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Far From Taliban's Rule, a faint Signal and a Glow of Pride

FAIZABAD, Afghanistan — And so it carries on, nobly if feebly, within the rocky peaks of the remote Hindu Kush, high atop this city on a steep hill inside a small yellow building: the last surviving television station in Afghanistan.

Badakhshan TV broadcasts nightly, two to four hours in prime time. Its offerings are dependable: old serials, old movies, old music, old nature shows, old prayers.

The signal may be weak, reach-

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National

Bush Lead at 300 as Official Demands Written Justification for Counts

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida secretary of state announced Tuesday night that she would comply with a state judge's order to consider results of further recounts in the disputed presidential election, but she gave the two Democratic counties that are still moving ahead with, or considering, a time-consuming hand recount a deadline of 2 p.m. Wednesday to explain their reasons in writing. After eight straight days of deadlock, the decision by Secretary of

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Collegiate

Study Finds That Depression Hits One in Three Twentysomethings

BOSTON — The bad news, according to a study released Monday, is that one-third of 400 20-somethings in a recent study succumbed to depression. The good news? Even people who experience trauma as a child can avoid future mental conflict.

The study, released at the American Public Health Association Exposition at Hynes Convention Center, centered on family cohesion, self-appreciation, social support and interpersonal relations of the 400 study partici-

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Spoken

"We're just here to show our support for peace."

— **Cassian Lewinski**
Priest from UCSD Catholic Community
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Peace Vigil Unites Students

Ceremony comes in response to cease in peace talks

By **PATRICK LEE**

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In response to the recent deterioration of peace talks in the Middle East, a candlelight vigil for peace was held at the Price Center Monday night.

The vigil was the first event of its kind sponsored by the San Diego Visual Peace Action Committee.

"The purpose of this vigil is two-fold," said Diego Chojkier, founder and head of SANDIPAC. "We want to stop the negative attitudes here on campus toward the conflict in Israel, and we want to gear people's minds toward peace there."

The vigil primarily concentrated on Christians, Jews and Muslims, the three major religious groups involved in the Mid-East struggle, although people of every religious affiliation were invited to attend.

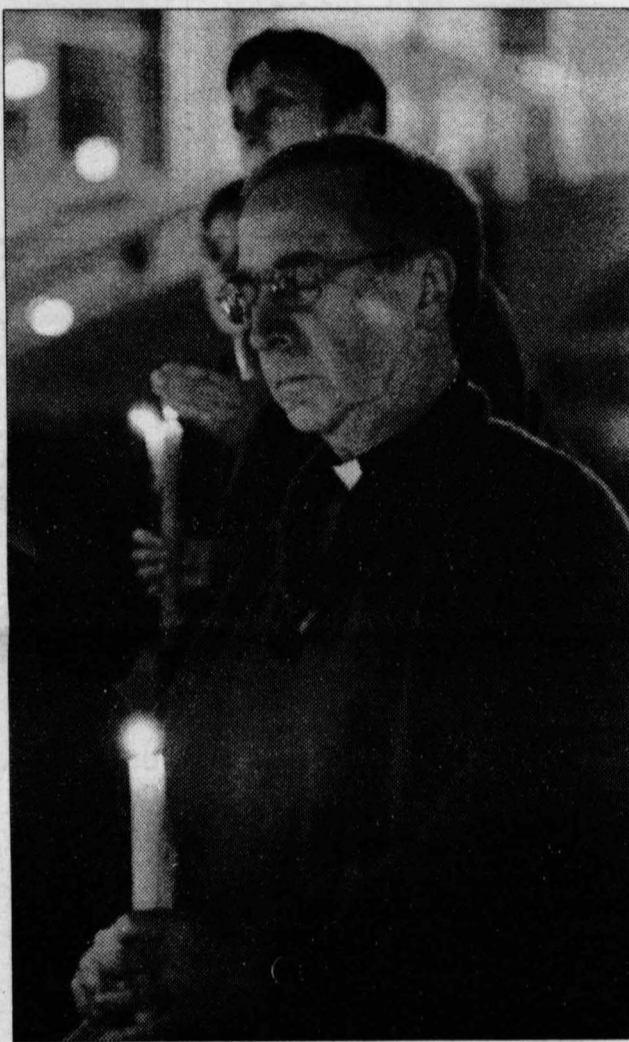
Participants met at Muir college and were given candles to light and be carried on a procession through campus.

Upon arrival at the Price Center, Chojkier said a few opening words. Students and others were then invited to speak their minds on the conflict in Israel, but were asked to omit any personal suggestions for a solution.

Father Cassian Lewinski, a priest from the UCSD Catholic Community and currently in his third year on campus, led the speakers with a prayer for peace in the Middle East. During the vigil, he simplified the focus of the evening.

"We're just here to show our support for peace," he said.

Rabbi Lisa Goldstein, a representative from Hillel, the foundation for Jewish campus life, also led a prayer, this time for peace all over



Leo Der Stepanians/Guardian

Candlelight: Father Cassian Lewinski held a candle at a peace vigil held by SANDIPAC at Muir college Monday night. The vigil came in response to a cease in peace talks in the Middle East.

the world. She also reflected upon the impact of the Middle East's situation on UCSD.

"There's been anger on campus at what's happening [in the Middle East] and people have been venting it toward each other," Goldstein said. "It's important to understand that what happens there happens

there, but here is our own world. We don't need to involve ourselves in the politics of the Middle East struggle; we just need to share in the pain of it."

The event seemed to be well

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UPTE Asks For Sanction

UCSD union says it might strike

By **VINCENT GRAGNANI**

Senior Staff Writer

UCSD technical employees have taken the first steps toward authorizing a strike.

The University Professional and Technical Employees voted to request a strike sanction from the San Diego Labor Council, the union announced last week.

After months of bargaining, the union said it still lacks a fair contract with the University of California.

"We're upset because our pay rates are not up to par with outside companies," said Carolan Buckmaster, president of San Diego's UPTE division. "People are leaving in droves."

Michael Melman, employee/labor relations director at UCSD, said the problems are and should be worked out at the bargaining table.

"The university conducts negotiations in good faith with all of its labor unions," he said. "The university is interested in reaching settlements promptly."

Buckmaster said the high turnover of university technical employees could diminish the quality of research at UCSD.

"I don't see how the university can keep its status with an ever-increasing turnover of research staff," she said. "This is one of our major concerns."

She added that the vote does not necessarily mean the union will strike. If the union decides to strike, she said it could take place as soon as three weeks from now.

Buckmaster said that while a strike would not affect most students, it may affect some with lab classes that require a technician.

Athletes Plea for Student Referendum Funds

New Legislation Discussed at Fourth Meeting that Could Raise Student Fees over \$230

By **STEVEN LEHTONEN**

Contributing News Writer

Students and faculty of the Campus Life Referendum Committee held their fourth meeting in a series to discuss the proposal of a new campus legislation that could cost each student over \$230 a year.

Student athletes filled the meeting on Monday to show support for the referendum. The proposed referendum will increase funds for the UCSD athletic programs and other student organizations and facilities.

Members from track and field, women's volleyball, baseball and softball teams addressed the committee about their need for support in funds.

"The increased funds will not be to expand the athletic programs, but to merely maintain the programs at the current size," said track and field athlete Matt Deford. "The athletic program is a representative of the school as a whole."

Baseball team representative Chad Addison warned those in attendance of the dismal future of UCSD sports without the neces-

sary funds.

"Without this referendum, we will have to cut the athletic programs from 23 to 21 or 19," Addison said. "This will give an unequal experience to the incoming freshmen."

According to Addison, the referendum benefits all students as well as those affiliated with Division II athletics.

"When I work out in RIMAC, I see all students, not just athletes," Addison said. "RIMAC facilities will be improved, as well as more funds for intramural sports."

Student athletes also highlight-

ed the recent advance to the NCAA Division II status. Senior volleyball player Leslie Penalie cited increasing school spirit as a reason for the legislation.

"Eighty percent of the students voted to move this school into Division II," Punelli said. "This referendum is needed to bring national championships to UCSD."

Along with the proposed funds for the athletics department, the proposed referendum will increase funds for the Women's Center,

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Convenient Trolley Stops Will Benefit UCSD Community

Everyone says public transportation is great, but few at UCSD actually use it, mainly because it is not convenient enough. Last Thursday, the Metropolitan Transit Development Board of San Diego met with campus representatives to discuss possible locations for trolley stops at UCSD.

We believe one or more trolley stops on campus, as part of the Mid-Coast Corridor Alignment, have the potential to be invaluable transportation resources, provided they are located conveniently enough for people to actually use them.

For this reason, we cannot support any plan that would not include a stop near what is now central campus, the area surrounding the Price Center and Library Walk.

A trolley stop at this location would be especially convenient for the faculty and undergraduate population living off campus, as it would be close to the major lecture halls in all five — soon to be six — colleges.

Several of the proposed plans would include a stop at the VA Medical Center instead of central campus. Although this stop would be significantly closer to central campus than the East campus options, it is still not close enough. A walk from there to Peterson Hall, Warren Lecture Hall or the new Eleanor Roosevelt campus would be too long for many students and faculty even to consider using the trolley.

The *Guardian* does feel that a stop in East campus would be of great use for those of the UCSD community who have business on that side of campus, but we feel that any stop in that area, or any other, must be in addition to a stop in central campus.

A stop in East campus alone would force many people to take shuttles to central campus, which would be less convenient than just parking a car in East Parking and taking a shuttle to central campus. Waiting for a trolley to get to East campus, then waiting for a shuttle to get to the Price Center, is just too much waiting for most of us.

We at the *Guardian* understand the financial burden of constructing a stop in central campus may be heavy, considering the amount of development surrounding it. However, we also know that it would be a total waste of money if the trolley were not used.

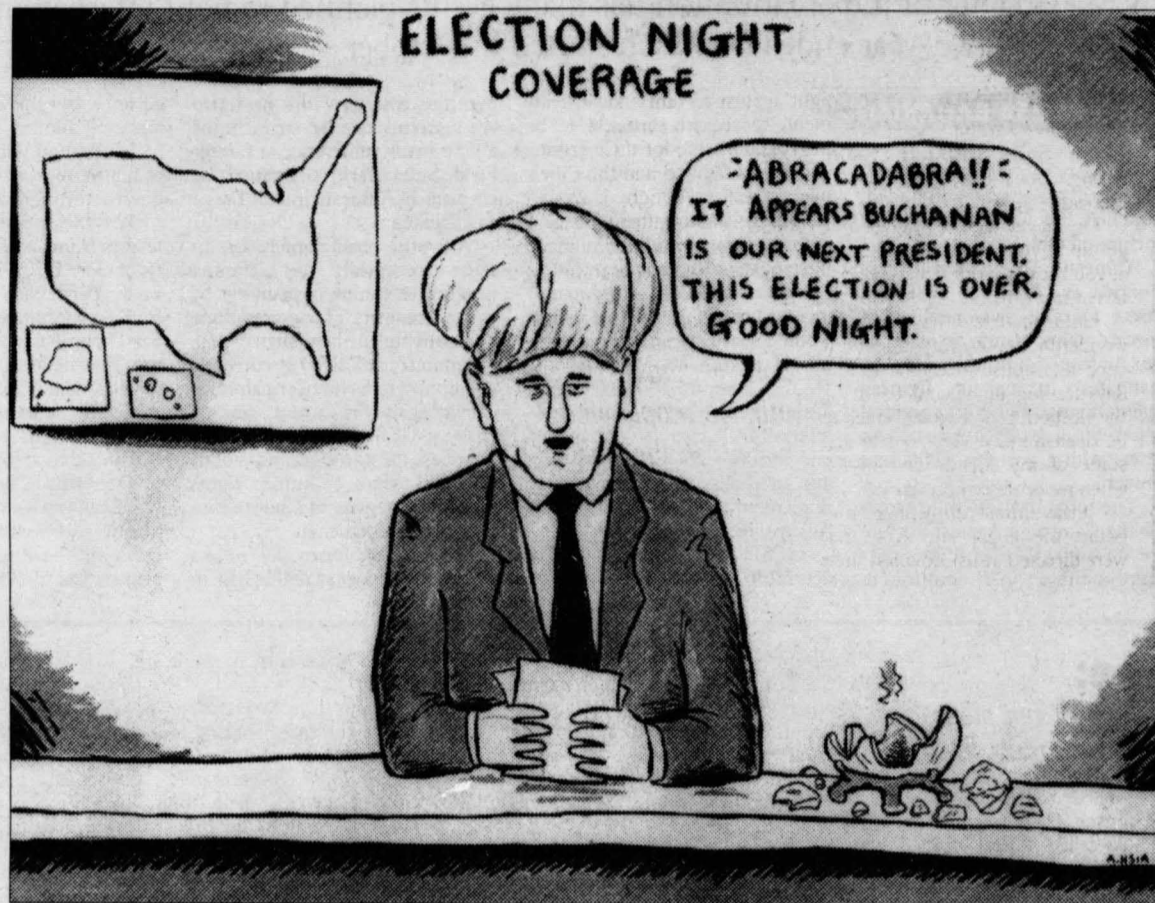
The *Guardian* editorial board supports all forms of alternative transportation that would save the UCSD community money, alleviate the impacted on-campus parking situation, and reduce traffic and pollution in the area.

However, we do not believe these needs will be sufficiently served by the trolley without a convenient and centrally located stop that serves the students as well as the rest of the UCSD community.

PROPS & FLOPS

Thumbs down to the chaos in Florida. Haven't voters suffered enough?

OPINION



The United States' Misuse of Energy Poses Serious Environmental Threats

Our rapid consumption of energy poses serious consequences to the environment, negatively affecting generations to come

By SIMONE SANTINI
 Senior Staff Writer

One day, out of the blue, a temporal wormhole appeared on my balcony from which, every now and then, I receive things from the future. Some of them are rather unappealing and, in any case, I have been vividly and convincingly invited by the government not to tell you anything about them. But, occasionally, something interesting comes up, like this column from the fall 2350 issue of the *Guardian* that I am happy to share with you. It is, of all things, about the energy crisis.

Here it is:
 Last year's gas price increase, which, for the first time, made it past the psychological threshold of \$10 per gallon, offered the usual excuse for all so-called environmentalists to come up-in-arms and start chanting once again their old litany about saving energy and so on.

Following the extremely liberal bias of the paper (should I mention that — alone in San Diego — the *Guardian* took a position against the death penalty for parking violations by illegal immigrants, ignoring how serious the parking problem in San Diego has become), two or three opinion columns in the *Guardian* in past months tried to make the following points: 1.) The energy crisis is caused mainly by the fact that America alone is using up 80 percent of the world's oil supply, and that consumption is increasing, and 2.) This increase has already caused serious environmental changes, and many more will arise in the future.

The old mantra of environmental damages is recited by resourceless liberals every time progress is threatening their comfortable cocoon, a mantra that is usually dotted with lies. Research carried out at the traditionally liberal public universities, for instance, has recently tried to convince us that 300 years ago, Alaska was covered with forests, and the destruction of these forests was in large

part a consequence of oil drilling. They even showed us alleged pictures of the Alaskan forests, as if it weren't easy to take a picture of any forest in, say, New Mexico and put it in the background of a photograph of Anchorage.

If forests were so common in Alaska only 300 years ago, how come researchers of the Chrysler University and the Exxon University consistently failed to find evidence of their existence?

Evidently, the liberal, public universities have a hidden agenda. They should stop relying on legends like that of the mythical sunny weather of San Diego

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centuries ago, or the even more mythical ancient neighborhood named Pacific Beach on the site of the current Pacific Beach bay.

Stop relying on fantasies, and look at the hard figures, like those released last week from the Ford research institute: There is simply no evidence that harmful environmental effects have occurred in the past or are occurring now as a result of oil consumption.

I don't care if the socialist Europeans are using electric cars and public transportation: I am an American, and if I want to buy a new eight-wheel-drive Ford Exaggerate just to go from home to work, I have the right to do so, and no whining about energy or the environment is going to change my mind.

If we need more oil, we should continue the successful neo-colonial policy of the last two centuries: let's just bomb

another middle-eastern country, and use its oil. What we need is more money for the military (which, since military spending dropped to 92 percent of the federal spending, is woefully under-equipped and unprepared), not more money for useless alternative sources research.

If liberals are so worried about oil consumption, why did they fight so hard against the constitutional amendment that required proof of citizenship for buying a car that was passed half a century ago?

Most of the environmentalist ideas are the anachronistic remains of a long-gone era, and these liberals should adapt to the realities of the new economy. I have heard a group say, for instance, that we could save a lot of energy if houses and workplaces had windows, thereby dramatically reducing the need for air conditioning. For those not familiar with the concept: In the old days, windows were holes covered with glass drilled in the walls of most buildings. Windows could have been a good idea 200 years ago, before the introduction of the effective-time work week.

But now, windows would only be a way of distracting workers on the job. Distractions that, being revealed by their thought-monitoring skull implant, would cost workers dear money at the end of the month.

Or, listen to this one from one of last week's articles: "These days, most residential apartments prohibit clotheslines, forcing their residents to use dryers that, in addition to being energy inefficient, are very harmful for your clothes."

This statement shows a complete ignorance of our basic social and economic principles. Socially, this country is based on individualism, and that makes it absolutely necessary that all the apartments in our residential areas will look good and, most importantly, all the same. What will happen if we allowed people to put whatever they

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Misconception of Free Speech is Rampant

Hypocrisy of 'open-minded' liberals irritates author



PARISA BAHARIAN

I'm right, therefore you're wrong. Does that sound at all familiar?

Or maybe you've had people get up in your face, yell and curse at you because your beliefs are different from theirs?

Unfortunately, I have had the wonderful opportunity to experience this abuse firsthand. In the days leading up to and following the election, people who claimed to be open-minded verbally attacked some of my friends and myself when we professed our views.

It was almost funny (if you discount the anger and hate that were directed at us) how fast their proclaimed open-mindedness disappeared when confronted with our differing beliefs.

Either we were confronted with a frosty silence and pointedly ignored, or we were angrily lambasted about how stupid we were. It got to the point where I couldn't even say who I wanted for president because a fight might ensue. There were five or six angry so-called liberal-minded people, and there was no way I could win just by my little lonesome self.

I am so sick and tired of these obviously closed-minded people who believe in the right to free speech just as long as it only applies to them. These so-called liberal

thinkers are no better than bigots. Don't tell me that I am wrong. Don't curse at me for what I believe. I have the right to think and form my own opinions just as everyone else does.

Though this superiority of beliefs phenomenon, which I designate the Right Complex, has shown its colors in this very hotly contested election, it most definitely is not limited to it.

In fact, this Right Complex phenomenon has been hitting me

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since the beginning of the quarter. For instance, in some of my classes, my teaching assistants make their views known in such a way that if there is a contrary opinion, the student will be trounced and made a spectacle in class.

Or better yet, in a political science class, two guys told me that I was "full of shit" over and over when I good-naturedly attempted to point out that there was another way to look at a particular issue.

The hateful views of my two fellow students stunned me. What right did they have to verbally

harass me just because I didn't share their ideology?

I won't stand for these people's hypocrisy anymore. I have the right to my opinion, period. And in return, I must respect everyone's opinion. I don't have the right to verbally attack someone because of a differing belief. I don't have the right to make someone so uncomfortable that they won't even open their mouth for fear of being verbally harassed.

It's actually a very simple concept. It's about respecting others even though you might not agree with them. I have the right to my opinion as long as I don't infringe upon another's freedom to have a different view.

If everyone were meant to think all the same way, then we would have all been made exactly the same. But we have all grown up with different experiences and those experiences are what have shaped and molded the beliefs we hold today. So who is to judge one's experiences and beliefs are more valid than others?

My question to those who stand in judgment of others is this: Who appointed you God? What gives you the right to sit on your mighty throne and look down upon and verbally attack those who do not agree with you? What makes your opinions automatically right and all those who disagree wrong?

I have come to realize that our society is not one that accepts differing viewpoints. Instead, it is a

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Students' Reputation as Nerds is Ill-Founded

Many students love partying even though UCSD administrators suggest otherwise

By JACOB WASSERMAN
 Contributing Opinion Writer

It's eighth week. Do you know where your parties are?

Odds are you still don't, because UCSD's reputation as a nerd school has got you discouraged and disenchanted, so for Friday night excitement, you throw down a bottle of Jack D. in your dorm room and read the *Guardian*. This is where I come in.

After a few years of close scrutiny, I have come to the conclusion that most UCSD students are not as academically driven as the Greekfreaks would have us think. Many, in fact, are just itching to ditch those TI-92s and bust loose a few differential equations on the geometric plane of the dance floor ... or better yet, the topology of your naked body. It's not lack of instinct that restrains us, it's lack of information.

The resident advisers, housing advisers and the PD go to great lengths to educate us about the risks of partying, of going to TJ, of unprotected sex at the annual Darkstar Halloween Orgy, and well they should. Such joyous activities cannot be enjoyed without serious hazards to one's health. Rarely, however, does anyone chime in to give the skinny on how to have good, illicit, or explicit fun — and get away with it. Like I said before, this is where I come in.

Without further ado, here's my exhaustive guide to the art of partying.

tying. Going to a party is like going out into the field in 'Nam, except without the napalm, screaming, burning children, and other quaint features of actual warfare. The similarity is this: When you go out, you have no idea what kind of heaven, hell, hot bodies or high-way patrol sobriety checks you may face.

Newsflash: You are no longer a little child, and if you are reading this you are no fool, so you cannot expect God's angels to watch out for you.

Gather information. You have to know where the party is before you and yours can attack. Ask around. Do not be subtle. Do not ever say, "Hey, give me a ring next time." They will forget. Ask only about what is on for the next weekend. Ask that fly looking slacker who keeps sleeping through your bio lecture. That's probably me, and baby, I'll let you know.

Create a plan of attack. Line up two or three parties in one night. Any one party might suck, get busted, or fail to occur.

Create a pack. The best defense is a good offense — or something like that. Set out for the night with eight good friends in two cars, and if all else fails you can always hit Denny's in style or go back to the dorms and play drunk Twister.

Take care of each other. Watch each other's backs, do head

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Revelle Administration's Actions Backfire

Banning large televisions from suites lacks common sense

By RYAN DARBY
Contributing Opinion Writer

Would you believe me if I told you that Revelle administrators think a 13-inch television is a bigger fire hazard than a wood table, wood desk, wood sofa, wood bed, wood shelves, wood doors, wood closets and wood chairs?

Well, they do. As ridiculous as this may sound, Revelle college forbids televisions to be left in students' suites, citing them as fire hazards. This inane rule states that a television may only be in the shared suite area if it is being watched and that the moment it is turned off, it must be unplugged and placed inside one of the rooms. If the owner fails to do so, he is written up.

Although we all just love repeating the tedious process of setting up the television and unplugging it shortly thereafter (a very therapeutic way to spend a study break, of course), it is hardly worth the effort just to watch a single television show.

The idea itself is just plain ridiculous. What is so flammable about a 13-inch television? Think

about it: The television is made out of plastic, but virtually everything else in the suite is made out of wood or flammable cloth. I am far more worried about the wooden table bursting into flames than the television that sits on top of it.

Furthermore, how can a television possibly be a bigger fire hazard than the microwaves many of us have in our rooms? To my knowledge, more fires have been started by unattended microwaves than by unattended televisions.

How can Revelle possibly justify its claim? None of the other colleges have this absurd rule. I called the provost's office to find out, and was told that someone would call back with information. Unfortunately, no one returned my call, so one can only speculate about the rationale being applied here.

The fact that televisions are electric will not fly; we have electric lights bolted to the walls. Worried about water dripping on it? No, I think that an electrical outlet placed within a foot of the bathroom sinks is a bit more dangerous. Worried about tripping on the power cord? Come on, if you panic during a fire, you're more

likely to get your foot stuck in the wastebasket than trip over that. Spontaneous combustion? A television is about as likely to spontaneously combust as a bowl of corn flakes.

Then what can it be? The lack of a sprinkler system? If the school thinks these buildings would be seriously endangered in the case of a fire, we should not be living in them.

While we do not need to have a television in our suites to survive, it would definitely make life a bit easier. Besides, what is so wrong with leaving a small television in our suite? Yes, there is a risk of theft, but if that is a risk the owner is willing to take, then so be it. It is neither the school's responsibility nor its jurisdiction to tell students where they can or cannot leave their televisions.

Keep in mind that these are freshmen students living in the residence halls. Does the administration want us to feel like this is truly our home or like we are guests? A 13-inch television really is not that great a safety risk, and if no one is bothered by it, then why not allow us to leave it in our suites?

Fanmail Makes For An Interesting Read

Anonymous reader sends bizarre yet fascinating letter to UCSD columnist



Random Ravings

DIVYA RUNCHAL

At first I thought it was a joke. I mean, who really has the time to write a two-page, single-spaced letter when she could be shaving her armpits instead? This thought plagued my mind as I read over the fascinating, if not unintelligible, letter from an anonymous "fan."

Don't get me wrong. It's not that I'm ungrateful to my loyal readers. I just wish "fan" mail would really mean "fan" mail, instead of a diatribe against the current American political infrastructure.

When my editor first called me to tell me I had a package to pick up, I dropped everything and ran to my car. As I sped toward UCSD, images of adoring letters from gorgeous, intelligent, single men danced in my head.

I could picture it in my head: "Dear Divya," it would begin, "your prose is sweet music to my unworthy ears. Please be mine now and forever," or, "Dear Divya: Enclosed is a first-class ticket for a flight on Air France. Meet me on the top of the Eiffel Tower. Love, Pierre (a.k.a. handsome and wealthy exchange student)."

As I walked into the office, my heart throbbing and my head ring-

ing, I was filled with gleeful anticipation. However, my joy quickly turned into confusion after I opened a thick manila envelope and found, to my chagrin, documents on science and abortion instead of flowery poetry. I couldn't believe it. Here was my first fan mail and it was a disappointment!

I realized the "fan" letter may not actually have been from an admirer at all when I saw the line "Your writing could have been seen as humorous with a little more work/polish on it." Call me hairy and an idiot, but not funny? That's a direct stab to my heart.

Worse, instead of commenting on my article, the author encouraged me to watch "CSPAN for a year or two" in order to "become an expert on the real issues." Sorry, dear reader, but I don't have cable, so that's an impossibility. Besides, aren't pointless articles more enjoyable than suffering through boring congressional speeches?

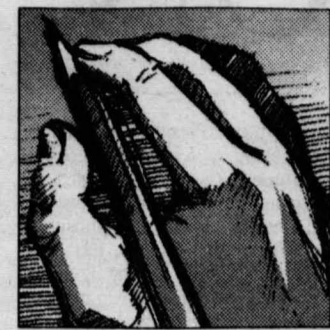
At least the author, who is obviously an intelligent person, had good intentions. After a lengthy discussion on everything from Napoleon to abortion, the author finally got to the good part: Me. I am sure he or she was being considerate when stating, "Keep some of your paranoia."

It will protect you from something worse "trying to become a syrupy goody two-shoes" but it sounded like something Ted Kaczynski would say.

Anyway, I'm sure my parents

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UCSD Students Deserve An Enjoyable Social Atmosphere



Letters to the Editor

The Guardian welcomes letters from its readers. All letters must be no longer than 500 words, typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters must also contain a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for length and clarity. Letters may be dropped off at the Guardian office on the second floor of the Student Center. Send all letters to: The UCSD Guardian

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Editor, Hmm...some say UCSD life needs more spice? I agree entirely.

It's sad to see students who chose to come here for college ridicule the endlessly dead weekends and lack of student unity. UCSD and pride are two words that simply cannot go together for such reasons. We have no football team, no reason to paint our faces and show sufficient pride or even develop a rivalry.

The administration simply does not understand this: there are two sports which college students go crazy over, football and basketball.

Sure it was nice to move up to Division II, but football is what this campus needs.

Additionally, as a result of skyrocketing rent fees in La Jolla, UCSD is becoming more of a commuter school. Now, why would such commuters even find any such reason to make the long drive back to campus and hang out? To go to the library? Oh please. However, the library is pretty much one of the few things open on campus late at night. There simply is nothing to do here on the weekends, no big football match-up to look forward to, no frat row to hit up, nothing to do even within walking distance of campus.

What I have seen around my dorms is that students find it more beneficial to go home for the weekends than enjoy their college experience away from their parents. Are there any fun traditions here at UCSD (besides studying) that have been thus far established? I admit that the all-campus dance at the beginning of the year was cool, but why not more of such all-campus events?

US News and World report ranks UCSD lower than I believe it deserves because of its low alumni contribution. What was it 200th in the nation? The reason for this is because alumni have no programs, i.e. athletics, to give back to. There has been nothing truly extraordinary about my college "experience" here at UCSD up to now. What will I remember thus far of the "cultural mecca" that is UCSD? Oppressive administration, one hell of a lot of studying, and a lack of student unity and pride that desperately needs improving.

—Daniel Alyeshmerni
UCSD Student

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Bigots relish criticizing distinct views

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Letter:

Reader sends in amusing commentary

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would be horrified if I got drunk in TJ, so I think I have to stay on the straight path, however boring it may be. (Besides, they pay for my hair removal.)

Perhaps my favorite line was, "You are insecure because you need seasoning like a good soup." Of course I'm insecure. If you were a hairy, dramatic 18-year-old girl who had never kissed a boy and

pleasure in hating and attacking people who have diverse beliefs. And to think that I was naive enough to expect college students to be more accepting than the general population! Well, my eyes are certainly opened now. It will be a great day indeed

when these bigots finally realized how hypocritical they are. In the mean time, the only way I see to safeguard my right to have my opinions is if I grow skin thick as armor, so the hatred and cursing of those bigots will not be able to silence my just-as-valid beliefs.

was failing your classes, I doubt you would be extremely chipper.

Call me a brat, but when a reader informs you that "the best way to become a logical person is not to study philosophy, religion or courses in logic," you might be a tad perplexed too. Additionally, when someone says "Don't buy any books (except a good dictionary, anatomy and physiology textbook and other good reference books)," she is basically stating that great works of literature are meaningless. I'm sure the literature and history departments would have a field day over that quote. Frankly, I can't remember

anything particularly meaningful or life-changing occurring when I opened up "Webster's Dictionary" to look up the word "pernicious" (no offense to dictionary lovers).

The point is that the one time I hoped to get an adoring "fan" letter, I got an interesting but not exactly understandable letter instead.

Throwing in "Ophra ... is a beautiful although fat woman" didn't exactly make anything clearer.

Anyway, whoever you are, I forgive you this indiscretion. However, the next time you have this much time on your hands, I suggest a good waxing experience instead.

Party:

Tips on how to maximize UCSD party experience

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counts, provide cover fire—all that cool A-Team stuff. Be thoughtful as you construct your own little Saturday night commando group.

Always bring cash. Even if you are female. Even if you are an incredibly attractive female. Get liberated, get some dollars and come prepared.

Do not hassle the host about the cover charge. Pay your money or get out of line and go home. Your party hosts will almost certainly end the night with a noise citation and less play (i.e. random

hook-ups, cuddling and other fun skin sports) than the average guest. More particularly, it'll be the sober host that most likely ends up with no lovin' except from the cops, so respect this fact and, if you must complain, bring your whining to the drunk hosts.

Have realistic expectations. That rush week frat party next quarter is not going to be thronging with sonnet-reading, wine-sipping, rose-petal-munching gentlemen who just want to chat.

That gorgeous woman in the sequins who's dancing to your favorite song may not be in the mood for you to ask if you can munch on her reobush. For a realistic idea of the general atmosphere of the average party, get a few friends to read the *Mur Quar-*

terly at the top of their lungs, and imagine that you are in the middle of a crowd of people who actually think the jokes are funny.

Learn to party sober, then expand your horizons once you have mastered the art. Seriously, don't jump for the jungle juice the first time you jam. The subtleties of partying under the influence merit their own article, which is forthcoming.

Don't throw a party for lack of finding one. Wait a week or two and I'll break down for you the specialized skills it takes to host your own local commotion.

Until then, try the simple techniques I've outlined, and you too may find that, despite the rep, this university can be a very happening place indeed.

Waste:

Misuse of energy rampant in America

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wanted in their backyards? We would sink into anarchy!

Economically, liberals talk as if an early destruction of clothes were something negative, while it

is absolutely necessary in order to keep our major department stores—one of the most important forces of our economy—solvent, and to foster the development of the highly profitable loans-for-clothes business.

Liberals are using provably false arguments to defend positions that deny the basic principles on which our great country was founded.

I would have a lot more to say on the argument, but the usual July thunderstorms have once again risen the sea level to the height of my apartment in the Mission Hills, and I have to go bail out water. If only, instead of listening to the incessant liberal whining, Congress would once and for all repeal the minimum wage so I could at least afford to have somebody do it for me!

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Federal Government to Leave Interest Rates Unchanged

WASHINGTON — Citing clear evidence that the economy has shifted into a lower gear, the Federal Reserve voted Wednesday to hold interest rates steady, but with unemployment low and energy prices high the central bank said it was not yet ready to proclaim that inflation is, no longer a threat.

The Fed's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee did not allude to the uncertainty over the outcome of the presidential election or to the recent jitters in the stock market, but instead projected a business-as-usual tone in a statement that stressed the gradual cooling of the economy.

The statement said that economic growth appears to have slowed to a rate below what most economists consider to be its

non-inflationary speed limit of around 4 percent a year.

That is the outcome the Fed was working toward in imposing a series of six rate increases, totaling 1.75 percentage points, between June 1999 and May of this year.

But the committee stressed that it still sees "a risk of heightened inflation pressures" stemming from the low rate of joblessness — 3.9 percent in October — and the rise earlier this year in oil prices.

As a result, the committee said, it would remain on alert for inflation, a signal to Wall Street that it is not yet ready to contemplate reducing interest rates.

Some investors had been betting that the Fed would sound the all-clear on inflation, and the outcome of Wednesday's meeting led

to a broad fall in stock prices from their levels just before the committee's statement was released around 2:15 p.m. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had been up 115 points, dropped into negative territory after the Fed announced its decision. The Dow later recovered somewhat, closing at 10,707.60, up 26.54.

Analysts said that if the economy remains on its current path, the Fed could consider dropping its policy "bias" toward raising rates as soon as its next meeting, on Dec. 19, and shift to a neutral policy that assumes the risks of inflation are no greater than the risk of the economy slowing too much.

—Richard W. Stevenson
The New York Times

Bush: Gore's allies have forged ahead with a recount

State Katherine Harris, a Republican, propelled the situation to a critical turn. Allies of Vice President Al Gore forged ahead with the hand recounts and possible further court challenges, but aides to Gov. George W. Bush of Texas claimed to see the end in sight.

At about 7:40 p.m., Harris appeared on national television to

announce that with all 67 counties reporting by the legal deadline of 5 p.m., Bush led by exactly 300 votes, or 2,910,492 to Gore's 2,910,192 votes, pending the counting of an unknown number of overseas absentee ballots due by midnight Friday. Her action followed a mid-day ruling by a state judge who upheld Tuesday's deadline for all counties to certify their votes, but said that later returns could also be considered.

Less than an hour later, Gore's campaign chairman, William M. Daley, took to the airwaves to accuse Harris of trying to cut off

the count in a way "not required by the court." He said it was "just another attempt to slow this down."

It was not clear just how much authority Harris has. While Harris said she was basing her position on the ruling Tuesday in the Leon County Circuit Court, Judge Terry P. Lewis said she had discretion on whether to include any recounts in the final tally. But he said that the local election boards had the authority to decide whether a manual recount should be done.

—Todd S. Purdum
The New York Times

Israelis Kill 8 Palestinians in a Day of Widespread Uproar

JERUSALEM — Israeli helicopter gunships struck at Palestinian targets in the West Bank after a day of surging violence in which Israeli soldiers shot and killed eight Palestinians and wounded dozens in raging street battles.

The helicopter missile strikes early Wednesday came after a meeting of Prime Minister Ehud Barak's security Cabinet. Barak had been under pressure to order a tough military response to the Palestinian killing of four Israelis on Monday.

More than 220 people, most Palestinians, have been killed in a Palestinian uprising now in its seventh week. Palestinians say the violence will continue until Israel withdraws from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Israeli army said that after midnight, helicopters attacked offices of the Fatah movement in

Hebron, Tulkarm and Salfit, and a munitions base of the Palestinian security forces in Jericho. Gunmen from Fatah, the mainstream Palestinian political faction, have been at the forefront of the uprising, shooting at soldiers and Jewish settlements.

In Hebron, witnesses said helicopters fired at least three missiles at empty buildings of the local Fatah headquarters, starting fires and shattering windows. Reports from Salfit indicated that there were several casualties.

Israeli helicopters also hit buildings in Beit Jala after shots were fired from the town at the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo in southern Jerusalem. In addition, Israeli soldiers fired back with machine guns. Palestinians reported from Beit Jala that a German resident married to a local woman was killed by shrapnel as he tried to help wounded neighbors. Seven

people were wounded by Israeli fire and two buildings were destroyed, the Palestinians said.

Gilo has been fired at from Beit Jala nightly. On Wednesday the shooting set one apartment ablaze and damaged another. Angry residents protested, demanding tougher military action to suppress the Palestinian shooting.

Street fighting raged across the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Wednesday, one of the deadliest days in the past seven weeks.

Israeli soldiers shot and killed eight Palestinians and wounded dozens in clashes that followed funerals of Palestinians killed on Tuesday and marches marking the anniversary of a symbolic declaration of independence by Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, in Algiers in 1988.

—Joel Greenberg
The New York Times

In Palm Beach, the Confusion Party Reigns Supreme

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — It is not a circus here, say some people in Palm Beach County, when asked about the weirdness of its on-again, off-again vote recount.

A circus is fun. This is not fun.

"There are three parties now," said Don Stephenson, a waiter in Palm Beach, who said he understood his "butterfly" ballot when he voted for Vice President Al Gore but has understood little of what has happened since. "We have a

Democratic Party, a Republican Party and, now, a confused party. I'm in it."

The votes here in Palm Beach County, whether dimpled, punched or plain unintelligible, may decide the presidency, but it is a day-to-day drama — and sometimes hour-to-hour — whether the votes will be counted in time or counted at all. As of Wednesday evening, that was still unclear.

Every few hours, the three people who make up the county's canvassing board climb to their

seats at a conference table set high on a scaffold above the parking lot at the Palm Beach Emergency Operations Center, and — fronted by television crews, political operatives, reporters and a few voters — report that their recount

Taliban: Television in Afghanistan is facing extinction

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ing only half of Faizabad, but few citizens complain. Most don't have TVs anyway, and of those who do, most don't have electricity.

"Yes, we have some technological limitations," said the station manager, Muhammad Din Khahani, as the light from a single bulb in his office faded in and out. "But many people in our city do love television, even the reruns we have been showing for 16 years."

Television in Afghanistan is facing extinction. The Taliban mullahs, who control 90 to 95 percent of the country, have grievances against the medium that go far beyond the usual complaints about rotten shows. They contend that living beings should not be photographed, which has led to rather unforgiving censorship. Television sets have been shuttered; television sets have been broken; television watchers have been thrashed.

Faizabad, however, is in the nation's far northeast, a small territory that has held out against Taliban rule. It is the biggest city in Badakhshan province and also the

latest refuge of President Burhanuddin Rabbani, who heads the feckless government that is recognized as legitimate by most of the world. Badakhshan TV, like the opposition government that owns it, has defiantly made a stand, getting by on an unsure supply of fuel to run its generator and an aged video recorder.

"It is quite a shame," said Khahani, 38, a thin man with the quiet bearing of a scholar. "If it hadn't been for the war, this would be one of the most developed countries in the world."

By Khahani's estimate, there are 5,000 sets in the city of 100,000 residents, though many may well be broken. Movies are broadcast with subtitles in Dari. Indian films seem to be the most popular, with their simple romantic plots. Another favorite is the American action flick "First Blood." Khahani, calm in demeanor and patient with questions, was actually quite busy. He was about to go out with a camera crew to interview the president. And his job was being made no easier by a darkness that had overtaken the small television station on the hill.

Once again, the electricity was out.

—Barry Bearak
The New York Times

The Case For a Serbian Democracy Without Purges

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — For President Vojislav Kostunica of Yugoslavia, trying to manage a difficult transition from the regime of Slobodan Milosevic while respecting legal niceties and holding together his broad coalition, the elections for a new Serbian government next month cannot come soon enough.

But the rush to build a new democracy cannot be done radically, without building on the foundations of the existing state, Kostunica said in an interview, rejecting arguments from his allies for a rapid purge of top commanders of the secret police and the army.

In particular, he insisted, "it would be irresponsible to start experimenting" with the police, the secret police and the army "when we have no Parliament in Serbia and a strange type of transitional government."

The Oct. 5 uprising that forced Milosevic to recognize Kostunica's election did not by itself change the Serbian government, where real power lies here. But pressure, negotiations and threats caused the Serbian government and Parliament to dissolve, with a provisional government in place and elections called for Dec. 23.

After those elections, Kostunica said, with a newly elected Parliament and government, "then there could

be a parliamentary commission that might dismiss all the top functionaries of the secret police or the police generally or the interior ministry, and that's another situation."

A sharp and all-too-public debate rages within the 18-party coalition, known as the Democratic Opposition of Serbia, or DOS, about the pace of change.

Kostunica wants a deliberate process of elections and legality. Much of the coalition, dominated by the Democratic Party leader, Zoran Djindjic, argues for more rapid and visible change now, both to satisfy public anger and to remove from power those most associated with the repressive pillars of Milosevic's rule: Radomir Markovic, the head of the secret police, and Gen. Nebojsa Pavkovic, the army chief of staff.

Kostunica and Djindjic do not trust each other. Kostunica does not want Djindjic to control the secret police or its files; Djindjic thinks Kostunica is not sufficiently committed to systemic change. Kostunica has a small party but is hugely popular; Djindjic has a large party but small electoral support, with high negatives.

In that sense, they need each other.

—Steve Erlanger
The New York Times

College: Subjects happiness was tested by a self-esteem test

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pants. The subjects were questioned at various ages over a 22-year span.

The study, "Adolescent Protective Factors for Major Depression," followed the lifetime progress of a Boston-area kindergarten class.

Each participant's happiness was gauged by a 10-question self-esteem test administered at five different life intervals. The results of each participant were verified by select friends and family members. Conclusions about the influence of protective factors on the participant's overall happiness were drawn based on the test answers.

"We are hoping this study will inform the field more comprehensively on how to deal with risk groups before depression has the chance to occur — risk groups meaning those who experienced forms of substance abuse or depression throughout childhood," said Coordinator Cecilia Stashwick.

Depression can be successfully treated through early detection and preventative measures, both women said. The study's conclusions can be used to prevent strife for family and friends of a depressed person by educating people about risk factors that may result in later depression so that they can avoid it later in life.

Participants in the study attributed some happiness to involvement with the study group. Carbonell said. The effect was comparable to student involvement in cooperative college groups.

"To feel that your actions are facilitating society is a rewarding feeling," she said.

—The Daily Free Press

lem," said Jacqueline King, director of the Center for Policy Analysis at the American Council on Education.

King, the author of the report, examined how race, age and income level affect the gender gap in high school graduation rates, college preparation levels, college enrollments and the number of bachelor's degrees earned.

She said she found that, in all areas, income and race outweigh gender as determining factors in who enters and graduates from college.

"It's not that middle class white men aren't going to college," King said. "There's a gender disparity — women are going to college at a higher rate."

King said in lower-income groups there were higher percentages of women than men enrolled in every ethnic group. As income increased, the gender gap disappeared among all ethnic groups except African Americans.

For white students, the difference between men and women was small for all income levels — just 51 percent female to 49 percent male.

King cites the continuously increasing return to school after childbearing or marriage as one of the main reasons women make up such a large percentage. Of the

one-third of undergraduates older than 25, most are women. That makes their role of nontraditional students pivotal.

James Cotter, the university's senior associate director of admissions, said the gender trend is common at MSU, too. Overall, female enrollment is at 53.7 percent, and this year's incoming freshman class is 56.1 percent female.

"Women went in the majority in enrollment back in 1986," Cotter said. "It's not a phenomenon unique to MSU; it's happening nationally."

Cotter said the surge actually began in the 1970s and the trend has continued since.

"If you look at the start of the female movement, it parallels the surge of opportunities for females," he said. "They're seeing a broader range of opportunities for women professionally than there were 20 to 25 years ago."

But Cotter maintains that recruitment, because of opportunities for financial aid and grants, remains independent of income, ethnicity and gender.

"In terms of recruitment, we don't conduct gender-specific recruitment, just as we don't do income-specific recruitment," he said.

Voting Irregularities surface in Madison

MADISON, Wis. — Isolated voting irregularities at campus-area polling places in the 2000 election have raised questions as to how effectively current policy protects against voter fraud.

Several University of Wisconsin-Madison students reported being allowed to use a personal letter as proof of residence to register to vote. Several students also said they did not have any identification on hand containing proof of residence but were allowed to re-register to vote. In related incidents, voters who wished to remain anonymous told *The Daily Cardinal* they were allowed to register without showing identification.

To register to vote in the state of Wisconsin, a person must have at least one form of acceptable proof of residence. Current Wisconsin law states that "an acceptable form of identification includes a current and complete name and residential address."

Some forms of acceptable proof of residence include a Wisconsin driver's license; another license issued by a Wisconsin gov-

ernmental body; a residential lease that is effective for the period that includes the election; or a gas, electric or telephone service statement for the period not earlier than 90 days before the election.

Deputy City Clerk Sharon Christensen said this list is not all-inclusive.

"What we tell (the election officials) is that the document containing proof of residence should be some commercial document, not personal mail, not magazines, those types of things," Christensen said.

She said election officials are instructed not to accept personal mail. However, Christensen said, "These decisions are at their discretion. We cannot limit officials to accepting only what is on the list, because of course there are lots of people who don't have those forms of identification."

LW-Madison political science Professor Donald Downs said he believes the system needs to be tightened.

"There's not enough scrutiny when people show up at the polls," Downs said. "Voter fraud could become an issue."

According to Christensen, if people volunteered to work at the election polling places on or

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big mouth strikes again

The Word of Mouth Tour unites the underground and the mainstream

The Word of Mouth Tour was definitely more "word of mouth" this year than last year. If you're not familiar with it, it is a hip-hop tour with an underground aesthetic — one for people who love the music and the art of hip-hop.

Performing live were MC Supernatural, the Beat Junkies, Dilated Peoples, Cut Chemist, DJ Nu-Mark and Jurassic 5, who were headlining. It was amazing to see how large the turnout was for the two scheduled shows on Nov. 8 and Nov. 9 at the Belly Up Tavern.

Compared to last summer's Word Of Mouth Tour at 4th & B, the house was packed. It seems that Jurassic 5 and Dilated Peoples have rounded up a more diverse fan base since appearing on popular music video channels.

The Beat Junkies kicked off the show with feats of turntablism, followed by Cut Chemist and DJ Nu-Mark, who did a set before introducing Supernatural, who has an impressive talent for freestyling and getting audience participation. His skills for coming up with lyrics on the fly were extraordinary, especially since he asked for words from the audience for his rap "Three Words" and

ended up with words like "philharmonic," which are not easy to freestyle with.

In another song, he took items from the audience's hands and added them into the rhyme — random objects such as condoms, Tic Tacs and Advil. His other impressive feat was his right-on impersonations of famous MCs. Every time he turned his back to the audience, he would impersonate Biggie, Xhibit, Wu-Tang or Busta Rhymes. Last year, Supernatural blessed the stage in the Price Center with completely different impersonations.

In part of the song, Supernatural enacted a duet between himself and Biggie and astounded the audience with how well he could impersonate him. Supernatural's performance and energy were amazing. He came back in the end for a rap intro of all the performers in the tour.

The up-and-coming hip-hop duo from Los Angeles, Dilated Peoples, took the stage next. The group consists of Irsicence, Evidence and DJ Babu from the Beat Junkies. Their sound is a bit aggressive and their beats are driving and lucid.

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Collegiate: Wisconsin allows election day registration

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before the Thursday prior to the election, then training was provided for them.

If a person volunteered after that Thursday, Christensen said his training was then left to the other people working at the polling place.

One UW-Madison student, who asked to remain anonymous, worked at the polls as an election official and said he did not feel as though he received enough instruction.

"I got notarized in about 10 minutes, and as far as telling us what we should ask the voters for, no one was of much help," he said.

The student said more often than not, when a person did not have the proper identification to register to vote, he and the other poll workers would simply have a witness verify the person's identity.

If that witness was an elector of the same municipality as the individual he or she was identifying, then that procedure falls within state law.

"If people have the wrong motivation, the system could be really subject to abuse," said Downs.

According to a Federal Elections Commission spokesperson, Wisconsin is one of only six states that allow election day registration.

Kevin Kennedy, director of the State Elections Board, voiced some concern with regard to election day registration. "Are we encouraging fraud, or what are we

doing here?" he said. In other states you have to register to vote 30 days before the election, or you're out of luck.

A spokesperson from the FEC said that having "an early-registration period, two or more weeks before the election, seems to have helped a lot" in curbing voter fraud in other states.

"Something that happens with any system is that the longer you do it, the more you take it for granted. So your practices get sloppy," Kennedy added.

Alderman Mike Verveer, District 4, stressed the need for a greater number of trained poll workers. He referred to the "Eleventh-hour volunteer effort" that was needed to make sure the polls had enough workers.

"The bottom line is that the city needs to do a better job recruiting and retaining poll workers, period," he said.

Another issue surrounding recent elections has concerned absentee voting. Attorney Mike Wittenwyler, a lecturer at the UW-Madison Law School, said potential abuse of absentee voting could especially be an issue on college campuses. *The Marquette University Tribune* reported Tuesday that a survey it conducted indicated 95 students both voted by absentee ballot in their home state and voted in Wisconsin.

"Because most students have two residences, they can vote absentee back at home, and then they can sign up to vote here. There is the ability to do it if they wanted to do it," Wittenwyler said.

According to the FEC, there is no federal tracking system for absentee voting.

Christensen said she does not think voter fraud is a concern but that a student "probably could"

vote twice.

"I hope people would be honest, but maybe I'm just being naive," she said.

Wittenwyler, however, said he thinks voter fraud is a concern.

"It's always a concern because of the fact that the election process that we have in the United States is based on trust," he said. "And because of that, at some point you have to make a decision on how much trust you're willing to tolerate to allow maybe a little bit of fraud," he said.

Wittenwyler said he thinks that "without changing a single law," voter fraud could be greatly lessened by paying closer attention to current policy.

"Maybe the system isn't broken, we're just not enforcing the rules we already have," he said.

Kennedy stressed that everyone is working to ensure that there is confidence in the outcome of the election but added that the system is not perfect.

"Yes, there are difficulties, but the process is staffed by human beings," he said. "Everyone involved brings their human qualities to the process."

Jason Hanson, assistant Dane County district attorney, said he believes that referrals of voter fraud to his office are rare because of the hefty penalty involved.

He said that a violation of voting more than once carries a prison sentence of up to four and a half years and up to a \$10,000 fine.

"It is fair to say that there are probably shortcomings in our ability to find out if people are committing fraud," he said. "Like all facets of criminal law, we have situations where smart people just don't get caught."

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The first thing to keep in mind with any bargain hunt is that you must be willing to invest some time in looking. You are liable to find the prospect somewhat daunting, so

here's a breakdown of the pricing. All movies for sale are priced according to how recently they were released and their general popularity. So the older and lesser-known films are the best deals here.

To find movies good for when you are extremely bored or stoned, you can browse the \$2.99 section. Be forewarned that most of these are movies that no one has ever heard of. But considering their current sale, which offers \$2 off any previously viewed movie, this option is tantalizing.

We'll start at the low end. For \$3.33, I found "Corporate Fantasy," a 1999 ultra-soft-core porn, the kind that only a family video store would carry. It was so lame that not even the Fox network would show it. If not for its shits-and-giggles value, this movie would never leave the store.

Moving up to \$5 movies, there

is a dynamic improvement in the quality of movies available. From a 1995 MTV series comes "Aeon Flux," a futuristic cartoon sci-fi with a lot of sexual overtones. Aeon Flux is an agent for the fictional, communist country of Bregna and she has a love/hate/kill relationship with Trevor Goodchild, an opposing nation's leader. Goodchild is incredibly evil and that turns Flux on and pisses her off, so her goal is to kill him or sleep with him. Most know this show for the mega-gore factor and the surreal twists that completely lose you. It's definitely a cult classic in the making.

Other notable titles include "Drop Dead Gorgeous," "The Corndog Man," "Titanic" (shudder), and "Welcome to Woop Woop." The last title is directed by Stephan Elliot, the same guy who made "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert."

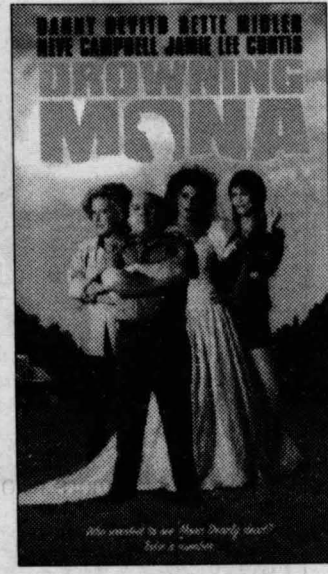
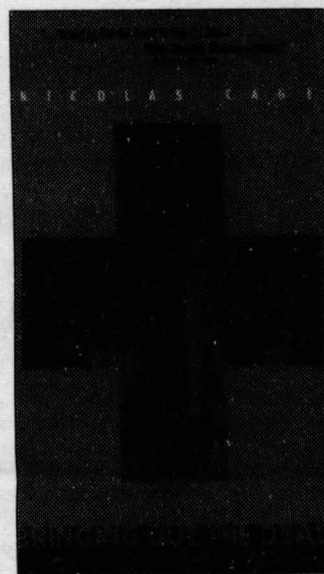
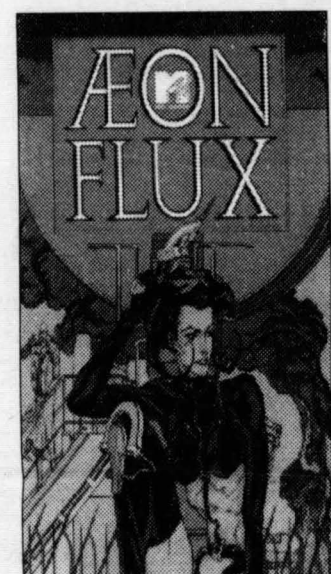
"Welcome to Woop Woop" is a bizarre contribution to the arts from Down Under. It's the twisted tale of a New York con artist on the lam in Australia, where he wakes up to find that the hitchhiker he picked up is now his teen-age wife and that her beer-guzzling psycho father is the ruler of a town that no one is allowed to leave. It's something like "The Addams Family" meets Australia on acid. A must for the quirky — it's odd, but funny, and your friends will think you are some kind of freak for owning movies like this.

Also recommended is Martin Scorsese's latest and strangest, "Bringing Out The Dead." It tracks two days in the life of burnt-out paramedic Frank Pierce and his descent into madness and subsequent redemption. It is a very dark and gritty movie and it doesn't always manage to make sense. The

plot has a couple of ambulance-sized holes, but Pierce's bizarre partners and his attempts at getting fired keep things interesting. Basically, Pierce can't get past the memories of people he could not save. This film is in the middle of the price range, listing at \$7.

Finally, we have the full-priced videos at \$14. These are the must-haves, the classics that will not be going down in price, or the movies that you just want now. Two outstanding selections in this group are "Dune," a sci-fi epic, and "Drowning Mona."

The latter is a hysterical comedy about dismemberment, semi-accidental death, and covering your ass. Bette Midler gets killed off and everyone in town is a suspect, including her husband and son. Packed with famous faces, you may want to wait for this movie to drop in price.



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Sunday

Alternative rock band **Flaming Lips** will perform at 4th & B. Tickets cost \$16.50 and the show starts at 8:30 p.m. For ticket information call Ticketmaster at (619) 220-8497.

Etta James is in the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, and in 1994 she won a jazz Grammy and the W.C. Handy award. However, mere awards do not convey the amount of energy she exudes. **James** will perform at the Belly Up Tavern. Tickets are \$35 and the show starts at 9 p.m. Call Ticketmaster at (619) 220-8497.

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San Francisco blues guitarist **Tommy Castro** will perform at 4th & B. The show starts at 8 p.m. To buy tickets call Ticketmaster at (619) 220-8497.

Pop punk rockers **No Use for a Name** will perform at the Mira Mesa Epicentre. The show begins at 7 p.m. Call for ticket information at (858) 271-4000.

UCSD alumnus and San Diego native **Chris Klich** will announce the release of his CD "The First Take" with a show at Dizzy's. The album features **Klich** on the clarinet, alto and tenor sax as well as the flute. The show starts at 8:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$4. Call (858) 270-7467 for more information.

Monday

If you know country music or even pop music, for that matter, you know the magic of the **Dixie Chicks**, who will perform at the Cox Arena. Tickets will be sold through Ticketmaster outlets or you can call Ticketmaster at (619) 220-8497.

Regina Carter has redefined the image of what a violin can do. Carter will bring her blend of jazz, funk, African and Brazilian music to the UCSD Mandeville Auditorium. She has performed with Wynton Marsalis, Lauryn Hill, Billy Joel and Dolly Parton. Tickets cost \$20 and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. To buy tickets call the UCSD Box Office at (858) 534-TIXS.

Wednesday

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Saturday

Indie rockers **Karate** will perform at the Ché Café at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$6. For more information call (858) 534-2311.

The Offspring are often criticized for being mainstream, but you've got to admit that they have catchy tunes. They will perform at the Cox Arena at 8 p.m. **SX-10**, **Cypress Hill** and **MxPx** will open the show. For ticket information call (619) 220-TIXS.



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Review: Albums



Guru's Jazzmatazz "Streetsoul" MCA Records

Quite a few years back, Anheuser-Busch mounted a huge ad campaign in an attempt to promote responsible drinking. The centerpiece of its campaign was a brilliant slogan that ultimately became embedded in America's collective national consciousness. It went something like this: "Know when to say when." Now, I must admit I do not know whether this product of marketing genius was effective for its intended purpose.

In any case, I believe that this phrase should be taken to heart by all, and it should not be exclusively applied to responsible alcohol consumption. It should also be directed toward the continuous, inexcusable production of potentially great — but ultimately mediocre — hip-

hop recordings. Guru's latest Jazzmatazz endeavor is an excellent example of this sad trend.

Let's be brutally honest for a minute. Everyone knows that Guru has never been a very good MC, but for some reason many people seem hesitant to admit it. Why is that? What do people think they owe him? It is well past time for this shameful facade to end. MCing is a continuously evolving art form, and few can argue that Guru merely has not kept up with the times.

For the most part, Guru's lyrics these days are inane and uninspired, and his flow is often nonexistent. His trademark deadpan voice used to be novel, but now it's just annoying. He is exceedingly arrogant regarding his so-called "skills" on the mic, although in most cases it is painfully obvious that if he didn't have Premiere backing him up, he never would have blown up in the first place.

This is not to discredit him entirely, of course. As a part of Gang Starr, Guru has made a significant contribution to hip-hop as a whole, but that's because Gang Starr was a formulaic success that focused and relied mainly on Premiere's beats and production.

Mr. "Gifted Unlimited Rhymes Universal" may have been somewhat lyrically impressive on "Words I Manifest," but he hasn't progressed much since then. All of this might sound too harsh, but it's readily apparent. Just consider your favorite Gang Starr tracks from past albums. Odds are, they're the

cuts with the special guests who shined while Guru did his best to avoid ruining the whole damn thing.

Now, to Guru's credit, it should be noted that his first Jazzmatazz album was certainly innovative, groundbreaking and relatively well-done. It spawned a number of commercially successful singles, while stretching rap, R&B and jazz in whole new directions.

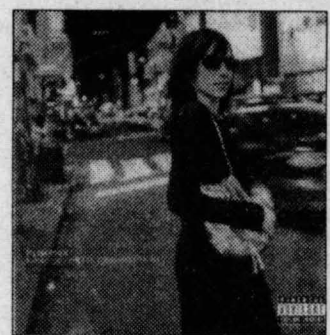
The problem is that Guru hasn't been able to follow it up, because he's been too busy promoting himself on the two subsequent Jazzmatazz albums, this one included. On "Jazzmatazz Vol. 1," his vocals seemed to blend almost seamlessly with the guest artist contributions, and more often than not, his vocals were appropriate to the song's subject.

This is not the case any more. Lately, Guru's incessant demand for respect seems to be sabotaging his art, with every other verse or skit on Streetsoul talking about how great he is, whether it's a would-be revolutionary anthem like "Lift Your Fist" (featuring the Roots) or a supposed seductive love ballad like "Night Vision" (with Isaac Hayes). Simply put, his self-aggrandizing rhymes ruin almost every collaboration on this album — especially the ones that would have been definite hits if he just toned it down a little.

Maybe that's why I've been so hard on Guru here; it's just too disappointing to hear so many collaborations with respected artists like

the Roots, Isaac Hayes and Herbie Hancock go down the toilet thanks to Guru's insipid vocals. The potential was there, and there are a few bright spots on this album, but for the most part, this album is a huge letdown. Friends shouldn't let friends pick this one up.

— Sky Frostenson



PJ Harvey "Stories From The City, Stories From The Sea" Island Records

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PJ Harvey recently moved to New York and then she wrote an album about it. "Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea," Harvey's latest release on Island Records is littered with references to the Manhattan skyline. Against the backdrop of "The Empire State Building," Harvey traces a

love affair that blooms "on a rooftop in Brooklyn," and then wilts on the album's mournful last track.

"Stories" is one of those albums you have to listen to from start to finish. It is like a novel and it tells a story. The album begins with Harvey longing for "a different land" in "Big Exit." Harvey and her mysterious companion discover New York with wide-eyed wonderment and fearless enthusiasm, like two tourists who just got a hotel room overlooking Central Park. But their love does not last forever. After the glitter of New York fades, Harvey and her lover go their separate ways as the album concludes with "Horses in My Dreams" and finally "We Float."

Musically, "Stories" is more accessible than past PJ Harvey albums. In the past, Harvey's sense of melody could have been hard to take in. However, "Stories" offers a mix of experimental melodies as well as tunes that will have you singing along in your car. The optimistic "Good Fortune" sounds oddly reminiscent of Liz Phair's "Exile in Guyville," while "This Mess We're In," on which Radiohead's Thom Yorke adds vocals, is classic Harvey.

Harvey has created an amazing album that has the depth of great literature and the drama of a good movie. "Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea" is enough to make you want to hop on a plane and go find New York for yourself.

— Lindsay Boyd

Word:

Jurassic 5 appeared with a "Quality" set

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During the summer they released their debut album, titled "The Platform," and released the single "Triple Optics" on the "Funky Precedent" compilation, which included groups such as Jurassic 5. They amped the crowd with the performance of "Triple Optics" and their single "Work the Angels."

Dilated Peoples were able to maintain their underground sensibilities — therefore, much of the crowd was not familiar with their talent. However, the duo kept the audience's heads bobbing with its dynamism, constant movement and overwhelming confidence, which showed through in their lyrics. At the end of their set, Evidence broke a beer bottle over his head as a dare and actually ended up momentarily knocking himself out.

When Jurassic 5 made their appearance, it was obvious whom the majority of the crowd had come to see. Half their set was from their self-titled EP and the other half was from their recently released album "Quality Control." The single "Quality Control" made the crowd go wild. Surprisingly, their earlier singles, such as "Jayou" and "Concrete Schoolyard" left most of the crowd a little quiet.

Jurassic 5 delivered the full flavor of their innovative and authentic sound that celebrates music, not money, which is refreshing after all the recent deliveries in hip-hop music.

As usual, Jurassic 5 put on a charismatic performance with their organic sounds, harmonized choruses and their incorporation of different elements of hip-hop.

In one part of the show, break dancers came out, and the show highlighted the talent of DJs Nu-Mark and Cut Chemist, whose extensive collection of rare grooves, instructional and hip-hop music drives Jurassic 5's cutting-edge sound.

DJ Nu-Mark amazed the crowd by playing the drum set, drum machine and the koto, a Japanese stringed instrument. As expected, Jurassic 5's fresh sound, their lyrical talent and supreme beat makers made for an experience that will not be forgotten.

The most disappointing part of the show was not the performance but the audience.

The crowd came to 4th & B last year because it fully appreciated the artists, the music and the underground. This year's fans did not come because they were hyped

through popular media like MTV or BET.

Dance circles formed, and the audience knew the lyrics and the members' names when the microphone was pointed at it. At one point, Cut Chemist was telling the audience what songs he had just spun with Nu-Mark: "The third song is from 'Brand Nubian,' which might be a little underground for some of you." This insult to the audience probably caused some pleasure for real fans.

To get the crowd hyped up, members of Jurassic 5 did a little stage diving, which turned out dismal in the end. Some audience members ran up on stage to dive, and then one drunken and very large fan dove off the stage and landed on his neck. This ended the show a little sooner than it was supposed to end, with ambulances and rubber necking.

Although the end was a big disappointment, there was no way the performers could disappoint. The Word of Mouth Tour gave insight to old fans and newbies into the way hip-hop is supposed to be and was a good vehicle for delivering the extraordinary talent and innovation of the performers.

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Jurassic 5: Chali 2na lit up the crowd with his like "Work the Angels."

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Tritons look to regain
midseason form

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The Tritons will look to their leaders to spur their play in the tournament, as it will take an inspired effort to progress into the next round of action. Their chief nemesis will be tournament favorite Cal State Los Angeles, the undefeated squad that breezed easily through regular season play. It should be noted, however, that the Tritons gave the Eagles their most arduous challenge of the season, as they were the only team to battle CSULA to a full five-set match.

CSULA, which is ranked second overall in Division II, will be led by middle hitter Linda Saucedo, who was recently named the 2000 California Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Volleyball Player of the Year. She led the explosive Eagle attack with a .398 hitting percentage, a team-high 87 blocks and an impressive 27 service-aces. She was also elected to the All-CCAA First Team, alongside a conference-high four Eagle teammates, while her coach, Bill Lawler, was selected as CCAA Coach of the Year.

The Tritons would definitely have their work cut out for them in this contest, but as the earlier

season match indicated, the UCSD squad can hold its own against these celebrated opponents.

The Tritons will do so with their own battalion of acclaimed ball-spiking stalwarts, as CSULA is not alone in garnering conference-wide accolades. Many of UCSD's outstanding performers were also recognized by the CCAA and will be making their presence felt in the tournament. Junior Laura Santerre, who excelled all season for the Tritons, was elected to the All-CCAA First Team for her dominating play, while fellow Tritons Leslie Punelli and Christine Kueneman were elected to the second team. All three will surely have an impact for the Tritons on the floor in the tournament.

The Tritons look to build on their proud postseason history in this, their first CCAA Division II tournament. The women's volleyball team has built a fine tradition of playoff excellence, as the Tritons were outstanding in championship play at the Division III level. They appeared in the tournament a whopping 19 times, taking home the first-place championship trophy in seven of those competitions and took the runner-up spot five times. UCSD looks to expand on those winning ways in this year's tournament, and will hopefully continue to uphold the tradition at this more prestigious level of competition.

Early Registration Irks Some Students at Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Every semester, a number of Iowa students find themselves nervously waiting for the moment when the university will allow them to register and find out if there are any seats left in their desired classes. But while they wait, student athletes are already signed up.

For the 2001 spring semester, as with every semester, student athletes will receive priority registration beginning on Nov. 20. All athletes are given the opportunity to register during the first three days of registration, along with professional students, graduate students and any undergraduates who have earned 90 hours or more semester hours.

What has some students concerned is that any athlete, regardless of year or credits earned at the university, may have the chance to enroll before a student who has earned more semester hours.

UI freshman Patrick Drouin watches as athletes fill up seats up to 11 days before he is allowed to register.

"It's not fair that athletes have the priority above the other students who are here for the academics," he said. "If anything, the students who are academically successful should be given the priority above the others."

But in fact, students on academic scholarship from the UI do receive priority registration. These students are an example of those on campus who receive as much priority as a student athlete, said Carol Gruber, the director of student services in the Athletics Department.

UI senior Jessica Smith said she has experienced some problems enrolling in classes because they were typically crowded with athletes.

"I think it is a problem," said Smith, who splits her time between three jobs and her classes. "I think the university should consider the people who have to work and the people who are paying for their own tuition with their personal money. I've had a hard time getting into popular classes such as Relaxation Techniques and Health for Living because

they were usually full, and I had to wait two or three semesters to get those classes.

"I've ended up getting the classes I wanted, but it was because I was running around and talking to the teachers and my counselor. It hasn't been because of anything the university has done."

Gruber said that although she certainly empathizes with students such as Smith who are required to put in long work hours as well as study hours, a student athlete's commitment to the university is more formal.

"Those students are not responsible to the university," she said. "They have not made or signed a contract with the university as the student athlete has. Student athletes sign a contract that has them agree to represent the university and meet all the requirements they face to be successful in athletics and academics."

UI senior Jake Wilson, who competed this fall as the No. 1 singles player for the men's tennis team, said most students have the wrong idea about the registration rules.

"I think it's pretty fair because our practice times are set in stone," he said. "While other students may have to schedule their classes around a job, they can ask their bosses to switch their schedule. But when you have to be at practice from noon to 5:30 p.m. every day, no matter what, it takes away your options for classes."

Travel also comes into play when athletes register for classes, Gruber said.

"Student athletes are responsible for academics and athletics, and scheduling around traveling times helps them handle their responsibilities in both areas, which is very important to us," she said.

Wilson, a psychology major, said he plans to focus on sports psychology because "he has been exposed to sports his entire life, and this may be a reason that athletes have sports-related majors."

"Athletes may just have those majors because they are very familiar with athletics and it is a big part of their lives," he said.

—Daily Iowan

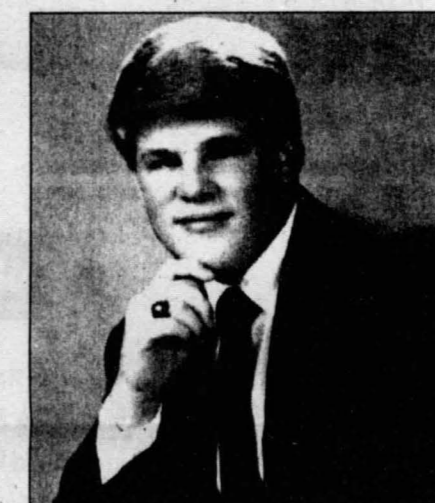
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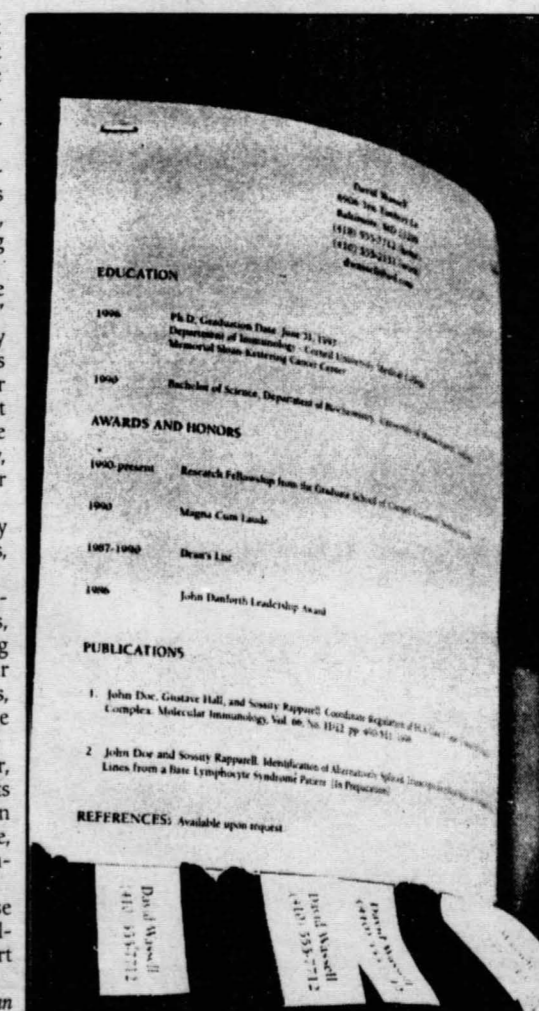
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BBall:

UCSD confronts State in season opener

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D-II level," Lanthier said. "We will have to adjust to the more physical style of play and make other adjustments as the season goes on."

The adjustment made by the freshman players will be especially important to the Tritons' chances on the court.

"We have a lot of freshman players this year, but they are all quality players and have the ability to make big strides this season," Lanthier said. "We call it the 'freshman factor,' which is the ability of these guys, who will be given opportunities to mature and play, to make an impact."

The Tritons open their season with a throwdown versus cross-town rival San Diego State. The Aztecs are one of three Division I teams that UCSD will face this season in light of its jump to Division II. "Playing the Division I teams will make this advancement all the more easier," Lanthier said.

"Out of our five non-CCAA games, three will be against Division I teams, which I think will help us out in our move to Division II," he said. "Playing these very good teams will not only make us better as a team but will also make it easier to face the Division II teams with the added experience of playing some of the top competition around."

Nor are the benefits of facing off against SDSU lost on Lanthier.

"Playing San Diego State is really a no-lose situation for us," he said. "Even if we don't win the game, it's great for the community and for us to be able to get some valuable experience in a nice atmosphere."

The Tritons will begin their quest for experience Saturday night at 7 p.m. at San Diego State's Cox Arena. Make your way down Interstate 5 to Interstate 8 and check out UCSD as it looks to put the smack down on those rascally Aztecs and prepare for its inaugural Division II season.

Polo:

Mental mistakes and team play must improve

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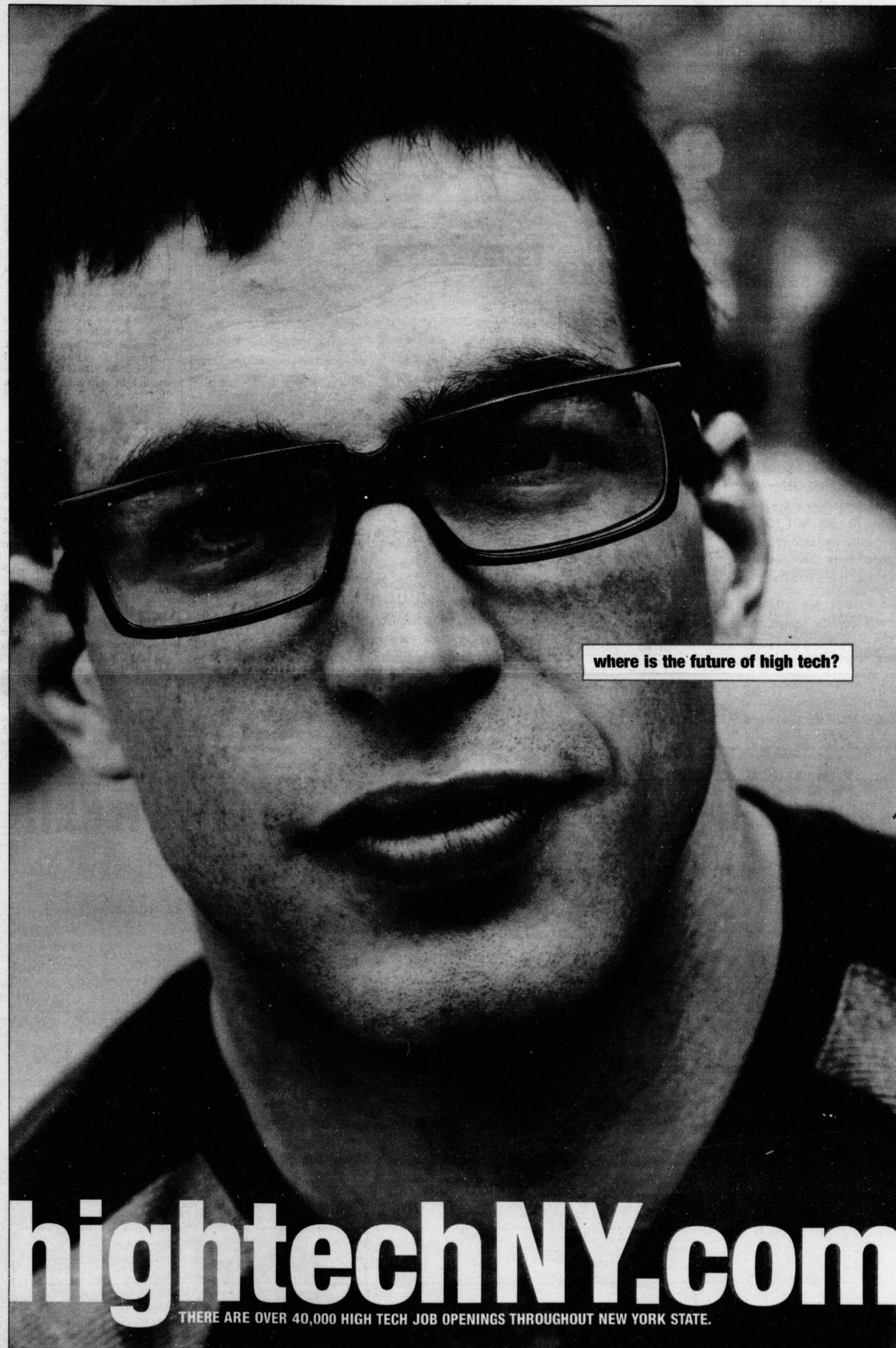
Important in the tournament is the performance of goalie Glenn Busch. So far, he has had a very good year, but he will have to be at the top of his game in Honolulu to help the Tritons make it through.

Most vital to the Tritons is that they play as a team in the tournament. Harper has repeatedly stressed this point during the season. Each part of the team must work together in order for UCSD play up to its potential.

Eight teams from the 12-team WWPAA will compete at the Honolulu tournament.

The Tritons are the highest-ranked team in the WWPAA and are favorites going into the tournament. Nevertheless, competition in Honolulu will be tough. For example, the U.S. Air Force Academy, despite its rank, always fights hard for the win, and may be a tough match for the Tritons.

If the Tritons win the tournament, they will then move on to the four-team NCAA tournament. The competition will consist of the winner of the WWPAA, the Eastern Conference and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The last spot is an at-large berth, which is likely to go to an MPSF team, as that division fields multiple top 10 teams such as Cal, UC Irvine and USC.



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Women Swim Team Trounces Bakersfield

Tritons slap around Bakersfield at will, men not so impressive over weekend action

By ISAAC PEARLMAN
Staff Writer

In a full weekend of swimming, the UCSD women's swimming and diving team dropped a duel meet versus the University of San Diego Toreros on Friday, but rebounded to beat Cal State Bakersfield on Saturday.

The men's team fell to Bakersfield.

The women's first meet, held at USD, consisted of 16 events: two diving events, the 400-meter medley relay, the 1000-meter freestyle, the 200-meter freestyle, the 100-

meter backstroke, the 100-meter breast stroke, the 2000-meter butterfly, the 50-meter freestyle, the 100-meter freestyle, the 200-meter backstroke, the 200-meter breast stroke, the 500-meter freestyle, the 100-meter butterfly, the 200-meter individual medley and the 400- and 200-meter freestyle relay.

The match, which began with a hailstorm during warm-ups, did not get much better for the Tritons, as USD placed first in 13 out of the 16 events.

"We swam very poorly, and they swam well," summarized head coach Scott McGihon. "That's pret-

ty much what the match came down to."

However, there was a silver lining, as sophomore Jennifer Watanabe continued her excellent swimming with a first-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle event and the 200-yard backstroke, winning with times of 29.86 and 32.76, respectively. The other top finisher for the women's team was junior Lindsey Meeks in the 100-yard breaststroke with a winning time of 31.80.

Fortunately for the women, Saturday was a new day, as they dominated Bakersfield, 149-82.

Junior Molly McCorkle placed

first in both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, while Watanabe and Sharon Smith were individual winners. At the end of the day, four freshmen had qualified for the NCAA meet at the end of the year.

The men's swimming team was unfortunately unable to come up with a victory, as it was beaten 134-86 by Cal State Bakersfield. However, the men's 400-yard freestyle relay team, composed of junior Christian Deck, sophomore Luke Seed, sophomore Danny Fischer and senior Rusty Jones impressed.

"I don't think [the relay team has] ever been that fast at this point in the year," McGihon said.

Another bright spot was Triton Ryan Long's victory in the 200-yard individual medley.

"His time was exceptionally fast," McGihon said.

Not only was it fast, it was also good enough to qualify Long for the NCAA finals.

While both the men's and women's teams ended up with losses after the weekend was over, McGihon was still optimistic.

"I think that the NCAA finals are more important than winning dual meets," he said. "And the way both the men and women are swimming right now, we should do good [in the finals]."

"[In order to improve] we need to keep fine tuning, and work on starts and turns," McGihon said. "However, we are swimming very well for this time of the year."

The Tritons will have plenty of opportunities this weekend to improve, as they send their divers to the USC Invitational on Friday, and then square off against Claremont College and UC Santa Cruz on Saturday in Claremont.

Polo:

Season-ending tournament looms large

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Tritons put other teams on their heels and from there they let their stellar defense take over.

In their mini-slump, they have been falling behind early and have been going into the late quarters at a three or four goal deficit. The Tritons then play the teams shot-for-shot, or even outplay them, but their efforts are to no avail, as such a big lead is usually too large to surmount.

Why are opposing teams getting out and ahead so early? The Tritons have been making few mental mistakes. They have not been getting back on the counterattack and have been letting their opponents roam freely. These mistakes were not made earlier in the year when they were beating the best teams in the nation. If the Tritons want to compete at the NCAA tournament, they will have to stop making those mistakes now.

Many players led the Tritons to the WPPA tournament, Jonathan Samuels first and foremost. He has been an intimidating presence for the Tritons all season long and gives other teams something to worry about. Samuels leads the team with 46 goals and has been solid all year long. If he has a good tournament, the Tritons are likely to follow.

Jason Boettner has been a great distributor and defensive presence for UCSD. During the regular season, he dished out 23 assists and recorded 26 steals, tops on the team.

Vladimir Djopic has been a great asset for the Tritons, as he has become a versatile utility man.

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The Toreros came to town: The Tritons lost one to their cross-town rivals USD but overpowered CSU Bakersfield

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UCSD had a number of strong performances from their women riders.

Freshman Heather Thurgood had the most impressive performance for UCSD. This was her first competition at the collegiate level, but she did not act like it was.

Thurgood took the High Point Rider Championship by placing second in the intermediate equitation over fences, and first in the intermediate equitation on the flat. This combination made her top point-earner of all the riders.

Lisa Calvina placed second and third in the Open over fences on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Katie Brady placed second in the novice category over fences and Zoe Jarocki finished just behind her for third. Morgan Messing placed third in the novice flat on Saturday and second on Sunday. Cindy Hung took second in the beginning



walk/trot. "I'm out to do the best I can so I can help the team," Hung said.

UCSD has a very young team this year, with only five returning riders.

"We have a couple of new members to the team," Hung said. "We have a couple of strong captains."

Next up for UCSD will be a show in Pomona Nov. 18 to Nov. 19.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday, Nov. 17

• Ice Hockey vs. Sacramento State at UTC, 10:15 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18

• Cycling at Eucalyptus Grove, all day.

• Women's Rugby, Scrum by the Sea Tournament, Warren Field, all day.

• Equestrian at Pomona, all day.

• Men's rugby vs. University of Nevada at Nevada.

— compiled by Robert Fulton, Sports Editor

Up the Mountain They Go

In addition to playing SDSU to open the season, the men's basketball team will face some serious challenges this year

By SCOTT BURROUGHS
Staff Writer

It will not be until the UCSD men's basketball team steps onto the hardwood for the first time ever as a California Collegiate Athletic Association Division II competitor that coach Greg Lanthier and his squad will fully know what to expect this season.

"This year will be a year of assessment, and we will not really know what we need to do to succeed and make strides until we actually play a few games," Lanthier said. "We will be adjusting to a whole new game, one that is more physical and more athletic, with bigger, faster players. We are going to go out and play and recognize our weaknesses and look to improve on them. But we will not know what they are until we play."

The CCAA Ranking Committee, composed of league coaches, appears to recognize quite a few weaknesses in the Triton team, ranking them dead last (tied with San Francisco State), for 11th out of the 12 CCAA teams. The Golden Eagles from Cal State Los Angeles, who tied last year for second place in the CCAA, received six first-place votes to garner the No. 1 pre-season seed.

Defending CCAA champions, Cal State San Bernardino was ranked second, with traditionally solid Cal State Bakersfield third and six-time NCAA post-season participant UC Davis ranked fourth.

The team that went 5-20 last season in Division III play has a

chance to outplay that ranking this season, though, and its ability to do so will probably hinge on the play and progression of its key freshman players.

The 15-member Triton team is composed of ten freshmen — four true freshmen and six red shirts. Ryan Swed, a true freshman out of

"This season will be a season of development for us, as we know we need to get bigger, faster and stronger, but there will also be many other things that will need to be done for us to be competitive and succeed at the D-II level."

— Greg Lanthier
Men's Basketball Head Coach

Tempe, Ariz., will definitely be looked to by Lanthier to make a contribution, as will Roger Curtis and Ryan Rikansrud. Out of the six red shirts, Cameron Jackson, the 6-foot-1-inch guard out of Tustin High, will be an impact player for the Tritons this year.

"Cameron is the top of the class among the freshman guys, he is an exceptional player, and will start for us and get a lot of playing time," Lanthier said.

Erik Ramp, the 6-foot-1-inch, 200 pound guard, whom Lanthier describes as a very big, very phys-

ical and very athletic player, will also get a lot of looks if he can come back from his recent knee surgery. Mike Roberts and C.J. Duffaut will also challenge for time for the Tritons this year.

Of the returning players, the Tritons will once again look to 6-foot-6-inch forward Sam Higgins, the three-year starter, who averaged 15.4 points per game and 4.8 rebounds per game last year, while compiling 61 three-pointers over the duration of the season. Joining him on the floor will be the team's sole junior, Nick Christenson, a 6-foot-2-inch guard, who averaged 9.2 points and 3.0 assists per game last season, and 5-foot-11-inch senior guard Michael Martin, who averaged 9.9 points and 2.6 assists per game. Sophomore center Clark Goolsby, who at 6 feet 7 inches, 220 pounds is the Tritons' biggest player, will also be a key element in the Tritons' success this season.

These returning players will be looked to for leadership on and off the court this season by the young Triton team, as leadership will be very important to a team that not only lacks experience, but is also making the jump to Division II play. That is why this season will be a period of adjustment for the blue and gold.

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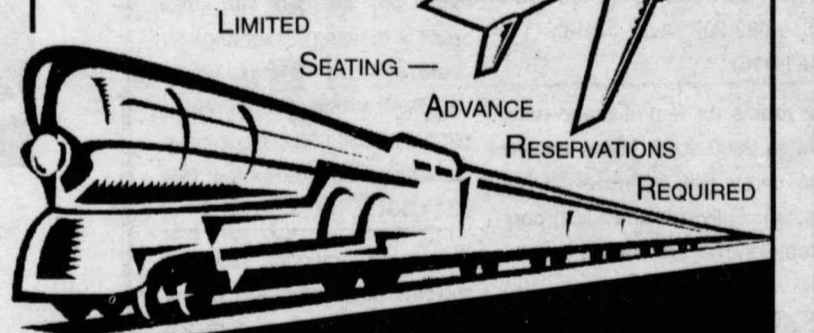
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What to do with Slammin' Sammy



BILL BURGER

All of Chicago is abuzz these days with talks about the Cubs trading their brightest star, outfielder Sammy Sosa, to the Texas Rangers.

Fans are outraged, and Cubs owner Andy MacPhail, trying to maintain some semblance of control, keeps lying through his teeth, saying that no trade will be made.

The trade would likely be a five-for-one swap, with the Cubs getting players such as outfielder Gabe Kapler, relief pitcher Jeff Zimmerman, Ruben Mateo and possibly additional minor league prospects.

From the Cubs' point of view, I think this would be a steal. They have so many holes that Sosa can't possibly fill them all by himself. A big trade for their star might have a similar effect on them as the trading of Herschel Walker had on the Dallas Cowboys back in 1989. That trade was directly responsible for bringing Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith to the team, the duo that caused the Dallas dynasty in the 1990s.

This kind of affect was also felt by the Colorado Avalanche when they traded Eric Lindros and received draft picks that would eventually produce Peter Forsberg.

That said, should the Cubs make the deal? Yes. That is, if Sosa wants them to make it.

First of all, because Sosa has been in the major leagues for 10 years and spent the last five of them with the same team, he has the power to block any proposed trade. Trying to trade him somewhere he doesn't want to go would be futile. More importantly, the Cubs owe it to Sosa to send him somewhere that he wants to go.

When Sosa hit 66 home runs in 1998, and again the following year when he hit 63, he virtually carried the Cubs and all of baseball on his back. The Major Leagues were still reeling from the strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series, and Sosa, with the help of Mark McGwire, brought baseball back from the brink of utter catastrophe.

The way that Sosa and McGwire composed themselves throughout the race to knock down Roger Maris' immortalized single-season home run record was both an honor to watch and a testament to the character of the two men.

So now it is time to pay Sosa back. The only problem is that nobody seems to know what he wants to do. Last season, he basically demanded a trade, and later in the year he said he wanted to end his career, where he started, in Texas.

Sammy, it makes it hard for people to honor you by doing your will when you can't resolve what it is.

When Sosa finally decides what he wants, it should be given to him with haste. Baseball and the Cubs owe him at least that much.

SPORTS



TRITON PLAYOFF FEVER!

This promises to be a glorious weekend for Triton athletics. Three teams will be competing in high pressure playoff situations. With the move to Division II, UCSD has proven its worth.

Water polo seeks an NCAA berth at WWPAA's Championships

By TAIT MILLER

Associate Sports Editor

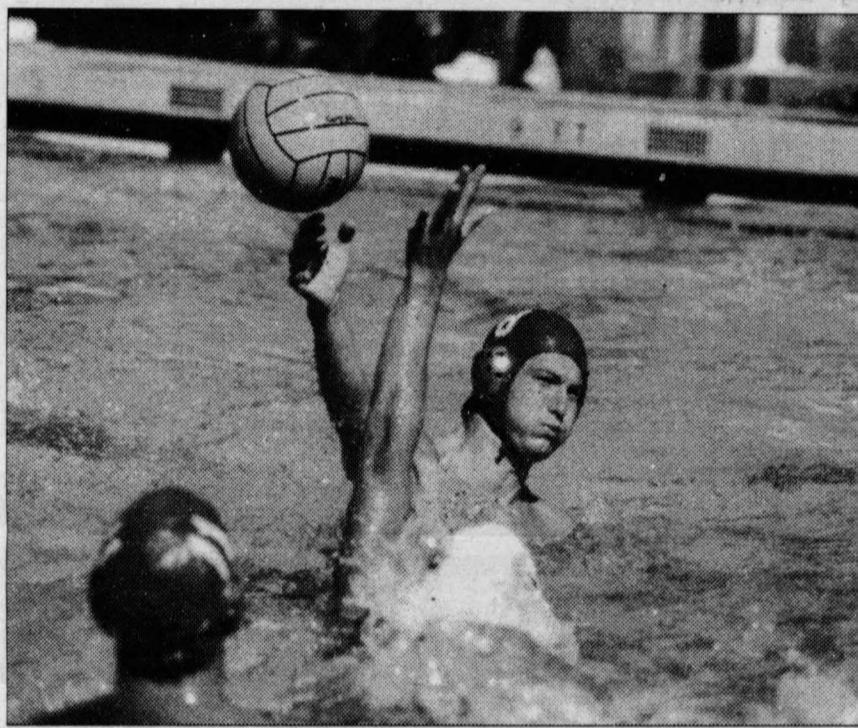
Men's water polo has endured 24 games this year. All its trials and tribulations — from beating then-No. 1-ranked Cal to its disappointing performance at the Northern California Tournament at Stockton — will be for naught if it does not perform well this weekend at the Western Water Polo Association Championships in Honolulu.

The winner of the tournament will get an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament, held Dec. 2 and 3 in Malibu, and a chance to play in the national championship.

Coached by Denny Harper, the Tritons started off the season on an incredible tear, winning 15 of their first 18 games and attaining a ranking as high as fifth in the nation. Since then, the team has been in a mini-slump, losing five of its last seven games, but is still ranked eighth in the nation.

The Tritons are not losing to just anybody, as all of their losses have come against excellent teams. They have fallen to CSU Long Beach twice, and to Cal, UC Irvine and Pepperdine once. These teams are in the top 10 nationally.

What made the Tritons so successful earlier in the season was their ability to jump on teams quickly. By aggressively taking an early lead, the



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It's a wipeout: This Triton goes for the goal in a match against Claremont. After falling behind in the first quarter, UCSD proceeded to absolutely cream Claremont with a combination of good defense and a great counter-attack, 12-2.

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Volleyball hopes to regain its midseason form in time for its first appearance in the NCAA Division II Tournament

By SCOTT BURROUGHS

Staff Writer

Despite a disappointing final weekend, the Tritons are headed to their first-ever Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Pacific Regional Championships, to be held starting today at the Eagle's Nest in Los Angeles.

Its slight meltdown over the course of its last two regular season games could not overshadow the team's stellar season-long achievements, which have garnered the Tritons a sixth-seed placement in the tournament. The tournament will be conducted on a 48-team field for the first time in the history of the NCAA Division II championships. The host squad, Cal State Los Angeles, locked down the first seed by compiling an undefeated 30-0 season, with 22 of those victories coming in CCAA action. CSU San Bernadino, due to those cru-

cial, final UCSD losses, overtook the Tritons to tie for second place and pick up the third and fourth seeds. Hawaii Pacific, with the second seed, and Seattle Pacific, with the fifth seed, round out the Pacific Regional field.

The Tritons will first see action versus season-long archrival Cal State Bakersfield, one of the teams that overcame the Tritons in the final weekend, thwarting UCSD's high seed hopes. Bakersfield captured the first two meetings of the seasons between the teams, each in four sets. If it can overcome the Roadrunners in this initial match, UCSD will go head-to-head with second-ranked Hawaii Pacific in semifinal play. The finals will be held on Saturday at 7 p.m., with the winner advancing to the Division II Elite Eight, which will begin play Nov. 30.

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Women's soccer continues to roll, will face a team from Central Oklahoma on Sunday in the NCAA Quarterfinals

By ROBERT FULTON

Sports Editor

The UCSD women's soccer team just keeps rolling along, and one question remains: "Just how far can this team go?"

Apparently as far as they want to go, considering the tear they have been on lately.

In its first year at the Division II level, UCSD sports an 18-2 record and a California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship.

The team is also currently riding a 14-game winning streak.

The Tritons will put all of that on the line this weekend when they face off against Central Oklahoma in the NCAA Division II women's soccer quarterfinals at home.

The Tritons downed Sopoma State 2-0 in the first round to reach this stage. Central Oklahoma squeaked by Mesa State of

Colorado 1-0 in double overtime for this showdown with UCSD.

Central Oklahoma, from Edmon, Okla., looks to be a formidable opponent. It is ranked sixth in the nation and boasts a record of 21-2. This is the first-ever Division II post-season appearance for the Broncos, who breezed through the Lone Star Conference with a 7-0 record.

The Tritons, who are dominating opponents in every facet of the game, are not to be intimidated. After capturing five national championships at the Division III level, UCSD is having similar success during its first year at the Division II level.

The game is at 1 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$4, students are \$2, seniors only a buck and children 12 and under are free.

Come out and support your Tritons!

Local Action:

- Women's soccer battles Central Oklahoma in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs here at RIMAC Field on Sunday at 1 p.m.
- The men's basketball team opens its 2000-2001 campaign against cross-town rival San Diego State University at SDSU's Cox Arena on Saturday at 7 p.m.