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Worldwide

Employers Entices Japanese Parents to Help Spawn a Baby Boom

TOKYO — In the hallways, bathrooms and lunchroom of the Bandai Corp., a major Japanese toy maker, the talk these days revolves around one topic — an announcement that the company will pay employees 1 million yen, or \$10,000, for every baby they have after their second child.

Although many other companies give congratulatory bonuses to workers who become parents, Bandai is offering the largest baby bounty in Japan, which is struggling to reverse record-low

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National

Senator Warns Gasoline Prices May Hit \$2.25 a Gallon By Summer

NEW YORK — Unless action is taken now, gasoline prices will hit \$2.25 a gallon this summer, followed by a spike in heating oil costs worse than the one last winter, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer predicted Monday. However, federal energy officials disputed his figures.

Schumer, D-N.Y., urged the Clinton administration to help drive prices down by releasing federal oil reserves into the market. He made his proposal in a joint letter dated Friday with Sen.

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Collegiate

Carnegie Mellon University Grants Same-Sex Benefits to Workers

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Carnegie Mellon University became a trendsetter in Pittsburgh Monday by granting health benefits to same-sex and heterosexual partners of its employees.

By taking this action, the university became the first of the city's seven institutions of higher learning to award health benefits to domestic partners of employees, regardless of a legal marriage.

By enacting this plan, CMU becomes the ninth campus in Pennsylvania to offer benefits to same-sex partners.

— The Pitt News

Spoken

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— Ahmad Ibrahim
Marshall senior
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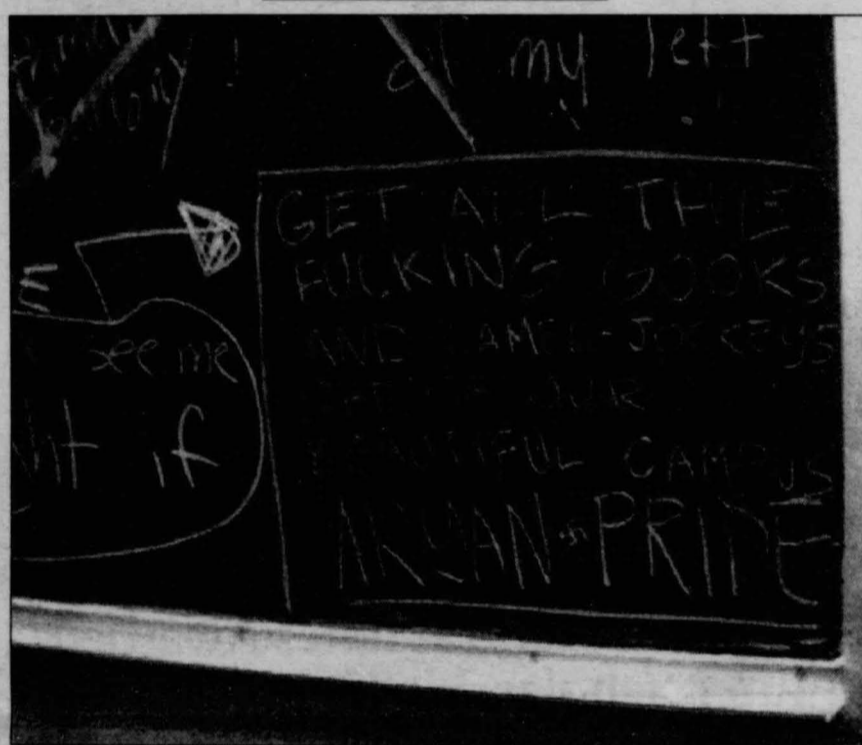


Photo courtesy of Muslim Student Group

Message of Hate: These statements were written in a Science and Engineering Library study room where Muslim students regularly study and pray on March 10 of this year.

Messages of Hate Strongly Affect Campus Climate

Negative repercussion of bias-motivated incidents impact diversity

By JESSICA SCHEPPMANN
Features Editor

The Muslim student group at UCSD didn't know what to think last quarter when it entered the room in Geisel's Science and Engineering Library, where these students usually study and pray, and found messages of hate written on the chalkboard.

Sometime during the morning of March 10, someone had written, "Get all of the fucking gooks and Camel-Jockeys off our beautiful campus," on one corner and "All of you Arab scum and Asian trash need to leave this Aryan School — White Power," on the other.

"My first reaction was that of anger, and I think most of my other friends felt angry as well," said Ahmad Ibrahim, a Marshall senior. "I was really surprised someone would have

the gall to write something like that so we and other people could see it."

Many students were not made aware of the hate-ridden comments.

"I think a lot of people have no idea that these things happen on campus," said Tricia Lee, a Muir junior. "Here at UCSD, students get so caught up studying theories and taking midterms that they become apathetic to real-life instances of racism."

Situations like this are not classified by school officials or by the police as hate crimes because there is no "crime" committed. According to the Student Affirmative Action and Human Relations Program that runs the Hate-Free Campus Campaign, however, these are categorized by the University Student Code

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A.S. Council Approves \$1 Million Budget

Funding Cut for Student Cable Works and Committee for World Democracy

By MATT SCHRADER
Associate News Editor

The A.S. Council released its new budget Wednesday, allocating over \$1 million to student activities for the 2000-2001 school year, while cutting funding for the Committee for World Democracy and Student Cable Works by \$2,000.

Funding for the Sun God Festival was also cut to \$25,000 less than what was spent on this year's festival. The council allocated \$161,000 to the programming office for campuswide events for next year.

Seventy thousand dollars were allocated for Friday evening concerts known as "TGs," \$8,000 for noon concerts known as "nooners," \$62,000 for other concerts, \$20,000 for comedians and lecturers and \$1,000 for operating costs.

In addition, the A.S. Council allocated \$170,000 for events such as Sun God, Winterfest and Fallfest.

Although \$75,000 was allocated to Sun God for next year, Commissioner of Programming Cassie Williams said that sum would not be enough to put on a good concert.

She said that this year's Sun God Festival, which was criticized by many for its lack of quality bands, cost over \$100,000 to put on.

Williams said she will have to request money from the amount that has been side aside as part of the general, unallocated fund.

"As always, programming can request more funds from [the] council, and has successfully done so in the past," said Matt Powell, A.S. vice president finance. "Additionally, with an increased expectation in development, an increase in sponsorship should help as well."

Powell also said that the booking of bands has less to do with money they are offered and more to do with the abilities and effort of the programmer.

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Lieutenant Governor Addresses Racial Profiling

Bustamante, an ex-officio UC Regent, convenes conference at UCSD to encourage dialogue

By PARISA BAHARIAN
Staff Writer

Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante opened the third conference of his Commission for California's dialogue on racial profiling last Thursday in the Price Center Ballroom.

Bustamante, also an ex-officio regent of the University of California, made remarks in Spanish and English about the purpose of the commission's dialogue on racial profiling.

"We are here to express all

viewpoints so that we may learn the other side," he said. "We are here to shed light on what different feelings state agencies and nonprofits can do to settle this issue. We are here to seek solutions. Through today's dialogue, I am confident that the ideas will grow."

Racial profiling is the practice of police officers classifying people according to the color of their skin.

Bustamante then introduced the opening speaker, Robert Kligaard, the dean from the RAND

Graduate School, an institute devoted to public policy.

Kligaard said that having racial profiling banned from police procedure is not enough to end its practice.

"Banning racial profiling is not a sufficient solution because it would just be another rule and it wouldn't change behavior," he said. "We must collect data and create consequences for racial profiling."

Chief Arturo Venegas, Jr. of the Sacramento Police Department said his department does not con-

done racial profiling because it would violate the civil rights of citizens.

"Our definition of racial profiling is the routine use of race as a negative signal that would cause a police officer to act or react with suspicion," he said.

Venegas said that the entire Sacramento Police Department is receptive to collecting data of the race of those stopped.

"When I implemented the data collection, there was not a single

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Budget:

Council allocated \$75,000 for Sun God festival

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The quality of bands is highly dependent on the festival's coordinator, and less on the budget," he said.

Student Cable Works received less funding than in previous years. Powell said the majority of the cut was made because Student Cable Works had an expense this year that it will not have next year.

"Student Cable Works received a much smaller cut from 21,500 to 18,700, approximately," Powell said. "This cut reflected the withdrawal of a circuit charge that was actually unnecessarily paid, which accounts for approximately \$2,600 of the cut."

Other student organizations on campus funded by the A.S. Council also received their budget for next year. Cultural Awareness programs received \$48,000 for their activities, while the Committee for World Democracy received \$12,000, which represents more than an \$8,000 decrease in their funding from last year.

"Committee for World Democracy received a cut from \$20,000 to \$12,000, with the understanding that [it] would be able to come to finance and request additional funds for the larger events [it] wished to put on," Powell said.

Powell said these cuts in their budget have caused concern and anger to those from Student Cable Works and the Committee for World Democracy.

Both CWD and SCW met with us several times, and have, for the most part, remained diplomatic and cooperative throughout the process," he said. "CWD is currently deciding how to adjust [its] operations to this new allocation. Some of the members have expressed an understanding both of council's desire to keep lines of communication open, and of our hope that CWD will be able to come and request additional funds as needed. However, some people have taken this cut as a personal attack on CWD's voice, and have ceased to regard discussion with council worthwhile."

Amid speculation that the amount of money allocated to last year's executives for travel was too high, the finance committee decided to decrease the funding to \$2,500, more than \$2,000 less than the previous year.

The A.S. marketing department received \$35,900 for campus barbecues, class schedule supplies and other expenses, while the Financial Committee gave Triton Taxi \$10,000 for taxis and Student Cable Works \$18,726 for its television and radio broadcasts.

Profiling:

Davis said biased-based policing is root of problem

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negative comment by any of my officers," he said. "They wanted to be actively participating in the data-collection process."

Roland L. Davis, captain of the Oakland Police Department, opened his remarks by saying justice is not blind.

"Though the symbol of justice is with the blind fold, justice is not blind — justice is a system of people," he said. "As long as you have people you will have biases. Racial profiling is a symptom, a manifestation of a larger problem at hand — and that is biased-based policing."

Davis said racial profiling can only be prevented through leadership and accountability.

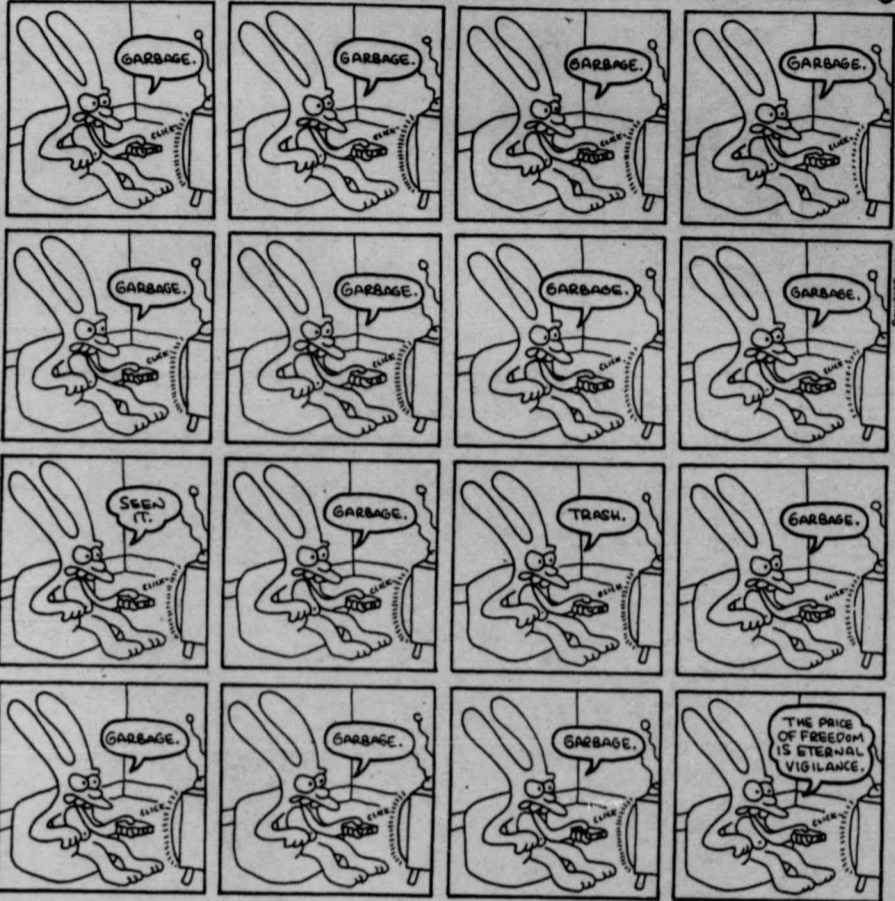
"You must do the right thing for the right reasons, and the right thing to do is to voluntarily collect data," he said. "Don't be worried about being

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LIFE IN HELL

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BRIEFLY

The UCSD Undergraduates Awarded Goldwater Scholarships

Three UCSD undergraduate students have been selected to receive scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Megan Bowers, Larry Chen and Aaron Wang are among 309 students selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,176 mathematics, science and engineering majors who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Bowers is majoring in molecular biology, Chen in biochemistry and cell biology, and Wang in bioengineering. The Goldwater scholarships will cover tuition, fees, books and room and board up to \$7,500 per year for each recipient.

Because of their superior academic qualifications, recent Goldwater scholars have been awarded Rhodes Scholarships, Marshall Awards, as well as Churchill, Fulbright, Hughes, and National Science Foundation fellowships.

The Goldwater Foundation, based in Springfield, Va., is a federally endowed agency that honors Senator Barry M. Goldwater through its scholarship program. The scholarship program was designed to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering.

The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields. In its 12-year history, the Goldwater Foundation has awarded 3,021 scholarships totaling approximately \$31 million.

'The Wedding Banquet' Showing at Women's Center

A film screening and panel discussion of "The

Wedding Banquet" will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Women's Center.

The program, titled "Diaspora, Nation, Sexuality," will feature panelists that include literature Professor Rosemary George and graduate students Clarissa Clo, Mary Gray, Yu-Fang Cho, Hellen Lee and Sangeeta Mediratta.

The film is about a gay, Taiwanese American man in a happy long-term relationship in Manhattan whose parents in Taiwan are pressuring him to marry. His tenant, a young Chinese woman, needs to marry an American citizen to obtain her green card, so a deal is made. Complications arise when the joyous parents arrive for the wedding and a huge cross-cultural banquet is arranged to celebrate.

For more information, contact the Women's Center at women@ucsd.edu

Bush for President Campaign Seeking Student Volunteers

A career information workshop will be held Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Horizon Room at the Career Services Center for religious studies majors and undergraduates interested in the major.

Topics that will be addressed include career targeting, skills gained in the major, career areas that fit, work settings, career options, graduate school options and career services' resources.

Dessert will be provided at the meeting. Interested students should R.S.V.P. by e-mail before Tuesday to the Program for the Study of Religion at religion@ucsd.edu

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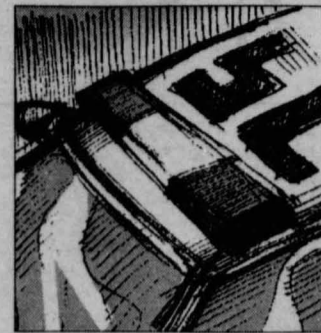
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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Lights & Sirens is a selection of entries compiled from the log book of the UCSD Police Department. UCSD Crime statistics can be attained by all persons from the Police Department or at http://www.ucba.ucsd.edu/police



Monday, May 22 3:07 a.m.: Units and the San Diego Fire Department responded to the detonation of two dry ice bombs and three additional unexploded devices at the Muir Apartments.

4:29 a.m.: An 18-year-old female student attempted suicide by overdosing on medicine at Challenger Hall. Transported to Thornton Hospital by paramedics.

Tuesday, May 23 11:03 a.m.: A staff member reported a burglary to the second floor of Cellular and Molecular Medicine West. Loss: \$1,600.

2:22 p.m.: Units and the San Diego Fire Department responded to a 23-year-old male student suffering from food poisoning at Engineering Building Unit 1. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.

Wednesday, May 24 6:54 a.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a wallet from the first floor of Applied Physics and Mathematics. Loss: \$125.

Thursday, May 25 3:38 a.m.: A 21-year-old male student suffered a lacerated wrist from a broken shower handle at

Argo Hall. Transported to Thornton Hospital by officers.

3:53 a.m.: A student reported a burglary to a white '99 Chevy truck in Lot 704. Loss: \$1,160.

9:15 a.m.: A nonaffiliate reported the theft of a black B21 Raleigh M20 mountain bike from the racks on the north side of the Matthews B Building. Loss: \$200.

2:30 p.m.: A student reported a burglary to a white '91 Toyota MR2. Loss: \$2,000.

6:47 p.m.: A student reported a burglary to a white '96 Honda Civic in Lot 701. Loss: \$1,945.

Friday, May 26 3:55 a.m.: A 27-year-old male nonaffiliate was ordered off campus for seven days for illegal lodging at the Revelle Commuter Lounge.

4:23 a.m.: A student reported a burglary to a silver '98 Honda Civic in Lot 502. Loss: \$1,500.

— Compiled by Vincent Gragnani News Editor

Profiling:

Davis said police must assess their conduct

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Davis said police departments must be willing to assess their conduct through data collection in order to maintain public trust.

"Every police agency in the state must display that they are willing to take an introspective look," Davis said. "They must be willing to open

the books and to accept that the worst that can happen by collecting data is that, god forbid, you might learn something."

A.S. Vice President External Eugene Mahmoud, one of the two students in the audience, said he thought Davis was very sincere in the way he addressed racial profiling. Mahmoud said, however, that he was disappointed because there was not an opportunity for questions from the public.

"I didn't like that they wouldn't answer any questions directly from the audience," he said. "Why could only those on the commission give comments and ask questions, and

there was no public comment for those 10 people there in the audience?"

Marshall sophomore Micala Smith, campus organizing director, said she liked the dialogue between the key people in the state.

"I really liked the dialogue, but it was weird how the issue of immigration and racial profiling was kind of passed over by the speakers when it is so prominent in San Diego," Smith said.

The conference concluded with the commission's recommendation for data collection as a necessary tool to begin to address the problem of racial profiling in policing.

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Next Year's BUDGET: The 2000-2001 Executive Budget Passed! The budget includes the salaries and stipends for the people who work for AS as well as funding for AS services and student organizations.
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OPINION



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The House of Representatives, anticipating China's admittance to the World Trade Organization within the year, has voted to normalize trade relations in an effort to prepare for the market of the 21st century

By BRENT DON
Opinion Editor

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives voted to normalize trade relations between the United States and China. This legislation would be a departure from the current U.S. policy of annually voting on whether to renew China's most-favored nation status. Proponents of the move include the Clinton administration and corporate interests, and opponents include labor unions and human rights activists concerned about reform in China. The Senate will vote on the bill next month.

China is shaping up to be an important and complex player in the 21st century. Its aggressive stance toward Taiwan has already caused much concern for the United States, as well as the rest of the international community. It is unclear what effect the continuing debate over democratic reforms taking place within China will have on the country. With the impending concession to more liberal economic access to China for the international community, the debate over normalized trade relations is just the first of many developments in which China will play a key role in the coming years.

There are some who have characterized the drive toward normalized trade relations with China as mere capitalist greed. It would be an abject lie to say American companies do not stand to benefit immensely from freer trade, but that is a far cry from proving that this is the only reason for it. The move will carry a number of obstacles that will need to be overcome, but the opportunities it can offer for every American and Chinese seem to outweigh these potential hazards.

It is no secret that the United States is displeased with China's human rights record and its

system of one-party rule under communism. The upcoming June 4 anniversary of 1989's demonstrations for democratic reform in China's Tiananmen Square is a reminder of the internal struggle China has long undergone over its political determination. The United States has been a strong advocate of reforms within China and has frequently turned toward economic pressure as a possible means of effecting such reforms.

History's most dramatic success story of U.S. attempts to liberalize a foreign power is the breakup of the former Soviet Union and the democratization of Russia. This was not accomplished through harsh economic sanctions or threats, but rather through cooperation and the gradual opening of Soviet markets to the West. The late Soviet-era policy of *glasnost* does, after all, mean "openness." The USSR was not defeated by economic war; rather it succumbed to the greater opportunities afforded by access to the international market. McDonald's and Coke, not tariffs and nuclear weapons, won the Cold War.

If the United States wishes to undermine or reform the communist regime in China, the last great stronghold of communism in the world, it must do so through cooperation and collaboration. From a long-term foreign policy standpoint, it makes sense for the United States to increase free trade access to China.

Another important consideration is that China is almost certainly going to join the World Trade Organization, regardless of what actions the United States takes in determining its trade status. When China does join the WTO, any attempts by the United States to deny it free trade access will be a breach of the organization's requirements, which state that all members must have consistent trade access with all other members.

A disheartening scenario where China joins the

WTO and America does not extend normalized relations is one in which European states step in to take advantage of Chinese markets. Members of the European Union are eager to take advantage of China's impending admission to the WTO by establishing footholds in a country with over a billion consumers. Regardless of whether the United States hesitates in taking advantage of this new market, the European states will not. America stands to lose great economic opportunities to Europe if it turns down the considerable concessions the Chinese have offered in opening their markets in accordance with the WTO's guidelines. The United States is the biggest market in the world, but it is not the only market; assuming that another country will not take advantage of the opportunities in China if the United States passes them up is foolhardy.

Opponents of normalized relations with China have two major points of contention with the proposal: First, they argue that the annual review is the United States' only bargaining chip in trying to force China to effect reforms in the areas of human rights and democratization. Second, union representatives are afraid that opening access to China as a source of cheap labor will cost American jobs.

The failure of economic sanctions and restrictive policies imposed by the United States in coercing foreign governments in the realm of human rights is best exemplified by the economic sanctions imposed on Iraq, a nation that has persisted in repressing the dissident Kurdish population of its country and defying U.N. weapons inspection teams despite the international community's imposition of trade embargoes. In the matter of attempting to coerce nations into effect-

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Prop 209 is Correlated to Minority Admission Decrease; It is Not the Cause

Editor:

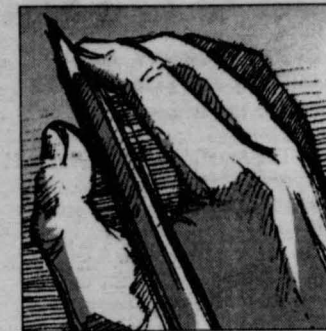
This letter is in response to Malavika Gangolly's article ("Finding Diversity," May 22). The article was well written and it brought attention to certain outreach programs that UCSD has and to the fact that UCSD is still interested in making this campus more diverse. However, the author's review of the past few years has made the same great mistake as many previous articles on the subject.

Now, I did not get a very good grade in statistics, but I still took the course and I know that most humanities and social science students have to take a similar course, yet this same error is made time and again: In the beginning of the article, Gangolly states that there has been a change in the number of minority students admitted to UCSD after the passing of Proposition 209. She says that there has been a significant drop in the admissions of African Americans and Native Americans the year after Prop 209 passed. This is a false correlation. I got a bad grade in my Ethnic Studies class the very same quarter that 209 passed, but I am sure that these two incidents have nothing to do with

each other. There is no real proof in Gangolly's claim that the passing of Proposition 209 had anything to do with the number of minority students admitted the following year.

I do appreciate that she did mention that these numbers come from a function of those that applied versus those that got in, "the percentage of African American students who applied and were admitted dropped from 54.7 percent to ... 27.8 percent." In the past, the UCSD admission reports have failed to give us all the data. Admissions data, when not compared to applicant data, is utterly useless, so I commend Gangolly for that bit of research.

Assuming that these numbers do correlate with the passing of 209, we still come to a problem when we remember that the UC Regents discontinued affirmative action policy one year BEFORE 209 passed. Taking this into account, we might be able to say that the lowered numbers of minority applicants is a result of being scared away by a school that (in some people's eyes) does not want minorities since they got rid of affirmative action. Of course, this is just not true. Gangolly



Letters to the Editor

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states for the better half of her article that there are many outreach programs and other ways to get people to apply to UCSD in the first place.

The thing that really bothers me is how anyone could consider 209 to be a racially skewed policy. It states that there will be no differential treatment based on race or anything else. What is wrong with that? Isn't that the American ideal? Affirmative action was a quick fix for a failing education system that is still racially skewed due to past racism. However, affirmative action policy is itself racially based, and thereby keeping racism, and especially racial categorization, alive.

In closing, I would like to address another issue brought up by Gangolly's article and several others: this whole struggle to find diversity in the first place. What is being defined as diversity is totally based on skin color. This is not a true measure of diversity on any meaningful level. This campus has a very diverse atmosphere. There are people that come from very well-off backgrounds and those that have to struggle with loans and grants in order to pay for their education here. There are people that come from California and those that do not; ask any non-native Californian if there is a difference and he or she will certainly say yes. There is much more diversity that I do not have time to

mention here. This is the real diversity we have at this school. Increasing the number of those of certain skin colors so that the school can be more "diverse" is a superficial tactic and ultimately will not succeed in adding anything new to campus. Just because someone might have the same skin color as you does not necessarily mean you will have a lot in common.

—Jesse Keyes
Muir Senior

Elián Gonzales, ¿Dónde Estás?

Dear Elián,

I wonder why we haven't heard much from you these days? What are you and your dad up to? What about your aunt and uncle, Janet and Gregory? I just wanted to write you to see how you were doing and especially to thank you. Thank you Elián, for providing me with hours of entertainment as I watched those "silly Cubans" try to save you from Fidel. Thank you for reminding me what a great and democratic nation the United States really is. Thank you for rekindling my faith

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China:

Development will not be without its hardships

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ing democratic reforms, one need look no further than Cuba, which has suffered under a U.S.-enforced trade embargo for decades without showing the slightest signs of reform. It seems apparent that economic sanctions only serve to embitter international relations, and it is undoubtedly a good thing that the United States has never elected to anger Beijing by revoking China's most-favored nation status in the past.

Organized labor's concern with the bill, namely that it will eliminate jobs in America, is a valid point, but one that is not without redress. Increased trade with China will go both ways, so while American industries will be scaling down in some sectors, they will be stepping up production in other sectors, creating new job opportunities for displaced employees.

Taking up a new trade is never easy, and unions are an important force for trying to protect their members from frequent and difficult upheavals in job security. At the same time, it is dangerous for the American work force to ignore broad trends in the job market.

As American industry shifts its focus away from production that may be moving to China and other countries, it is vital that American workers acknowledge patterns and migrate to the new industries — many in the high-tech and bio-tech sectors — that will replace them. Care must be taken to make this shift gradual so that America's work force is able to make the transition, but the process must begin at some point.

Normalized trade relations will not alleviate all of the United States' concerns with China, nor will it fix those it can influence overnight. The fact is, however, that denying China normalized relations will only serve to alienate the two countries, creating a distance between them that will make it exceedingly more difficult for the United States to try to compel reforms within China. Normalized trade relations are the first of many important steps toward bringing China into the fold of the international community, and though it may be a difficult one, we must have the courage and the foresight to take it.

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Reflecting on the Year's End

Author sheds light on her lessons from UCSD

By SHANNON CASTLE
Columnist

I'm having a hard time believing the school year is almost over. It's almost harder to believe I've spent so much time in class and have taken almost nothing out of them. I barely remember last week's material, let alone the stuff I learned in the fall.

Fortunately, just being part of the UCSD community this year has taught me quite a bit. I'd like to share some of the things I've learned with you, in the hope that they will alleviate some of your grief over the loss of the all-campus commencement. I'm not a famous poet, but here's my end-of-the-year address for you all:

People in power will generally find a way to abuse it. Unless the rest of us do something about it, they will continue to do so. A representative government doesn't represent its population very well if the population doesn't care enough to vote or to pay attention to what is going on.

I will never understand men, so I should quit trying. I apologize for any articles I have written in the past that attempted to explain, change or make fun of the opposite sex. It's a futile endeavor and I promise not to make you read junk like that ever again.

As much as some people on this campus like to talk about the ideal of school unity and spirit, the only thing that even comes

close to unifying our campus is a yearly drunken tribute to a big, painted bird.

Life is unpredictable; even for Maya Angelou.

While it's easy to agree or disagree with Michael in the privacy of your own head, it's considerably harder to wear a bright blue T-shirt proclaiming your opinion to the world.

Walking to class from distant parking lots is actually pretty good exercise if you do it often enough. Think of the parking problem as the regents' contribution to your cardiovascular health. You'll thank them someday.

If you have nothing intelligent to say, keep your mouth shut. This applies to most of the people asking questions in lecture, to a few of my TAs, and most definitely to me. Unfortunately, I'm getting paid to ramble unintelligently, so you'll have to put up with me. Better yet, exercise your freedom of choice and stop reading.

For those of you still with me, I have one last pearl of wisdom to impart upon you: Believe in something. If there's one thing I can't stand, it's apathy. The world is much more fun if people have opinions and talk about them.

While I can hope to retain some of the knowledge that I've gained in the classroom, these are the things that I know will stay with me. It's hard to believe I'm paying for this education.

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News Media Gets High Marks for Purpose

Local journalism is run as a business, but still serves the public interest

By ALEXIS DENNY, ANNIE GHERINI, and ELISA WIEFEL
Contributing Writers

The American news media is a mysterious industry to most. It is greatly misunderstood by the majority of its audience, who are not aware of the process involved in delivering news to the public. A news story is not just a script that an anchor reads on television. It is a special commodity that is packaged by the station and presented in a specific fashion.

This presentation is determined by the source, whether it be a small television station in a remote town or a huge network in a big city. However, the goal is the same: to present the audience with knowledge that will leave them feeling informed and up to date on events that may affect their lives.

We have recently completed a study of a San Diego television news station. It is our contention that the public assumption about news production and the reality of news production remain at odds. Due to the fact that 76 percent of UCSD students polled watch local news, and of this percentage, 52 percent rely on local news as their primary news source, it is imperative to inform the UCSD community about the realities behind local television news production.

We have long conditioned ourselves to question everything we hear on the news. We assume details have been added and

words changed to add dramatic quality. Many see the news media as always pushing in where they don't belong, their own agenda often taking precedent over truthful and quality reporting. As the assistant news director of a local television station told us, "We are a business and the goal of any business is to make money. In order to make the money we have to get the ratings — and we do." A station can deliver quality news

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without compromising monetary reward. It is as simple as being in tune with the audience.

During the course of our research we were surprised, yet relieved, that for the most part what you see is what you get when it comes to local television news. We cannot claim that stories are never exaggerated or transformed to fit particular contexts. Yet, after the completion of our research, we do believe that the main objective of the news is to inform. The news is not there to tell us what to think, but simply to encourage us to think about the impact of news on our lives. It arms us with the

tools needed to form our own opinions.

Television stations rely on advertising revenue to finance production. It was our belief that this reliance on ad revenue influenced news production. However, we found news programming is generally not considered a money-maker for a TV station. Its role is to lend credibility and local identification to its viewers. Although most revenue for the station comes from advertising, local news is not considered a profit generator. Therefore, it is our conclusion that in local television newsrooms, advertisers come second after credibility in news reporting. The advertiser's influence in TV newsrooms is significantly less penetrating than we had previously assumed.

Local news is part of a larger institution of the news media encompassing print, on-line, radio and national television news. As a member of the "fourth estate," the only collateral local news has is its credibility. Viewers trust the anchors delivering their news, and the success of a news broadcast depends on this connection. Local news has a responsibility to be truthful and objective. Even though the goal is to get ratings and make money, sensationalism is not necessary to gain an audience. As the assistant news director said, local news is a business. That business is to inform.

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Serbia Needs Support, Not Reproach

The U.S.' policy in Serbia has only caused further problems in the tumultuous Balkan state

By BORIS IGIC
Contributing Writer

Serbia is back in the news. This time, it is on the brink of war with itself. Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian half-dictator, is oppressing the opposition and limiting the freedoms of various media outlets. Why don't we care? Why should we care?

We are all led to believe the Serbs are evil: rapists, ethnic cleansers, murderers, fascist dictators, Milosevics, Bolsheviks or just really bad. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and President Clinton have said as much. Have you ever met a Serb? Perhaps you also believe their women are large and hairy.

Though not a hairy woman, I am half Serbian, and for the past seven years I have read and watched in disgust as the Western media continually robbed the American people of the truth, at times not even pretending to be evenhanded in its coverage of the ongoing Balkan conflicts.

It is pointless to argue at this time whether the Serbs are collectively responsible for the impending implosion of their nation; whether Milosevic is to blame; whether the role the United States played in the destruction of Yugoslavia will be viewed favorably by history. Many questions remain.

Misinformation or not, most of us do not care about the well-being of Serbia because the Serbs were established as evil in each act of the play detailing the breakup of the former Yugoslavia.

This latest act, however, is very different. European integration has been hard enough without any more European wars. Whoever rules Serbia, at the center of the Balkan peninsula, is in a position to make wars happen. Nearly every one of our best think-tank experts agrees that Serbia is the anchor of the oxymoron known as "the Balkan stability." If the Balkans become stable, the miracle of free market economy will bring us cheap plum brandy, free edu-

The Serbs themselves initiated the struggle against Milosevic long ago, but their progress was impeded by questionable American policy. For a long time, Serbia was the only Balkan state with any sort of viable opposition to Milosevic. That opposition has been dealt a huge blow with every move made by the United States in the last decade.

cated young people and inexpensive skilled labor. This is why macroeconomists want you to care about Serbia.

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First, the United States obviously sided against the Serbs in each ethnic conflict since 1991, simultaneously supporting the Serbian opposition to Milosevic. This had much the same effect that Josef Stalin would have had in the United States during the McCarthy era had he lent his unequivocal written support to Paul Robeson, Charlie Chaplin and other suspected Reds.

The United States then fought for comprehensive sanctions against Yugoslavia — the same policy that has worked such miracles in changing the Cuban government through the last nine Washington administrations.

Next, while U.S. planes were bombing

Belgrade, Albright voiced her opinion in the cliché about "Milosevic and his Serbian war machine" being Satan incarnate. Bombing and preaching did not chase away Saddam Hussein. And it will not get rid of Milosevic. All it has accomplished is to leave Milosevic — a crazy, brilliant strategist — with military, police, judicial and legislative powers.

Finally, in open conflict with the Serbian government, the United States openly channeled funds to certain opposition parties, thus partly legitimizing Milosevic's legal maneuvering that led to a series of oppressive media laws. After all, the American public was not very accepting of the Chinese money that allegedly worked its way into the White House during the Clinton presidential campaign.

We must support *otpor*, meaning "resistance," a nonhierarchical movement of the Serbian people against Milosevic and his nationalist government. We can do this by adopting the targeted sanctions proposed by other European nations to show all Serbs that the opposition can successfully bargain with the West and bring prosperity to Serbia. Such sanctions would also be reasonably effective against Milosevic and his allies.

We must also assure Serbia that it will remain the centerpiece of the Balkan scene even without Milosevic — supported with Western monetary aid — not because we want that, but because it is indeed the centerpiece.

Above all, we must learn to be attentive and quiet when appropriate, because sometimes inaction is better than witless action. We were quiet and inattentive about the Rwandan genocide while inducing another one in the Balkans. If we are to claim any of that "moral authority" mentioned so often at times when we were bombing Belgrade, we must begin to treat the Serbs impartially and ensure they do not die needlessly at the hands of Albanians, Croats, Americans or other Serbs.

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Letters:

What was the name of that little Cuban kid again?

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In President Clinton and his entire regime. It was really quite breathtaking how they handed you over to your dad using the very peaceful methods they did. It was really inspiring. Finally, thank you for showing me how crazy those Miami Cubans can be. If I'm ever in trouble, they're the last people I'm going to call. Those people are nuts! Did they really think they could keep you a captive forever? Boy am I glad I'm not that romantic about liberty and especially Democracy!! Well, thanks again for all you have done for me and the United States. Good luck in your new home. Tell your grandpa Fidel I think he's a great role model for us all due to his love and concern for you as he so diligently fought to reunite you with your father.

Stay out of trouble, kid.

— Alex Bianco

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World News

Former Indonesian President Under House Arrest

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Under intense public pressure to get tough, the Indonesian government placed former President Suharto under house arrest Monday as it sought to try him on charges of corruption and abuse of power. Suharto, 78, has been debilitated by three strokes and is apparently unable to communicate only in his native Javanese language. He has managed, with the help of his lawyers, to complicate repeated attempts by investigators to question him in his home. The house arrest, which does not materially change Suharto's living conditions, was instituted "to smooth the investigation and

in order to finish the case as scheduled," said Yushar Yahya, a spokesman for Attorney General Marzuki Darusman. Monday's move came almost exactly two years after Suharto, the all-powerful president for 32 years, stepped down on May 21, 1998, in the face of riots and student protests and under pressure from defecting government ministers and even from his most loyal military leaders. The two-week house arrest order, renewable in 30-day increments, carried a powerful symbolism in a nation that is struggling, sometimes chaotically, to convert itself from Suharto's iron-fisted rule to an open democratic sys-

tem. The order responds to an overwhelming public desire for accountability that has shown itself most forcefully in frequent, sometimes violent, student demonstrations. It is also part of a broad government program to investigate and potentially mete out punishment for a broad array of abuses ranging as far back as the massacres of hundreds of thousands of people during an anti-communist purge in 1965 and 1966, when Suharto seized power. Suharto is accused of abusing his power in issuing presidential decrees that he used to enrich himself, his six children and his

cronies and supporters. The attorney general has said he expects the investigation to be completed and any charges brought by Aug. 10. But much of Suharto's wealth, estimated in the billions or even tens of billions of dollars, has so far been difficult to trace. Like the so-called hidden wealth of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines, it may never be recovered. "There are many ways of laundering money," a diplomat said. "This was a very methodical man." — Seth Mydans The New York Times

Environmentalists Fear Devastation in Siberian Lake

BAIKALSK, Russia — Near the outlet where the Baikalsk Pulp & Paper Mill discharges chlorine into the world's largest body of fresh water, Oleg Dolgov has dropped a line to fish. Environmentalists accuse the mill of polluting Siberia's Lake Baikal, a mile-deep cleft that contains one-fifth of the planet's fresh water. Dolgov shrugs off the danger of contamination. He regularly eats what he catches, and has never noticed ill effects. "The unemployed come down here all the time in the summer and catch fish with nets," Dolgov said. Locals may be insouciant, but among environmentalists in Russia and abroad, the mill symbolizes the abuse of an ecological treasure. An international campaign is seeking to close the plant, and Greenpeace has begun nationwide television ads blasting the factory. But mill management says the demands for a complete shutdown are blocking efforts to

clean up the plant. The issue goes beyond the lake. Throughout the former Soviet Union, industry has turned the waterways into environmental catastrophes. The city of Vladivostok pumps raw sewage into its bay, the Aral Sea has been gradually emptied and polluted by agricultural runoff, and the navy dumped radioactive waste into the White Sea and the Sea of Japan. Environmentalists have long had trouble making their case in a nation predisposed to heavy industry. This time around, the Baikalsk mill is attempting to blame environmentalists them-

selves for the pollution. "Unfortunately, Greenpeace and all the environmental organizations prevent us from improving the environmental situation of the lake," said Anatoly Steinberg, mill president. Baikal is 5,370 feet deep and contains 5,500 cubic miles of water. Believed to be 25 million years old, the lake floor's sediment is 5 miles deep, recording eons of life. Today Baikal is filled with rare species such as freshwater sponges and seals. Sixty percent of the lake's life forms are unique, biologists say. The plant, the backbone of the local economy, annually produces

160,000 metric tons of high-quality pulp. Some of the chlorine, despite filtration, is discharged into the lake. But Jennie Sutton, an Englishwoman living nearby and a leader of a conservation group, says the chlorine is converted to deadly dioxins in the bodies of seals and other animals. Although the pollution is in only a tiny part of the lake, the impact is disproportionate, she said. Animals flock to the warm outflow from the mill. After years of answering reporters' questions and watching environmentalists hang banners from his mill's smokestacks, Steinberg has little patience for the topic of pollution. He insists that the mill causes only a minute amount of harm that the vast lake is capable of handling. "This is the best quality of water coming from any paper mill in the world," he said. — Russell Working The New York Times

Japan:

Offer encourages Japanese to 'go forth and multiply'

Continued from page 1 birthrates that pose many long-term problems. Bandai, which makes Power Ranger toys and Tamagotchi electronic pets, said its incentive was intended to help employees defray the high cost of raising children and to expand the company's shrinking customer base — children. The offer, which began last month, is part of an effort by the government and employers to persuade the Japanese, who have one of the lowest birthrates in the world, to go forth and multiply. Most initiatives focus on making it easier and more economical to raise children, extending flexible work hours, family leave and child care. Some incentives pay cash and monthly subsidies. "The Japanese government does not meddle in a woman's decision to have a baby, because that's an individual's personal choice," said Tomohiro Onishi, deputy director of the child-rearing promotion division in the Welfare Ministry. "But our intention is to reduce many of the concerns and hesitations that Japanese people have about having children." It remains unclear whether those efforts will succeed in raising the birthrate. Past efforts have had scant effect, experts said. "I have to say that what they have done so far has not been effective," said Toshinari Ogino, chief researcher for the Institute of Labor Administration, a research concern. The average birthrate for a Japanese woman was 1.38 children in 1998, a record low for Japan and one of the world's lowest. The government worries that the declining birthrate and rapidly aging population will stem economic growth, because there will be fewer workers to support the growing ranks of the elderly. — Calvin Sims The New York Times

National News

Gas:

Richardson called senator's views 'alarmist'

Continued from page 1 Susan Collins, R-Maine, to the federal energy secretary, Bill Richardson. Richardson disagreed with both the premise and the proposal. "These are unnecessarily alarmist views, as they do not reflect current market conditions or projections," he said Monday. His agency's experts forecast a national average price of \$1.40 to \$1.45 a gallon by the end of summer. "Additionally, the solution to tamper with the strategic petroleum reserve at this stage would be counterproductive and unrealistic," Richardson said. The average price for regular unleaded gasoline in New York City is \$1.64 a gallon, up from \$1.27 a year ago, according to a recent survey by the American Automobile Association. Adjusted for inflation, however, gasoline is 11 cents cheaper than it was in the early 1960s. — Bruce Lambert The New York Times

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Gateway and AOL Opt for Alternate Chip

SAN FRANCISCO — Breaking ranks with the powerful "Wintel duopoly," based on Intel hardware and Microsoft software, Gateway and America Online plan to announce on Tuesday that they will use a processor from an upstart Silicon Valley chip maker and a version of the Linux operating system in a new Internet home appliance scheduled to go on sale later this year. The decision is a big victory for Transmeta Corp., a chip design company in Santa Clara that has developed a microprocessor intended to be a low-power and inexpensive alternative to Intel's microprocessors. Transmeta was founded five

years ago by David Ditzel, the former Sun Microsystems hardware designer, with backing from George Soros, the financier; Paul Allen, the Microsoft co-founder; Deutsche Bank; and others. It said last month that it had raised an additional \$88 million in financing from Compaq Computer, Gateway, Samsung, Sony and a number of Taiwanese manufacturers. The deal is a portent of the arrival of what is being popularly referred to as the post-PC computing era, a world in which the personal computer is displaced by an expanding array of digital cellular phones, personal digital assistants, Webpads — which are tablet-style computers — and other appliance-

like devices. Both Intel and Microsoft have largely resisted this vision, maintaining instead that the PC will remain at the center of the computing world for many years and that the new devices will function more or less as peripherals to a central PC. During an antitrust trial, a Gateway executive, James Von Holle, served as a witness for the Justice Department and described how Microsoft had put pressure on Gateway after it pursued a strategy of installing the Netscape browser and placing an AOL icon on the desktop of its computers. — John Markoff The New York Times

Grizzly Bears Poised to Make a Comeback

From any perspective, the remote, rugged country surrounding the Bitterroot Mountains in western Montana and central Idaho appears ideal for grizzly bears. Here are the types of terrain grizzlies love: alpine meadows; pine, cedar and fir forests; glacial lakes and fast-running streams flowing into lush river valleys. Although salmon have declined sharply, the roots, berries, nuts, elk, deer and insects the giants need to fuel their six-month hibernation abound. Indeed, hundreds of the big bears that the Nez Perce tribe called xaxat roamed this area when Lewis and Clark passed through in 1806, killing seven. In the next decades, hundreds of grizzlies fell to hunters, with the last recorded

kill in 1932. Despite several exhaustive surveys, no one has seen a grizzly bear in this region for more than half a century. That situation is about to change. This summer, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is expected to adopt a controversial plan to put grizzly bears back in the Bitterroot region. A 15-member citizen management committee will be charged with finding a way for the bears to flourish and coexist with humans, particularly those engaged in backcountry recreation, logging, mining and ranching. If threatened congressional and legal challenges from Idaho do not delay the plan from being carried out, the management committee will complete preparations for the

arrival of the first bears in 2002, said Dr. Christopher Servheen, grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Service, based in Missoula, Mont. Over five years, at least 25 bears will be released in the Bitterroots. Because of the grizzly's slow reproductive rate, it will take 50 to 110 years for the population to reach the project's goal of 280 bears. Servheen said the reintroduction was an essential step in ensuring the long-term survival of the grizzly in the lower 48 states and its removal from the endangered species list, where it has been designated as "threatened" since 1975. — Mark Derr The New York Times

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SETTING THE TONE

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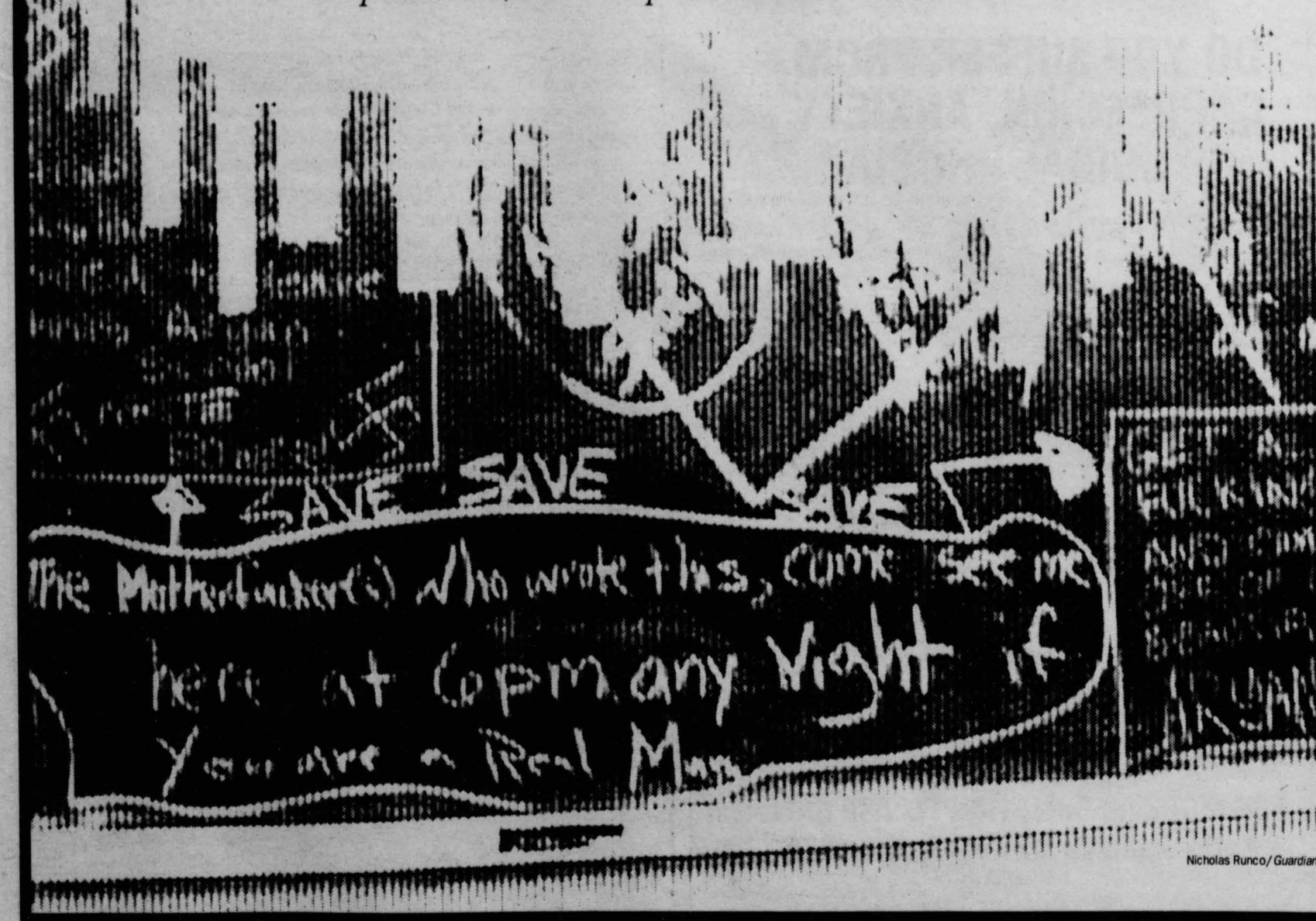
of Conduct as bias-motivated incidents. These incidents can create fear and anger in the people who are attacked. They can also significantly affect the campus climate. Ibrahim and his friends were afraid that these messages could escalate into action. "I was also somewhat fearful," Ibrahim said. "The Aryans have a long track record of hating everyone who isn't white, from Jews to African Americans simply because they are different. I was fearful that this could lead to something worse." Affairs Office, the university prohibits the use of "fighting words" by students to harass any persons on campus or university property. Fighting words are defined as "those personally abusive epithets which, when directly addressed to any ordinary person are, in the context used and as a matter of common knowledge, inherently likely to provoke a violent reaction whether or not they actually do." According to Jeffers, most bias-motivated incidents go unreported. "I would estimate that maybe 25 percent of what goes on is reported," Jeffers said. "There is a huge amount that goes unreported. Hate incidents are such a strong thing, yet people may not even realize that they have been a victim of something like that. They may just internalize it, or just take it." The UCSD Principles of Community brochure states that as a group, the administration and the students at UCSD reject principles of oppression and hate: "We reject acts of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion or political beliefs." Additionally, according to the Student Conduct Code published by Student Policies and Judicial

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million of these kinds of events" happen each year on college campuses around the United States. Similarly, the FBI identifies college campuses and schools as the third most common place for hate crimes to occur — with 9 percent of all hate crimes taking place on university campuses. People may believe that messages of hate are protected by the First Amendment, and assert that these actions are a case of freedom of speech. However, this is untrue. The First Amendment does not protect "fighting words," that can cause hostile or physical reactions and violence. This is similar to the policies established in the Campus Code of Conduct. "I think that a lot of people hide behind the First Amendment, claiming that they have freedom of speech and should be able to say whatever they want," Jeffers said. "What [the administration] overlooks here is that speech usually comes before action. Someone says they hate you or says hateful things toward you, if it's not challenged, then the next step is to do something hateful." An example of this occurred during winter quarter of last year. Someone smeared the doorknob of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Association office with dog feces. This happened after the office had been targeted by a rash of e-mails that threatened the office and the members of LGBTA. Teaching Tools Bias-motivated incidents that take place on campus can be used as teaching tools to undermine their message. "It is important to use these incidents as teaching tools, and as weapons against racism," Genevieve According to the Review of Higher Education, "one

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Currently, bias-motivated incidents, which have the power to shape campus climate, are more prevalent than ever at UCSD



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The Editor's Soapbox

Take advantage of this transitory period in your life to create an identity that will make you proud

By JESSICA SCHEPPMANN
Features Editor

Get excited, UCSD. Take a look around you. For most of us, the period between graduation from high school and graduation from college is the most transitory time of our lives. During this time, we venture away from home to go out and challenge the world to meet our needs.

We are deciding whether we are going to face the challenges or play it safe. Great achievements usually involve great risk and a lot of heartache and loss. Although these changes are consistently stressful and challenging, the fact that we live up to these challenges and continue to grow from them is important.

Here is where we shape our identity, and it is what we do during this time that matters the most. Many people try to tell me that I'm young and that it doesn't matter if I mess up, because there is plenty of time to rectify any mishaps, but what we do now is shaping the rest of our lives.

Commitment to family and lovers vs. our commitment to our future and ourselves is shaping the course of our lives. Many are tempted to give in to the desires or wishes of others rather than being true to themselves. Sometimes the difference is very subtle, like choosing a major because it makes a parent happy. Sometimes it is bigger, like choosing a career, life partner or religion because it makes a parent happy.

Truth be told? There is really very little that we can do that will make us stand out from the crowd in any real sense. Ultimately, what you are left with at the end of the day is yourself. Everything else will eventually resolve itself or just fall away. So what do we do?

Look around. There are people all around us who are leading by example and living life the way they truly want to. For some people, this means disappointing others, but ultimately satisfying themselves.

Maybe it was my friend who dropped out of school after freshman year and took a job on a cruise ship as a way of seeing the world. Rather than staying at a school where he was miserable and had no idea what he wanted to accomplish with his life, he ventured into the unknown to take some time off and learn a little bit about himself.

Perhaps it was my friend who decided to go to drama school rather than college in order to become an actress; she is now studying Shakespeare at Oxford with the recommendation of her teacher.

It's not just the people who drop out of school whom we should follow. It's anyone who decides to do what they want without letting themselves be influenced by others, or tempted by the easy way out.

It is people like my younger sister, who has never let anyone tell her what to do. At 20 years old, as a way of inspiring herself for a swim meet, she shaved her head and defied the odds in more ways than one.

It's people like my dad, who in



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between writing memos at work and paying tuition checks with the greatest of ease, seems to be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Periodically, he likes to take breaks from work and stop car thieves, or run important, revenue-generating swim meets for teams his children no longer swim for.

In this case, it's the person who has lived his life the way he wants to, and is now able to enjoy living up to the commitments he or she has made. Right now, we are creating pathways in our lives that will

determine if, in 40 years, we are doing what we want with the people we love.

Then there are the people who reevaluate their own situation and take positive steps to ensure their own happiness.

My roommate, Beth O'Neal Arnese, has always loved reading and writing, but is a management science major because it seemed practical. This quarter has been spent looking for jobs with companies all over California. After months of interviews, where she was listening to her potential employers as hard as they were listening to her, she realized that she wasn't where she wanted to be. Last week, she decided that she is going to do what she wants. Instead of graduating this year as planned, she will pursue a second major in literature/writing.

After four years, is this an act of lunacy? Perhaps, but the fact that she has the gumption to do right by her self, despite what anyone else has to say, is an incredible act of bravery and a testament to individuality.

It's not the people who drop out of society that we should respect. It's anyone who makes the decision to live life the way he or she wants.

Like I said, this is a transitory period. The people who recognize that all they have is a short period of time and decide to live life rather than simply act as passive participants are the ones who, for better or for worse, seem to get the most out of life.

So what do we do? We decide that, no matter what, our only hope

for a "successful" life is to live up to our own expectations. The most famous people are only big for a decade or so. After that, they are left with themselves, and hopefully, their happiness.

Surrounding yourself with people whom you admire, respect and love will inspire you to be successful in the goals you create for yourself.

I believe that during this time, it isn't the big heart-wrenching disappointments that break youthful spirits and that make us cynical. Rather, it's the little things that insidiously infect optimism, that create middle-aged middle management.

It's not the beloved family member's death or the debilitating accident that causes us to give up on hopes and dreams. These situations usually force us to face our mortality, realize that life is short and make us stronger and more determined.

It's the little things that get inside you, that are internalized and begin to break your spirit and let you know that you are just one little, tiny voice in a sea of many.

It's the first speeding ticket you get. It's the teacher who won't let you make up a midterm even though your car broke down and you couldn't make it to the exam.

It's when your computer crashes, and you forgot to save your paper. It's when we have to buckle down and follow ridiculous rules that we don't agree with, and that make very little sense. It's bureaucracy

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ARENA

What do you think about the various bands that played at UCSD this year?

Interviews by Malavika Gangolly • Photography by Tyler Huff



"I definitely think that there have been some good ones and some bad ones. I think that Sun God this year was kind of disappointing, but overall, I think that UCSD does a pretty good job of putting on some good bands."

Marco Quevedo
Revelle sophomore



"Coolio was alright, but I don't even remember when Coolio had a new song. I would like to have seen Destiny's Child. I didn't really like the bands from Sun God."

Mark Olaes
Marshall sophomore



"We always seem to get bands after their popularity has died away, or between CDs, when they are not as popular. It would just be nice to get bands that [are] at the peak of their popularity."

Anu Asthana
Revelle junior



"I think they are pretty bad compared to the last couple of years. I think that they should have gotten all of the members of The Roots, instead of just one of them, or tried to get some bigger bands than they got."

Paul Kim
Muir junior



"I thought that the bands were OK. I do like Aquabats and Dishwalla, but as for Coolio — I'm not really into that whole rap thing, so I didn't go and see that. So, I think for the most part they were okay."

Holly Morrell
Marshall senior



"I was not here for winter, but I was kind of upset with Dishwalla. They were good, but I had heard that Naughty by Nature was coming. Last year was Cypress Hill, and that was really cool. Dishwalla was good, but I think that maybe they could have chosen a better band."

Michelle Ott
Muir junior



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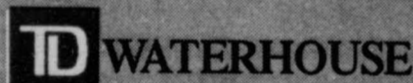
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- Decreased energy
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt

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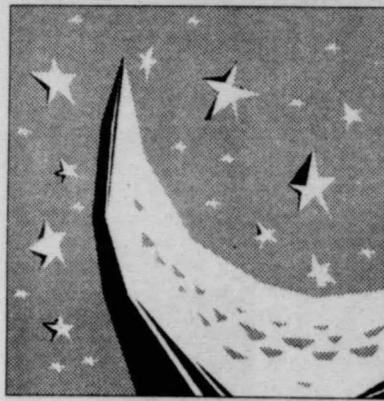


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HUMOR HOROSCOPES



Gemini: May 22-June 21
After years of disciplined training, you have become the highest within your Shotokan. You are honored by 20 generations of warrior ancestors, guarding your soul and pocket change. There is nothing to do now, but wait for the impending doom from which your greatest enemy will rage upon you. Your ultimate worth will not be proved on the battleground, but the death you choose to take. Fight on, brave Gemini!

Cancer: June 22-July 23
The lascivious pleasure you have been bathing in has finally seeped into the final gate of decadence, and the gods can tolerate it no longer. If the valet parking wasn't bad enough, you sucked ambrosia from under their noses which, I personally believe, is what truly pissed them off. Your only redemption lies in their seduction as pantheistic gods have always had a weakness for hedonism. Your only hope is to play to every one of their desires, which shouldn't be too hard with the practice you've had. Success will prove to be the most divine upon pleasures. Failure will not be described due to its graphic content, but does involve infinitesimally small paper cuts between the index and middle fingers.

Leo: July 24-August 23
Due to recent events over the astrological legitimacy of this sign as well as its compounding sexual scandal with Diana Ross, all readings have been suspended until a formal decision has been made about its future in the Zodiac. We apologize for the inconvenience and promise to remedy the situation with either a refurbished Leo or a replacement of equal value. Thank you.

Virgo: August 24-September 23
They don't pay me enough to look into your sordid closet of sexual fantasies. All anyone has to know about you is that your virginal reputation is only skin deep. With

By Homer Burton
Contributing staff writer

Aries: March 21-April 20

A warning to all women who fall under this sign: Avoid front-clasping bras as your breasts will be conducive to abnormal swelling this week. Urges to watch Martha Stewart for the first time should be satiated as your nurturing side kicks into full throttle. Be wary of men named Tim or Todd mistaking your kindness for a perverse Oedipal fantasy. Nonfat yogurt will lead to unbearable gas and constipation. Sorry men, no abnormal swelling for you.

Taurus: April 21-May 21

The first cybernetic offspring from nanotechnology is located somewhere between your sixth and seventh vertebrae, depending on whether you enjoy watching old "Matlock" reruns. Their purpose is unknown, but have been rumored to hold Elvis' dying words. Activation will commence this Thursday at 2 p.m. with the opening credits of "Judge Mathis," whereupon the ultimate mystery lies. However, the activation can be buffered with a strict diet of Lucky Charms, eaten to the cadence of "Heartbreak Hotel." Once again, the stars save your ass.

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Hate:

Outreach programs help to promote a diverse campus

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Cox, a Revelle senior, said. "If we don't address these situations and analyze critically, then they become tools of oppression, rather than empowerment."

An example of this occurred during winter quarter of this year, when Ethnic Studies 1B was the target of a bias-motivated incident. Professor Ruby Tapia and her TAs arrived on the day of the midterm in Peterson Hall to find poems posted on every door, condemning the class, the teachers and the curriculum.

"[The poem] was very long," said Laura Barraclough, a Marshall senior who worked with the department after the incident. "It was obvious that a lot of work had gone into it."

The poem described the authors' discontent with the class, stating that the class was boring and served only to point out how the author's ancestors were responsible for everything wrong with the world. He complained that it was required in order to graduate, and he resented having to take it. The poem also insulted the teacher, questioning her com-

petency and individually listed each of the TAs and their implied faults.

Tapia used this incident as a teaching tool. After the midterm, she read a part of the poem and told the students they would discuss it at their next meeting. Over the weekend, a few students wrote their own poems in response, in support of the class and the curriculum.

Although the department never discovered the perpetrators, Tapia was very vocal about the incident and brought the matter to Chancellor Robert Dynes' advisory committee on diversity.

"A lot of people were really hurt by this," Barraclough said.

Internet Attacks
The explosion of the information age has made it easier than ever for hate groups to disseminate their information over the Internet.

An e-mail sent to a UCSD student earlier this year titled "Filipinos ... make me puke," had three parts. The first part asked if Filipinos could really be classified as "Asian," the second part called young Filipino Americans "the disease of society," and the third part was called, "Recognizing your roots — A message to Filipinos."

The e-mail stated "The Philippines is a third-world coun-



Hate-Free: Adam Jeffers is the program coordinator of the campaign.

ty. Nothing respectable has ever been created by Filipino people during our entire human history."

Similarly, the LGBT is often subjected to hate e-mails after publicized events, said Scott Heath, a Revelle senior who is a member of the LGBT and of the Chancellor's advisory committee on LGBT issues. These e-mails use epithets and include threats of physical beatings. Moreover, they stated that LGBT students should just leave. Last year, these e-mails were fairly regular.

"After every event, they get back negative mail," Heath said.

"The same person kept e-mailing, because announcements were going out over student fliers. One individual sent three or four messages every year suggesting the beating of LGBT students and calling them sick."

One of these e-mails specifically threatened LGBT students. It was sent in response to the LGBT's Gay Jeans Day, that requests that all LGBT students wear blue jeans.

"Beginning Monday, May 11, all fruitcakes will be harassed for being the freaks of nature that they are. Please participate and wear your T-shirts saying 'I'm gay. Please beat some sense into me!' With your help, we can all work out our homophobic anger and teach all you log-jammers a lesson at the same time," the email stated.

Some people falsely believe that the Internet provides anonymity for individuals who want to send messages of hate. Often these messages are easily traced, however. Nevertheless, for the LGBT, many of the people e-mailing them messages of hate rarely bother to try to hide their identity. Last year, Heath was a specific target for hate mail.

"It's people like you that make me sick," the e-mail stated. "Student scholars my ass ... Get

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Soapbox:

The smallest details can culminate into big problems

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that breaks the spirit of independence and that should be challenged on every level.

It's more than that, though. It's the insidious behavior of others that makes you doubt your own competency and even worth. It's the sexism, racism, homophobia, rejection or oppression that nearly everyone has to face. Maybe it's smaller than that. Maybe it's as little as persistent rejection when you're seeking a job that causes you to take a job for which you are overqualified, for less money than you deserve.

This is when our spirit is broken.

It's the little things that matter. After three years as an editor for the Features section, Jessica Scheppmann is almost finally finished. If you have any comments regarding this article, or any past editions of the Guardian Features section, please feel free to email her at jscheppm@ucsd.edu. If you have any suggestions regarding future sections please email Josh Crouse, the new Features editor, at jcrouse@ucsd.edu or Malavika Gangolly, the new associate editor, at mgangolly@ucsd.edu. Congratulations guys!

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Activities

Friday, June 2

8:00 p.m. Price Center Plaza. A.S. Thank Goodness It's Over (TGIO) Concert. Free

Ongoing

concert with Pato Banton and the Reggae Revolution and Jurassic 5. For more information call 534.5259

Clubs

Wednesday, May 31

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. The Stage at Porter's Pub. Salsa Dance Club Meeting. Come dance, learn new moves, and listen to great salsa music. No experience or partner necessary! For more info e-mail Melody at Stars91913@aol.com

Friday, June 2

9:00 p.m. LDS Institute. LDSAA Movie Night! Join the Latter-Day Saints Student Association for popcorn and a movie. FREE! Call 452.7256 for more information.

Ongoing Mondays

6:30p-8:30p. Conference Room, International Center. PLATO'S REPUBLIC. A forum for the presentation of, discussion on, and analysis of what people believe philosophically/religiously.

Ongoing Thursdays

6:00 p.m. Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. MUIR COLLEGE COUNCIL (MCC) meetings. Find out what the low-down is with A.S. business at Muir, and who's on this week's "shame list." General Public Welcome.

Ongoing Fridays

1:00 p.m. Cross Cultural Center. Muslim

Student Association Meetings. Come join us for Friday Prayer. For more info on meetings. msa@ucsd.edu.

Friday Dancing. Ballroom Dance Club's weekly meetings. Come dance with us! Beginners welcome.

Arts

Thursday, June 1

7:00 p.m. Pepper Canyon Lodge (E.R.C.) "Sitting Twisted, Talking Straight." A one woman show written and performed by Lory Tatoulouli. Free admission. Limited seating - come early! Reception at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 858.271.6104. Sponsored by: The Women's Center and American Student Organization.

Health

Ongoing Mondays

Bisexual Forum: Mondays from 4:00-5:00p.m. starting April 10th at the LGBT Resource Office (corner of Meyers & Gilman). Led by Geri Weitzman, 534-5905.

Ongoing Tuesdays

Graduate Women's Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Group: Tuesdays at noon, starting April 11th, LGBT Resource Office (corner of Meyers & Gilman). Call 822-3493 for more information.

Tuesdays, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by Karla Materna, 534-6463 and Keisha Paxton, 534-1725. Call to sign up.

Ongoing Wednesdays

Women's Open Forum and Supportive Atmosphere: Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30pm, starting April 12th, Women's Center Conference Room. Led by the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Peer Counselors. Call Sylvia Gomez, 534-5989 to join the group.

Ongoing Thursdays

From A to Z, Managing Anxiety and Panic Attacks. Thursdays from 12:15-2:00 p.m., starting April 20th. Muir Provost Conference Room. Led by Jerry Phelps, 822-2614 and Reina Juarez, 534-3875. Call Jerry or Reina to sign up.

Ongoing Fridays

Eating, Body Image and Relationships: Fridays, 1:00-3:00 p.m., 190 Galbraith Hall. Led by Equilla Luke, 534-0248 and Holly Wilson, 534-5981. Call Equilla or Holly to sign up.

More Ongoing

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Religion

Friday, June 2

12:00 p.m. LDS Institute. Friday Forum. The best lunch deal at UCSD! Great food and guest speaker for only \$1.50. All are welcome.



For the Week of May 30 - June 4 2000

Horoscopes: See what the future holds for Libra, Scorpio, Pisces

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that in mind, this might be the ideal week to finally unleash your sex drive and change fantasy into reality.

Libra: September 24-October 22
Months of painful reading have led you to the final chapter. This is the time to bend your scales of balance and indulge your dark side.

Scorpio: October 23-November 22
You might as well bend over and bite down because this week's not going to be a pretty one. In fact, get ready for your own personal Armageddon, complete with its own mini set of apocalyptic horse-

Pisces: February 20-March 20
It started with a gesture, which blossomed into a thought, which grew to an image, a scenario, numerous scenarios, a fantasy and finally, a desire. Water, water everywhere, it's hard for the fish to swim upstream against its fears and obligations. Yet, the desire burns deeper everyday and the urge to start a secret becomes an orgasmic double-fudge brownie. Uter pleases, but a breath away, ironically you are its only obstacle.

Around the country

Letters were sent to African-American students at the University of Maryland in November threatening to kill them.

The letters sent to students at U of M stated "The white race will be preserved forever!" They contained a considerable flag and were signed "RAHOWA," which stands for "racial holy war," and is a battle cry for white supremacists.

At Florida A&M (an HBCU) last fall, two pipe bombs exploded after a man called a Tallahassee TV station with racist threats. No one was injured, and the man awaits trial.

February 6 at UK a 20-year-old was stabbed outside a gay hangout just outside of campus. The attacker screaming, "Jesus hates faggots!" Source: Link Magazine, April 2000

Hate: The number of hate sites has increased since 1995

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the fuck off our campus and white about your personal inadequacies elsewhere.

For Health, this was particularly alarming and very upsetting, because he was the targeted. The students who targeted Health and the LGBT did not hide their identity, because sending messages through e-mail is not a prosecutable offense.

It's interesting that the name of the student is on there," said Jeffers. "It lets you know that some people think that it is okay to do this and to behave like this toward different groups."

Recently, the number of hate sites has increased on the Internet. In April of 1995, shortly after the Oklahoma City bombing, there was only one active hate site on the Internet. In December of 1997, the number increased to 163, and by December of 1998, there were 254 hate-related Web sites. Now, there are over 2,200 suspected hate sites on the Internet, according to the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Many times, these sites are used as a recruitment tool aimed at young

people and to provide members with an easily accessible forum for discussion.

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Rosa Chang I Love You! I want your body! Yeah! You're a bonghead! =) Aaron Kwon (5/30)

"west" -you can kiss our bloody american asses. (5/30)

Bobby Knight has been hired as a fill-in bullpen coach by the L.A. Dodgers for their next series in Wrigley Field. (5/30) Errata: A recent Letter to the Editor re: incorrect jumps had an incorrect jump caption. The Guardian regrets the error. (5/30)

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Seven Swimming Seniors Depart After Fabulous 2000 Season

The team's fourth place finish this season was in great part due to the seven leaving UCSD this Spring after graduation

By TAIT MILLER
Staff Writer

It is out of the water and into the frying pan for seven members of the UCSD men's swimming and diving team.

After helping the Tritons to a superlative fourth place finish at nationals, Jason Boettner, Mark Latronica, Matt Macdonald, Matt Payne, Ross Russo, Kent Wehde and Eric Whalen are all leaving UCSD in hopes of excelling somewhere else.

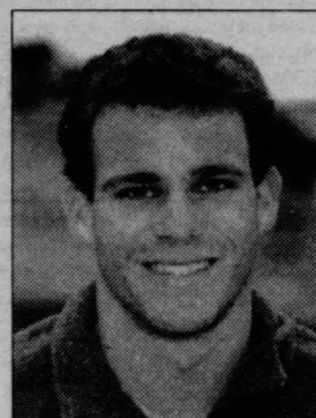
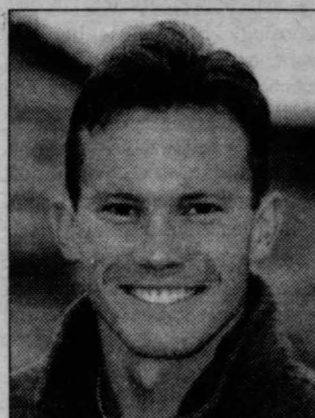
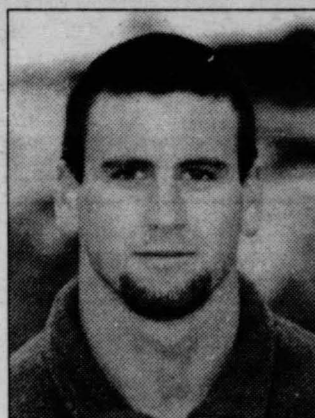
These seven seniors will be sorely missed, as among them are two swimmers with times fast enough to qualify for the Olympic trials, NCAA All-Americans, Division III champions, eight present or past school record holders and one NCAA Division III record holder.

Payne set three of these school records and also qualified for the Olympic trials in both the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke. He won the Division III championship for the Tritons in the 100 breast and was one of three team captains.

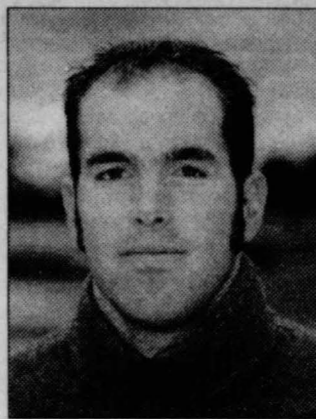
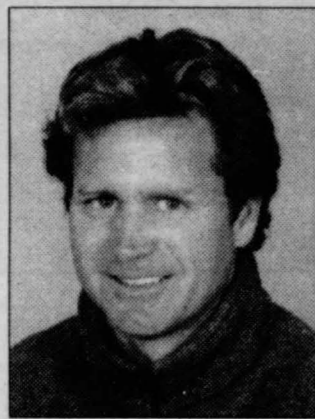
"Matt was a great team leader," said Head Coach Scott McGihon. "He led both by example and actions. He was one of the best people I have had the chance to coach, ever."

Boettner is an ex-school record holder — but who cares about school records when you can be an All-American in the 200-meter backstroke, which he was. He finished eighth in the event at the Division III championships. Boettner also played water polo for UCSD.

"Jason was a really versatile



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Salute: (clockwise from top left) Eric Whalen, Jason Boettner, Kent Wehde, Mark Latronica, Matt Macdonald, Matt Payne, and Ross Russo will be sorely missed next season. Whalen was on two NCAA-qualifying relays. Boettner still has one year of eligibility remaining for Water Polo. Wehde could swim all four strokes but primarily focused on breaststroke his senior year. Latronica won the GTE Academic All-American award this season and graduates with four school records. Macdonald placed third at nationals in diving this season and Payne qualified for the Olympic trials in two breaststroke events. Russo was one of the team's captains.

swimmer," McGihon said. "He also did about as good a job splitting time between swimming and water polo as a guy could do. He is just a super worker."

Macdonald was the Tritons' premier diver this year, stepping up for the Tritons as he placed third at nationals in the three-meter height and was an All-American. Macdonald is the old-

est man on the Triton team, including the coaches, as he just turned 35.

Russo was a very hard worker for the Tritons this year, and was a Triton team captain. "Ross was really versatile in the freestyle," McGihon said. "He could swim any distance. He was also a great relay swimmer."

Wehde was another versatile

member of the Tritons. He trained as an individual medley swimmer, working on all four strokes, with an emphasis on the backstroke, and was a team captain.

"After training the backstroke this year we asked Kent to concentrate on the breaststroke," McGihon said. "He trained super hard and qualified for nationals, where he placed eighth."

Whalen qualified for the NCAA championships on two relays. McGihon had nothing but praise for Whalen's work ethic.

"Eric epitomizes hard work," McGihon said. "He did absolutely everything he was asked to do and was a huge success for us this year."

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Column:

Style sometimes counts more than substance in sports

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in public, and he rarely yells incessantly after making a world-class shot or winning a big match.

The media has an obligation to write about things that are newsworthy. The public decides what is newsworthy by what it is willing to watch on television or read about. A person winning in a methodical manner without a great deal of flair or taunting is not as exciting as a basketball center blocking a shot 10 rows into the crowd and then screaming like a

dinosaur. Because of this, the public is unknowingly deciding not to be informed about some of the best athletes who do not happen to have the flair that other athletes have.

I feel bad for athletes like Sampras, people with class and integrity who don't boast of their abilities in order to heighten their popularity. Unfortunately, in our world, being a self-promoter and selling yourself is one way of making your way to the top. In an ideal world this wouldn't be true, but this isn't an ideal world.

Until the general public is attracted to and intrigued by quiet winners like Sampras, these ultimate professionals will never be given the respect they deserve.

Swimming:

Effectiveness is more important than style

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The last, but certainly not least, graduating senior for the Tritons is Mark Latronica. He was a standout both in and out of the pool for UCSD. This past year he was the GTE Academic All-American. This award is presented to a Division III athlete for a combination of performance in the classroom and in sports other than football and basketball. Latronica is the only UCSD student ever to win the award.

"I was really surprised to win the award, but honored," Latronica said. Latronica holds four school records

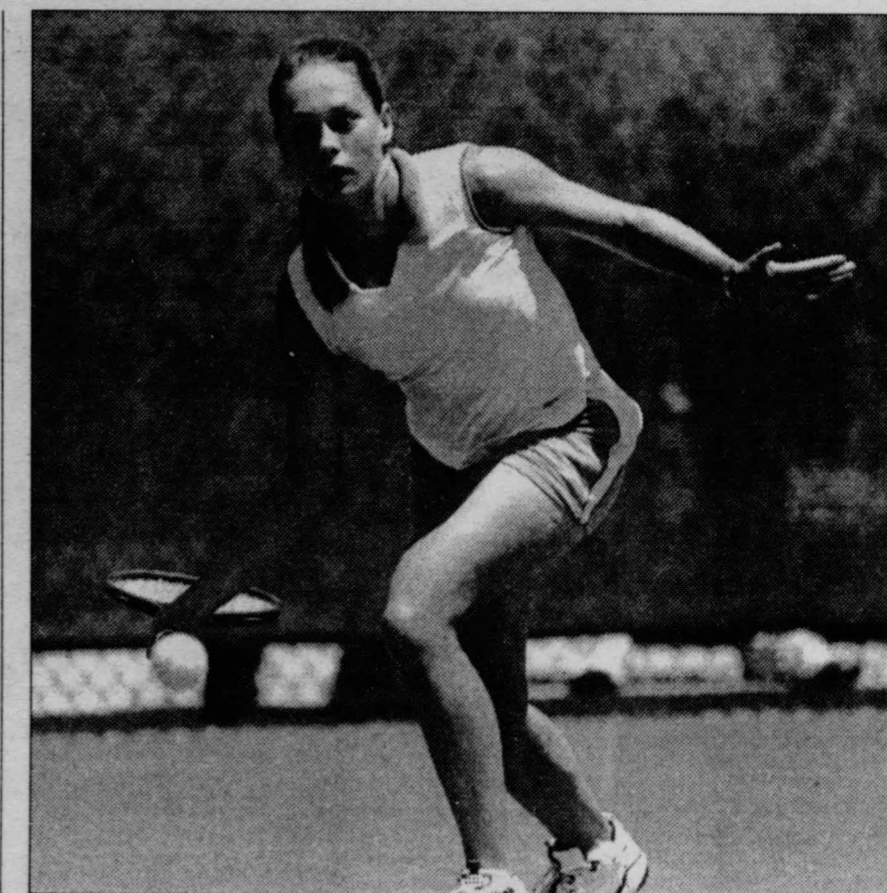
and qualified for the Olympic trials in both the 100-meter butterfly and 100-meter backstroke. In addition, he is the NCAA Division III record holder in the 100-meter backstroke.

"He is just a great worker for us," McGihon said. "He is a great swimmer in both the relays and the individual events."

Every single one of these swimmers deserves a standing ovation for the time and effort he has put in during his years at UCSD.

Irvin S. Cobb, a sports humorist, said it best when he quipped, "As I understand it, sport is hard work for which you do not get paid."

To all the UCSD swimmers and divers, thank you for the hours of work you have put in, and good luck and good times in the future.



David Pitz/Guardian

Salute: Freshman Amy Tranchino tracks down a forehand in a match earlier this season. Tranchino made it to the semifinals of NCAA Nationals before being defeated.

Tennis:

Women's stars go far in NCAA individual

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coach Eric Steidlmayer. "He impressed me when I watched him play and also when he came to practice early every day." Meyer helped the Tritons

have a better season than they did in 1999, despite losing five seniors from that year's squad.

"You are always concerned when you lose five seniors," Steidlmayer said. "I thought that we would be OK with who we had and the people we had coming in. I knew that we had some really talented freshman that would help us." Meyer certainly did that,

and with another impressive squad coming in next season, Steidlmayer should have himself a tough team to beat when the Tritons move up to Division II.

With the jump in competition, winning will definitely be a challenge, but the returning players from this year's men's and women's squads, combined with next year's recruits, should be up to the task.

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Reality Check

The squeaky wheel shouldn't get the oil

By **BILL BURGER**

Tennis is a sport that doesn't get much run in this column or on most sports talk shows in this area. Despite the fact that tennis is the sport in which I specialized in high school, for some reason when it comes time to write "Reality Check," I overlook the topic of tennis and move on to more high-profile sports. I was thinking about this the other day, and I realized I am as bad as most of the sports columnists and commentators whom I bash on a regular basis in this column. With Pete Sampras again losing early in the French Open, I felt this was an opportunity to give the sport and the man the kind of press each deserves.

Despite the fact that some old-time sports fans contest the idea that Pete Sampras is the best tennis player who ever lived, the general consensus is that there has never been a better athlete in the sport. Sampras has amassed the most prize money in the history of tennis and is one of only five Americans to have ever been ranked the No. 1 player in the world. Sampras has also won a record number of Grand Slam events and is almost unbeatable on grass. He is one of only two players to have ever won three straight Wimbledon titles and will likely go down as the most decorated player in the history of tennis' most prestigious event. His accolades make him the Michael Jordan of professional tennis. Despite all his accomplishments, he is usually an afterthought when people talk about dominant figures in sports.

Why is this? Some people may say that Sampras doesn't get the run he deserves because of the sport he plays. Tennis is generally not a hot topic in sports bars. It is rarely on television, and when it is, it doesn't get the kind of ratings other sports get. Despite these facts, I don't think Sampras' lack of press is primarily due to the sport he plays. Tiger Woods plays golf, a sport few watched before he came on the scene. Once he was there, golf experienced a resurgence to popularity levels unseen since Arnold Palmer first came on the stage more than 30 years ago.

Tennis player Andre Agassi is another example of somebody who is immortalized in the press despite playing a sport whose popularity is not as great as baseball or football.

Agassi has upped his level of play in the last couple of years and has become Sampras' primary adversary, but he certainly has not participated with the level of consistency and excellence of Sampras.

Why has Agassi become more of an icon than Sampras and picked up more endorsement deals than his accomplished opponent? The reason is Sampras' image and the way he goes about his business. You never hear about Sampras getting into a bar fight and stabbing somebody in the heat of battle. He doesn't have a different girl on his arm every time he is

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Crew Loses Four Members

Despite a lack of pre-college experience, this group of seniors made great contributions

By **ROBERT FULTON**

Sports Editor

Crew does not get as much attention as other sports. There is no weekly, prime-time game on television like "Monday Night Football," and you will not find a Sunday afternoon double-header like baseball enjoys on cable.

Despite this, crew members are some of the hardest-working athletes around.

Four such athletes are graduating from UCSD this June as Jennifer Green, Paul Dodge, Mark Kern and David Tudory will all be paddling off into the sunset.

"Paul has been a very solid oarsman for four years," said Michael Phillipone, head coach for the men's team. "He's a really good guy and he's done a good job for us. We'll miss him."

Leadership is something any team loses with the departure of a senior. This is one of the attributes Green always provided.

"You look up to upperclassmen as leaders of the team," women's crew Coach Patti Pinkerton said of Green. "She's a perfect example of why we try to get seniors."

Crew is not a big activity at most high schools, so recruiting a boat is difficult.

"For crew, I got a recruitment letter," Dodge said. "I had never seen it and I never gave it much thought. The letter talked about hard work and being a part of a team. I had played sports in high school, but I was never really good at them. I thought of this as a chance to compete in a collegiate-level sport and you did not have to be good at it in high school."

UCSD was lucky when Kern decided to come to school in La Jolla in his junior year.

"Mark was a transfer," Phillipone said. "He came in with a very solid rowing background. He made a great impact."

Kern came from Orange Coast

College, where he raced for two years.

"My brother did it for a while," Kern said. "He did pretty well. It's a pretty competitive sport."

Like Kern, this was Green's first year on the team. Despite the short time she spent with the Tritons her contribution was great.

"She's a junior college transfer," Pinkerton said. "During her junior year she was sick, so during her senior year she gave it a try."

Tudory joined the team after spending time on the water polo and swim teams.

"He's a very good oarsman," Phillipone said. "What he did was exceptional. He had a big impact. His cardiovascular [conditioning] from swimming helped him out."

In Green, there was a combination of exceptional height, attitude and leadership.

"She's a tall girl. Because we are sort of restarting this year, we were aggressive in our recruiting. We wanted tall girls," Pinkerton said.

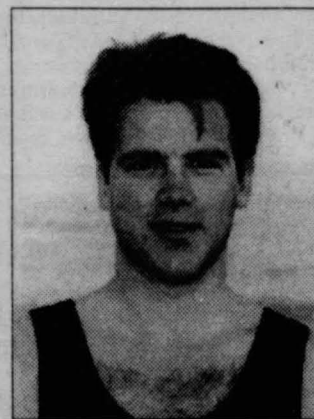
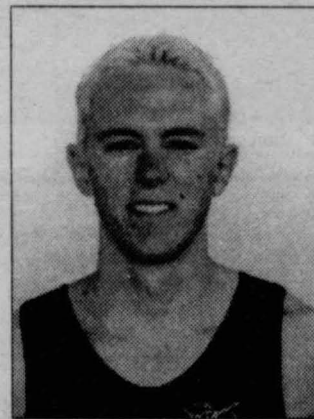
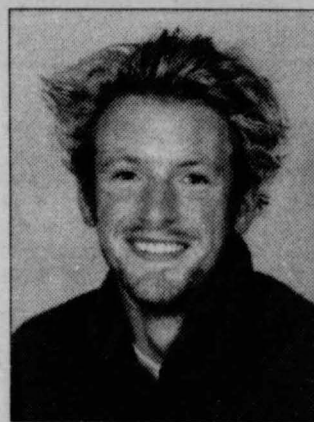
"Without a true varsity, she provided a lot of leadership," he added. "Normally, your varsity would be big enough to lead the team. This year our novice is bigger. Socially, she provided a lot of opportunities."

San Diego draws many people for many reasons.

"I went to high school in Las Vegas," Dodge said. "I was unsure of my career field. I decided that I wanted to go to a large state university. I wanted a school with a number of things going on. The weather is great, it's not too far away from Las Vegas and I have family here."

Most athletes that leave UCSD have officially ended their athletic careers. For members of the team, however, there are a few opportunities after graduation.

"I'd like to row with the San Diego Row Club," Dodge said. "They have different levels. Hopefully I can afford it. That's the only option for rowing in the future. There are alumni boats, but



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Salute: (Clockwise from top) David Tudory, Jennifer Green, Mark Kern and Paul Dodge say goodbye. Coaches Michael Phillipone and Patti Pinkerton will be hard pressed to replace their departing talent.

nothing really serious."

Although most athletes look back at their career as a whole in a positive manner, many athletes feel that their senior year stands out above the rest.

"This year was one of my favorite years of my four years of rowing," Kern said. "We had a fast boat. Michael Phillipone challenged me more than any coach ever has, both physically and mentally. He definitely prepared us for the last race of the season."

Camaraderie was a big part of

the rowing squad.

"A large group of guys had never picked up an oar before," Dodge said. "It was an opportunity to learn something new with people who were in the same boat as me. It was the best decision in my life so far."

Both the men's and women's rowing teams hope to be successful in the future, but they will have to go about it without some fine athletes.

"They all did a great job," Phillipone said. "What they did this year was remarkable."

Tennis Stars Shine at NCAA Nationals

Lyndsey Tadlock, Amy Tranckino and Michael Meyer represent UCSD in individual tournaments

By **BILL BURGER**

Sports Editor

The regular season is over for both men's and women's tennis, but the standouts on both teams were invited to the NCAA Division III National Championships to compete for individual national titles last week. For the women, Amy Tranckino made it to the semifinals in the singles bracket while Tranckino and Lyndsey Tadlock were eliminated in the semifinals of the doubles competition. For the men, Michael Meyer was eliminated in the first round of the singles competition by Sloan Rush, who was the eventual runner-up in the tournament.

In singles competition, second-seed Tranckino won her first two rounds to put her into the quarterfinals. In her first-round matchup, Tranckino had little trouble in the first set against Ellen Anderson of Gustavus Adolphus College. Tranckino broke Anderson's serve three times in the set and rolled to a 6-0 win. The second set was an entirely different story. The two com-

petitors battled for 12 grueling games and when there was still nothing separating them, they played a tie-breaker to decide the winner. The score in the tie-breaker was tied at five before Tranckino won the next two points and the match.

The second round was a dogfight for Tranckino, who played Erin Eggers from Washington and Lee University. The first set was a tightly contested affair with Tranckino emerging the 6-3 victor. The second set was a 180 degree turn from the first. Eggers came out crushing ground strokes and served and blew Tranckino off the court. Eggers took the set 6-0 and sent the match to a third and deciding set.

Under the pressure, Tranckino excelled. Despite being a freshman, Tranckino focused and emerged victorious by a score of 6-2 and, as a result, found herself in the quarterfinals against Karen Lui of the University of Chicago.

Tranckino won the quarterfinal

match 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the semifinals, where she faced Jaime Cohen of Amherst University.

Tranckino had defeated Cohen, the tournament's third-seeded player, in the team competition, but ran into trouble this time around.

Tranckino was dominated in the first set and lost 2-6 before winning the second set 7-5 to set up a winner-take-all third set. The fact that Tranckino had already played five sets that day may have affected her play, because Tranckino faded late and lost the set 4-6 to be eliminated from the tournament.

In the doubles bracket, Tranckino teamed up with Tadlock to form the tournament's third-seeded team. In the first round, the duo defeated Kristin Janese and Kristin Grosso from Cortland State 6-3, 6-2 to gain a birth in the quarterfinals.

Once there, they confronted Meghan and Kristin Donley from Gustavus Adolphus College. The

first set was a whitewash of Triton winners. Tadlock and Tranckino dominated the Donley sisters and won the set 6-1. After losing the second set in a tie-breaker, Tadlock and Tranckino were back to their winning ways, dominating the competition and escaping with a 6-2 third set victory to win the match and advance to the semifinals. Despite losing to Brook Hartzell and Melissa Harley from Washington and Lee University (VA) 6-2, 5-7, 1-6, the duo's performance was truly impressive.

In the men's competition, Meyer had a hard time with Rush, Trinity College's No. 1 singles player. Meyer defeated Rush earlier this season but this time around Rush got the better of him, winning the match 6-4, 6-2. Despite losing the match, Meyer was named the West Rookie Regional Player of the Year. Meyer, only a freshman, led the Tritons this year and amassed an impressive 11-4 record in singles play.

"I knew that he would be a good player," said men's head

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