

## Elsewhere Hunger Striker Hospitalized

BERKELEY, Calif. — Allison Harrington, one of six ethnic studies hunger strikers at UC Berkeley, was rushed to the hospital due to dehydration Thursday afternoon after having gone without solid food for an entire week. Harrington and other students have been demonstrating in a makeshift tent city outside of the chancellor's office to protest proposed cuts in the ethnic studies department. Harrington is the first hunger striker to be hospitalized.

— *Daily Californian*

## Bomb Suspects Surrender

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. — Two Texas A&M students suspected of threatening a residence hall area with an explosive device early Tuesday morning turned themselves into the University Police Department (UPD) Wednesday. UPD Director Bob Wiatt said the freshmen suspects were not charged because of their lack of intent, their cooperation with police and their contrition in the situation. Wiatt said that the situation and the students' names were referred to the Student Conflict Resolution Service for possible disciplinary action.

— *The Battalion*

## Dartmouth Halts Greek Houses

HANOVER, N.H. — Dartmouth College has imposed a moratorium on the formation and recognition of any additional Greek houses. The moratorium comes in response to the Board of Trustees' social and residential life initiative and will remain in effect until after the Trustees have decided on what the College's new social system will be. Acting Dean Dan Nelson said that students are free to plan and take steps toward the formation of additional Greek houses, but that formal recognition and rights which go along with that would not be granted at this time. He also said students should not view the moratorium as any indication of what is in store as a final result of the initiative.

— *The Dartmouth*

## Spoken...

"He's passionate about education — and that comes through in everything he does. I couldn't have been happier with the decision."

— **Arzo Mansury**

Undergraduate Representative  
for C.R.E.A.T.E.  
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## OUCH!



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**Match:** Dr. Wen Barte Jr. draws blood from Warren freshman Marius Anelauskas to see if his tissue type qualifies him as a participant in the National Marrow Donor Program.

## Medical School Earns Grant

**HEALTH:** NIH gives \$5.3 million to study women's hormones

By Vincent Gagnani  
Senior Staff Writer

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently granted UCSD a five-year, \$5.3 million grant to study women's reproductive health. The grant will transform the current Specialized Population Research Center into an NIH-designated Specialized Cooperative Center in Reproduction Research.

The Specialized Population Research Center has been at UCSD for 20 years and its director, Samuel Yen, a professor of reproductive medicine, will retire next month. Pamela Mellon, professor of reproductive medicine and neuroscience, will serve as director of the new center.

Mellon said that although the old center was funded by the NIH, the new grant will give the center more money to work with and the ability to expand.

The new center will study women's health concerns such as infertility, polycystic ovary syndrome and problems related to menopause. Mellon said that the new center will focus on problems in women's health that

concern their hormones.

Yen said that he is pleased with the new center and the people who will be working in it.

"The new Center for Reproductive Biology and Disease and its investigators are dedicated to translating basic research into clinically relevant treatments for a host of disorders," Yen stated. "The cohesive, interactive team will address women's health and disease, from gene expression and cell function to the reproductive system."

Mellon said that the grant affects eight professors, all of whom have laboratories staffed with researchers at various academic levels.

Mellon said that the new center will include more modern technology than the current center and will also include a new seminar series.

Mellon said that the center is important because it will focus on women's health issues and involve collaboration with the community.

"In recent years there has been growing awareness of women's health as a specialized area of research as well as clinical practice," Mellon stated. "This center will allow us to build upon the important basic and clinical research that has been under way here for many

years, with the goal of better understanding all aspects of reproduction, in order to develop and improve upon treatments for disease.

"In addition," Mellon continued, "this center will allow us to raise the profile of reproductive biology research in San Diego and increase communication and collaboration among experts in the field, to accelerate the pace of discovery."

Mellon said that the center will create a communication network with local biotechnology firms, the Salk Institute and local hospitals such as the Navy Hospital, Sharp Hospital and Scripps Hospital.

Mellon added that the collaboration will help increase the productivity of research.

"It's an educational program and a communication program that will allow us to synergize the research we do," Mellon said.

Mellon said that UCSD has one of the top five programs in reproductive endocrinology and that it will eventually interact with 15 to 20 other sites designated as cooperative centers by the NIH.

Mellon added that after five years, UCSD will attempt to renew its funding by reapplying to the NIH.

## C.R.E.A.T.E. Director Appointed

**OUTREACH:** Current co-director Hugh Mehan will serve as new leader

By Jeffrey M. Barker  
Senior Staff Writer

Applications from underrepresented students to UCSD will soar and college students will earn course credit for performing community service if Hugh "Bud" Mehan has his way.

Marsha Chandler, senior vice chancellor of academic affairs, announced that Mehan, a sociology professor and director of UCSD's Teacher Education Program (TEP), will be the director of the Center for Research in Educational Equity, Assessment and Teaching Excellence (C.R.E.A.T.E.) last Friday.

C.R.E.A.T.E. is a UCSD research center dedicated to the educational needs of underrepresented students.

A nationwide search concluded with the appointment of Mehan as the head of C.R.E.A.T.E. He has been involved with educational issues at UCSD and at local K-12 schools long before the founding of C.R.E.A.T.E. and has served as its co-director for the one and a half years it has existed.

"The real issue is getting students from underrepresented backgrounds better prepared to enter the university," Mehan said.

Mehan's research has concentrated on the achievement gap of minority and low-income students. To close this gap, Mehan said there are four goals to work toward.

He said the first goal for C.R.E.A.T.E. is to work closely with the UCSD Medical School to improve the health of students in C.R.E.A.T.E.'s partnership schools. The second goal is to enrich the academic environment at schools that have lower achievement records. The third is to emphasize parental involvement which Mehan said is a very important part of students' success. The fourth and final goal is to train and improve the skills of current educators.

Mehan said he is a strong advocate of offering course credit to students performing community service.

"A real key to all this success is getting UCSD students involved in this enterprise," Mehan said.

Mehan also added he wants to learn more about students' lives. Mehan said that this year's decline in applicants from underrepresented backgrounds is "tragic." He said there is a large pool of underrepresented students who are very close to being eligible for the university, but are missing something, perhaps confidence.

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# OPINION

## Cloning's Consequences

*Advancements in genetics can save lives by providing organs and tissues*

By Jennifer DeButts  
Staff Writer

Cloning is no longer science fiction. First came Dolly, and within a few years there could be the first human clone (if someone has not secretly done so already). But before that day arrives, it might be wise to stop and evaluate the consequences of cloning. That is, we should see how the petri dish affects our culture.

On the question of whether or not we should go forward with human cloning, the answer is yes. The benefits of this new technology are well documented.

The *Korean Times*, for example, reported in March that the cloning technology of xenotransplantation could supply organs such as hearts, kidneys and livers to those in need of transplants, which is tremendous news for the 200,000 people expected to die this year while waiting for an organ transplant. The *Washington Post* has also reported that cloning mammal cells could be an efficient means of producing human insulin for millions of diabetics.

Additionally, cloning might help patients with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other brain diseases by providing them with neural tissue that is genetically identical to their own. Burn victims could receive soft, new skin grown in a laboratory, while patients with myelogenous leukemia could gain a reliable source of healthy bone marrow, which might eventually result in a cure.

Combined with gene therapy, cloning may also make it possible for scientists to eliminate the transmission of Tay-Sachs and other genetic diseases, which would save the lives of millions of infants.

Cloning also gives infertile couples the opportunity to have children of their own.

Despite these tremendous scientific benefits of cloning technology, the majority of people still harbor reservations. These qualms, however, are due to negative portrayals by science fiction, from Aldous Huxley's vision of a cloned race of sub-intelligent workers to the 1970s film "Boys from Brazil," where clones of Hitler are raised secretly in the South American jungle. Comic books suggest the rise of slave clones or subhuman soldier clones, and sinister clones have also appeared in popular shows such as "The X-Files," which misrepresent the technology as a "xeroxing" of human beings.

This is one of the biggest cloning misconceptions created by science fiction — the idea that human clones would be identical not only physically, but also in personality and behavior. Hence, opponents invoke a mental image of troops of clones ceremoniously marching and chanting in unison. Yet, there is no reason to believe in these nightmarish scenarios, for new technology frequently creates controversy: in-vitro fertilization, artificial insemination and amniocentesis were once thought repugnant but now occur routinely and with little notice.

Another misconception of cloning is that the technology may fall into the hands of dictators and other "evil men" who could continue their malevolent legacies throughout all of time. If this were true, then mankind should quickly clone Henry Kissinger and other great minds of our time in order to keep their intelligence alive for generations to come. In other words, even if we could keep one mind alive indefinitely, we must not assume that it would have to be a bad person rather than a good one.

On another level, people may simply reject cloning because it is novel and foreign. It may allow

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*Cloning and genetic engineering have no apparent benefits*

By Shannon Castle  
Staff Writer

Since the national media blitz following the arrival of Dolly, the cloned sheep, in 1997, the possibility of cloning humans has loomed large on the horizon. With this new possibility came new questions: What uses does human cloning have? What are the possible consequences of these uses? Will cloning humans help us or hurt us? Is it morally acceptable?

Closely linked to the idea of cloning humans is the possibility of genetically engineering them. This involves a kind of mixing-and-matching of genetic material to produce desirable traits. Genetically engineering humans would allow the formation of individuals with no genetic diseases or defects, and would also allow parents to "design" children with the "right" eyes, hair, height, sex, etc.

Proponents of cloning and genetic engineering claim that advances in the field will allow a greater quality of life for humans. Support for this viewpoint ranges from the above-mentioned possibility of eradicating genetic disease to the possibility of cloning deceased children. In some areas, especially that of genetic disease, genetic manipulation does seem to promise great results. In other areas, proposals for the use of cloning and genetic engineering border on lunacy. In general, the probable negative consequences of the ability to manufacture people far outweigh its benefits.

"Human cloning" is a term that refers to a number of proposed processes, including the growth of single organs as well as "copying" an entire person. As it is used here, in reference to the growth of a whole human being whose entire genome has been taken from another human. These two people, the "donor" and the clone, are genetically identical. This would most likely be accomplished by using a procedure similar to the one used to make Dolly. The procedure involves injecting the entire genome of an adult sheep into an egg cell from which the DNA was removed. This egg was then placed into the uterus of another sheep, and thus Dolly developed normally in utero.

Some questions arise when applying the mechanisms of cloning to humans: What could this do for us? How would human cloning benefit society, if at all? The answer is that it presents no justifiable benefits.

The Human Cloning Foundation's web site (<http://www.humancloning.org>) presents case after case in which human cloning would be desirable; many involve the cloning of a lost loved one. The web site does admit, however, that no personality can be cloned. This is evidenced by identical twins, who have exactly the same genetic material, but have unique and often very different personalities. Cloning a lost loved one, then, gives an entirely different person in an identical body. Thus, cloning would not be very beneficial or helpful to the people who are grieving.

Another proposed, albeit not well-accepted, use for cloning is of a human being for "spare" organs and body parts. People seem to forget that a clone is as much of a living individual as anyone else. The very real possibility of "farming" people for medical use brings up a whole set of questions about the value of human life. If such a situation occurred, cloning would improve life, but only for those with power over the means of cloning. The quality of life for the clones might be much less desirable.

Genetic engineering adds a new dimension to the picture. It would allow us not only to duplicate humans, but to "perfect" them as well. This seems beneficial enough

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## CINCO DE MAYO DESERVED MORE RECOGNITION

Editor:

Upon seeing the Thursday edition of the *Guardian* ("Cinco de Mayo" May 6), I was extremely pleased to see a large picture of one of the child Ballet Folklorico dancers from the previous day's Cinco de Mayo festivities on the front page. However, when I anxiously looked forward to reading the accompanying story, I was disappointed to find that there was none.

This year's Cinco de Mayo celebration was significant for a number of reasons, all of which the *Guardian* failed to inform the student body of. Besides obviously being the biggest and most successful celebration in a number of years, it was also the first time all the Latino student organizations came together in a united coalition to put the event on together. The political implications of this seem very obvious to me.

After weeks of reading about petty exchanges in elevators, I was extremely disappointed that no one on the paper's staff took the time or effort to find out any of the event's background. If a reporter would have spoken with anyone on the committee for even five minutes, I am sure they would have been informed as to why the Latino community here at UCSD was especially excited about this year's event. As far as I know, no one was ever approached.

I believe proper recognition was not given to the event and the number of hardworking and dedicated organizations that was quite justly due.

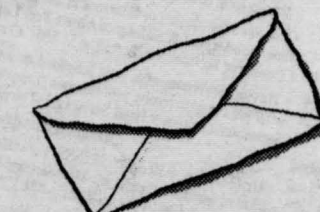
Sasha Guzman

### Main Campus Station Is the Way to Go

Editor:

In recent weeks, the issue of locating a San Diego trolley station on campus (or near it, at least) has again resurfaced. Except for one *Guardian* Opinion feature ("A Track for the Future" April 26), however, little support or discussion has been given publicly for anything except the administration's choice of an east-of-the-free-way station. In fact, the administration's choice for an east side location is patently inferior and their reasoning continually flawed, compared to other alternatives.

The administration, and others, assert that by 2010, east campus will be much more developed and the "center" of campus will be located closer to I-5. While the former is true, the latter is absurd. Though it is true that the "geographic" center of campus has and always will be near the freeway, the functional center will always be on main campus, west of the freeway. The "center" of campus, where students hang out between classes, where visitors rest and watch the going-ons, has moved from Revelle Plaza to the Student Center, now to the Price Center and Library Walk. This "center" will not, however, move much further



### Letters to Editor

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east. Think about it ... will the "center" of our campus ever be the middle of a freeway?

As east campus develops, none of the uses there will ever cause that side to dominate over main campus, and never will more potential riders for the trolley come from East rather than West. By 2010, East Campus will have the Preuss School (all students bussed in and out equals no trolley riders), an expanded Thornton Hospital (continually underused equals few trolley riders), and a science research park (possibly some trolley riders). The main trolley riders from east campus will come from undergraduate and grad-

uate housing. Now, in 2010, what will main campus have? Well, just 25,000 students, six or seven colleges, RIMAC, expanded Price and Student Centers, Geisel Library, as well as the majority of all student housing. Naturally, most trolley users will come from main campus.

Some, such as Jeffrey Barker, say that students won't ride the trolley. On the contrary, students are one of the demographic groups most likely to ride public transportation, such as the trolley. We are already on tighter budgets, have more flexible lifestyles and, being younger, physically more able to walk to and from transit.

Considering all of the parking headaches recently, the trolley would be welcomed by many students to help them get to and from classes and activities.

Despite all of the advantages that the trolley would bring, the administration is insisting on placing the station in a remote location, by Thornton Hospital, that will lower ridership and campus use of the station. It is well known to transit planners that ridership shoots down when people have to walk far (such as across a freeway) or transfer to another service (such as a shuttle) to get to where they're really going, namely, main campus. That is why, despite the administration's insistence on an east side site, trolley planners continue to study on-campus alignments that would have better ridership levels. With all of the obstacles facing an eastern location, people will just

rather drive.

Administrators, however, give nothing but excuses as to why a station can't be placed in main campus. "It will interfere with research," they claim. But, of the top ten federally-funded research universities (UCSD is number three) half have trains running near or right through campus (all but one underground) and two others, including us, are considering them. That looks like research and trains actually can mix to me. Studies done by trolley engineers confirmed that surface and underground trolley routes could reduce vibrations to acceptable levels.

Unlike our fine institution, the University of Utah is actively welcoming a light rail line, like the trolley, to come to [its] campus. Administrators there are planning three or four stations on-campus, so that they can relieve their university's parking and traffic problems. Administrators here should begin to see the trolley as an advantage, as the University of Utah does, and should work for a trolley that, if not brought fully [onto] main campus, should at least come to the west side of the freeway, as trolley planners decided in 1995. Instead, they insist on seeing it as a disadvantage — to be shoved into a remote corner of the campus — and lose such a great opportunity to actually solve some of our school's problems, instead of making them worse.

Benjamin A. Smith  
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### Hola, UCSD!

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day. He ordered the special of the day: two cheese enchiladas, La Casa's famous refried beans, Spanish rice, and a soda. The enchiladas were baked to perfection, steaming hot, and smothered in a uniquely spicy sauce! And he just could not

say enough about the refried beans! They are fabulously flavorful and beautifully presented with cheddar and jack cheese shredded on top. He also loved the Spanish rice. It is extraordinarily zesty and totally authentic! You absolutely must try it! I went wild with two

carne asada tacos and a plate of quesadillas. The tacos are my favorite meal at La Casa. They're made with tender beef and tangy guacamole salsa, wrapped in a fresh corn tortilla. With a side of sour cream, they are dreamy! And those quesadillas are incredible, too! La Casa is festive and comfortable, the service is unbelievable, and best of all, the friendly staff bring your food right to your table! If you haven't tried La Casa yet, you are missing out on the most authentic Mexican cuisine on campus! So get up and get over to La Casa for great food!



Love,  
Gretchen







## CLONING: Identical twins are naturally occurring clones

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a woman to give birth to and rear a genetic copy of herself, or make possible ideas such as father-son or mother-daughter twins. The vast majority of people have never comprehended these notions before, and thus such possibilities turn our conception of reality on its head.

However, cloning only guarantees that genes will be replicated, not personalities, passions or behavior. Thus, a clone of Mark McGwire might be a gourmet chef instead of a baseball player. Or the clone of Michael Jackson might turn out to be normal. As Dr. Wilmut, the scientist responsible for the Dolly experiment,

explained to the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, "About half of our personality is controlled by our genes, and half is controlled by what happens to us. A copy of Saddam Hussein might turn out to be a nice guy." Some theologians assert that human genetic engineering and cloning technology is "unnatural" and tantamount to "playing God." Yet, humans interfere with nature everyday. Doctors "play God" whenever they prescribe medicine, perform surgery or apply lifesaving technology to prevent a natural death.

Furthermore, clones exist in nature — they're called twins. Most people can tell twins apart, if not by subtle differences in appearance, then by differences in personalities, preferences or mannerisms. Yet twins are more alike than any two individuals can be, even more than clones and the cloned.

Identical twins who develop together in the same womb at the same time, are born together and most often share the same upbringing. That cannot happen when a new embryo is successfully produced by cloning a cell from an adult. The adult and the child clone are raised a generation apart. They experience a different in utero environment, a different birth order and a different upbringing. Literature, TV shows, teachers, friends and society in general will be different and thus their formative years will shape them into distinct individuals.

As Robert Wachbroit concluded in the *Washington Times* on March 2, 1997, "To think otherwise is to embrace a belief in genetic determinism, the view that genes determine everything about us, and that environmental factors or the random events in human development are utterly insignificant." The overwhelming scientific consensus believes genetic determinism is false.

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## GENETICS: Cloning interrupts and alters human development

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when limited to the eradication of genetic disease, but it quickly turns into an issue with serious moral and social implications.

When we decide what genes to place in the population, and which to leave out, we are in a sense "playing God."

Whatever power has controlled human development up until this point, be it natural selection, God or chance, has shown itself as a force to be reckoned with. Cloning and genetic engineering both attempt to take the gene pool out of the hands of natural selection, et al, and into the hands of humans. While this switch of power may prove largely successful, it is more likely that changes in the gene pool will lead to unforeseeable biological problems. Diversity in and amongst the species serves some biological purpose.

Diversity is not only valuable on the level of DNA sequences, but on a purely emotional level human life loses much of its meaning if everyone is the same. While human cloning and genetic engineering as parts of our society would not lead immediately to total homogeneity of the species, it would inevitably turn into the search for the "perfect" genome to make a "perfect" human.

But what constitutes perfect? The history of man is full of societies and cultures in which one type or race is valued over another. In China, the killing of baby girls was rumored to be common practice under a

regime which permitted only one child. Males were more "valuable" in the culture, so females were selectively exterminated. Nazi Germany killed Jews, homosexuals and other "imperfect" types in order to create the "perfect" Aryan race.

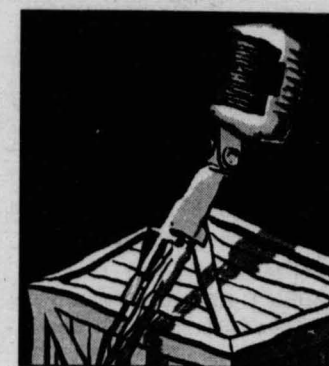
Eugenics such as this would be made even easier by cloning and genetic engineering. Rather than exterminating people who do not fit the standards of perfection of any particular society, entire populations can be made to fit the mold.

This presents two problems. First, this reduces the diversity of the human population. While diversity has been opposed by many, very few people will openly agree with Hitler's idea of one perfect race. Diversity makes life and human interaction interesting. Second, no matter how widespread cloning or genetic perfecting may become, there will always be people who do not fit the standard of perfection.

Will these people be ostracized as part of the imperfection of the past?

The genetic revolution presents frightening possibilities. Whether we agree with it or not, it is coming. What is important is not what is technologically possible, but what is beneficial for the entire human population. Human cloning, will not improve our overall quality of life. Genetic engineering, while it has the potential to improve life, must be carefully watched. Like almost all scientific advancements, it has enormous potential for misuse. If we decide to control our entire genetic destiny, we will most likely find that it will control us instead.

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Imagine the first day of classes for fall quarter. We're all standing in line outside Groundworks, waiting for the books for our interesting classes and thinking that in some parts of the world "fall" refers to a season, not a quarter. We make sympathetic conversation with fellow students and look around at some representatives of the student body. Some of us look and think, "Wow. How long ago was it that I had that kind of youthful optimism?"

I'm not saying that I've lost my youth, but I have taken the longer way around when it comes to my higher education. I started out at

## THE EDITOR'S SOAPBOX

Life in the "real world" can teach valuable lessons as well

my first college right out of high school. I even had a bunch of AP credits to jump start my matriculation. Unfortunately, I finished up my first semester with a stack of medical bills and the decision to take a semester to recover.

Having lost my scholarships for the time off, I went to my second college as a part-time student and came close to a degree in dance while I was supposedly continuing my literature major. I spent significantly more time in the studio and at my job than I did studying for my general education courses, and time slid by me.

Three years after high school graduation, I visited a friend in San Francisco. Within about three days, I decided to move there and after a summer back home raising moving funds, I had a Berkeley address. I got an office job, went to a lot of art shows at the California College of Arts and Crafts and drank red wine at dinner parties.

I flew down to San Diego on a family mission to visit with some

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distant relatives over Super Bowl weekend the year the 49ers beat the Chargers. Eight months later, I was living in sunny southern California. Basically, my friends worry whenever I go anywhere new that they'll

be receiving change-of-address notices in the near future.

Somewhere along the way I ended up at UCSD with a certain new status: "non-traditional student." Personally, I like being considered non-traditional because of my stunning individuality — not my age. But hey, labeling is "in" at UCSD.

Being "non-traditional" (though only by a couple of years) I find myself making comparisons between who I was eight years ago and who I am now. I find myself wondering what the hell I have to show for eight years that must have been chock full of opportunities.

I'm always amazed that it's been that long — yet high school memories seem really distant. I know I'm a completely different student than I was when I first tried to do the whole college thing, but the campus is a different place when you have a good five years on most of the people you come across.

From an academic angle, I high-

ly recommend time away from school, where, trapped in the drudgery of the work force, you come to appreciate the benefits of "higher" education. I for one much prefer changing what I think about and work on every couple of months rather than endless filing, or asking people, "How may I help you?"

Maybe I just don't find the alphabet interesting enough, but after a couple of years of sales clerking and office jobs, I really appreciated being in a classroom and having my mind challenged. I was also incredibly grateful to wear shoes; those things hurt like hell.

I was utterly appalled at the whole homework thing, though. I mean, by the time I returned to school, nostalgia had pretty much colored over the nightmares of study hours (and hours and hours) and the hellish nightmare that we affectionately call finals. Of course, none of the downside of

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## Medical School Acceptances

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- 11:45 BUFFET LUNCH**  
FACULTY CLUB DINING ROOM
- 1:00 AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLES CONVENE**  
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LOUNGE
- #2: DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY & ECOLOGY**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 1
- #3: EXPLORATIONS IN CHEMISTRY**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 2
- #4: DEVELOPMENTS IN CELL BIOLOGY**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 3
- #5: TOPICS IN PUBLIC HEALTH**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 4
- #6: SOCIOLOGY & ETHNIC STUDIES**  
#7: EXAMINING LITERATURE  
DINING ROOM A
- #8: TRENDS IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 6

### AFTERNOON:

- #9: MEDIA & POLITICS**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 1
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CONFERENCE ROOM 2
- #11: ANTHROPOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 3
- #12: ADVANCES IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE**  
LOUNGE
- #13: ENGINEERING, COMPUTERS & MATHEMATICS**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 4
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CONFERENCE ROOM 5
- #15: MEDICINE & NEUROSCIENCES**  
CONFERENCE ROOM 6

### BIOENGINEERING & MEDICINE Lounge President: Professor Robert Sah, Bioengineering

**Buu P. Tu** (Nominated by Professor Robert Sah, Bioengineering) "A Method to Study Chondrocyte Migration on Cartilage" College: Roosevelt; Major: Bioengineering

**Omar A. Gaya** (Nominated by Professor Robert Sah, Bioengineering) "Chondrocyte Tracking: A New Approach Using PKH26" College: Warren; Major: Bioengineering

**Nathan B. Copelan** (Nominated by Professor Robert Sah, Bioengineering) "Effect of Decorin on Collagen Deposition in Articular Cartilage" College: Roosevelt; Major: Biology

**Eli Groppo** (Nominated by Professor Alan Hargens, Orthopaedics) "Pathophysiology of the Well Leg Compartment Syndrome" College: Muir; Major: Bioengineering

#### TEN MINUTE BREAK

**John M. Iskander** (Nominated by Professor Alan Hargens, Orthopaedics) "Leukocyte Activation and Functional Analysis of an Ischemia/Reperfusion Model" College: Warren; Major: Biology

**Bradley Johnson** (Nominated by Professor William Cain, Surgery) "Quantification of the Naso-Pulmonary Reflex in Humans" College: Warren;

Major: Bioengineering

**Elissa Hsu** (Nominated by Professor Carol MacLeod, Medicine) "Role of Nitric Oxide and Arginine in Breast Cancer Progression Using Genetically Modified Mice" College: Revelle; Major: Biology

### 2 DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY & ECOLOGY Conference Room 1 President: Professor Immo Scheffler, Biology

**Miriam Lydia Reaves** (Nominated by Professor Douglas Green, Biology) "Mechanisms of Radiation-Induced Apoptosis in Intestinal Epithelium" College: Revelle; Major: Biology

**Gregory C. Barkdull** (Nominated by Professor Ethan Bier, Biology) "Genetic Analysis of a Mutant Form of the Drosophila Sog Gene" College: Revelle; Major: Biology

**Barbara Otrubova** (Nominated by Professor Ethan Bier, Biology) "Mutagenesis of the Drosophila Sog Protein" College: Revelle; Major: Biology

**Fawn Wang** (Nominated by Professor William McGinnis, Biology) "The Detection of Mutations in the Polycephalin Gene in Drosophila Using Denaturing Gradient Gel Electrophoresis" College: Revelle; Major: Biology

### TEN MINUTE BREAK

**Nathalia Cota** (Nominated by Professor Kit Pogliano, Biology) "A New Sporulation Defective Mutant of *Bacillus subtilis*. Affecting Both Forespore Specific Gene Expression and Engulfment" College: Muir; Major: Biology

**Joshua T. Hillman** (Nominated by Professor Lisa Levin, SIO) "The Influence of Oxygen on Macrobenthic Community Structure of the Peru Margin" College: Warren; Major: Biology

**Kavita V. Raman** (Nominated by Professor Lisa Levin, SIO) "Macrofauna of Los Peñasquitos, San Diego and San Elijo Lagoons: Effects of Flushing Regime" College: Muir; Major: Biology

### 3 EXPLORATIONS IN CHEMISTRY Conference Room 2 Presiders: Professor Stanley Miller, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Professor Bill Trogler, Chemistry & Biochemistry

**Jane H. Bu** (Nominated by Professor Murray Goodman, Chemistry) "The Labile Amide Project - Mechanistic Studies of an Unusual Amide Bond Scission" College: Roosevelt; Major: Chemistry

**Melissa Dawn Shults** (Nominated by Professor Jay Siegel, Chemistry) "The Synthesis of Borromean Rings: A Challenge in Heterocyclic and Macrocyclic Chemistry" College: Revelle; Major: Chemistry

**Eduardo Borquez** (Nominated by Professor Stanley Miller, Chemistry) "The Prebiotic Synthesis of Adenine, Guanine and Diaminopurine" College: Revelle; Major: Biochemistry

**Kimberly Lovett** (Nominated by Professor Susan Taylor, Chemistry) "Intracellular PKA with a Kinase Anchoring Protein, D-AKAP1" College: Revelle; Major: Chemistry

#### TEN MINUTE BREAK

**Akane Michelle Nishimura** (Nominated by Professor William Trogler, Chemistry) "Electron Transfer Kinetics of the ClO<sub>2</sub>-ClO<sub>2</sub> Redox Couple Measured by Rotating Disk" College: Warren; Major: Chemistry

**Tracy M. Quan** (Nominated by Professor William Trogler, Chemistry) "Disproportionation of Nitric Oxide Using Metal on Carbon Catalysts" College: Revelle; Major: Chemistry

**Simon Garcia** (Nominated by Professor Katja Lindenberg, Chemistry) "Diffusion-Controlled Reactions in Constrained Geometries" College: Warren; Major: Chemical Physics

### 4 DEVELOPMENTS IN CELL BIOLOGY Conference Room 3 President: Professor Randy Hampton, Biology

**Aaron Jobu Choy** (Nominated by Professor Suresh Subramani, Biology) "Characterization of a Novel Transmembrane GTPase Protein in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*" College: Revelle; Major: Biology

**Alma Guerrero** (Nominated by Professor Celsa Spina, Pathology) "Construction and Cloning of a Protein Expression Vector for HIV Nef" College: Muir; Major: Biology

**Sarah Chu** (Nominated by Professor Julian Schroeder, Biology) "Arabidopsis *abi1* and *abi2* Mutations Impair Abscisic Acid-Induced Cytosolic Calcium Rises in Guard Cells" College: Muir; Major: Biology & Communication

#### TEN MINUTE BREAK

**Leena L. Shankar** (Nominated by

Professor Flossie Wong-Staal, Biology) "The Effect of Survival Motor Neuron Protein on Retroviral mRNA Export from the Nucleus" College: Revelle; Major: Biology

**Mary Kay D. Mascarenas** (Nominated by Professor Francisco Villareal, Medicine) "Mechanical Stimuli Applied to Adult Rat Cardiac Fibroblasts Activate Extracellular Signal Regulated Kinase" College: Warren; Major: Bioengineering

**Azadeh J. Shirazi** (Nominated by Professor Oswald Quenberger, Medicine) "Regulation of Monocyte CCR2 Expression by Lipoproteins" College: Muir; Major: Biochemistry

### 5 TOPICS IN PUBLIC HEALTH Conference Room 4 Presiders: Professor Mark Myers, Psychiatry, Professor David Sartoris, Radiology

**Gwen Shores** (Nominated by Professor David Sartoris, Radiology) "Osteoporosis: Not Just a Women's Disease" College: Revelle; Major: Anthropology

**Rebecca Sandoval** (Nominated by Professor David Sartoris, Radiology) "Public Health Education on Osteoporosis: A Focus on Spanish Speaking Communities" College: Marshall; Major: Biology

**Rosemary Garcia** (Nominated by Professor David Sartoris, Radiology) "Is Two Site Central Densitometry Using DXA Essential in Clinical Practice?" College: Warren; Major: Chemistry

#### TEN MINUTE BREAK

**Heidi S. Cho** (Nominated by Professor Christina Turner, Sociology) "Homelessness and Health Care: A Case Study" College: Revelle; Major: Sociology

**Karen K. Chan** (Nominated by Professor Tamara Wall, Psychiatry) "A Genetic Influence on the Progression From First Drink to Regular Drinking in Asian Americans" College: Marshall; Major: Psychology

**Jessica Pradis** (Nominated by Professor Mark Myers, Psychiatry) "Role of Family Functioning and Psychological Disorders in Adolescent Substance Abusers" College: Marshall; Major: Psychology

**Kimberly Jameson, Psychology**

**Haison Ngo** (Nominated by Professor Kimberly Jameson, Psychology) "Gender-Related Biases in Judgements of Morphed Facial Expression Photos of 'Disgust'" College: Marshall; Major: Psychology

### 6 SOCIOLOGY & ETHNIC STUDIES Conference Room 5 Presiders: Professor Jeff Haydu, Sociology, Professor Rebecca Klatch, Sociology

**Ivy Boyan** (Nominated by Professor Rebecca Klatch, Sociology) "Emerging Gender Ideologies in a Preschool Classroom" College: Muir; Major: Sociology

**Ann E. Hill** (Nominated by Professor Christena Turner, Sociology) "Socialization in the Classroom" College: Marshall; Major: Sociology

**Marcus Lee** (Nominated by Professor Christena Turner, Sociology) "The Importance of Teachers in Learning" College: Muir; Major: Sociology

**Lyndsey M. Lovelace** (Nominated by Professor Keith Pezzoli, Urban Studies) "Survival Strategies of Linguistic Minority Students in English Only Classrooms" College: Marshall; Major: Urban Studies

#### TEN MINUTE BREAK

**Nadya M. Cinman** (Nominated by Professor Rebecca Klatch, Sociology) "White vs. Nonwhite Immigrant Experiences in the U.S." College: Marshall; Major: Sociology

**James Young Kim** (Nominated by Professor Yen Espiritu, Ethnic Studies) "Traces of Political Transformation:

First Generation Korean-Americans and the Los Angeles Riots" College: Revelle; Major: Political Science & History

**Daniela Zellfzer** (Nominated by Professor Jeffrey Haydu, Sociology) "Leading the Troupe Onto a New Stage: Chicano Theater Movement as a Mobilizing Tool of Community Leadership" College: Muir; Major: Sociology

### 7 EXAMINING LITERATURE Dining Room A President: Professor Judith Halberstam, Literature

**David M. Tennant** (Nominated by Professor Donald Wesling, Literature) "Thomas Hardy's 'Poems of 1912-13': A Journey of Atonement" College: Roosevelt; Major: Literature

**Van Truong** (Nominated by Professor Judith Halberstam, Literature) "The Narrated Author: Making of the Self in Ethnic Autobiography" College: Muir; Major: Literature

**Matthew Cook** (Nominated by Professor Judith Halberstam, Literature) "Pajama Syntax" College: Muir; Major: Literature

#### TEN MINUTE BREAK

**William J. Parr** (Nominated by Professor Donald Wesling, Literature) "The Junction" College: Muir; Major: Literature

**Brindusa Craciunescu** (Nominated by Professor Donald Wesling, Literature) "Friendly Barb Wire (A Dead Children's Bedtime Story)" College: Revelle; Major: Communication & Economics

**Joan Iva Cube** (Nominated by Professor Winnie Woodhull, Literature) "M.E." College: Roosevelt; Major: Literature

### 8 TRENDS IN PSYCHOLOGY Conference Room 6 President: Professor Kimberly Jameson, Psychology

**Liliana Rodriguez** (Nominated by Professor Keith Pezzoli, Urban Studies) "Understanding the Distribution Policies and Allocation Process of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG's) in the City of San Diego" College: Warren; Major: Urban Studies

**Laura Ann Schiesl** (Nominated by Professor Becky Nicolades, History) "Problems in Paradise: The Politics of Urban Land Use in San Diego, 1970-1990" College: Marshall; Major: History

**Nika Omid** (Nominated by Professor Cecil Lytle, Music) "The Speeches of Thurgood Marshall" College: Marshall; Major: Political Science

**Bryn Martyna** (Nominated by Professor Cecil Lytle, Music) "The Speeches of Thurgood Marshall" College: Marshall; Major: Human Development

**Natalie Michelle Ryan** (Nominated by Professor David Phillips, Sociology) "An Abrupt Shift in U.S. Suicide Levels Around the Month Boundary" College: Muir; Major: Sociology

**Ali Esfandiari** (Nominated by Professor Edmund Fantino, Psychology) "Counterintuitive Predictions in Human Choice" College: Marshall; Major: Psychology

**Kam-Ling Tsang** (Nominated by Pro-

essor Yuezhi Zhao, Communication) "Hong Kong Media - From British Colony to China's Special Administrative Region" College: Marshall; Major: Communication

**David E. Herzl** (Nominated by Professor Yuezhi Zhao, Communication) "Politics, Economics and the Media in Burma: Imperialism and Its Consequences" College: Revelle; Major: Economics & Political Science

**Yani Chang** (Nominated by Professor Yuezhi Zhao, Communication) "What's Become of the Media?" College: Warren; Major: Communication

**Edmund L. Settle** (Nominated by Professor Marta Hanson, History) "Transforming Ethnicities: The Role of the Communist Party and Minorities in Forming Ethnic Identities in China" College: Roosevelt; Major: History

**Thomas E. Sullivan** (Nominated by Professor Michael Bernstein, History) "The Pentagon Papers: Documenting the 'Folly' of the American Commitment in Vietnam" College: Roosevelt; Major: History

**Laurel Westrup** (Nominated by Professor Alain Cohen, Literature) "Woody Allen's Use of Jump Cuts as Indicators of Mental Instability" College: Marshall; Major: Communication

**Anand D. Patel** (Nominated by Professor Marta Kutas, Cognitive Science) "The Effects of Clause Boundaries on the Processing of Related Words: An Electrophysiological Analysis" College: Warren; Major: Cognitive Science

**Briana Marie Farrand** (Nominated by Professor Jaime Pineda, Cognitive Science) "Episodic Memory for Actions: An Electrophysiological Analysis" College: Muir; Major: Cognitive Science

**Jeff Baratta** (Nominated by Professor Jaime Pineda, Cognitive Science) "Event-Related Potentials in Depression and Decision-Making" College: Marshall; Major: Cognitive Science

**Stephen L. Henty** (Nominated by Professor Edwin Hutchins, Cognitive Science) "Computer Simulation of the Effects of Communication Procedures on the Jury Decision-Making Process" College: Warren; Major: Cognitive Science

**Randall J. Hull** (Nominated by Professor Vistasp Karbhari, AMES) "Crash Energy Absorption Using Composite Materials" College: Warren; Major: Mechanical Engineering

**Karen Murphy** (Nominated by Professor Vistasp Karbhari, AMES) "Environmental Durability of Composites" College: Revelle; Major: Structural Engineering

**Colleen M. Shannon** (Nominated by Professor R.K. Belew, Computer Science) "DNA: A Natural Data Structure" College: Revelle; Major: Biology & Computer Science

**Cynthia L. Bailey** (Nominated by Professor R.K. Belew, Computer Science)

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**MARY HIGGINS**  
Senior Staff Writer

There are only two things I did last week worth mentioning. First, I went to see "The Matrix," so I'd like to briefly vent about that experience (don't worry, I won't give away the extremely lame ending).

I want to applaud the Valley Guy/Shakespeare-loving actor Keanu Reeves — he made it all the way through the film without saying "Bogus!" or attempting to recite his lines in iambic pentameter.

In "The Matrix," Keanu departs from his usual California-surfer-with-a-deviated-septum shick and tackles his role as a pasty-faced-computer-engineer-with-a-deviated-septum. The transformation is amazing and I'm really not being sarcastic ... I heard rumors that Reeves actually spent two weeks locked in the basement of AP&M learning to program in Pascal in order to prepare himself for the role.

Indeed, the acting was the least of the film's problems. The major flaw was the script, which supplied such gems as: "It's the ultimate

## PSYCHO THERAPY

*The slow pace of a Comm major is actually the smarter route*

killing machine, designed for only one thing" (uh ... killing?) and "It seeks and destroys" (wouldn't that be two things?). I know, I know... everyone's a critic.

OK, one more gripe before I start issuing my weekly pearls of wisdom. You may have read Jake "Bucket" Gordon's sports column last week, which analyzed the much-hyped *Koala v. Guardian* slobball tournament. Now, let me start by saying that Bucket is a man of many talents — he's a

hit the ball, but I almost made it to first base.

I was also a star when we took to the field. Hovering somewhere between first and second, I was never actually called upon to participate (I made sure of this by covering my face and diving to the ground every time the ball headed toward my highly cherished teeth) but I cleverly hurled insults at the *Koala* staffers as they barreled past me around the bases.

I think I made Tulley Rafferty

et's evil twin Travis "Coach" Hill. Last week things got a little ... competitive.

It was the night before the midterm, and I was frantically photocopying 90 pages out of Barber's reader when Bucket, Coach and I decided to combine forces and study together. This is the Universal Law of Comm: "Thou shalt not study in advance ... thou shalt run around the night before trying to mooch the reader off of your classmate, then study mania-

tion (I read the first and last paragraphs of each article). Bucket brought up the rear by taking a 20-minute trip to the water cooler then burying his nose in last month's copy of *Sports Illustrated*. Ten hours later we found ourselves pulling a "Tulley Rafferty" — regurgitating the entire contents of our study binge into our blue books.

Before I reveal the results of our exams, let me start out by saying that at the time I felt I deserved a higher grade than Bucket and Coach. OK, so maybe we all studied equally poorly and maybe they attended the same percentage of lectures that I did (approximately 6%). I still considered myself more deserving than those guys ... I'm a slacker too, but at least I feel bad about it. At least I kid myself by vowing never to procrastinate again. Bucket and Coach, on the other hand, have a serene acceptance of their binge-and-purge study strategy. All of us are slackers, but the difference is that I used to be a nerd, so I still feel I should be achieving A's even though I can't even recall the name of the course.

And now, the results of the test: Bucket (whose sole contribution to our study session consisted of providing the "Lucky Legal Pad") and I (whose sole contribution was providing the ice cream sandwiches) tied with a B+.

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*This is the Universal Law of Comm: "Thou shalt not study in advance ... thou shalt run around the night before trying to mooch the reader off of your classmate, then study maniacally until you wind up face down in a puddle of drool."*

good writer and a good hitter — but Bucket has a lousy memory. After taking one too many pitches to the head, he apparently suffered from a mild case of amnesia and carelessly left out my own outstanding contributions to Team *Guardian*.

Allow me to elaborate. Arriving just in time for the last inning, I played ferociously with the courage and strength of a lion (despite my nearly incapacitating fear of getting smacked in the face by the ball). Not only did I actually

crash, although other players reported that he was not doubled over in tears, but merely barfing up the contents of six or seven cans of really crappy beer. Anyhow, shame on you, Bucket, for forgetting your MVP (Most Valuable Psychotherapist).

Perhaps I'm just bitter, though. You see, Bucket and I have a comm class together along with several other *Guardian* veterans: Graphics Editor John "I have a thing for penguins" Barber, Senior Staff Writer Scott Yager and Buck-

cally until you wind up face down in a puddle of drool." Some people make fun of comm for being an easy major and to this I counter, "You think it's EASY cramming five weeks worth of reading into one night?"

So anyway, the three of us sat around shooting the breeze for a little while, then around 2 a.m. we started to panic. Coach cracked open the text book and got to work reading all the stuff in bold print. I buckled down and tackled the reader in a highly organized fash-



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The sun is in Taurus all week long, good for making solid decisions and falling madly in love. That's especially likely on Monday, with the moon in Pisces. Dreams will be attainable then, or at least they'll look like it. On Tuesday, the moon goes into Aries, causing us all to take spontaneous action, a feeling that continues through Wednesday and into Thursday. By late Thursday, we'll all realize we need to get more practical, and that's the theme that pervades through Friday. Put off important decisions until then, if at all possible. Saturday and Sunday are your best days this week for communications, especially if money is involved.

**ARIES**  
March 21 - April 19

Be careful on Monday and Tuesday, or your fears could get the best of you. Just acknowledge them and they may turn into your allies instead. Wednesday and Thursday,

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you're full of energy, but you need to be practical, too. Save big financial decisions for Friday and Saturday. Play with your neighbors on Sunday.

**TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20

Inspiration is apt to strike on Monday and Tuesday, through a friend. Listen carefully. Wednesday and Thursday, you're pressed to take action. Make sure it's in your own best interests. Friday and Saturday, you're solid as a rock and easily deflect criticism. Make sure you're open to the good advice, however. Something you read on Sunday could have a positive impact on your financial situation.

**GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 21

Listen carefully to your mentor Monday and Tuesday, or you'll miss the most important part of the lesson. Friendship could lead to a lucky break Wednesday or Thursday. Finish old projects quickly Friday and Saturday. You'll be full of great ideas on Sunday. Get practical so you can make a few of them come true.

**CANCER**  
June 22 - July 22

Love's blossoming, almost, on Monday and Tuesday. You'll do best in a familiar environment. Put that on hold for Wednesday and Thursday, as you jump for a career opportunity. Friends provide secu-

**LEO**  
July 23 - Aug. 22

A carefully calculated financial risk could work out well on Monday. Sports and travel are better on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, don't let your attention waver. Your career is the most important thing, and on Friday that'll be quite obvious, so be prepared. On Saturday, there could be a quiz, too, to see if you've been practical lately. On Sunday, you'll be able to relax with our friends, finally.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Listen to your partner on Monday and Tuesday, and you'll find your way out of a mess. Wednesday and Thursday, stay calm, and help another person get through an upset. You'll be ready for a day off by Friday, and you might be able to get it. If so, travel from then through the weekend. Sunday's your best day for getting what you want from an older person.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're most creative on Monday and Tuesday, but it'll be hard to stick to a schedule. Wednesday and Thursday, you'll feel more like a follower than a leader, but don't get talked into doing something stupid

or expensive. Friday and Saturday, you'll need to be accountable for your money. Make sure you have enough. On Sunday, it looks like a surprise is coming from far away.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Love blossoms on Monday and Tuesday, but be gentle. It's fragile. There's an overabundance of work on Wednesday and Thursday, but by Friday, things should have calmed down. Let your partner make big decisions for you Friday and Saturday. Your investments could pay off big on Sunday.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Rearrange your work schedule Monday and Tuesday, so it supports something going on at home. Wednesday and Thursday are your best days for a date, and a sporting event is your best location. Friday and Saturday, your workload is intense, and decisions you make then will last. On Sunday, a partner should lead the way.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Learn from a close loved one on Monday or Tuesday. This person sees something you're missing. There's more than enough at home on Wednesday and Thursday, but don't waste it. Make a forever romantic commitment on Friday and Saturday, or visualize it. That can help make it happen, too. Do paperwork most efficiently Sunday.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Don't ask for money on Monday or Tuesday. Plan how to make more through creativity instead. There's a wealth of information available Wednesday and Thursday. Glom onto it. Make real estate decisions Friday and Saturday, and party all day Sunday.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19 - March 20

Use what you've learned on Monday and Tuesday, in a new creative endeavor. Money is coming in on Wednesday and Thursday. Don't waste it. Learn from the people who have the experience Friday and Saturday, and you'll sail past a potential conflict on Sunday.

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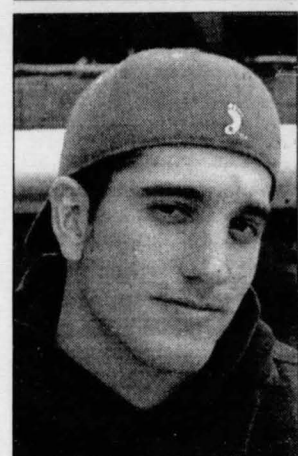
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## ARENA

### Looking back, would you choose UCSD again?

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"Yes, just for the cafeteria food. I've gained a lot of pounds and my bowels haven't moved like this — this fast — in so long. I'm like, so regular."

**Matt Byrd**  
Muir Junior

"I don't think I would because it's a very divided campus and I thought that college would be more of a unified or compassionate place and I just feel like everybody's sort of autonomous. It's like there's no sense of unity."

**Heidi Salmon**  
Warren Sophomore



"Yeah, definitely. I love the area. San Francisco has that urban, cold atmosphere, people are very impersonal, and I find here that people are just very friendly. Also, I feel very safe here."

**Melissa Wong**  
Marshall Junior

"Yeah, pretty much, yeah. I just like the area. I was considering UCLA but I just like it here better. The weather's better. The people here are better. It's just a nicer place."

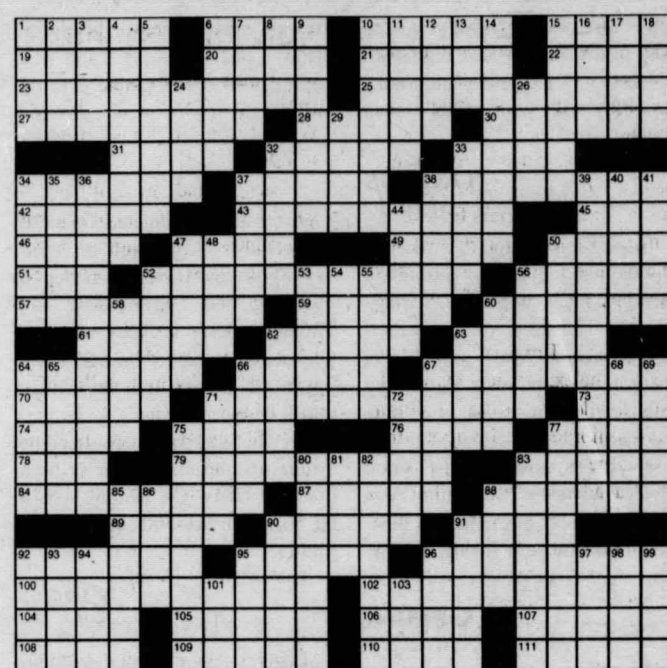
**Muyhong Thy**  
Roosevelt Freshman



"Yeah, because I just really like the mellow atmosphere, whereas I'm from the Bay and I think in the Bay it's really hectic and really busy."

**Debbie Kim**  
Roosevelt Freshman

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- 86 Orderly
- 88 Fertile soil
- 90 Close, but no
- 91 Rendezvous
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## SOAPBOX: Stress (and glory) is now all her own

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academic life seemed so bad when I considered the alternative.

The biggest difference between then and now is what motivates me. My parents are still pleased and proud when I do well, but this is my undertaking, for better or worse, 'til death or graduation do we part. The effort is mine, the stress is mine, the debt is mine, the glory is mine. I take it all both more and less seriously than I did at 17.

Of course, there are some social ramifications of my status as well. There are days when I feel old. There have been lower division classes where I had conversations that specifically illuminated the age gap. Every once in a while I talk to someone and think, "Wow, you're 18 aren't you?" And of course my best friend tells me I'm old on a fairly regular basis, just in case I forget. Thanks Jess.

I've been at parties where the

cops show up to tell everybody to quiet down and I find myself hiding out in the back. Years ago it would have been because I was underage. Now I worry that as one of the only people of age, I could get charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Take all of that and try dating. Nobody bats an eyelash if a guy dates a woman who is five years younger, but flip that around and some people might call it "socially inappropriate." Some friends of mine do.

All in all, I'm glad I had the time and the experiences that I did. I would tell any graduating high school senior to take a year off first because the experiences of life outside of academic circles will shape you and teach you and expand those horizons everybody keeps talking about. Sure, I occasionally get the voice in my head that says, "If you'd just gone straight through ..." but I don't tend to give that thought much attention. I may have a few things I'd forget if I could, but I'd never go back to change them.

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## MARY: Our MVP! (Most Valuable Psycho)

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Coach got an A, the bastard. When I saw our grades, I initially felt cheated!

Then I had an epiphany of sorts. I realized that all of my worrying and stressing did not help to improve my score. I realized that the sports guys are not lazy bums at all, they are geniuses! They have grasped the Meaning of Life: have fun, study minimally, enjoy life, relax.

While everyone else is sitting like a zombie in lecture, they occasionally by-pass campus altogether and head for a Padres game or Vegas ... and they still have damn decent GPAs! They lead good lives. I've realized that I'm not resentful of them at all ... I admire them. I want to be like them. After all, if the world were to be vaporized by a giant asteroid tomorrow, I wouldn't want to spend today biting my nails over

some midterm.

The moral of the story is this: if you're lucky enough to be a savant like Coach and Bucket you can get away with being the Slacker King. Anal retentive people like myself should learn to accept this and stop guilt-tripping ourselves into lots of pointless studying. Slacking really can pay off, unless you are (a) not intelligent enough to "wing it" or (b) are hell-bent on becoming a brain surgeon or some other insanely demanding occupation.

There are plenty of good reasons for slacking. Stress-free people have more friends, lower blood pressure, a better sex life (be honest, when was the last time you felt like making out right before your o-chem midterm?) and more time for recreation. I'm not saying that over-achievers are bad — they just need to get a little perspective.

I still take bio classes from time to time and half of the pre-meds in those lectures don't even LIKE what they study. My point is this: if you are busting your butt

over your o-chem books, I hope that at least you're enjoying it. A little hard work won't kill you, but being miserable might.

When she's not playing softball, or frantically studying communications, Mary is busy thinking of ways to finish up her columnist career. For those of you who want to contact Mary and tell her what you think of her column before she retires at the end of the year, drop off a letter upstairs at the student center, or e-mail Mary at mhiggins@ucsd.edu.

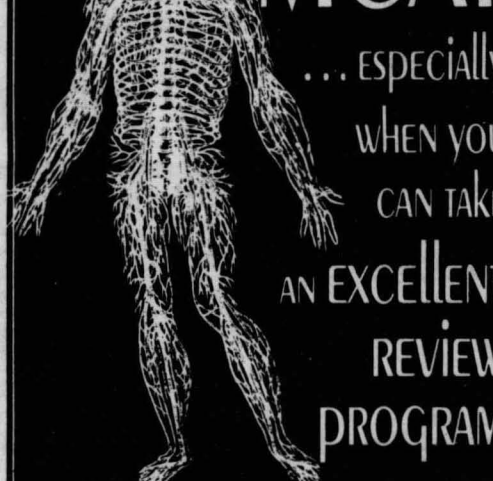
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## COLUMN: Eshelman crowned El Campeon

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heresy. I have limited recall of the glory that transpired on Saturday so all that is written are statements pieced together after a night of wild claiming that followed the event.

We set up camp to the south of the main trail. This was not an easy task as the maneuverability of two full kegs down a sheer cliff as well as arm fulls of hot dog buns, salsa, tortilla chips not to mention our surfboards, wet suits and towels, required the grace of a mountain goat and the might of the World's Strongest Man.

Once situated, we were confronted with another setback: The tap was broken. Despite a valiant effort from an engineering student — from here on known as the Ladies Man — the tap was stuck. Needless to say, we were a resourceful and thirsty group, so we came up with an ingenious solution: shake the keg. We shook the keg with fervor and lo and behold the beer flowed and the contest could go on.

Originally, the contest was going to be a tag-team event. There was team Shores, team Poole Street, team Bitter, team Valley and team Old Guys. But once the drinking ensued, such coordination proved to be too difficult, so we resorted to an individual, winner-take-all format.

The alumni, coming in after back-to-back nights of belligerence — they say they party more now than when they were students — seemed to be in good training. So did team Valley, who were especially amped, donning duct-taped boards claiming "East of I-5." But then again the members of team Shores, team Poole Street and team Bitter, were more than ready as well.

Only time and two kegs would tell who would eventually win "El Campeon" — the coveted Beer Open championship mug.

The contest got underway at noon. Six hours, two keg shells, five accounts of puking, one set of lost keys, one broken board and one finger badly bitten by a rabid squirrel later, the champion was crowned. It was Keith Eshelman, team Valley.

But before we move onto his story, let me tell you the best of what I recall leading up to the finals.

Half-way into the first round came the Beer Open's first victim. It was an alumnus. The judges demanded a beer be filled for the alumnus as he swam ashore, chasing his board. Their request was granted and a beer was run over to the contestant, who by then was staggering in the white-water. He grabbed the beer and began pounding. Mid-beer, he bent over and puked it up — we believe it was due to our diet, fueled by salsa on hot dog buns. The crowd booed. He resumed drinking. By beer's end,

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the alumnus had puked not once, not twice, not thrice, but four times. He headed back into the surf with a frothy ring of beer-foam and barf around his mouth.

Another glorious endeavor was the sand-battle between Douglas and Frenchie. Frenchie had earlier suggested, to no one's approval, that the contest be postponed — the weather was bad and the surf

was too big. Douglas was an outspoken opponent of the French man's idea. The conflict later transpired into an epic sand-duel, and Frenchie was last seen being chased to Scripps by a crazy drunk guy threatening him with a lengthy lump of kelp.

While Frenchie was avoiding seaweed, Charlie was frolicking with the squirrels. We were set up at the base of the cliffs where the happy rodents make their home. Charlie had befriended the squirrel earlier and earned its trust with handfuls of tortilla chips. Call it a love bite, or at best a slight misunderstanding, but the little guy snapped at Charlie's finger, drawing blood from both sides: A second Beer Open wounded soldier. But Charlie, also part of team Valley, sucked up and continued to drink and surf in stride.

The judges were also entertaining. Justin, sidelined with a broken wrist due to an earlier skating accident, was the most reliable beach marshal anyone could ask for. He was the ultimate beer-getter, making sure nobody entered or exited the water without a cold one, and also made sure that the heats got off on time.

A pair of judges were as equally dedicated to the cause as beach marshal Justin was. The twosome had to go to the bathroom really badly during one heat, but they didn't lose focus. Rather, they remained in the judges' chairs and pissed their wet suits without missing a single wave, all the while

laughing as a hot trail of pee drained from the ankle cuffs.

Similar heroic and entertaining acts took place in the water as well. Ladies Man hobbled ashore after losing his board to a set wave. He pounded a beer without hesitation and little protest. Peter got sea-sick while Big Dave pulled into a barrel and Douglas earned bonus points for his unparalleled grace while his 6'8" frame and 7'2" board went over the falls. I struggled in my heat, but received some consolation points for at least paddling for a wave.

But Keith's story was the best. In the finals alone Keith proved why he deserved to be crowned "El Campeon." During the 30 minute heat, he drank six beers and got a handful of waves — more than anyone else. His sixth and final beer came with seconds to go and ended up becoming the deciding factor. He drained it, then collapsed in the sand. Waves washed over him as the crowd ran to crown him champ.

Nobody could have asked for a better Beer Open. Frenchie was right: The weather was bad and the surf was big. But when you're drinking and surfing with friends, new and old, sunshine goes unnoticed. And large surf — even when you're drunk and swimming for your board because you don't have a leash — is never something to bitch about. So for Keith and the rest of us who drink beer for breakfast, the Beer Open will always be peas and carrots.

## POLO: Tritons tough it out at Nationals

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Tritons was finished, immediately putting them in the losers bracket.

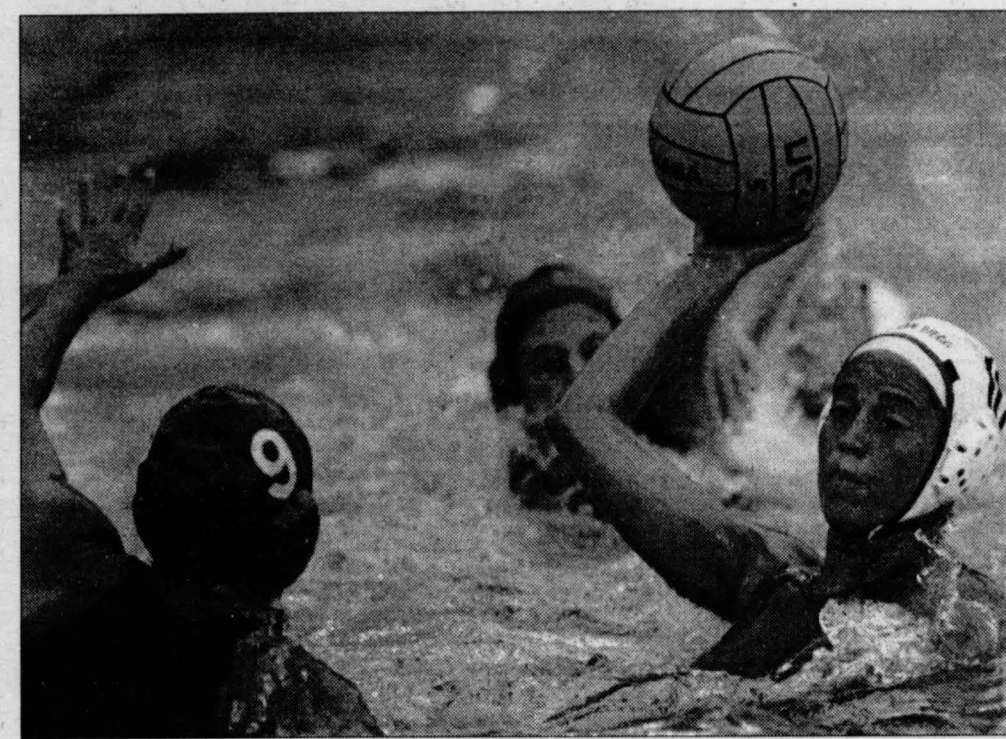
The Tritons' second game on Friday was against No. 13 University of Maryland — strangers to the UCSD women's water polo players, having never played them in season games. In the first round, Maryland had lost to UCLA, 12-2, so the Tritons went into the game with confidence.

Maryland started strong, and ended the quarter ahead two goals. In the second quarter, however, the Tritons stepped up offensively and brought the score to a familiar tie, 2-2.

Determined not to let this game end the same way the previous game had, the Tritons turned on both their offense and defense, scoring three more points all the while holding Maryland scoreless in the last two quarters. The final score was 5-2. Junior Nora Salem and Kudritzki totaled two goals each, and Irwin put one away. Goalie Maryam Hadiashar had 6 saves.

The victory of their last game faded fast as the Tritons went up against a strong San Jose State on Saturday. Earlier this season, the Tritons took the Spartans into overtime at the UC Santa Barbara Invitational, but fell 5-4.

In the consolation-round match on Saturday afternoon, the game started fast with 3 goals by SJSU in the first quarter, countered by UCSD's single tally. The second



**Under Siege:** Junior Megan Wallis looks for an open teammate as she is double-teamed. Wallis also placed with grace under fire during this weekend's Nationals. UCSD finished in 12th place.

quarter was a stalemate, as no team scored, and the game stayed at 3-1 at the half. Both teams managed to put 2 goals apiece away in the third quarter, keeping the contest tight up until the final quarter.

However it was in the fourth quarter that the Spartans pulled away ahead, leaving the Tritons down and out. The Tritons' 1 goal could not match the Spartans' 5 final quarter goals.

Freshmen Erin Welsh and Courtney Hemmerly each scored one goal against SJSU, as did junior Dara Burch and Irwin.

Hadiashar had 6 saves throughout the game, but the Tritons' defense was no match for SJSU player Inna Fedoseyeva, who had 3 goals in the game.

This loss put the Tritons in the final game on Sunday, playing for

11th place against Long Beach State.

As of Sunday afternoon, USC and Stanford were battling it out for the National title. At press time, the final results were not available.

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UCSD Goals: N. Salem (2), E. Kudritzki (2), J. Irwin (1)  
Maryam Hadiashar recorded 6 saves

## TENNIS: Singles, doubles keep on trucking

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when the two played in the team competition.

Yet Cohen is vulnerable, barely surviving a three set scare in the first round of the individual competition. The match will be a war, but from her success so far it's clear Olsen has the ammunition.

The other UCSD competitors in the singles and doubles portion of the National Championships didn't fare as well as Olsen, however. Triton senior leader Nguyen ended a terrific career for UCSD tennis with a first round loss to fifth-seeded Kanta Murali of Smith College (Mass.). Murali won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. Earlier in the week, Nguyen had been named winner of the West Region's Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship/Leadership Award, given for outstanding contributions to her team, college and community. Nguyen may have lost, but she left New Jersey a winner.

Paired with freshman Tadlock in doubles, Olsen was unable to duplicate her amazing upsets in the singles portion. The underclassmen duo lost to Erin Hockman and Caryn Kuthbert of Keyon College (Ohio) 6-4, 6-0 in the first round of the doubles tournament.

Next season, Head Coach Liz LaPlante's squad will miss Nguyen's leadership, but with talented youngsters like Olsen and Tadlock gaining valuable experience in the post-season, the Tritons may be primed for a breakout year.

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### Two Points for Pounding

Somethings go really well together. Like peas and carrots, or matzo and Manischewitz. Other things do not. Like drinking and surfing.

Individually, there are few things better than drinking or surfing, but combining the two is just a bad concept. It's sort of like pouring beer over a bowl of Fruit Loops. Beer is good, Fruit Loops are good, but together? Not so tasty.

Nonetheless, 20 of UCSD's finest past and present trudged down to Black's Beach on Saturday and combined the two potentially hazardous activities in the annual Beer Open.

It all started years ago when a few of the guys living on Poole Street created the first-ever drinking and surfing marathon. From there, the Beer Open has escalated in popularity every year. This year, we had alumni flying in from places as far as way as New York.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Beer Open format, let me break it down. Just like any other surf contest, the Beer Open is run in heats. We had 19 students and alumni signed up so we ran four first-round heats lasting 20 minutes made up of either four or five men (no women signed up). The top three men in each heat advanced to the semi-finals. The two semi-final heats were extended to 25 minutes due to the increased intoxication. The top three surfers, rather, drinkers from each of the semi-final heats advanced to the finals for a 30 minute showdown.

Now that you have the basics, let me give you the details. Unlike conventional surfing contests where a surfer is rewarded for the quality of his turns, a Beer Open surfer is also rewarded for the quality of his drinking.

Before each heat begins, all surfers have to pound a beer. The one with the quickest draw and the least amount of spillage is awarded two points and is judged on four waves instead of three — a considerable advantage.

Once in the water, a surfer can paddle in to pound a beer. Doing so earns the surfer 2 additional points.

The last twist, and the one that makes this event so unique, is the use of leashes. They are not allowed.

Now with the groundwork set in place, let us move on to the nitty gritty. Of course from here, I must admit that all information that follows is mere

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**Grrrrr:** Freshman Erin Welsh dishes the ball to a fellow Triton. At Nationals, the freshman made more smart passes and scored one goal.

## NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT

By Sarah Holine  
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The UCSD women's water polo team put up a fight this weekend at the 1999 Women's Collegiate I Water Polo National Championships, hosted by UC Davis. Entering the competition seeded 12th, the Tritons fell to University of Hawaii in the first round of games, then rallied to beat Maryland in the second round, ending Friday's games.

Saturday, the Tritons lost to San Jose State sending them into an

eventual rematch with Long Beach State on Sunday for 11th place. Unfortunately, the Tritons, fell to the 49ers, but not without a fight.

The Tritons have had a tough history with Hawaii, having lost to the Rainbows at the start of the season in two away games. But in these pair of games, the Tritons were without senior hole defender Jenny Irwin, who was unable to

play to because she was in swim season. As a result, the Triton defense suffered and the Rainbows crushed the Tritons in two brutal games, the final score for the first game was 17-6, and the second 14-4.

Twenty-some games and a season of improvement later, the Tritons proved how far they've come in their first game at Nationals against Hawaii. The Rainbows stepped

ahead during the first quarter with two goals, but the Tritons checked them in the second quarter, ending the half with a 2-2 tie. Freshman Emma Kudritzki and senior Kathryn Ozaki scored the two goals that brought the Tritons to a tie with Hawaii.

The Rainbows tipped the scales however in the third quarter to end the scoring for the game, and leaving Hawaii up 4-2. The fourth quarter was empty, no goals from either team, and the first game for the

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### WOMEN'S WATERPOLO

## Tritons' Title-Hunt Lives On

**TRIO:** Olsen, Nguyen and Tadlock continue the challenge at Div. III Nationals

By Jake Gordon  
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After a tough loss, the only thing to do is put it completely out of your mind and start fresh. That's what UCSD women's tennis players Kirsten Olsen, Maria Nguyen and Lyndsay Tadlock had to do this weekend.

Everything was peachy after the Tritons beat Mary Washington College (Va.) last Tuesday to advance to the round of the NCAA Division III Women's Tennis National Championships in Ewing, New Jersey. But the team's tournament was brought to an abrupt end on Wednesday with a tough loss to

eventual National Champion Amherst College (Mass.).

After the close defeat to the undefeated "Beast of the East," the Triton's top players had to shift gears and clear their minds to play in the singles and doubles part of the championships. This strategy worked for some, but not for others.

The No. 1 singles player for UCSD the past two seasons, Olsen was unseeded going into the singles competition, but apparently someone forgot to tell her. The Triton sophomore ripped through her first round opponent, Wendy Floering of Denison University (Ohio), in

straight sets 6-3, 6-0. Yet she wasn't done. Apparently, advancing past the first round just wasn't enough for Olsen.

Saturday afternoon, Olsen proceeded to upset Mary Missbach from University of the South again in straight sets 6-4, 6-4. Missbach was the sixth seed entering the tournament, but Olsen sent her packing.

The next round was played late Sunday with Olsen facing her best challenger to date, top-seeded Jamie Cohen of the feared Amherst College. Not only did Cohen lead her Jeffs to the National title right through the Tritons to cap off an amazing 20-0 season, but she did it by easily besting Olsen 6-1, 6-0

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### WOMEN'S TENNIS

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Number of Tritons named to the 1999 Triton Classic All-Tournament team

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RBIs hit by All-Tournament selection Ryan Hill during the Triton Classic

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All-Tournament selection Chad Addison's Triton Classic batting average