

## Elsewhere

### Berkeley A.S. to Offer Scholarships

BERKELEY — Trying to attract more minority students to UC Berkeley, the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) Senate has proposed offering annual \$1,000 scholarships to a minimum of 10 minority students. The bill, according to the ASUC Senate, would not conflict with Proposition 209 because ASUC is a separate entity from the university. Moreover, the funds for the scholarships would come only from profits generated by the ASUC store, not from student fees. Scholarship winners would be allowed to renew their award each year provided that they maintain at least a 2.3 grade point average and volunteered at least five hours a week to recruit other minority students to UC Berkeley. After graduation, recipients would be expected to contribute to the scholarship program.

— *The Daily Californian*

### College Plans to End Nude Soccer

DECORAN, Iowa — Hoping to avoid the negative attention that six students brought to Luther College for participating in nude soccer games, Luther College administrators have issued a statement that they "will not condone nude soccer on the Luther campus" this year. Last year, an unclothed male harassed women in a dorm following a naked soccer match. Naked soccer also sparked a media blitz at approximately 1,200 newspapers across the country and world. While some felt that the attention was detrimental to Luther's reputation, Jerry Johnson, director of public information, felt that the publicity helped dispel the unattractive image of Luther college as a conservative, Midwestern Christian school.

— *Chips*

### Prof. Sorry for Illicit Extra Credit

PITTSBURGH — Kimberly Young, an assistant professor of psychology at Pitt-Bradford, offered students 10 bonus points toward their final grades if they bought her book, *Caught in the Net* which deals with Internet addiction. Young's book was not one required for or relevant to the classes she was teaching. Young admitted that she did not exercise good judgment in the situation and retracted the offer.

— *The Pitt News*

## Spoken...

"He recruited very, very fine people, and helped to make the departments what they are today."

— **Trudy LaDue**  
Program representative  
Muir College  
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## ASIAN AMERICANS AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION



Claire Schneider/Guardian

Caught in the middle?: Asian Americans play a complicated role in affirmative action debates.

## Is Yellow Black or White?

Stereotyped as the 'model minority,' Asian Americans occupy a complex position

By **Grace Jang**  
Senior Staff Writer

The recent passage of Proposition 209, a.k.a. the "California Civil Rights Initiative" (CCRI), has successfully rendered illegal the use of affirmative action in employment practices and higher education admissions policies. Many, including UC Berkeley professor Ron Takaki, are currently making efforts to reverse the effects of CCRI.

Affirmative action proponents say that CCRI has detrimentally affected enrollment numbers in higher education.

According to UC Regent Ward Connerly, such numbers indicate that "affirmative action has all along discriminated against Asians and

whites." Most opponents of affirmative action would concur, including many Asian Americans themselves.

### Mixed reactions

Shin Kim, a UCLA junior, is one among many Asian Americans who believe that affirmative action in college admissions works against Asian Americans, unfairly penalizing them for their academic achievement at the expense of "lesser qualified" racial minorities.

"Affirmative action probably does help racial diversity [on campus], but when academics is concerned, racial diversity should not be so important," Kim said. "Just wanting racial diversity is discrimination itself. It's racism. But academia should transcend above all that, right? It should

be a competition more of the minds, not of the races."

"Esther," a UCLA junior whose name has been withheld upon request, disagrees.

"If higher education's sole purpose was for academics and reciting facts, then we shouldn't have affirmative action," Esther said. "But, humans are made up of different facets — color, socioeconomic background — that can't be extrapolated from higher education. These things are very intricately intertwined with academics. The reason that people go to school — be it for your own self-interest, for your own self-philosophy, for a better job — in the end, you're going to have to deal with other people. If you

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## Diversity in Action Protests Commencement Speaker

**EVENT:** Over 100 students attend protest outside Dynes' office

By **Vincent Gagnani**  
Staff Writer

Over 100 students and staff gathered at the chancellor's complex on Thursday to protest the selection of Newt Gingrich, speaker of the House of Representatives, as this year's commencement speaker. The group was also critical

of the declining number of students of color at UCSD.

The protest, sponsored by Diversity in Action, included a demonstration on the Library Walk and a press conference outside Chancellor Robert Dynes' office.

Anna Eng, a UCSD graduate student and teaching assistant, told the crowd that the burgeoning protest movement at UCSD will not cease until Gingrich speaks.

"This protest will escalate week after week," Eng said. "The protest

will continue until the moment Newt is on the stage."

Protest organizers gathered outside the Price Center at 10 a.m. with signs and fliers, they heard from to Warren College Writing Series Learning Skills Counselor Robert McDonnell, who has been on strike for 14 days in front of the chancellor's complex.

McDonnell said it is important that there be unity between members of the United States' counter-culture and members of the politi-

cal left. He then said Gingrich's views are "based in hatred, bigotry and political ideas that should have died long ago."

Protesters chanted "Racist, sexist, anti-gay, Newt Gingrich go away," while walking down the Library Walk before returning to the chancellor's complex by way of the Price Center.

Upon finding Dynes' office locked, protesters began chanting, "Chancellor Dynes, where you at?"

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# First Muir College Provost Honored

**DEDICATION:** John Stewart returns to campus to have the Muir Commons renamed in his honor

**By Annam Manthiram Staff Writer**

The Muir College Commons Building was officially named the "Stewart Building" during a commemorative luncheon and ceremony last Thursday in order to honor John Stewart, the founding provost of Muir College.

"It's nice to see so many friends and Muir students," Stewart said. "I'm very proud of Muir. I'm tremendously honored to have a building named [after me]."

Many of Stewart's friends and colleagues attended the ceremony, including Ballard Cheatham, Stewart's longtime friend.

"It's great that he's rewarded, or recognized for all his years of service to the university," Cheatham said.

Victoria Bartlett, a Marshall student, was one of the many students who attended the ceremony.

"I think that it's great that Muir College students get to see who their founder was," Bartlett said. "It's too bad Thurgood Marshall students won't get that opportunity."

Stewart came to UCSD in 1964 from Dartmouth College, where he was a professor of literature, to become a special advisor to the chancellor on the arts at UCSD. In 1965, he was asked by the chancellor to become provost of the second college.

"He presided over all of the details of the college," said Patrick Ledden, the current Muir provost.

According to Ledden, Stewart named the second college, put together the curriculum and constructed the design of the Muir campus.

"When he was recruited from Dartmouth, there were four specific goals in mind: to bring the best people for music; drama and the visual arts and to establish the

second college," said Trudy LaDue, program representative for Muir College. "He recruited very, very fine people, and helped to make the departments what they are today."

According to Ledden, Stewart was essential in starting a liberal arts program at UCSD.

"He actually started each one of the arts departments here," Ledden said. "He built the Mandeville Center."

According to Ledden, Stewart also created and taught the course called "The Wilderness in Human Values."

This contemporary-issues course was taken by 150-200 students, and was offered every spring quarter.

"It was a fantastic class he taught for 20 years," Ledden said.

While Stewart was provost of Muir College for 22 years, he was deeply committed to his students.

"I've always greatly enjoyed any relations with students," Stewart said. "My great interest was the undergraduate students."

According to Stewart, when Muir College was opened on the Camp Matthews campus, the college consisted of one secretary, two phones, two typewriters, a concert hall and himself.

In addition to being the provost and founder of Muir College, LaDue said Stewart was a jack-of-all-trades.

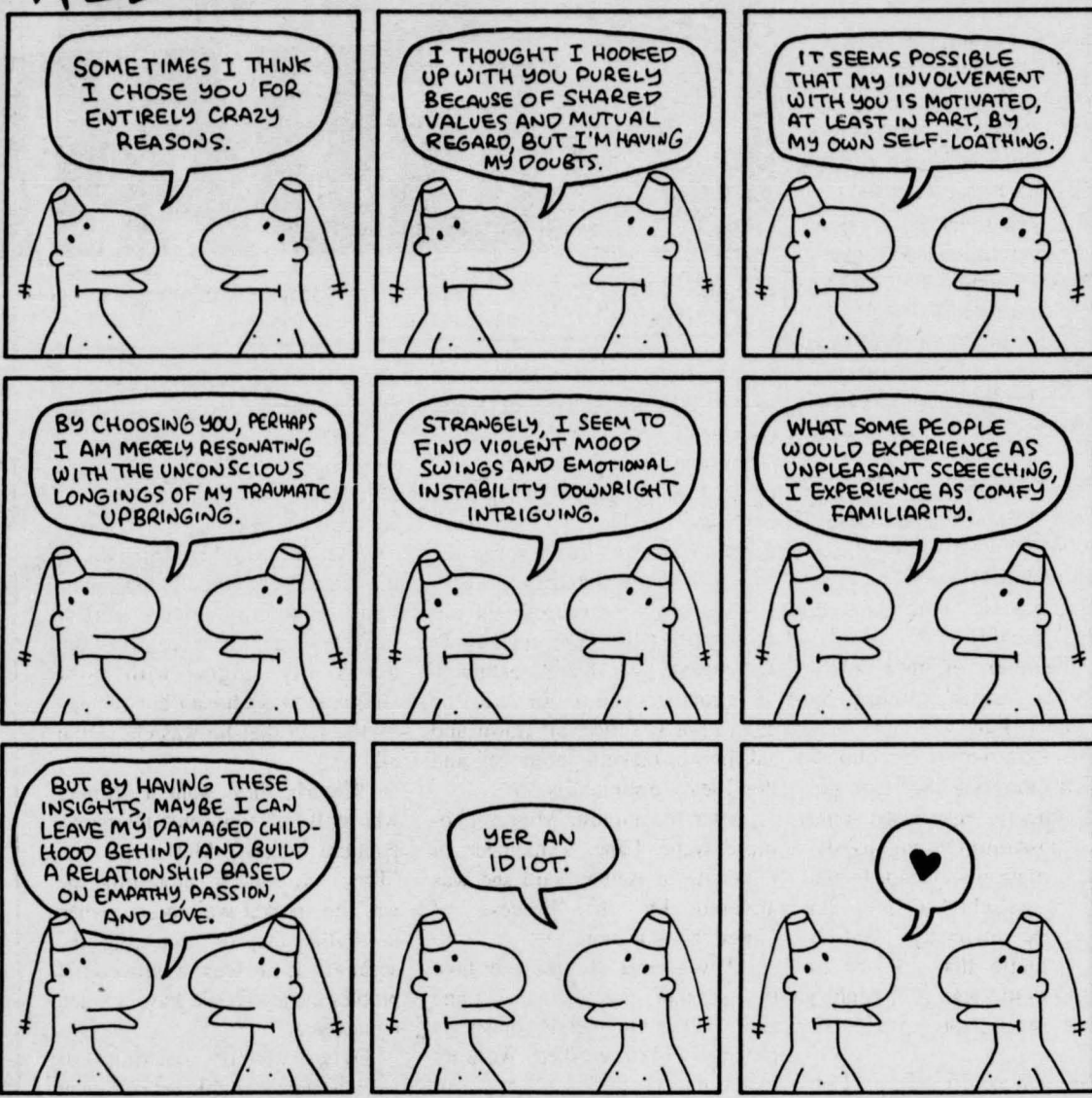
"He's a musician, he's a professor of literature, he's written a number of books and he taught an opera course in the music department," LaDue said.

According to Ledden, Stewart was the founder of the Muir College Council, an active scholar, and an expert on American literature.

"He was a wonderful provost. He was deeply involved in the college," Ledden said.

# ETCETERA...

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### BRIEFLY...

## Professor Honored With Medal

Scripps Institution of Oceanography Professor Robert Parker has been awarded the Royal Astronomical Society's Gold Medal, the most prestigious honor awarded by the 178-year-old organization. Parker will be recognized for his contributions to the theoretical geophysics at a May 8 ceremony in London. Parker, a professor at the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, first won scientific recognition as part of a group that introduced the concept of plate tectonics in 1967.

Parker received his bachelor's degree and doctorate from Downing College at the University of Cambridge. He has been affiliated with Scripps since 1967, when he became an assistant research geophysicist.

Scripps scientist George Backus won the Gold Medal in 1986, and his colleague Freeman Gilbert won the medal in 1981.

## Panel Discussion to be Held on Gender Roles Across Cultures

A panel of faculty, students and staff will convene to discuss "Gender Roles Across Cultures" Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the International Center. Issues discussed will include norms and acceptable male and female behavior in different cultures, cultural and economic consequences on role change, the influence of culture and religion on gender roles, conflict between new and old rules on gender roles within a culture, and confusion regarding today's gender roles.

## Assistant Treasury Secretary for to Speak at IR/PS Commencement

Timothy Geithner, assistant secretary of the Treasury for international affairs, will deliver the commencement address for the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at 11 a.m. on June 13 at the IR/PS Robinson Building Complex. Geithner served as a U.S. representative during the Asian economic crises of 1997-98. As assistant secretary, he is an advisor to the treasury secretary, deputy secretary and undersecretary for international affairs on all aspects of economic, financial and monetary policy developments.

## New Republic Editor to Speak at UCSD as Regents' Lecturer

Jeffrey Rosen, legal affairs editor of *The New Republic*, will speak at a lecture entitled "The End of Privacy" on May 26 at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Building Complex at IR/PS. Rosen, who is also an adjunct associate professor at the George Washington University law school, is serving as a Regents' Lecturer in the Department of History from May 25-29. In addition to writing for *The New Republic*, Rosen has published in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Constitutional Commentary* and the *Yale Law School Journal*. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Department of History at 534-1997.

## PROTEST: Watson addresses the large crowd

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Soon after this incident, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Joseph Watson spoke with the protesters.

Although he agreed to meet with students next Friday in the Cross Cultural Center, Watson said he did not think that Gingrich would be removed as commencement speaker.

When asked about such a possibility, Watson responded, "I don't think so, the campus has made a formal commitment."

Associate literature Professor Jorge Mariscal told the crowd that he believes Dynes caved in to UC Regent Ward Connerly in inviting Gingrich.

Watson told protesters that they were wrong in accusing the university of taking money away from diversity programs.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he said.

A member of the crowd responded to Watson's comment by calling him a "liar."

"Newt Gingrich is a political figure," Watson said. "Some people support him very vigorously, some people oppose him very vigorously."

"The invitation was made by the chancellor, as chief officer, on behalf of the university," Watson added. "I hope that no one in California would take [Gingrich's] being here as a representation of UCSD."

UCSD police officers stood by in case the crowd grew unruly.

After a press conference, protesters returned to join McDonnell in his ongoing strike. McDonnell once again addressed the crowd.

Turning away from photographers, McDonnell said, "They are a corporate media who have rendered themselves irrelevant in the struggles of this country. 'Gathering signatures will not accomplish what you want them to accomplish,' McDonnell continued. 'I encourage you to go into [the chancellor's] office, sit down and ask him to make a phone call and don't leave until he has.'"

After the protest, Muir sophomore Katie Lane, a member of Diversity in Action, said she was angered by the process of Gingrich's selection.

"I was most disturbed by how the speaker was chosen," Lane said. "Newt Gingrich is someone I never would have asked. We want to ensure that there's not a precedent set by this. We'd like to implement a means by which students



Lisa Huff/Guardian

**Speech:** Vice Chancellor Watson agrees to meet with students and staff at the Cross Cultural Center next Friday.

can give their voice in selecting their speaker."

Lane also said that she would be very impressed if Dynes decided to attend the meeting between Watson and students next week.

Matt McDonald, chairman of the UCSD College Republicans, said that he thinks that Diversity in Action and other groups are not really angry with how Gingrich was chosen but instead by the fact that he was chosen at all.

"Clearly they want a speaker who will only reinforce their own political beliefs," McDonald said. "They say they're protesting the way the speaker was chosen, when in reality they're protesting the speaker. If it was a procedural problem, they would have spoken up last year."

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## Effort Underway for '98 and '99 Senior Classes to Raise Funds for Triton Statue

**MONEY:** Gift intended to boost school spirit and student awareness

**By Christine Pangan Guardian Reporter**

This year's senior class gift campaign hopes to inspire a new tradition of unity and spirit at UCSD. The class of 1998 plans to donate a statue of a Triton, UCSD's official mascot, to the university.

According to Sun Whang, the chair of the senior class gift committee, the statue will be "similar to the Triton symbol on the sports page of the *Guardian*."

The gift was selected several months ago by an advisory board comprised of members from previous A.S. Councils and other student leaders, such as the Interfraternity Council chair and the Graduate Student Association president.

"Right now people feel indifferent about the [UCSD] campus," Whang said. "The purpose of the gift is to unite and create an identity within the UCSD community."

Adrien Kohn, campus development office assistant director for planned giving, said she hopes the gift becomes a symbol of UCSD's pride and school spirit to show that there is more to UCSD than just

demanding academics. "Bruins, Trojans, Aztecs — you know all of them," Kohn said. "But [people] don't know what UCSD is. The UCSD what? Sun Gods?"

Whang said she hopes to increase student awareness of the senior class gift at the Sun God Festival, as well as through e-mail and fliers.

Another vehicle for promotion will be the Telephone Outreach Program, whose employees will begin calling students on May 17.

"We want to make seniors aware of this kind of gift," Whang said.

At an estimated cost of \$28,000 to \$45,000, the senior gift will most likely be a two-year project by the classes of 1998 and 1999. Kohn said the statue "will be comparable to other statues in the UCs, like UCLA's or UCI's."

"Yes, it's simply a statue," Kohn said. "But hopefully it will also have left behind a tradition of

school spirit and pride in the campus."

According to Kohn, gifts from previous senior classes include the class year plaques on the Library Walk, the recycling bins around campus, and the renovation of the Triton Pub (now Porter's Pub and The Stage at The Pub).

In addition, Kohn said this may be the first time a recognized student chair position has been established for the senior class gift.

"We'd like [the senior gift] to become more of a student thing," Kohn said.

Kohn said she hopes that more students will want to be involved in choosing and promoting a senior class gift in the

coming years, "to leave their mark on the university."

No final decision has been made regarding the placement of the statue. Undertaking the task of promoting the gift is the senior class gift committee, headed by Whang.

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# OPINION

## The Hearts Of Men

*Are people inherently good? Society's emphasis of the constant quest for the betterment of mankind certainly seems to suggest so*

By Jessica Scheppmann  
Associate Features Editor

Asked and asked again, definitively answered and then promptly reevaluated, has been the question of whether — in our heart of hearts — man is essentially good or fundamentally evil.

To this day, philosophers have not been able to resolve the issue. All conclusions have been a product of the answer-seekers' own experiences, but here I will try to establish general guidelines applicable to all types of people.

First, we must define what is good and evil. The only logical conclusion to this story is that the spelling out of what is good and what is bad is based on cultural ideologies. Each person is a product of his or her individual experiences and, although these experiences are processed similarly, the ideals that are produced can be quite different.

Immanuel Kant wrote that the origins of the world were in the human mind itself. He said that the mind wasn't a blank slate, but instead had an inherent structure that our individual experiences filtered through.

In other words, we impose our individual ideologies onto real-world phenomena.

Kant also argued that humans had an innate awareness of moral law in the form of an unconditional, ethical bottom line. This consists of limitations that prevent us from inflicting pain and suffering on our fellow man, as well as committing crimes against humanity.

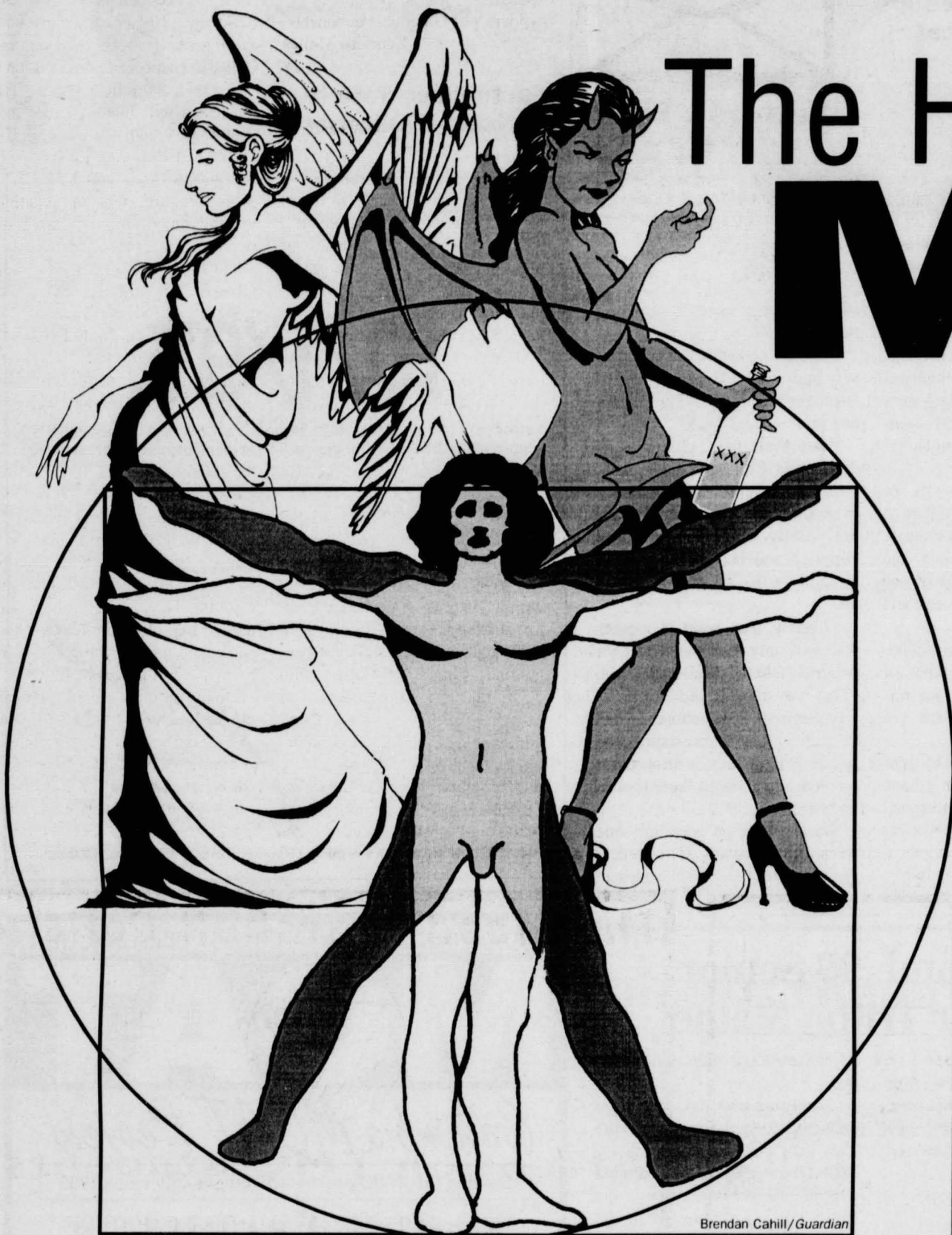
Outside influences such as family ideals, religion, governmental authority, socioeconomic background, culture and education all shape our perceptions of the world. However, man is essentially a social creature, and will generally seek acceptance.

This need for acceptance may be fulfilled through other capacities, or mutated by outside influences, but it is not a reflection of our nature — just of perverted experiences. Usually when an individual is motivated to do wrong, rather than help his fellow man, the person in question has suffered psychological trauma and cannot be considered representative of the norm.

Additionally, the bad qualities he possesses are frowned upon by society because we hold ourselves up to the expectation that each of us will strive to do good.

In the end, good and evil will be defined by cultural expectations. The need to fulfill these expectations, to act in a positive manner toward your fellow man, is essentially what defines goodness. It is in our hearts to help, not hurt, our neighbors. Society has always rewarded positive actions, and in times of need the ability to work toward a utopia based on human kindness has been outlined as good in all cultures.

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Brendan Cahill/Guardian

*The nature of man may not be inherently evil, but through examining government we discover we are not inherently good*

By Tommy Vu  
Staff Writer

"The state of men without civil society (which state we may properly call the state of nature) is nothing else but a mere war of all against all," wrote Thomas Hobbes in his 1640 philosophical shocker, *The Elements of Law*.

In this book, and others he penned, Hobbes takes a long, hard look at human nature and the laws that reflect it. What Hobbes discovered is that we are, for the most part, a bickering and hostile species.

"For even at the time when men are in a tumult... they are amongst themselves in the state of hostility and not of peace," Hobbes wrote.

This nature of humans that Hobbes writes about leads to the question: are we, as people, naturally good or evil? Were we born with these predispositions or have they been instilled in us since childhood?

From what I have witnessed in my 18 years, I am forced to say that I believe that humans are naturally evil.

**The seven deadly sins serve as a constant reminder of the negative aspects of life, while the seven virtues are what we should all strive for. Yet, it's the sins that are more easily attainable.**

Well, perhaps evil is too harsh of a term. When I think of "evil," I recall names such as Hitler and Stalin. There are very few who would appreciate being associated with such monsters. Perhaps "naturally bad" might be a better term.

The reason for my maintenance of such a pessimistic view of humanity is rooted in both history and current society. Consider the current concept of laws and government for a moment. Laws and governments are repre-

sentations of what a society views as moral and ethical. If humans were naturally good, there would be no need for restrictions. We would all respect each other and all live in peace and harmony. But, obviously enough, we do not live in peace or harmony.

The basic structure of our government is based on human fears and paranoia. The checks-and-balances system among the judicial, executive and legislative branches works by pitting the branches against each other. In doing this, the people from each branch are forced to keep an eye on those in the other branches for fear of losing their own power and influence.

This striving for power also points to the frailties of human nature. We're all guilty of having dreamt about being in charge and having absolute control. This constant vying for power, particularly among the leaders of the world, has often resulted in catastrophe and war.

The Politburo in North Korea starves its people while pumping bil-

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## GINGRICH'S PRESENCE AN INCREASE IN INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY

Editor:

A handful of student radicals, aging Marxist professors and assorted cranks are upset that Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has been invited to speak at UCSD's all-campus commencement ("Commencement Controversy," May 4, *Guardian*). So what else is new?

Students will protest anything. But what's irritating about the hubbub surrounding the Gingrich invitation is the hypocrisy of the student protesters.

Diversity in Action's Katie Lane feels — because if she feels it, it must be true — that Gingrich's presence is "diametrically opposed" to UCSD's hold and noble commitment to "create an atmosphere that not only mirrors the heterogeneity of American culture, but also leads the way in giving voice to new schools of thought in a variety of areas."

True enough. Gingrich is surely no progressive. His ideas aren't new. But guess what? Real diversity — that's intellectual diversity, not the disingenuous, racist brand Lane and her comrades peddle so loudly and proudly — means making room for the likes of Gingrich and his hated Republican ilk.

Is this an issue of "student rights," as Lane says? Of course not. This is about rank and intolerance. Lane and her sophomore friends are a vocal minority of intellectual bigots, pure and simple.

If Diversity in Action believes in diversity, as its mouthpiece claims, then Gingrich deserves a

fair hearing — the same deferential treatment President Clinton was accorded last year.

Ben Boychuk

### Gingrich Protesters Are Hypocritical

Editor:

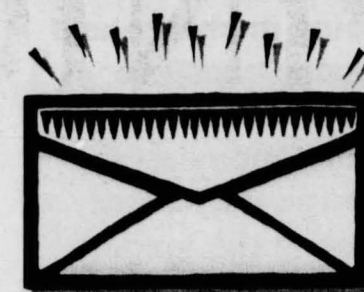
I find it hypocritical to have a campus squawking over the selection of Newt Gingrich as commencement speaker a year after President Clinton was welcomed with open arms by this same university community.

One of the main reasons Gingrich's opponents cite against his invitation is that students did not have any input in choosing this year's graduation speaker. Where were these people when President Clinton was invited without student input to speak at last year's commencement? There were no howls of protest as there are today.

The difference is in Clinton's and Gingrich's politics. The multitude of liberals on this campus were tickled pink to have their liberal poster boy, Clinton, come and push his agenda at the all-campus commencement last year. This year a "right-winger" is coming and now they're screaming foul.

When it's someone whose politics they like, it's fine for the administration to choose a commencement speaker without student input. But choose a conservative, and these same people cry about how unfair it is that students didn't have a say.

The reason they suddenly think



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student input is important in choosing a commencement speaker is because they hope that student input would prevent a conservative like Gingrich from speaking at this campus. People like Genoa Ferguson said it well: "I'm sure if the students had chosen the speaker it would not have been Newt Gingrich." What would these people say if students did choose Newt Gingrich? Student input to them is just a tool to silence conservatives.

The liberal left on this campus doesn't have to agree with the selection of Newt Gingrich as commencement speaker or with his political history. However, they

should stop using the argument that there was no student input in choosing Gingrich when they didn't use the same argument when Clinton, a liberal they like, was invited. It is just an example of the hypocrisy of Gingrich's opponents.  
Kenneth Molles

### Facts Inaccurate in Division II Editorial

Editor:

After reading the editorial on April 30, 1998, ["Thanks to (Most of) the Faculty for Div. II Support"] which expounds the virtues of moving to Division II, I am gravely concerned regarding the information the Associated Students have based their premise on.

First, it stated that UCSD, with over 15,000 students, is too big to be a Division III school. Division affiliation is based on the size and scope of the school's athletic program and philosophy, not the size of student enrollment.

For example, if the Associated Students based its theory on the size of student enrollment then University of Pacific (Methodist) with 2,358 undergraduate students, Loyal Marymount (Catholic) with 3,701 undergraduate students, Pepperdine (Church of Christ) with 2,523 undergraduate students, St. Mary's (Catholic) with 2,662 undergraduate students, University of San Diego (Catholic) with 4,126 undergraduate students, University of San Francisco (Catholic) with 4,280 undergraduate students and Santa Clara (Catholic) with 4,103

undergraduate students, have no business competing in Division I.

Let us not forget these small church schools are competing with the powerhouses of UCLA, 22,468 undergraduate enrollment, and UC Berkeley, 19,539 undergraduate enrollment. This is a David and Goliath scenario, except in Division I.

Second, the article states: "Triton teams will finally be put into conferences with the likes of UC Davis, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Sacramento State and USD." The professors are right in assuming that the students may not have thoroughly studied the facts before they voted because Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Sacramento State and USD are all Division I schools.

UC Davis is the only Division II school. Furthermore, UC Davis, with an undergraduate enrollment of 16,697, beat Kentucky Wesleyan (Methodist), undergraduate enrollment of 653, in the finals to become the NCAA Division II Basketball Champion. (Another David and Goliath scenario but in Division II.)

Knowing the above facts, how can the students believe that the move to Division II would eliminate the David and Goliath scenario? Let alone increase school spirit and improve the social scene by moving to Division II?

In my opinion, school spirit cannot be measured by the attendance at a school's athletic events. In fact, it cannot be measured, for it is in the heart and mind of all of us — students, professors, administrators and, of course, the chancellor.

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**EVIL:**  
Desire for power shows our real nature

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lions of dollars into nuclear weapons. Two million Cambodians died in the killing fields of the Khmer Rouge regime under Pol Pot and his insane attempt to rid his nation of "academics." Twenty million died because Joseph Stalin was a bit too paranoid about watching his back. This list just seems to go on and on: Adolf Hitler, Mao Zedong, Saddam Hussein, Idi Amin Dada, Radavon Karadzic....

You can thank whichever god you follow that we're not all genocidal maniacs. The rest of us are hardly innocent, though. Let's think about our actions for a

moment.  
You see a "dirty bum" on the corner of an intersection. In one hand he's holding a walking stick while the other hand is holding a sign that reads, "HUNGRY — will work for food." Car after car drives by and not a single person passes him some change. As you drive by you avert your eyes, pretending not to see him.

We have probably all been through this scenario, but how many can actually say that they've given money, loose pocket change, to the "bum"? What does this say about our nature? That we're apathetic to the needs of other, especially those that most need help?

The seven deadly sins serve as a constant reminder of the negative aspects of life, while the seven virtues are what we should all

**We're all guilty of having dreamt about being in charge and having absolute control. This constant vying for power, particularly among the leaders of the world, has often resulted in catastrophe and war.**

Each had a massive chip on his shoulder based on his experiences through life.

Of course, they were evil exceptions to human norms, so their subscription to these philosophers' theories does not prove anything. The fact that people recognize that Hitler is a horrible example of effective leadership could be interpreted as proof that human nature is good. His skills were tied with his ability to commit heinous atrocities and manipulate his citizens into doing what he said. His behavior has been attributed to special circumstances, and our need to explain away these occurrences in history demonstrates that society's emphasis on good is representative of our nature.

Individuals are good. Group or mob mentality, such in the case of the Nazis, can motivate us to be bad, but even in these cases people feel like they are doing good and are working for the betterment of

**GOOD:**  
Society is a powerful influence on us all

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Philosophers from Niccolo Machiavelli to Arthur Schopenhauer have mused over the question of human nature. Arguing that men are basically evil, and utilizing this as a basis for their theories regarding effective political leadership and governmental policy, they seem to think that great leaders are the ones who can discipline the generally evil masses into submission.

Great leaders such as Stalin, Lenin and Hitler read their books and subscribed to the theory, much to their own successes. Indisputably, these men were dominating presences in history — but they are also considered evil men, who were victims of traumatic origins and culturally imposed evil.

the group. Only complications force people to go against culturally prescribed norms and expectations. Our instinct is to be good, not to hurt people. People respect those who are good and aspire to achieve the same high moral standards.

It is impossible to describe someone as being good or evil without imposing our culturally biased values. I believe that good people are those who respect the basic values of their culture and deem it necessary to pattern their lifestyle after these cultural guidelines.

To break it down, people rely on each other. We want to come together in times of need, for the preservation of society. Relief efforts demonstrate this. When we hear stories of people risking their lives to rescue their neighbors during floods and fires, it is a sign that human nature is inherently good. We respect these qualities and

work to instill these qualities in our children so that they will be good people. People generally wish for acceptance. Therefore, in order to gain this acceptance, they will respect the needs of their society.

Survival dictates that we behave in a certain way to maintain reasonable conditions for living. Therefore, our motivation to be good is inherent because it is linked to survival and quality of life. Government establishes the guidelines for appropriate behavior. We respect governmental institutions because they are based on our need to follow moral values, and to see others respect those values.

So it would seem that, in the heart of man, there exists an inherent need to work towards the betterment of mankind. The answer that goodness is instinctual is obvious. We are not bad, because goodness is a necessary factor to our quality of life, and the standards we respect in society.

each person has his or her own opinion.  
One stand that is hard to argue against, though, is this: In the face of war and other desperate measures, people show their true colors. A doctor goes around a neighborhood, torching houses along with their occupants in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Women and children are first slaughtered and then crucified against a wall in Nanking. Anyone that knows more than a single language or just happens to wear a pair of glasses is tortured, then buried alive in Cambodia.

In *Behemoth*, Hobbes discovers that it's the fears, greed and pride of humans that pits "each against every man." We might not be naturally bad, but we're sure as hell not naturally good.

**LETTERS:**  
Students' perception of 'facts' inaccurate

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To think that 300 to 500 student athletes could increase school spirit and improve the social scene on campus of 14,263 undergraduate students is not only naive, but ridiculous! Creating school spirit is the responsibility of all students.

Chancellor Dynes knows it and has taken over the leadership role of supporting Homecoming and the 5K Run. These two events have done more for increasing school spirit and the social scene than any athletic event or NCAA Championship Title.

It was only a few years ago UC Davis moved to Division II without scholarships. Now, according to UC Davis's website: "To support student scholars who are also talented athletes, the campus recently launched a grants-in-aid program, the first in its history." Can't we learn from UC Davis that moving to Division II is not the answer? This is proof that moving to Division II without scholarships is just a myth. In addition, UC Riverside, as of April 17, 1998, has moved to Division I.

As students, we can not comprehend the ramifications of this move on the future of UCSD. It should be the decision of our professors, who have the knowledge and the experience to ascertain the best course for UCSD.

**Jason Hipp**  
*Editor's note: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Sacramento State and USD have sports that compete on the Division II level along with sports that compete on the Division I level. UCSD would compete with them in their Division II sporting events.*

**COMMENTARY:** By breaking through the barrier of closed-minded public policy, Hillary Clinton has brought us a message not just about the future of the Middle East but a reminder of the necessity for ubiquitous human compassion as well

**WHEN THE FIRST LADY SPEAKS, WE SHOULD LISTEN**

**By Jessyca Wallace**  
*Associate Opinion Editor*  
On Thurs., May 7, I came home from a grueling day, exhausted and hungry, and crashed on my couch to watch a few minutes of the news before foraging for food. One of the most appalling things I've heard in a long time crossed over the airwaves, right smack into my living room, of all places, and assaulted me in so many ways I'm not sure I can count that high.

Earlier in the day, Hillary Rodham Clinton, in speaking to young Israelis and Palestinians via satellite, claimed that, "The territory the Palestinians currently inhabit, and whatever additional territory they will obtain through the peace negotiations, should be considered and evolve into a functioning modern state...."

In response to this statement, White House spokesman Mike McCurry stood in front of a room chock-full of reporters claiming in no uncertain terms that the words that fall out of Rodham Clinton's mouth mean nothing to the policy makers of this country.

Excuse me? Did he say what I think he said? Did this man just get

on national television, the 6 o'clock news no less, and claim that the first lady is merely a windbag? I believe he did. I suppose it really doesn't matter if that was his intention or not — I, and probably countless others, interpreted his statements to mean that. After all, perceptions are far more often what define our world and our attitudes than are actual facts.

I have never been a major supporter of Rodham Clinton. I typically find her to be an over-intellectualized megalomaniac who, through careful planning, has found her way into the White House in the most powerful way a woman can in today's society. I find, however, that when the White House officially contradicts and belittles statements made by Rodham Clinton on national television, that a grave injustice is being committed. This is the first lady, ideally the most important and influential woman in this country and, more-over, the world.

When the wife, and undoubtedly more intelligent half, of the President of the United States speaks to an international audience, you can be damned sure what she says is



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anything that comes from one of those damned politicians in the White House.

Publicly denying Rodham Clinton's competence and her right to express her opinions is not only offensive to Rodham Clinton, but it is denigrating to all women. It has been noted by Reuters that "U.S. first ladies are usually careful either to express the policy of the administration or keep their opinions to themselves, especially on foreign affairs."

This is a historical reference and well, times, they are a changin'. Women and wives are no longer subordinate to their husbands. By indicating that Rodham Clinton is not capable of expressing a differing opinion than that of her husband, McCurry has indicated that women in general are still thought of as subordinate — isn't this the '90s?

Another aspect of this that really sticks in my craw is that President Clinton has not come to Rodham Clinton's defense on this issue. While I am normally an avid Slick-Willy supporter, I have to say I am rather disappointed. This is a woman who publicly supports her somewhat-crooked, philander-

ing husband consistently and stoically. She has publicly stood behind him on every accusation ever unleashed upon him — a bastion of undying support. One of the seldom times Rodham Clinton takes a little heat comes around and we have not heard a word from the big cheese! I feel that the very least he could do is make a statement regarding her competence and good intent.

Beyond all of that, the biggest problem with what happened last Thursday is that Rodham Clinton is right. The Palestinians deserve their own state. The United States has taken a position to guide the peace talks, but not to be directly involved — by which I'm seriously confused — yet its official position says nothing of the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The bottom line is this: people are people, and if the Jews and the Israelis deserve a homeland, so do the Palestinians. Basic human needs are most regularly recognized as food, shelter and love, but a highly neglected one is the need for security and safety. All human beings are entitled to a haven, a

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### PALESTINE: All people deserve their own homeland

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safe-house if you will. Palestinians are people too.

The bitter conflict between the Palestinians and the Jews erupted thousands of years ago when a Hebrew tribe settled in the modern town of Nablus, claiming it as its holy land, the Land of Canaan. Many centuries of conquer and rebellion ensued, and in 70 A.D., Judea was invaded by the Romans. The Jews were exiled again, their Temple burned and their land renamed Palestine.

After nearly two millennia of rule by Romans, Christians and Muslims, a Zionist movement was founded with a political agenda aimed at reclaiming the land and establishing a Jewish national state in Palestine. Half a century later, the State of Israel emerged as a Jewish homeland.

In 1949 a cease-fire was declared between Israel, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. Israel claimed more land, Jordan took control of some and Egypt gained some land as well. The Palestinians now found themselves without a homeland.

The 50 years of war following the state's emergence have been plagued by bitter struggles and

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continuing battles between the Palestinians and the Israelis. Ironically, both sides are fighting for the same thing — each wants its own land — however, both sides are too

mired in self-appreciation to understand that the other group is just as entitled to a homeland. Sadly, it really shouldn't take guns and bombs to recognize the incongruencies involved in the Jews having a homeland and the Palestinians' lack thereof.

It is disheartening to know that my people have had to fight for so long to get something so essential, that so many Jews died in the wars to gain a homeland and that after all of our suffering we can not extend to the Palestinians the courtesy of giving them their own land — both for their benefit and to end the senseless killing.

It is disheartening that the United States of America is a country

where we supposedly believe all human beings equal, yet our government does not publicly support the establishment of a Palestinian state and that they feel it necessary to ridicule anyone who supports such an eventuality.

Rodham Clinton has broken the taboo. She has said aloud what so many of us have said in our hearts. She has made a statement not just about the state of affairs in the Middle East, but also about the human condition. The first lady has shown us that understanding and kindness will get us further and help more people than bitterness and selfishness. Now if only Netanyahu and Arafat can accept what she said and put the past behind them.

## Lights & Sirens

Lights & Sirens is a selection of entries compiled from the log book of the UCSD Police Department.

**Sunday, May 3**  
1:46 a.m.: A student reported the burglary of a red '90 Plymouth in lot 406. Loss: \$500.  
7:55 p.m.: A non-affiliate reported indecent exposure at lot 007.  
**Monday, May 4**  
10:13 a.m.: Officers filed a report concerning a threatening letter received at SERF.  
12:05 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a license plate from a car parked in lot 502.  
1:02 p.m.: A student reported the theft of underwear from the Pepper Canyon Apartments laundry room. Loss: \$200.  
1:40 p.m.: A student reported the theft of license plate from a car parked in an unknown location.  
3:57 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a license plate from a car parked in lot 401.

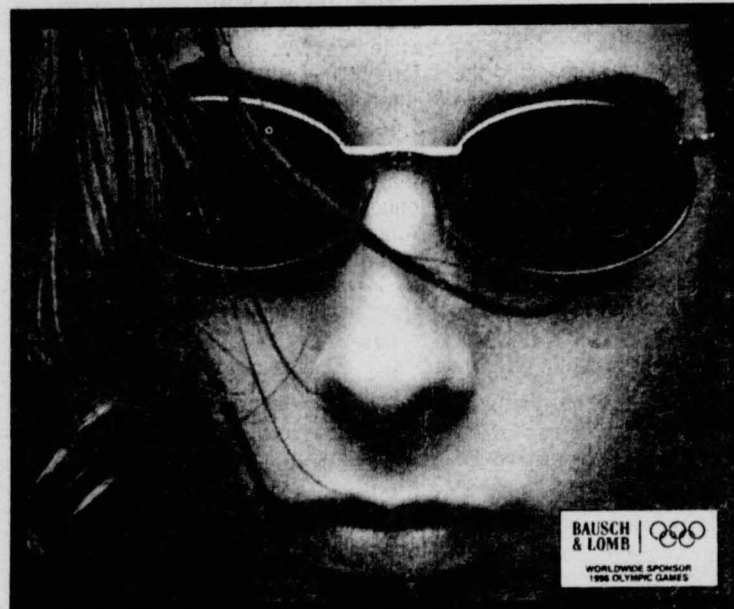
5:39 p.m.: Officers towed a '93 Honda Civic from lot 702 for an expired registration. Stored at Star Towing.  
8:00 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a wallet from the Geisel Library. Loss: \$103.  
**Tuesday, May 5**  
1:40 a.m.: A student reported the theft of a wallet from the Pepper Canyon Apartments. Loss: \$40.  
8:30 a.m.: A student reported the theft of a wallet from the La Jolla Del Sol apartments. Loss: \$74.  
11:35 a.m.: A student reported indecent exposure at 9300 La Jolla Farms Rd.  
8:40 p.m.: A graduate student reported the theft of a blue mountain bike from the east side of the Basic Science Building. Loss: \$500.  
11:00 p.m.: A student reported the burglary of a blue '90 Toyota in lot 103. Loss: \$594.  
11:25 p.m.: Officers arrested a 17-year-old male non-affiliate in lot

355 for vehicle burglary. Transported to family members in Mira Mesa. Property recovered. Owner notified.  
11:58 p.m.: Officers detained a 16-year-old male non-affiliate in lot 305 for violation of curfew. Transported to a parent in Linda Vista.  
**Wednesday, May 6**  
10:45 a.m.: Officers impounded a white '79 Ford Mustang from lot 403 for having more than five unpaid parking tickets. Stored at Star Towing.  
7:54 p.m.: A student reported the burglary of a red '92 Dodge Dakota truck in lot 702. Loss: \$570.  
9:14 p.m.: A student reported indecent exposure at the Geisel Library.  
10:00 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a green mountain bike from the south side of AP&M. Loss: \$250.  
11:45 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a silver bike from outside

Tioga Hall. Loss: \$50.  
**Thursday, May 7**  
11:31 a.m.: Officers filed a report concerning a roommate argument at the Pepper Canyon Apartments.  
12:20 a.m.: Officers impounded a purple '75 Buick from lot 602 because its owner had a suspended license. Stored at Star Towing.  
3:30 p.m.: A student reported that a '93 Acura Integra had been tampered with in lot 510. Loss: \$130.  
5:00 p.m.: A student reported that a white Nissan had been tampered with outside 9238 Regents Rd. No loss.  
7:45 p.m.: A student reported the burglary to a burgundy Oldsmobile in lot 102. Loss: \$100.  
10:30 p.m.: A student reported the attempted theft of a white '95 Toyota pickup truck. Loss: \$200.  
**Friday, May 8**  
9:11 a.m.: A 19-year-old male non-affiliate was ordered off campus for 14 days after creating a disturbance

at Uctr 412.  
1:24 p.m.: Officers filed a report concerning stolen mail from TPC/S.  
5:19 p.m.: Officers towed a silver '84 Mazda from lot 510 for an expired registration. Stored at Star Towing.  
8:43 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a green '79 Jeep from lot 208. Loss: \$2,000.  
**Saturday, May 9**  
1:33 a.m.: Officers detained a 19-year-old male student at Argo Hall for being drunk in public. Transported to Detox.  
2:22 a.m.: Officers impounded a white '71 VW Beetle from 2800 Torrey Pines Rd. for an expired registration. Stored at Star Towing.  
3:44 a.m.: Officers arrested an 18-year-old male student at Muir Lane near Tioga Hall for driving under the influence of alcohol. Transported to County Jail.

— Compiled by Leena Shankar Associate News Editor



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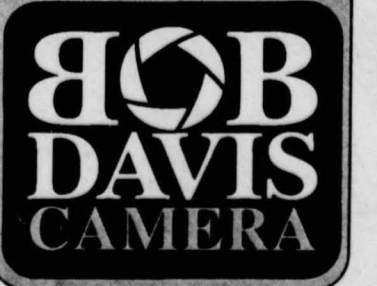
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**534-6581 If you have any questions.**

The Weekly 1 Calendar

Calendar submissions must be in the Guardian office (upstairs in the old student center, mail code 0316) by 3pm on Thursday...

Week of May 11 to 17

Fine Arts
Monday, May 11-Saturday, May 16
Vietnamese Cultural Concert: VSA needs your help! Lots of people needed to dance, act, etc.

Academic Services
Wednesday, May 13
Application Essays for Health Professional Schools Information Session: Get a jump start on writing your application essay...

Is the Subject Exam making you crazy? Well do something about it. The OASIS Writing Program offers workshops that will prepare you for the Subject A Exam...

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Free Cholesterol Testing at Student Health: sign up at the first floor bulletin board for your appointment.

Don't Go in the Ocean! At least not until you've had your Hepatitis A shots! If you surf or swim in the ocean, consider immunizations to protect your health...

GET PUBLISHED! Health Beat is a student publication focusing on health issues. New staff for 98-99 year are being recruited!

Peer Education Programs on Nutrition, HIV, Fitness, Stress & other topics: at your res hall or student org meetings! Call 534-2419 for info on these FREE programs!

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AASU (African American Student Union) general body meetings every Monday at Cross Cultural Center 6-8pm...

Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Group. Come share and explore women oriented issues in a safe and supportive environment!

Quranic studies every Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm at Cross Cultural Center. Quranic chapters are read and interpreted in English...

Undergraduate Gay and Bisexual Men's Support Group meets every Wednesday 7-8:30pm in the International Center Conference Room...

IAIG meets every Monday. Topics, speakers, discussions on current international events/issues. Free refreshments served starting at 7:30pm in PC lounge in ERC...

Religious Services
Thursday, May 14
Campus Crusade for Christ- PRIMETIME! Come over and have some wild, crazy fun while we fellowship with each other...

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Services & Workshops
Monday, April 11
"Women and Alcohol": A discussion given by Psychology and Counseling Services with Peer Counselors...

Tuesday, April 12
MEDICAL SCHOOL- What applicants for 1999 Admission need to know. If you're applying to medical school, don't miss this event!

Wednesday, April 13
"Day Cave and summer options expo" Meet summer camp providers and vendors. Will be held at Price Center Ballroom B...

Thursday, April 14
Successful application essays for health professional schools: Get a jump start on writing your application essay...

Friday, April 15
"Breaking the Fitness Barrier": Learn 5 strategies to a healthier lifestyle! At Price Center Gallery A from 3-4pm...

Asian-American Community Forum: This informal drop-in group is designed to address the concerns of Asian/Pacific Islander students at UCSD...

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Eating Awareness Workshop: This four week session workshop for women will provide a safe and accepting atmosphere for members to begin to explore their relationship with food...

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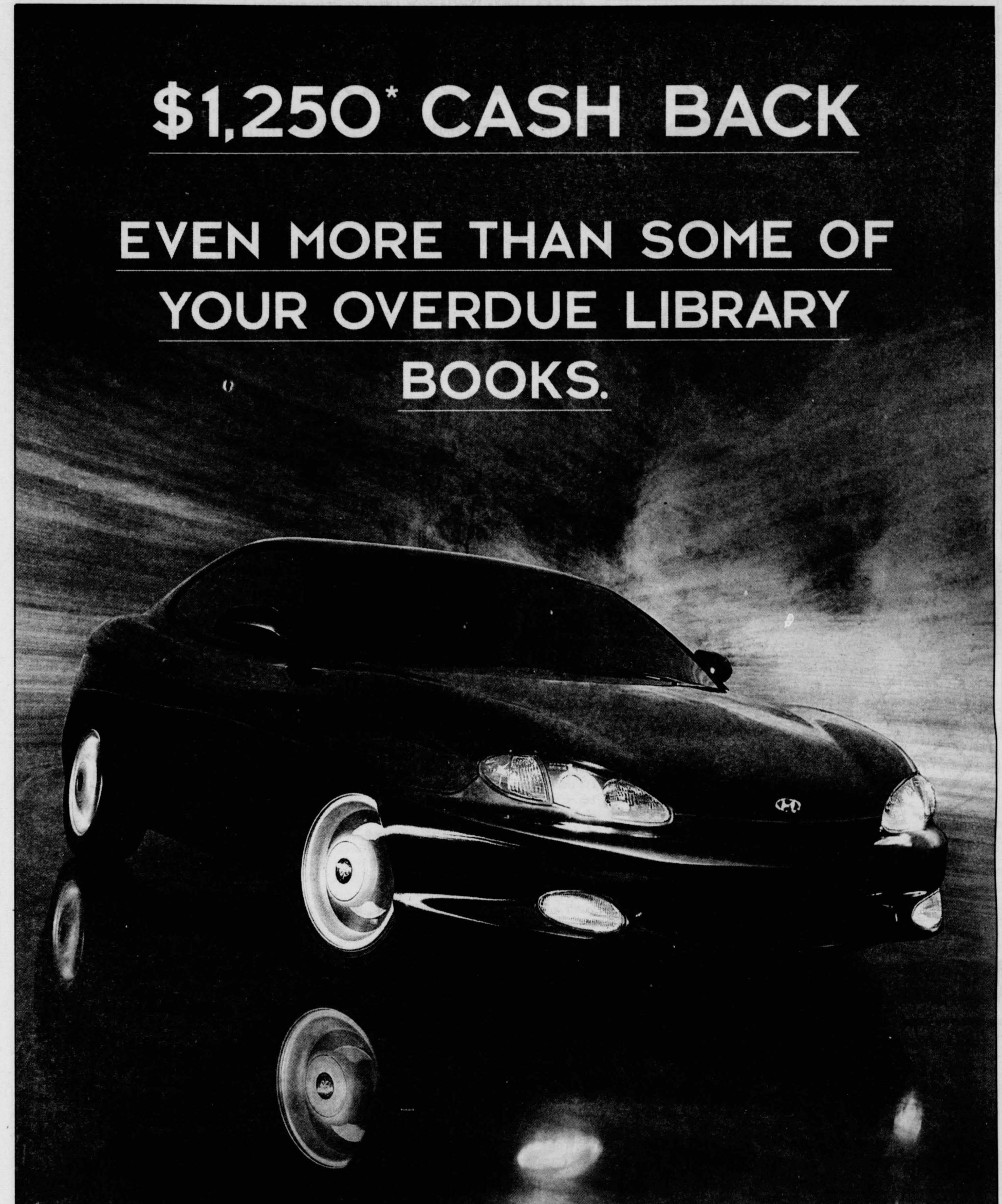
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# ASIAN AMERICANS ARE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

## Is Yellow Black or White?

Either marginalized or oversimplified in affirmative action debates, Asians are situated as 'middlemen'

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don't know what makes up the communities that you serve or work with, you're going to have a hard time trying to learn it once you're in the real world."

Some Asian Americans believe that because they are qualified, they do not need affirmative action. Affirmative-action opponents assert that Asian Americans don't need "set-asides," "dole-outs" or "preferential treatment" as they will "succeed on merits alone."

"Merit is a misleading ideal," said one UCSD senior, who works for The Princeton Review. "Test scores and grades aren't the best way to measure a person's intelligence nor potential."

Tae Chung, a UCLA junior, echoes the sentiments of many Asian American college students on the issue of affirmative action in education. Chung feels that affirmative action does not greatly affect Asian Americans either way.

"I used to be against it, then for it, now I don't know," Chung said. "The reason I was opposed to it was because I wanted everyone who got in, to get in on their merits, not because of color, but then after [someone] explained to me, I was for it."

"People in the inner city have it hard and need affirmative action to get out of there, go to college and go back to change things," Chung continued. "I like the [racial] diversity on campus, but I don't know how I feel about it now."

"David," a junior at Lowell, an elite public high school in San Francisco, said he used to oppose affirmative action because it hurt him individually.

"It would piss me off knowing that I could lose my spot at Berkeley because some Latino or black guy with a lower SAT and lower GPA got it, just because he's Latino or Black and I'm Korean," David said. "But you can't just keep looking at it from an individual standpoint. I had an epiphany, a moment of clarity."

"Think about it, society is not going to evolve if everyone's caught up in self-interest," David continued. "A philosopher we're studying in AP European history said that you have to look at the general will of society, not just the individual."

"Not to put down blacks and Latinos or anything, but I'm probably going to have more opportunities than them," he said. "I'm doing okay academically [because] I don't have to work my ass off at some job to help out my family. I don't have to worry about basic survival. Because of that, I'll give up my seat at a UC because I can probably get in other places."

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**Affirmative action — a "black vs. white" issue?**

Some believe that Asian Americans should not be associated with affirmative action because it is needed primarily by African Americans or Latinos — and for Asian Americans to be lumped into that same category is a stigma.

In his essay, "Is Yellow Black or White?" (from *Margins and Mainstreams: Asians in American History and Culture*), Cornell professor of history Gary Okihiro cites evidence from the past to argue that Asian Americans share a "kinship of oppression" with black Americans.

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— Gary Okihiro  
Professor of History  
Cornell University

## ASIAN AMERICANS — MODEL MINORITY OR SCAPEGOAT?

### ASIANS: "Model minority" label misleading

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the past when our storytellers have been whispering amid the din of Western civilization and Anglo-conformity?"

Okihiro said that one newspaper explained that Chinese and Japanese "learned from racist America, having been 'taught to scorn the race or lose the little footing they may now boast.'"

"[One woman] believed that Japanese shunned African Americans in an attempt to avoid the stigma of inferiority that whites had placed upon blacks."

**Is yellow black or white?**

"I never rode the city buses when I attended the University of Louisville in Kentucky," wrote Chang-Lin Tien, former chancellor of UC Berkeley, in an article for *Common Ground*, a L.E.A.P. publication.

"It was not simply the lack of money that forced me to walk... Rather, I refused to ride the buses because I found it humiliating. Today, I can still recall my shock when I first boarded a city bus and found that whites rode in the front and 'coloreds' rode in the rear. Just where exactly did an Asian fit in?"

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Okihiro continued. "That marginalization of Asians, in fact, within a black and white racial formation, 'disciplines' both Africans and Asians and constitutes the essential site of Asian American oppression."

"By seeing only black and white, the presence and absence of all color, whites render Asians, American Indians and Latinos invisible, ignoring the gradations and complexities of the full spectrum between the racial poles."

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Okihiro said that the myth of Asian Americans as the "model minority" is one way in which whites have pitted Asians against blacks and other people of color.

A poster created during the 1990 L.A. riots of reads: "Crack, the 'housing crisis' and Korean merchants is [sic] a conspiracy to destabilize our community... The Korean merchants are agents of the U.S. government in their conspiracy to destabilize the economy of our community."

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The stereotype fails to account for the Hmong, Thai, Cambodian, Samoan, Guamanian, Laotian and other Asian Pacific Islanders — many of whom are severely underrepresented demographically on UC campuses, vis-à-vis their total population in the state.

Some say that because the "model minority" stereotype is a beneficent one, to refute it or attempt to debunk it would be foolish.

"What's so bad about everyone thinking that Asians are all smart, get good grades and succeed?" said Richard Lee, an exchange student from South Korea. "It's a good thing."

Sources respond that the stereotype, as with any stereotype, is harmful in that it homogenizes a very diverse group, stigmatizes as anomalies those who fail to prescribe to the mold and renders obsolete the entrenched history of discrimination Asians suffered in America.

"Asian Americans are a heterogeneous group, not only because of their many different ethnic and national backgrounds, but also because of vast differences in income, acculturation and immigration history," said Viet Nguyen, a UC Berkeley alumnus.

"Two people as different as a millionaire Hong Kong businessman and a Vietnamese war orphan are lumped together under the Asian American rubric," he said.

Asian Americans are both "helped" and "hindered" by affirmative action, says J.D. Hokoyama, president of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) Asian Pacific American Public Policy Institute.

"While some Asian Pacific American

### The Evolution of Affirmative Action

- 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education*: The Supreme Court overrules the "separate but equal" doctrine and declares racially segregated public schools unconstitutional, implicitly approving the race-conscious remedy of integration.
- 1964 *Civil Rights Act, Title VII* makes it illegal for public and private sector employers to discriminate against workers based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
- 1965 *Executive Order 11246*: President Johnson requires that federal contractors "take affirmative action" to ensure that they do not discriminate against workers because of race, creed, color or national origin. Three years later, gender is added to the list.
- 1978 *Bakke v. University of California*: The Supreme Court issues its first major decision on affirmative action, upholding the right to use race as a factor in university admissions, but prohibiting quotas.
- March 1995 *Federal Glass Ceiling Commission Report* confirms the existence of a glass ceiling that effectively excludes the advancement of women and racial minorities (including Asian Americans).
- June 1, 1995 *Gov. Pete Wilson's Executive Order* dismantles most of the state's affirmative action efforts in hiring and contracting.
- June 12, 1995 *Adarand Contractors v. Peña*: The Supreme Court requires federal agencies to adhere to the "strict scrutiny" standard as imposed on state and local governments in the 1989 *Crosby* case.
- July 19, 1995 *"Mend It, Don't End It"*: President Clinton requires federal departments and agencies to reform or eliminate programs that create quotas, preferences for unqualified individuals or that continue even after their "equal opportunity purposes" have been achieved.
- July 20, 1995 *UC Regents' Resolutions SP-4 and SP-5* eliminate the use of "race, religion, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin" as criteria in University of California admissions policies and hiring and contracting practices.
- November 1996 *California Civil Rights Initiative (Proposition 209)* is passed, making illegal the use of affirmative action in employment hiring practices and educational admissions policies.

Source: Asian Pacific American Public Policy Institute. Walt Dickinson/Guardian. Compiled by Grace Jang.

groups are well-represented at Ivy League universities, others who are less fortunate struggle to overcome the model minority stigma and are enabled by affirmative efforts to attend local colleges at minimal expense," Hokoyama said.

Asian Americans have not always comprised a majority of student body populations in prestigious universities.

In 1860, California barred Asian Americans from attending its public schools entirely. After this was ruled unconstitutional, the State set up a system of "oriental" schools and the California Supreme

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**W**elcome to the Eleventh Annual UCSD Undergraduate Research Conference. The purpose of UCSD's Annual Research Conference is to recognize the outstanding scholarly work produced by our undergraduates and to stimulate additional interaction between students and faculty at the research level. Another goal is to encourage more undergraduates to pursue doctoral degrees and careers in research and college teaching. A total of 90 students will be presenting papers at the conference this year. All participants have been nominated by a member of the faculty who has judged their work to be outstanding. All students will be awarded a certificate as a research scholar. The conference is organized into 15 small roundtable discussions. At each roundtable, five to seven students will present their papers with one or more faculty members serving as moderators. Each student has 15 minutes to discuss his or her paper and 5 minutes to answer questions. After all presentations are completed, there will be additional time for group discussion. Students will present their papers at either a morning or afternoon roundtable. During the session when they are not presenting, students will attend a roundtable of their choice as a member of the audience. This conference was made possible by generous support from the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Joseph Watson, and the Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Marsha Chandler. The annual UCSD Undergraduate Research Conference is planned and coordinated by Academic Enrichment Programs.

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- 8:15 REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
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- 8:45 WELCOME ADDRESS**  
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Ms. Darlene Salmon  
Coordinator, Undergraduate Research Conference

Dr. Melvin Green  
Biology Professor and Director, Academic Enrichment Programs

Dr. Joseph Watson  
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Faculty Club Conference Rooms
- 11:45 BUFFET LUNCH**  
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- 1:00 AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLES CONVENES**  
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### 1 DEVELOPMENTS IN BIOENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM 1

- Presiders: Professor Vivek Sharma, Physics; Professor Paul Sung, Bioengineering & Orthopaedics**
- Winston W. Lien** (Nominated by Professor Andrew McCulloch, Bioengineering): "Effects of Regional Ischemia on the Electrical Properties of the Canine Heart." College: Marshall; Major: Bioengineering
- Kha Nguyen Le** (Nominated by Professor Ghassan Kassab, Bioengineering): "Hemodynamic Analysis of the Capillary Network in the Heart." College: Warren; Major: Bioengineering
- Iman Famili** (Nominated by Professor Andrew McCulloch, Bioengineering): "Mechanical Analysis of Implanted Pacemaker Leads." College: Muir; Major: Bioengineering

### 2 ADVANCES IN GENETICS CONFERENCE ROOM 2

- Presiders: Professor Malcolm Mitchell, Cancer Center; Professor Paul Saltman, Biology**
- Katherine Joy Tóo** (Nominated by Professor Andrew McCulloch, Bioengineering): "Influence of Collagen on Residual Strain Distribution in the Heart." College: Warren; Major: Biology
- Hamed Aryafar** (Nominated by Professor Paul Sung, Bioengineering): "Phagocytosis and Proliferation of Osteoblast Cells in Response to Titanium Wear Debris." College: Warren; Major: Bioengineering
- Jason McKean** (Nominated by Professor Paul Sung, Bioengineering): "The Effects of Growth Factors on Fibroblast Adhesion to Extracellular Matrix Proteins." College: Warren; Major: Biology
- Solana Mayer Pyne** (Nominated by Professor Michael Mullin, SID): "The Correlation Between Chlorophyll and Zooplankton Biomass in the California Current, January 1984." College: Revelle; Major: Biology
- Alexander R. Paredes** (Nominated by Professor Raffi Aroian, Biology): "Studying *C. elegans* Development Through Reverse Genetics of Essential Cytoskeletal Proteins." College: Revelle; Major: Biology
- Yolanda S. Andersen** (Nominated by Professor Raffi

### 3 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE ROOM 3

- Presiders: Professor Nathaniel Finney, Chemistry & Biochemistry; Professor Yitzhak Tor, Chemistry & Biochemistry**
- Douglas A. Miesen** (Nominated by Professor Yitzhak Tor, Chemistry): "Substitution Reactions of 1,10-Phenanthroline Coordination Compounds." College: Revelle; Major: Biology
- Olivia Griffiths** (Nominated by Professor Yitzhak Tor, Chemistry): "Studying the Interactions of Eilatoin and its Complexes with DNA." College: Revelle; Major: Biology
- Quyen-Quyen Truong** (Nominated by Professor Jay Siegel, Chemistry): "Investigation of Cation- $\pi$  Effect: pk Study of Pyridine." College: Revelle; Major: Chemistry
- Angie R. Angeles** (Nominated by Professor Charles Perrin, Chemistry): "Synthesis of Glucopyranosyl Uracil as a Probe of the 'Reverse Anomeric Effect.'" College: Warren; Major: Chemistry
- Mhyla O. Guillermo** (Nominated by Professor Jay Siegel, Chemistry): "The Synthesis of Inhibitors with Possible HIV-1 Integrase Inhibitory Activity." College: Revelle; Major: Chemical Engineering
- Thanh Huu Truong** (Nominated by Professor Dan Harvey, Chemistry): "Synthesis of a Peptidyl RGD-Analog to Study the Inhibition of Integrin Adhesive Recepto-

### 4 MEDICINE AND OPHTHALMOLOGY CONFERENCE ROOM 4

- Presiders: Professor Dirk-Uwe Bartsch, Ophthalmology; Professor Stuart Zola, Psychiatry & Neurosciences**
- Eric J. Bender** (Nominated by Professor Pamela Sample, Ophthalmology): "Comparison of Two Visual Field Tests, FDP and MAP, in Eyes with Glaucomatous Optic Neuropathy." College: Warren; Major: Biology
- Hamed Farid** (Nominated by Professor John Liu, Ophthalmology): "Eye Length Change in the Rabbit Eye During a Twenty-Four Hour Period." College: Revelle; Major: Biology
- Joseph Huang** (Nominated by Professor Pamela Sample, Ophthalmology): "The Direction of Attention in Motion Automated Perimetry Thresholds." College: Revelle; Major: Literature
- Kristianne Marie Priebe** (Nominated by Professor David Feifel, Psychiatry): "The Effects of Sub-Chronic Haloperidol on Sensorimotor Gating Deficits Induced by a PCP Analog." College: Marshall; Major: Biology
- Ky Nguyen** (Nominated by Professor Richard Hamilton, Mathematics): "Physical and Emotional Effects of Multiple Sclerosis." College: Warren; Major: Bioengineering
- EEK Jun** (Nominated by Professor Mark Wallace, Anesthesiology): "Genetronics." College: Warren; Major: Biology

### 5 TRENDS IN PSYCHOLOGY DINING ROOM A

- Presiders: Professor Mark Appelbaum, Psychology; Professor Maria Polinsky, Linguistics**
- Lilly F. Lin** (Nominated by Professor Don MacLeod, Psychology): "Social Comparison and Body Esteem." College: Muir; Major: Psychology
- Alice Lin** (Nominated by Professor Eric Granholm, Psychiatry): "Screening for Substance Abuse in Patients with Mental Disorders." College: Revelle; Major: Biology
- Melissa Camara** (Nominated by Professor Nancy Alvarado, Psychology): "Empirical Investigations of the Co-Referentiality of Emotion Terms and Facial Expressions." College: Muir; Major: Psychology
- Holly Hom** (Nominated by Professor Nicholas Christenfeld, Psychology): "Diurnal Changes in Emotionality." College: Marshall; Major: Psychology
- Kara Roberta Greenberg** (Nominated by Professors Nicholas Christenfeld & Don MacLeod, Psychology): "Rumination and Cardiovascular Reactivity: Effects Over Time." College: Muir; Major: Psychology
- David Medina** (Nominated by Professor Maria Charles, Sociology): "The Important Realities of Gang Violence." College: Marshall; Major: Sociology
- Jason D. Hipp** (Nominated by Professor Cecil Lytle, Music & Marshall College): "The Issues of Moving to Division II (without Scholarships) and the Effects it Would Have on Student-Athletes at UCSD." College: Marshall; Major: Biology

### 6 THE SCIENCE OF ANTHROPOLOGY CONFERENCE ROOM 5

- Presider: Professor Thomas Levy, Anthropology**
- Daniel J. Bryson** (Nominated by Professor Thomas Levy, Anthropology): "Archaeological Applications of Geographic Information Systems." College: Marshall; Major: Anthropology & Economics
- Stephen A. Duetten** (Nominated by Professor Augustin Holl, Anthropology): "Iconography in the Rock Art of the Tassili." College: Roosevelt; Major: Anthropology
- Adolfo A. Muniz** (Nominated by Professor Thomas Levy, Anthropology): "Early Metallurgy and Social Change - A Case Study from Southern Jordan." College: Warren; Major: Anthropology



### 13 COMPUTER AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES CONFERENCE ROOM 3

- Presiders: Professor Walter Munk, IGPP & SID; Professor Jeff Rabin, Mathematics**
- Timothy Grant Marsh** (Nominated by Professor W.E. Moerner, Chemistry): "Covalent Attachment of Proteins to Glass Surfaces." College: Revelle; Major: Biophysics
- Jacqueline E. Kessler** (Nominated by Professor Robert Continetti, Chemistry): "Linear Reflectron Time of Flight Mass Spectrometry." College: Muir; Major: Chemical Physics
- Barry Ried Smith** (Nominated by Professor W.E. Moerner, Chemistry): "Processing and Optical Properties of Photorefractive Polymers." College: Revelle; Major: Chemical Physics & Mathematics

### 14 MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY CONFERENCE ROOM 4

- Presiders: Professor Jack Kyte, Chemistry & Biochemistry; Professor David Rose, Medicine**
- Rany Salem** (Nominated by Professor Jack Kyte, Chemistry): "Kinetic Analysis of Ribonucleotide Reduction." College: Roosevelt; Major: Biology
- Tsai-Tien Tseng** (Nominated by Professor Milton Saier, Biology): "Use of Mutant *E. coli* to Search for New Targeting Receptors." College: Roosevelt; Major: Biology
- Derek Michael Guirand** (Nominated by Professor Pamela Mellon, Reproductive Med): "Determination of Factors Involved in Thyrotrope Cell Lineage Commitment During Development of the Anterior Pituitary." College: Revelle; Major: Biology

### 15 EXPLORATIONS IN BIOCHEMISTRY CONFERENCE ROOM 5

- Presiders: Professor Robert Hamburger, Medicine; Professor Robert Rickert, Biology**
- Maureen Ibañez** (Nominated by Professor June Kam-Mitchell, Pathology): "Characterization of Monocyte Dendritic Cells." College: Roosevelt; Major: Biology
- Christopher Brandon Rake** (Nominated by Professor Susan Taylor, Chemistry): "Cloning and Sequencing of a Novel A-Kinase Anchoring Protein, D-AKAP3." College: Muir; Major: Biology & Chemistry
- Matthew J. Caples** (Nominated by Professor Nicholas Webster, Medicine): "The Role of Weak Splice Sites in Alternative Splicing of the Insulin Receptor." College: Muir; Major: Biology

### 7 VISUAL ARTS LOUNGE

- Presider: Professor Faith Ringgold, Visual Arts**
- Hanh P. Nguyen** (Nominated by Professor Faith Ringgold, Visual Arts): "Being Beautiful." College: Muir; Major: Biology
- Linda Sandoval** (Nominated by Professor Faith Ringgold, Visual Arts): "Metamorphosi." College: Marshall; Major: Visual Arts
- Avra Strauss** (Nominated by Professor Faith Ringgold, Visual Arts): "School." College: UCSD Extension; Major: Visual Arts

### 8 PUBLIC POLICY AND SOCIETY CONFERENCE ROOM 6

- Presiders: Professor Cecil Lytle, Music & Provost, Marshall College; Professor Gary Shiffman, Political Science**
- Eric Mirzaian** (Nominated by Professor Christena Turner, Sociology): "Within 'Whiteness': A Case Study of Armenian Students at UCSD." College: Marshall; Major: Sociology
- Evelyn Ibatan Rodriguez** (Nominated by Professor Maria Charles, Sociology): "Becoming Multiracial: Mothers and the (Re-)Construction of Culture in Filipino-White American Families." College: Muir; Major: Sociology
- Angela Saloufakos** (Nominated by Professor Jeffrey Haydu, Sociology): "Generational Cultures and Menopause." College: Warren; Major: Sociology
- Justine Tinkler** (Nominated by Professors Maria Charles & Richard Biernacki, Sociology): "Interactions of Rape and Race in the Criminal Justice System." College: Marshall; Major: Sociology

### 9 LITERATURE AND CULTURAL STUDIES LOUNGE

- Presider: Professor Alain Cohen, Literature**
- Rachel Forté** (Nominated by Professor Alain Cohen, Literature): "Nails in 'Lost Highway.'" College: Roosevelt; Major: Literature
- Brian Deming** (Nominated by Professor Alain Cohen, Literature): "Recursivity in 'Lost Highway' and the Principle of Spectatorship." College: Revelle; Major: Literature
- Suzanne C. Daniels** (Nominated by Professor Marcel Henaff, Literature): "The Body of the Text: The Function of Illness in the *Confessions* of Jean-Jacques Rousseau." College: Muir; Major: Literature
- Julie A. Roefs** (Nominated by Professor Fred Randel, Literature): "Paradise Lost: Creation and the Unity of Masculine and Feminine." College: Warren; Major: Literature
- Holly Crisp** (Nominated by Professor Nicole Tonkovich, Literature): "The New Woman's Solace in the Solitude of Self." College: Muir; Major: Literature

### 10 ECONOMICS AND HISTORY CONFERENCE ROOM 6

- Presiders: Professor Michael Bernstein, History; Professor Christine Hünefeldt, History**
- Kyla Mitsunaga** (Nominated by Professor Paul Pickowicz, History): "The Impact of the Great Leap Famine on Rural Chinese Women, 1958-1961." College: Roosevelt; Major: Economics
- Melany T. Delacruz** (Nominated by Professor Jeffrey Haydu, Sociology): "Redefining and Reorganizing the History of the American Labor Movement: A Case Study on the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance." College: Warren; Major: Urban Studies & Planning
- Gerardo Arellano** (Nominated by Professor Rosaura Sanchez, Literature): "Capital, Work and the Creation of a Gendered Alternative Economy." College: Muir; Major: Ethnic Studies

### 11 TOPICS IN PSYCHOLOGY & COGNITIVE SCIENCE CONFERENCE ROOM 1

- Presider: Professor Kimberly Jameson, Psychology**
- Aimee L. Arnoldussen** (Nominated by Professor Jaime Pineda, Cognitive Science): "Mu Rhythm as a Reliable Motor Movement Detector." College: Marshall; Major: Cognitive Science
- Gohar Gyudzhyan** (Nominated by Professor Craig McKenzie, Psychology): "Adjustments in Subjective Probability with Changing Hypothesis Sets." College: Muir; Major: Psychology
- John S. Richardson** (Nominated by Professor Jaime Pineda, Cognitive Science): "Electrophysiology of Decision-Making: Does It Change with Substance Abuse?" College: Warren; Major: Cognitive Science
- Justin Michael Sweeney** (Nominated by Professor Jaime Pineda, Cognitive Science): "Psychophysiological Distinctions Between Perception and Imagination." College: Marshall; Major: Cognitive Science
- William Chappell** (Nominated by Professor Kimberly Jameson, Psychology): "Genetic Factors Underlying Perceptual Differences in Color Discrimination." College: Warren; Major: Biology
- Christian Ochoa** (Nominated by Professor Kimberly Jameson, Psychology): "Color Vision Discrimination and Color Anomalous Individuals." College: Warren; Major: Psychology

### 12 ARTS AND HUMANITIES CONFERENCE ROOM 2

- Presider: Professor Jane Stevens, Music**
- David Chiorini** (Nominated by Professor Jane Stevens, Music): "Hayden's 'Il Mondo della Luna.'" College: Roosevelt; Major: Music
- Rebecca Lingafelter** (Nominated by Professor John Rouse, Theatre): "A Forum for Feminism: Feminist Inquiry into the Critical Volkstück." College: Roosevelt; Major: Theatre
- Robert Gordon Knaier** (Nominated by Professor Patricia Kitcher, Philosophy): "Ultimate Answers." College: Muir; Major: Philosophy
- Joy E. Cluff** (Nominated by Professor Jorge Huerta, Theatre): "A Screenplay/Adaptation of Edwin Sanchez's Play, 'Trafficking in Broken Hearts.'" College: Warren; Major: Communication & Theatre
- Lawrence Brillon** (Nominated by Professor Jorge Huerta, Theatre): "Set Design for Edwin Sanchez's Play, 'Trafficking in Broken Hearts.'" College: Revelle; Major: Theatre



### ASIAN AMERICANS NOT REALLY 'OVERREPRESENTED' IN ACADEMIA

#### ASIANS:

Asian Americans are a heterogeneous group

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Court upheld the constitutionality of "separate but equal" schools for Asian Pacific American students in 1906.

In 1927, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Mississippi's exclusion of Asian American students from white schools.

Okiehiro explained the origins of the "model minority" myth.

"After the Civil War, southern employers viewed African Americans not only as essential laborers but also as political liabilities insofar as they voted.

"The problem, thus, was how to maintain white political supremacy while employing cheap and efficient 'colored' workers, thereby ensuring white economic supremacy," he wrote.

"Asian migrant workers, it seemed to some southerners, provided the ideal solution to the problem in that they were productive laborers and non citizens who could not vote. Further, Asian workers would be used to discipline African workers and depress wages."

Sociologist James Loewen says that in Mississippi, the Chinese were initially assigned a "near-Negro position" and later served "as middlemen between white and

black." "In fact, that function both mediated and advanced the prevailing social relations," Okiehiro added.

#### What is affirmative action?

Affirmative action is a race- and gender-conscious strategy to identify, recruit and appoint qualified racial minorities and women for employment, higher education and contracting opportunities.

**"Success in the classroom does not guarantee success in the workplace."**

**Asian Americans — virtually non-existent in the highest levels of government and management — are affected by discrimination in the workplace as much as, and perhaps even more than, Latinos and African Americans."**

— L.E.A.P. Does affirmative action help or hurt Asians? Special report on CCRI

Tien said that the Asian American community "reaped substantial benefits from affirmative action.

"It opened doors previously closed to immigrants and natives alike, offering

broader opportunities for housing and employment."

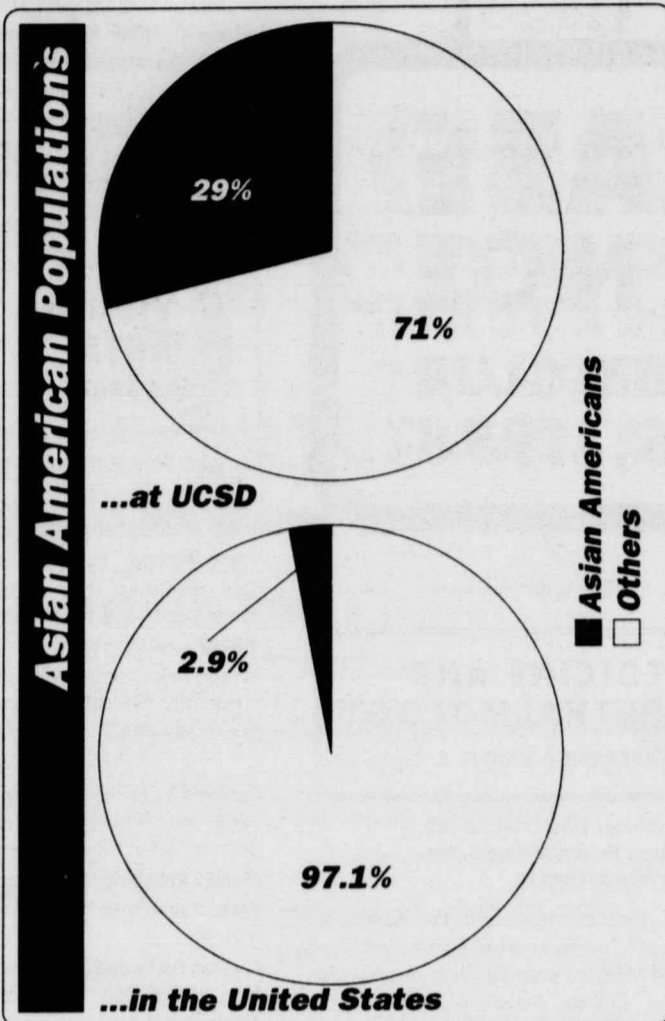
Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, said that affirmative action programs will help Asians in higher education in the form of grants and graduate fellowship programs aimed at helping Asian Pacific Americans "move into fields where their participation has been discouraged or where there is an unmet community need."

"They also include outreach and education programs to increase the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in apprenticeship training in the skilled trades," she said.

LEAP disagrees with the argument that Asian Americans as a whole do not benefit from affirmative action.

The group's position is that although some Asian groups are no longer included in affirmative-action programs in higher education, affirmative action should be considered in "broader terms."

"Success in the classroom does not guarantee success in the workplace," reads the LEAP special report on CCRI. "Asian



Source: Student Research and Information, Student Affairs Preliminary Report: Quality of Campus Life Survey

Walt Dickinson/Guardian Pacific Americans — virtually non-existent in the highest levels of government and management — are affected by discrimination in the workplace as much as, and perhaps even more than, Latinos and African Americans."

Indeed, the Congressional Research Service reported in 1996 that Asian Amer-

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### ASIAN AMERICANS HAVE MUCH IN COMMON WITH AFRICAN AMERICANS

#### ASIANS:

Affirmative action continues to aid Asians

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icans comprised 1.3 percent of Congress, numerically higher in representation only to Native Americans (0.4 percent), but lower than Chicanos and Latinos (3.4 percent), blacks (7.1 percent) and whites (87.9 percent).

According to LEAP's report, although Asian Pacific Americans held about 20 percent of the academic positions in UC in Fall 1994, they made up only about 4 percent of faculty members at colleges and universities nationwide.

Furthermore, Asian Americans comprise 0.3 percent of senior management positions in Fortune 1000 industrial and Fortune 500 service industries, whereas white males, who make up 43 percent of the American work force, comprise 97 percent of such positions — more than commensurate representation, according to the 1995 Federal Glass Ceiling Commission Report.

"In the workplace, the widespread perception of Asian Pacific Americans as easily assimilated, hardworking over-achievers who lack management skills often translates into the very real persistence of a double-edged sword," Hokoyama said.

**"We do not always recognize that the gains of African Americans in the civil rights movement were crucial in paving the way for the rapid strides that Asian Americans, as well as other minority groups, have been fortunate to make in recent years."**

— J.D. Hokoyama L.E.A.P. President

In one example, when an Asian tester approached an apartment building, the rental agent physically blocked the entrance to the office and told the Asian that nothing was available for two months.

"We are considered neither an under-represented minority group, nor are we considered worthy of leadership positions," Hokoyama continued. "Caught in this no-man's land, Asian Pacific Americans are trapped by the glass ceiling with little recognition or support from whites or other minorities."

"And after decades of exclusion in public contracting, Asian Pacific Americans are slowly beginning to gain entry and to establish business relationships, primarily due to affirmative programs that eliminate discriminatory barriers."

White scientists and engineers with doctoral degrees earn 8 percent more than their Asian Pacific American colleagues, white college graduates earn 11 percent more than their Asian counterparts, and white high school graduates earn 26 percent more than their Asian American counterparts, according to LEAP.

Moreover, a July 1995 federal report on affirmative-action programs justified the use of affirmative action based on evidence from the Glass Ceiling Report and evidence of continuing discrimination, much of which is based on random testing.

When a white tester approached the agent two hours later, he was immediately shown an apartment and told he could move in the same day.

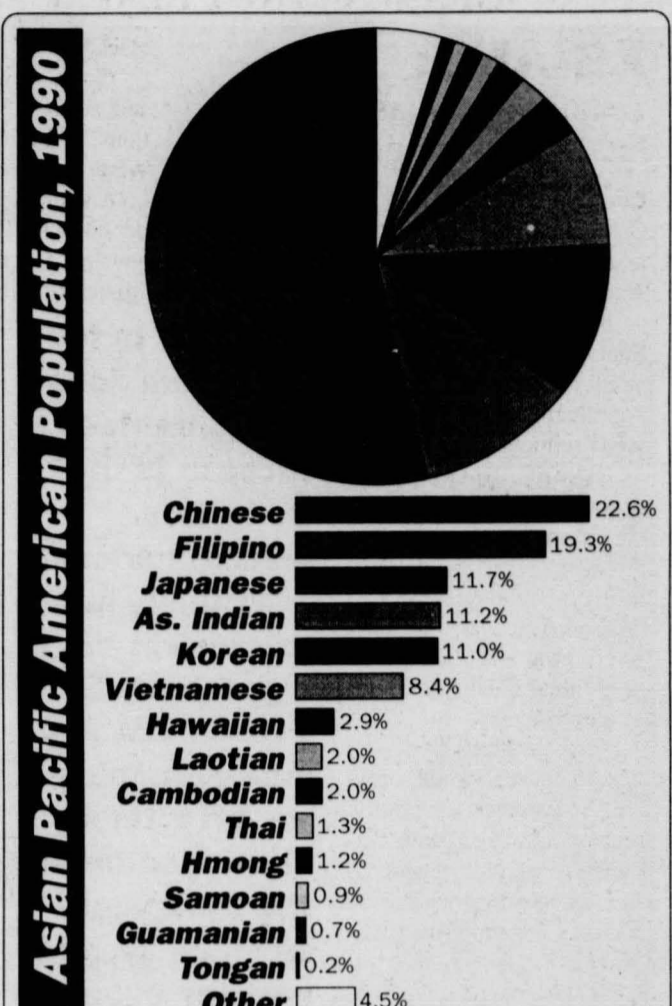
President Clinton concluded, "Based on the evidence, the job is not done." He thereafter adopted the "Mend it, don't end it" slogan.

Given such evidence, why do Asians continue to oppose affirmative action? "Too often, Asian Pacific Americans have willingly swallowed the model minority myth and further distanced ourselves from other historically discriminated minority group," said Hokoyama.

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"We must realize the compelling need for the continuation of affirmative programs to guard against persistent discrimination," Hokoyama added.

"Affirmative action, though not the



Source: Student Research and Information, Student Affairs Preliminary Report: Quality of Campus Life Survey

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final solution to ending racism, is a valuable tool to ensure that discrimination does not occur and to protect equal opportunity for all qualified individuals.

"Even more than 30 years of legislated non-discrimination, racism stubbornly persists. We are far from a colorblind society; the playing field is hardly level."

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GUARDIAN FEATURES



Protection: Instructor Sue Merritt spars with freshman Shiloh Talley during a class. Exposing students to potential situations allows them to prepare in case of attack. Lisa Huff/Guardian

# Protection, Prevention and Empowerment

By learning self-defense, women are able to utilize inner strength to fight attackers

By Behlo Behlendorf  
Guardian Reporter

Officials report that approximately 700,000 women are sexually assaulted each year in the United States, yet this number is estimated to be only 10 percent of the number of assaults that actually occur.

Sexual assault is one of the most common crimes committed against women in our country. In a national survey taken in 1985 by Mary P. Koss, 15 percent of female students on college campuses had been victims of rape, and 11 percent were victims of attempted rape.

The problem of sexual assault is an important concern for officials on college campuses around the country. What can women do to protect themselves? For some, the answer is to join a self-defense class.

With such a large number of assaults occurring, women these days need to not only protect themselves, but to prevent dangerous situations from ever occurring. In comes the women's self-defense class here at UCSD.

Sue Merritt, the Women's Self Defense Program leader, was a graduate student at UCSD in 1988 when she took a karate class to learn self-defense. After receiving her black belt in karate, she felt that a self-defense program designed for women was

a necessity on any college campus. With this in mind, Merritt, and Barbara Sedgewick created the Women's Self Defense Program at UCSD in 1994.

According to Merritt, women need to be informed about techniques they can use to protect themselves. She said that

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women need to have an increased awareness of their surroundings, so that they may recognize when dangerous situations may be arising.

The class meets twice a week during the quarter and uses real-life situations and scenarios. Women are given the confidence to say no and a variety of simple techniques to protect themselves. The program is based on Merritt's martial-arts training, but has many different targets.

"The women that take this class are already strong enough, physically and mentally, to say no," Merritt said.

The class is taught with a hands-on approach. Emphasis is placed on the awareness and prevention of potentially problematic situations. Students learn to

take their surroundings into account and to realize possibly dangerous situations before they become real. Dark parking lots, dimly lit sidewalks and any unfamiliar environment are all areas where



Prevention: Muir freshman Andi Nelson observes fellow classmates working with class leaders. By utilizing their attackers' own weight against them, women can fight back. Lisa Huff/Guardian



# Psycho Therapy

## Our Intrepid Writer Wonders if the General Crazienss in the World Today Is a Sign of Something More Apocalyptic

By Mary Higgins Senior Staff Writer

I darted unhapplly through the rain this morning, wishing winter quarter would end already. Suddenly, I realized it was spring quarter, and there was only a month left until summer vacation.

At this time last year it was so hot you could fry an egg on the tennis courts. I got "shvitzzy" just walking from the Price Center to Warren Lecture Hall. I remember the only thing worse than sitting through lecture was unsticking the back of my legs from the seat afterwards.

This year I have to wonder. Summer is almost upon us, and I am sitting here bundled up in a ski jacket. The foul chill that dampened my Cinco de Mayo spirit and dropped an onslaught of hail onto my newly washed car is very inconvenient. I don't own a calendar — I keep track of time by the weather cycle. If it's warm, then it's summer. If it's cold, it's winter.

This unreasonably icky weather has me and the rest of the natural world run amok. The butterflies are huddled together in knit caps and slippers. The groundhog has gone back into hibernation.

My mom called me to say that two tornadoes touched down in my hometown last week, ripping the tops off of several houses. That

wouldn't be all that unusual, except I'm not from Kansas, I'm from just outside of San Jose, California.

A tornado in California? I can just see it now — "Like, it's a twister, dude! Totally grab Toto!"

I find the whole state of affairs quite alarming.

Tornadoes, earthquakes, Newt Gingrich — it definitely might be the end of the world. Famine? Got it. Pestilence? Check. Billion-ton comet hurtling towards Earth? Yep.

I'm currently waiting for the sea to turn into blood. I'll keep you updated.

So what should we be doing in preparation for the apocalypse? Praying? Studying harder? Cutting back on our drug use?

In case some of you feel the need to save your souls, here are a few suggestions:

(1) Call your mom and apologize for forgetting about Mother's Day. She's your mom ... she'll forgive you even if the man above doesn't.

(2) Stop stealing stuff! Do you know what it's like to unlock your car in the morning — ready to pop your *Totally '80s* album into the stereo — only to find that there's a huge canyon in your dashboard where your stereo used to be?

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Shame on you, car thieves.

(3) Stop being so bitchy. I want to enjoy my last days left on the

planet.

(4) Settle unfinished scores. You know how you've always wanted to tell your roommate off once and for all? Do it. Tell him to stop avoiding the dishes because he "has midterms." Big deal. We all have midterms. (This does not fall under the category of "Being Bitchy.") It falls under the category of "Defending Your Rights".

(5) Live out your longtime, secret fantasy of becoming an exotic dancer. Better do it now, because you won't get a chance to do this in heaven.

Whether or not the "end is near," I think these small affirmations will improve the quality of life. Or at least my life. If we are about to be destroyed by an omnipotent force, I just hope that it happens either (a) before my finals or (b) after vacation (I want one last summer of reckless indulgence).

Just don't throw up on me, OK?

I also have one more UCSD-oriented plug — graduation day is approaching us soon, and some people are disappointed in the selection of this year's commencement speaker (a certain Speaker of the House who shall go unnamed).

Of my acquaintances whom are graduating, I have yet to hear any enthusiasm about the all-campus ceremony, and I'm sure that every-one has noticed the various strike-and-rally-related activities.

While I commend the protesters for standing up for their beliefs, I hope that there are no hard feelings caused by the dispute. Graduation is a well-deserved day of celebration for the class of 1998, and I truly hope that no one — neither the protesters nor the F.O.N. (Friends Of Newt) — will interfere with that.

Next year maybe the class of 1999 will have a say in who speaks at commencement. I'm voting for Mel Gibson.

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# DEFENSE:

## Students learn to target vital areas

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women need to be particularly cautious.

The students are also taught how to protect themselves from attackers. They learn some relatively simple moves and are paired with a partner up to go over the motions. Merritt teaches reactionary moves because often during attacks, there is not a lot of time to think.

Surprisingly, 80 percent of all assailants do not attack with a weapon, so a lot of the moves deal with unarmed attacks. The key is to use the attacker's strength and weight against him. The moves target the vulnerable areas of the body, such as the throat, eyes and groin.

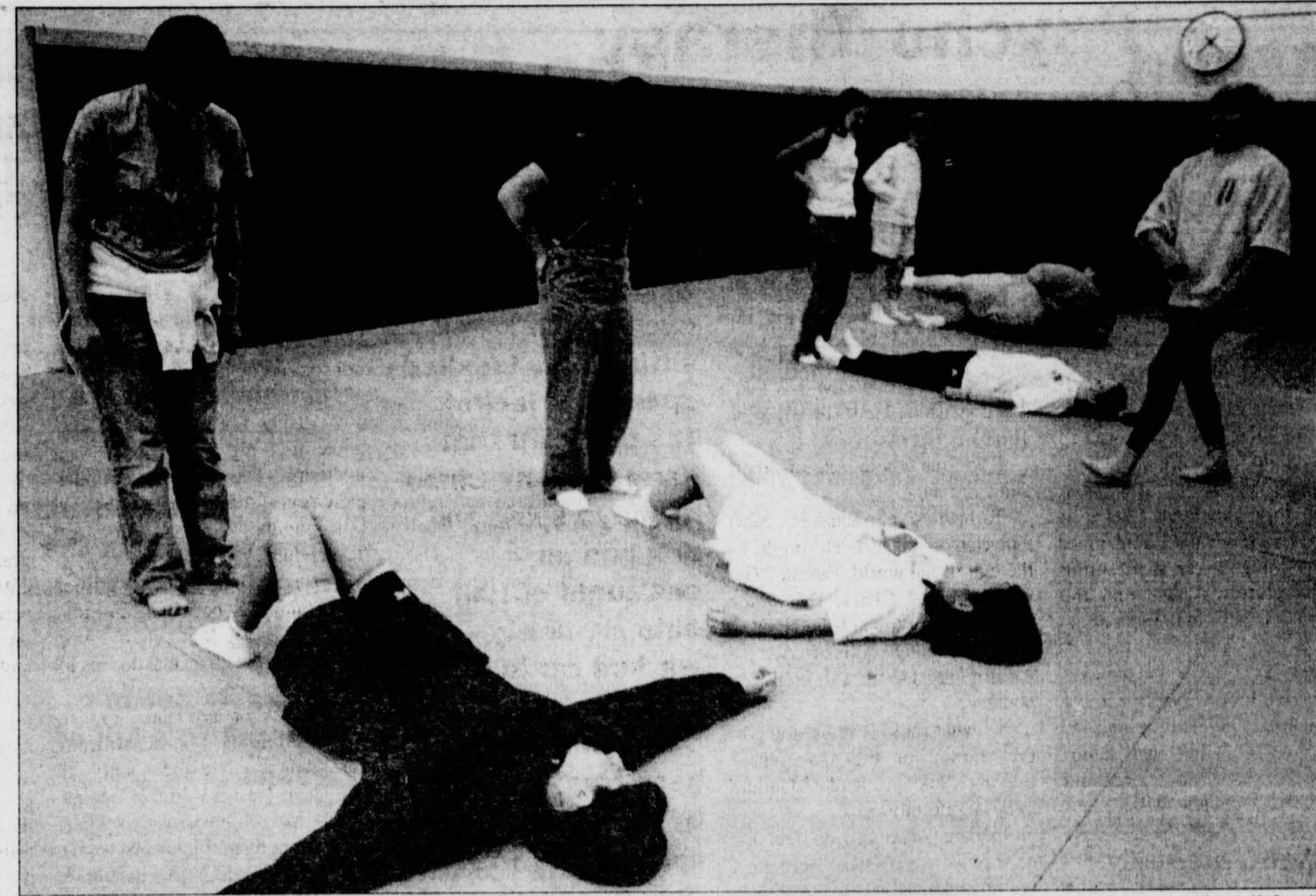
For the "final examination," Officer Eddie Shinn of the UCSD Police Department comes to the class wearing a fully padded suit made for self-defense classes. Real-life scenarios are played out between Shinn and the students, and the women strike him with their full strength. The students say that this is the most effective part of the class, because they experience what it is like to fight an actual assailant.

"The class has taught me to be much more aware of my surroundings," Roosevelt freshmen Jessica Roberts said.

The instructors hope that students taking the class will not only feel safer, but more confident about handling situations that may arise.

"I didn't want to feel like a victim," Warren freshman Shiloh Talley said. "The class has taught me to be assertive and confident."

For more information regarding enrollment for fall quarter, please contact the campus recreation office at 534-4037. Additionally, the UCSD Police Department frequently holds women's self defense. For more information, call 534-HELP.



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**Next move:** Students in Sue Merritt's self-defense class learn how to defend themselves in ground-fighting situations (above).



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**Empowerment:** Merritt encourages students to become aggressive mock attackers. Here, Warren junior Carol Lee laughs after receiving instructions to sit on her fellow classmate's stomach (left).

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## Arena

### How effective are self-defense lessons?

Interviews by **Peggy Lee**  
Photography by **Dave Lubitz**



"It's important, especially for women, to be able to defend themselves. If someone's attacking you, you should be able to kick their ass."

**Siobhan Kelley**  
Warren Senior

"I don't think it's very effective in actually helping them fight or defend themselves, but it gives them more of a sense of control."



**Philip Haul**  
Revelle Freshman



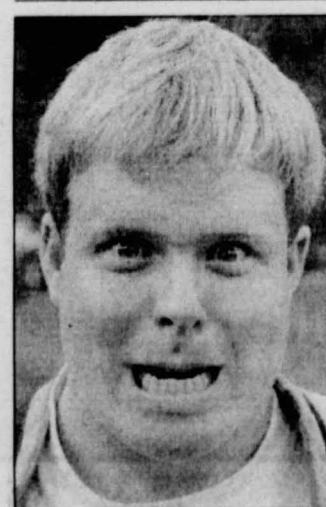
"I don't believe self-defense classes are helpful because in a situation like that, where you're going to be so flustered, you don't have the time to think."

**Graham Pechenik**  
Revelle Sophomore

"For me, boxing and karate work. If I need to defend myself, I'm going to knock some fool out real easily."



**Jonathan Peña**  
Warren Freshman



"I don't think it's all that effective. If people are going to brutalize or mug you, they're going to do it. They usually have weapons, knives and guns. You're just going to get yourself hurt or killed."

**John Magnuson**  
Revelle Senior

## The Editor's Soapbox

### Parking Lot Nirvana and Other Tales of Life, Death, Humility and Self-Realization

By **Terry Lew**, Editor in Chief

Sometimes you're just walking along, minding your own business, when life comes along and smacks you upside the head — usually when you're least expecting it, but when you need it the most.

I was pushing my shopping cart through the Costco parking lot the other day when I had what alcoholics call a moment of clarity. It was just after that freak storm last week, that time in the afternoon when it's almost but not quite evening, that magical part of the day when it's neither night or day, when everything slips away in the face of nature's beauty ... yes, in a parking lot.

I was thinking to myself about how much my life stinks, about how nothing is going my way, when I had the sudden realization that I've got a lot to be thankful for. Sure, I've got problems — I failed a midterm a couple of days ago, I haven't slept in a week and women tend to run away screaming whenever I cross some invisible 50-yard line. Still, things could be worse. Much worse.

I've got friends, I've got family and I've got a great job lined up for me after I graduate. I've managed to avoid the poorhouse, despite the UC Regents' best efforts, and I've just resolved a problem with a professor that's been hanging over my head for these last few weeks. All in all, life is pretty damn good.

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We all get so caught up in our own petty problems that we need to step back and take a look at the big picture from time to time. In the grand scheme of things, whatever is bothering us probably doesn't amount to a hill of beans.

Life is precious, and we should live every day as if it were our last. Who knows — chunks of blue ice could fall out of passing airplanes and crack our skulls open, or pianos sailing off newly waxed floors out third-story windows could flatten us instantaneously.

Don't get me wrong — I don't mean to say that we should all go out and party like there's no tomorrow. Still, we shouldn't be chasing rainbows. Instead of dreaming

about what could happen next week, next month or next year, we should be focusing on what we can do today and tomorrow.

Each of us should find something we enjoy and become good at it. Whether it's flying kites, programming computers, writing poetry or whatever, we need to find our passions. For some people, the sheer joy of helping others helps get them through the day.

A friend of mine, Jeff Wynne, will be retiring next month after more than two decades of service with the county's Health and Human Services Agency. When I asked him why he had dedicated so much of his life to public service, he replied that he had made a personal commitment "to do something meaningful to help people in need" during a three-year stint working for Uncle Sam in Vietnam.

When Jeff returned to San Diego, he went to work as the executive director of a small health planning agency. He was recruited to the county shortly thereafter, and he's been there in one capacity or another for the last 23 years. I met him at the Office of AIDS Coordination, my other job, where he has been involved with resource development and housing for the last nine years.

Most recently, Jeff and I crossed paths when I approached him for an

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## Final in Series: Concerns over Car Maintenance Safety and All That Jazz

By **Kacie Jung**  
Staff Writer

In a three-part series concerning car maintenance and what to do in case of emergencies, our reporter discusses various steps drivers can take to maintain their cars and ensure their own safety. This week, we discuss carjacking and what to do during a traffic stop.

### Carjacking

There is always the fear of being carjacked while stopped at a traffic signal or while walking to your car. There is no surefire way to prevent carjacking, but there are ways to ensure your own personal safety.

When approaching your car, always have your keys in hand. According to UCSD police Officer Lamine Secka, many carjackings occur because the victim takes too long to open his or her car door. Periodically check the tires and wheels, test the lights and gauges, and always listen for weird noises while driving.

Once you are in your car, safely fasten your seatbelt and keep your doors locked and your windows rolled up. While driving, check your mirrors frequently for suspicious vehicles or pedestrians around you. This becomes especially important while waiting at a traffic signal.

If worst comes to worst and someone jumps in and demands your keys, give them up. It may sound terrible, especially if you are emotionally attached to your car, but your life is more important than a hunk of metal.

**Being Pulled Over**  
Have you ever heard that story where late at night a woman was pulled over by what she thought was



a police car, but it turned out that the other person was not actually a police officer? That scenario was a reality in San Diego in January 1997, when a man posing as a police officer — complete with fake uniform and badge — used his black-and-white-striped car with flashing red lights on the dash to pull over two people in separate incidents.

Both times, the man pointed a gun at the drivers and demanded cash. The first driver gave up \$280, but the second was able to fight him off and escape. The imposter was never caught. This sort of fraud is uncommon, but everyone does need to be aware of their surroundings. Here are some things to be aware of and basic directions to follow when being pulled over:

First, in California, any police car used for traffic enforcement must have a flashing red light. The officer may use a siren as well. Most police cars have flashing red and blue lights mounted on top of the vehicle, but any car used to pull over motorists must have the red light on during the stop.

Second, if you are in a remote area and do not feel comfortable pulling over because of your sur-

roundings, you can continue driving until you reach a gas station, well-lit parking lot or other area where you feel safe. However, if you do not stop immediately and instead choose to keep driving, be prepared to face the consequences.

Always follow instructions when stopped. You will likely be asked to turn off your engine, but only do so when you are positive that the stop is legitimate — especially if you are by yourself late at night. Genuine police officers wear full uniforms with badges and identifying shoulder patches, and you can always ask to see an official ID. In addition, every patrol car has its agency's seal on the front doors.

If you ever have any problems that you feel requires police attention, please call the UCSD police at (619) 534-HELP, or the San Diego police at (619) 531-2000. In an emergency, always dial 911.

### Car Clinics

Hopefully, everyone who has followed this series knows more about car maintenance and basic safety issues than when they started. Anyone interested in learning more about automobiles might want to sign up for one of the Women's Center car clinics.

Nancy Wahlig, director of the Student Safety Awareness Program, and Nancy Loevinger, director of the Women's Center, said they have been very pleased with the attendance at the car clinics.

The workshops are quarterly, and the next one is scheduled for this fall. If you have any questions, e-mail the Women's Center at [women@ucsd.edu](mailto:women@ucsd.edu) or call (619) 822-0074.

## SOAPBOX: Finding happiness wherever you go

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article I was writing about his retirement for our community newsletter. He gave me more information than I could possibly use, but he ended with a caveat: "Please, please, keep the article about me short and non-offensive," he said. "I've been lucky in life and don't want to be a braggadocio."

Jeff is one of the most down-to-earth, low-key people I know. He's led an amazing life, shaping public policy in San Diego and working every day to make the world a better place. He's dedicated his life to helping other people however he can, and he has touched my life and those of many others without even realizing it.

Some people would take the occasion of their retirement to talk for hours about what they've done and how much they've accomplished, but not Jeff. Soft-spoken by nature, you could call him modest to a fault — something the rest of us might want to emulate. He'd probably be mortified if he knew I was writing this piece about him, but I just thought that letting him slip quietly away into the sunset would be a shame.

One of the things Jeff told me struck a chord more than anything else — as a gay man, he's been interested in AIDS since the earliest days of the epidemic. He's worked on the front lines, carried picket signs and participated in protests, all the while working for the county.

He said the most meaningful involvement for him, however, was the opportunity to spend time with seriously ill friends and sup-

port them through the end stages of AIDS.

"Like most gay men, I've lost many of my closest friends to AIDS," he said. "I quit counting some years ago after the count reached three figures."

I wonder, every now and again, just how I became involved with AIDS. I don't know anyone who has died from the disease, and I hate office politics with a passion reserved for few other things. The Office of AIDS Coordination itself is relatively apolitical, but the environment it operates in is one of the most political imaginable — we administer millions of dollars of federal funds for AIDS care and treatment programs, and just what do you expect when you're dealing with money and people's lives?

Power struggles aside, I love my work. I sleep less, eat less and work harder than I ever have before, but I'm having the time of my life. The work itself is rewarding, both personally and professionally, and the people I meet are the best part of the job. Everyone has a story to tell, whether they realize it or not, and I love to hear what makes other people tick.

By volunteering wherever I can and by working for the Office of AIDS Coordination, I like to think that I'm doing some good. I may not find the cure for AIDS, and my actions may not amount to squat in the final tally of things, but I do the best I can. For better or worse, that's all anyone can ask — and in the end, it's all that matters.

Terry Lew will be editor of the Guardian for two more weeks, when he'll hand the reins over to Walt Dickinson. It's been an interesting year, full of ups and downs, but he wouldn't trade the experience for the world. You can reach him via e-mail at [terry@ucsd.edu](mailto:terry@ucsd.edu)

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# Underdog Tritons Can't Pull Off Upset

### BANANA SLUGS:

 UC Santa Cruz, one of the most dominant teams on the West Coast, ended UCSD's successful season

By Bill Burger  
Staff Writer

Every David has his Goliath, every Holyfield his Tyson, every America its England. The improbable victories that these and other underdogs accomplished have been hailed as miracles and placed into historical lore, their stories used as proof that the impossible is in fact possible.

Despite the emotions that these unlikely heroes evoke, we have to realize that they are underdogs for a reason. More often than not such over-matched people or groups put up their best fight, only to eventually realize that it simply isn't enough.

The Tritons came to this realization after an emotional 1-6 season-ending loss to UC Santa Cruz on Saturday.

Despite the 7-0 loss they suffered to the Banana Slugs earlier in the year, all talk leading up to the match was on strategies to upset the Western Regional juggernaut.

Santa Cruz and its dominant doubles teams approached the doubles sets confidently. UCSD showed them that they were not unbeatable, keeping all three sets close before falling.

Steve Shabel and Emil Mihet had a tough assignment at No. 1 doubles, playing against the West Regional champions Brian Cum-

mings and Thomas Oechel. The match ended in a tough 3-8 loss for Mihet and Shabel.

Ken Liu and Anthony Melicharek fought hard at No. 2 doubles before falling by a score of 5-8.

Dan Albrecht and Mike Rosett also turned in an excellent effort, but due to the depth of the Santa Cruz doubles, their effort wasn't quite enough as they too fell, 5-8.

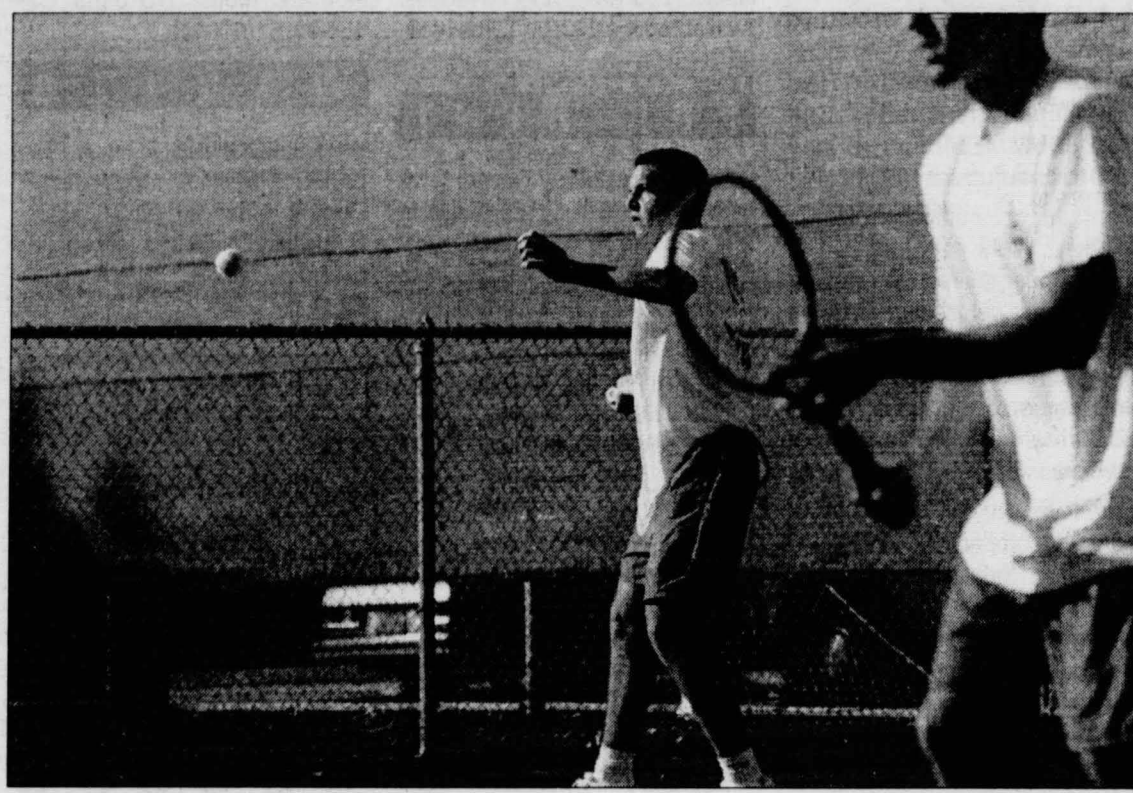
Shabel managed some revenge for his regular-season loss to Cummings as he went on to defeat his opponent, 6-2, 7-5, at No. 1 singles. The score does not do Shabel's performance justice, as he dominated Cummings in every facet of the game except for serving.

Mihet lost a tough match, 3-6, 2-6 to Oechel, the Western Region's singles champion.

Melicharek, who along with Mihet played his final match for UCSD on Saturday, was beaten soundly at No. 3 singles, 2-6, 2-6.

Liu got off to a rough start and lost the first set at No. 4 singles, 1-6. Liu turned it around in the second and was leading late in the set before falling, 4-6.

Rosett, who was a late season addition to Head Coach Brian Turner's six-man squad, was unable to pull off an upset at No. 5 singles and lost by a score of 3-6,



Monika Kobytecka/Guardian  
**One swingin' fellow:** Triton right-hander Mike Rosett (center) returns a serve in doubles action. Rosett and the rest of the team ran into a buzzsaw in UC Santa Cruz and lost, 1-6.

2-6.

Freshman sensation Albrecht, who is sure to be an integral part of the UCSD tennis team for years to come, played his opponent tight the entire match but eventually fell in two tough sets, 4-6, 6-7.

The Triton's up-and-down season has come to a close with an overall record of 8-9 against many of the toughest Division III schools

in the country.

"This season had some tough losses in the middle and then we came through in the end with a big win against Point Loma," Turner said about his team's performance this year. "We were pretty inexperienced but we didn't fall apart under pressure."

Mihet and Shabel leave next weekend for Nationals on the cam-

pus of Williams College (Mass.).

The future seems bright for the Tritons, who will return six of their top eight players and expect red-shirts to challenge for singles spots next year.

With this core of experienced players and a new crop of freshman who will be looking to impress, the Tritons should be a force to be reckoned with in 1999.

# First-Round Departure

### POSTSEASON:

 Head Coach Liz LaPlante's crew traveled to Virginia for a NCAA first-round battle with Amherst College and lost in a tough match

By Sean Rahimi  
Senior Staff Writer

There's two theories in Division III women's tennis. One camp adheres to the "fluke" theory. These philosophers believe that a splendid regular season does not necessarily equate to a successful post-season performance.

Everything is up for grabs in the playoffs and any team can beat you on any given day.

The "intimidation" camp counters that argument with two points. First, a great regular season gives the squad confidence going into the playoffs.

Second, a great record scares the opposing squad into submission — allowing the team with the impressive record to breeze through the postseason. So how would the Amherst College Jeffs (16-1) fare in the playoffs?

Well, after their first-round thumping of UCSD and a subsequent win over Emory University,

the "intimidation" theorists have something to brag about.

Their record in 1998 was no fluke, as they pounded the Tritons, 9-0 last Tuesday morning on the campus of Washington and Lee University in Virginia. Amherst rolled over UCSD in what can only be described as pure domination.

The young and inexperienced Triton squad was overwhelmed in the doubles portion of the day.

The No. 1 duo of Pam Diamond and Neely Steinberg defeated the No. 1 team of Maria Nguyen and Kirsten Olsen, 8-0.

Janie Cohen and Carolyn Pastel — playing in the No. 2 spot for the Jeffs — notched an 8-1 victory over Becky Jones and Robyn Kondrack.

UCSD's Jennifer Drimmer and Kelli Tsai put up the best competition at the No. 3 spot. Sally Childs and Sam Toerge were truly tested in this duel, but they eventually won the battle — grabbing the pro-

set, 8-6.

Down 3-0 going into the singles portion, things didn't get any better for Liz LaPlante's young team. The 1998 squad sports no seniors and only two juniors. This year has been a learning year for the young squad and this trip will undoubtedly add to the learning process.

Cohen had some trouble in the first set against Olsen — UCSD's phenomenal freshman — but eventually prevailed, 6-3, 6-0. Diamond battled Nguyen at the No. 2 spot — earning a 7-5, 6-1 win.

Steinberg continued the Amherst domination at the No. 3 slot, defeating Tsai, 6-2, 6-0. Jones fared the best among the Triton players — winning a set but losing the match, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6. Childs defeated Kondrack, 6-1 and 6-1, while Pastel earned a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Jennifer Drimmer.

The future looks bright for the Tritons though. Everyone will return next season and UCSD should sport a much more experienced team in 1999.



# OBSESSION: The Lakers are going to win the title

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loved watching Arvydas Sabonis literally cry, while the rest of the frustrated Jail-Blazers contemplated how to spell "contemplated," or "robbery" perhaps.

Anyway, we (yes, I say "we" because I am a part of the extended family of the Los Angeles Lakers) didn't have the easiest time with Portland, but we were never really threatened.

But then came the big Seattle series. Most of the experts had the Lakers losing in five, maybe six if L.A. played really well at home.

Then came the first-game disaster. Seattle played tough. The Supersonics looked, well, super. After the loss, Mighty 690 (our local AM sports radio station for the stupid people) had people all day calling for Del Harris' scalp and questioning the non-acquisition of Mitch Richmond.

In the interviews prior to game two, though, the Lake Show seemed loose. Shaq was running his mouth, calling Sonic coach George Karl a woman. And Del had this weird, laid-back confidence about him.

He must have known something we didn't, as his team absolutely destroyed Seattle, in Seattle, in the second game. Jones had a career-high and the Lakers played unbelievable defense.

With the momentum clearly on the Los Angeles plane, the teams went back to the Southland. The Lakers were still loose. They final-

ly seemed like they were having fun. The pressure of winning had somehow been lifted. They were just playing ball and felt like no one — not even their greatest rivals — could beat them.

Game three personalized that as the boys came out and scored over 120 points on one of the best teams in the NBA. And continuing with a very nice trend, Jones set another career-high.

Going into game four, it was easy to tell that the Sonics were on the ropes. Make no mistake, this is a mentally tough team. It has faced elimination before, so it knew what had to be done in the fourth game.

But all of that mental toughness doesn't mean much when Nick Van Exel is hitting from the outside.

Robert Horry is playing outstanding defense and, oh yeah, Jones had yet another career-high. The Lakers posted another easy victory.

To be honest, the Lakers are the best team in the playoffs right now. Chicago will be there when it counts, but New Jersey and Charlotte have exposed some chinks in the Bulls' armor. Whoever comes out of the Utah-San Antonio series will give the Lakers a stiff test, but neither team has the guns to compete with a Laker team that is firing on all cylinders.

The only question right now is, can L.A. keep it up? The scary thing is, I don't think they've completely hit their stride yet. I believe this team will continue to win.

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I am feeling very romantic. Yes, I know — that romance crap doesn't belong on the sports page. Believe me, I know the rules — I made them.

But I just can't hold back. Just when I thought my love-affair with the sporting world was at its peak, we continue to grow and share new things with each other.

Like hockey.

Honestly, I was never a big believer in the sport. It was OK, but it just didn't peak my interest enough. I always passed off hockey as some weird Canadian thing I'd never understand. Like curling, or Labatt's Blue beer.

But early in the first round of the NHL playoffs this year, I was feeling very fat and was absolutely not going to get off the couch to get that damn remote. I mean, I could see it on the counter, but that was so very far away. So I resigned myself to watch the Philadelphia Flyers and the Buffalo Sabres battle it out.

Needless to say, I was a changed potato.

I loved the hip checks, the slappers, the wristers, the occasional bloodbath, the whole thing. It is great. You just haven't lived until you've seen overtime in playoff hockey. It is easily one of the most intense phenomenons in all of sports.

This is beautiful. There is a new perk in our relationship. Now, every day during the week there are at least two hockey games coupled with my usual slate of a few NBA playoff games and a baseball game or two. I have been to sports heaven!

The only problem is that sometimes I feel like I'm cheating. Like when the Ottawa Senators are looking for yet another upset win, my Padres feel a little left out. I mean, we already have two TVs in the house, but when there are six different games on, there is only so much you can do, short of going to a sports bar.

But that would require moving, and again, that is a no-no.

There is one team I will never cheat on, though — my beloved Los Angeles Lakers. The Lake Show. Showtime, if you will.

The boys are dominating. There is no answer for Shaq, or Eddie Jones or even Corie Blount. You know things are looking good when the big man snatches a board, pushes it up the floor and goes coast-to-coast with a pretty layup.

The first round was great. I See **OBSESSION**, Page 27

# Right On Track

**THE MEET:** In the biggest meet of the season, the Triton men and women each finished in third place

By Saul Sheridan  
Staff Writer

For the team, there was no bigger meet all season than this one. This was the time of year when everyone puts their personal goals aside and gives every ounce of energy for the sake of earning every precious point for the team. If the UCSD track and field team was going to win the California Collegiate Athletic Association Conference Championship held at Cal State Los Angeles this weekend, it was going to need to fight

and earn every point it could.

Although the conference championship went to Cal Poly Pomona on both the men's and women's sides, the weekend was filled with excitement and drama as it went down to the final two events of the competition before a winner emerged. The Tritons finished a close third behind Pomona and CSULA in both the men's and women's competition.

"It was a very exciting weekend," Assistant Coach Mick Gieskes said. "Everyone stepped

up and ran well across the board."

Heading into the meet, the Tritons knew that they needed strong performances, especially since distance runner Gavin Klinger and thrower Matt Seefeld were unable to compete due to injuries.

Heather Winberry, who placed second in the high jump with a height of 5' 1/4", performed well for the women's team. Linda Bar-tee placed fourth in the same event, giving the team some crucial points.

Perhaps the most dominating performance by the women's team was turned in by 3,000-meter runners Meghan Scott, Kristi O'Grady and Melissa Duscha. The trio swept through the event with first-, second- and third-place finishes, respectively. Scott, who lead the trio, finished with a personal best time of 10:29.98.

Senior Courtney Gray, who took victories in the 800-meter and 1,500-meter races, and freshman Lisa Klinger, who set a personal record in the 5,000-meter on her way to winning the event, both gave great performances for the women's team. Anne Moore also had a tremendous meet with a personal best in the 100-meter and a third-place finish in the triple jump.

In the men's competition, Mike Wallace provided the team with some key points with a first-place finish in the 1,500s. Matt Amero also took a first in the 800 race. Additionally, Juan Magdaroag, Kirk Miller, Matt Amero and Tim Prudence earned the team second-place points with their run in the 4x400 relay. The 4x100 relay team set a school record of 42:40 in finishing third.

The Tritons performed well in the hurdles, with Tim Prudence capturing first in intermediate hur-

dles, followed by Kurt Miller, who took second in the same event.

Not to be overlooked were the events in which the Tritons did not necessarily win, but came away with some points for the team. Such was the case for the men's field team. In the absence of Matt Seefeld, the team was able to get a strong performance from Dave Spector, who placed third in the pole vault with a height of 14'5 1/4".

Matt Tregidga earned points for the team with a third-place finish in the javelin, followed by Chris Swartz with a fourth-place showing.

The men's squad also benefited from a great performance from distance runner Steve Varnell. Varnell, a senior, ran a personal best time of 31:51.37 in the 10,000-meter race on his way to an overall second-place finish.

"It was a fun race for me; throughout the race the lead kept changing," Varnell said. "I think overall we were satisfied with our performance. If we had Klinger and Seefeld, we might have made it even closer."

"Every are came up huge," Head Coach Ted Van Arsdale said. "Scoring points, stealing points is what I told the team we were trying to do. Conference is about the team, not about individuals."

Nevertheless, the Triton team really came together this weekend and it made for some exciting track and field competition.

Next up for some of the team is a return to CSU Los Angeles to compete in the Last Chance Meet, where the Tritons will have one more opportunity to improve their times in hopes of qualifying for Nationals. Nationals will take place the following week.

## Top Tritons track & field

A look at UCSD's top individual finishes in last weekend's CCAA Championships.

### Athlete • Event • Place

Matt Amero	Men's 800m	1st
Courtney Gray	Women's 800m	1st
Courtney Gray	Women's 1,500	1st
Lisa Klinger	Women's 5,000m	1st
Tim Prudence	Men's Int. Hurdles	1st
Meghan Scott	Women's 3,000m	1st
Mike Wallace	Men's 1,500m	1st
Kurt Miller	Men's Int. Hurdles	2nd
Dave Newquist	Men's Decathlon	2nd
Kristi O'Grady	Women's 3,000m	2nd
Steve Varnell	Men's 10,000m	2nd
Heather Winberry	Women's High Jump	2nd



## Two Tritons Honored

**AWARDS:** Tyler Field and Gordon Beh, following two stellar seasons, each recently received national recognition

By Kevin McLaughlin  
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The 1997-98 year has been one of marked improvement for UCSD's sports teams. Women's soccer has again claimed the National Championship, women's volleyball ended a year of unprecedented feats with a National Championship and the rugby team won its first-ever National Championship. Most every other sports team has improved upon last years' records.

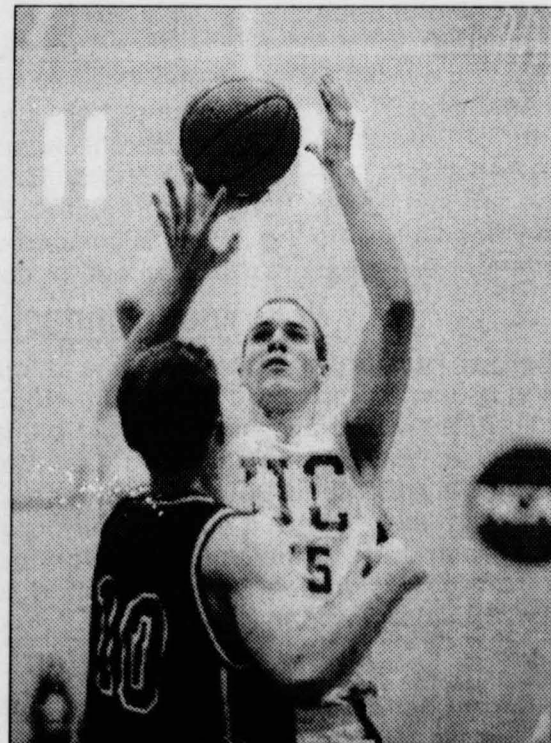
Amidst all these team achievements, a number of UCSD athletes have distinguished themselves as true superstars. Recently two Tritons, freshman Tyler Field and sophomore Gordon Beh, were honored with awards recognizing their personal accomplishments.

Field, academically a sophomore but in his first season of intercollegiate basketball, was named the NCAA Division III Freshman

Player of the Year by Columbus Multimedia. Already a member of the All-West Region Team by the same publication, Field was a star for the Tritons. Field finished a shortened season averaging 22.9 points and a school record 12.6 rebounds while shooting 61.4 percent from the floor.

Beh, from Kailua, Hawaii, was named by the College Sports Information Directors of America to the Third Team of the GTE Academic All-American Fall/Winter At-Large Team in the College Division. This ranking considers most fall and winter sports except for women's volleyball and both men's and women's basketball, and includes all levels of collegiate competition but NCAA Division I.

Beh is a biochemistry major who has a 4.0 GPA. During last season on the water polo team, Beh totaled 17 goals, 33 steals and dealt 6 assists.



Claire Schneider/Guardian

**Sensation:** UCSD center Tyler Field was recently named NCAA Division III Freshman of the Year.