the main place for students to hang out on campus, not the Old Student Center.

Commissioner of Programming

Kathy Lee of Students First! trounced her independent opponent Evan Linden by gathering more than 75% of the votes. An important position, the Commissioner of Programming will organize concerts, TGs and other events. This past year, problems have included two canceled concerts and poorly advertised events. The only successful advertising scheme to come out of the office was bringing alcohol back into programming events. If A.S. Programming continues to bring no-name bands on campus, let us hope there will be enough beer to get everyone drunk.



Kathy Lee
Programming

Commissioner of Student Advocacy

As the last office, Student Advocacy went in the runoff election to Alex Sario. Few improvements can be made in this office because it is still relatively unknown. The first priority for Mr. Sario is to let students know that there is a representative in the A.S. Government who fights for students' rights.

The defeated UNITE slate candidate Irene Feldman will probably remain in A.S. politics. As Warren College Freshmen Senator and last year's Warren College Sophomore Senator, she would seem to be the perfect candidate for Warren College Junior Senator. But this depends on whether the Students First! controlled A.S. Government will consider appointing a former opponent.

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College Senators

The UNITE slate captured 5 of the 25 college senatorial seats. Except for two vacancies and one independent seat, the Students First! swept nearly all seats. Only a few remarks can be made regarding these senatorial seats:

- Brian Dowd, the former A.S. Vice President of External Affairs, was victorious as the Revelle College Junior Senator. Mr. Dowd was known for his arrest in a UC Regent protest in San Francisco. He plans to distribute an informative leaflet every other week which will address pro-affirmative action agendas.

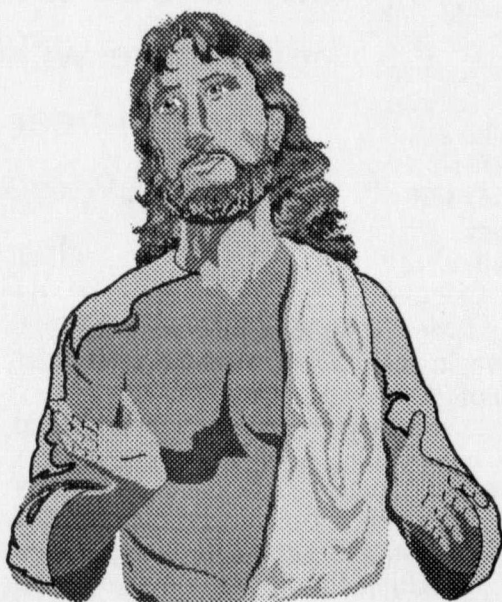


Alex Sario
Student
Advocate

- The run-off between Ritesh Khullar of UNITE and Jon Cruz Salunga of Students First! for Warren College Sophomore Senator was very close. Khullar won only by only four votes in the election. There was a possibility of election fraud by all sides in this election. The poll workers were not careful in checking whether college students were voting under their own colleges. Students from Revelle, Muir, Marshall, and Roosevelt were able to vote in the Warren Senatorial run-off race. This would have tilted the seat either way, depending on how many students attempted to offset the election. Only Warren students should have been allowed to vote for Warren Senators. A.S. Elections Manager Jay Park had no comment on this situation. ✪

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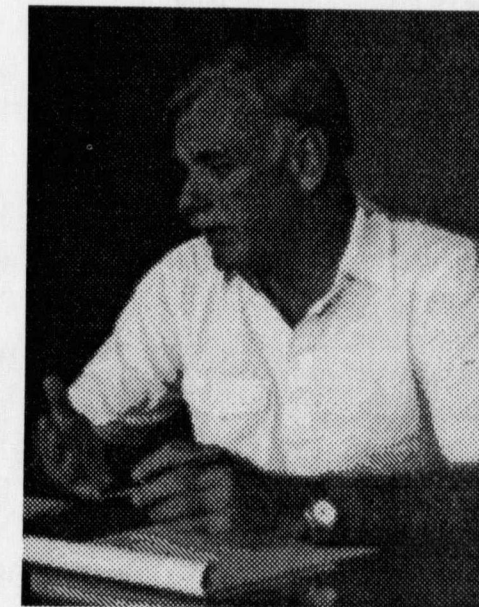


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An Interview with Joe Dolphin

By Kerry C. Liu



—April 30, San Diego. The race for District 39's State Senate is very simple. Republican candidate Joe Dolphin talks candidly and explains the clear distinctions between Democrat candidate Dede Alpert on issues of crime, education, and other issues of importance for San Diego.

CR: What positions have you held that have dealt with education?

JD: I was the President of the California Community Colleges from 1995 to 1996. It is the largest education system in the United States. We handled over 2.8 billion dollars with 1/10th of that going to the community college system.

CR: What ideas do you have for improving the university system of education?

JD: To prepare students better for higher education. A lot of money is being spent on remedial programs for students to learn basic things that they should've learned in high school and grammar school. I think its draining the resources of the colleges. That's the first thing I'd like to

see happen. Another thing is more teacher student contact in higher levels. I know it's important for faculty to do research, but I think it's more important for students to learn. I think there has been too much emphasis on faculty research at the big expense of students. I don't think it's appropriate for students to go to lectures of 300 students and have a student assistant teaching the lecture while the teacher is doing some research project. If they are really truly in contact with students, they will learn more.

CR: What reforms do you have in mind for education on the K-12 levels?

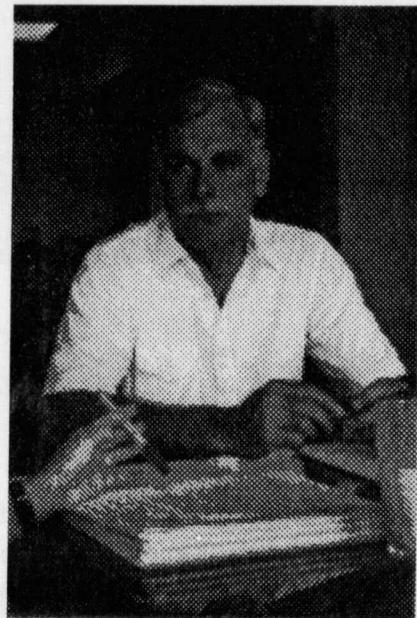
JD: The most important thing we can do for society in general affects these children in the younger grades: kindergarden through the 4th grade specifically. We need to put more emphasis into teaching them how to read. What that would require would be to have students and faculty with special credentials to teach. That would also require students from K-12 to have the ability to read English. That would mean that we have to reform the bilingual education program which is really hurting the ability of students to deal with subject matter in the English language. I would like to see emphasis on making

sure students aren't promoted out of the lower grades until they have learned how to read.

CR: While serving on the grand jury, what specific local government activities did you oversee or investigate?

JD: While serving on the grand jury my primary responsibility was to make recommendations on areas of local government on how to improve services to local people. In addition we

are legally responsible to annually review the county operation of the jail system. During our tenure, members of the grand jury came up with a report that would save the county over a million dollars by consolidating all the programs for adult detention under the sheriff. In addition, we were assigned by the Board of Supervisors the



responsibility of investigating the district attorney's activities regarding the prosecution of sexual crimes against children.

CR: Distinguish yourself from your opponent, Dede Alpert.

JD: There are a number of major things:

First of all, I'm a pro-job creation advocate and she's anti-business. Her record on business is abominable. She has voted for only two of the twenty-one most important business issues according to the California Chamber of Commerce and last years assembly votes. She's an advocate for public services for illegal aliens and has voted to give them the benefit of job training when they are in California. She also voted against a bill that would require the GED be given not just to citizens, but to illegal aliens. Those are the two major things—she's anti-job and pro-illegal alien. Other than that, she's not much of a crime-fighter. No matter how heinous the crime, she

believes that no one should receive the death penalty. The guy who killed Polly Klass can never be executed according to her philosophy. She also wants to spend more money and do more things in education that have no bearing on whether a child learns how to compete in this world. So far, many of our children cannot read or write when they get out of high school. Our SATs are going down at a time when we're spending more money on education (Almost half of our money from the state of California is spent on education). Every year, we are getting less educated

No matter how heinous the crime, [Alpert] believes that no one should receive the death penalty.

students and she's responsible because that's been her primary focus as a legislator.

CR: Describe your community involvement here in San Diego.

JD: I have been the past Chairman of the San Diego County Salvation Army, Past Vice-Chairman of the San Diego County

YMCA, Foreman of the Grand Jury, Boardmember of the USO, and former Commissioner of the San Diego Crime Commission.

CR: What motivated you to enter politics?

JD: Assemblyman Bob Frazee told me he thought I would be good at adopting public policy. I've always had an interest in my community and what was good for the citizens of San Diego. I think I could do more as state legislator. The reason we are having a problem of getting the state back on track is that Republicans only control the assembly and state governorship. If we control the State Senate we could get things done. I want to go up there to help the Republicans capture the State Senate so we can move the Republican agenda forward in attracting businesses, improving jobs, and improving education.

CR: How long have you been a San Diego resident?

JD: I moved here in 1978. I had a period in my life for two

years where I had a residence here and a business in Los Angeles. But I've been here for the past fifteen years.

CR: What long-term plans do you have as far as politics is concerned?

JD: My vision of political service includes two terms. In terms of re-election, I think eight years of my life is enough to be devoted to this. But I would like to become a major player in terms of public policy. I may run for some kind of leadership within the senate caucus. If we become a majority party, I would like to be in the position to work with the governor and assembly leaders to really move our policy agenda. I hope I can be elected for one-term and then be re-elected. In those eight years I hope to get a leadership position in the senate caucus so that I can help public policy and San Diego. ✪



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Discovering Political Correctness

By Gavin Gruenberg

The modern conservative man or woman is many times hard pressed to find humorous books suited for pleasure reading that are not written to indoctrinate people with the liberal way. We are confronted with such tomes as *Rush Limbaugh is a Big, Fat Idiot* written by Al Franken and that abomination about saving the planet written by our vice-president, Al Gore. Well, it seems that I have found a savior for conservatives yearning for a good laugh. Yes, contrary to what liberals believe, we conservatives do possess a sense of humor. I present you with the book, *Politically Correct Holiday Stories*, written by James Finn Garner.

This is a delightful book that tells the traditional holiday tales, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Frosty the Snow Man, The Nutcracker, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and A Christmas Carol. However, the author does not tell these stories in a traditional manner. In this age of Political Correctness, Mr. Garner revised the stories to satisfy all the liberals in the land and in his words,

to provide "An Enlightened Yuletide Season." In his introduction Garner informs us of just how "cruel and exclusionary" some of our seasonal traditions can be. He

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says, "To place so much emphasis on snowfalls and a "White Christmas" surely is a slap in the face for those persons in developing tropical nations, who never get to see snow firsthand. The friendly offer of a cup of eggnog is nothing less than a poke in the eye to the dedicated vegans among us." From the first few words written by Mr. Garner I knew that I would thoroughly enjoy this book as I'm sure any conservative would. I can only imagine the reactions of the liberals who seem to permeate the industry of print media. I am sure they must have held an emergency symposium and "open" dialogue (to which only open liberals were invited) to decide how to expel right thinking persons from the industry.

At this point I can not resist quoting a few passages from some of the stories. First a passage from "Frosty, the

Persun of Snow." Frosty and his builders Bobby and Betty are discussing the increasingly hot weather:

Oh, its so hot! Frosty said. I'm not made of flesh and blood like you. If the temperature keeps rising, soon there will be nothing left of me. The Earth's getting warmer, due to the depletion of the ozone layer, said Bobby matter-of-factly. We learned all about it at Montessori school.

The ozone layer? repeated Frosty. I don't know what that is, but we better do something about it fast....

How about a march on Washington? suggested Betty.

Yes, that's exactly the thing! said her brother.

Then let's hurry, said Frosty. If enough of us march, the government will have to take action.

The children and Frosty go on to mobilize other persuns of snow and Frosty is eventually granted an interview with the vice-president. But, unfortunately, Frosty melts under the lights of camera crews. But his demise

was not tragic. He becomes something all liberals love, a martyr. Mr. Garner states, "Everyone watching television that day was deeply moved by Frosty's brave sacrifice. ... Within weeks new guidelines were established

for both industry and government agencies to reduce the emissions that were eating away at the ozone."

In addition to "Frosty, the Persun of Snow," Garner puts his politically correct spin on "'Twas the Night Before Solstice," "The Nutcracker," "Rudolph The Nasally Empowered Reindeer," and "A Christmas Carol."

I especially enjoyed the story of how the "overweight, patriarchal oppressor" (Santa Claus) justifies the "domestication and subjugation of wild animals." Needless to say, Rudolph was a very astute Reindeer who envisioned "the eventual creation of a working reindeers paradise." He was able to negotiate with Santa for "improved health care, paternity leave, profit sharing, and joint decision-making councils."

This book receives five stakes out of five through the bleeding heart of a liberal. Definitely read this book; laugh, and laugh at liberals and their silly P.C. ideas. ✪

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By James Finn Garner. Macmillan 1995.

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Glock 22 .40 S&W



B Y L O N N G U Y E N

The first time I laid eyes on a Glock 22 in .40 S&W, I was skeptical towards any firearms manufacturer that would use *plastic* for the major components of a firearm. Being somewhat of a "traditionalist," its futuristic, blocky look did not elicit much confidence in its aesthetic appearance. But the true test of the Glock 22 was to come at the firing range. Its performance would change my perceptions of the Glock 22.

The Glock 22 is a full-size semi-automatic, autoloading pistol identical in exterior dimensions to the immensely popular Glock 17 but differs in the caliber it is chambered for. The Glock 22 is chambered in .40 S&W while the Glock 17 is chambered in 9x19 Luger. Although the .40 S&W cartridge has been around for less than a decade, it has become the premiere choice of both law enforcement and civilian shooters. The increased popularity of the .40 S&W resulted in the compromise Glock 22 offering the best of both worlds. High capacity combined with increased stopping power has made the .40 S&W a popular defensive caliber.

The aspect of the Glock that had made it so revolutionary at its inception was the "safe-fire" trigger system, making the Glock 22 similar to double action only (DAO), but neither DAO or conventional double action

(DA). The reason it is not truly double action only is the fact that it is striker fired. The benefits of such an action are that each pull of the trigger is equally weighted and requires a full pull of the trigger to discharge the firearm. Unlike conventional double action (DA), where the first pull is a long, trigger cocking pull and the second is a short pull releasing the cocked hammer; the Glock "safe-action" trigger discharges the firearm after a five-pound trigger pull only when the small plastic insert on the trigger is fully depressed. If not, the trigger will not go back.

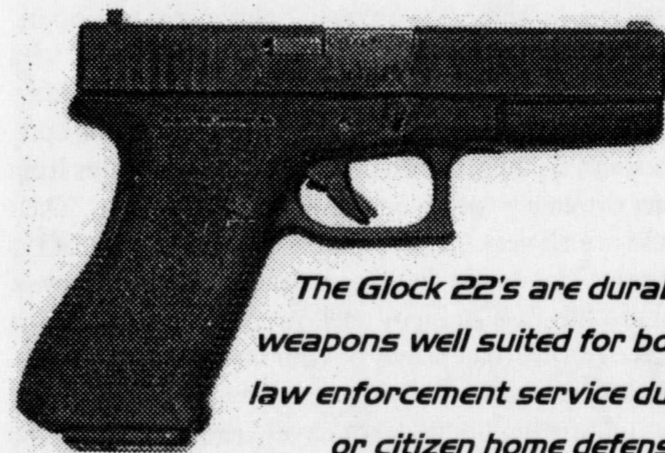
The popularity of the Glock can be attributed to many factors. First, the simple "safe-action" trigger resembles the action of a DA revolver, requiring one long pull of the trigger per shot. This made the Glock especially popular with law enforcement personnel who had retired their service revolvers for autoloading pistols in the early eighties. The simplicity of the Glock design makes the transition from revolver to autoloading pistols a relatively painless step. Also, the "safe-action" of the Glock did not require a decocking lever as in other conventional DA pistols. Many times, officers involved in shootings reholstered their weapons without decocking them, increasing the likelihood of an accidental discharge of the

weapon. The Glock gave many law enforcement officers the simplicity of the DA revolver with the benefits of an autoloading pistol. However, not all shooters prefer the Glock "safe-action" trigger. Some shooters cite the Glock's lack of a conventional manual safety, while others are put off by the combination of a striker fired weapon without a conventional manual safety. Such opinions are personal in nature, depending on the preferences of the shooter; some love it, some hate it.

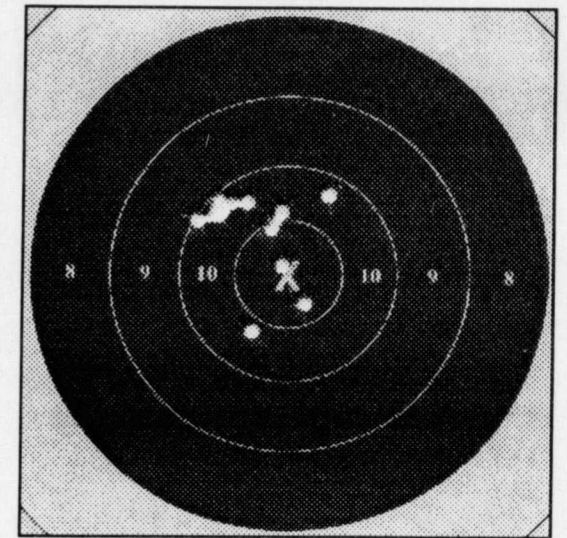
Another advantage of the Glock design is the high ammunition capacity. The pre-ban* Glock pistols have the highest magazine capacities of any comparable autoloading pistol. The Glock 22 (.40 S&W) has a magazine capacity of 15+1 while the Glock 17 (9mm Luger) has a capacity of 17+1. The polymer lower assembly of the Glock pistols reduces the overall weight of the pistols while providing a thinner overall grip width. The polymer lower assembly also forms the interior magazine well and outer polymer grip, making it one formed piece and eliminating the need for any type of stocks that can add thickness to the overall width of the grip. This makes the Glock pistols very adequate choices for women or men with smaller hands. The lower bore axis of the Glock barrel relative to the supporting hand reduces recoil and muzzle flip. Combined with the consistent pull of the "safe-action" trigger, follow up shots and rapid fire are very manageable, making the Glock pistols easy to fire quickly.

At the range

Being a novice shooter, I was pleasantly surprised to



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At 10 yards, the Glock 22 produced a 2.5 inch group of ten shots.

see how the Glock 22 handled. At 10 yards, the Glock 22 produced a 2.5 inch group of ten shots. (The ammunition used was reloaded hard cast lead 180 gr. bullets. The powder used was 4.3 gr. of Bullseye resulting in a velocity of approximately 850 feet/second). The Glock 22 is well suited for the .40 S&W cartridge. The 4 inch barrel helped to reduce muzzle flip and combined with the even 5lb. pull of the "safe-action" trigger, quick follow up shots were very manageable.

All together, the Glock 22 has withstood well over 1000 firings of everything from reloaded bullets, to full-metal jacketed bullets, to home defense hollowpoints. This type of use resulted in only three misfires; all due to operator error. In two of the cases, the operator "limp-wristed" the gun resulting in two "stove-pipe" jams. The third case was the result of a faulty primer that did not go off. The Glock 22's, as is the case with all Glock pistols, are durable weapons well suited for both law enforcement service duty or citizen home defense. Any pistol in the Glock lineup would provide the owner with many years of reliable service. *

* The 1993 Crime Bill banned the manufacture and importation of magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds. The Glock 22 used in this review was a pre-ban model with high capacity magazines.

Listen Up!!!

MUSIC REVIEWS

By Mike Georgino

Rating System

- **** Buy it now!
- *** No rush
- ** Borrow it from a friend
- * Don't waste your time

RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE Evil Empire (epic)



After four long years of anticipation, Rage has finally come out with the follow up to their first album, Rage Against the Machine. Being that their original LP was so great, it would seem inconceivable that their second album could even compare to the first. However, it does! The first time listening to the entire CD was not too impressive, but just as the angry lyrics and hard music captured your attention in the first album, Evil Empire soon does the same. While the lyrics in Evil Empire are not as easily understood, their interpretation does warrant a great study break. Musically, this album is slightly more advanced and varied than the first. The first two and last two tracks on Evil Empire display the best music on the album, these four songs alone are good enough to encourage one to buy the album.

Rating ****

UNWRITTEN LAW Oz Factor (epic)



Unwritten Law, a band of San Diego locals has successfully followed up their debut album with Oz Factor, a new album on a new label with a compilation of new and old songs. "Suzanne" and "Shallow" are newly recorded tracks taken from their first album, while you may have heard "Superman" and "Falling Down" from previously released surf videos. These four tracks appear to be the best of the twelve, however the other eight do possess the same high level of energy on Unwritten Law's original album. While it seems that Oz Factor may be edging up to the tip of mainstream punk it still conveys the speed and excitement that their debut offered.

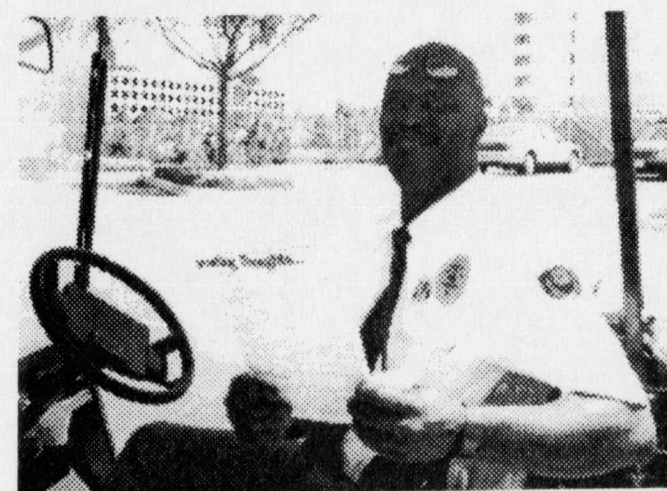
Rating ***

STONE TEMPLE PILOTS Tiny Music (Atlantic)

Tiny Music, the third album from STP is quite different in style and musical content than their previous two albums: Core and Purple. If you are looking for an upbeat, energetic album, this is not for you. The LP begins with a mellow instrumental, followed by "Pop's Love Suicide" and "Tumble in the Rough," which seem to be the best two songs on the CD. The rest of the album varies from being extremely soft tempo to somewhat upbeat. Their tracks are all very unlike their past releases, most of the songs on Tiny Music could pass for Top 40. However, if you are the type to enjoy mellow, but far from boring music, than this release may be your favorite of their three. Tiny Music is great studying and resting music, it won't put you to sleep but it won't have you bouncing off the walls either.

Rating **

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By Rob Miranda

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7 Bucks = Worth seeing at regular theater price.

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Doughnut = Don't waste your time.

I admit that I have been delinquent in my responsibilities for this column. It isn't that the responsibilities are great, because they aren't. It is, after all, early May and Hollywood is in its pre-summer lull; releasing movies only to keep something in the theaters and saving its blockbusters for release at the end of this month.

These circumstances have one advantage: they free up space for me to comment on last month's Academy Awards. Specifically, why *Braveheart* shouldn't have won Best Picture.

Now don't get me wrong, *Braveheart* was a good movie. It had the best action sequences of the year by far. But there were major problems with the plot, most significantly the love stories. They lack the emotion that Mr. Gibson so effectively imbued in his first film, *The Man Without A Face*. Aside from being completely unbelievable, they seemed to just be an excuse for Mr. Gibson to have a couple of love scenes so the women in the audience could swoon over him. While this is an effective marketing technique, it does not make a good

film.

The point is, the film most deserving of the Best Picture award wasn't even nominated, although it received nominations for Best Actress, Best Actor, and Best Director. This film is *Dead Man Walking*. It had better writing, directing, acting, and emotional range than any other film last year. When films like *Apollo 13* and *Braveheart* are nominated in this category, and in the latter case win, it becomes painfully apparent that the Academy rewards likeability over substance.

Dead Man Walking holds qualities that are not normally found in today's cinema. First of all, it deals with serious subject matter without being a "message movie." It portrayed capital punishment in an honest, unforgiving manner. The director, Tim Robbins, took the time to show what a death sentence does to the convict and to everyone involved, from prison officials to the victims families. Robbins showed how damaging death can be; how it isn't just the easy vindication that some think it is.

The film also had a brilliant screenplay, adapted by Robbins from Sister Helen Prejean's book. Two things made it great: the portrayal of Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn) and the honesty of the plot. Penn's performance as a convict was incredible. He wasn't afraid to make Poncelet as despicable and unlikeable as need be. He had to make us believe that he could have killed someone, and he did. But Penn's greatest achievement was to make us understand Poncelet in spite of our dislike for him. He allowed us to look into the soul of a man facing death and how he dealt with it.

This understanding was facilitated by the honesty of the story. While most movies that deal with this kind of subject matter rely on the plot device that the prisoner has been wrongly convicted, *Dead Man Walking* didn't resort to the easy way out. Poncelet, as we find out towards the end of the movie, is guilty as charged. Revealing this doesn't take anything away from the story because it is so emotionally charged that you would feel cheated in the worst way if Poncelet was innocent. *Dead Man Walking* isn't about guilt or innocence, it's about dealing with death.

For more of Tim Robbins' film-making, rent Bob Roberts, Robbins' directorial debut. It is a darkly funny look at politics in our nation. ♦

Parting Thoughts...

There are only two places where communism works: in heaven, where they don't need it, and in hell where they've already got it.

—Ronald Reagan



Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

—Martin Luther King Jr.



Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains. He who believes himself the master of another does not escape being more of a slave than they.

—Jean Jacques Rousseau



As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.

—Abraham Lincoln



How little it takes to make life unbearable. . . A pebble in the shoe, a cockroach in the spaghetti, a woman's laugh.

—H.L. Mencken



The Clinton administration is like a breakfast cereal. Take away the fruits and the nuts, and all you have left are the flakes.

—Mortimer B. Zuckerman

Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.

—Mark Twain



There are more of them than us.

—Herb Caen



Human beings are designed for paradise. How is it our lives are such hell?

—Edward Bond



Privilege is privilege, whether it is due to money or intellect or whether you have sis toes.

—Philip, Duke of Edinburgh



Problems are only opportunities in work clothes.

—Henry J. Kaiser



Each man is the smith of his own fortune.

—Appius Claudius Caecus



It is an economic axiom as old as the hills that goods and services can be paid for only with goods and services.

—Albert J. Nock



Bad spellers of the world, untie!

—Graffito

Never underestimate the effectiveness of a straight cash bribe.

—Claude Cockburne



To succeed with the opposite sex, tell her you're impotent. She can't wait to disprove it.

—Cary Grant at age 72



Be honorable yourself if you wish to associate with honorable people.

—Welsh proverb



When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it.

—Clarence Darrow



Bosses are like diapers: Full of shit and all over your ass.

—Bumpersticker



You can't use tact with a congressman. You must take a stick and hit him on the snout.

—Henry Adams



Supreme knowledge of one subject presupposes as supreme an ignorance of others.

—Alec Waugh

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