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Worldwide

As Interest in Campaign Grows Around the World, so do the Questions

LONDON — Lawn party guests at Murli Deora's bungalow feasted on spicy lamb and chicken dishes, curried fish, dal and freshly baked nan. Then Deora, a Bombay businessman and Congress Party leader, offered his guests comments on a faraway subject that has become daily domestic fare for people around the world.

"You wait and see," he said. "Bush will carry California."

At a time when the United

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National

Gore Works to Firm up Support of Core Democrats

DEARBORN, Mich. — On another 19-hour campaign day through four states where the race is nip-and-tuck, Vice President Al Gore Sunday resurrected the name of Bill Clinton, briefly, as he sought to energize blacks in Philadelphia and union members here and said that Tuesday's election was not only about material prosperity but "prosperity of the spirit."

"Thank you for allowing Bill Clinton and me to bring change,"

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Collegiate

Iowa Professor Delves into Calculus of Amusement Parks

IOWA CITY, Iowa — University of Iowa professor Lauren Rabinovitz's interest in how amusement parks affect society has led to a \$175,000, two-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The chairwoman of the American Studies program will use the grant, which was awarded in April, for a multimedia project called "Yesteryear's Wonderlands: Introducing Modernism to America." The program will allow people to take virtual tours of amusement parks from the early

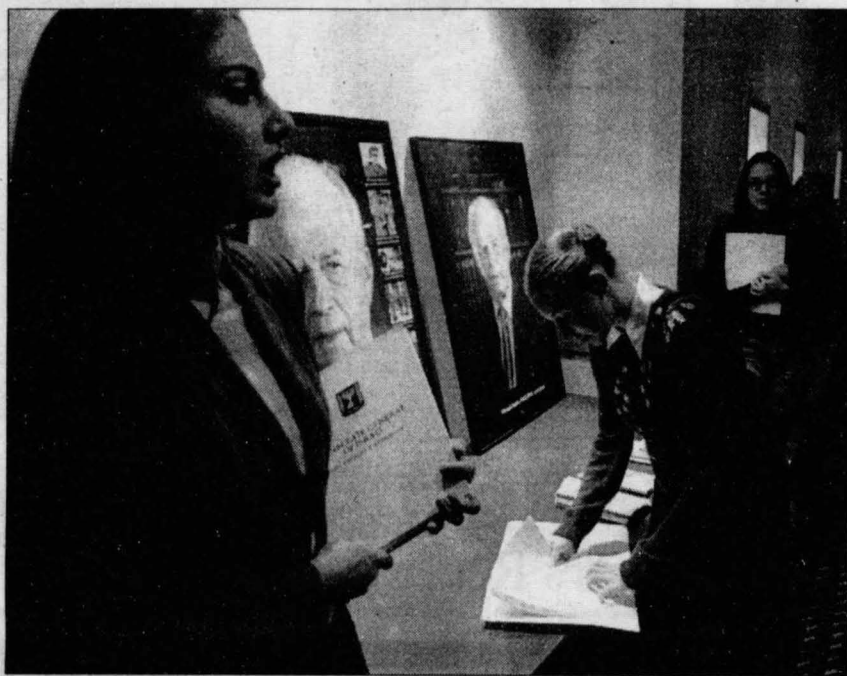
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"They definitely have a lot of skill."

— **Cassie Williams**
A.S. Programmer
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Remembering Yitzhak Rabin



David Pilz/Guardian

Tribute: Judy Kaufman hands out information packets to interested attendees. Elana Segal, a third year Marshall student, fills out a petition at a Memorial for Yitzhak Rabin on Saturday evening.

Concert Kicks Off Series

Maui Ethno-techno band Lost at Last performs at the first TGIF concert of the year put on by the A.S. Council

By **MATT SCHRADER**
Associate News Editor

Despite high attendance expectations and a history of playing to sold-out arenas, Lost at Last performed Friday night in the Price Center Plaza to a consistent crowd of approximately 100.

The Maui-based band, which dedicates its shows to a resolution for the problems existing between Israelis and Arabs, was brought to campus by the A.S. Council as part of the school's "Thank Goodness It's Friday" concert series.

"I thought they were awesome," said A.S. Programmer Cassie Williams. "They definitely have a lot of skill."

Though many in attendance had not previously heard of the band, most were satisfied yet surprised by the concert.

"I think they were pretty good, with a nice beat," third-year medical student Bret Neiderman said. "I thought it was a bit underpopulated, though. I thought it would be a lot more crowded for what it was."

Williams attributes the small turnout to the lack of interest UCSD students have when it comes to new bands.

"People want to see what they already know," Williams said. "They are not going to come, regardless if what I bring in is quality."

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Coptic Club Invites Bishop to First Meeting

New organization is modeled after UCI club

By **JESSICA KRUSKAMP**
Staff Writer

The recently formed Coptic Club, an organization that promotes Coptic Orthodoxy, held its first meeting Thursday in the Price Center. The club welcomed H.G. Bishop Serapion, bishop of Southern California and Hawaii, as a guest speaker.

According to freshman Ramsey Marcus, UCSD students formed the club after witnessing the Coptic Club's success at UC Irvine.

"It was so strong at UCI, we knew we could bring the club here and get it that big as well," Marcus said. "It's good to see the support we have so far from the first meeting."

Several months ago, fourth-year UCSD student Bishop Said attended a Los Angeles meeting where he saw Serapion speak at an American Orthodox church.

Three weeks ago, Said met with the bishop to arrange for him to speak to the UCSD Coptic Club. Serapion was enthusiastic about orating for the club, according to Said.

"He was very encouraging and happy to be our guest," Said said. "He has devoted his life to teaching about this, and it is an honor to have him come all the way from L.A."

The purpose of the club is to educate and promote knowledge of the Coptic religion. There is a small Coptic church in Solana Beach, and the members of the Coptic Club hope the club can be another venue in which Coptics can celebrate their religion.

Community members and students from other schools attended the meeting, suggesting that the club can serve as a bridge to connect with people interested in the religion outside campus.

Club members sang a traditional hymn as Serapion arrived at the meeting in a customary black robe. He then led the room in prayer and gave a 45-minute-long overview of the religion, involving the members in his

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Bookstore Steps Up as Web Site Goes Under

UCSD book seller fills problematic orders after BigWords.Com's unexpected demise

By **KYLE BIEBESHEIMER**
Contributing News Writer

Online textbook retailer BigWords filled its last order and "succumbed ... to the powers that be," according to an explanation posted on its Web site on Oct. 20.

Like many other online retailers, BigWords has encountered financial difficulties that have ground its operations to a halt.

The announcement makes matters difficult for college students across the nation, including UCSD students. Students who wish to return their textbooks or request a refund directly from BigWords will be unable to do so, given the com-

pany's untimely failure.

The UCSD Bookstore is offering a solution to students. John Turk, UCSD Bookstore director, has decided that the Bookstore will accept receipts from BigWords and honor book returns as if they were from the Bookstore.

"We feel it fills our mission to be of service for the academic community, particularly the students, who are caught in the middle by circumstances beyond their control," said David Wilson, course materials manager. "It's purely a service mission on our part."

The bookstore's new policy is

designed to help students who purchased textbooks for the fall quarter from BigWords and later dropped the class or wished to return their books.

Students who would not have been able to obtain a refund for their BigWords books can return them to the Bookstore for full credit. "It's not a give-away, exactly," Wilson said. "We do get the book. We're just giving [students] credit. It's not as if we're saying, 'Whatever loss you suffered from BigWords, we'll cover.'"

It is difficult to speculate how many UCSD students have been affected by BigWords' closure, and how many will take advantage of

the Bookstore's offer.

"I hesitate to say whether it will be half a dozen or 20," Wilson said. "It's not just the number of students who ordered books from BigWords — it's only the ones who had a problem and did not get it resolved."

Students with a BigWords textbook they wish to return should bring it and its original receipt to the customer service area of the UCSD Bookstore by Nov. 11. The book must be in mint condition for a full credit. Otherwise, a 75 percent credit will be issued.

For more information, please contact David Wilson at (858) 534-3771.

OPINION

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President: George W. Bush

For the position of President of the United States, the *Guardian* editorial board endorses Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush. This endorsement meant different things to different editorial board members, with some asserting an affinity for Bush's plans and record, while others put forth their endorsement strictly as a vote for the lesser of two evils.

The jewel in the crown of Bush's record in Texas is his history of reforming defunct school systems and the equitable way in which he has made these changes. When Bush took office in Texas, children in his state ranked close to the bottom in every educational category, including being rated 51st in the nation, behind Puerto Rico, in many. Since his election, Texas students have made greater strides in reading and mathematics than any other state in the nation.

Bush's plan for the country's education reform includes giving public schools a finite amount of time to make strides toward improvement. If schools do not show this improvement in a certain period of time, the parents of the children who go to these schools

will be given the option to send their children to another public school. Bush also wants to move education control to a local level to avoid bureaucracy. Unlike Gore, Bush gives the school districts the power to decide what to spend their funds on. Gore uses a formula that, in our opinion, is too inflexible to be effective.

Perhaps the most impressive part of Bush's educational reform under Bush is the manner in which it has undergone those reforms. Improvement in reading and mathematics has keyed Texas' overall improvement, with African-American and Hispanic children showing the biggest improvements. These improvements to minority education levels show the importance Bush puts on equality, something that most members of his party do not, and something that the *Guardian* feels is of utmost importance.

The *Guardian* also feels that Bush's tax plan is one of great forethought. He calls for a tax cut across the board, putting more money back into the pockets of the people and bolstering consumer spending. His plan does not "squander" the surplus, as some allege. Rather, he plans to return one-quarter of the surplus to the

taxpayers that earned it.

Although Gore has attacked Bush for allegedly planning tax cuts for the richest Americans, further inspection of the Bush tax plan shows that the rich receive the smallest percentage cut, while the majority of the cut goes to the poorest Americans. About six million of America's poorest families will have their taxes completely alleviated under Bush's plan.

Tax cuts of this nature have historically been shown to kick off economic booms, with Lyndon B. Johnson's original 30 percent tax cut standing out above the others. Many point to President Ronald Reagan's tax cuts and the deficit they allegedly caused. On the contrary, Reagan's cuts did not cause the deficit; his exorbitant defense spending, something that Bush does not endorse, caused it.

One thing that seems to separate Bush from the other members of the Republican party, a group whose candidates rarely get the endorsements of news publications, is his desire to make Washington a bipartisan place. Currently, partisan politics dominate legislative action, frustrating Americans to the point of exhaustion. In Texas, Bush worked with Democ-

rats to institute tax cuts and overhaul the defunct Texas educational system. We are not naive enough to believe that he can be as successful at breaking down party lines in Washington as he was in Austin, but any attempt to destroy these seemingly indestructible barriers would be good for Americans.

Although Ralph Nader, the Green Party's presidential nominee, brings a breath of fresh air to this campaign, the *Guardian* feels that he is a one-dimensional candidate lacking expertise broad enough to run the most powerful nation in the world. We could not endorse Nader for the post of president in good faith.

Gore is the other major choice in this election. He has been a proponent of the environment since his time in Congress, so if the health of the environment is of primary concern, looking further into Gore's credentials would be warranted. However, the *Guardian* feels that his strong environmental record does not come close to making up for his shortcomings.

Gore will say anything and everything he can to try to sway the vote in his direction. From the well-publicized "I invented the Internet"

quote to a claim that he did not know that a trip to a Buddhist temple was a fund-raiser, Gore has lied throughout the campaign in order to attempt to win votes.

The *Guardian* believes it is time for this deception to come to an end. Perhaps it is naive to believe that Bush will be any more honest or uphold the integrity of the office of president. It is impossible to know how Bush will react if he is voted into office, but the *Guardian* editorial board believes that this chance is one worth taking.

The post of president of the United States was never intended to be so glorious and powerful that people would say or do anything to get there. It was intended to be a representative post of the thoughts and beliefs of the American people. George Washington was elected not because he lied to mix up the issues at hand, but because the people believed him to be the best man for the job.

Gore wants to be president too badly. In the process of striving for it he has alienated the people whom he is relying on. This was the primary reason the *Guardian* was unable to support the vice president, and instead supports his opponent, George W. Bush.

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United States SENATE

Tom Campbell

The *Guardian* endorses Rep. Tom Campbell for the U.S. Senate. Completing his term in the House as a representative of California's traditionally moderate Silicon Valley, Campbell is a socially liberal, fiscally conservative Republican who is not afraid to buck the party line.

Campbell, like his opponent Sen. Dianne Feinstein, is a committed advocate for women. He completed his doctoral dissertation at the University of Chicago, writing on how women earn less than men in the federal government, and he served on the White House Task Force on Women.

Campbell advocates abortion rights. He firmly supports the *Roe v. Wade* decision and opposes its reversal in the Supreme Court or by means of a constitutional amendment.

Campbell also has always been a supporter of clean air and water. He voted to protect the Land and Water Conservation Fund, opposes oil exploration and drilling off California's coast, and was ranked No. 1 in Congress by Green Scissors for cutting the budget in ways that helped the environment. He supports research of cleaner burning fuels and less dependence on crude oil.

Campbell is for local control of education and for giving vouchers to the 10 percent of

California's students in the worst-performing schools to attend nondiscriminating private schools. He is also in favor of the expansion of California's charter school system.

In contrast with Feinstein, Campbell has taken great care in spending taxpayers' money.

In the most recent ratings by the Citizens Against Government Waste, Campbell was awarded the status "Taxpayer Hero," its highest category. The same organization rated Feinstein as "Taxpayer Hostile," its lowest category.

The National Taxpayers' Union rated Campbell the member of Congress least willing to spend taxpayers' money in 1992, 1997 and 1999. Last year, Feinstein was No. 2 in the Senate in willingness to spend money.

Campbell supports an amendment to the U.S. Constitution mandating that the federal government maintain a balanced budget.

During her 1992 Senate campaign, Feinstein promised she would vote for a balanced-budget amendment — and did, when Democrats controlled the Senate and the amendment had no chance of passage.

When Republicans took over in 1995, Feinstein switched her vote on the amendment, claiming it needed language to "protect Social Security," even though the version for which she had previously voted had no such language.

Campbell opposes partisanship and has voted for a balanced-budget amendment

every time it has come up in Congress, no matter which party happened to be in control.

Campbell wants drastic reform of the bloated, unfair and loophole-laden income tax system.

He recommends immediately cutting the capital gains tax in half. By nature, the capital gains tax discourages the selling of assets that have appreciated in value such as homes, real estate and stock. Historically, every capital gains tax cut has resulted in increased economic activity that has more than paid for the cost of the tax cut itself.

Campbell voted to repeal the unfair marriage penalty and death tax. He supports permanent research and development tax credits that allow companies to write off a certain amount of their research and development expenditures. This gives American companies incentive to continue to develop new technologies that will keep the United States at the forefront of innovation, keeping our economy rolling in the future.

The *Guardian* feels that Campbell is the kind of thoughtful, no-nonsense representation California deserves in the Senate.

Although Feinstein has long been an admirable fighter for women, her wildly exorbitant spending tendencies and partisan behavior, and Campbell's own commitment to women, make Campbell, in the opinion of the *Guardian*, the correct choice.

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Austin Hsiao, Guardian

House of Representatives: tied

Susan Davis

Brian Bilbray

California State Assemblywoman Susan Davis is the Democratic challenger to incumbent Republican Brian Bilbray in the race for the 49th Congressional District, which surrounds the UCSD campus.

The contest between these candidates is being closely watched by both parties, as Bilbray's last Democratic challenger, Christine Kehoe, lost by a narrow margin in 1998, earning 46.6 percent to Bilbray's 48.8 percent.

The 49th's swing-district status is further confirmed by the fact that it encompasses voters with a wide array of political ideologies — its borders encompass everywhere from traditionally conservative areas such as La Jolla and Coronado to traditionally liberal cities like Pacific Beach and Imperial Beach.

This year, our diverse district deserves the change it so clearly indicated it was ready for in the Kehoe-Bilbray election of 1998. Davis' refreshing, informed and well-balanced opinions on the main issues prove that she would serve as an outstanding representative of this multifarious district.

It is Davis' legislative record in the state Assembly that proves her unwavering dedication to improvements in education. She has authored legislation to decrease eighth grade class sizes to 20 students and to raise minimum standards for retaining teachers. Furthermore, she was named 1999 Legislator of the Year by the League of Middle Schools and has twice been honored as Legislator of the Year by the California School Boards Association.

On health care, Davis again

has an intensely attractive record. For example, she authored a bill — which then-Gov. Pete Wilson signed into law — that allows women to access obstetric/gynecological care without first having to attain approval from gatekeepers. Her bill was the only piece of health care legislation that Wilson signed into law while in office. In addition, Davis' bills have supported patients' rights to privacy and the right to obtaining a second opinion. Equally important in this election is Davis' consistent support for abortion rights.

Davis' stance on crime also shines. For example, she supports programs such as the Community Oriented Policing program, which is designed to help put more police officers on the nation's streets. She also participated in securing funding for after-school programs that target juvenile violence. Additionally, Davis supports hate crimes legislation.

Regarding environmental concerns, which some tout as an issue on which Bilbray cannot go wrong, Davis is a serious candidate, unbiased by special interests. She received a 100 percent approval rating from the League of Conservation Voters and was named a "Friend of the Environment" by the Sierra Club.

By and far, Davis has proven her ability to lead the changing, growing populations of the 49th Congressional District while serving in the state assembly. For her outstanding and impressive record on education, health care, and other key issues, the Guardian endorses Susan Davis and encourages voters to pay close attention to her exciting campaign in the closing days of the race for the 49th.

Rep. Brian Bilbray is a native San Diego and cites his top priorities as being the protection of health care, social security and education. He is known for direct action when the situation calls for it. He is deserving of reelection to the House of Representatives for his service to the 49th District which includes La Jolla, Clairemont, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach.

Bilbray is a major proponent of environmental issues and his hands-on approach has yielded legislative successes such as the B.E.A.C.H. Bill. This bill requires uniform national standards for ocean water quality and was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives.

Another of his successes is the Border Smog Reduction Act, which requires foreign commuter vehicles to meet higher standards of clean emissions. He strongly supports the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, which will provide federal matching funds for conservation and preservation of open space.

In addition, Bilbray introduced the revolutionary Grindwork Mitigation and Commuter Stability Act of 2000. This act allows employers to offer scheduled "flex time," in which employees could work off-peak hours, thus cutting down on traffic and air pollution.

In his time in the House of Representatives, Bilbray has also garnered the extension of Medicare's life expectancy by 10 years by curbing fraud and allowing per-person Medicare spending to increase by 6.8 percent.

He saved California taxpayers over \$400 million by holding the federal government accountable for hospital bills racked up by undocumented

immigrants in California. He also served on the joint committee that deliberated the Safe Water Act Amendments of 1996. Most recently he has asserted a strong stance against taxation on Internet service providers by authoring the Internet Non-Discrimination Act, the Internet Access Charge Prohibition Act, "E-Sign," the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, and the Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act to cut down on "spam."

Bilbray is adamantly trying to ease the tax burdens imposed on all Americans. He authored the Senior Citizen Freedom to Work Act of 2000 to allow senior citizens to continue working beyond retirement age without losing any social security benefits. He wrote the Marriage Relief Act of 2000 to ease the financial burden of the Marriage Penalty Tax and he also authored the Death Tax Elimination Act, which eliminates the death tax.

Bilbray strongly supports a woman's right to choose but is concerned with procedures such as partial-birth abortion. He is working on legislation that will clearly define the point at which a fetus has separate rights from those of its mother. He also voted against banning gay adoption and for ending race-based preferential treatment in college admissions.

Bilbray is supported by the California College Republicans, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Citizens for Law and Order among others. The Guardian believes Bilbray is the best choice for 49th District representative because he obviously cares about the quality of San Diegans' lives and the future of the environment.

PROPOSITIONS

Veterans' Bond PROP 32 Vote Yes

The Guardian endorses Proposition 32, the Veterans' Bond Act of 2000. Sponsored by Gov. Gray Davis, the bond act would approve \$500 million in low-cost, low-interest home and farm loans for Californian veterans. The loans are aimed at California's Vietnam veteran population.

Despite recent criticism of California's Department of Veterans Affairs by two state watchdogs which stated that the department is grossly inefficient and is not offering attractive loan programs, the Guardian believes recent major reforms to the department are moving it in the right direction.

Supporters say the program is self-sufficient, with bonds being solely funded by the vets themselves with their mortgage payments. Without the passage of the bond issue, Cal-Vet loan programs will run out of funding by 2002.

The Guardian feels we owe it to our veterans to compensate them for interrupting their lives and risking life and limb for their country. All too often, veterans of war have a difficult time readjusting after war, and they deserve all the help they can get.

With low-interest loans with low down payments, more of them will be able to afford homes, and many would be able to afford better homes in safer neighborhoods.

With the armed forces increasingly struggling to meet recruitment goals, it does not help to see war veterans and their families living in unsafe neighborhoods, unable to afford homes. Therefore, the Guardian believes it is essential for morale and recruitment numbers that we treat our veterans like the heroes they are, and help them to improve their lives and the lives of their families.

Legislative Retirement PROP 33 Vote Yes

The Guardian endorses Proposition 33, which would allow members of the state legislature to receive the same retirement benefits as part of the Public Employees Retirement System as any other state employee, without any additional perks. If passed, the proposition would provide incentive for ordinary citizens to serve in the legislature.

Proposition 33 would also reverse aspects of Proposition 140, passed by California voters in 1990, to discourage career politicians. Proposition 140 enacted term limits of six years in the Assembly and eight years in the Senate, and also excluded members from receiving pension through PERS.

Legislature members should receive the same benefits as other state employees. Retirement benefits should not be considered a "perk;" they should be considered a privilege that every state worker has the right to take advantage of. Opponents of Proposition 33 argue that legislative members receive \$99,000 salaries and should invest in a 401k on their own instead of receiving what opponents feel to be undeserved benefits.

Although Assembly members serve only six years, they may serve up to 14 if they also serve in the Senate. This is a long time to go without accruing basic retirement benefits.

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Through the plan, legislature members would get benefits according to standard procedure. They may opt to set aside up to 5 percent of their paycheck. If the investment portfolio does well, members will receive interest. If it stays the same, the member's 5 percent will be matched.

The costs to the state are relatively low, expected to weigh in at just \$1 million. The measure would also eliminate the \$121 members receive per day to cover personal expenses, which add up to approximately \$25,000 in tax-free money per year.

Giving members of the legislature a pension instead of play money is a more sound approach to taking care of their financial needs.

In addition, a vote against Proposition 33 will most likely mean that few but the rich will be able to hold a job in the legislature. Most members are part of a retirement plan with their existing job before they come to serve on the legislature and must forfeit up to 14 years of benefits.

Public office holders should not have to do this.

The Guardian endorses Proposition 33 because it is not about further accommodating members of the legislature, but rather, about treating them the same as everyone else.

Campaign Finance PROP 34 Vote No

Sen. John McCain from Arizona campaigned hard for the issue of campaign finance reform while he was running for president. Proposition 34 brings campaign finance reform to the forefront in California. While the proposition has good intentions, the details show the inadequacies of Proposition 34. Therefore, the Guardian cannot endorse this proposition.

Briefly, Proposition 34 would set limits on the amounts individuals and companies contribute to state politicians' campaigns. The limit of \$6,000, primary and general elections combined, for legislative candidates

would be implemented with the 2002 elections. A limit of \$40,000 will be set for each election cycle for gubernatorial candidates and limits of \$10,000 per election cycle will be imposed on all other statewide elections, such as Treasurer and Secretary of State.

While Proposition 34 looks attractive standing alone, compared to an earlier campaign finance reform proposition, Proposition 208, it is much weaker.

Proposition 208 is much more stringent with the imposed limits — \$2,000 each election cycle for statewide candidates and \$1,000 each election cycle for legislative candidates who agree to limit their overall campaign spending. If passed, Proposition 34 would nullify the earlier Proposition 208.

Another argument against Proposition 34 is that it does nothing to stem the flow of soft money. Soft money is a contribution made to a political party and then distributed to the candidates of the same political party. Considered a loophole in current campaign finance laws, soft

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

San Diego MAYOR Dick Murphy

The Guardian endorses Judge Dick Murphy for San Diego mayor. His environmental record, plans for traffic management and overall vision for San Diego makes him the most qualified candidate.

He has laid out a specific traffic plan combining wider freeways with an expanded mass transit system.

Murphy's opponent, County Supervisor Ron Roberts, has ideas similar to Murphy's. However, he is a career politician, and we feel San Diego needs someone with a clear vision for San Diego that extends beyond the next election.

California State SENATE Dede Alpert

The Guardian believes State Sen. Dede Alpert, a proponent of education and transportation solutions while in the State Senate, deserves to be re-elected.

As senator, Alpert has helped to develop a new Master Plan of Education framework. She also fought for lower electricity rates in San Diego over the summer.

We believe that her opponent, Judge Larry Stirling, does not have the wide-ranging vision for our city and state that Alpert has. We therefore endorse Dede Alpert for the 39th district of the State Senate.

California State ASSEMBLY Christine Kehoe

The Guardian endorses City Councilwoman Christine Kehoe for State Assembly. Kehoe has a strong educational and environmental record, and supports a variety of solutions to our traffic problems, including increased mass transit. Kehoe is also a strong proponent of gun control.

Kehoe's opponent, Michele Nash-Hoff, has very specific plans, but the Guardian feels the issues Kehoe addresses are more crucial to San Diegans, and endorse Kehoe for the 76th district of the State Assembly.

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The band members enjoyed the small venue

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In addition to going to the majority of the on-campus residence halls to pass out flyers for the show.

"I think the concert was marketed to the best of A.S. Council programming committee's ability," Williams said. "There were flyers and paper everywhere, there was a campus-wide e-mail and there was a lot of word of mouth."

The band members, however, did not mind the small crowd, saying that the loyal fans they did entertain loved their performance.

Williams said the group was given the option of not playing because of the small crowd, but it chose to perform to those did come.

"We like to find good in all the shows we do," drummer Daniel Paul said. "It was a nice, intimate crowd. I think they were all hypnotized and they stuck to us."

The remaining band members enjoyed playing a smaller venue,

as it gave them an opportunity to experience an atypical crowd.

"It was a lot of fun," pianist and guitarist Timi said. "It was definitely a challenging crowd. I like that people didn't know anything about this kind of music."

The band's view of the area was equally positive.

Deva Priyo, who plays over 10 different instruments throughout the show, said he enjoyed performing because of the feel that exists around the school.

"Though I can't really make a strong opinion of [San Diego], it has a nice community, a nice family and a nice vibe," he said.

Williams said the fact this type of music is not mainstream may have contributed to the small attendance.

"I decided for the first [TGIF], I wanted to test the waters of this school," she said. "I know now that this school only responds well to top-40 stuff."

The band classifies its music as "ethno-techno," in that it combines current dance and trance

music with lesser-known foreign instruments such as the sitar, tabla, conga and djembe.

"The music puts you on a carpet ride," Priyo said. "The music takes you away on a journey. It is quite powerful."

However, the unusual nature of the songs is what interested many in the crowd.

"I like the fact it gets me in a peaceful state of mind," said Esthela Becerra, visiting from Mount St. Antonio College in Los Angeles. "I like the fact it is different. You can interpret it in your own words."

Because those in attendance did enjoy the concert, Williams said that a band such as this would be better suited to play during a big festival when there are headlining bands also present.

"This would have been great for a show like that," Williams said. "Students would be forced to expand their horizons."

However, Becerra felt that the lack of energy and attendance of the crowd prohibited her from losing herself in the performance.

"Maybe there would have been more energy with more people," she said. "I think if there were, I would be in more of a mood to dance."

Williams said the lack of dancers at the show may have occurred due to the concert's early starting time of 7:30 p.m., before which the DJs and Vinylphiles Club spun for one hour. A later starting time might have attracted more dancers.

Those in attendance expressed enjoyment of the TGIF and said they would attend another concert next quarter for its cultural benefits.

"This definitely has the potential to bring a lot of people together," Becerra said. "With a variety of concerts like this one, it would be easier to understand other people's cultures."

The next TGIF is set to take place in February, in conjunction with Black History Month and the Student of Color Conference.

In addition, the A.S. Council is holding a "Nooner" concert Wednesday, with a possible guest appearance by '80s music star Tiffany.

The A.S. Council has plans to start a dance club, slated for Friday nights in Porter's Pub throughout the next two quarters.

Collegiate:

Amusement parks helped people accept technology

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1900s. In addition to touring the parks, users will also be able to see hand-tinted postcards from the period, view movies made about amusement parks before 1925 and read educational texts on their history and societal impact.

Work on the program has already begun with a three-dimensional animator and two teams of research professors, including five from the University of Iowa. Rabinovitz has not yet decided how the program will be marketed, she said, but it will be used as a teaching tool.

An early version will be completed by February, and a more refined copy will be finished in May. Rabinovitz and her team will spend the next year testing the program before its presentation.

The project will present the argument that amusement parks at the turn of the century not only gave people enjoyment but helped them to accept technological advances and changes in society.

— *The Daily Iowan*

Columbia Identifies Deceased Student

NEW YORK — Columbia University announced yesterday that the student found dead in the Pi Kappa Alpha house Wednesday evening was Per Malloch, class of 2001. Malloch's is the fifth undergraduate death at Columbia in the year 2000.

Police repeatedly refused to divulge any information on the cause of death.

However, university officials said there is no reason to suspect foul play.

Further information will be available after an autopsy.

Malloch was not a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, but had been placed into an empty room in the fraternity by university residence halls.

Colombo said that there were no plans as yet for a vigil, although the university would help any group of students that wished to organize one.

— *Columbia Daily Spectator*

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FEATURES

The Days of the DEAD



Dias de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican holiday that celebrates the dead and recognizes that they live on in the afterlife

Each culture has a different way of mourning those who have passed on. Death is very hard to deal with, to accept and to appreciate. There is no right or wrong way to mourn.

In America, death is dealt with in a very dark way. It is very solemn and quiet. A few miles away, however, people deal with death with a very different attitude, as it is celebrated in a two-day festival known as "dias de los muertos."

Dias de los muertos translates to "days of the dead." It is a time when people in Mexico recognize, and at the same time celebrate, those who have died. It is a happy celebration where the dead come back to the world of the living for a day to be with loved ones. They come back to eat, drink and have a good time.

Deceased children come home to visit on the night of Oct. 31 and must be gone by the afternoon of Nov. 1. That is when the adults come home to visit and stay until mid-day Nov. 2.

The family greets the deceased adult with several offerings, including aromas

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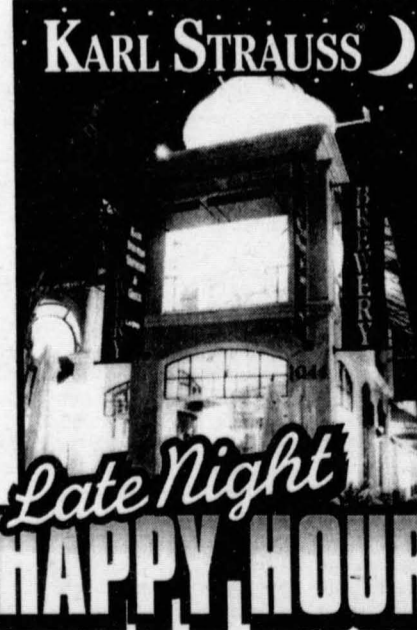
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What do you think is the biggest issue facing voters in this election?

Interviews & Photography by **Brian Moghadam**



"Education is the most important issue to me this election. I don't really know much about the others."

Jonathan Dang
Revelle freshman



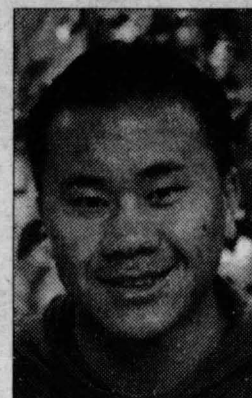
"I'm not up on my politics right now. I'd vote for whoever does the best for the economy."

John Dahan
Marshall junior



"Pro-choice is the biggest issue for me. I'm also voting against vouchers and yes on 36."

Vanessa Jameson
Marshall senior



"Financial status ... that's probably the biggest issue in the election."

Xieng Lee
Muir sophomore



"I'm not really politically educated. I think vouchers are going to be the most important issue on Tuesday."

Marie Owens
Muir sophomore



"I'm pro-choice. I'm voting no on 38, the vouchers, and yes on 36, the one on drug penalties."

Ashlei Jordanov
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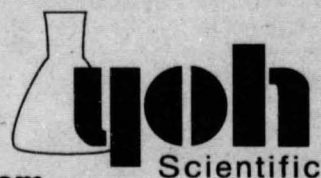
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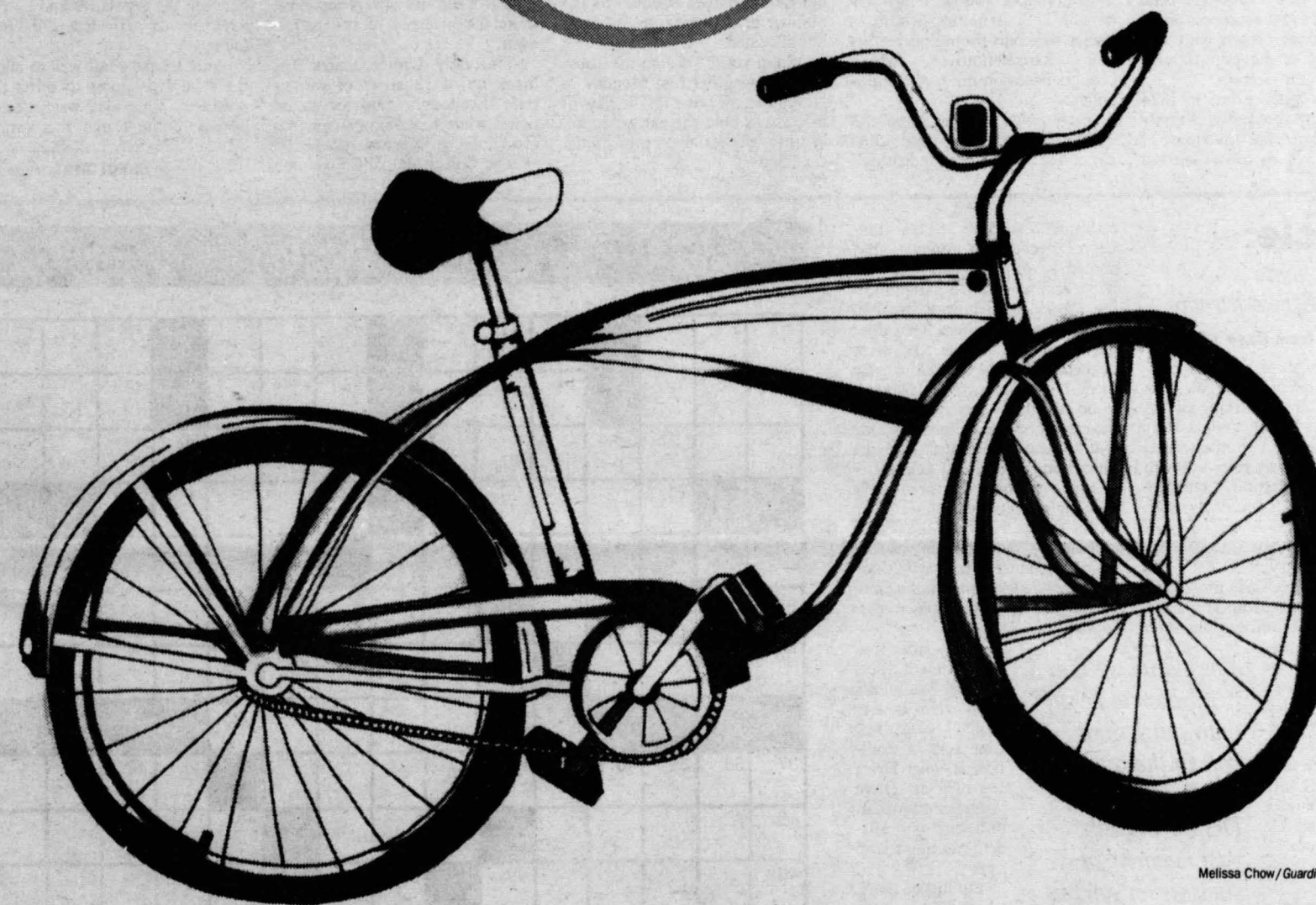
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Cycling @ UCSD



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Biking around UCSD can be dangerous if the proper safety precautions are not taken

Story by

Ronnie Das

Contributing Features Writer

People don't like getting hit by cars. However, to the many students at UCSD who use bicycles as an alternative form of transportation, the threat is very real.

About 20,000 students attend UCSD, the population of a small town. Although not all students are on campus at once, the rules pertaining to bicyclists in small towns can be applied to our own campus. The number of students who bike on campus is small compared to the number of pedestrians, but cyclists still make up a significant portion, since they are spread across the campus.

One major problem for student cyclists are the roads surrounding the campus. Because of UCSD's close proximity to Interstate 5, there are many major roadways, which means more cars, faster speed limits, fewer pedestrians and more danger.

The intersection of Genesee Avenue and North Torrey Pines Road is a very tricky to cross for some cyclists. Not only is there a banked incline on North Torrey Pines toward Genesee, but the bike lane from the right also crosses between the slow lane that turns left

onto Genesee and the right-turn lane. For bikers with backpacks trying to stay alert, the intersection, with cars passing at high speeds, proves to be very dangerous.

Another extremely dangerous route is on La Jolla Village Drive, where cars can merge into Interstate 5. On both sides of the street, the bicycle lanes are nonexistent, which makes the road dangerous for commuting cyclists. Cars speed up to 40 to 50 mph to get onto the on-ramp, and student cyclists are in the middle of it. On top of this, in order to pass the on-ramp, student riders must ride between two car lanes for a distance before the on-ramp lane ends and the bridge over Interstate 5 begins.

A similar situation occurs at La Jolla Village Drive toward campus where a right turn lane goes toward Gilman Drive. Students are forced to take this road because of the steep incline of Villa La Jolla Drive that leads to the new parking structure near Eleanor Roosevelt College.

Other dangerous intersection zones for bikers are Gilman Drive and Voigt Drive, near the Scripps and Ximed Center. The T-junction is busy with shuttles

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Learning the Voting Process is Important

The Electoral College dates back to the founding of the country and has evolved over time

By JOSH CROUSE
Features Editor

For many students at UCSD, this will be the first presidential election in which they will be allowed to vote. One would hope that after years of waiting for this chance to assert their political preferences in the voting booth, these eager young voters would have a firm grasp on the election process. However, the sad but true fact of the matter is that many students are still left without a clue as to how the president and vice president are elected.

The candidate that receives the most votes does not always win the election. In fact, there have been two instances in the nation's history in which the person who won the majority of the popular vote failed to win the election.

The first instance was in 1824 when nobody received a majority of electoral votes and the House of Representatives narrowly selected

John Quincy Adams for president, despite the fact that Andrew Jackson had received the plurality of the popular vote.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison won narrow victories in several big states to win the election over incumbent Grover Cleveland, despite Cleveland getting more than 110,000 more popular votes than Harrison.

The fact is, presidents are not elected by the people. They are elected by the Electoral College, a system that has been around since the beginning of the country and has evolved over time to fit the needs of the election.

Each state is allocated a number of electors that is equal to its number of U.S. Senators, which is always two, plus the number of its U.S. Representatives, which changes based on the state's population.

Each political party submits a list of individuals to the state's chief election official. These individuals

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pledged their vote to the party's presidential candidate. The number of individuals is equal to the number of electoral votes the state was allocated.

When voters vote on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, they vote for the slate of individuals from the party that will in turn vote for their presidential candidate.

The party that wins the most popular votes in a state gets to have its slate of electors cast that state's electoral votes. This is true of every state except Maine and Nebraska, which have two electors chosen statewide, while the other electors are chosen by each congressional district.

Each elector is given two votes. One vote is for the president and the other vote is for the vice president.

In the event of a tie in electoral votes, the U.S. House of Representatives will determine who becomes president.

Some students may ask themselves why such a system would be used if it did not always represent what the majority of the people want.

The early United States was made up of 13 states of various sizes that fought hard for states' rights while remaining suspicious of a central government.

The Constitutional Convention

of 1787 considered several options for electing the president and vice president before settling on the Electoral College, according to William C. Kimberling, the deputy director of the Federal Election Commission Office of Election Administration, in an essay of his titled, "The Electoral College."

One of the first ideas was to have Congress choose the president. This idea was quickly rejected because many people at the Constitutional Convention felt that this would cause too much political bargaining and corruption among candidates and members of Congress. Others thought that it would upset the delicate balance of power between the legislative and executive branches of the federal government.

Another proposal was to allow the state legislatures to select the president. This idea was rejected because some feared that candi-

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Bicycle:

The community is becoming bike-friendly

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passing through to the East campus parking lot, cars emerging from the Pepper Canyon parking lot and speeding cars on the straight-away from off-campus. The intersection may be a three-way stop, but with the traffic congestion, construction, uneven roads and drivers who take up the center of the intersection coming into one of the lanes, it proves to be dangerous.

According to UCSD traffic officer Jeff Cox, the various roads and intersections around campus such as the ones mentioned above, as well as others including Justice Lane and the three intersections of Gilman Drive with Russell Lane, Library Walk and Mandeville, are all quite dangerous.

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Campus Planning Jeff Steindorf provided much information concerning the various city plans for bicyclists.

"Bike lanes already exist all the way up to North Torrey Pines Road to Del Mar and along old Highway 101 to Encinitas," Steindorf said. "However, La Jolla Village Drive was not designated a bike route in the community plan. But Nobel, Genesee, Regents, Villa La Jolla and Gilman are all designated to eventually include bike lanes. The City of San Diego will be responsible for this funding, implementation and improvements."

Also, the concern for "smart" traffic lights that do not require a person to touch the signal but will be automatically timed, is also a major issue since some cars, not to mention cyclists, run red lights. Whenever the school is made aware of traffic light mechanisms that are not tripped by bicycles, the city's bicycle coordinator is contacted so that the problem can be fixed right away. Still, there are traffic lights that do not switch right away.

"To be a biker on campus sucks," said sophomore Austin Leach. "The motorists don't give us any respect and see us as mere speed bumps."

The school and city are not all

to blame. If students see the number of cyclists on campus, they should try to count how many wear helmets. The result is disappointing. Wearing a helmet is required by state law for minors. That does not mean that people who wear helmets are simply too old to wear them. The old adage that it is better to be safe than sorry rings true in the case of bicycle helmets. Despite that, the vast majority of students on campus do not wear helmets.

Since November, there have been eight major bicycle accidents on campus. Five of the eight cyclists involved were not wearing helmets and resulted in serious injuries. The ignorance and lack of observance of this simple rule is baffling.

The fact that some student riders do not follow the rules also causes more problems. Last year, a collision at Voigt Drive and Gilman Drive occurred due to an unhelmeted student running a stop sign.

On Justice Lane, which goes from the shuttle stop to the Warren apartments (also another hazardous road because of the volume of vehicles passing through), a student with no helmet was not paying attention and slammed into a vehicle that stopped.

Two accidents within the last year happened on the intersections of Gilman Drive with Mandeville Lane and Matthews Lane, with both sets of students not wearing any protective gear.

The school's history regarding cyclists is not a long one. UCSD was not originally planned to have a large student bicyclist population, and thus exclusive use of bicycle lanes was not implemented. The school, however, is continuing to implement a loop road shared by bicycles and vehicles, with interior loops for bikers to get to key parts of campus.

For those bicyclists who complain about constantly having to bike up a hill, they should take into account the several locations that the campus could have been located. Those include Balboa Park and Lake Murray, both of which would have provided considerably more hills for bikers to climb. Much of the present campus is located on a hill with a relatively modest incline, with the highest elevation being at Peterson Hall.

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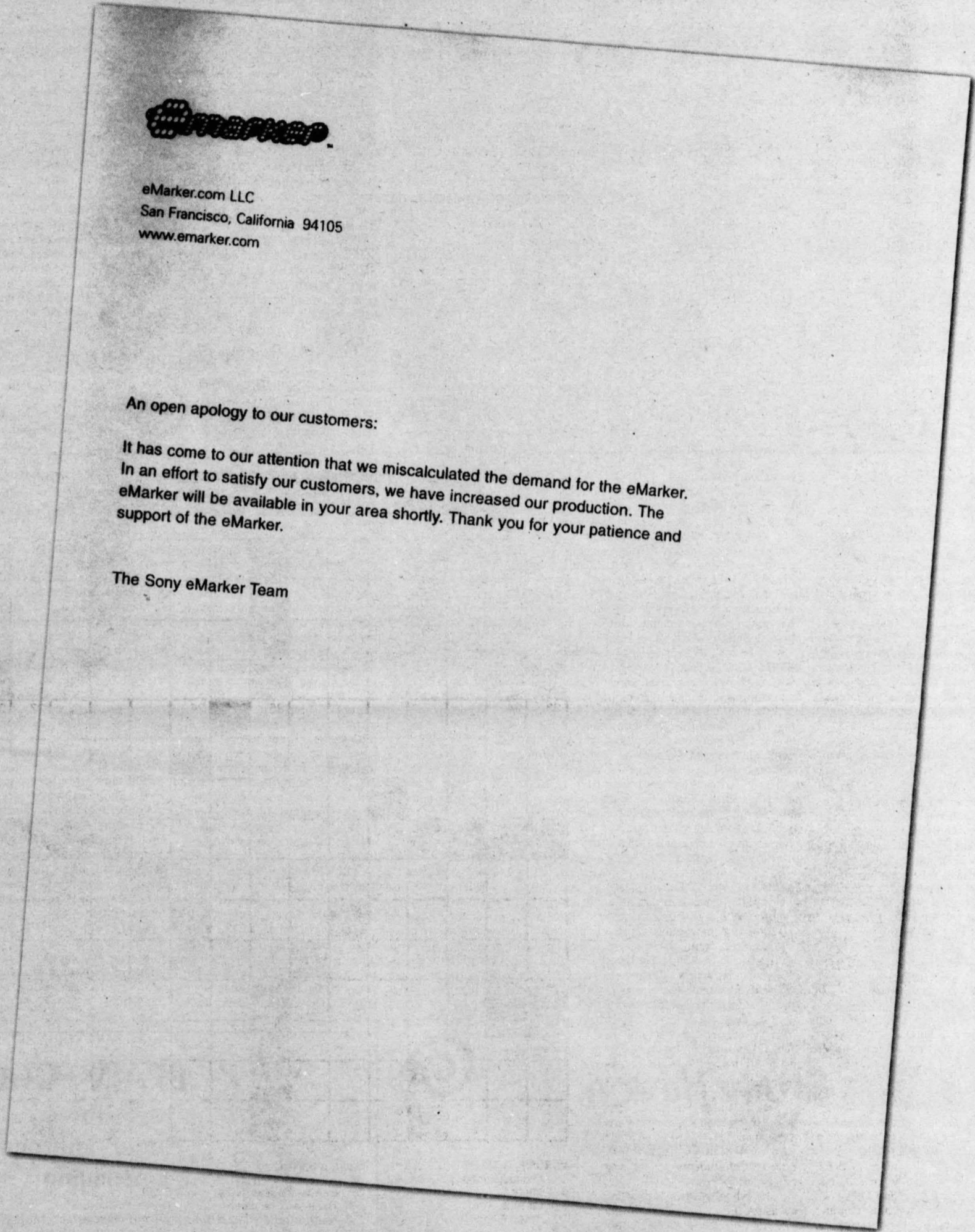
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"Here's a signal that Tony Gwynn won't be back with the Padres next year. Right fielder Garth Brooks now is available full time."

—Nick Canepa
The San Diego Union-Tribune

SPORTS



Should We Have Pity For Strawberry?



ROBERT FULTON

The legendary Darryl Strawberry — he is one of those "what might have been" kind of guys. His numbers during his early days with the Mets were outstanding. He was on pace to destroy many career home run marks, including the total career home run mark.

On pace, that is.

At a young age, he was part of a World Series championship team, the 1986 Mets. He later went on to play for the Los Angeles Dodgers, signing for what was, at the time, an insane amount of money. Strawberry was a future Hall-of-Famer and a perennial All Star.

What happened?

It is hard to say exactly what happened, but it culminated last week. Strawberry, suffering from a double whammy of colon cancer and cocaine addiction, revealed that he would prefer to be dead.

It is a sad thing to read when a baseball hero, a one-time unmistakable figure (for all the right reasons) falls to the point of suicide.

The question is whether we should feel sorry for him.

It is almost natural to feel sorry for him. It is natural to feel for someone who has fallen to the lowest depths of life. Killing oneself is not a laughing matter. It is something to take seriously, no matter who it is.

Then, upon further consideration of Strawberry's life, why should we feel sorry for him? I look at it this way: He has had everything handed

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Tritons Strong at Regionals

Cross country squad finishes fourth, eighth

By **ISAAC PEARLMAN**
Staff Writer

Last Friday at Prado Park in Chino, Calif., the UCSD cross country teams turned in strong group performances at the NCAA Division II Regionals.

The Triton men secured an impressive fourth-place finish out of 13 teams, with an average time of 35:07.2 in the 10,000-meter course. The UC Davis team finished first with an average time of 33:23.4.

The UCSD women's team also placed well, earning eighth place out of 18 teams. Its runners had an average time of 25:20.9 in their 6,000-meter course, while the first-place team, Central Washington, averaged a time of 23:47.8 en route to victory.

Neither Triton squad had any

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UCSD: CCAA Champs!

Cuder's first-half goal seals the title for the Tritons

By **ROBERT FULTON**
Sports Editor

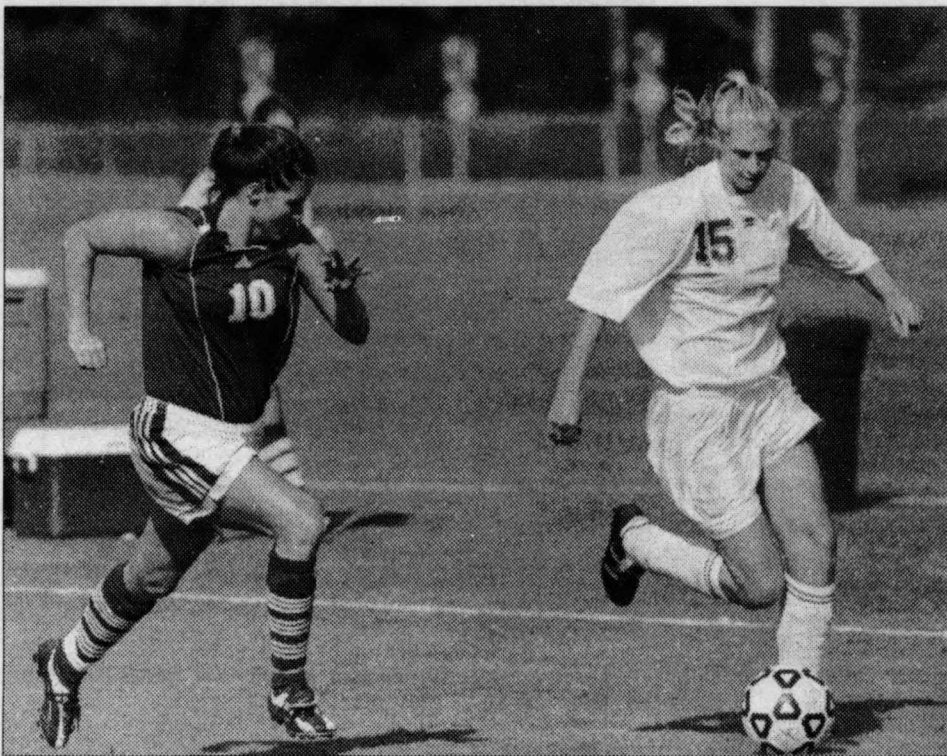
CARSON, Calif. — You cannot stop the UCSD women's soccer team; You can only hope to contain them.

The Tritons yet again proved their dominance yesterday, winning the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship with a 1-0 victory over Sonoma State University at Toro Field.

UCSD took the lead in the 18th minute of the first half. The Tritons' Julia Cuder booted a corner kick past the Cossacks goalkeeper Kara Stout.

"We knew we were pretty dominant on corner kicks because we have scored a lot from them, so every time we do get one, everybody gets pumped up and excited," Cuder said. "On every kick I just try to drive it in. On that one, Liz [Hughes] made an awesome up-post run and she distracted them and it just went in."

Stout was a formidable opponent, having been named an



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Champs: UCSD's Erika Alfredson, shown here during a game earlier this year, was instrumental in the Tritons CCAA title run

Men's Soccer Falls in Conference Semis

Tritons hold tight in first half, give up two goals in the second half en route to loss

By **ARVIND VASAN**
Staff Writer

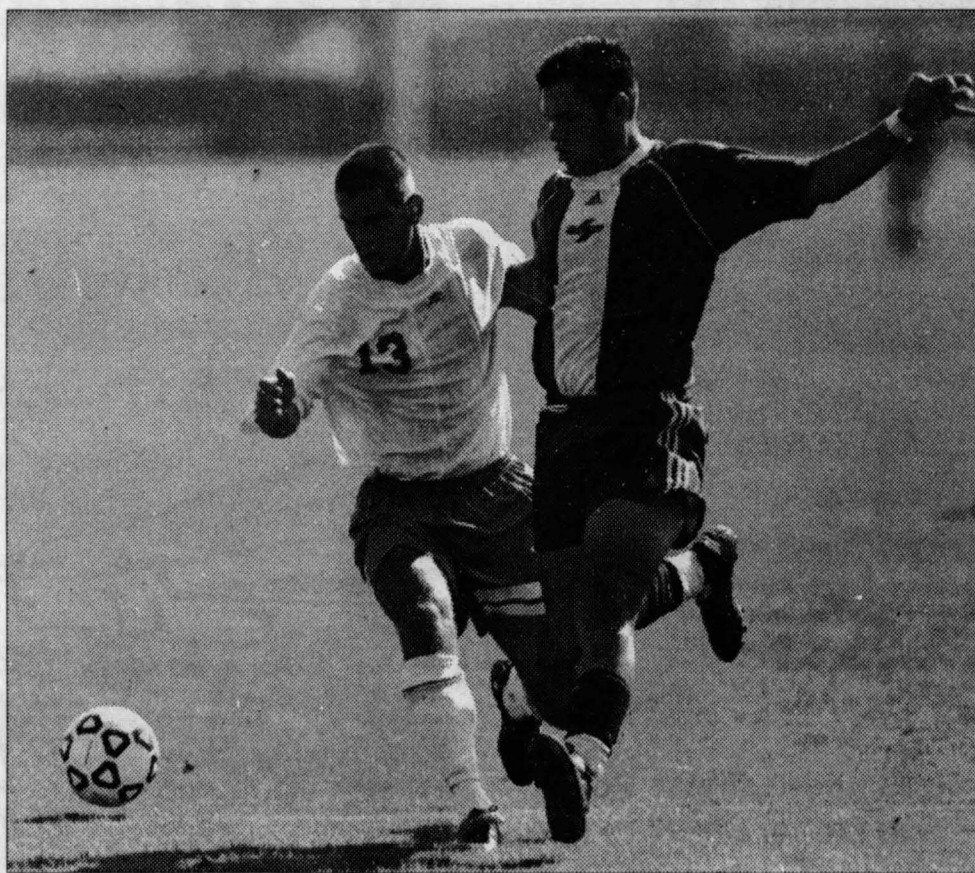
In its first year of competition at the Division II level, the UCSD men's soccer team could not pull off an upset against Sonoma State University to advance in the 2000 California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship Tournament.

The teams faced off on Friday, Nov. 3, at the campus of CSU Dominguez Hills, the host of the event. The previous meeting between these two squads resulted in a 2-1 loss for the Tritons, as freshman Jonathan Costabile scored the only goal for UCSD.

Ryan Blair and Brady Bernard returned after suffering injuries during the regular season, which gave the Tritons better artillery against Sonoma State.

The game was scoreless in the first half, which could be accredited to the time both teams took to figure out their game plan in such a crucial match. Unfortunately, Sonoma State struck first, just after four minutes into the second half.

Ivan Alvarado threw the ball to Tony Bussard, who placed it out of the reach of Triton goalkeeper Jeremy Cookson. Sonoma then increased the margin just two min-



Leo Der Stepanians/Guardian

Pardon me: UCSD's Brady Bernard scored a late goal during the Tritons' semi-final loss to Sonoma State

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Be sure not to miss this week at home:

- Women's volleyball at The UCSD Sunset San Diego Tournament, 6 p.m.
- Swimming and diving team vs California State University, Bakersfield, 2 p.m.
- Women's volleyball vs. the San Francisco Olympic Club, noon