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Judge halts some UC fee hikes

Student suit argues increases violate contract

By **VLADIMIR KOGAN**
News Editor

An August court order has blocked about \$15 million of fall fee hikes for some students at UC professional schools as part of a class-action lawsuit against the university system.

Arguing that the tuition increases passed by the UC Board of Regents to offset state funding cuts violate a contract, the students "have demonstrated a substantial likelihood of success on the merits of their complaint," San Francisco Superior Court Judge James L. Warren stated in a preliminary injunction.

Calling the decision "unprecedented," UC spokesman Hanan Eisenman said the university remained confident it would eventually prevail in the suit. Lawyers for the system have already filed an appeal to overturn the ruling.

In the meantime, the university will send out adjusted billing statements to affected students and issue refunds to those who already made payments, he said.

"We understand student concerns about the fee increases, but

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Fox, administrators develop new plan

New chancellor's focus on diversity, education quality

By **LISA MAK**
Associate News Editor

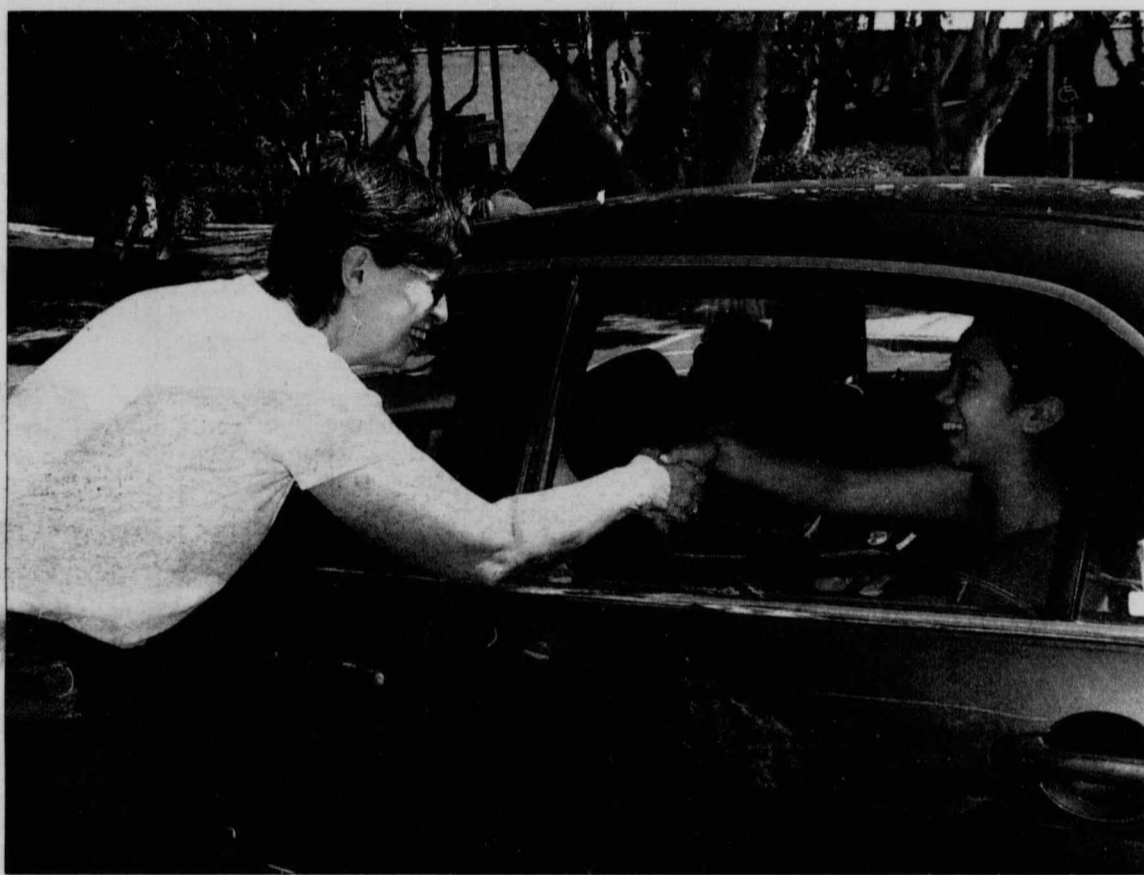
A month after taking office in August as UCSD's seventh chancellor, former North Carolina State University Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said she is working with campus administrators to develop a new plan to achieve "innovation, interdisciplinary opportunities and internationalization" at the university.

"I recognized what a valuable institution [UCSD] is, and it really has extraordinary faculty and an extraordinary student body," Fox said. "It's geographically placed at a position where I think it can be a world's leader in international education and research ... and a place where I thought a leadership team could be developed that would really make this, if not the best public institution in the United States, [then] at least one of them."

In mid-August, Fox organized a retreat for the senior-level administrative team — including vice chancellors, academic senate leaders, division deans and provost representatives — to discuss goals and plans for UCSD.

"For all of [the university's leaders] to be on the same page ... was really a very heart-warming thing for me," Fox said.

In the short-term, Fox has established a number of task forces to study ways to implement the administration's shared vision. One, headed by Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Steven W. Relyea,



Rachel A. Garcia/Guardian

Welcome: New UCSD Chancellor Marye Anne Fox greets Thurgood Marshall College sophomore Catherine Banares at registration. Fox is examining human resources and staff support, and may later influence university hiring practices. Another group is studying the quality of the undergraduate experience and student life.

An effort to focus on academic affairs and to change university bureaucracy as NCSU chancellor

earned Fox scorn from that campus' Faculty Senate. The senate voted to censure Fox after she dismissed two top administrators at NCSU, according to the school's newspaper, the *Technician*.

However, Fox said no concrete plans are currently in place for major administrative changes at

UCSD.

Along with the Diversity Council, chaired by professor Russell Doolittle, Fox has also been making efforts to address the issue of diversity on campus, a subject of recent criticism for the university. A

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Budget deal funds extra freshmen

State support for UC slashed nearly \$200 million

By **VLADIMIR KOGAN**
News Editor

More than 1,500 students originally told to wait until junior year

to attend a UC campus have accepted a belated offer of freshman admission, according to university officials. However, the extra \$12 million to enroll the eli-

gible students who were previously denied entrance was one of few pleasant surprises for the university in a budget agreement between the state legislature and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Under the approved budget, the University of California will lose more than 6 percent of its state funding, or nearly \$200 million, bringing the number of consecutive years of state cuts to four. The money will be made up through program cuts and higher student fees adopted in May of 2004, according to UC spokesman Hanan Eisenman.

"This is a very good day for students, the University of California and the state," Eisenman said, explaining that the deal and a separate agreement signed between UC President Robert C. Dynes and the governor will allow the university to "stop the bleeding."

"It's an endorsement of the

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Travis Ball/Guardian

On the move: John Muir College freshman Randy Bundie moves into her dorm. However, formerly deferred freshmen will not receive on-campus housing.

Regents vote in favor of tougher student eligibility

Board will consider raising minimum high school GPA from 2.7 to 3.1

By **VLADIMIR KOGAN**
News Editor

Faced with opposition from advocacy groups and allegations of misleading statistical models, the UC Board of Regents has twice postponed voting on a controversial proposal to raise the grades students

need to apply to the university.

However, the board approved several other "procedural adjustments," which will take effect immediately but have little practical impact on students applying to the University of California this fall, in

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"[The UC] can't balance the budget on the backs of students."

— Mo Kashmiri, Berkeley law graduate

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BRIEFLY

Regent resigns amid attendance controversy

UC Regent Haim Saban announced his resignation from the university's governing body after a newspaper published his record of attendance at board meetings.

A July analysis of university records by the *San Diego Union-Tribune* concluded that Saban missed more than two-thirds of meetings since his appointment by former Gov. Gray Davis in 2002. During the 2002-03 academic year, he missed all of the board meetings and attended fewer than one of every five of his committee meetings, the paper found.

Citing the report, state Sen. Jeff Denham (R-Merced) called for Saban's resignation.

In his letter to the rest of the board, Saban cited only "personal reasons" and did not make mention of the criticism directed toward him.

The media mogul, whose Saban Entertainment and Fox Family Worldwide created the "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" franchise, contributed a total of \$150,000 to Davis' re-election campaign as late as a month before his appointment, according to records maintained by the secretary of state.

Nominated by the governor and approved by the state Senate, Regents serve 12-year nonpaid terms and cannot be removed for poor attendance. A successor to serve out the remainder of Saban's term will be named by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Top NIH pharmacist to join UCSD in October

Charles E. Daniels, the top pharmacist at the National Institutes of Health, will take on teaching and administrative positions on campus in October, UCSD Healthcare announced.

In the newly created position of pharmacist-in-chief, Daniels will oversee pharmaceutical activities on campus and at affiliated hospitals. Daniels will also serve as the associate dean of clinical affairs as well as a professor of clinical pharmacy at the UCSD School of Pharmacy, the newest institution of pharmacy in the nation.

Campus raises \$131.9 million in private donations

During the 2003-04 fiscal year, UCSD received \$131.9 million in private support, making it the second most successful year on record. The campus raised more money only in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, when donations

totaled \$135 million.

The largest pledge came from Ernest Rady and the Rady Family Foundation to name the new Rady School of Management. It was the largest naming gift in the history of the school, according to a university statement.

As of the end of June, the university raised more than \$600 million for its \$1 billion fundraising drive called "The Campaign for UCSD: Imagine What's Next." The initiative is scheduled to conclude by July 2007.

UC settles Enron class action

The University of California has reached a \$69 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit related to the bankruptcy of electricity giant Enron. The university served as the lead plaintiff in a suit on behalf of the company's investors.

If approved by the court, Bank of America will pay the settlement for its role in underwriting the company's stocks.

In 2002, the university reached a separate \$40 million settlement with the overseas arm of Enron's auditor.

University station wins two regional Emmy awards

UCSD-TV brought home two regional Emmys for a dance video shot in San Diego.

The independent station, licensed to the University of California, received recognition for its "The Soul of Saturday Night" production at the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Pacific Southwest Chapter awards ceremony in June.

Co-produced by UCSD-TV arts and humanities producer John Menier and a local dance company, the program won the coveted awards in the categories of Best Direction/Other than News and Outstanding Visual & Performing Arts Program.

Regents appoint new Berkeley chancellor

The UC Board of Regents approved President Robert C. Dynes' pick of Robert J. Birgeneau to head the system's Berkeley campus.

The 62-year-old physicist and current president of the University of Toronto is expected to take over the chancellor post at the school in October. Birgeneau was selected from among 298 international applicants.

Under a contract approved by the Regents, Birgeneau will receive an annual salary of \$390,000, an increase over his predecessor.

ETCETERA ...



Eric Baskauskas/Guardian

LIGHTS & SIRENS

Monday, Sept. 6
9:30 a.m.: Officers impounded a white 1989 Honda CRX from Lot 359 for having an expired registration.
1:28 p.m.: A staff member reported a burglary at Sequoyah Hall. Loss: \$228.
5:53 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a backpack from Pacific Hall. Loss: \$230.
5:53 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a laptop computer from Pacific Hall. Loss: \$1,090.

Tuesday, Sept. 7
8:58 a.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a computer from Pacific Hall. Loss: \$2,000.
12:12 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a yellow GT mountain bike from the east side of Geneva Hall. Loss: \$400.
12:30 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a red and silver Gary Fisher mountain bike from racks near Geisel Library. Loss: \$100.
1:30 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a white 2003 Ford Econoline van. Vehicle was recovered.

Wednesday, Sept. 8
2:37 p.m.: A staff member reported vandalism to the Snake Path near the Geisel Library building. Damage: \$200.
3:28 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a book at the UCSD Bookstore. Loss: \$60.

Thursday, Sept. 9
5:57 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a laptop computer from Pacific Hall. Loss: \$500.

Friday, Sept. 10
9:16 a.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a computer from Sequoyah Hall. Loss: \$540.

Saturday, Sept. 11
10:50 p.m.: Officers arrested a 60-year-old male nonaffiliate for two outstanding misdemeanor warrants for illegal fires on the beach and failure to appear in court. Booked into Central Jail. Bail: \$5,645.

Tuesday, Sept. 14
2:22 p.m.: A female staff member complained of faintness and chest pains at Pepper Canyon Apartments. Transported to Thornton Hospital by paramedics.
2:53 p.m.: A staff member reported the

theft of lab equipment from Bonner Hall. Loss: \$700.

Wednesday, Sept. 15
10:56 a.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a silver mountain bike from a bike rack at the Cellular and Molecular Medicine complex. Loss: \$350.
1:57 p.m.: A 26-year-old nonaffiliate was ordered off campus for seven days after creating a disturbance at Student Health.

Thursday, Sept. 16
12:39 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a silver mountain bike from the Natural Sciences Building. Loss: \$135.
2:12 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a computer tower from the Cellular and Molecular Medicine complex. Loss: \$500.
1:50 p.m.: Officers arrested a 45-year-old nonaffiliate in Lot 411 for misuse of a disabled placard. Cited and released.

Friday, Sept. 17
10:05 a.m.: Officers arrested a 56-year-old female nonaffiliate in Lot 411 for misuse of a disabled placard. Cited and released.
5:22 p.m.: A staff member reported theft of a white, red and blue Trek Road Master mountain bike from outside of the Mandeville Center. Loss: \$1,000.
10:20 p.m.: Officers arrested a 38-year-old male nonaffiliate in Lot 002 for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for theft. Transported to County Detention Facility. No bail set.

Saturday, Sept. 18
1:18 a.m.: A student reported vandalism to a gray 1989 Honda Accord. Loss: \$400.
2:16 a.m.: Officers arrested a 39-year-old male nonaffiliate for driving under the influence of alcohol. Transported to County Detention Facility.
10:35 p.m.: A student reported a burglary at Galathea Hall. Loss: \$1,150.

Sunday, Sept. 19
12:33 a.m.: Officers arrested a 23-year-old nonaffiliate for driving under the influence of alcohol. Transported to County Detention Facility.

—Compiled by Vladimir Kogan, News Editor

Bill limits financial aid restrictions
Lawmaker says drug conviction provision wrong

By MARGRET GONZALES
Staff Writer

As lawmakers finalize an omnibus collection of higher education proposals in Congress, they will decide whether to restore federal financial aid to students who were disqualified for past drug convictions under a 1998 law.

While the opposition to the original provision is not new, student advocates have recently found an unlikely ally: Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind.), who authored the law.

Under current guidelines, the U.S. Department of Education automatically denies aid to students who admit to having criminal drug records on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students who fail to answer the questions regarding records are also denied aid.

"The language of the [Higher Education Act] does not distinguish between convictions that occur before and after the student applies for, or receives, federal financial assistance," said Jane Glickman, a department spokeswoman.

Since it went into effect, more than 150,000 students became ineligible for aid because of the law, according to Scott Elhers, the outreach director for the Coalition for Higher Education Act Reform, a group opposed to the provision.

Although debate over interpretation has ensued since the law's approval, Souder has joined the calls for reform. Unlike CHEAR and other groups that would like to eliminate the restriction, Souder said it is being applied incorrectly and was never meant to punish students for past wrongs.

"When [Souder] wrote that bill in 1998, the intention was that students

who receive taxpayers' dollars have a responsibility to obey the law, and students who are using drugs while they're at school are not demonstrating that they value their education," said Martin Green, press secretary for Souder. "However, [Souder] and the Congress were upset at the outrageous fashion the Clinton administration had interpreted the amendment. We've been working since 1998 to get it corrected."

Department officials also continue to interpret the aid restrictions to deny aid for past convictions

"The drug provision has a greater impact on poor and middle class students and racial minorities..."

— Scott Elhers, CHEAR director

under the Bush administration.

A provision included in the current proposal for the HEA reauthorization spells out that students will only lose financial aid if they are convicted of a drug offense while enrolled at school, Green said. Congress is expected to vote on the final bill later in the fall or in early 2005.

"The Department of Education under the Clinton administration was responsible for writing the regulations that enforce the law, but they had misinterpreted what Congress had intended," Green said. "The amendment referred to students who were already enrolled and receiving aid, not applicants. So a drug conviction four years ago

is not supposed to affect the eligibility for a student newly applying for financial aid."

The new bill will also emphasize that the ineligibility period is temporary. Students who complete a drug rehabilitation program and successfully pass two unannounced drug tests will again be able to receive funding, he said.

CHEAR is opposed to the new bill, arguing that the changes will not fully address the innate flaws of the policy.

"We feel that the [current proposal] does not go far enough, and still means that a lot of students will be left out of receiving financial aid and forced to drop out of school," Elhers said. "The drug provision has a greater impact on poor and middle class students and racial minorities, who tend to have higher rates of drug convictions for a variety of factors. That is why full repeal of the drug provision is needed."

CHEAR has backed a bill by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), which seeks to repeal the HEA drug provision completely. The bill has been introduced three times in past years, but failed to pass. Frank's current bill, however, has gained 64 congressional co-sponsors and has launched a student-led nationwide campaign against the drug law by a group called Raise Your Voice.

The Drug Reform Coordination Network and the Students for Sensible Drug Policy have also endorsed the campaign.

"We welcome the possibility for more students to be able to attend college with the financial assistance that they need," Elhers said.

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What is Fox's biggest challenge?

Fox should 'show students the money'

By BRYAN TSAO Opinion Editor

In the immortal words of Cuba Gooding Jr.: "Show me the money!" That's what UCSD's new chancellor, Marye Anne Fox, must do first and foremost.

crisis is also forcing a reduction in financial aid, potentially pricing students out of UCSD and further homogenizing the student body.

Add it all up and the message is clear and ominous: Without more funding, UCSD's ability to provide a quality education at an

affordable price is seriously at risk. So far, the university has done an impressive job in maintaining the general quality of education, but it has done so at the cost of increasing the strain on students and decreasing students' ability to afford college.

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generous endowments and generous grant packages, that strain is making UCSD less competitive in attracting top students as well.

In order to do so, Fox must go beyond her predecessor's initiatives and seek out untapped revenue streams. While UCSD remains one of the best funded

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Shirley Huang/Guardian

New chancellor must increase diversity

By KELLY GILBERT Staff Writer

Come Welcome Week, new Chancellor Marye Anne Fox might take some time to make an appearance or two at the student- and faculty-riddled activities around campus — they're a good place to search for needed improvements.

ask if we needed anything. It's kind of reassuring to know that not everyone out there is like us. That same learning experience — the realization that, in terms of background, ethnicity and beliefs, not everyone is alike — should play a key role in one's overall college experience.

"... the realization that, in terms of background, ethnicity and beliefs, not everyone is alike ... should play a key role in [the] college experience."

When John Muir College sophomore Jesse Rodriguez took a missions trip to Cuba a few years ago, he was struck by the cultural differences he encountered.

Unfortunately, however, UCSD students have little access to various new cultures or lifestyles — thus, for starters, racial diversity would be an excellent place for Fox to commence the improvements she's promised to make once installed.

In a speech given last April at a press conference, then-incoming Chancellor Fox vowed to "do a bet-

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Fox should focus on student life

By DANIEL WATTS Senior Staff Writer

"With great power comes great responsibility" — Spider-Man's motto, but new Chancellor Marye Anne Fox would do well to heed the words of the webslinger.

Former Chancellors Robert C. Dynes and Marsha A. Chandler typically employed a hands-off approach when it came to student life, leaving much of the day-to-day interaction with students to subordinates.

Fox can let them flow. Ratcliffe uses a technicality in the rulebook to halt a controversial student program on Library Walk? Fox can stand up to him on behalf of students' rights.

"[Fox] should take sides, get into the thick of things and let the students know that she's more than the lady who fills their inboxes with 'Chancellor's Notices.'"

henhouse — Watson and the others should follow her lead. But it's up to her to lead.

One of Dynes' great talents was pulling in money for the school, despite pathetic alumni support. However, under his administration, student life was left wanting, as donors rarely ear-

Marye Anne Fox: \$350,000 woman Leadership worth investment Chancellor's raise excessive

By BRYAN TSAO Opinion Editor

You get what you pay for. When looking for something as important as a chancellor, you'd probably rather be shopping at Harrod's than Wal-Mart — and with her impressive background, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox is certainly no blue-light special.

Having established itself as one of the nation's top schools in recent years, UCSD needs strong leadership to guide it through this critical time in its development. Time will tell whether Fox is the right person for the job, but few could argue against the credentials and background for strong leadership she brings to the position.

While a smaller raise may have had some symbolic value in a time when other university staff salaries will remain stagnant, the reality is that a \$70,000 raise and a few extra thousand a month for a house rental are peanuts compared to the experience she brings to this university.

Having served on the executive committee of the National Academy of Sciences, her ample experience and connections in the research community could easily be worth several times her raise. Fox also served as the vice president for research at the University of Texas, Austin, and the chancellor of North Carolina State University, two other major public research universities, proving that she has the experience necessary to succeed as UCSD's chancellor.

Science and Engineering Public Policy. For UCSD to land a chancellor as qualified as Fox at a time when both UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz were also searching for chancellor candidates would understandably require more money.

With concerns about the budget, a rising academic reputation and a growing student body, it seems silly to be pinching pennies when it comes to leadership, and with over \$1.8 billion dollars in revenue last year, \$70,000 is definitely spare change to UCSD.

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Despite the raise, Fox still earns less than many peers at comparable public universities. New UC Berkeley chancellor Robert Birgeneau will earn \$390,000, while University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman receives annual compensation of over \$670,000.

The UCSD chancellor is directly responsible for nearly 20,000 undergraduates, 4,800 graduate and medical students, more than 16,000 staff members and 6,404 faculty, making UCSD comparable to a Fortune 500 company, where CEOs routinely make tens of millions of dollars.

By CLAYTON WORFOLK Senior Staff Writer

Amid the otherwise cheerful confirmation of new UCSD Chancellor Marye Anne Fox in April came a startling side note: Fox was to receive a \$350,000 salary, nearly 25 percent more than her predecessor and almost \$60,000 more than the average UC chancellor, in addition to an \$87,500 relocation allowance.

Sandwiched between reports that budget cuts would force the University of California to turn away several thousand eligible students and a closed-door compact agreement that opted to freeze salaries for UC employees and increase tuition fees for students, the timing of this near-unanimous decision by the UC Board of Regents was anything but appropriate.

The situation has only worsened since. In July, the Board of Regents lured Robert Birgeneau to the UC Berkeley chancellorship with a \$390,000 salary, and in August, the finalized state budget failed to restore cost-of-living salary adjustments for UC employees.

UC President and former UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes and other UC

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administrators have been quick to defend the new chancellors' salaries. They argue that competitive salaries are necessary to attract top candidates, and that, in actuality, the average UC chancellor's salary remains less than the national average for the position (though only 2 percent less when compared with only public universities). Unfortunately, extending such a corporate model to the taxpayer-funded arena of public education — particularly during trying budgetary times — bodes trouble for our institutions of learning.

Take, for example, what many critics, such as Claudia Horning, the Coalition of University Employees president, see as the domino effect of this trend. With each salary hike for a top-level recruit, the bar is raised nationally for those in similar positions — much to the detriment of those in less competitive fields, such as the university's 18,000 clerical employees (who average only \$30,000 per year) and the students who foot the bill. Indeed, just this month, the University of North Carolina, Fox's previous employer, voted to give its chancellors a raise in what some call a preemptive move to prevent other campuses from raiding any more of

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An open letter to new freshmen

A UCSD veteran's take on how to survive and thrive in college

Aftertaste



Evelyn Hsieh

Dear UCSD Newbie:
 Congratulations on making it to UC San Diego. Take one last longing look at Cal and UCLA (if you even care to) and then clear them out of your mind. Four years here are too few to nurture regrets. And if you do, you'll miss the hidden splendor of this paradise of learning. Yes, paradise of learning. Aren't you getting shivers down your spine already?

Here are some handy thoughts that may be somewhat useful for your journey ahead. If anything, college is what you make of it. Take it from an old senior geezer like me.

First, leave your car at home because, a) the parking permit will cost you a small fortune, b) as a freshman, there is little need to have a car and mostly because, c) there are desperate upperclassmen commuters out there and you do not want to get in their way. Parking spots go faster than hotcakes. When you hit our ripe old age, you'll understand.

Remember the crunch of SATs, APs, and seven-hour school days? Put it all behind you. From here on out, your 4.1 GPA and 1300 score will be relegated to the back of an admissions archive. You are starting afresh with peers of the same achievement level as you. Use your blank slate with wisdom

— nobody will be checking your homework, and most professors don't care if you come to class or not. If you want to succeed, it will be on your initiative and yours alone.

The temptation to ditch class will be imminent, even though there's only about 12 hours of it a week. Most of you will skip class one way or another. I'd advise grabbing a venti Frappuccino from Earl's Place and dragging yourself to Chem 6A anyway. An important thing to keep in mind here is that school is no longer free, like it has been all your life.

Your parents are paying thousands of dollars for you to be here. And if you don't care about that, just remember that when finals week rolls around, there are no bonus homework points to make up for lack of preparation. Most finals average around 50 percent or more of your grade. That pretty much has "make-or-break" written all over it.

With professors, get over the intimidation factor. Visit their office hours if you can, because when graduate or professional school application time rolls around, you'll be hurtin' for a professor buddy. Plus, they probably will teach you more outside of the classroom than in it if you get to know them.

College is all about the free time. Even with the most difficult majors, there will still be

time to blow. More than ever, it is time to prove that "youth is wasted on the young" is a fallacy. Put your energy to good use. As you stroll down Library Walk these next couple weeks, you will be inundated with a flurry of fliers. Over 300 student organizations — religious-, ethnic-, sports-related — will fight for your attention. It's good to dabble in a couple and then focus on one or a few, including: shameless plug ahead) writing for the *Guardian!* Explore your interests and spend time making lots of friends — all in

one! Getting involved, as cliché as it sounds, is one of the best ways to enjoy your time at UCSD. For all the talk of the boring campus climate and lack of a football team to amp up the atmosphere, you will find (legal and safe) fun if you go looking for it.

You are going to groan when you encounter general education classes. Approach Humanities or Making of the Modern World with an open mind. Look at GEs as a buffet of goodies in which to indulge, and not as brussel sprouts to be shoved down your throat. Chances are most of you will switch majors, so choose GE classes wisely — they might just awaken your curiosity. Buy and read the CAPE (Course and Professor Evaluations) so you

know the real dish about your classes — it's like Us Weekly, but with useful class information instead of celeb trash. Along the same lines, most of you don't really know what to do with your life right now. And at the end of your four years, many of you still won't know. That's OK. Find what you like, and remember that UCSD is not a technical school. It is meant to imbue you with knowledge of and for the world, and will not necessarily offer a practical approach to making easy money. Don't be discouraged or scared; you will have eventual career prospects even if you aren't a super motivated pre-med student ready to tackle ophthalmology right out of undergrad.

Life has a way of ironing itself out, so don't stress too much about the future. Instead, invest your time in people. Sign off AIM once in a while and walk over to have a real conversation. You'll meet life-long friends here, and maybe even your spouse.

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Funding: Additional money could address concerns

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 research institutions in the world thanks to federal research grants, relatively little money is allocated to increase financial aid. In other words, it's sexy to have your name on a shiny new research building, but not so much on a scholarship fund. Even the Chancellor's 5K Run, established by former Chancellor Robert C. Dynes, raised only about \$1 million for undergraduate scholarships during Dynes' tenure as chancellor.

That \$1 million is not even 0.1 percent of UCSD's operating budget for a single year and would pay for less than 70 full scholarships at today's rate. UCSD currently enrolls over 20,000 undergraduates.

With additional funds, many other student concerns could also be addressed: the parking situation could be improved, UCSD's support of A.S. and related programming could be bolstered or a Black Studies major or minor could be implemented. UCSD could even build more dorms, so that students don't have to cram into "triples" that are roughly the size of Winnebagos. All of these improvements could also help attract top students, who would likely balk at spending two years paying approximately \$800 a month to share a closet.

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Con: Rising chancellor salaries signal bad trend

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 its top brass with promises of huge paydays. In the UC system, newly appointed UC provost and former UC Santa Cruz Chancellor M.R.C. Greenwood received a raise of nearly \$111,000 with her new position, almost \$100,000 more than her predecessor, while last year, Dynes himself accepted \$33,600 more than what former UC President Richard C. Atkinson was salaried.

This type of competitive market influence on our public institutions does not fit the idealistic goals to which they hold themselves accountable. Sure, good leaders merit a high level of pay, and corporate expertise is sought as business partnerships with universities proliferate, but when a chancellor starts to take on the characteristics of a CEO, the ivory towers of academia come crashing down.

At a press conference following her confirmation, Fox stressed the need for "a passionate commitment to the ideal of scholarly achievement as a public trust." Might turning down an exorbitant raise be the perfect symbol of a chancellor's own commitment to that ideal, especially in light of the hardships facing a university such as ours? Or does service to one of the nation's top public universities necessitate the right price? For some, it seems, the answer is yes.

"The job of a college president is worth not what the market will bear, but what the mission of the institu-

tion requires," Roger W. Bowen and Jane L. Buck of the American Association of University Professors argued in May in the "Chronicle of Higher Education." "Presidents are paid too much if they seek the position for the wealth it promises rather than the opportunity it affords to promote the common good."

But the greatest tragedy, perhaps, is the effect this phenomenon has on the core of the university community — its students, staff and faculty. At the University of California, executive raises lavished out in the midst of rising student fees, and stagnant staff and faculty salaries make critics' references to Enron and Tyco striking, if somewhat exaggerated. Moreover, with so much money being thrown around at the top levels, these raises will make lobbying lawmakers in Sacramento for lower fees or fewer cuts much more difficult.

Allowing market forces to dictate an administrator's salary and benefits is not the way to advance a university's endeavors; no matter what a chancellor like Fox has to offer a school like UCSD, the degree to which she is compensated must be decided holistically. As the undisputed best public college system in the world, the University of California has the renown to stem this alarming trend, not succumb to it. We owe our students, employees and state better.

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Diversity: Fox must bolster minority enrollment

While Fox has little say over UC admissions procedures, there are other ways to recruit a more diverse student body for UCSD. For example, more scholarships created specifically for deserving students of underrepresented minority backgrounds would go a long way in opening UCSD's doors to a more varied student

body. If budget cuts should prove too great a barrier for financial incentive to students, then it's time for Fox to get creative and find other means to attract underrepresented minorities to UCSD. Furthermore, Fox should focus on increasing campus awareness and acceptance by providing the necessary resources to establish a Black Studies program at UCSD. The Black Student Union, the A.S. Council and the Thurgood

Marshall College Student Council have been campaigning for such a program, which is present already at six other UC campuses.

In addition, Fox should strive to recruit a more racially diverse faculty, particularly in the history and social sciences departments. Of course, Fox's responsibilities extend much further than merely improving ethnic diversity. At a school that is oriented toward science and research, many can lose sight of other equally important disciplines, especially with a noted chemist as chancellor. Because of her background, Fox must be careful to pay commensurate attention to all academic programs, even those outside her areas of interest.

Fox could also focus on broadening the diversity of students' backgrounds by doing more to welcome out-of-state and international students. And, as UCSD's first female chancellor, Fox has already expressed a desire to even out the heavy gender disparity within the faculty.

Hopefully, Fox will accomplish that and decide not to call it quits there. In its present state, UCSD offers a skewed perspective of life after university. In order to adequately prepare students for the real world, Fox must strive to bring more diversity to UCSD.

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Study: Fewer than two-thirds of students graduate in six years

Hispanics much less likely than whites to complete college, second report notes

By WINNIE CHAN
Staff Writer

Despite the past four decades' high growth in the percentage of high school graduates attending college, only six out of 10 full-time students actually graduate with a bachelor's degree within six years, according to a new report.

In a job market that increasingly requires skills acquired through higher education, the disappointing rates may be hurting economic growth, the study by the nonprofit Education Trust found.

"Over half a million collegians every year ... fall short of acquiring the credentials, skills and knowledge they seek," said Kevin Carey, the report's author and a senior policy analyst with the group, which advocates higher academic achievement. "This is a huge national problem because as economies in other nations mature and evolve, external job pressure is creeping further up the income and skills ladder."

For UCSD, the graduation rate is well above the national average. Eighty-three percent of the freshman class of 1997 graduated within six years in the most recent six-year period, according to campus Director of Student Research Bill Armstrong.

Armstrong credits the better performance to student achievement.

"The kind of student who chooses UCSD ... comes here expecting to be challenged," Armstrong said. "[They] tend to be very studious, hardworking and more prepared for college."

Congressional Republicans,

whose Higher Education Act reauthorization proposal has faced opposition from higher education lobbyists, cited the report as proof of the failure of advocacy groups to address high dropout rates.

"[We] have yet to hear a formal response from the higher education lobbying community," wrote lawmakers John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) and Howard P. McKeon (R-Calif.) in a letter to the education associations, in response to criticism from groups that their massive higher education bill fails to address the needs of students.

However, the American Council on Education, a major association that represents education institutions, called the report inaccurate and faulty. The Education Trust report is highly inaccurate because it relies on misleading federal statistics, said A.C.E. director of public affairs Tim McDonough.

Under the current methodology, the Department of Education only counts the success of full-time first-year students who complete a degree within six years. It does not include students who transfer from other campuses, and instead counts them as dropouts from the school they transferred from. Also, current calculations exclude part-time college students.

"If you started as a full-time student and then changed to part-time, you would be considered a dropout," McDonough said. "We're ready to help [Congress], but we think that graduation rates are a lot higher than they [seem]. We need to start working from accurate numbers to see what we're dealing with."

Hispanic rates lagging behind

Though the Education Trust report found the national rates a worry for all ethnic groups, a separate study by the nonprofit Pew Hispanic Center suggests that the problem is even more pronounced for Hispanic students.

The report found that, although Hispanic high school graduates are just as likely as their white counterparts to enter college, Hispanic undergraduates are almost 25 percent less likely to receive a bachelor's degree.

At nonselective institutions, 81

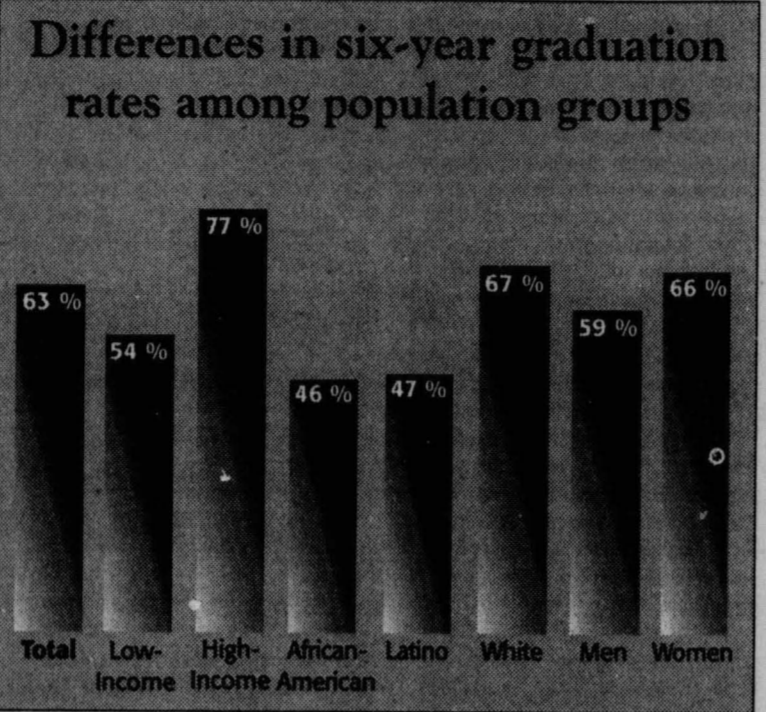
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percent of white students receive a bachelor's degree, compared to only 57 percent of Latinos, according to the report.

A number of reasons account for the differences, according to Patrick Velasquez, director of UCSD's Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services.

"The [biggest] problem lies in the failure of institutions to be open and accessible to Chicano [and Latino] students and validate their presence," he said. "Students feel neglected and not represented



in the staff and curriculum."

While the graduation rate for Hispanic undergraduates is higher at UCSD than at other campuses, they still have the lowest five-year completion rate of any ethnic group on campus and Velasquez still believes that the numbers are a serious problem, one that the school is not properly addressing.

"[There has] never been a comprehensive institution wide focus on this problem," Velasquez said. "I don't think they're doing enough."

Though "symbolic gestures," like the creation of the Preuss charter school, may bring some Hispanic students to the campus, Velasquez said they will not solve

the problem.

In addition to academic preparation, the report from the Pew Hispanic Center attributed a collection of other outside factors to the success of the students in college.

One such factor is the pressure on Hispanic students, said Liliana Corona, a part-time student at Miramar College.

"Working in our culture is a more realistic way to get by, rather than getting a degree," Corona said. "College wasn't stressed at my house. Doing well was stressed, but not going straight into a university."

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Eligibility: Proposal hurts minority students, critics say

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an attempt to reduce the number of students eligible for admission to the state's most prestigious public university.

The proposals have come as a result of a May study by the California Postsecondary Education Commission, which found that too many of the state's seniors meet the university's minimum application requirements.

Under the state's Master Plan for Higher Education, a blueprint outlining the role of California's university and college institutions, the UC system must select from the state's top 12.5 percent; CPEC found that more than 14 percent are eligible for admission.

In response, the UC faculty-run Academic Senate has approved a plan to reduce the eligibility rate to Master Plan levels, a move critics have said will hurt the poor and racial minorities. Groups like the UC Student Association have also criticized the board for first taking up the issue at its July hearing, when few affected students knew of the event or were able to attend.

"It was not open, it was not healthy for the university and it definitely did not allow all of the stakeholders to voice their opinions before the changes were made," UCSA President Jennifer Lilla said.

While it approved changes in the way the system calculates GPAs of applicants at the time, the board decided to postpone its vote on whether to raise the minimum GPA needed for UC eligibility from 2.7 to 3.1 until a special August session at the request of some Regents. In August, the UC Office of the President announced that the vote would be postponed

again until the board meeting in late September.

In July, a separate Regents' committee on admissions voted in favor of all changes, leaving the GPA hike one step away from approval by the full board.

"It seemed like we needed a little more time for discussion," said Student Regent Jodi L. Andersen, one of only two committee members voting against sending the changes to a full-board vote.

The Greenlining Institute, a liberal Berkeley-based think tank, and various other students spoke out against raising grade requirements at the July meeting, arguing that the new standards would disproportionately hurt the students already most underrepresented on UC campuses.

Admitting that minorities would feel a bigger burden than white students, UCSD chemistry professor Barbara Sawrey said the plan was the best the Academic Groups like the UC Student Association could come up with. She said that the plan would have the "least negative impact" on underrepresented student groups. Sawrey chaired the senate's admissions committee that wrote the recommendations.

"What we were looking for was a way that was fair to everybody," she said.

Lawrence Pitts, the chair of the senate's Academic Council, also backed the plan.

"Reducing the size of our eligibility pool is not a happy task, because we all know that access to a high-quality college education is critical to the future of California and its people," Pitts told the regents in July. "But the faculty have worked to craft a proposal that

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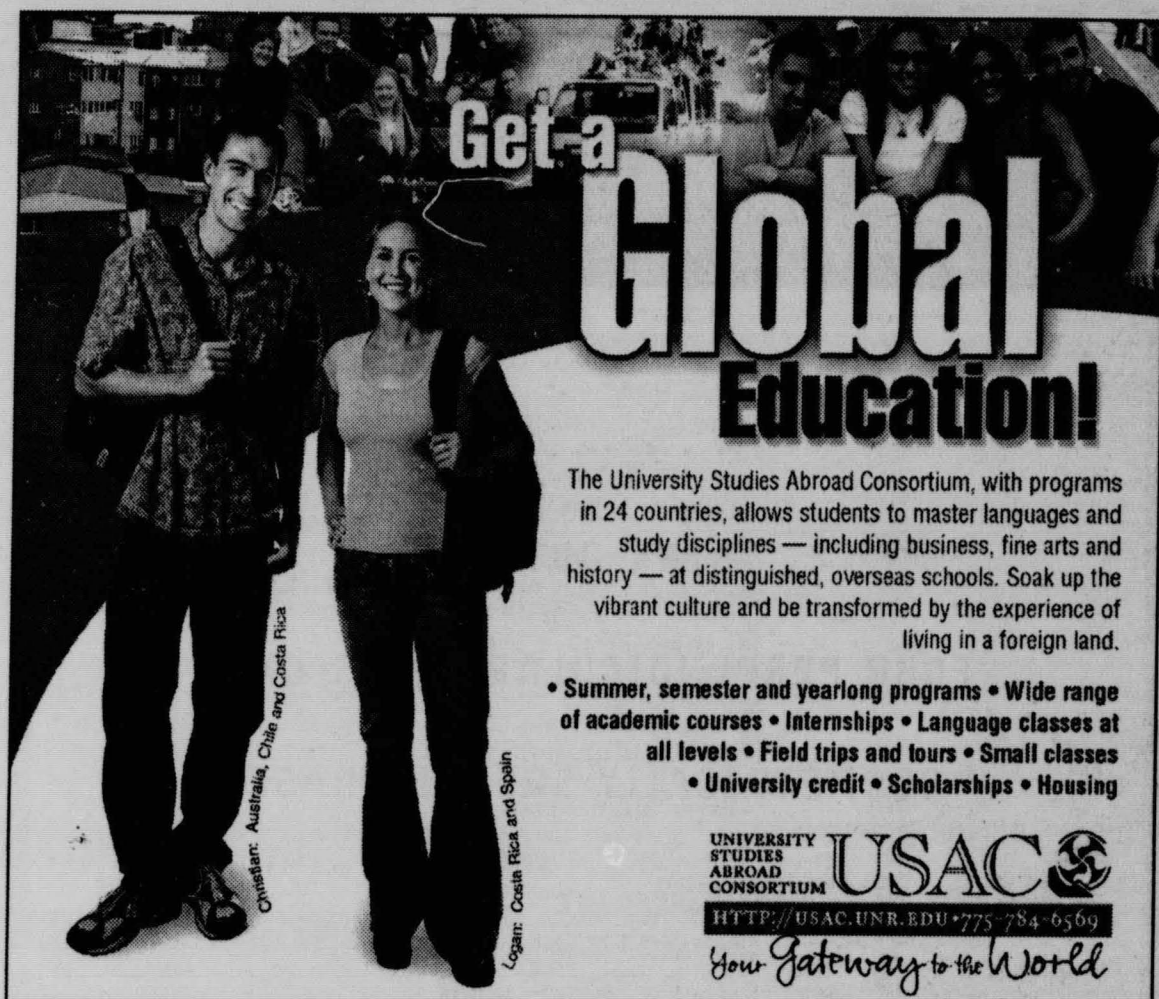
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Plan: Chandler promises return after research leave

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task force report detailing recruitment of underrepresented groups for faculty and staff will soon be released, according to Fox. The new chancellor also promises to work on making college an accessible reality for underrepresented and low-income students.

"The emphasis [is] on access and affordability," Fox said. "We believe there are students from underrepresented groups who are out there but don't really believe that ... the climate [at the university] will give them the kind of foundation they need to succeed."

Originally a leader in NCSU's drive to raise \$1 billion in private support, Fox said she recognizes the need to work on UCSD's "Imagine What's Next" capital campaign to alleviate the effects of state budget cuts.

"I think intellectually, to be among the very best of public institutions, we have to think about ways that this decreasing share of money from the state can be supplanted by other means of providing resources," Fox said.

Unlike her former 114-year-old campus, UCSD's relative youth and small alumni population will present a different set of fundraising challenges, Fox said.

Fox said she has enjoyed a welcoming reception on campus, and that she has also been conversing with former acting chancellor Marsha Chandler — who competed against Fox for the position.

"I knew immediately when we started having conversations that she and I would be great friends," Fox said. "We sort of have the same orientation, and she too loves

students [and] loves the whole academic life."

Chandler, who is currently taking a one-year sabbatical at Harvard University to conduct research as a visiting scholar, said in an e-mail that she expects to return to UCSD next year, but has not made any firm commitments for specific positions. She expressed support for Fox, her former competitor.

"I felt that after serving as acting chancellor, this would be a good time for me to switch gears for a while," Chandler said. "Being the acting chancellor was an exciting experience for me and serving

as the new chancellor ... would have been exciting and challenging as well. I believe that Marye Anne Fox is a great choice and will be a terrific chancellor."

However, Chandler said Fox is taking over at a challenging time, especially as the university is seeking to combine physical growth with improved educational quality.

"I think the challenges include being able to recruit and retain the finest scholars, to ensure that we are able to attract and fund the best graduate students and to ensure that the quality of undergraduate education continues to be enhanced by our growth," Chandler said.

Chandler's husband, William Chandler, a political science professor at UCSD, will also be taking a sabbatical at a research institution in France. He also plans to return to UCSD the following year.

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“... I think [UCSD] can be a world’s leader in international education and research ...”

— Marye Anne Fox, UCSD chancellor

Budget: Most outreach funds restored

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importance of access to the UC system," he said.

In addition to funding for students who were originally offered deferred enrollment under the "Guaranteed Transfer Option," the final state budget restored \$29 million in funding to academic outreach in K-12 schools, programs that UC officials have said were key to preserving access to the university. The system will use \$4 million of the outreach funds to cover costs of offering freshman admissions to GTO students.

The state will also provide previously threatened funding for UC Merced — the newest campus in the system scheduled to open in fall 2005 — and the university's Institute of Labor and Employment.

According to the UC Student Association, the final budget did not have everything students wanted, but was far better than Schwarzenegger's original proposal, according to UCSA President Jennifer Lilla. During negotiations at the state's capital, the group organized a student marathon around the legislative building to rally support among lawmakers. It also joined State Treasurer Phil Angelides and the California Faculty Association in a radio ad, featuring "American Idol" judge Randy Jackson, in support of higher education funding.

Those efforts paid off, according to Lilla.

"We have certainly claimed it as a student victory because I'm confident that if we had not done what we had done, we would be a lot worse off now," she said.

However, the university's decision to offer freshman enrollment only to students who originally

Key parts of state budget compromise:

- Academic and administrative support reduction of 7.5 percent, or \$45.4 million
- Unallocated cuts totaling approximately \$50 million
- Allocation of \$20 million to UC Merced, enough to open to students in fall 2005
- No funding for employee cost-of-living salary increases
- Cut of 5 percent, or \$11.6 million, to state-funded research

accepted the transfer guarantee on some campuses has angered Assemblyman Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto), who says UC officials misled the legislature about how it would use the extra money.

Of the 1,700 students who received a GTO offer at UCSD, only the 10 percent who accepted were mailed letters in August saying they could enter as freshmen instead. Out of those 149 students, 78 took up the offer to enter as freshmen, according to university records.

Because of the budget's late timing, the 78 will not begin until winter quarter. As a result, they will lose their first- and second-year housing guarantees that are normally offered to freshmen, according to Housing and Dining Director Mark Cunningham.

"I haven't spoken with the campus as to what priority if any they might have next year, but I'm sure it will be reviewed — and I'll personally commit to addressing it — due to the challenging circumstances that they have faced with the change in direction," he stated in an e-mail.

For those who did not accept the UC system's original GTO offer in the spring, an issue was the amount of space and class offerings, and the system's most crowded campuses — Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego — just could not find room for them, according to Mae W. Brown, assis-

tant vice chancellor of admissions and enrollment services at UCSD.

The rest of the students who received a GTO offer were offered freshman spaces at a different campus, Eisenman said. Some accepted and will attend a campus other than their first choice.

Yet that was not what the university committed to doing during budget negotiations, according to a statement from Simitian.

"Frankly, I'm disappointed that UC is not fully honoring its declared commitment to the legislature and to these students," Simitian said, calling for state hearings later in September to examine the issue. "These kids were told they would have been accepted but for a lack of funds. The funds have been restored and the kids are still being denied admission [to the three campuses]."

Despite the controversy, approximately 1,500 students of the nearly 8,000 who received the original deferred enrollment offer said by the August deadline that they would attend a UC campus their freshman year.

Eisenman also said that under the 2004 compact with the state, the university expects to offer direct enrollment to all eligible applicants in the spring.

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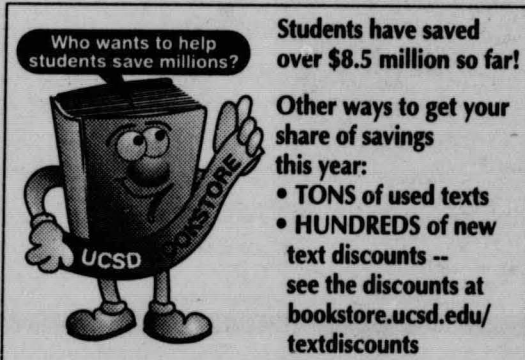
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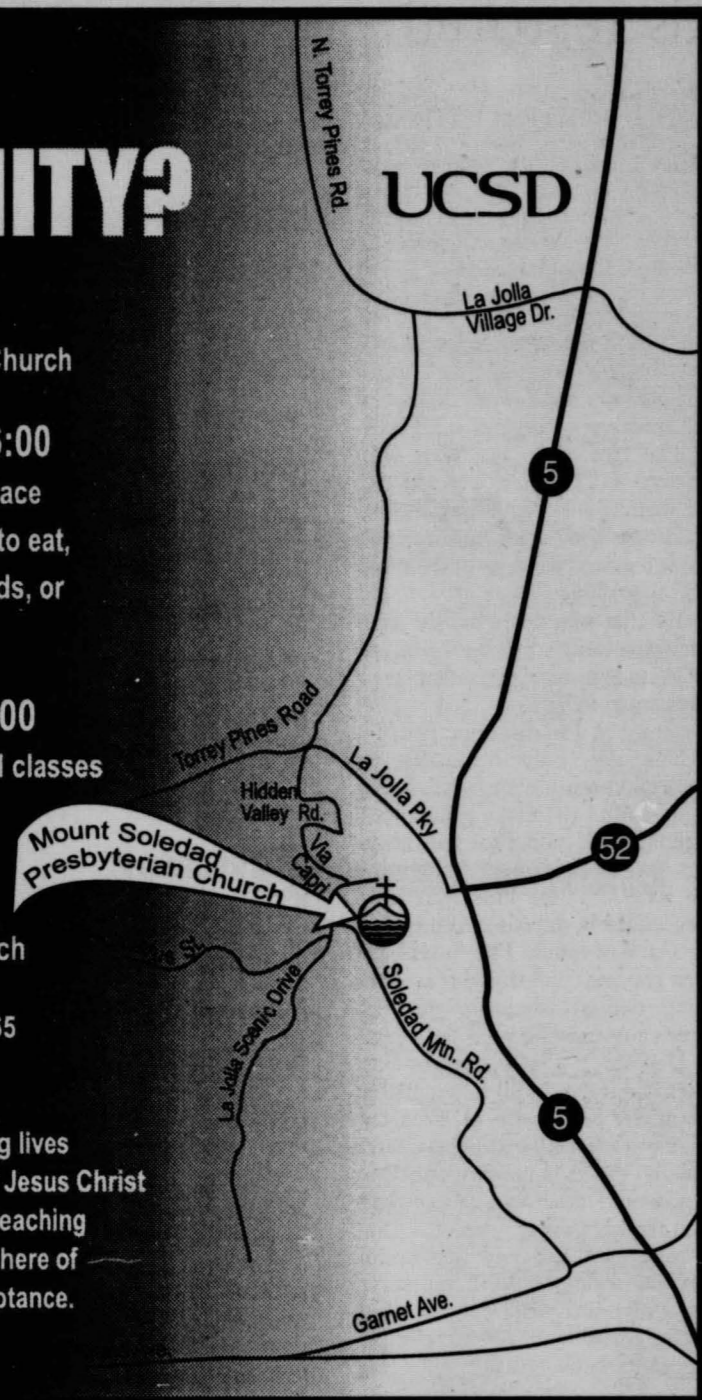
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GPA: Regents put off final vote after concerns voiced

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achieves this reduction sensibly, by placing a priority on academic achievement in school and avoiding a dramatic impact on any single group of students."

However, Lilla and others criticized the recommendations for disregarding the large margin of error in the CPEC report on which the proposal is based. Because the state commission used a sample of only 48 schools to estimate eligibility for 1,005 public high schools in California, its data calculated only a rough estimate for the actual eligibility rate of seniors.

Retired UC Berkeley physicist Charles Schwartz, a known critic of the board, told the Regents that the data had such high potential for error, it was uncertain whether the GPA hike was needed to bring eligibility down to 12.5 percent. He questioned why the recommendations presented to the regents left out that there was a 40-percent chance the actual eligibility rate was low enough to make the minimum grade changes unnecessary, according to the statistical model in the CPEC study.

"The thing that really upsets me most of all is that there is absolutely no mention, no discussion of that

very standard professional question of uncertainty of data in any of the UC reports produced by the Academic Senate for the Board," Schwartz said. "It is unprofessional to the extreme. If this was an oversight, well then someone should be embarrassed and fix it. If this was the deliberate suppression of things that might create too much discussion, then it is gross dishonesty, and that is really bad."

The authors of the plan also used other data to verify the estimate and came up with the same numbers, Sawrey said in defense of the plan. She also explained that under the proposal, minimum grades would not be raised until 2006, giving UC administrators plenty of time to make final adjustments as more accurate data became available.

By approving the new requirements early, students will have an opportunity to raise their own grades to meet the tougher standards, Sawrey said.

The regents are expected to decide whether to go ahead with the plan at their meetings scheduled for Sept. 22 and Sept. 23.

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Effects of UC eligibility changes

Eligible high school students	Old rules	July rule changes	Proposed min. GPA
Overall	14.4 %	13.0 %	12.5 %
African-American	6.3 %	5.2 %	4.7 %
Chicano/Latino	6.5 %	5.7 %	5.5 %
Asian	31.4 %	29.0 %	27.8 %
White	16.1 %	14.7 %	14.2 %

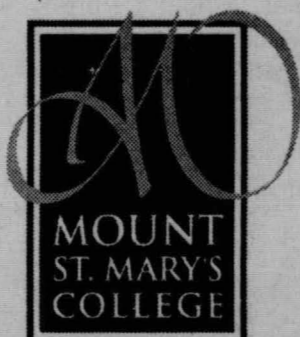
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Injunction: Students lost similar case in 2003

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they are a product of the hardships facing the state," Eisenman said. "The budget cuts have forced the UC to make very difficult choices about student fees."

The decision affects approximately 3,000 students, who were originally enrolled in one of the university's law, medical or other professional schools in December 2002, when the lawsuit was first filed. UCSD has 250 medical and 25 pharmacy students, whose fees will be spared an increase of between \$4,500 and \$5,200, according to David N. Bailey, the deputy dean of the campus' School of Medicine.

The university will absorb the loss in revenue and operate at a deficit in hopes of recovering the money in November, when the lawsuit will go to trial, Bailey said. "Definitely, it's a relief," said Anupa Menon, a third-year student at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law and one of the first students to sign onto the lawsuit. "I was concerned about my level of debt after graduating. This definitely takes a load off of my shoulders."

Menon said she chose to attend the school because the state-subsidized university offered a better price than other private institutions. Had she known that the price would not last, Menon might have gone elsewhere, she said.

The lawsuit argues that promotional materials in the school's catalog promised that tuition would remain the same during the students' entire period of instruction,

a statement that attorneys for the students claim constitutes a binding contract between the UC system and the students in its professional schools. However, the university has said statements in the catalog were old and updated notices on its Web site waived any fee guarantees.

In a technical decision last February, the judge ruled against the university and said the updated notices did not void the original promise of flat fees.

Although it won't help him per-

"The budget cuts have forced the UC to make some difficult choices about student fees."

— Hanan Eisenman, UC spokesman

sonally, Berkeley law school graduate Mo Kashmiri said the August injunction forecasts a student victory in the suit that he originally filed. Unable to raise money to cover higher tuition and unwilling to take on more debt — he owed \$120,000 upon graduation last spring — Kashmiri said fee hikes caused him to drop out of school for a semester and work to raise extra money. After coming back, he took on an unusually heavy course load to graduate quickly.

While the class-action suit still

carries his name, he believes the focus should be on the university's failure to "stick to its promises."

"I know that it's a time of budget cuts," said Kashmiri, pointing out that salaries for new administrators have continued to increase. "But they can't balance the budget on the backs of students. Students are being forced out because of the fee increases."

Should the students win, the university will have to refund all of the fee increases made after the students first enrolled, according to Danielle E. Leonard, one of the students' attorneys.

Because all of the money has been spent on UC expenditures, the university will either need a state bailout package should it lose — such help unlikely in the current budget crisis — or long-term loans to refund the money, Bailey said.

The judge's injunction did not address two other parts of the suit, which call for a refund of fee hikes for all UC students made in spring and summer of 2003, after the university sent out billing statements and accepted payments from some students.

However, Leonard said she believes the students will prevail on all three counts.

A Maryland law firm is also helping with the students' case. The firm was unsuccessful in a similar 2003 suit when it represented students in a class-action against that state's public university system.

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An excerpt from the San Francisco Superior Court's ruling:

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The Pixies' reunion tour headlines RIMAC BY IAN S. PORT, HIATUS EDITOR

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But what about when that band isn't Jefferson Starship or the Eagles? What about when that tour plays college campuses instead of lawny yuppie hideouts? What if the music is the snarling, harmony-laden attack of alternative rock icons the Pixies? Wait ... what the hell are the Pixies doing on a reunion tour anyway?

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Blood, romance in zombie comedy 'Shaun of the Dead' a refreshing departure

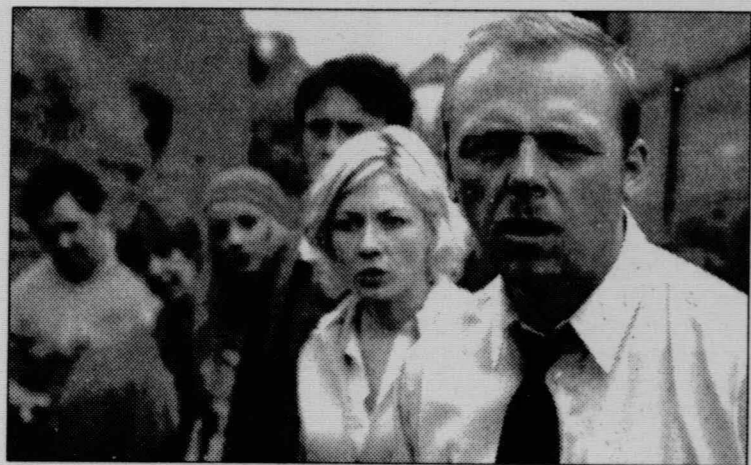
By VU MAI
Staff Writer

Kill your stepfather, grab your girlfriend, hide in the local pub and have yourself a pint while you wait for a zombie outbreak to blow over — a perfect plan if there ever was one.

Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright bring the dark comedy "Shaun of the Dead" to the States to shove a little bit of British humor into a classic film genre: the zombie movie. Pegg plays Shaun, a thirtysomething chap infected with a severe case of emotional ineptitude and chronic tedium — though he's clueless to the despair of his predicament. But when his girlfriend, played by Kate Ashfield, finally dumps him, and his inferior co-workers treat him like trash, he realizes that his life has reached the ultimate low.

That is, until the entire north side of London breaks out with a vicious case of flesh-eating zombie mania. Suddenly Shaun is forced to take initiative in a plan for survival in this strangely funny film. "Shaun of the Dead" may be just a zombie film spoof, but its satisfying intelligence and straight-faced wit take the unnecessary vulgarity out of the film and replace it with great hilarity. It has the campy appeal of a John Waters film and the biting, dry humor of Monty Python yet at the same time perks up horror fans with a few very gory details. It's incredibly cheesy but incredibly gratifying at the same time.

"Shaun" heightens its humor through its excellent British cast. Nick Frost plays Ed — the lazy



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Bloody beau: Shaun's (Simon Pegg) life is a wreck — until zombies invade London and he's forced to battle them, win his girlfriend back and save the city.



Film REVIEW

slob friend — with such superb detail that the plot of the film would go bland otherwise. Supporting actors Dylan Moran, Lucy David and Penelope Wilton each add an extra comical element to the film as the up-tight friends and painfully oblivious "mum," respectively. Pegg joins the team as the main character sealing the clever juices into the film's plot with his purposefully nonchalant and unaware humor.

Unfortunately, there is no such thing as a perfect film, and the conclusion of the film is far from ideal. What could have been a surprising twist ends up pulling the film into a rushed effort to finish. Perhaps writers Pegg and Wright

felt the bulk of their film was already so stuffed with quality that a little bit of a lame ending wouldn't hurt anyone — who knows? Either way, the ending of "Shaun" does not suck enough to drag the coolness of the film into the toilet and can be forgiven.

If you're looking for a good, hearty comedy that doesn't run dry on punch-line jokes and carries a fun, trite storyline, "Shaun of the Dead" is the perfect film. It's got the humor, the romance (sort of), the quirky details and some gloriously gory, stomach-churning zombie ass-kicking.

Performers at PB & Jam include the Buzzkill Romantics, the Parker Theory, Al Howard & K23 Orchestra and Steve Poltz.

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Shaun of the Dead
★★★
Starring Simon Pegg, Nick Frost and Kate Ashfield
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San Diego Music Week topped off with Awards gala

By ANN SHEN
Staff Writer

The acoustic, hip-hop, rock, Americana, blues, jazz and punk pied pipers are all out in full force to lead San Diego music virgins and whores alike all over our fair city in celebration of San Diego Music Week.

The 14th annual San Diego Music Week culminates with the San Diego Music Awards, held Sept. 28 at Humphrey's by the Bay and featuring performances by the best in San Diego music.

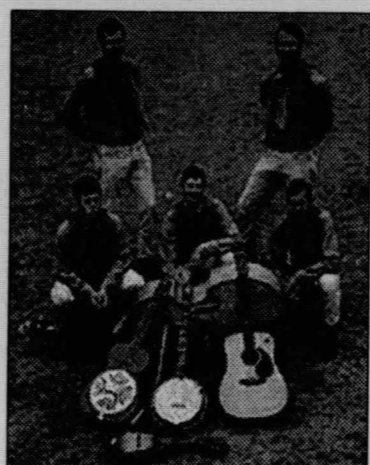
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For those craving a little more than a guy and his guitar, the PB & Jam in Pacific Beach on Sept. 26 features 57-plus bands from various genres in 12 Pacific Beach clubs for a cover of \$10. Unfortunately for those under 21, Hennessey's is the only venue that will be all-ages.

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Bluesgrass brain: Chris Hillman and band are to be honored at this year's San Diego Music Awards fest.

gories: the Album Leaf (Artist of the Year), the Locust (Best Punk), A.J. Croce (Best Pop Album), Tristan Prettyman (Best Acoustic), Scarlet Symphony (Best Alternative) and Deep Rooted featuring Mr. Brady & Johaz (Best Hip-Hop).

Hillman and the Scottsville Squirrel Barkers sound like just a bunch of crazy bluesgrass kids — in fact, they are. Forty years after their "official" breakup, the lineup that has been rearranged more times than Destiny's Child has finally settled into a groove that debuted at San Diego's 30th Annual Roots Festival last year. The enigmatic group earns the prestigious honor because of their timeless and legendary music, which became a precursor to current bluesgrass acts like Nickel Creek.

Spotted by Clint Eastwood to

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San Diego Film Festival cures summer blockbuster blues Over 1,200 local, foreign, independent films featured at annual Gaslamp jubilee

By ANNA DYLEWSKA
Senior Staff Writer

Now that the mind-numbing season of summer blockbusters has come to an end, and the more provocative fall films have only started making their appearance, what is there to do in the meantime? How about cruising over to downtown San Diego to watch some independent films?

The third annual San Diego Film Festival will be held in the Gaslamp Quarter between Sept. 29 and Oct. 3. The fest will feature 80 film screenings, including 22 feature films, five documentaries and 53 shorts. All films will be screened at the Pacific Gaslamp 15 Theatre, located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and G Street. In addition, there will be six panels and seminars, a glamorous red carpet opening celebration and several 21-and-over festival parties.

More than 1,200 entries were submitted this year, and the 80 that were ultimately chosen encompass the gamut of film genres.

These morsels include comedies, dramas, thrillers, romances, personal memoirs, a film noir, a western and "The Hunting of the President," a documentary exploring political lynching as director Harry Thomason follows the effort to discredit former President Bill Clinton.

This year's program is bound to please even the most selective moviegoers. The lighter features include the romantic comedy "Angels with an Attitude." In the film, a blues singer, a drag queen

and a beauty queen — all of whom are angels — attempt to outmaneuver each other in order to find redemption in love.

"Bad Meat" tells the story of two ill-fated lovers who try to kidnap a U.S. Congressman (played by none other than Chevy Chase) for ransom.

"Nothing Without You" documents a man's experiment in community as he sets out in the nude and without water, food or a single possession to the Burning Man Festival in the Nevada desert and observes whether other people will provide him with necessities to survive for a week.

In the drama "Beat the Drum," a nine-year-old Zulu boy takes a journey across Africa after he loses both of his parents to AIDS. "Around the Bend" features a top-notch cast, including Michael Caine and Christopher Walken, and focuses on a random meeting of four generations of men who must uncover the truth about their family's past. "Never Been Done" spotlights the life of Jon Comer, the first professional skateboarder with a prosthetic leg. "Negroes with Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power" is a documentary about the overlooked civil rights figure who called for armed resistance against the violent Jim Crow South.

Fourteen-year-old Celeste Davis stars in "Purgatory House," a film she wrote about a lonely teenage girl who leaves behind her chaotic, drug-tainted life to look for love in the afterlife. In director Brad Anderson's "The Machinist," Trevor (a physically

deprived Christian Bale) is suffering from insomnia and questions his sanity after he starts to see an imaginary co-worker at the machine shop where he works. The documentary "Tying the Knot" trails the political clash between gay people who want to marry and others who are determined to prevent gay unions.

The short film collection is separated into eight categories: "You Laughing At Me?" contains adult comedy with films like "A Funny Thing Happened at the Quick Mart" and "Perils in Nude Modeling"; "Got Comedy?" comprises general audience comedies such as "One of the Oldest Con Games" and "The Last Butterfinger"; "Life Cuts Like a Knife" is a category of adult dramas like "Getaway Ben" and "Mind Game"; "In the Moment" is general audience drama, such as "Chasing Daylight" and "Natural Selection"; "Celluloid I" and "Celluloid II" feature San Diego filmmakers with shorts like "The Martyr" and "My Beautiful Wickedness," and the last set consists of "Innovative Videos in Education."

The seminars and panels will take place on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3. On Oct. 2 there will be a writer's boot camp, a panel discussion on how to make a successful short film and an acting session with four film and television stars.

The following day will include a panel discussing the casting process and a step-by-step guide for nailing auditions, a seminar in which prominent talent agents will discuss their business and a discussion



Courtesy of San Diego Film Festival

Look Mom, no leg: "Never Been Done" tells the story of Jon Comer, who is the first professional skateboarder with a prosthetic leg.

of what it takes to make an independent film.

Festival passes range from the \$250 all-access VIP pass to a \$60 screening pass, and individual tickets cost \$10.

However, students receive a 20-percent discount on all passes. Typically more than 15,000 individuals attend the five-day event, and seating is limited for each screening, so tickets sell out

quickly. To purchase passes, to look at the film schedule or to find other pertinent information about parking or venues, check out the festival website at <http://www.sdff.org>.

With a ticket in hand, you will be free to enjoy the perks of being an insider in the forum of independent film, and you might also rouse your mind from its summer slumber.

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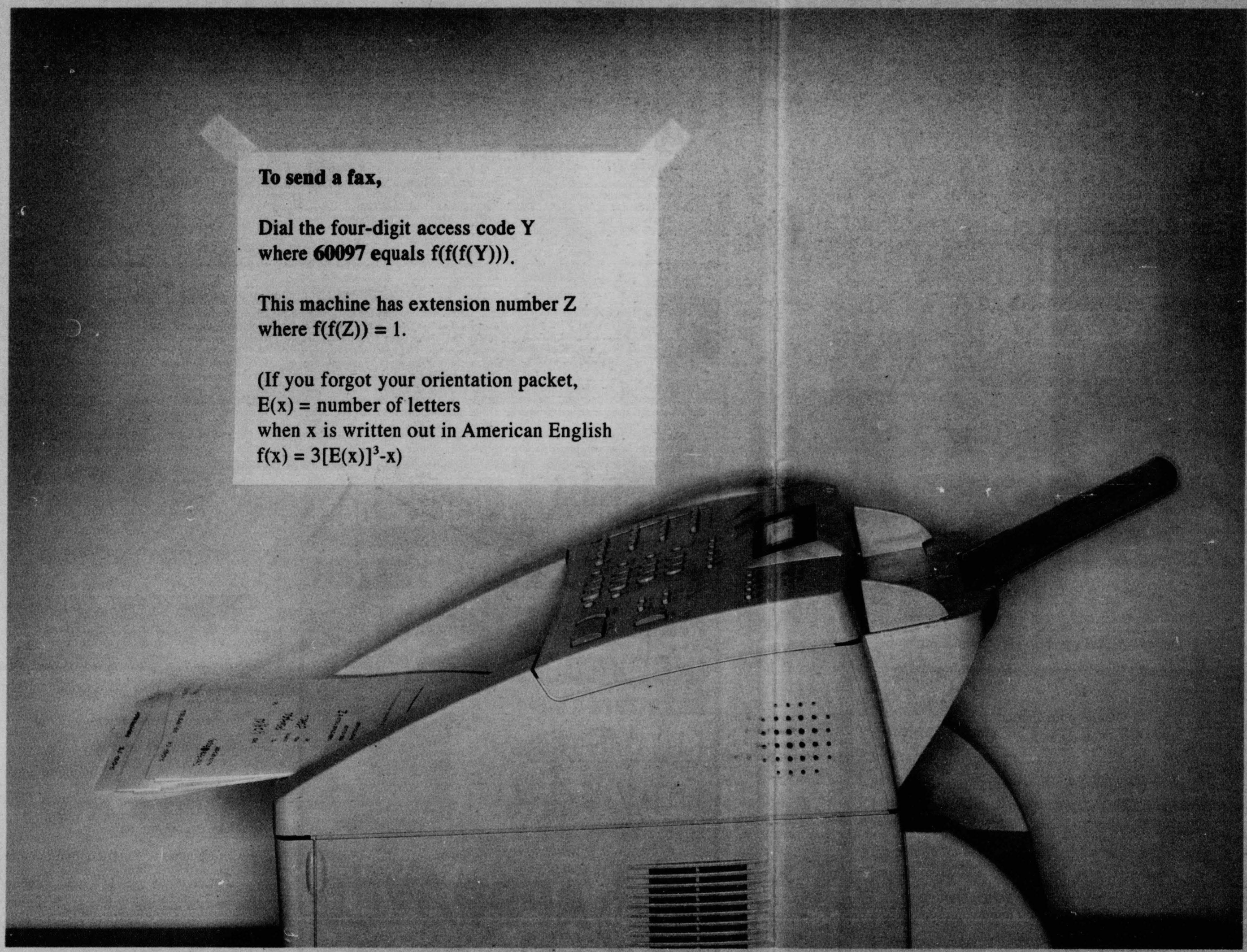
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Vote: UCSD students to register first week

continued from page 27 and creating their own voting Web pages.

The timeline of events at UCSD will span seven weeks, with week one being the most important of them all.

Week one was the week of choice for a number of reasons. First, this will be the week of FallFest, which always brings a huge turnout.

Second, students won't be inundated with homework and assignments so they'll be willing to check out what's going on around campus.

Each are being asked by Associated Students to make presentations to their respective members informing them about the importance of student voting and the events scheduled during Blitz Week.

Marquez stated that even though Associated Students is the leader of the coalition at UCSD, it isn't trying to be totally in charge.

The total finances needed to run this coalition and produce the desirable voter turnout at UCSD will be around \$9,900. This figure includes the money needed for all supplies, publicity, copies, t-shirts and drives at other colleges.

Doing so could be the deciding factor in a deadlocked race for president. Only 500 votes separated George W. Bush and Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election.

The goal of the A.S. and UCSA coalition is to register 3,500 to 4,500 new voters at UCSD and 25,000 new voters statewide.

According to a national statistic, for every two people that register, one person votes, meaning that a reasonable goal for UCSD would be to bring in 2,000 votes total.

They could very well decide the election.

THE EDITORS' SOAPBOX Opportunities abound at the Guardian

By CLAYTON WOLFOLK Editor in Chief

Let's face it: If you can't find an extracurricular activity to lively up these last few days of San Diego summer, you should probably check your pulse.

Indeed, for those of you picking up this paper en route between dorm and dining hall, modeling unscuffed Rainbows with new roommates in tow, these next few weeks might be the most active of your life.

And that's exactly where we at the Guardian would like to fit in. Be it an on-campus job, a student organization, a sports team or a Greek chapter, you'll want something to get you through the post-summer doldrums to come.

Yes, it's true: To make the most of your days spent at a commuter campus snuggled amid mansions, strip malls and apartment complexes, you better get involved (fast!), and there are few better or more all-encompassing ways to do so than joining the Guardian.

Published twice weekly, the Guardian is an independent, student-run newspaper that enjoys a circulation of 10,000 in and around UCSD.

In other words, there are positions open for a wide variety of students. Some might think of the Guardian as a liberal arts balance to that science degree.

Very much included, see the Guardian as an opportunity to perform an important service for the university community, hone some real world experience in the fields of journalism, politics and professionalism, and interact with some very cool people during those months, quarters, years spent at our often socially awkward school.

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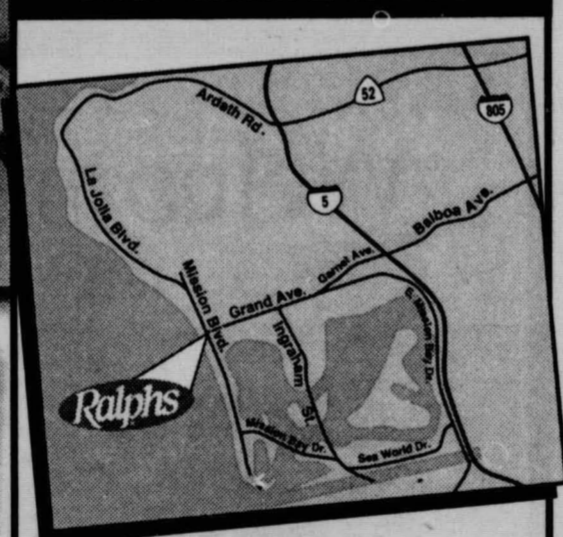
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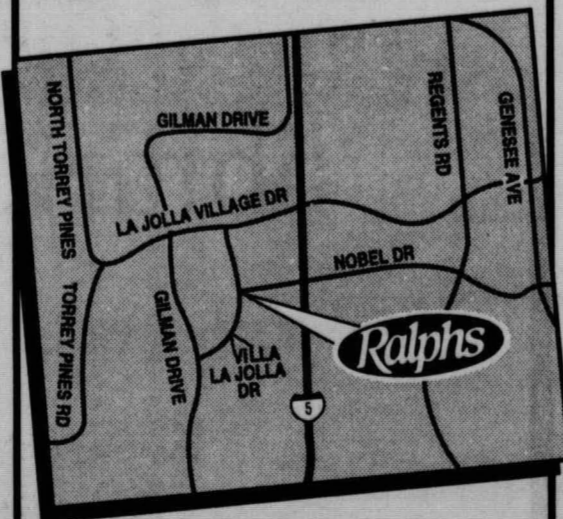


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Physician delves into the mind of a serial killer

'Body Double' author interviewed

By LISA MAK
Senior Staff Writer

Not many physicians leave their practice behind to become *New York Times* best-selling medical thriller authors.

Since the release of "Harvest" in 1996, Tess Gerritsen has hooked readers with her unpredictable plot twists, grisly medical descriptions, and pulse-pounding prose. Gerritsen's latest book, "Body Double," features Boston medical examiner Maura Isles, who discovers that a homicide victim is her exact identical twin.

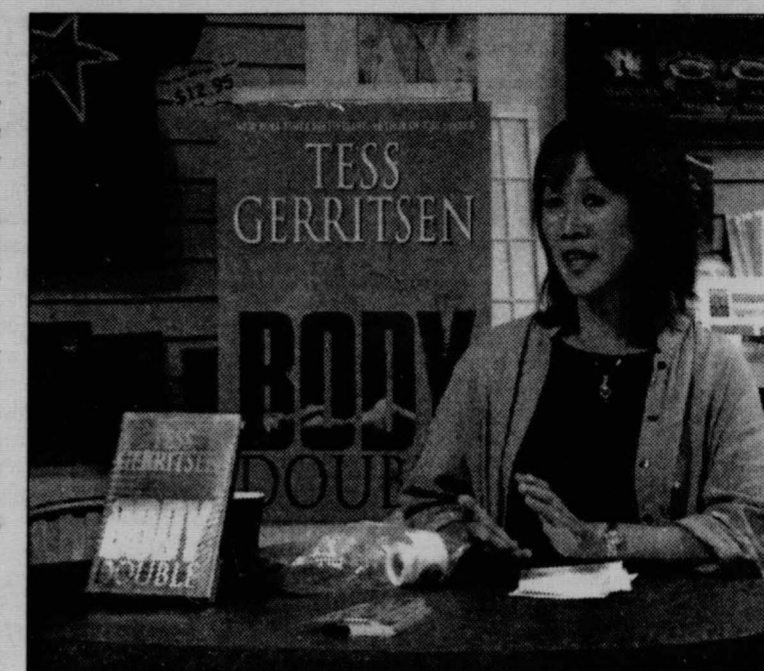
While on tour in San Diego, Gerritsen discussed her newest work and her experiences as a writer.

Guardian: Where did you get the idea for "Body Double"?

Tess Gerritsen: I always try to find a premise that gives me a chill. In this case, the chill occurred to me while I was standing in the autopsy room.

I am a doctor and I have seen a number of gruesome autopsies throughout my years of training, but I thought it was time to go back into the autopsy room and make sure I remembered everything that I had learned correctly.

So I called up the medical examiner in Maine, and I asked her if it was OK to observe her doing [an autopsy] ... So I'm standing there watching this entire autopsy and just thinking, "This is terrible. What if this was someone I knew? Is there anything worse than watching an autopsy on someone you know?" And



Rachel A. Garcia/Guardian

Author interview: Tess Gerritsen speaks about her new book, "Body Double," in which she explores topics such as inherent evil and murderous families.

G: What kind of research did you have to do for your newest book?

T: I thought I would [also] explore the issue of identity and the issue of whether evil is hereditary or not, and what it would feel like to know that you're descended from monsters.

As part of my research, I thought, "You know what? I need to find out how often this happens—how many families who kill are there through history?" And I found a couple of

really chilling examples ... I wanted to play with this idea of families who slay together.

G: How is "Body Double" similar to and different from your previous work?

T: It's similar in that I cover a lot of the same themes and I deal with the same characters, and I have a lot of the same forensic stuff that I think people are very fascinated by. I think what's different about it is that, more than any other book, I really did not know where it was going. That book

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Good sex comes from knowing what you want from it

Sex column to promote sexual exploration, awareness, advice

The Sex Guardian 
Lillian Nedwick

Welcome! Step up, snuggle down and make yourself comfortable with the first edition of "The Sex Guardian." I am your host, a fellow student who has often found herself wandering the ridiculously confusing but wonderful halls of sexual pleasure. To ease the tension a little bit, and make you feel more at home, I'll begin with a story as an introduction to a year of questions and answers, really touchy subjects and hopefully, advice.

My best friend, Fuzzo, had never celebrated Valentine's Day before 2004. She and her previous boyfriend never really did the whole Hallmark "go-prove-you-love-her" day. And although the dinner and gift that her current boyfriend, Shmee, had prepared for her still tasted of the consumerist holiday, the evening was really fun. All elements were accounted for: a loving couple, a good dinner, some hysterical conversation, an attempted cleaning effort and endless provocative flirting.

Eventually, the pair made their way into the waiting empty bedroom and got it on. And the getting was good. Wonderful, actually. Nevermind that Shmee's looks might vaguely remind you of a thin troll, and that the bed was small — twin sized. The house was empty for once, and Shmee's sexual ability combined with Fuzzo's eagerness more than made up for whatever lack of space there was.

Both persons were taking their time with one another, endlessly teasing, slowly peeling off bothersome articles of clothing, until they were fully naked and sexing. As they got into it, a moan of pleasure escaped Shmee's lips in the form of a loud whisper: "Mmm... Fuzzo..."

And, my friend, being the sweet, caring person that she is, stopped, looked up at Shmee, and with a concerned look on her face and an incredulous tone, responded with a confused, "What?"

Needless to say, it kind of ruined the mood for both partners.

Here, we have a classic (and completely true) story of the ups and downs of sex, a night complete with love, fun and a laughable, stupid mistake.

Some of us have been there, others of us haven't. Regardless of personal experience, though, a curiosity about all things sexual has probably crossed at least most of the minds of the people idling their hours away on campus. It's high time to address that curiosity, expose and explore it, and talk about sex.

The first thing you may associate with a sex

column is advice, which I will readily find and hand out. But before I can hope to help anyone with any sexual advice, good or otherwise, I ask you to consider what I think to be one of the most important aspects of sex: awareness. Awareness of what you consider to be sex, awareness of your chosen expressions of it, who you want it from, and most importantly, what you want out of it.

Do you live to please, to be pleased or both? Do you want to have copious amounts of sex, or keep the penetration to a minimum? Are you one for rough, sweaty sex, softer loving sex, a quick romp in the morning, or a three-hour-long excursion into the night? All of these "types" of sexuality have their place for a sexually active person; they're all ridiculous amounts of fun when you are actually enjoying it.

Too many times, people rush into sex not realizing the entirety of the experience and how much fun it really can be, and how much of themselves they can really throw into it.

Everything — from a gentle kiss to full-blown, screaming intercourse — is sexual, and you can express yourself in simple movements.

The more aware you are of little things — the sensitivity of fingers lightly touching someone's jawline, the places on the body that are generally ignored (like the back of the legs or ankles), or the way the lip curls on the mouth of someone who knows he or she is giving insane pleasure to their partner — the better. It's all something that needs to be taken into consideration as a person becomes aware of their own sensuality. The more aware you become of it, the more fun you can have with it.

Sex, as defined by Merriam-Webster's online dictionary, is "sexually motivated phenomena or behavior." I think it's a fantastic definition. Sex is a phenomenon. It's a phenomenon of instincts, love, hormones, adrenaline, alcohol, fun, anger, desperation, learning and many more elements. It can be a glorious experience, an embarrassing one, a frightening one, and sometimes, even a terrible one. Of course, the outcome depends almost entirely on what you make of the experience and what you want from it.

This column will address sexuality from all of these angles, and hopefully put it into perspective for the horny college student — its goal is to serve as a communicator of sorts. I will discuss sexual topics in the "real world," answer questions and do research for readers, and most importantly, give out sex advice for all.

Yes, this will be a tips and tricks page, but hopefully one that doesn't just tell you what to do but instead begs you to take it all, personalize it, and express your sexuality in your own amazing way.

The Sex Guardian will appear monthly in the Features section. Direct any and all inquiries to bouncybouncyweec@yahoo.com.

“It's high time to address that curiosity, expose and explore it, and talk about sex!”

The Drink Tank

Normally the start of classes and the end of September do not bring to mind images of sunshine and lazy days at the beach — unless of course you live in our beautiful city. September is the perfect summer month in San Diego; the tourists are gone so the beaches are filled with locals, the weather is better than during June and July, and barbecues are still considered the best way to have dinner. Nothing is more synonymous with summertime than biting into a juicy slice of watermelon and sipping on an ice-cold, fruity drink. A vodka watermelon is a twist on tradition, giving you fruit to munch that packs a punch and providing a great ingredient for making other drinks. It is perfect for a late afternoon barbecue or a beach snack and provides for enough leftovers to make watermelon-tinis at night.



Travis Ball/Guardian

Vodka Watermelon

- Ingredients:**
Watermelon: depending on the number of people, you can use a whole or precut watermelon.
Vodka: Popov or other cheap ones will work fine. Smirnoff's Watermelon Twist tastes better but is also more expensive. As a rule of thumb, a handle should be enough to saturate a half of a large watermelon.
- Directions:**
1. Cut up watermelon into 1-inch thick slices.
 2. Place the watermelon into a container and fill with vodka to the top of the fruit.
 3. Cover and chill. Let it sit for a day. During that time the watermelon will absorb some of the vodka, and the sweet flavors of the watermelon will flavor the vodka in which it is sitting.
 4. The next day, take the watermelon out of the vodka and enjoy.
 5. Save the vodka. You can pour it back into its original container for cocktails.

- Watermelon-tini:**
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Upcoming UCSD sporting events in September

Sept. 22 - Women's soccer vs. Cal State Dominguez Hills, 4:30 p.m.

The 15th-ranked Tritons (5-1) enjoyed a 1-0 overtime victory in their Sept. 18 match against host Cal State Bakersfield (1-5-1). UCSD will play Cal State Dominguez Hills (4-3-0) at RIMAC Field. The last meeting between the two was in last year's postseason play, where the Tritons knocked off the Toros in an overtime thriller decided by penalty kicks to help them advance to the NCAA National Quarterfinals.

Sept. 22 - Men's soccer vs. Cal State Dominguez Hills, 7:00 p.m.

UCSD (3-0-1) will host California Collegiate Athletic Association rival Cal State Dominguez Hills (5-2-0) in the second half of the soccer doubleheader at RIMAC Field. Last season, the Tritons ended the Toros' bid of five-straight CCAA Championships in a 2-1 upset in the semifinal matchup of the CCAA playoffs. UCSD had also beaten Cal State Dominguez Hills in last year's regular season matchup with a 3-2 come-from-behind victory at home.

Sept. 22 - Women's volleyball vs. Cal State Los Angeles 7:00 p.m.

The No. 2 UCSD women's volleyball team (13-1) will host Cal State Los Angeles (9-4) in a CCAA matchup at RIMAC Arena. UCSD will be looking to stretch their four-match winning streak to five against the Golden Eagles.

Sept. 24 - Women's volleyball vs. Cal State Bakersfield, 7 p.m.

The Tritons will host the first of two conference matches against the Roadrunners (7-2) at RIMAC Arena before traveling on a two-match roadtrip. The Tritons were 1-1 against Cal State Bakersfield last season.

Sept. 25 - Cross Country at Southern Indiana Invitational, 10 a.m.

The men's and women's cross country teams are off to a solid start with a dual-meet win over Point Loma Nazarene on Aug. 28. On Sept. 11, the women's team also took first place out of 14 teams at the UC Irvine Invitational while the men placed second out of 12 teams in Huntington Beach, Calif. UCSD will travel to Evansville, Ind. for the Southern Indiana Invitational. This meet will be a chance for UCSD to familiarize itself with Evansville, the location of the 2004 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships on Nov. 20.

Tritons place first in meet

Women's cross country wins invitational

By **MATTHEW GRANT**
Sports Editor

Women's cross country is coming off of a strong 2003 season that was packed with team accomplishments through the Nov. 22 NCAA Division II Championships, in which the Tritons finished 16th in a field of 24 teams. In the weeks leading up to the national championship, however, UCSD pounded on conference competition at the Triton Classic, finishing the day in first place out of six entered teams, then taking second in a field of 10 teams at the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championships to host Chico State. The high point of the UCSD women's cross country postseason came at the NCAA Division II West Regional race, where the Tritons vanquished their opponents by defeating 22 other teams to take second place behind Chico.

The 2004 roster, with 22 members, is equipped with only two seniors — Lindsay Stalker and Lindsey Young — meaning that the Tritons will be looking to their 10 freshmen runners to step up and provide a solid foundation for their veteran teammates.

Head coach Ted Van Arsdale will be guiding both the men's and women's cross country programs for UCSD for his 13th consecutive year. Since the Tritons made the transition from Division III to Division II, Van Arsdale has worked



Anna MacMurdo/Guardian file

Jump start: The UCSD women's cross country team has already placed first in its first two meets of the 2004 season.

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New players lead No. 12 UCSD

Seniors red shirt in preparation for next year

By **MATTHEW GRANT**
Sports Editor

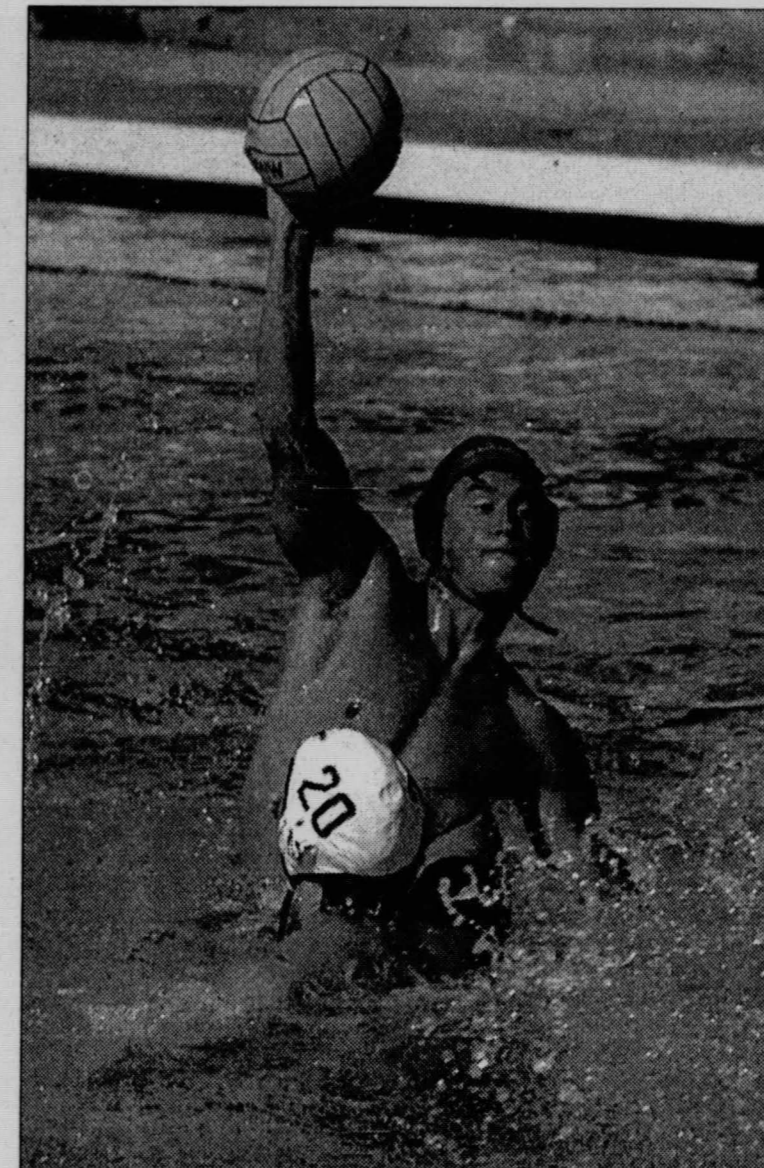
Men's water polo promises another exciting season as head coach Denny Harper returns to the deck of Canyonview Pool for his 24th season leading UCSD. Last year's team posted a 19-10-0 record that carried it to a frustrating 6-5 loss in the final game of the Western Water Polo Association Championship against rival Loyola Marymount University.

Harper, whose knowledge of the sport is emphasized by his 409-317-4 career record, has guided the Tritons to the NCAA Final Four in nine of the past 12 seasons, including UCSD's first-ever Division II team berth in the final match of the tournament in 2000, following a 9-8 upset over No. 2 USC in the semifinals. Harper has earned the undeniable respect of players and coaches around the league with his reception of the WWPAA Coach of the Year honor on 14 occasions.

The 2004 season should be brimming with surprises from this young team. Although last year's squad only saw two seniors graduate, seven of the most influential players from that group opted to red shirt this year in favor of saving their last year of NCAA eligibility for next season, when several of the team's younger players will have had the opportunity to develop over this season, giving the Tritons a better shot at the NCAA Championship.

Seniors Kevin Smoker, Brandon Borso, Jonathan Hopkins, Clark Petersen, Travis Boettner, Steven Jendrusina and junior goalie Jeremy Randall will practice with the team but will not compete until the 2005 season. Hopkins was named the 2004 WWPAA Most Valuable Player and was named to the First Team All-WWPAA squad with Borso, while Petersen and junior goalie Colin McElroy earned Second-Team All-WWPAA honors.

Each of last season's six red shirt athletes have been activated, as have two additional freshman players, so the depth of the Triton squad has not been compromised by this season's unorthodox reconfiguration. However, the team will be seeking new leadership from the upperclassmen who remain in action for this season, including the one eligible senior,



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Twin victories: The Tritons pulled off two upsets at the USC Tournament on Sept. 18 and Sept. 19 with wins over No. 7 Long Beach State and No. 10 UCSB.

Nate Cooper.

The Tritons started their characteristically masochistic hell weeks in mid-August to prepare to host their own season-opening UCSD Triton Invitational tournament on Sept. 4 and Sept. 5. After promising wins over UC Davis and Pomona-Pitzer on Sept. 4, UCSD succumbed to UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara on Sept. 5, splitting the tournament 2-2.

At the Inland Empire Tournament over the weekend of Sept. 11 and Sept. 12, the Tritons bounced back from their losses to mount a 4-0 tournament record with wins over Occidental, Santa Clara, Whittier and tournament host Redlands, bringing the team's overall record to 8-4.

The month of September is

packed with tournament action for the Tritons, who competed in the USC Tournament on Sept. 18 and Sept. 19 and will travel north for the UC Santa Cruz Slug Fest on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26.

The Tritons placed seventh in the USC tournament, which included 14 of the top 20 teams in the nation. UCSD went 2-2 in the tournament with upset wins over No. 7 Long Beach State and No. 10 UC Santa Barbara and losses to No. 1 Stanford and to No. 6 Pepperdine.

UCSD begins its conference schedule on Sept. 30 at UC Davis, then returns home for a six-game home stand between Oct. 15 and Nov. 5, including matches against rivals Loyola Marymount, Stanford, UC Irvine and Pepperdine.

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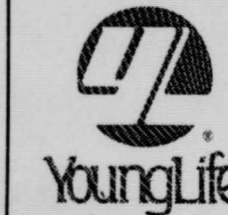
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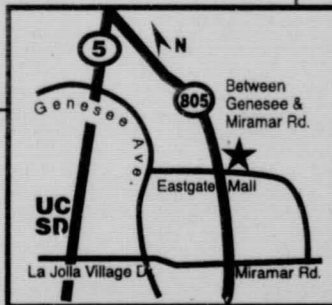
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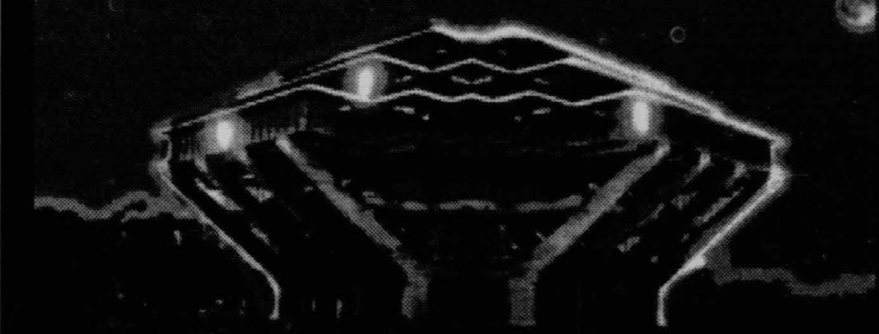
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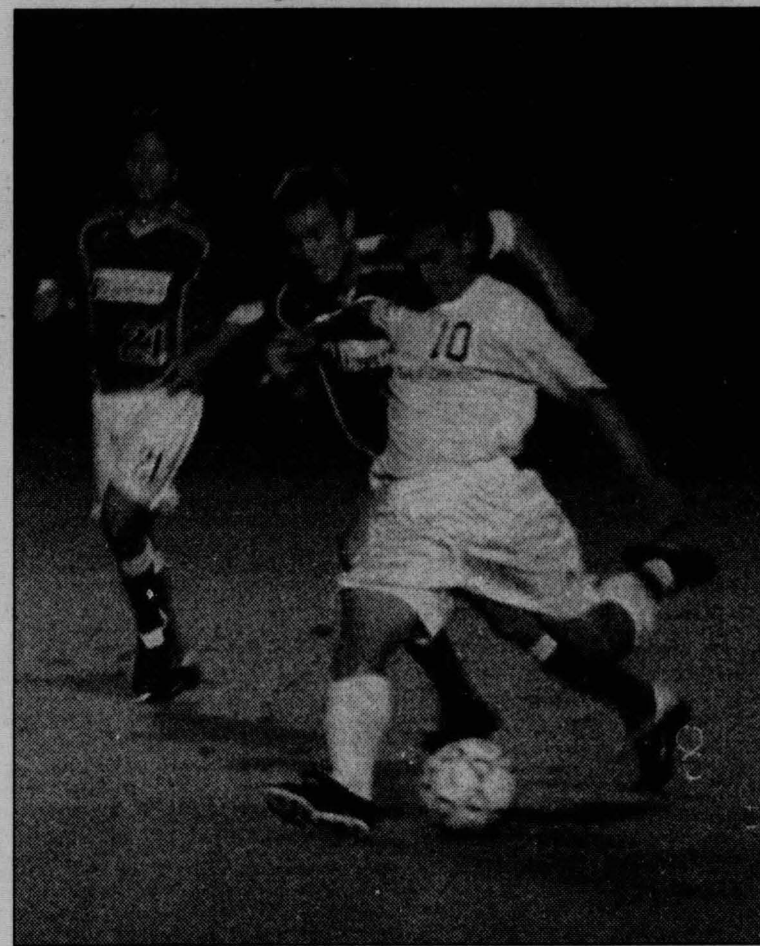
Tritons kick off season with a 3-0-1 record

By **MATTHEW GRANT**
Sports Editor

Men's soccer is working to improve on the success of its 2003 season, in which the squad earned a 10-5 overall record heading into the postseason. A victory over Cal State Dominguez Hills in the California Collegiate Athletic Association Semifinal match landed the Tritons a berth in the conference Finals match against Chico State, which defeated UCSD in regular season play, 3-1 on Oct. 3.

The Tritons were unable to mount an upset victory and fell to the Wildcats in a discouraging 5-1 game. Still, the hopes of UCSD players were not entirely vanquished; the Tritons were given a final opportunity to rebound from their loss in the first round of the NCAA tournament, where the squad was set to face off against Chico State in the single elimination tournament. The dire circumstances were overwhelming for UCSD, which held off the Wildcats for the first 83 minutes and 27 seconds, and even appeared to have the upper hand through the early minutes of the second half. But those final seven minutes were too much for the Triton team, and two goals were scored on UCSD before the 90-minute game clock expired.

In his 22nd season as head coach for the Tritons men's soccer program, Derek Armstrong has mounted numerous successes at both the Division III level and more recently in Division II competition. In 15 invitations to the Division III national tournament, Armstrong led UCSD to three national titles. Now, after only three trips to the CCAA tournament, the Tritons advanced to the final match for the first time since the 2000 jump to Division II, then were selected for the NCAA tournament. The team is accelerating



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Go-to guy: Junior forward Jon Krupansky (10) scored the game-winning goal at the Tritons' 1-0 shutout of host Cal State Bakersfield on Sept. 19.

through the ranks of the relatively new level of competition.

The 2003 team saw six key seniors graduate, including senior co-captain and 2003 First Team All-CCAA pick Jonathan Shum, a toll that would have had perilous repercussions for the Tritons if not for the eight juniors who will be stepping up to fill the void.

Armstrong's 2004 team is more top-heavy than in previous years, as only two freshmen have joined the squad; however, the sophomore class is well represented with nine

players to balance the level of experience on the turf.

Early season performance indicates that the 2004 team could easily eclipse the achievements of last year's team, as the squad has jumped out to a 3-0-1 record. The Tritons have eight more home games this season, including an Oct. 15 matchup against CCAA foe Chico State, in which UCSD will be out to avenge the losses of 2003. The men's team will play on Sept. 22 at Triton Soccer Field versus Cal State Dominguez Hills at 7 p.m.

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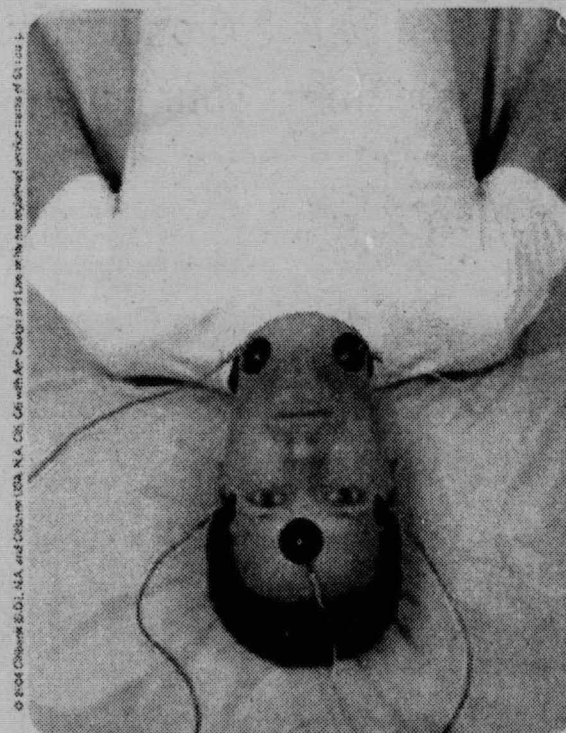
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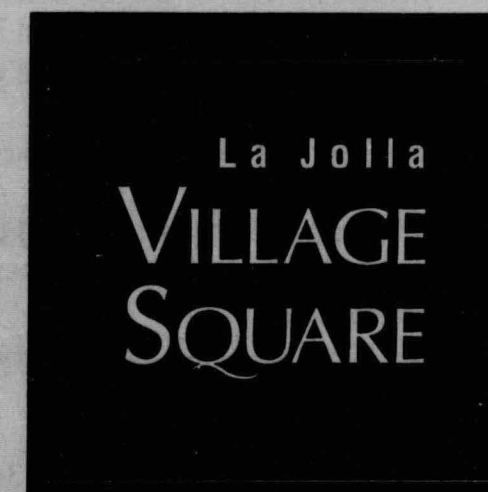
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Women's volleyball aims for title Tritons are on a four-match win streak

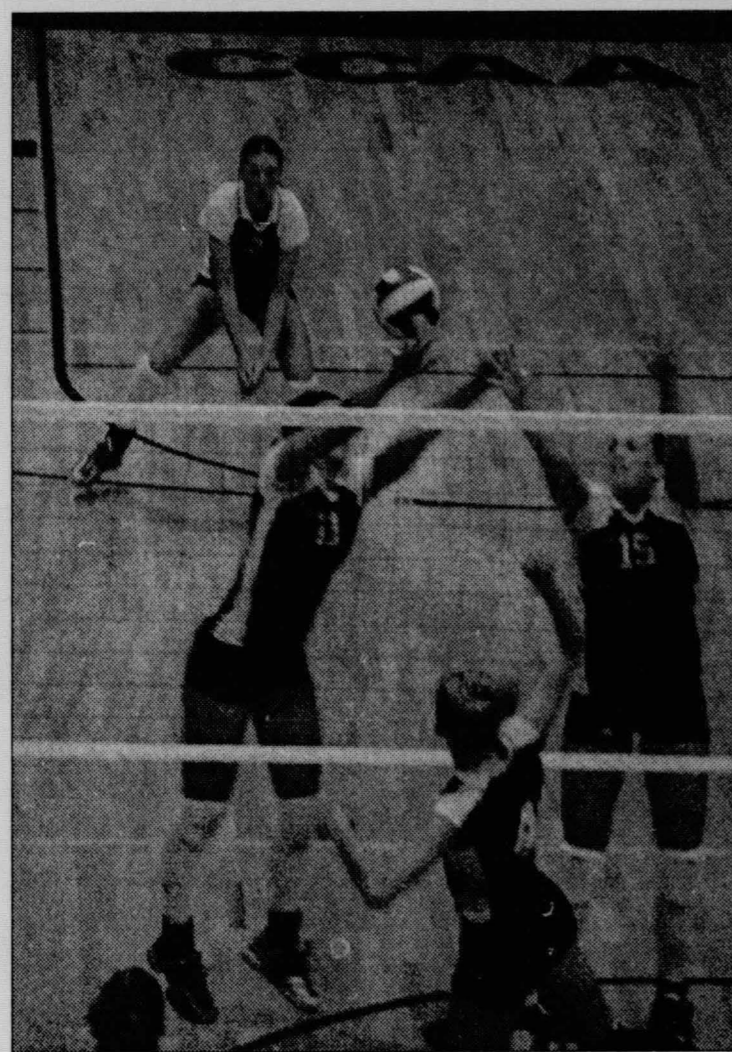
By **MATTHEW GRANT**
Sports Editor

Women's volleyball is looking to bounce back into form after suffering a discouraging upset to Hawaii Pacific in the 2003 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship Pacific Regional Semifinal, which snapped a 20-match winning streak for the Tritons, and ended the team's season.

Ninth-year head coach Duncan McFarland led the 2003 squad to an overall 25-5 mark in 2003, including a 19-3 California Collegiate Athletic Association record, which was strong enough to earn UCSD the No. 1 national ranking going into the postseason.

In 2001, after finishing the season with a mark of 25-7 and reaching the NCAA Semifinals, McFarland was named the NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year. In 1997, before UCSD made the transition to Division II, McFarland led the Tritons to the NCAA Division III National Championship and was named the NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year. Prior to the 2004 campaign, McFarland had built up a 201-47 overall record — an .811 winning percentage.

The Tritons, who competed in the 2003 season with only 10 varsity athletes, have practically doubled the size of the team's roster by not graduating any seniors and acquiring six new players, including four eligible freshmen. UCSD will be looking to veteran senior stars, including 2003 All-CCAA First Team members Kendra Canape, Bonnie Wilson and



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Clean sweep: Kelsey Widenhoefer (left) and sophomore Brianna Koche (right) block an Antelope attack in UCSD's 3-0 win against Grand Canyon on Sept. 17.

Teresa Ohta, for leadership through the season.

The 2004 program has already shown its power in the early season, building a 13-1 record through Sept. 17, with only one loss against

University of Minnesota-Duluth at the Premier Tournament in Denver, Colo. on Sept. 4.

The Tritons will be back in RIMAC Arena for action against Cal State Los Angeles on Sept. 22.

UCSD looks to run at Nationals Men's cross country places first, second in two meets

By **MATTHEW GRANT**
Sports Editor

The Tritons men's cross country program will be seeking to build on the team's successes of recent seasons since moving to Division II, including trips to the NCAA National Championships in 2001 and in 2003, both of which merited 15th-place finishes for the team.

In 2003, the Tritons' strengths were visible throughout the season as the squad finished all but two of its races in the top half of the field and recorded six top-three finishes.

In a narrow, five-team competition for the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship, UCSD was defeated by defending champion Chico State and was edged out by Cal Poly Pomona to take third place at the event. Senior Neil Kalra, who was ranked second regionally and seventh nationally for the race, finished fourth in a field of 43 to earn All-CCAA honors for his second consecutive year. Junior Robert Eap completed the 8,000-meter course 11th overall, which also merited All-CCAA honors. The first seven Tritons to cross the finish line at the 2003 CCAA Championships were all in the top 20 overall. Freshman Steve Vargas crossed the line in 23rd place for UCSD, garnering CCAA Freshman of the Year honors.

The 2003 NCAA Division II

West Regionals meet gave the Triton men a chance to improve on the performance at the conference championship and to open the door to the NCAA Division II National Championship. Determined, the Tritons pulled together for an outstanding second-place team finish in the 17-team field.

The 2004 season will undoubtedly offer the Tritons a greater challenge than they were faced with in 2003 if they expect to improve. Seven of the 16 runners on the 2003 squad were graduating seniors, and that void has hardly been filled by this year's numbers. The 2004 squad is equipped with only three seniors and five juniors; if 2004 is going to be a successful year for the men's cross country team, then head coach Ted Van Arsdale will be expecting big performances of his freshman class, which, at eight runners, comprises half of the team's roster.

Already out to a fast start, the Tritons brought home a second-place finish at the UC Irvine Invitational on Sept. 11 in a field of 12 teams. Eap was the top finisher for UCSD, crossing the finish line in 25 minutes, 51.9 seconds for a sixth-place finish only 30 seconds behind meet winner Jim Grabow of Long Beach State.

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110 UC athletes compete in Athens

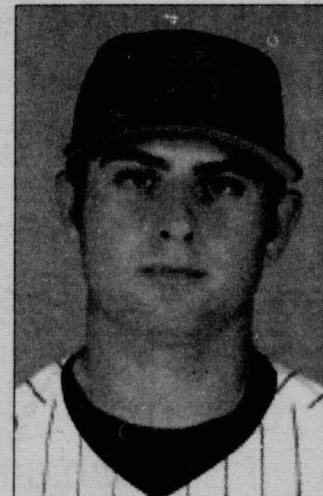
Former Triton Alex Cremidan throws a no-hitter

By **MATTHEW GRANT**
Sports Editor

Imagine that you are once again watching the opening ceremonies of the 2004 Summer Olympic Games — athletes dressed to match as they boast their country's flag, wave to fans and smile for the myriad of cameras flashing at them. Moments after the mob of American competitors files onto the track at Olympic Stadium, another exceptionally large contingent marches out beneath a banner that reads, "University of California." Although it may sound absurd, it's not as far-fetched as one might think.

One hundred and ten athletes with UC connections traveled to Athens, Greece, in order to demonstrate their kinesthetic prowess against the world's best, earning 36 medals, including 13 gold, 10 silver and 13 bronze — a medal count that would have made the University of California the seventh leading "country" in the world, behind only the United States, Russia, China, Australia, Germany and Japan.

UCSD has been home to three athletes, including 20-year-old current UCSD student Carrie Johnson, who raced in the K-1 and K-4 flatwater sprint canoe kayak events, former Triton star pitcher Alex Cremidan, who represented host country Greece on the baseball diamond, and Melanie Benn, a quadruple amputee. She will swim in the freestyle and backstroke events at the Paralympic Games, which takes place between Sept. 19 and Sept. 27 in Athens.



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Adopted son: Greek-American Alex Cremidan, a former Triton, played for Greece in Athens.

Johnson's Olympic bid was marked by her April 15 qualifying race on Lake Merritt in Oakland, Calif., where she charged past former Olympians Kathy Colin and Ruth Nortje in the K-1 500-meter race to snatch her place in the Summer Games. Johnson shocked onlookers, who were largely consumed with the battle between Colin and Nortje, by passing the race favorites and crossing the finish line nearly two full seconds ahead of second-place finisher Colin and three seconds ahead of internationally fourth-ranked Nortje. Johnson went on to finish the K-1 500-meter race in 12th overall in Athens.

Cremidan, a 23-year-old graduate of Thurgood Marshall College, plays for the South Bend Silver Hawks, a Single-A farm team of the Arizona Diamondbacks. In 2002, while pitching for the Greek national team in an Olympic qualifying game, Cremidan threw a no-hitter in his team's 21-0 trouncing of Slovakia. Greece placed seventh out of eight teams in the final Olympic standings.

Benn, a native of Ann Arbor, Mich., who now resides in San

Diego, acquired her disability from meningococcal meningitis in 1995. She competed in her first Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia in 2000, where she won the silver medal in the 20-point relay competition. Other crowning achievements going into the games include first-place finishes at the 2004 Paralympic swimming trials in the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke and 100-meter freestyle events.

The Paralympic Games are the most intense international athletic competition for individuals with physical disabilities. The competitors at the Paralympic Games are year-round athletes who have to qualify for their events and who

get cut from teams, exactly as they do in the Olympics. It is not to be confused with the Special Olympics, which is for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Twenty-two-year-old UC Berkeley alumna Natalie Coughlin was the individual UC medal leader with her two gold-medal showings in the 100-meter backstroke and 800-meter freestyle relay events, two silver medals in the 400-meter freestyle relay and the 400-meter medley relay events and a bronze medal in the 100-meter freestyle.

UCLA was once home to five of the gold medal-winning U.S. softball players, including 33-year-old Lisa Fernandez, 23-year-old Tairia Flowers, 24-year-old Amanda Freed, 26-year-old Stacey Nuveman and 22-year-old Natasha Watley. Fernandez won her third gold medal in three Olympic competitions and is regarded by many as the country's best softball player.

Joy Fawcett, a 36-year-old veteran of the American national women's soccer team and graduate of both Berkeley and UCLA, helped lead her squad to the gold medal.

Pete Cipollone, a 33-year-old UC Berkeley alumnus, helped his boat on to gold medal stardom in the men's eight rowing.

In track and field events, UCLA representatives Joanna Hayes, 27, and Monique Henderson, 21, each pulled out gold medals. Hayes won the 100-meter hurdles event while Henderson blazed to team victory in the 1600-meter relay.

Women's beach volleyball sensations Holly McPeak, 35, and Elaine Youngs, 34, brought home bronze medals in their event. McPeak is an alumna of UCLA and UC Berkeley; Youngs attended UCLA.

The collective success of UC athletes is nothing unusual in Olympic competition, though 2004 proved to be the most fruitful year for those competitors. In the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, University of California captured 34 medals — an impressive achievement that was set only to be shattered by the athletes of 2004, just as the current mark of 36 could easily be reset in the next Summer Games in Beijing, China.

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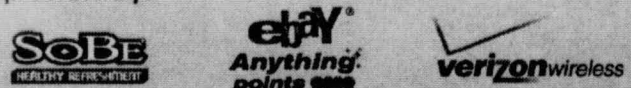
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Young guns lead UCSD soccer Women's team off to a solid 5-1 start

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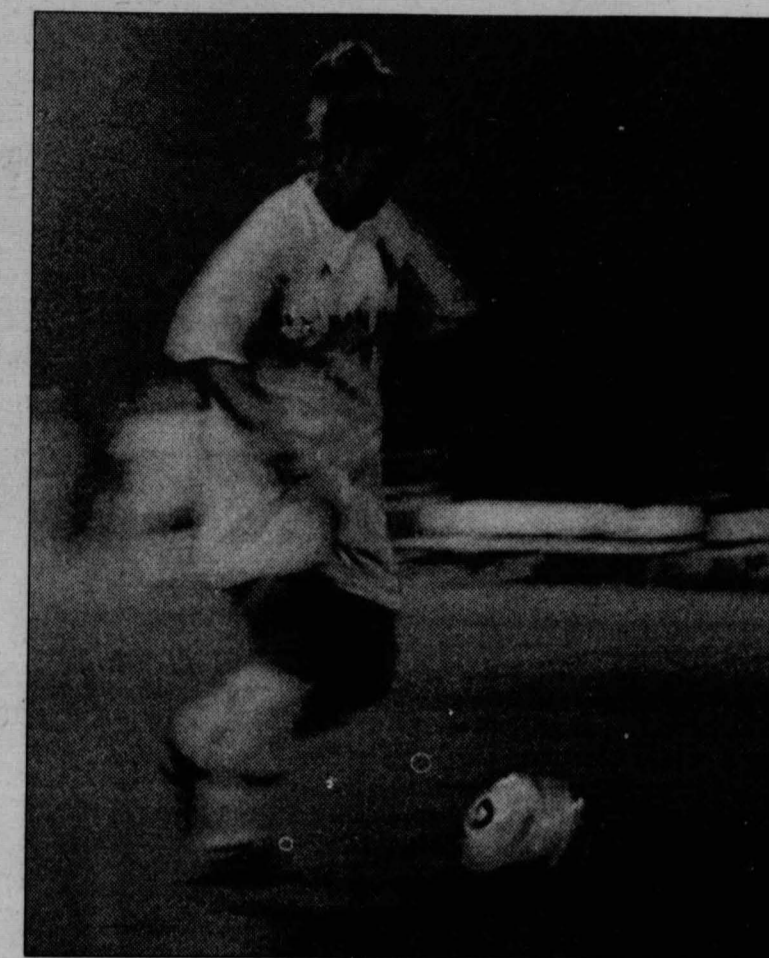
Women's soccer dominated its competition throughout the 2003 season, earning an 18-3-0 record and bids to the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championships and onto the NCAA Division II Semifinals, where the Tritons fell, 2-1, to an experienced squad of soccer players from No. 7 Franklin Pierce.

Head coach Brian McManus takes the reins once again this year for his 18th season leading UCSD women's soccer. Under his tenure, McManus has led the Tritons to five NCAA Division III National Championships and two consecutive NCAA Division II National Championships, as well as numerous Regional Championships. At the opening of the 2004 season, McManus boasted a remarkable 291-35-20 record at UCSD and an .870 winning percentage, the second highest of current NCAA Division II coaches.

Off to a solid 5-1 start, the 2004 squad appears as though it is ready to pick up where last year's team left off, in the hunt for yet another national title. However, the players will have to overcome several formidable obstacles before approaching the postseason.

First, last year's team was enriched with the experience of nine seniors, while this year's squad will have to play with only three. Leadership roles have been vacated and the team will seek new direction from players on the field.

Second, the Tritons this season will have to learn to play cohesively, since there are 12 varsity freshmen



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New era: Although the recently graduated players, such as Molly Carlson (above) will be missed, the freshmen and sophomores have filled the gap thus far.

men joining the program and learning the ropes.

The next home game will be played on Sept. 22 at Triton Soccer Field at 4:30 p.m. versus Cal State Dominguez Hills. In the 2003 season, the Toros served the Tritons their first loss of the regular season in a 3-2 contest at

UCSD; however, the Tritons redeemed themselves with a 5-1 assault on Dominguez Hills in the CCAA Championship Finals, then again in the second round of the NCAA National Championships in a 4-3 victory that was decided by a round of penalty kicks in overtime.

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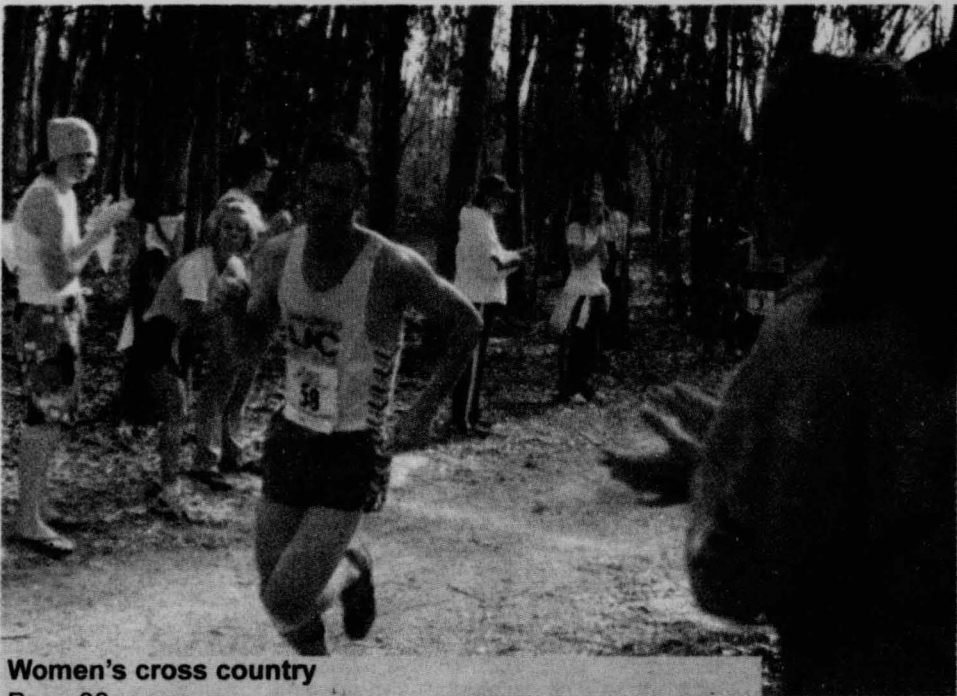
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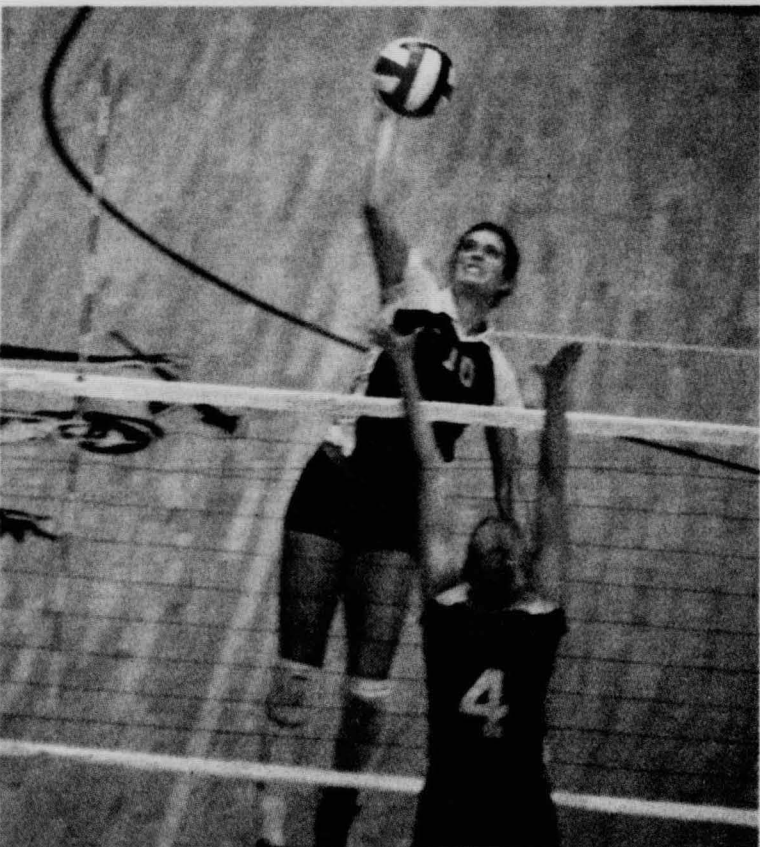
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