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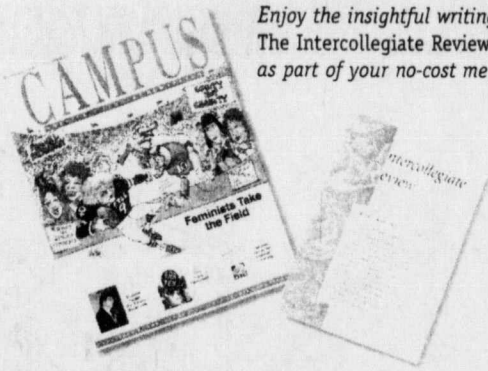
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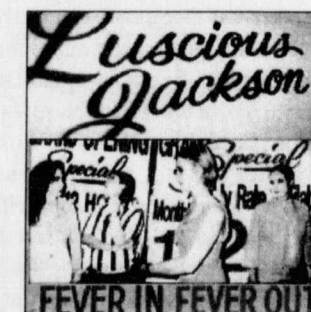
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Letters...

Cheers...

Editor:

I must commend all of you on your excellent writings! They presented a side of the issues that is not commonly represented on this liberal campus, and probably not known by most students on campus.

I applaud your criticism on the ill-hatched protest on proposition 209. After running into the raucous parade down the library walk after class one day, seeing and hearing the disruptive and misleading chants, and noticing (with dismay) the news vans and reporters, I felt that the representation of the goal of prop 209 would be marred. But, there is some conscious effort to educate the biased student masses. Biased, not by themselves, perhaps, but by the one-sided media, be it on campus or off campus. I commend your piece!

The piece on MTV and the poor reporter Tabitha Soren was a great eyeopener! Personally, I do not watch MTV often, but from what I have seen of it, it was always lenient on liberals and misrepresented conservatives. Overall, I think, the media lauded the liberals more and lambasted the conservatives. I am not saying I am conservative, or that I am liberal. I just think it is time people exercised their right to self-discipline and to gain access to all information, and to read things with a grain of salt. Because everything is biased, and it is up to the individual to gauge the degree of bias and to consider from the point of being knowledgeable. Certainly MTV, and most of the media, bumbled in their attempt to sabotage the election with a liberal representation devoid of an accurate conservative representation. Hopefully, we won't taste the salt of their malingering.

I must commend Justin Gruenberg on his writing. I am of Asian descent, and it took hard work to get to where I am, and the more appreciative I am of that. I have learned more than if I had relied only on preferential treatment, such as affirmative action. Self-achieving and surpassing hardships is much

better than using government handouts to assuage what they have done in the past. Because what have you proven? Only that you know how to fool the government and get others to pay for you. Good Job! I look forward to more editions of the *California Review*.

**Sumay Sha
via E-mail**

Editor's Note: Thank you for your thoughts. It's always nice to hear from readers and those who share our opinions. We welcome all opinions on relevant issues and it's reassuring to hear from those who agree with CR..

And Jeers...

Editor:

I would like to know how you've been screwed over by society. Your narrow minded view indicates that you have a great deal of resentment towards our society. It is great we live in a society where we can openly argue our own opinions. Frankly, you went too far. It is unfortunate that the "extreme right," such as you claim to be, must view the actions of a minority few as being universal. Do you consider disrupting a speech to be wrong? Obviously it is rude and impolite, but we as free Americans cherish the right to freely express our views. Personally, I was not a part of such a campaign but I do not condemn their actions. Furthermore, you are no better than these individuals who used such extreme measures. "Fight fire with fire, eh?" How dare you state that these individuals are morally out of line, when you yourself are preaching the same totalitarian view.

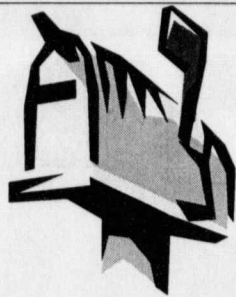
Seriously, is liberalism so bad? I mean don't you have a life? There are more important things in life to worry about. Another thing—communism and socialist ideas are not going to take over the Old Student Center nor UCSD for that matter. The only beliefs that the populus of UCSD

should be concerned about is your ignorant attempt to explain political conflict. I agree we should "mobilize against the lies." The best place to start would be with yourself. Your radical right view and belief in making a stand to fight isn't too far off from the radical views practiced in Nazi Germany. In closing, try to make more friends and learn to compromise. I bet you would be a lot happier with yourself and with society.

**Robert Rasmussen
via E-mail**

Editor's Note: In response, let me say that I have yet to be screwed over by society and I do not resent our society. In fact, I love my country and the society in which I live. However, our society is not perfect, and will never be if no one speaks up and promotes debate. Unlike you say, I do not "claim to be" the extreme right. I find it unfortunate that you do not condemn rude, impolite and inappropriate behavior. Personally, I do. I think respect for others entails politeness and allowing them to speak without rude interruption. I agree with you that there are important things in life, however I think respect for others is very important. It seems you misinterpreted my statement, "Fight fire with fire," and I regret that. But, what I hoped people would realize was that I was encouraging both sides to speak up on issues. It has been dismaying to me to see the lack of enthusiasm from conservatives on this campus and I only hoped to encourage more participation from them.

I really debated whether or not to even respond to your letter, since it made little sense at times and was filled with pointless insults and ad hominem attacks. You had trouble drafting a cogent response to my editorial and felt the need to directly insult me to try to get a point across. I do not consider myself to be from the radical right and I certainly share no ideals with the Nazis. But, at any rate, I do thank you for your contribution. It did bring a few laughs to our staff.



Editor:

I considered myself a Republican far before I could vote in my first election. Voting for my party filled me with pride, to realize I was making a difference in my society and the community surrounding me. But in Volume XVI, No. 1 you shocked and made me ashamed to be a part of the Republican Party. Isn't it bad enough that Dole and Buchanan were both backed up by the National Rifle Association? Isn't that enough of a shame? Guns kill people. It is true that no gun goes off on its own. As it is true that a man can kill without a gun, it is also true that most homicides are done with guns. And in the *California Review* there was an article advertising a type of gun! Guns are dangerous and our right to have them is guaranteed by our Constitution. This does not make owning them right, nor does it justify the use of a gun causing murder. Owning a gun doesn't make one a killer, this is true, but to aim a gun and fire it at another living person does. To advertise guns is to condone crime. Something I felt the Republican Party was against. Having an article about guns is in poor taste if

nothing else. We all have the freedom of speech. Lon Nguyen was allowed to write this, and you were allowed to publish this—I understand our Constitution quite well thank you. As do I have the right to make you aware of the problem of advertising guns without a warning about the harm that they can do. People kill people with guns. "There are no manual safety or decocking levers to fumble with." Although you can shoot the gun a whole lot faster just imagine a youngster shooting that gun, thinking it's a toy and seeing them die because you don't want to "fumble" with a safety lock.

I hope you will publish my letter to the editor to make people realize that just because we have the Constitutional right to do something does not make it right—guns are dangerous.

**B.F.
Washington State**

Editor's Note: Thank you for your concern. The *California Review* wishes to remind its readers that we are a conservative publication. We do not profess any blanket partisan support for the Republican Party.

While we sometimes agree with Republican ideology and their representatives, we are not a Republican-only publication and do not claim to be. Frankly, we consider anyone who provides blanket partisan support for one party to be ignorant. One should base their support on agreement with individuals and ideas, not on party affiliation.

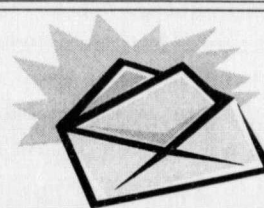
We are a conservative publication and we have no problem with the N.R.A. We believe in our constitutional right to bear arms. We do not believe owing a gun is wrong and if you feel offended by our gun review articles, simply skip over them because they will not end. Additionally, we can't fathom what your logic is when you say that "to advertise guns is to condone crime." Hopefully, readers of the *California Review* have enough common sense to realize that we support the safe use of firearms and that "youngsters" should not have contact with firearms. We feel no need to print a warning about guns as you suggest. We believe that most people already know that "guns can kill people."

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FROM THE
PEN OF THE EDITOR



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Jumping Off the Bridge to the 21st Century

Recently President Clinton delivered his State of the Union address and I would like to take this opportunity to question a few things he talked about.

Clinton spoke about a compelling need to move our nation into the 21st century, as if the year 2000 will be all that different than 1999. He plays it up like the world's going to end if everyone isn't surfing the net by New Year's 2000. And speaking of surfing the net, Clinton stated that he wanted to guarantee Internet access for all 12 year olds. Now that's fine and dandy, but what ever happened to the three R's, reading, writing, and 'rithmetic? It seems to me that the reason our nations schools lag behind has a lot more to do with a lack of adequate preparation in basic skills. Our students need more instruction in core subjects like mathematics, the sciences, writing skills, and so forth; not the ability to log on to Pepsi's newest website. Now, don't get me wrong, I have nothing against the Internet, it is certainly a valuable tool for research, as well as recreation. But at a time when inner city schools don't even have money for textbooks, getting Web browsers into the classroom shouldn't really be a priority. And after all, how many 12 year olds do you know who use the Internet for doing research for a paper? I remember that when I was in grade school everyone loved to go to the computer lab, we could relax and stop thinking for an hour. An important question to ask Clinton should be, how do we pay for all this? Presumably we'd cut defense spending more, that way we can spread ourselves out even thinner at all of the President's little escapades with the Armed Forces in places like Haiti and Somalia.

Along with Internet access for 12 year olds, Clinton said that every home should have a computer in it. Since when does a Presidential wish list guarantee that everyone has a computer. I suppose that's the way Clinton really wants things; what he says, goes! I don't recall hearing about the government handing out televisions in the '50's. And yet virtually every household now has one. Clinton seems to forget that the United States is not socialist, no redistribution of wealth or goods goes on here, or at least it isn't supposed to. In this free market, eventually everyone will have access to computers as prices drop relative to the technology needed to develop and

produce them. The same thing has happened with televisions, no reason why it won't with computers.

Another thing that Clinton stressed was the need for campaign finance reform. Maybe what he ought to be looking at is coffee price reform. \$100,000 for coffee at the White House seems a bit steep for a cup of java. In addition to the coffee scandals, the Clinton administration released a list of over 900 names of people who spent the night in the White House over the last four years. A handwritten note from Clinton himself has also emerged encouraging the overnight visits for political fundraising. Maybe Clinton *should* head up any efforts at reform, he certainly knows what new rules we need, because he's already broken all the existing ones.

Clinton talked about America's successful bailout of Mexico and how we profited \$500 million when Mexico paid back the loan 3 years early. Don't get too excited folks. What he failed to mention was that Mexico paid us back with money from high interest loans from other nations. Things aren't all that great in Mexico, much remains the same. We'll probably end up "rescuing" Mexico again in a few years. I have no problem with loaning money to our neighbor Mexico, but it annoys me when Clinton takes credit for all these things that aren't happening and won't ever happen. For example, he talked about these 7 million new jobs created during his administration. He failed to mention that that was normal growth, about 2% per year. According to the *National Review*, from 1983 to 1989, the job growth rate was 5% per year. Suddenly Clinton's statistics don't sound all that wonderful.

Frankly, I really had trouble listening to our President harp on about himself and what a wonderful job he's done. And what really got to me was all this "bridge to the 21st Century" nonsense. I guess it's one of those poll-tested phrases Clinton is apt to use. The year 2000 is just another year to me, as I'm sure it is to most Americans. The nation as we know it will not end January 1, 2000. (Unless, ol' slick Willie has something up his sleeve that we don't know about.) I recall that during his address Clinton said, "I will go to China." If we're lucky, maybe since he's so accustomed to the communist ideology he'll stay over there. But then again, you know who we're left with if Bill left town.

—Gavin Gruenberg
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to Kindergarten

Ever wonder what our A.S. Council does?

by Pete Trosclair

As I was walking on campus the other day, something occurred to me. I realized that I had no clue who my A.S. President was. In fact, I was clueless as to any aspect concerning student government. I felt so uninformed; so unconcerned. I felt unworthy to call myself a UCSD student. After the tears dried and the pain subsided, I decided to do something about my ignorance. I rearranged my work schedule, altered my study time and canceled a date with my fiancée so that I could spend two nights with my student representatives.

Okay, I was not totally clueless about student government. I did hear a few rumors about the A.S. in regards to their overwhelming leftist biases. So, I went in expecting the worst. To my surprise, things were nowhere near what I expected.

Upon entering the Cove I saw that there was no bronze statue of Marx that you must genuflect to in order to be granted access. Also, contrary to popular myth, meetings do not begin with a pledge of allegiance to the international proletariat revolution to overthrow all capitalists. All such rumors are nonsense.

In fact, there was only one time that Marx reared his ugly head. This occurred during a discussion about replacing Tele-Job with an internet home page. One A.S. member's chief concern was that students may lose their jobs if the internet replaces the phone. And of course, she was right to worry about the loss of jobs due to progress. Wasn't she?

Overall, I was surprised at the lack of leftist rhetoric exhibited in the meetings. Yet, I witnessed

something almost more disturbing than any obsequious attitudes towards Marx. The simplest way to describe what I witnessed is *lack of concern*. And on occasion, that lack of concern turned into blatant disrespect.

The most prominent example of disrespect occurred during a portion of the meeting where any student is allowed to voice his or her concerns. A student from Revelle College used this opportunity to complain about what he perceived to be unequal funding of college

programs by the A.S. council. The particulars of the case are not important. What is important is the way this student's complaint was received. As he spoke, council members gayly strolled in and out of the meeting. Those that did remain in their seats were either deeply enthralled in their own conversations or busy trying to figure out exactly what kind of meat is really used in a quesadilla from Tia Molly's. Simply put, his complaint fell on preoccupied ears. Trying to suck a smoothie through a straw was more important than hearing out an articulate complaint from a student that they supposedly represent.

Although they ignored him, the council did not pass up the opportunity to humiliate the student speaker. When he finished, the council members were nice enough to put their food down and send him off with a nice patronizing round of applause. You know, the kind of applause and fake smile that says, "thank you for wasting my time; please move on."

Now, as a student watching this unfold, am I

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supposed to be encouraged to rise and voice any of my concerns? Call me crazy, but there is something about humiliation and disrespect that causes me to avoid them at all times. The question then is, how many other students have witnessed or experienced this type of treatment from the A.S. council, and what kind of effect does this disrespect have on student input?

Since this was the only instance of a complaint voiced against A.S. actions, there are no other instances of disrespect for me to report. But, as for lack of concern among A.S. members, my cup runneth over with examples. The most obvious example is the number of members that just cannot quite make it on time. I understand that we are all busy studying, playing pool, shooting basketball. I understand that it is hard to schedule commitments and responsibilities into that kind of schedule. We are all busy, and something has to give at some point. So, being ten, twenty, or even thirty minutes late to a measly old meeting is acceptable. Besides, it is only student government, and we all know how unimportant that is.

Since the first example is excusable, I guess a second example is in order. How about the need to start keeping track of attendance at legislative meetings because, frankly, too many members are missing them. Let me make this point clear, I did not witness these absences. My testimony relies strictly on the complaint voiced by a high standing council member. Maybe it is more appropriate for me to stick with what I witnessed. So... I guess describing the meeting as a kindergarten class is appropriate. That room is in definite need of Ridilin. No one could sit still. People were constantly going in and out of the meeting. But do not worry, I'm sure there is a loud speaker at Wendy's so that members do not miss any of the meeting. The constant in and out traffic was so bad that at one point they did not have enough people present to call a quorum and end the enlightened debate they were engaged in. But, not to fear, only minutes later a member walked through the door with pizza in hand. Now, I know

for sure that there's no loud speaker at Round Table.

Of those members that did remain seated, few actually contributed or paid attention. If they were not stuffing their faces, then they were carrying on their own private conversations. Two members actually fell over in their chairs because they could not sit still. I was waiting

for love notes to start circulating at any moment. Maybe nap time and a cookie and milk break should be worked into future meetings.

The actions I witnessed made me wonder as to how a council member could vote intelligently on an issue when he or she misses most of the debate. But, as noted earlier, it is only student government. It's not very important. Besides, there is no rule that states you must be active in order to include an extra-curricular activity on your graduate school application. You need only be a member.

Please, I beg you not to take my word at face value. I could simply be some untrustworthy student spreading

untruths about an overachieving A.S. Council. But would you take your president's word on this issue? Well, apparently she sees many of the things that I witnessed. In fact, she acknowledged as much. She voiced a desire to hold a special meeting to discuss the new constitution because she believed that people were too unfocused during the weekly meetings. She believed that the issue would not get the attention it needed. In other words, there was too much coming and going, too much talking, too much face stuffing, and not enough concern. Well now, isn't this "representative government" at its finest. I have a better idea. How about appointing a blue ribbon commission to handle the problem. Maybe that way our new constitution will get the attention it deserves.

Anyway, after those two nights I spent with my student representatives, one thing was clear. The tears I shed were wasted. I was worthy of calling myself a UCSD student. With my lack of information and concern, I only seemed to resemble many of my representatives. I was indeed, one of them. But then again, I never accepted a position as a representative of the interests of the students.

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Injustice at SDSU

by Goon Pattanumotana

Last year, many students in California marched in protest against the passage of Proposition 209 banning affirmative action programs in the state government. They held rallies, speeches, debates and even flag burning incidents that created controversy among many students.

One student, Ms. Julia Spragg spoke out against a flag burning incident perpetrated by several Hispanic students at San Diego State University (SDSU). Bravely, she defended the American flag by questioning their involvement.

However, a couple of weeks later in a strange turn of events, she was brought up on drug charges by her resident advisor. She received a phone call at 2:00 a.m. on December 2 of last year stating that the resident advisor, Intef Weser wanted to discuss Ms. Spragg's drug usage.

Mr. Weser told her that she would be charged with using illegal drugs in her dorm room at Chapultepec Resident Hall on the SDSU campus. He then presented her with some documents to sign and requested her to pay \$75.00 for drug counselling classes.

The Path of Accusation

She inquired about the specifics of the charges filed against her. However, Mr. Weser failed to provide her with any specifics on the charges or proof that she used drugs. At that point Ms. Spragg immediately asked for her right to due process and to seek legal counsel. Ms. Spragg received the explanation that her being able to speak with Mr. Weser was her due process. Then she

spoke with Dr. Susan Shuckett, SDSU's coordinator for residential education. According to Ms. Spragg, Dr. Shuckett called her a "liar" and that she believes that Ms. Spragg did indeed abuse drugs.

Ms. Spragg requested a trial from Shuckett and received the same explanation as before; that she was entitled to legal counsel and that her appointment with Ms. Shuckett was her due process. Additional, Ms. Shuckett demanded her to sign the documents requiring Ms. Spragg to enroll in a drug abuse counseling program.

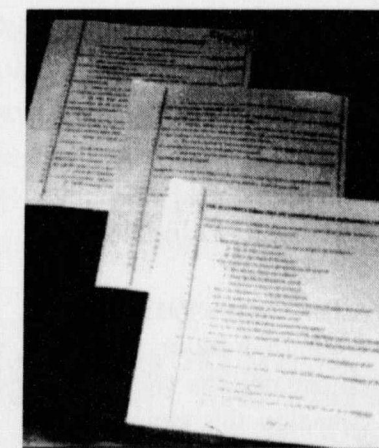
Drug Test-Negative

The next day, Ms. Spragg went to Corning Clinical Laboratories on the SDSU campus for a voluntary drug test. All the test results came back negative indicating she had not been taking any drugs.

Spragg said, "I thought that if I took the test, the whole thing would be cleared up. And then there wouldn't be any more problems."

Ms. Spragg handed over the copies of the drug test to all administrative staff involved. But she did not receive a response from any of the administrative

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staff. The SDSU administration refused to acknowledge her case until all proper channels had been notified.

SDSU Administration's Comment

According to Rick Moore, Director of University Communication, Ms. Spragg will not be evicted immediately and a hearing will be set for her appeal.

He said, "The situation is that she is on probation and has been asked to satisfy some terms of her probation."

The SDSU administration has taken the side of the housing authorities on the matter. So, in other words, the housing administration has set up probation for Ms. Spragg and is waiting for her to complete her terms.

Initially, there was no hearing set up for Ms. Spragg. But, one has been now since she has failed to satisfy her terms of probation.

Moore said, "This is an administrative fact finding process. There is to be no hearing until later." The administrative fact-finding process starts with the resident advisor and then moves on to the housing advisor at San Diego State. Then an appeal can be made to the Vice-President of Student Affairs. And Ms. Spragg has pursued this avenue.

After the appeal, a hearing will be set close to the date of her eviction notice if she fails to meet her obligations. The obligation she is required to satisfy is signing the documents and seeking drug counseling pursuant to those documents.

The Housing Office at San Diego State will perform the hearing. In this hearing, Ms. Spragg will be allowed to present her case on why she should not be evicted. The hearing will not be open to the public.

Mr. Moore refused to comment on Ms. Spragg's specific drug charges. He stated that it is administrative policy not to discuss it with the media.

A Hostile Environment Against Conservatives

Ms. Spragg, a freshman English major, professes to be a loyal conservative Republican. She volunteered for the Dole for President campaign this year and has

sported bumper stickers in support of California's Proposition 209. She has also been involved with the San Diego State College Republicans.

Many students in her dorm building know her as a very outspoken conservative. According to Ms. Spragg, many students resent her ideology. That resentment makes for a very uncomfortable living atmosphere. Some students give her blank stares as she approaches them in hallways within the building. In elevators, some of these students give smirks and make quiet comments about her. Many students have even called her derogatory names. These have ranged from silly name calling to outright profanity. One of the phrases that stood out for Ms. Spragg was when she was called a "race traitor." In essence, she has been made to feel alienated in her own residence hall.

Additionally, on one occasion, she received a threatening phone call to her dorm room which she picked up herself. The call was apparently from inside her dorm building. She knows this because in her building phone calls from the outside and inside have different kinds of rings. If the call originates from inside the building, the incoming call has one ring. And if it originates from outside the building, the phone rings twice. Ms. Spragg is

certain that the call occurred with one ring.

According to Ms. Spragg, the phone message was, "If you are not down for La Raza, you're going down. I know where your car is and I know where you are."

La Raza is an organization which exists on many university campuses that calls for immigrant

rights for legal and illegal aliens; particularly for Hispanics and Latinos. The UC San Diego campus has a Mecha chapter and a campus alternative media newspaper called *Voz Fronteriza*. These both have affiliations with the La Raza organization.



In the Media Spotlight

Ms. Spragg has already been featured a few times with some local conservative talk show hosts. These include Linda Harper of KOGO-AM and Rodger Hedgecock of KSDO-AM. And a local San Diego television station, KUSI-51, did a feature news story on her experience.

And outside of the SDSU campus, she has garnered additional support. A legal defense fund has been set up on her behalf. This fund will pay for any court costs involved in legal battles with the school and will pay for her bills if she is evicted from her campus housing.

The Conclusion

Ms. Spragg has continued her rounds with conservative talk shows expressing her concerns about the SDSU justice system. The hearing in February only revealed that her accuser was her ex-roommate at Chapultepec Hall. Ms. Spragg plans to continue her education at San Diego State despite her poor experiences. One thing that Ms. Spragg believes is that she will not live in the residential halls ever again. She also fears that this situation will not be resolved for quite some time because of the impending extensive hearings and a possible media frenzy.

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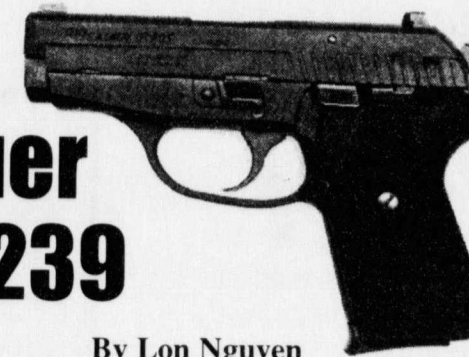
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Sig Sauer P239



By Lon Nguyen

Since the 1994 Crime Bill restricted the capacities of new magazines to ten rounds, the sale of high capacity handguns appears to have been dealt a serious blow. With that new law, firearms manufacturers have begun to turn out products reflecting this new trend. The results appear to be especially rewarding for those looking past the crowded "wonder-nine" high capacity pistols in favor of a sidearm that is more compact. With the Sig-Sauer P239, manufacturers have proven their ability to adapt to changing conditions. That should be welcome news for those permitted to carry a concealed weapon or anyone looking for a versatile, compact pistol.

The new revised magazine capacity legislation allows manufacturers considerable leeway to produce a slimmer, lighter and more compact sidearm. However, given this new constraint on magazine size, many shooters operate under the rationale that, "If I can only carry ten rounds, they might as well be big bore .45's instead of 9mm's." Although this rationale might make perfectly good sense to some, it does not fit the needs of the entire shooting public. The SIG 239 in 9mm Parabellum offers many advantages where a smaller big bore firearm might not be a good choice. With its compact dimensions measuring an overall length of 6+", height of 5+", width of 1+", barrel length of 3.6", and a weight of 26 ounces, it makes a perfect choice for women that prefer an auto pistol for defense or those looking for a concealed carry weapon. The SIG 239's small size produces a trigger reach that is perfect for women or men with smaller hands. Combined with the low recoil of the 9mm, the 239 is a good choice.

The SIG 239 does not fall short when it comes to meeting its maker's well established reputation for reliability and accuracy. What makes the deal even sweeter is the retail price: \$575. The 239's price is a far cry from what Sig Sauer charges for the rest of its line of 220 series pistols; around \$800-900. A major factor in the lower cost of the SIG 239 is that all of the pistol's major components (frame, barrel and slide)

are manufactured in the United States at Sig Sauer's New Hampshire facility. The company's state-side production facility gained valuable experience with the SIG 229 in .40 caliber by producing the slide at the Exeter, NH site while mating them to frames imported from Germany. With that transition, Sigarms took the next logical step, the complete production of the SIG 239 in the U.S. with the exception of a few parts.

Upon glancing at the SIG 239 one can't help but notice its resemblance to its bigger brother, the .40 caliber SIG 229. Both share the U.S. manufactured slide milled from a solid block of steel. It also shares the grasping grooves that run halfway up the slide. The 239's resemblance to the 229 made me expect a much larger gun.

The thin single stack magazine gave the perception that the slide was actually fatter than it really was. The 239 also shares the same basic layout and operating features that helped to make the 220 series pistols so popular. They share the same basic take-down and disassembly procedures, as well as the excellent frame mounted decocking lever and magazine release button.

The 239 continues the Sig Sauer tradition of great accuracy. At 15 yards, the 239 produced a tight "4 & 1" group. The first four shots produced a 1.125" group in the ten ring with the last shot opening the group to a respectable 2.5" (using CCI-Blazer 115 grain TMJ). Feeding reliability was flawless with no stoppages or jams of any kind. Recoil was mild and the handling qualities of the pistol were excellent. Target acquisition with the fixed sights were excellent. The front dot sight was easily aligned with the rear center bar sight. The operator merely had to "dot the I." My only complaint was the white rear bar sight. The white enamel paint began to come off the bottom of the bar due to a small unexplained bubble.

The SIG 239 is simply a compact double-action auto pistol at its best. With Sig Sauer's reputation for flawless reliability and accuracy firmly intact, I can't think of a better value. The SIG 239 will definitely give the "wonder-nines" a "run for their money" and should enjoy a great deal of success. Deservedly so!



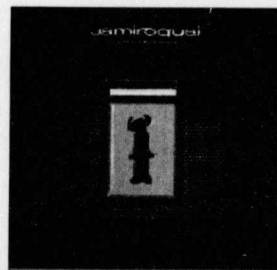
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MUSIC REVIEWS

by Mike Georgino

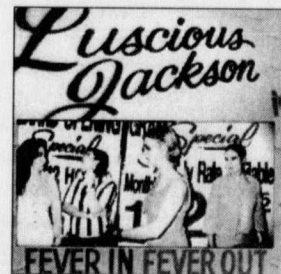
Jamiroquai
Travelling Without Moving
(Sony Music)



Funk, disco, jazz? I'm not sure how to describe it, other than to say that Jamiroquai grooves like none other. *Travelling Without Moving* is one of those albums that has the type of mellow dance sound that people look for, but are not sure what group has it. Jamiroquai, who has already gained international fame, especially in the United Kingdom, has finally begun to reach out to audiences in the U.S. with this, their latest album. Whether you are throwing a party, studying or just sitting around, *Travelling Without Moving* offers great music for almost any occasion.

Rating: *****

Luscious Jackson
Fever In Fever Out
(Grand Royal Records)



Rating System

- ***** - excellent
- **** - good
- *** - decent
- ** - not so good
- * - terrible

For all of the people who want to buy Luscious Jackson's new album because they think the songs will be similar to the hit single "Naked Eye," I suggest you take a listen to the rest of the songs before a purchase is made. "Naked Eye," the first release of Luscious Jackson's new album *Fever In Fever Out* and the first track on the disc is the most upbeat song on the album. Most, if not all of the other songs, while having dance beats in them are fairly mellow. While *Fever In Fever Out* is a good album, it had a lot more of a moderate tempo than was expected based on their previous album and the release of "Naked Eye."

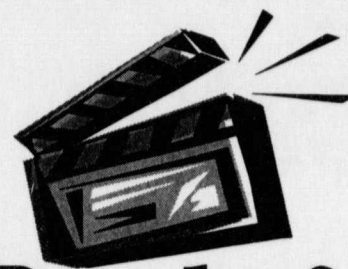
Rating: ***

Offspring
Isn't Anyone's Business
(Columbia Records)



For the original Offspring fan who was probably disappointed with the "mainstream" sound of *Smash*, Offspring's last album, *Isn't Anyone's Business* is probably approaching the point of being unbearable. While the first and sixteenth tracks are very good, the rest are decent at best. Offspring seems to have developed a quality of being able to make music that is interchangeable with every song. Basically, all their riffs and drum beats sound the same.

Rating: **



7 Bucks?

Quick reviews for the busy student.

by Rob Miranda

Rating System:

- 7 Bucks = Worth seeing at regular theater price.
- 4 Bucks = Worth seeing at a matinee.
- 3 Bucks = Worth renting on video.
- Doughnut = Don't waste your time.

Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition

In what is probably the best marketing tactic of recent years, George Lucas and Twentieth Century Fox have re-released the Star Wars Trilogy. With their newly remastered sound and visual effects, *Star Wars* and *The Empire Strikes Back* are both a lot of fun to watch. This is mainly because I, like most people our age, had never seen either film on the big screen.

For the first time in recent memory, the trailers for a movie spoke the truth. The trailers for the Trilogy said to come experience the films again, for the first time, and it certainly was an experience. Seeing these films in a theater was even better than I imagined. Video does not do these films justice, especially with all the new effects that have been added. Technological advances have allowed Lucas to create the Star Wars Universe (or Galaxy, if you will) in its entirety. The detail that he put into the special edition has provided even more nuance and atmosphere to the film. The added Scenes in *Star*



Wars provide clarification for some of the events in the film that were only hinted at in the original cut. For example, now we know more about Luke's friendship with the pilot Biggs and why he was calling to him for help during the Death Star attack. This also shows us why Luke was allowed to pilot an X-wing in the attack five minutes after landing at the Rebel base (besides the obvious "because he's the hero" explanation). The additions to *Star Wars* work very well because Lucas made the first film on a relatively small budget and couldn't afford to put these things in.



The added scenes in *The Empire Strikes Back*, on the other hand, add little to the story. I am not referring to the new effects shots here, rather to the Darth Vader shuttle trip towards the end of the movie. When Lucas made *Empire*, he was given a much bigger budget than he had been on the first film. And judging from the added scene, he was able to put in everything he wanted. Now don't get me wrong, I loved seeing *Empire* in the theater; it's my favorite of the three films. That's probably why I was so upset when I saw what the added scene was. None of the continuity problems in *Star Wars* were present in *Empire*, so this scene was really unnecessary. First Vader is on Cloud City and then he is on the Star Destroyer. It is fairly easy to infer that Vader had taken a ship back to the Star Destroyer. You don't need a scene to tell you that he took a ship back. This scene was basically put in so they could say that they put in extra scenes. The only purpose it served was to dumb down the movie. And if that weren't bad enough, the scene breaks up the action of the Millennium Falcon chase at the end.

In spite of this, the experience of seeing the Trilogy in the theater should not be missed. So when *Return of the Jedi* opens on March 14th, be sure to head down to the theater. After all, George Lucas needs a few extra million dollars to kick around. I just hope that we don't get stuck with a bunch of extra scenes of the Ewoks sitting around being cute. I just don't know if I could handle that.

Rating: 7 bucks

Parting Thoughts. . .

Pollution occurs in the course of human enterprise. It is a by-product of people making things, things like a living.

—P.J. O'Rourke



Government, obviously, cannot fill a child's emotional needs. Nor can it fill his spiritual and moral needs. Government is not a father or mother. Government has never raised a child, and never will.

—William Bennett



We can't be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans.

—Bill Clinton



The trouble with socialists is that they let their bleeding hearts go to their bloody heads.

—Tommy Douglas



The more we remove penalties for being a bum, the more bumism is going to blossom.

—Jesse Helms



The present system may be flawed, but that's not to say that we in Congress can't make it worse.

—E. Clay Shaw

I've still got a lot to learn about Washington. Why, yesterday I accidentally spent some of my own money.

—Fred Thompson



Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair.

—George Burns



Congressmen are so damn dumb they could throw themselves on the ground and miss.

—James Traficant, Jr.



If Lincoln were alive today he'd roll over in his grave.

—Gerald Ford



Money can't buy friends, but you can get a better class of enemy.

—Spike Milligan



I think most of us have learned some time ago that if you don't like the President's position on a particular issue, you simply have to wait a few weeks.

—Robert L. Livingston



Nobody roots for Goliath.

—Wilt Chamberlain

You have to love people enough to want to change them, not just feel their pain.

—Newt Gingrich



Hawaii is a unique state. It is a small state. It is a state that is by itself. It is a — it is different that the other states. Well, *all* states are different, but it's got a particularly unique situation.

—Dan Quayle



Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

—Nikita Khrushchev



He knows nothing; he thinks he knows everything—that clearly points to a political career.

—George Bernard Shaw



Like the Sorcerer's Apprentice, who learned how to command inanimate objects to serve his whims, we too have set in motion forces more powerful than we anticipated and that are harder to stop than start.

—Algore



I am a revolutionary centrist.

—Newt Gingrich

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