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IRKUTSK, Russia — Thirteen months ago, a young man from this city's rough-and-tumble north side appeared at the government railroad workers' hospital complaining of a head wound suffered in a family fight. A blood work-up soon showed that it was the least of his problems: He was also infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

That was unusual. In the entire Irkutsk region, a Siberian expanse big enough to accommodate France and England in one gulp,

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National

Justice Department Reveals Details On Negotiations Over Elián

WASHINGTON — Both the Miami relatives of Elián González and the federal government Sunday battled to sway public opinion by mustering new details about the raid to return the boy to his father, focusing on the issues of tactics and trust during the 48 hours leading up to the predawn operation.

The Justice Department revealed that negotiators with close ties to Attorney General Janet Reno were in the house when the raid occurred, having tried until the last

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Collegiate

Senate to Vote on Bill That Would Ban Betting on College Sports

LOS ANGELES — The end of legalized gambling on amateur sports may be near, as the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee approved the Amateur Sports Integrity Act last Thursday. The bill will now go to the Senate chamber for a full vote sometime in the next few weeks.

The Amateur Sports Integrity Act is just one of several bills introduced into both the U.S. House and Senate this year that aim to close a loop-hole in the Professional and Amateur Sports Act.

— *Daily Bruin*

Spoken

"If they don't resign, I expect that they will be asked to do so, or impeached."

— **Kevin McGinnis**
Warren senior senator
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Hats Off



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Gratitude: Bette Baldwin, of Laguna Niguel, and her dog Miss Saigon participate in the 15th annual Easter Hat Parade in La Jolla on Sunday.

A.S. Council Questions Executive Trip

Four councilmembers spent \$5,400 to attend conference in New York City

part two of three

By **MATT SCHRADER**

Associate News Editor

In the wake of A.S. President Tesh Khullar's admission that he forged receipts in connection to a trip to New York, new questions have arisen regarding whether he and other executive council members should have taken the trip in the first place.

The executive council — comprised of Khullar, Vice President Internal Jennifer Lee, Vice President External Terrence Patterson and Vice President Finance Eric Rovner — spent approximately \$5,400 in student funds in order to attend the Annual Association of College Unions International Conference.

Some A.S. Council members have questioned whether the necessity of attending the conference.

"I don't really think that the [executives] had any reason to attend the conference," said Warren Senior Senator Kevin McGinnis. "I still haven't heard an adequate reason as to why they all needed to be there and, frankly, I think that that is because there is no good reason."

McGinnis added those involved may be removed from office.

"If they don't resign, I expect that they will be asked to do so, or impeached," he said. "Either way, I think they will at least have to pay back whatever money is unaccounted for."

Despite the late date of the conference and the fact that all four members of the executive council will be graduating this year, Khullar said he believes the trip was warranted and that the knowledge the executives gained is important for the future.

Khullar said the conference enabled him

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Daily Jolt Faces Problems Upon UCSD Debut

University said student-run Web site has no right to use campus' name in its Internet address

By **JANE KIM**

Staff Writer

UCSD is the first UC campus to join The Daily Jolt, a student-run online network of over 35 colleges.

The Daily Jolt site devoted to UCSD is an interactive one-stop Web source aided to completion by Marshall sophomore Shirley Chow, Roosevelt junior Cindy Feng and Warren juniors Sandy Tsau and Chester Ng.

However, The Daily Jolt at UCSD is also the first and only Daily Jolt site to face administrative problems with a university regarding a site. Due to the univer-

sity's naming rights policy, The Daily Jolt site dedicated to UCSD is now the only Daily Jolt site that does not have its university name in the URL.

"The university threatened us with criminal charges and forced us to remove the word 'UCSD' [from] our original Web address, www.ucsd.dailyjolt.com," said Chow, founder and chairperson of The Daily Jolt at UCSD. "They also asked us to make it very clear that the list of [links to UCSD Web sites] were not created by us."

UCSD Campus Counsel Ann Parode said The Daily Jolt has no legal right to use UCSD's name in its Web address.

"Dailyjolt.com has been requested by the university to not employ the university's name, trademarks, logos or acronyms in connection with not only the dailyjolt.com site but also its domain name," Parode said. "Under the education code, these are valuable property rights belonging to the University of California, the unauthorized use of which is actually a misdemeanor."

The conflict was resolved by changing the word "UCSD" in the original address to "Tritons," changing the URL to www.tritons.dailyjolt.com.

A disclaimer was added to the Web site, specifying The Daily

Jolt's nonaffiliation with the university while a note above the links to UCSD Web sites explains that "the resources below were not created by The Daily Jolt."

Chow said she is dissatisfied with the outcome.

"We feel the changes [the university] asked of us were not necessary, but we did make the changes only to appease them and avoid any further conflicts," Chow said. "Thirty-six other schools across the nation have Daily Jolt sites and have yet to run into something like this. It has never been the intention of The Daily

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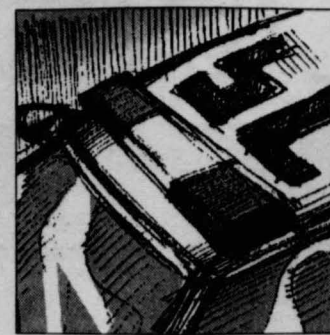
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LIGHTS & SIRENS

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of the UCSD Police Department.
UCSD crime statistics can be
obtained by all persons from the
Police Department or at
http://www.vcba.ucsd.edu/police



6:00 p.m.: A student reported a
burglary at Goldberg Hall. Loss:
\$770.

Thursday, April 20
2:23 a.m.: Officers detained a
49-year-old male nonaffiliate in Lot
357 for being drunk in public.
Transported to detox.
2:43 a.m.: An 18-year-old nonaf-
filiate suffered a contusion to her
forehead after falling in Lot 308.
Subject refused treatment.
10:39 p.m.: Units and San
Diego Fire Department responded to
a 40-year-old male nonaffiliate
suffering from loss of conscious-
ness at RIMAC. Transported to
Scripps Memorial Hospital by para-
medics.

Friday, April 21
12:12 a.m.: Student reported
vandalism to a white '67 Ford
Bronco in Lot 510. Loss: \$500.
10:50 p.m.: A 20-year-old male
nonaffiliate was battered outside
the Price Center. Sought private
treatment.

Saturday, April 22
2:48 a.m.: Officers detained
three male nonaffiliates, ages 18,
19 and 19 in Lot 504 for being
drunk in public. Transported to
detox.
9:02 p.m.: A nonaffiliate report-
ed unwanted touching in a parking
lot on Regents Road.

Sunday, April 23
3:22 p.m.: Student reported
theft of a black Huffly 98B10 bike
from bike racks on the north side
of Black Hall. Loss: \$100.
3:30 p.m.: Officers arrested a
19-year-old male nonaffiliate at the
UCSD Bookstore for petty theft.
Cited and released.
7:15 p.m.: A student reported
burglary to a red '89 Nissan
Sentra. Loss: \$200.

Monday, April 17
11:04 a.m.: Units and para-
medics responded to a student
having difficulty breathing at
University Center 500. Transported
to Thornton Hospital by para-
medics.
1:34 p.m.: A student reported
theft of turn signals from his
vehicle in Lot 510. Loss: \$200.
5:20 p.m.: A staff member
reported theft of supplies from the
Humanities and Social Science
building. Loss: \$250.
5:25 p.m.: A staff member
reported theft of a purple '63
Vespa motorcycle from Regents
Road. Loss: \$300.
5:30 p.m.: A student reported
burglary to a blue '93 Nissan 2000
in Lot 510. Loss: \$1,150.

Tuesday, April 18
1:08 a.m.: Officers detained a
21-year-old female nonaffiliate in
Lot 102 for being drunk in public.
Transported to detox.
8:37 a.m.: Staff member report-
ed vandalism to the International
Center restroom. Damages: \$150.
1:21 p.m.: A student reported
the loss of a black Sprint PCS
mobile phone at the Bursar's
Office.

Wednesday, April 19
3:55 a.m.: Officers arrested a
46-year-old male nonaffiliate on La
Jolla Village Drive for violation of
parole. Booked into Central Jail.
8:03 a.m.: A student reported
theft of a gray '88 Honda Accord
from Regents Road. Loss: \$2,500.
Later recovered.
10:35 a.m.: A student reported
the theft of a backpack from the
UCSD Bookstore. Loss: \$235.
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ETCETERA

Trip: Khullar said all executives should not have attended

Comic strip by Matt Groening titled 'LIFE IN HELL'. Panels discuss budget cuts, school building issues, and the state of UCSD.

BRIEFLY

Olmos to Speak at Hate-Free Rally

The Hate-Free Campus Campaign will hold a
rally today at 4:30 p.m. in Price Center to
celebrate San Diego Mayor Susan Golding's procla-
mation of the Hate-Free Campus Campaign Day.
Actor and community activist Edward James
Olmos will speak at 7 p.m. in Price Center
Ballroom.

The event will feature rappers Vejeba and
Dudley, the Children's Drama Troupe, musical
artist Ajamu and a racism dance by the Bahai
Youth Workshop.

Speakers will include the top student
contestants of the Hate-Free Campus Campaign
slogan and essay competition. The Unity in Diversity
student art project will also be unveiled.

Olmos will discuss diversity issues as part of
the Hate-Free Campus Campaign.

Olmos gained national attention after suc-
cessful performances in "Zoot Suit," "Selena,"
"The Ballad of Georgie Cortez," "Mi Familia,"
"American Me" and "Stand and Deliver." He won
an Emmy Award for his performance in the tele-
vision program "Miami Vice," and is a Tony
award and Academy award nominee.

Olmos also serves as the U.S. Goodwill
ambassador for UNICEF and is the national
spokesman for the Juvenile Diabetes
Foundation.

He also serves as the director of the Lives in
Hazard Educational Project, a national gang pre-
vention program funded by the U.S. Department
of Justice.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7.50 for staff
and faculty, and \$10 for the public. Tickets may
be purchased at the UCSD Box Office and at all
Ticketmaster outlets. For more information and
group discounts, call Scott Mantell at 534-
5259. This event is sponsored by the A.S.
Council.

UCSD Professors Designated Faculty Research Lecturers

Psychology, neurosciences and psychiatry
Professor Larry Quire and sociology Professor
Steven Shapin have been selected as UCSD's
1998-99 faculty research lecturer award recipi-
ents.

Shapin will present his lecture "How to Live
Forever, the Lessons of History" at 4 p.m.
Wednesday at Hojel Hall at the Institute of the
Americas. A reception will follow at University
House.

Squire will give his speech, "Memory
Systems of the Brain," at 4 p.m. May 23 in
Garen Auditorium of the Basic Science Building.
He also will be honored at a reception to follow
at University House.

Shapin is regarded as an eminent and original
historian and sociologist, and has played a major
role in bringing the insights and methodology of
sociologists into the practices of history and
science. He has written on physics, mathematics,
biology and phrenology.

His most recent book, "The Scientific
Revolution," has been translated into six lan-
guages and was listed by the New York Times as
one of 1997's top 10 best-selling scholarship
works.

Squire, one of the world's leading neurosci-
entists, is recognized internationally as a major
contributor to understanding the organization
and formal structure of memory, as well as its
neural basis. Squire has synthesized current
ideas about learning and memory in a 1999 book
co-authored with Eric Kandel, titled "Memory,
From Mind to Molecules."

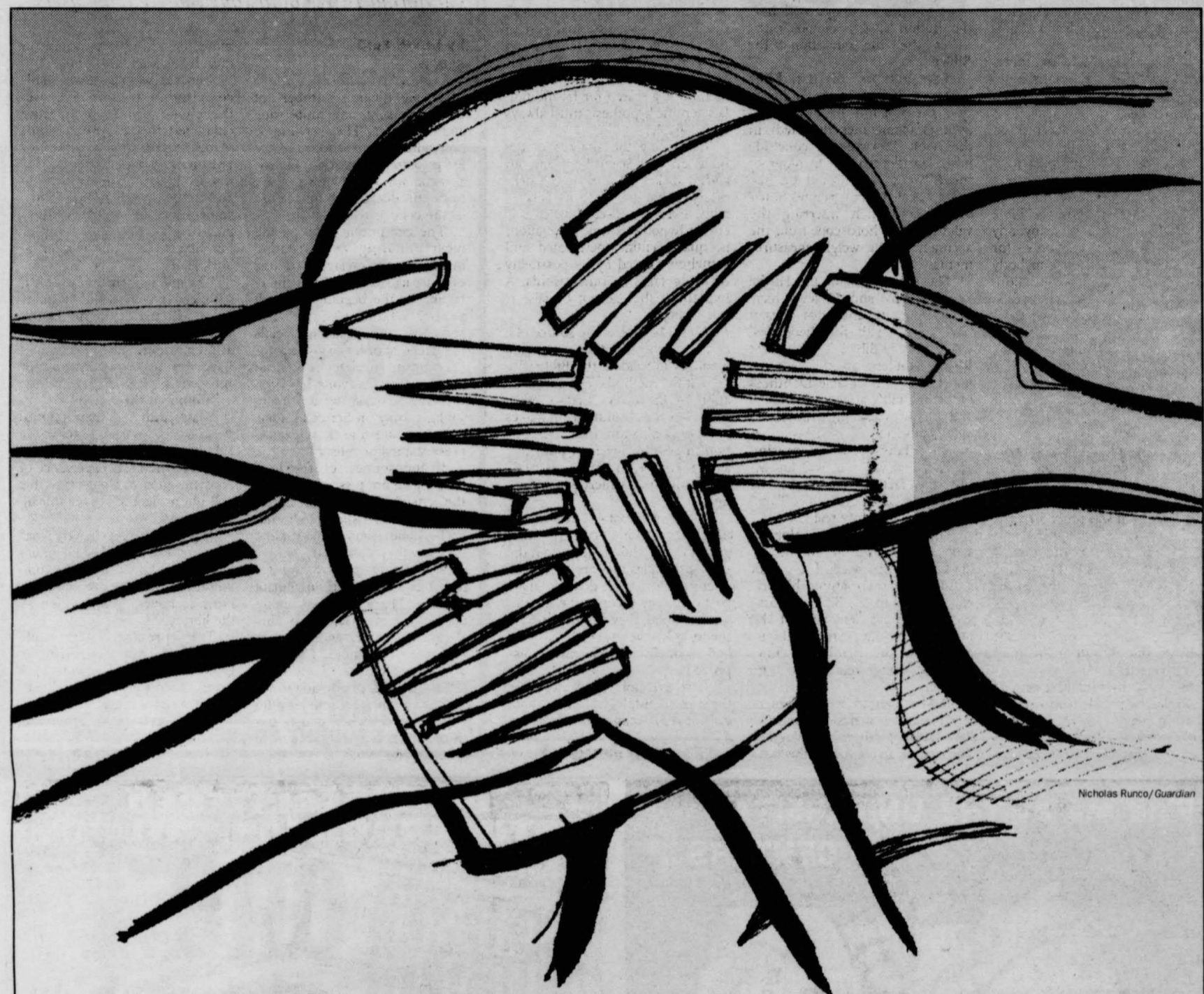
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OPINION



SEE NO EVIL

The recent ruling of a San Diego judge questions where the fine line between art and pornography lies

By **CASSANDRA PIERCE**
Staff Writer

Ever since art has existed, there have been people who have been offended by certain manifestations of it. Perhaps the reason there have been so few discoveries of cave paintings is because Neanderthal governments censored them.

San Diego Judge William Kennedy recently ruled that two San Diego library books — "States of Grace" by Graham Ovenden and "Twenty-five Years of an Artist" by David Hamilton — are child pornography and should be removed from the library.

If readers want to view the second book on their own, they can check it out at UCSD's Geisel Library. However, don't let the media hype make you rush over there at once; not all the pictures in the book are of little girls, let alone naked girls. Hamilton is an impressionistic photographer whose subjects, in addition to girls (both clothed and nude), include landscapes and still-lives.

Similarly, the books Ovenden writes and edits trace the history of erotic photography of nude girls. Erotic photography was highly

popular in the Victorian age. One of the photographers of the time was Charles Dodgson, who wrote the "Alice in Wonderland" books under the pen name Lewis Carroll.

Human nature tends to see things where we imagine them to be. People have imagined that they are seeing the word "sex" written in steam in advertisements and seeing images of Mother Theresa in cinnamon rolls. Since before written history, there has been a man, rabbit or other familiar creature, in the moon.

I am not saying there are no naked girls in these books. There are plenty of them. However that does not mean they are pornographic.

The David Hamilton Archives Web site, www.hamilton-archives.com, contains a relevant quotation from Hamilton: "A distinction must be made between eroticism and pornography; the media have blurred the disparity to an unforgivable degree."

The distinction can, in many cases, be a subtle one, but the intent of the artist, if he is a good one, speaks through his art. Hamilton and Ovenden did not intend for people to read their books in the same way

they may read *Playboy*, for instance. The purpose of the photographs, in both cases, is to make people realize the beauty of innocence and sometimes the latent sexuality in young girls.

If our culture didn't have such a taboo on nudity, there would not be a problem with these books. The commercial for the soap Lever 2000 has naked babies in it. Most do not consider this pornography, nor do they feel the advertisements should be taken off the air.

Hamilton and Ovenden's books did not cause pedophile Charles Davis, whose conviction of possessing real child pornography drew Judge Kennedy's attention to the books, to begin molesting children. Maybe he found the pictures stimulating. Some people are turned on by people's feet, but that doesn't mean that we should make going barefoot illegal. This man, a registered sexual offender, had something seriously wrong with him.

Let's not deny access to perfectly good works of art simply because Davis looked at the books and read more into them than the authors may have intended.

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Science Cannot Verify the Truth of the Bible

Historical accuracy does not necessarily vindicate the book's theology

By **SIMONE SANTINI**
Staff Writer

Some argue that modern historical analysis is uncovering more and more validations to the claims in the Bible.

It would logically follow, therefore, that there are serious independent reasons to believe that what the Bible says is true. This underlying thesis is incorrect on several important points.

The first methodological mistake of the thesis is that those who don't place full faith in the Bible believes that everything the Bible says is false. I do not think anybody could hold such a position — for that matter, I do not think anybody ever has made such an accusation.

The Bible was written over a period of several centuries by a population immersed in a complicated political and cultural history, in a very active part of the world. It is only natural that important events of the day (or historical knowledge of previous ages) percolated into the book.

As an example, I do not see why anybody would doubt the existence of Pontius Pilatus, Rome, in the first century A.D. (when the New Testament was probably written), had a very well-organized system of public records and, even if the primary sources had not communicated the name of the prosecutor, the writers of the Gospels would have had an easy time finding it out. It was not yet the Internet, but it still maintained public records.

As to the internal harmony of the Bible, the people who wrote it did so incrementally, not independently of one another — a procedure that favored internal coher-

ence. It is also worth mentioning that the Christian Bible has been heavily edited since well into the middle ages, thus creating many opportunities for a *posteriori* harmonization (as, for example, in the *vulgata*, the Latin translation of the Bible).

The authors of the Bible anchored their myths to the history of the day, and this history still appears (sometimes distorted) in the book. However, to conclude based on this that the theology of the Bible is true would be like using a scale that distributes horoscopes and then inferring the validity of the horoscope from the accuracy of the weight measurements.

The same goes for the Hittite people. Why should Jews have made them up, and what does it have to do with the theological validity of the Bible? The fact that Milan Kundera, in the fictional novel "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" talks about the Czechs and the Swiss (existing populations at the latest census), or the fact that he talks about the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia (a well-known historical fact) do not make the adventures of its characters Toma and Tereza any more real.

The historical and theological aspects of the Bible should be kept well separated. I am not arguing that there are no historical mistakes in the Bible, because there are. I am denying that the two aspects (the historical document and the theological tale) have a strong bearing on one another.

Hidden behind the vestiges of any historical analysis is another flaw, which I call epistemological. The basis of an analysis of this kind

can be found in the methodology and the epistemology of the social sciences. The search for alternative sources and the comparison with alternative (possibly archaeological) discoveries is an essential part of the scientific method. However, in the Popperian tradition, the verification stage of the scientific method is a search for falsification (a scientific hypothesis must always be falsifiable).

By placing the analysis of the Bible on this scientific plane, an author makes an implicit, but necessary, commitment to its falsifiability. Even a well-established scientific hypothesis (say, gravitation) is, qua scientific, permeated and somewhat tainted by its possibility of being false. In other words: A hypothesis that cannot be false is not scientific.

This, I believe, is the source of a certain intellectual dishonesty of all attempts to validate the Bible with "scientific" methods. The consideration of the object that is being proved as the absolute truth makes any contamination from falsification impossible (even in principle) and, therefore, is not a scientific verification but a mere *petitio principii*.

At the very least, if one wants to judge the Bible on scientific grounds, one should apply to it the same principles that are applied to scientific theories. It does not matter how many successful examples can be found, they will not prove a theory. On the other hand, one bad example is sufficient to disprove it.

This principle gives scientific theories an ontological status that I do not think many Bible believers

Cell Phone Usage Plagues Society

From classrooms to freeways, no place in California is free of discourteous cellular users

By **KEVIN SEID**
Staff Writer

A significant number of UCSD students are quite rude and obnoxious. They seem to be everywhere, from RIMAC to the Price Center, even at the library. You can always tell who they are from the distinguishing feature — the cellular telephone.

The cell phone is by far the most annoying and irritating invention ever created. Has one of your classes ever been interrupted by the beeping of a cell phone? Who hasn't sat next to someone who constantly calls her friend in order to give up-to-the-minute updates on what she's doing? Everyone has been followed to class by a student yakking away on her cell phone. It is no doubt that these devices present a major nuisance.

If the sounds of the loud beeping do not piss you off, then the ensuing one-sided public conversations surely should. Cell phone users are irritating because they constantly engage in interesting and thoughtful public exchanges with inanimate objects. There are not many people I know who find this activity tolerable. Most people get irritated whenever I say just one simple phrase to my cute, yellow, stuffed, puppy dog toy.

Phone conversations should be private, yet when people use their cell phones, they announce to everyone what is on their

mind, no matter how secret or even how ridiculous it is.

I do not want to hear people complain to their friends over the phone about the negative characteristics of their roommates. Gossip about cute guy or girl one has a crush on should not be announced publicly — and nobody wants to follow someone who loudly gives a play-by-play account of his or her hike from Price Center to York Hall.

The most significant problem with cell phones is that many users will use them no matter where they are. These people are extremely obnoxious and have even less consideration for the people around them or the environment they are in.

Many pull out their phones in class or while watching a school play or concert. I have even had the nasty experience of studying next to a guy using his cell phone in the library during finals week.

It is one thing to leave a brief message or take care of an emergency through a cell phone conversation. It is quite another thing to have a conversation at the library.

The problem with cell phones is not confined to UCSD. It is a nationwide epidemic. According to the Cellular Carriers Association, more than 90 million cell phones are in use

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AS at a Glance

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Do you want to REALLY get involved here on campus? Have you always been wondering what exactly gets done on the third floor of the Price Center? Are you looking for a way to better represent and serve the students and more of the FIRST EVER "AS COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT SEMINAR" Date: Tuesday April 25 & Wednesday April 26 Time: Both days go from 12:00 (noon) to 1:30pm Location: Student Leadership Chambers, Third Floor of Price Center Stop by, ask questions and fill out applications for positions in EVERY office of the Associated Students. Positions include: Executive Assistants Student Advocates Assistant Programmers Festival Coordinator Campus Wide Committee representatives and many, many more... These are both paid and un-paid positions

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The Eternal Search for Stress Relief Leads to Meditation

Beginning classes at RIMAC allow UCSD students from all fields to find time for a little bit of inner peace in their hectic lives

By DIVYA RUNCHAL
Columnist

Few things in life are free, with the exceptions of anger and humiliation. Not only are these free of charge, but all human beings are unfortunate enough to receive plenty of these emotions several times in their lives. I am lucky enough to have been blessed with an unusual talent that allows me to cope with these daily stresses: inflating my nostrils.

I have heard that many people possess this talent and I have witnessed several people actually expanding their nostrils and breathing in deeply by sheer will. It seems a supernatural phenomena, but I have even seen dogs do it.

All of this may sound strange to the average reader, but those who have tried inflating their nostrils know that while it may seem a bizarre ritual, it lets off steam quite well.

However, after a series of events in which my mother was quite disgusted with my talent, she suggested I take a meditation class as an alternative method of releasing my pent-up hostility (of which I have a

lot) and other malevolent feelings. Although it seemed strange and sounded quite New Age, I decided to try it out. After scanning the various classes offered at RIMAC — kick boxing, salsa dancing, etc. — I finally found it nestled in the back pages of the recreation magazine. In bold-faced letters were the words "Intro to Meditation."

Thank God, I thought. A beginning class for people like me who need a better way to cope with angst than inflating spare body parts.

As the first day of the class quickly approached, I was paralyzed by the notion that I would share my floor mat with a yuppie eating vanilla yogurt sprinkled with granola who listened to Yannı while contemplating the meaning of his or her IKEA-infested life. Yet, I was calmly assuaged by the fact that even if I did have to share a mat with one of these individuals, I also had a secret weapon in combating my dismay: I could inflate my nostrils and combine this with the powers of meditation.

Trudging up the RIMAC mountain (by the way, has anyone ever thought of having a toll-booth escalator to RIMAC? I would cer-

tainly pay), I was overcome with ambivalent feelings about the whole affair. Does't it say something about my state of mind when I have to go to a class to be taught how to release my anxiety and calm my fears? Embarrassed as I was, I decided there would be no turning back, as I had just walked all the way up the hill and was not ready to walk all the way down as well. I finally entered the class and was surprised it was so full. Could there really be so many people at UCSD who were having as much trouble as me organizing their 60,000-plus thoughts a day? (We learned this great conversational fact in class.) Apparently so.

However, once I was finally able to lie down, I was transported to a world of tranquility and peace. So this was what you feel like after getting into medical school.

There were graduate students, individuals in their 50s and some

in their teens. I was frightened by the fact that there were so many adults because I worried that if I didn't get my stress handled now, I would still be grappling with it in the future.

While the teacher who looked radiant beyond her years certainly exemplified my dream of a meditation guide — kind, calm and with an ethereal glow about her — I was a bit afraid to disappoint her and myself. The last thing I needed was to get kicked out of the class for frightening any medical students into thinking that I had a contagious disease from a mad bull, so I checked my inflating nostrils at the door.

With a heavy heart and a confused mind, I sat down on the floor, cross-legged and with my back straight, in order to better attune myself to the secrets of the universe. First of all, I would like to recommend to everyone thinking of ever taking a meditation class, to be the lucky one with their back to the wall. Standing up straight for a long period of time without a support was more torturous than having to recite a section of "Canterbury Tales" in front of my

10th grade English class.

However, once I was finally able to lie down, I was transported to a world of tranquility and peace. So this was what you feel like after getting into medical school. Suddenly, my neurotic disorders disappeared as the teacher told us to relax and breathe deeply through the nose (of which I modestly admit I was the best at).

I may not become the next Deepak Chopra, but I concede that I did see a fraction of the universe in an hour and a half of getting into tune with myself. Or it may have been a hallucination due to the fact that I had woken up at 4:30 a.m. in order to get to school from Los Angeles.

Whatever it was, I certainly felt refreshed and replenished after my meditation class and I was able to tackle the rest of my day quite successfully. So, dear readers, if you as well are plagued by the multiple stresses of student life and can't bear the thought of New Age remedies, take heart. They work. Although I still recommend inflating nostrils as a free alternative. Just don't expect your mother to be happy.

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Biblical:

Believers are not willing to really test the Bible's truth

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would gladly accept. A scientific theory is always, inherently, an approximate and temporary model. Trying to prove the Bible on scientific terms implies accepting this epistemology (which, incidentally, is what most scientific critics of the Bible do), which is something I suspect Christians are not willing to do.

One can, of course, play the postmodern card and say that science is yet another metanarrative, and is not entitled to judge something like the Bible, which stands on a completely different metanarrative. I will not go head on against this argument, but I will make two observations.

The first is that, if this is the case, then all attempts to factual confirmations of the Bible should be abandoned. The second is that, by admitting the fallibility of science, the Bible itself is relativized as "yet another metanarrative".

I sympathize with people who look for spiritual meaning in their life, although I do not think an old book is the right place to find it. The attempt to use certain historical concordances (which, as I noticed, are perfectly reasonable, given that the writers of the Bible were not blind) to prove theological points ignores both the tenants of common sense on how mythological books are written and the nature of scientific epistemology.

Ultimately, this kind of enterprise is a disservice to both science and religion.

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Cellular:

Other cities have restricted cell phone use in public

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— 15 percent of them in California alone.

Many theaters, restaurants, golf courses and workplaces across the country now prohibit cell phone use because of the complaints of patrons. In December, San Diego Mayor Susan Golding launched a campaign to limit cell phone use in certain public places. She sent letters to school districts, local colleges, movie theaters and arts organizations urging them to discourage allowing cell phone use.

Much of the debate about limiting cell phones has been concentrated around their use by motorists. More than 15 states and a number of cities have either considered or are currently debating the restricting cell phone use by drivers. California had such a measure on the table three years ago, but it was defeated. Earlier this month, the City of Santa Monica also considered such a ban. Under pressure from telephone company lobbyists, that proposal failed.

The only cities in America that prohibit cell phone use while dri-

ving are Hilltown, Penn. and Brooklyn, Ohio. Outside the United States, Japan, England, Switzerland, Israel and Italy ban the practice.

Still, there is no existing law mandating an outright ban on cell phone use. This comes as no surprise. The cell phone industry has extensively lobbied against such restrictions, saying they are valuable safety tools. It prefers education and individual responsibility to government regulations.

The challenge then is to restrict cell phone use without government help. People should learn to be more considerate when they use their phones. They should turn off the ringing and the beeping when they are in situations where any disturbance would be inappropriate. In other words, they should not use them whenever it could distract the people around them.

To its credit, the cellular phone industry has set up its own campaign of teaching proper cell phone etiquette. However, there will always be the temptation to use cell phones irresponsibly. Their convenience presents a major hurdle to restricting their use. There will always be that one chatterbox for whom the temptation to have a one-sided conversation in public proves irresistible.

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World News

Pope Asks For Mutual Tolerance in Easter Message

ROME — Asking for a "more just and mutually supportive" world, Pope John Paul II celebrated Easter Mass Sunday in St. Peter's Square before nearly 150,000 people.

From an outdoor altar transformed into an Easter garden by tens of thousands of irises, lilies and tulips from Holland, the frail 79-year-old pope urged followers to apply the spirit of Easter to modern society.

"May the message of life pro-

claimed by the angel near the stone roll back from the tomb overturn the hardness of our hearts," the pope said in his annual Easter Urbi et Orbi message after the mass. He said the "blind egoism of the few" should not be allowed to prevail over "the cries of pain of the many, reducing entire peoples to conditions of degrading misery."

Easter Mass was the culmination of a grueling Holy Week schedule, with the pope carrying a cross for two stations at a re-

enactment of Christ's passion Friday night and staying up late Saturday for a candlelight vigil in St. Peter's. There, the pope baptized eight people.

The pope, who suffers tremors associated with Parkinson's disease, shook noticeably during the Mass. Church officials do not often publicly discuss the pope's physical condition. But in an interview published Sunday in the French newspaper Journal du Dimanche, the archbishop of

Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, described the pope as "a prisoner in his body."

"We know that his illness is causing progressive paralysis of the body, but his mind remains intact," Lustiger was quoted as saying.

He said the pope "retains a spiritual strength, an intellectual capacity and a memory which are extraordinary for someone who will be 80 next month."

— Alessandra Stanley
The New York Times

Vietnam Forgets Those Who Lost Decadelong War

THU DUC, Vietnam — The eyes of Cpl. Le Van Nao have been gouged out of the enamel portrait on his tombstone in the abandoned South Vietnamese military cemetery where he was buried with honors 31 years ago.

Just across a nearby highway lies the carefully tended grave of Capt. Nguyen Xuan Truong, who also died in 1969 at the height of the Vietnam War. He is one of thousands of fighters for the victorious Communist side who are

buried in what is known as a "martyrs' cemetery," their tombstones surrounded by raked gravel paths and beds of flowers.

On official holidays, formal ceremonies are held to honor these fallen Communist soldiers. But just 10 miles away to the south, many people in Ho Chi Minh City — formerly called Saigon — do not even know of the existence of the abandoned graveyard across the road.

This is the story of the war as told today by the victors. It is a tale

of heroic nationalist fighters who triumphed over U.S. interlopers in a decadelong conflict.

This willful blind spot is one sign of continuing frictions between the North and South of Vietnam despite the economic and political integration the government has worked hard to foster.

Among some northerners, suspicions persist that they have not truly won the hearts and minds of everyone in the South. Among some older southerners, resent-

ments linger over lost lives, lost homes, lost careers and lost hopes.

More than a million southerners fled the country after the war ended. Some 400,000 were interned in camps for "re-education," some for as long as 17 years. Another 1.5 million were forcibly resettled in "new economic zones" in barren areas of southern Vietnam that were ravaged by hunger and extreme poverty.

— Seth Mydans
The New York Times

National News

Elián:
Civic leaders produced plan for reunification

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minutes to broker a deal that would have resulted in a peaceful transfer of Elián to his father.

Hoping to counteract suggestions by the government that the negotiations were hopelessly deadlocked, civic leaders sympathetic to the Miami family produced what they said was a draft of a six-point proposal to reunite the boy and his father, Juan Miguel González.

The plan, which they said was still being fine-tuned, would have had both sides of the family live temporarily together in a neutral setting. The proposal founded on two points: where they would live together and who would technically have custody. The Justice Department, however, said that the details of the plan were continually changing.

The family, which had traveled

to Washington Saturday night, held a news conference Sunday morning. Marisleyss González, Elián's 21-year-old cousin, pleaded for permission to visit the boy and launched a fresh round of attacks against the raid on their home, saying they had been duped by Reno.

"You know what, Janet Reno? Even though it would have been 3 minutes or 30 seconds, it happened, and the harm was done," she said. "And it happened to a kid who had gone through a lot."

Hoping to refute claims by the Miami family that someone had doctored photographs released Saturday showing a beaming Elián reunited with his father, Craig produced five more photos taken Sunday that portrayed a smiling Elián, eating, playing ball and cuddling with his father. The photographs were developed by the Associated Press, which vouched for their authenticity. The lawyer asserted again that the boy was happy to be with his father, stepmother and infant half brother.

— Lizette Alvarez
The New York Times

Trade Policy Denied to be Protectionism

WASHINGTON — The American labor movement, while waging its biggest battle ever against trade liberalization, is trying to fend off charges from many economists, business executives and members of Congress that it has re-embraced protectionism.

Many critics assert that labor's across-the-board fight against trade expansion measures, including the China and Africa trade bills,

represents a crass effort to protect American jobs by preventing imports from increasing.

Insisting that they have jettisoned their past protectionism, union officials say they oppose these trade initiatives only because they fail to protect the rights of foreign workers.

With its power magnified in a campaign year, the AFL-CIO, a federation of 68 member unions, has been by far the most powerful voice

against the China trade bill, helping sway scores of Democrats, including Rep. Dick Gephardt (D - Mo.), the House Democratic leader, to oppose it. The Senate is expected to pass the China bill easily. But lawmakers say that, largely because of labor's aggressive opposition, the vote in the House, expected next month, is now too close to call.

— Steve Greenhouse
The New York Times

Bush Tells Voters He's Not an 'Egghead'

AUSTIN, Texas — It is the message behind the words he chooses, from his references to undecided voters as "tire kickers" to his promises from the podium to get to the next point "right quick."

It is the signal embedded in his appetites, which veer toward Cheez Doodles, Fritos and peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches, and in his attire: unfussy suits, plain neckties and, from time to time, cowboy boots as big and brash as the state of Texas.

Gov. George W. Bush is con-

stantly letting people know, in one way or another, that he is a regular, down-home kinda guy. Trendy television shows? Doesn't watch 'em. Fancy-schmancy vacations? Doesn't take 'em. Literary novels? Doesn't read 'em. Who has the patience for all that showy verbiage, especially if there's a good baseball game on the tube?

Of all the claims the Texas governor is making in his quest for the presidency, this is one of the most central. He is saying: I am not a

snob, not an egghead, not a slave to any kind of fashion — sartorial, aesthetic or intellectual.

It is also one of the principal ways in which he distinguishes himself, both in his own mind and in his public remarks, from Vice President Al Gore. As Bush sees it, the vice president is an engineered man, not an authentic one, with an unnatural upbringing and unnaturally intense ambitions.

— Frank Bruni
The New York Times

Siberia:

Officials finding high rates of AIDS in region

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health officials had recorded fewer than 200 HIV infections since record-keeping began in 1991.

When a second north-side man checked into another hospital for an operation a few days later, only to test positive for HIV, the officials decided to investigate.

What they found is still resounding through Irkutsk, a run-down river town of 650,000 just north of Mongolia. The two men, it turned out, attended Vocational School 44, a training institute for river-transport workers. Further tests uncovered six more HIV cases among their classmates.

All eight shared another deadly trait: They were addicted to heroin, which first appeared in the city's drug subculture only six or seven months earlier.

Today a region that had hardly heard of AIDS a year ago has recorded 5,000 new cases of HIV infection and registered more than 8,500 drug addicts. Those are the official statistics; the true figures could be 10 times higher, officials say.

— Michael Wines
The New York Times

Trip:

McGinnis said some are not forthcoming with truth

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prices of food accounted for a large portion of the \$5,400 budgeted for the trip.

"Most of the expenses of this trip were out of our control," Khullar said. "People don't realize how expensive things in Times Square are."

McGinnis said that members of the A.S. Council were unaware that the executives were going to the conference and would have questioned the trip if given the chance.

"Hardly anyone even knew they were going in the trip," McGinnis said. "If we all knew about it, there is a good chance they wouldn't have been able to go ... It's just unfortunate that we didn't know beforehand."

McGinnis said he discovered the executives were attending the conference when they left an A.S. Council meeting early in order to

catch a flight.

Khullar said the executives informed the council of the trip before their departure, but also said that not everyone knew the details.

"People knew about [the conference], but some weren't as informed as others," he said. "They just didn't know the specifics."

McGinnis said he feels the executives owe the council an apology for what they did.

"I understand that they are waiting for the committee to finish its work, but they could have at least apologized for what they did," McGinnis said. "I still have yet to even hear anything that sounds like an apology."

Marshall Sophomore Senator Jeff Dodge said he hopes this matter does not affect students' perception of the A.S. Council.

"Hopefully it won't look bad for the future," he said. "Right now we are working on damage control between the students and the Council. Right now I am trying to get more people involved for next year and this may hurt that attempt."

Jolt:

University said use of 'Tritons' not allowed

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Jolt to create conflict with the university, and the cost of any litigation far outweighs the consequences, so we compromised."

However, the compromise did not last. The university last week sent another letter of objection, this time regarding the use of "Tritons."

"The university does object to the use of the name 'Tritons' because it is the name adopted by UCSD to identify its athletic teams," Parode said. "I have asked dailyjolt.com to find another name, which does not involve the use of a name or acronym already used by UCSD to identify itself. What that might be, I leave to the folks at dailyjolt.com."

Parode added that the university only objects to The Daily Jolt's domain name if it implies association with UCSD.

"I have no reason to believe that the university objects to the site in its entirety," Parode said. "We only ask that it not use university trade names in its domain name since such use conveys the impression that it is affiliated with UCSD."

Chow said she does not see how The Daily Jolt site could be detrimental to UCSD.

"It's only positive," she said. "We're promoting UCSD and its sites, making students more aware of them. We're really hoping we won't have to resort to sandiego.dailyjolt.com, especially if other San Diego schools want to start a Daily Jolt site, it wouldn't be fair to them."

Ng, who is in charge of business development for The Daily Jolt at UCSD, said he is furious with UCSD's complaints.

"It's ridiculous," he said. "The university is clearly just trying to bully us around. You'd think they'd have better things to do."

The Daily Jolt's decision to comply with UCSD's second request is pending.

Meanwhile, The Daily Jolt at UCSD can be found at www.tritons.dailyjolt.com and sandiego.dailyjolt.com.

Despite these obstacles, The Daily Jolt at UCSD launched successfully, capturing the attention of

students by passing out Daily Jolt condoms and lollipops during the first week of spring quarter.

The launch week giveaways also included Britney Spears concert tickets, cash, textbooks, gift certificates and more.

Chow said The Daily Jolt is unique because it is specifically geared toward UCSD students and provides an online UCSD community.

Students make up the content of the Web site. Students can post their opinions in a discussion forum, participate in daily polls, place advertisements, submit professor quotes, submit their organizations' on- or off-campus events and more. Visitors to the site can also interact with students from other colleges in the cross-campus forum.

"[Students] can enjoy the instant satisfaction of seeing [things] posted on our Web site right away," Chow said. "This gives the freedom to students to make this site work for them however they want."

With an overwhelming amount of UCSD students connected to the Web, Chow said she hopes The Daily Jolt will serve as a valuable resource.

"We focus on what the students truly need and truly want," Chow said. "Our goal is to provide unparalleled 'Truly Useful Information' such as up-to-date on-campus event listings, listings of parties and concerts, local weather and surf conditions, restaurant reviews, movie times, local bus schedules, a handy phone numbers listing and hours of the many on-campus facilities such as Soft Reserves and O.A.S.I.S. Eventually, we would like to offer daily cafeteria menus, which we feel would be very useful to hungry freshmen."

The Daily Jolt Web site also features the Love Monkey, a popular anonymous online match-making service.

The Daily Jolt hopes the convenience of a one-stop Web source will be the secret to attracting busy college students.

"Now granted, some of this info can be found somewhere on the Web, or through EDNA, but nowhere can you find all of this relevant information all in one place," Chow said. "We have sifted through all the crap and aggregated the resources most useful to UCSD students."

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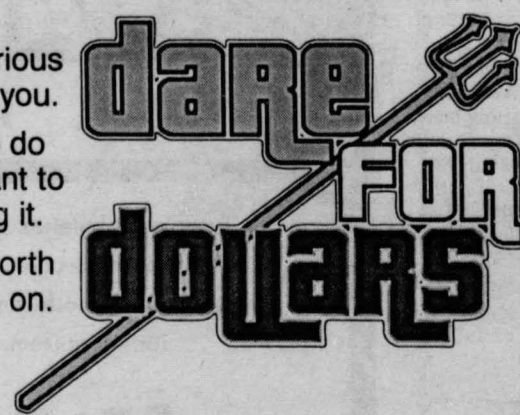
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Teaching America

College graduates looking at a teaching career can join Teach for America and involve themselves in the quest to equalize access for all students to academic excellence

In 1998, Marshall senior Emily Green knew she was interested in pursuing a career in teaching, but she did not know what steps to take in order to achieve her goal. Then, a friend told her about Teach For America, a national corps comprised of recent college graduates who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools that have minimal resources. Curious about the program, Green attended an information session and knew right away that she was interested in participating. Two years later, Green is teaching at Willowbrook Middle School in Compton, Calif.

"I felt lost in terms of how to begin my teaching career," Green said. "Teach for America seemed like a great, organized way to be introduced to the field of teaching."

Green is one of over 6,000 people who have participated in TFA since its creation in 1989. TFA began as an idea of Wendy Kopp, then a senior at Princeton University. Driven by the concern that children in this nation do not have equal access to an excellent education, Kopp used her senior thesis to propose her idea of a national teacher corps. Shortly thereafter, the Mobil Corporation approved a \$26,000 grant to start the organization, and Wendy Kopp began making her thesis a reality.

In the first year, a group of highly experienced teachers organized a training institute for the 500 selected corps members. These students immersed themselves in a rigorous, five-week training session complete with guidebook seminars, workshops and teaching experience. Corps members often refer to this training session as a teacher "boot camp" because of its demanding and fast-paced curriculum. The purpose of the training session is to indoctrinate all participants with superior teaching practices.

UCSD graduate David Carr, a former TFA participant, is now the program director for the Los Angeles Bureau.

"Most aspiring teachers take up to four years to learn the skills that we were made to learn in five weeks," Carr said.

To date, TFA has received over 33,000 applications, and the number of applicants increases every year. In the past four years, there has been a 37 percent rise in the number of TFA applications. In order to accommodate the incredible response to the program, TFA is expanding and hopes to double the number of members accepted this year.

Those interested in applying for the program must begin by completing a written application. Approximately 80 percent of these applicants are invited to interviews. This year, 4,065 people from all over the United States applied to the program, and approximately 25 percent of those will be accepted.

Corps members have impressive backgrounds: 87 percent held leadership positions on their college campus-

teachers at improving reading skills.

TFA alumni are also involved with running more than 10 charter or experimental schools within the public school system. One Houston charter school reported a 36-point average increase in students' standardized test scores.

"These are bright kids," said Green, who is completing her second year of teaching this year. "The problem lies in

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es, their average SAT score is 1247 and this year's corps had a 3.40 average high school GPA.

TFA selects applicants with the qualities necessary to make excellent teachers — the ability to overcome challenges, strong ambition and a commitment to setting the highest expectations for themselves and their students.

Monica Vasquez, who graduated from UC Berkeley in 1993, taught at an L.A. elementary school for three years through the program. Now the western recruitment director for TFA, Vasquez cherishes her time spent teaching.

"This program is unique in that it really capitalizes on a time in people's lives, right after college, where they have the ability to commit to a program like this," Vasquez said.

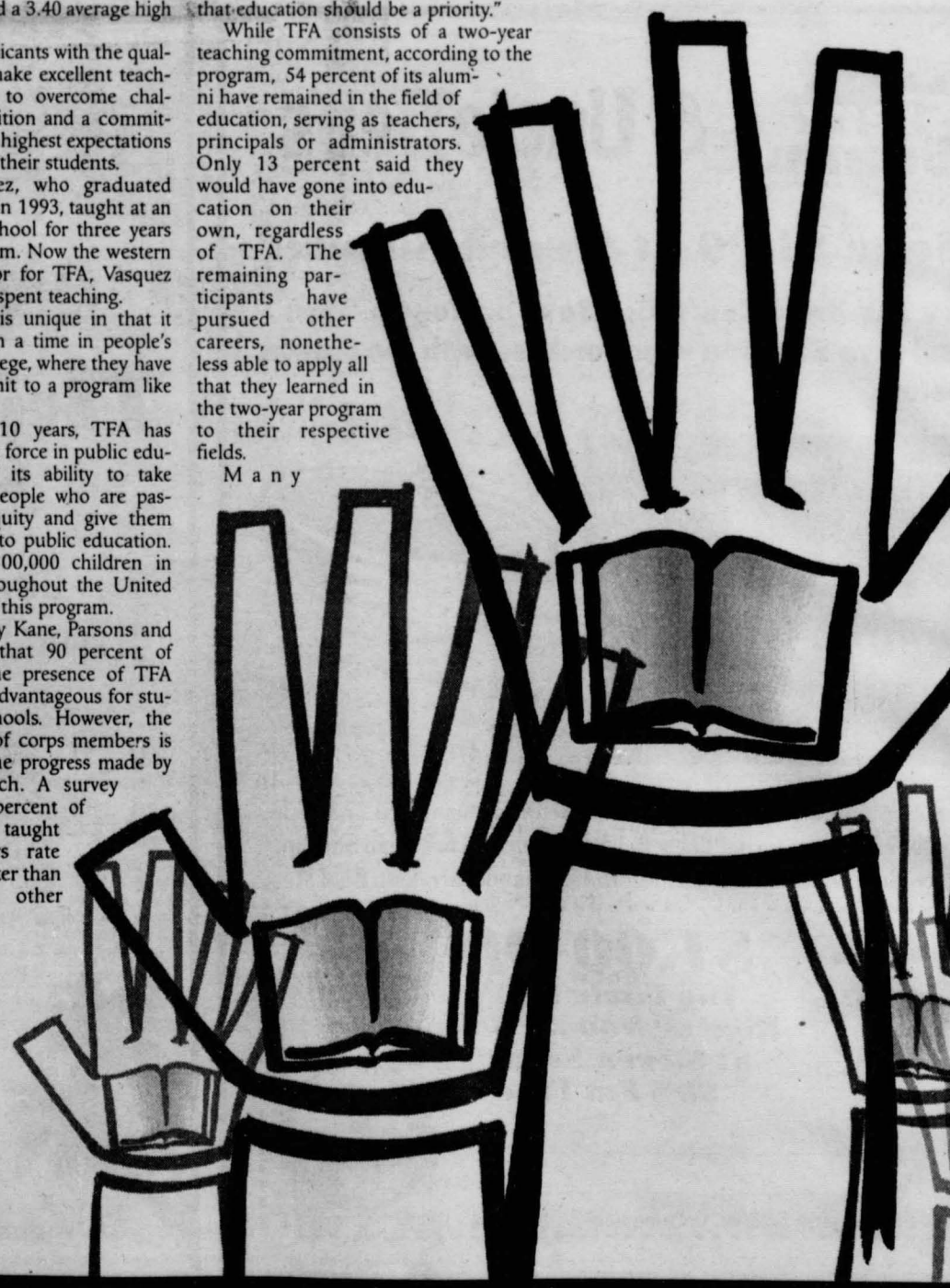
Over the last 10 years, TFA has served as a catalytic force in public education because of its ability to take young, energetic people who are passionate about inequity and give them practical exposure to public education. Each year, over 100,000 children in public schools throughout the United States benefit from this program.

A 1999 study by Kane, Parsons and Associates found that 90 percent of principals think the presence of TFA corps members is advantageous for students and for schools. However, the incredible impact of corps members is clearly shown in the progress made by students they teach. A survey revealed that 79 percent of parents of students taught by TFA members rate corps members better than their children's other

alumni who have gone on to medical school have started practices in inner cities and low-income areas. Many others have pursued careers in law, making it their goal to fight for educational equity. Recently, one alumnus won election to the state legislature in Maine on an education platform. Other former corp members have become passionate advocates of providing education to disadvantaged students from fields such as journalism, business and politics.

"One great aspect about the Teach for America program is the fact that it allows you to do something about the inequity in public education, and still pursue other goals that you might have," Vasquez said. "Students are worried that if they commit to teach, that they will be unable to go to graduate school. Teach for America allows them to teach for two years and then pursue other goals."

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By Malavika Gangolly,
Staff Writer

The Editor's Soapbox

A pitiful streak cannot be escaped by the confines of college as fate once again rears its ugly head

By **JOSH CROUSE**
Associate Features Editor

All right, now I'm pissed. It happened once, and I laughed. Yes, it's very funny, ha ha. It happened twice. It stung a little, but I shook it off and chalked another one up to bad luck. However, when I had five girls cancel on me the week before five consecutive formal dances, I think it's safe to assume that I've made the Big Guy's shit list.

This now infamous (and quite impressive) streak I am building on began in high school.

It was my junior formal. I was dating a tall, gorgeous blonde who I thought I was in love with. It was my first girlfriend — what can I say?

I treated her like a princess. I was always taking her to nice restaurants and buying her flowers for no real reason other than to see her smile. I was basically working my ass off writing articles for my local newspaper just to be able to keep her happy.

Our junior formal was fast approaching. It was the big winter dance where the girls ask the guys and everyone has a good time. Since I hadn't been asked my previous two years, this was going to be my first formal dance. I was excited to be going with such a beautiful girl. I had a nice suit picked out as well as reservations at the best restaurant in town.

Little did I know that I would soon have to throw all of those

plans out the window.

The week before the dance, my girlfriend informed me that she had fallen in love with a football player from Atwater (a small hick town 40 miles away from Modesto) and would be going to the dance with him. She smiled her little smile as she ripped out my young heart and stomped on it with her four-inch heels.

What a bitch!

With the formal fiasco mentally blocked from my memory, I soon grew excited at the prospect of my junior prom. I was looking for redemption. I was determined to escort the hottest girl in school and show my ex-girlfriend what she was missing with her corn-fed hick boyfriend.

That was when I found her — a beautiful girl who had one of the nicest bodies I have ever seen. I was in heaven when she smiled and said she would love to go to the prom with me. Prom was to be held the Friday after our spring break, so I spent the entire break with my would-be date.

Then fate reared its ugly head again. She called me the Friday before prom, sobbing, saying that her father forbade her from going to the prom due to a low midterm score. There went prom.

My senior year was going to be different. I was determined to exorcise the demons of my junior year, and things started out great.

I had a girlfriend to start out the year. She lived 100 miles away in Sacramento, but I could make the drive in about an hour. I was crazy about her and excited to be going



All of this has led me to a lot of late-night philosophizing about the existence of God and Fate, as well as what I could have possibly done to piss them off so much. In the end I just smile and think that things will get better. I am pretty confident that they will, considering the fact that they have nowhere to go but up.

to my formal with her.

It was going to be a great time — she was going to come down for the weekend and stay at my house. Things were looking very good — too good, in fact. I had a suspicion that something would happen to again thwart my happiness, but my

friend told me I was just being pessimistic.

Low and behold, Fate showed up again, winked at me and blew me a soft kiss as my date canceled four days before the formal.

Her excuse was at least genuine — her best friend had scored five ounces of pot and was throwing a giant party that weekend. At least she had her priorities straight. Needless to say, we didn't see each other after that.

My senior prom pretty much fit the same mold. I had a girlfriend. She was pretty. I was happy.

Then, fate ripped out my spleen and nibbled gently on it. I didn't have a date.

Then college came around. I heard about the semifinals from some upper-classmen friends that I had. They said that it would be a really good time and that I should definitely go to it.

I was initially pessimistic about asking anyone to the Warren semi-formal. I was admittedly scared about another chance encounter with fate.

Eventually I got over my fear, and amazingly had two dates to the semi-formal. Now, some of you feminazis out there are probably shouting "What a pig!" but let me explain.

First, I was talking to an old friend from high school who was living near Los Angeles. Knowing my horrible luck with formal dances, she offered to be my date if I couldn't find anyone else. I was relieved — I had a back-up date. You can imagine how elated I was

when another friend of mine said she would love to go to the dance with me. I had two dates!

There was no way that I was going to have this dance blown for me.

However, I was sadly underestimating how much I am hated by the Big Guy. It was constantly in the back of my mind (I guess I am a little pessimistic, but I think I have a right to be), which is why, upon hearing a knock at my door, I simply unlocked the door, walked to the couch and bent over, knowing all too well that fate was there to ream me once again.

In a matter of an hour, my friend from San Diego canceled because her boyfriend was coming into town, and my friend from Los Angeles canceled because she couldn't get out of work.

All of this has led me to a lot of late-night philosophizing about the existence of God and fate, as well as what I could have possibly done to piss them off so much. In the end I just smile and think that things will get better. I am pretty confident that they will, considering the fact that they have nowhere to go but up.

So there it is. My entire, pathetic story, there for all of you to laugh and snicker at. Hell, I have to admit that if it were some other poor schmuck, I would be laughing my ass off along with the rest of you. However, it's not some other poor schmuck, it's me. I'm not asking for pity. I'm just asking that you wait until my back is turned to laugh and point. Thank you.

Representing the UC Student Body

Student regent allows associated students access to the regents agenda and policy making

By **JULIE PAIGE**
Contributing Staff Writer

The UC Regents are a body of individuals who determine the major policies of the UC system. Each year, a student from one of the UC campuses joins this group to give students greater access to and representation in the formation of policies that shape their education.

"This is really our only opportunity for a student to meet with the regents on a regular basis," UCSD's A.S. Vice President External Affairs Terrence Patterson said of the student regent position. "We can't even speak to the regents in the meetings unless we are put on the agenda. The student regent has the ability to submit things to the agenda."

A.S. Secretary Anna Mason, who is closely involved with the student regent application process, said the position — created in 1974 to give students a stronger voice in university policy-making — is very important.

As a voting member of the UC Board of Regents, this student ideally represents the interests of the UC students to the board.

The student regent must be an undergraduate, graduate or professional student in good standing at one of the nine UC campuses at the time of application and during his or her term. A student who holds an appointed or elected student government position is not eligible for appointment unless he or she resigns. A student regent cannot serve more than one term.

The current student regent is Michelle Pannor, an undergraduate

majoring in Communication and Conservation Resource Studies at UC Berkeley. Pannor plans to attend graduate school in public policy. She said she became interested in the student regent position when the board was voting on SP-1, an initiative concerning affirmative action in admissions.

Pannor feels that student's access to policy making should be increased.

"My goal is that at a local level, students' voices will be heard," Pannor said. "I meet with the office of the president and the chancellors and encourage them to meet with the students more. I feel it is important to promote interaction between the administration and the students."

Pannor meets regularly with the University of California Students Association and remains in touch with other student organizations so she can effectively represent their interests. Pannor said she understands that it takes a group of students to effectively mobilize any legislation.

Three issues that Pannor is currently working on include student housing, fees and grant aid, student housing and the admissions process. She is searching for ways to provide more student housing at more affordable prices. She is also lobbying for more funding for education.

"The UC portion of the state budget has decreased," Pannor said. "We are looking for ways that we can get more grant aid and fellowships."

As student regent, Pannor also addresses the lack of diversity

throughout the UC system.

"I would like to see the student body population more reflective of the diversity that exists in California," Pannor said. "I want to know why we use the SATs, why we rely so heavily on standardized tests."

The regents establish policies including campus development, admissions, financial aid, student fees and the financial management of the university. They also appoint the chancellors, the president of the university, the directors of the major departments of energy research laboratories and the officers of the regents. The board operates through seven standing committees and various subcommittees and special committees.

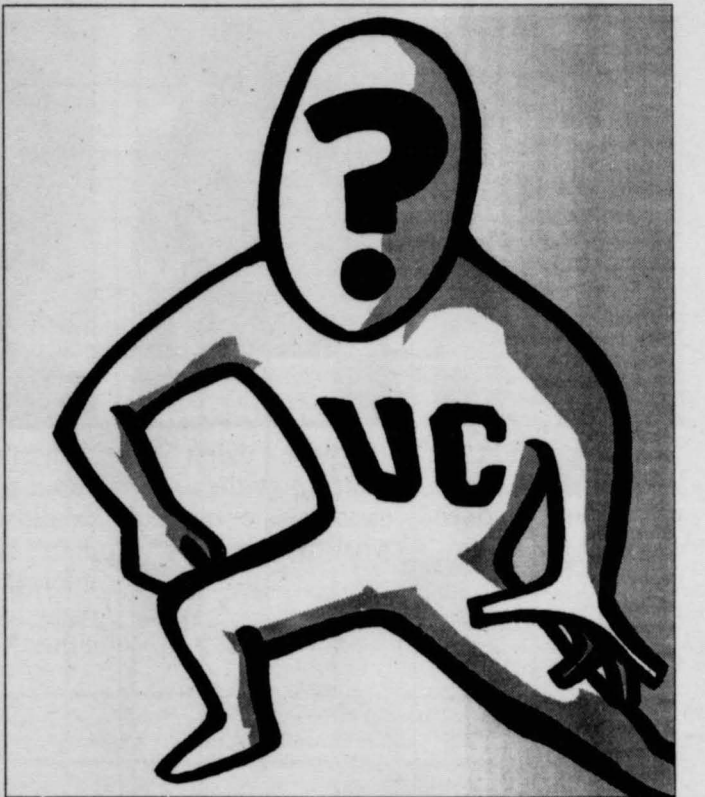
The UC Board of Regents has 26 members. Eighteen are appointed by the governor for 12-year terms, seven are ex-officio members and one is a student.

While in training, the student regent must attend all meetings of the board, which are two days long and occur every other month, but is not given a vote.

In past years, the student regent has participated in a three-month training period before becoming a full voting member of the board. Beginning this year, however, the student will be a "regent designate" for one year before his or her official term. The student regent designate will work along side the acting student regent during his or her tenure.

Pannor is optimistic about the possible effects of this reform.

"It will be better because there will be two students. There will be



Nicholas Runco/Guardian

twice as many opportunities to visit the student regent and they will be able to get a lot more done," Pannor said.

Several perks come along with the power of being a student regent. The student regent does not have to pay the mandatory university fees and tuition during the academic year in which he or she serves as voting member of the board. The

student regent is also reimbursed for expenses during meetings and is provided with an office and telephone at his or her home campus.

"These perks are well-earned," Pannor said. "The job is very demanding and time consuming. Timing is really crazy. Recently I have been in at least two cities per

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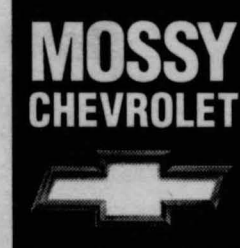
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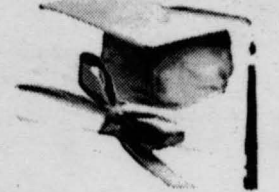


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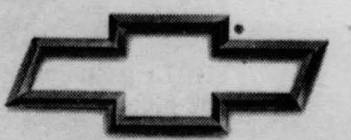
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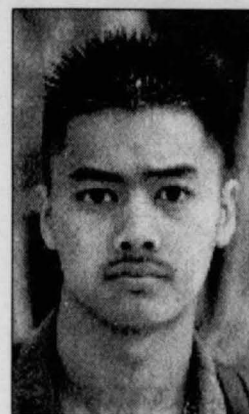


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Why didn't you vote in the A.S. elections?

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"Because I didn't know what the hell was up, and no one ever told me about it."

Ken Lao Roosevelt freshman



"Because I didn't quite know the candidates or quite what they were for."

Jess Thompson Muir freshman



"I didn't really know about the different candidates, so I didn't have enough information. I don't really like politics either."

Kevin Babba Revelle freshman



"I don't know. I didn't really think about it. I didn't have the time and I didn't really care that much because I didn't know what was going on."

Jenn Goldstein Revelle sophomore



"I didn't really care at all. I didn't have time either."

Melissa Salcon Revelle freshman



"Because I didn't think it would matter because I'm leaving."

Josh Steele Revelle senior

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Regent:

2001-2002 school year had only 49 applications

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week. You have to be quick. The traveling of a [student] regent is overwhelming. The application process begins in April, when each application for student regent is reviewed by a student regional nominating convention. Two commissions narrow down the pool and invite select applicants to continue the interviewing process.

UCSD is part of the Southern Regional Nominating Commission, which includes the UC schools in Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside and Santa Barbara. The Northern Regional Nominating Commission chooses students from the Berkeley, Davis, San Francisco and Santa Cruz campuses.

One student from each college is chosen to continue in the selection process. Nine semifinalists are interviewed by the UCSA Board of Directors and three finalists continue to be interviewed by a special committee of the regents. The student regent is appointed in September.

There were 49 applications for the 2001-02 student regent position, and seven were from UCSD. Considering the number of students in the UC system, 49 is a surprisingly low turnout. There are 165,968 undergraduate, graduate and professional students in the entire UC system, 19,918 of which are from UCSD.

"Students might think it is too huge — something that they just can't do," Mason said.

Many students do not know the position is available. Those that do know may not know how to apply, or they may be intimidated by the high caliber of the competition.

Officials are eager to increase the number of applicants — recruiting efforts, such as hiring a student to talk directly to students about the position, are increasing.

"Most of the applicants are heavily involved in either student organizations or student outreach, whether on the student government level or on their own student organization," Patterson said. "Most are heavily involved in academic work as well, such as doing heavy research in their academic field. They come with extensive resumes. They must have a good idea of how University of California Office of the President is run, and how university operations take place."

The position usually attracts students who are familiar with university issues and policies. Most importantly, this student has to be dedicated to representing UC students. They have to interact with students, be constantly alert and willing to work hard. They are the most powerful voice students have in the UC system.

Applications for the 2002-03 student regent will be due at the end of next winter quarter.

Linda Rae Sabo, who served during the 1982-83 school year, has been the only student regent from UCSD.

Justin Fong, a graduate student in public policy at UCLA, was appointed student regent for the 2000-01 school year. His term will begin on July 1.

Pannor will be coming to UCSD Monday, April 24 for the Hate Free Campus Campaign, which will include a rally at 4:30 p.m. in Price Center, sponsored by Student Affirmative Action and Human Relation Program, followed by the Edward James Olmos lecture at 7 p.m. at Price Center Ballroom, which is sponsored by A.S. Council.

Pannor welcomes students to come with questions and ideas. "I'd love to talk," Pannor said.

For information regarding the UC Board of Regents, visit www.ucop.edu/regents. For information on applying to be the student regent, contact Anna Mason at 534-4451 or anna@ucsd.edu. Michelle Pannor can be reached at (510) 642-1119 or at Michelle.Pannor@ucop.edu.

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Trip to Africa Presents a New Perspective

A mission of medical mercy to Africa gives one UCSD student an opportunity to serve his fellow man

By ALEX J. LEE
Staff Writer

For many of the future doctors at UCSD, practicing medicine outside the classroom is not an option. Indeed, helping patients outside a hospital, let alone the entire United States, is a rarity for almost any doctor in training. Recently, however, one of UCSD's very own students had the unique opportunity to practice medicine in the African country The Gambia.

A sophomore at Revelle College, Daniel Hampton was one of a select number of students who participated in a weeklong program called Africa 2000. Its mission is to treat people in need from other countries. The program consists of a team of doctors, nurses, students and other medical personnel from the United States.

According to Hampton, it was someone he knew who first referred him to participate in Africa 2000.

"My family has an old family friend who's a pediatrician in Santa Monica — Robert Hamilton," Hampton said. "He called and asked if I wanted to be a part of the team since he knew I was a premed student. I was really excited, so I said yes."

Arriving at night, the team was welcomed by a local citizen. Once there, the group lodged at the Tafbel, a popular hotel for tourists located on the beaches.

From Monday to Thursday, the team set up makeshift clinics,

complete with pharmacies, in two locations — one at a nearby church and another at a local township on the outskirts of the city, where the home of the township's chief served as the site for the clinic.

At both clinics, huge numbers of people came seeking help. In total, the Africa 2000 team served approximately 3,000 people. It was forced to turn away many others.

Hampton offered his view on the many people that the team encountered.

"It was like a crush of humanity," Hampton said. "We would literally come to the clinic and there would be a crowd of people waiting for us. We would literally have to tread our way through the crowd, almost like parting the [Red Sea], if you will."

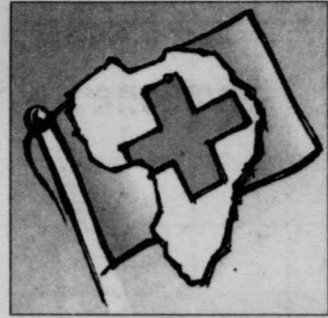
Hampton shared this sentiment, pointing out the number of people who used this service.

"It was like dealing with a mob," Hampton said. "The crowds were pushing and fighting to get through."

Still, he was quick to add that not all the people were so aggressive.

"I got two different views, both the personal and impersonal," Hampton said. "Many of the people I met on an individual basis, which was very nice. You see more of the scope of the situation and feel more compassion for the people you treat."

The most common ailments treated were worms, intestinal parasites and respiratory prob-



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— Daniel Hampton

lems such as bronchitis and asthma. Others included malnutrition, fungal infections and meningitis.

A highlight for Hampton was meeting U.S. Ambassador of The Gambia George Haley, brother of

renowned author Alex Haley. The team was invited to his home, where they were welcomed graciously.

Hampton found the experience to be very poignant and beneficial to his work toward becoming a medical doctor.

"It was very moving to think that a descendant of a slave, Kunta Kinte, came to become the ambassador of [The] Gambia," Hampton said. "George embodies a tremendous amount of poetic redemption."

Hampton remembered Haley for his warmth and generosity.

"He supported what we were doing," Hampton said. "He was such a great host."

Hampton thought Hampton was the perfect choice for the program.

"Daniel is incredibly responsible and bright, and I knew he'd make a great contribution to this program," Hampton said. "I think for him, it deepened his interest in the medical field."

Hampton pointed out the importance of charity work in countries less fortunate than the United States, particularly those in Central America and Africa where access to medical care is often impeded by a lack of resources.

"I think whenever you go to a foreign culture and you see the need that is there, it becomes very tangible and real," Hampton said. "We work very hard, and even though you can't help everyone, you can at least help improve the living situations of many. In that

respect, you come back with a sense of assurance."

Hampton also noted how challenging it is to set up medical programs such as Africa 2000.

"When you ship medication to another country, you need approval and certification from all sorts of groups, like pharmaceutical firms and the government," Hampton said. "It takes a tremendous amount of effort to get these teams together."

Hampton found the experience to be deeply moving and hopes to participate in more charitable medical programs.

"[The program] has encouraged me more to become a doctor," Hampton said. "It reminded me of the abundant wealth we have as Americans and how often we take them for granted. When I came back, I could see more clearly; life made more sense. I realized that these people, even though they had very little, were still very happy. When I become a doctor, I know that I'll want to do more trips like this."

All treatments and medications were provided to patients free of charge. The program was predominantly funded by corporations, in particular premier medical supply corporation McKesson. The total cost of supplies and the trip was approximately \$40,000.

All remaining medications and supplies were donated to local hospitals, including the Royal Victory Hospital in Banjul, the largest hospital in The Gambia.

Teach:

Many participants are continuing their mission

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TFA encourages its corps members to choose teaching as a career and to make a positive impact on the students they teach. The long-term mission of TFA is to create an ever-expanding force of leaders who have been changed by their experiences and will operate in all sectors of society.

"Many corps members take on the noble notion that they will be able to make a difference in every child they teach," Green said. "Perhaps the most difficult part of our job is the realization that we will not be able to reach all of our students."

Ten years after Kopp proposed her idea for a national teacher corps, TFA has grown in both numbers and strength. Over the past decade, \$60 million in grants from corporations, foundations, private donors and the federal government have been awarded to TFA.

Kopp, now 32, remains president of TFA.

"Teach for America has already

accomplished a great deal, yet as a nation we are far from the day when we can safely say that every child has an equal chance for success," Kopp stated. "This is why we're approaching the future with all the more energy and all the greater sense of urgency."

TFA has become a driving force in the fight for equity in education. Corps members see it as their responsibility to reflect and think critically about the changes that are needed in public education. Those who participate take with them, among other things, the realities of the public education system.

Perhaps TFA's potential to affect American youth in the public education system was best expressed by Michael Johnston, who graduated from the program in 1997.

"If Teach for America succeeds in its mission, we will go on to lead a generation that is characterized by service, not as a hobby or recreation, but as a lifestyle."

For more information, write Teach For America, 315 West 36th Street, 6th floor, New York, NY 10018 or call (212) 279-2080. The UCSD Volunteer Connection, located on the second floor of Price Center, also has information on TFA.

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SPORTS



Reality Check

Bill Burger

The NHL is making changes for the worse

I always make a point of going to a couple of hockey games a year. Lately those visits have been getting less and less enjoyable, mainly because of changes the league has made in the last few years.

The weather may be getting warmer and winter may have already given way to spring, but the boys of the National Hockey League are only beginning their playoff series. While watching games for the last week, I realized one thing: The NHL sucks!

I love watching hockey games, mostly for the checks and the brawls, but as a business and as the most powerful hockey league in the world, the NHL has thoroughly failed.

First, the league's rules committee has to make the rules more cut and dry. Penalty rules may be written with good intent, but out on the ice, the linesmen are the ones who interpret what is necessary to call and what is not. This happens with fouls in the NBA and balls and strikes in Major League Baseball, but the mistakes are never so blatant as they are in the NHL. Rarely will a mistake by an official in baseball or football cost a team a game. This kind of atrocity happens all the time in the NHL.

I am mainly talking about penalties that occur (or don't occur) right before a goal is scored. Many goals are called off because players were in the crease before the puck was, but there are many instances, such as in the example that went against Toronto, when players are in the crease but the linesmen decide not to call anything.

It is only a matter of time before a series is decided on one of these subjective decisions by the officials.

Secondly, the NHL lets entirely too many teams into the playoffs. A team has to be absolutely wretched during the regular season to not make the playoffs. Once in the playoffs, these bad teams can get lucky and knock a top-notch team off in the first round. This makes for exciting play, but it penalizes teams such as the St. Louis Blues, who play great all season and then hit a small snag for a few games in April.

As long as the NHL allows the dregs of the league to make the playoffs, the television ratings for regular season games will remain in the gutter.

My biggest complaint with the way the NHL has handled itself over the last five years is how it has expanded into the sunbelt. When Wayne Gretzky was traded from Edmonton to Los Angeles, hockey in the sunbelt was officially born. Now, there are teams in Anaheim, Phoenix, Tampa Bay and many other places that rarely — if ever — see temperatures cold enough to freeze the ice.

Since the invasion of hockey into the southern region of the United States, the NHL has gone from a Canadian craze and a U.S. afterthought to a joke in both countries.

By trying to appeal to the younger, attention-deprived gener-

Softball Loses Two to USD

A strong performance by the Tritons is all for naught in two 1-0 losses to their Division I rivals

By ROBERT FULTON

Sports Editor

A doubleheader showdown took place at UCSD this last Wednesday. In one corner was UCSD, a Division III powerhouse. The Tritons are ranked No. 1 in the region and third in the nation with a record of 22-7.

The Tritons' opponent was cross-town rival University of San Diego, a Division I school with a 23-23 record.

Both contests of the doubleheader were tightly fought, but each ended in disappointment for UCSD. The Tritons lost each game 1-0.

"I think they weren't enthused," UCSD softball coach Patti Gerckens said. "They weren't up. I don't know why. It's not that they played poorly, but they didn't play up to their potential."

One run in both of the contest was all that kept UCSD from beating not only a nemesis from just down the freeway, but also a Division I program.

"They're a rival," Gerckens continued. "We play them every year, and we usually split with them. They're Division I, but we get up for the game."

In the first contest, the Tritons brought out their ace Leea Harlan. Harlan entered the game with a record of 9-2 and had recently tossed a no-hitter.

The Triton hurler lived up to the billing, striking out six.

The Toreros featured Amy Lopez on the mound. Lopez has been a workhorse for USD this season, tossing 27 games, winning 13 of them. She did well in quieting the Triton bats when she struck out eight batters and allowed only five hits.

UCSD had been on an offensive tear as of late, but could not get on the scoreboard. Erin Bridges was the lone highlight in game one with two hits.

Harlan kept USD at bay until the seventh inning. Then, a costly fielding error with two outs allowed the Toreros to have runners on first and second. The runner on second, Katy Morrison, came around to score on a hit by Jennifer Bridges.

"She couldn't find the grip on the ball," recalled Gerckens of the error.

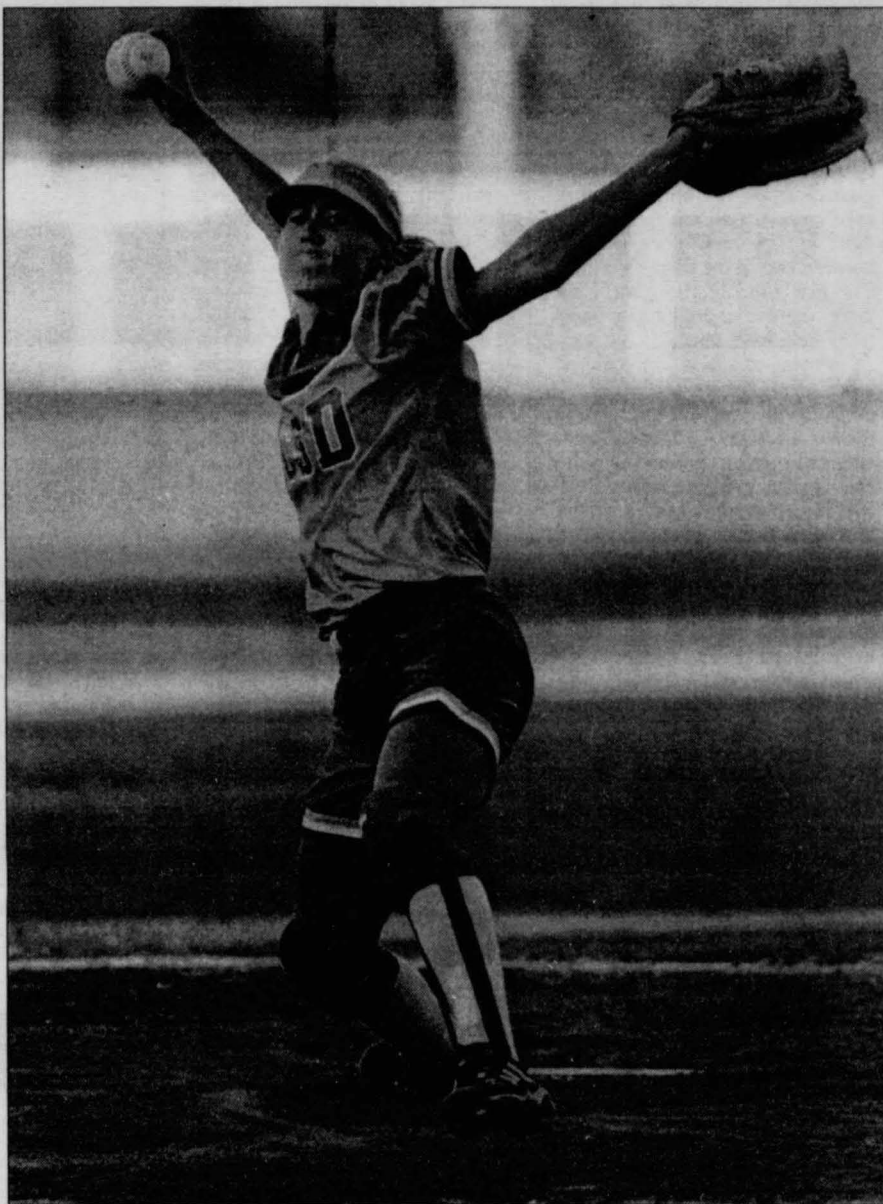
UCSD was unable to counter in the bottom of the seventh, and the game was over.

The second game was just as heartbreaking. UCSD sent the very capable arm of Erin Flanigan to the mound. She gave up four hits and struck out three.

Jade Quentin, despite not starting for USD, picked up the win by pitching six innings and allowing only two hits.

"They just took her out," Gerckens explained. "They probably wanted to get the other pitcher warmed up first."

The Tritons garnered only 3 hits all game.



Lisa Huff/Guardian

Hurling: Leea Harlan delivers a pitch in the Power Bar Classic earlier this year. Harlan was on the mound in the Tritons first 1-0 loss to USD last weekend.

In the fifth, the contest was knotted 0-0. The Toreros' Liz Wells reached second and was driven in when teammate Stephanie Bisera tripled, giving USD the lead.

No one else would come around to score, and that is how the game ended.

"Some of them got down on themselves," Gerckens said. "Not all, just some. Because we are use to scoring, they were forcing it. They have to learn great teams come back."

The Tritons' lack of offense for the two

games was uncharacteristic for the normally productive squad.

"They're pitching selection was off," Gerckens said. "They weren't seeing too many strikes."

Even more so than the lack of offense, the three errors are a concern for Gerckens.

"You need offense to win a game, but defense is the name of the game."

The Triton's hope to get back on track when they head to Point Loma Nazarene University for a double-header on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Tennis Suffers Crushing Defeat at the Hands of Claremont

Injuries and inconsistency send men's tennis team to a loss that will hurt their chances to make Nationals

By BILL BURGER

Sports Editor

As Saturday afternoon's match came to a close, fans could actually see the air seeping out of the men's tennis team's collective balloon. The Tritons knew it was imperative to win this at-home match to have any realistic hope of making nationals this year, but as losing results were slowly reported by the Triton players, the chances for victory began to wane away.

When the last score was tallied, the Tritons had suffered a crushing blow to their hopes of making Nationals because of the 2-5 loss to Claremont-McKenna.

Early on, the Tritons' chance was looking promising. UCSD

won two out of the three doubles sets and took the doubles point to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

At No. 1 doubles, Dan Albrecht and Mike Rosett played the solid doubles match that Head Coach Eric Steidlmayer has come to expect from the duo. Albrecht and Rosett were never in trouble and rolled to a routine 8-4 victory.

The match at No. 2 doubles was similar. Joe Diehl and Sean Nagle were able to fend off some big ground strokes from their opponents and win 8-5.

Cedric Mazzara and an injured Michael Meyer teamed up to play at No. 3 doubles and

played well enough to get into a tie-breaker. Once there, the tandem did not have enough to pull through and lost the set 9-8, but the Tritons did not need the victory to secure the point.

"We put Meyer in doubles today because he is so coordinated that he can play with basically only one hand," Steidlmayer said. "We expect him to get the cast off in a week and a half and be ready to play singles again in two weeks, probably."

Unfortunately for the Tritons, singles play presented a 180-degree turn from their results in doubles. Things started out in promising fashion — the Tritons

were either up or tied in four of the six doubles sets halfway through the first sets of the matches.

That all fell apart as the matches wore on and the Tritons eventually lost five of the six matches en route to their 2-5 defeat in the match.

At No. 1 singles, Albrecht won six consecutive games after dropping the first game, taking the first set against his opponent 6-1. From there, Albrecht lost 12 of the next 14 games and lost the next two sets 6-2, 6-0.

"Dan hit some great shots in the first set, but I don't think he should ever lose 6-0 to anybody," Steidlmayer said. "His serve and

