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## WORLD NEWS

### Skytrain Opens Above Bangkok, but Will Drivers Leave Cars?

BANGKOK, Thailand — It's clean, it's fast, it's punctual and it offers a breathtaking view of some of the world's most spectacular traffic jams.

It is the long-delayed Skytrain, a 16-mile, \$1.7 billion elevated rail system that opened for business Sunday, snaking swiftly above a city that — like so many others in Asia — is strangling on its own traffic.

Called "the train that floats in the air" in Thai, the privately financed rail system is Bangkok's most ambitious attempt so far to confront the near-gridlock that is

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Scientists' Hopes for Response from Mars Lander Fade

PASADENA, Calif. — A critical attempt to communicate with the missing Mars Polar Lander on Sunday brought nothing but more interplanetary silence and the growing fear that the spacecraft and its \$165 million mission are beyond recovery.

For the first time since they failed to hear from the spacecraft after its planned landing on Friday, mission officials and scientists spoke openly and often of the probability that all was lost. They said they were increasingly frustrated because the latest of five attempts by different meth-

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## CORREGE NEWS

### Nazi Group Posts Leaflets on University of Minnesota Bridge

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The National Socialist Movement, a Nazi group posing as a University of Minnesota student organization, posted two letter-sized leaflets on the Washington Avenue Bridge this week. A grainy black-and-white photo on the leaflets depicts an interracial couple walking hand in hand with the bold headline, "Hey, white girl! Race mixing is a crime."

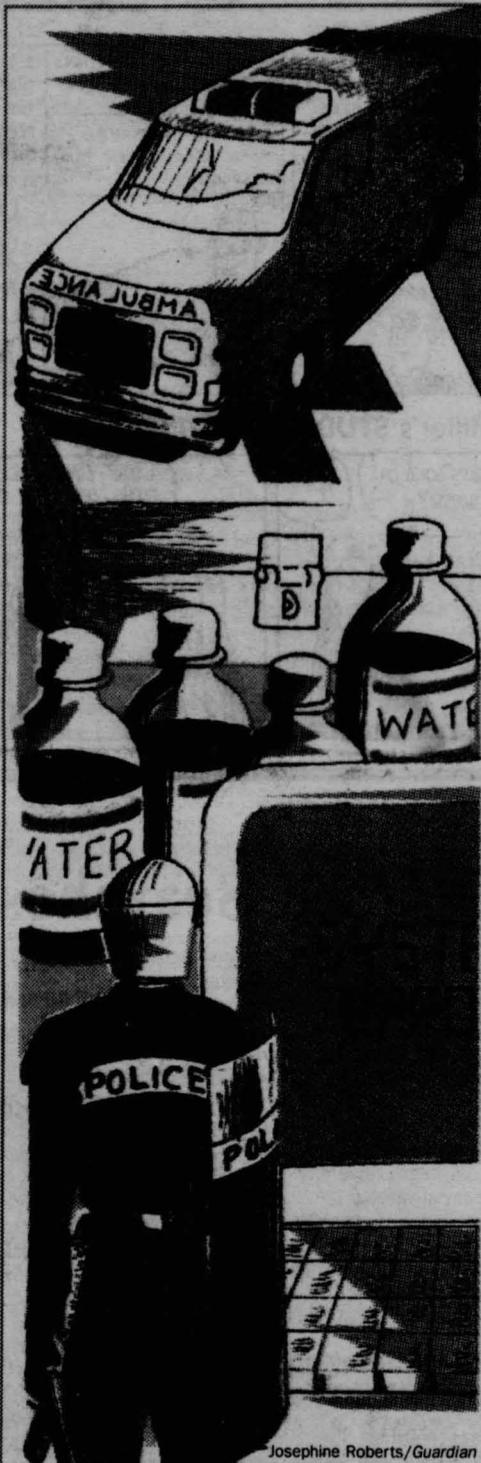
The leaflet implied the student group was a registered campus organization by listing a

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## Spoken ...

"Is this the best C.A.P.E. can do to introduce this distinguished department?"

—Willie C. Brown  
Biology professor  
see story at right



Josephine Roberts/Guardian

## Y2K

On the eve of a new millennium, UCSD appears well prepared for any possible computer glitches

As the new millennium draws near, the students and staff of UCSD have become increasingly confident that problems regarding Y2K will be as harmless as a little bug.

"At this point we are not aware of any serious Y2K problems at UCSD," said Assistant Vice Chancellor of Administrative and Telecommunications Elazar Harel, who is in charge of all Y2K-related problems. "All major systems were evaluated, modified when necessary, and tested successfully."

Y2K is a computer-based problem that is caused by computers only being able to read the last two digits of the year when determining the date. For example, on Jan. 1, the computer will interpret the date as 01/01/00 instead of 01/01/2000. Due to certain computers' two-digit-year format, Jan. 1, 2000 could be interpreted as January 1, 1900.

As a result of this misinterpretation of the year, some computers will not be able to distinguish the difference between 1800, 1900, and 2000.

Other problems might arise because 2000 is a leap year, while 1900 was not. The day of the week for March 1, 2000 could be interpreted as Tuesday instead of the Wednesday it is supposed to be, and Feb. 29, 2000 might be lost.

Despite the possibilities for disaster, staff members believe that UCSD will be safe.

"I think outside the university there may be some problems, but we are very prepared here at school," said Muir Residential Life

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STORY BY MATT SCHRADER,  
GUARDIAN REPORTER

## Professor Refuses C.A.P.E.

OBJECTIONS: Brown says 'Off the Wall' section is too vulgar

By LAUREN I. COARTNEY

Staff Writer

Biology professor Willie C. Brown says he refuses to be evaluated by Course and Professor Evaluations (C.A.P.E.), citing its vulgarity and raising questions about the content student-run publication.

C.A.P.E. is published annually during winter quarter registration with a cover price of \$2. It publishes student opinions about courses, professors and teaching assistants. Sections are organized by department and are interjected with comment forums titled "Off the Wall," which contain the more outrageous student responses and drawings.

Brown said his objections can be summed up in four major points.

Brown's first point centers around the objectives of C.A.P.E. He said the publication should serve three populations on campus: the students, who use C.A.P.E. as a mode of expression and as an invaluable supplement to class scheduling; the professors, by providing them with feedback that they can freely access any time after final grades are distributed; and administrators, who use C.A.P.E. to gauge the caliber of UCSD's academic environment from a student's perspective and aids them in determining the quality demonstrated by potential faculty members.

Brown said that C.A.P.E. is

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## Equal Opportunity Award Winners Announced

DIVERSITY: Chancellor Dynes will honor 18 individuals and campus departments in annual program

By MELODY GONZALEZ

Senior Staff Writer

The 1999 Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity Award recipients were announced on Wednesday. In an attempt to encourage and enhance the administrative and institutional diversity of UCSD, 18 individuals and campus departments will be recognized for their efforts to promote the diversity of UCSD's work force during the past year.

The annual awards program is presided over by Chancellor Robert Dynes and coordinated by Paula Doss, director of human resources for equal opportunity/staff affirmative action.

Awards were determined by one of two selection processes. The recipients of the Campus-Wide Nomination Awards were initially nominated by members of the UCSD community. Students and staff were called upon to nominate and endorse individuals or groups of people which, according to the nomination criteria, "have demonstrated competence in support of the university's equal opportunity and affirmative action objectives by making significant contributions to UCSD."

The award winners each made contributions in one or more of the following areas: valuing diversity, managing the dynamics of difference, assessing oneUs culture, institutionalizing diversity and/or

adapting to diversity. Each vice chancellor selected one representative from his or her unit to serve on the nominations review panel, which selected the winners after reviewing the nominations and endorsements submitted by members of the UCSD community.

Dynes will present the 1999 Campus-Wide Nomination Awards to the following individuals and departments: Revelle Dean Renee Barnett-Terry; Chairs of Staff Associations; Lupe J. Cook, administrator for the Joint Institute for Marine Observation; Diversity Education Training Team; Environment, Health and Safety Department; Preuss School Start Up Team; Chief Associate

Professor of Pediatrics Abraham Rothman; Director of Physical Plant Services Mort Shayegan; Director of the Office of Contracts and Grants Delia H. Talamantez; and the UCSD Cancer Center Community Outreach Department.

The second category of awardees was determined by UCSD's vice chancellors. Each vice chancellor was assigned the task of honoring an individual or group within his or her unit that exhibited support or contributed to work place diversity.

The recipients of this award category include: Graduate School of International Relations

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### C.A.P.E.:

Editor says book serves students

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contradicting its purposes by focusing on the negative and outrageous comments it receives.

"If students are evaluating courses and their opinions are going to be read by others, then I think it's important that it be as constructive as possible because they are affecting someone else's choices," Brown said.

"If professors are being evaluated based on these comments, if the comments are inaccurate or misplaced, how will the professor know how to improve? He might be evaluated by his department with comments that are colored or slanted."

Brown also questioned the authenticity of the remarks.

"One wonders how that many students came up with the same expression," he said. "Somebody, an editor or what have you, must have coached the responses. It raises some questions as to whether the comments are genuine. It definitely misrepresents the classes."

C.A.P.E. Director Jeremy Gray, who is also an employee of the Guardian, said that C.A.P.E. has a right to edit student comments.

"C.A.P.E. has a literary license," Gray said. "The editors are free to play with the concept of a response. If you had 14 people say that the class was excellent, the editor has the ability to say that 14 people said it was better than seeing the Beatles play

live or something like that. As long as it captures the essence of the exact words that were used, they're allowed to do that."

Brown's second point is based upon his concern over the source of C.A.P.E.'s funding, the Instructional Improvement Grant.

C.A.P.E. receives approximately \$90,000 annually from a government grant that is given to UCSD and usually allocated toward teaching assistant training, U.S. Grants one-unit seminars and course and professor evaluation.

"I have to look at C.A.P.E.'s objectives because I was on the Instructional Improvement Committee for several years and I recall that every year we were really hampered in our ability to provide funding for C.A.P.E.," Brown said. "The whole idea behind the committee is to improve the quality of instruction at UCSD."

Gray said he disagrees. "C.A.P.E. is for the students," Gray said. "We're funded by the government, not the A.S. or the faculty. All the money is used to constructively evaluate the courses and the professors by the students for the students."

Revelle Provost and Instructional Committee member Thomas Bond said there is a possibility that an escalation of complaints could lead to the withdrawal of C.A.P.E.'s funding.

"Yeah, it could happen," Bond said. "But it's not going to come from the students. Yes, C.A.P.E. is independent from the adminis-

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### LEX

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)



### Adam Miller's STUDENT GHETTO



### BRIEFLY ...

## UC Merced Searches for Mascot

The University of California's 10th campus is asking students in kindergarten through ninth-grade for ideas for the school's mascot. The contest, whose prize is a four-year scholarship to UC Merced, ends Feb. 29.

"Over the next three months, we are hoping to hear from prospective students at UC Merced about the mascot they would most like to represent their campus," said Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, chancellor of UC Merced. She said she expects mascot ideas that reflect the heritage, diversity and interests of California's Central Valley.

The winning mascot suggestion will be chosen in May of 2000.

Entry forms are available online at <http://www.ucop.edu/ucmerced>. For more information, call Ron Goble at (209) 724-0516.

## UCSD Bioengineering Professor Receives Packard Fellowship

For her research on liver tissue engineering, Assistant Professor of Bioengineering Sangeeta Bhatia was awarded the 1999 Fellowship for Science and Engineering from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. She will receive \$625,000 over five years. Twenty-three other young researchers in the nation were awarded the fellowship this year.

Bhatia said she is motivated by the fact that there are no treatments other than organ transplants for liver failure. She said she will use the fellowship money to develop additional tools that will help to understand liver function and to engineer replacement liver tissue.

A graduate of Harvard Medical School, Bhatia has been part of UCSD since 1998. She is the faculty advisor for the Society of Women Engineers student group.

The Packard Foundation was created in 1964 by co-founder of the Hewlett-Packard Company, David Packard and his wife Lucile Salter Packard. The fellowship is designed to further the work of promising young scientists, promote networking among researchers and encourage researchers into university careers.

## UCSD Theatre and Dance Presents 'The Birthday Party'

The Department of Theatre and Dance presents "The Birthday Party," a play by Harold Pinter, directed by MFA candidate Jonathan Silverstein and featuring a cast of graduate student actors. The play begins Wednesday and continues through Sunday.

The play begins on a day most like any other, the landlady makes tea while her husband tends peas in the garden. Lulu, the girl next door asks Stanley Webber to shave. When two men in suits show up to the seaside boarding house looking for Webber, the story takes a turn. Suddenly, everyone is throwing Webber a birthday party even though it isn't his birthday. Pinter directs a story that jumps from music-hall comedy to crime-thriller suspense to absurdist nightmare.

Pinter has directed plays for over 40 years and has authored two screenplays. This is his fourth production at UCSD.

Show time for Dec. 8-11 is 8 p.m. Show time on Sunday, Dec. 12, is 7 p.m. General admission is \$12, UCSD affiliates are \$10, and students are \$6. For more information, contact the Mandell Weiss Forum box office at 534-4574.

## Volunteer Connection and Staff Association Sponsor Toy Drive

The Volunteer Connection and UCSD Staff Association are asking for donations of toys and food for their annual co-sponsored "Holiday Toy and Food Drive." Donations can be dropped off at the cardboard "toy" boxes and brown "food" bins around campus or at the Volunteer Connection office on the second floor of the Price Center.

The groups hope to involve the entire UCSD community in making the holidays special for needy children.

On Dec. 15, the toys will be delivered to the UCSD Pediatrics Unit, and the food will be donated to the San Diego Food Bank.

For more information, call the Volunteer Connection office at 524-1414.

### ERRATA ...

In the December 2 article titled "Fencing Slices Past Cal State Fullerton," Jeanette Wenzel was misidentified as having a 5-1 record. Jessica Frupp had the record.

## 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.vcba.ucsd.edu/police>

the theft of a grey bicycle from outside Tioga Hall. Loss: \$100.

### Tuesday, Nov. 30

**1:50 a.m.:** A student reported a burglary to a silver '98 Honda Civic in Lot 506. Loss: \$402.

**4:40 p.m.:** A staff member reported a forgery at the UCSD Bookstore that occurred on October 1. Loss: \$531.

**9:00 p.m.:** A student reported a burglary to a silver '00 Honda Civic in Lot 510. Loss: \$58.

### Wednesday, Dec. 1

**12:12 a.m.:** Officers arrested a 30-year-old male non-affiliate on Torrey Pines Scenic Drive with a misdemeanor warrant for battery. Booked into Central Jail with bail set at \$500.

**12:48 p.m.:** A student reported the theft of a surfboard from the second floor of Tenaya Hall. Loss: \$100.

**2:06 p.m.:** A staff member reported the theft of a computer from the Thornton Hospital emergency room. Loss: \$1,660.

**4:34 p.m.:** A student reported a burglary to a silver '98 Honda Civic in Lot 357. Loss: \$3,750.

**7:50 p.m.:** An 18-year-old student suffered a laceration to the head while exiting a campus shuttle on Scholars' Drive South at Pacific Hall. Sought private treatment.

### Friday, Dec. 3

**11:19 p.m.:** Officers detained a 19-year-old non-affiliate outside Earl's Place for being drunk in public. Transported to detox.

### Saturday, Dec. 4

**3:21 a.m.:** Officers detained an 18-year-old non-affiliate on Voigt Drive for being drunk in public. Transported to detox.

**4:56 a.m.:** Officers detained an 18-year-old student outside Marshall 'K' building for being drunk in public. Transported to detox.

**10:25 a.m.:** A student reported the theft of a wallet from the third floor of CMM East. Loss: \$85.

**1:45 p.m.:** A student reported the theft of a laptop computer from the sixth floor of Tenaya Hall. Loss: \$3,000.

—Compiled by Vincent Gagnani  
News Editor

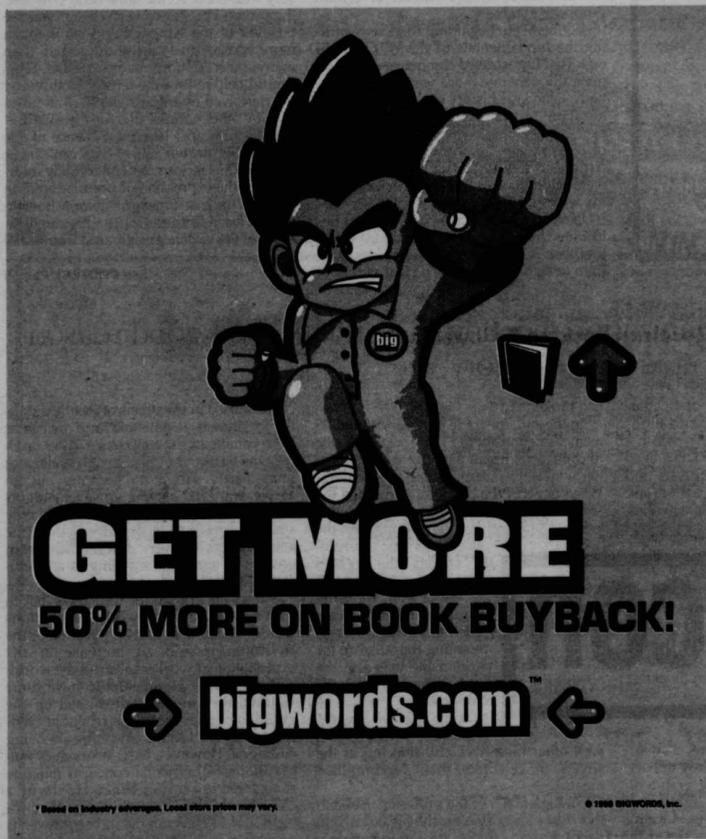
## AWARDS: Ceremony will be held Tuesday

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and Pacific Studies, presented by Academic Affairs Vice Chancellor Marsha Chandler; Donald Larson, presented by Business Affairs Vice Chancellor Steven Relyea; Marlene D. Shaver, presented by External Relations Vice Chancellor James Langley; Ann Briggs Addo, presented by

Resource Management and Planning Vice Chancellor John Woods; Lydia Ikeda, presented by Interim Health Sciences Vice Chancellor David Bailey; Stephen J. Lopez, presented by Interim Vice Chancellor David Bailey, for the Health Sciences unit; Andrew G. Dickson, presented by Marine Sciences Vice Chancellor Charles Kennel; and the Office of Admissions and Outreach, presented by Student Affairs Vice Chancellor Joseph Watson. The Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity

Awards help create an environment conducive to working and learning, and will facilitate a movement toward furthering diversity on campus. The intent of this program is to recognize those individuals and groups that support, and attempt to fulfill, some goals listed under UCSD's Principles of Community. The 1999 Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity Awards Ceremony will be held Tuesday at the Institute of the Americas from 2p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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# OPINION

## Protesting AGAINST THE WTO



Maysha Mohamedi/Guardian

### Protesters challenge inadequate economic policies and assert influence over the WTO

By **SIMONE SANTINI**  
Staff Writer

What went wrong in Seattle? How could the World Trade Organization, an organization that usually operates out of the public spotlight, cause scenes reminiscent of the politically tumultuous '60s rather than of the subdued, market-oriented, conservative '90s?

The Seattle demonstrations have of many fathers, but most of the causes can somehow be linked to concerns caused by the unregulated, relentless growth of global commerce and by the power bestowed on corporate entities beyond the control of government.

While few expected a massive uproar, it was easy to predict that the meeting was going to be tough. Conflict was expected on a number of agricultural issues: the acceptability of genetically modified food, the debate over government subsidies and on labor issues, and ending child labor and substandard wages in developing countries.

Conflict on antitrust regulation was also expected — with Europe favoring strong antitrust and anti-dumping policies and the United States taking a more deregulatory position on the protection of local cultures and, most of all, on health and the environment.

In the past few years, all the countries that favor environmentally friendly food (as agreed in the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro) have incurred the wrath of the WTO for "anti-market" practices. Likewise, the decision by the European Union to ban imports of American beef (beef with added hormones is prohibited by European health regulations) resulted in the WTO authorizing the United States to raise tariffs by up to 100 percent on the import of certain European goods.

Doubts were beginning to arise regarding the fundamentals of the WTO's policies: That unrestricted commerce will automatically generate more wealth for everybody. Economic history suggests that liberalization favors strong countries at the expense of the weak, as proved by the fate of countries in the former Soviet Union, Africa and South America that accepted (or were forced to accept) a free market economy without adequate preparation.

Even in economically healthy countries like the United States there is unrest about the poor distribution of wealth resulting from deregulation. While certain sectors of

society are amassing large fortunes using cheap third-world labor, manufacturing jobs are being lost and the lower middle class is slowly slipping into poverty.

There is no lack of controversy within or around the WTO — a number of international organizations oppose its policies. What nobody expected was that the American public — widely regarded as satisfied and complacent — would be interested and vocal.

The spectrum of the demonstrators was varied. The labor unions worried about the loss of American jobs and environmentalists worried about the clash between the interests of commerce. Even conservatives like Pat Buchanan protest the WTO.

In the Babel of motives and political factions there is a message beyond the cacophony of corporate advertising. In an age when only powerful financial interests can afford the airtime to speak out and when elections are won by the candidate who spends the most money, the common people are trying again to be heard. It is unfortunate that the sensationalist and superficial media has made it necessary to disrupt an international meeting in order to do so.

A loud and colorful demonstration may seem outdated in this decade, but there are several aspects of the WTO

demonstration that deserve admiration. In this period of great corporate influence, it is reassuring that large political grassroots movements are still possible.

Many newspapers around the world have reported that the presence of the protesters represented a resounding defeat for the U.S. delegation, but I disagree with this sentiment. True, the position of the U.S. government will end up being considerably weakened. At the same time, however, the protest has shown very clearly that the position of the American public is much more varied and well-thought-out than many other nations had expected. This should help relieve the tensions caused by the perceived overbearing American influence by other nations all over the world.

The form and level of violence of the protest has drawn much criticism. These concerns are serious, and everybody interested in the expression of popular opinion through the instrument of demonstrations should listen to these critics very carefully. Most of the violence originated from small

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### The protesters at the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle lacked good reasoning are an embarrassing chapter in United States history

By **THEODORE DOKKO**  
Staff Writer

As the clock struck 12 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on the morning of Dec. 4, the city of Seattle, Wash. let out a collective sigh of relief. The World Trade Organization (WTO) had finished its meetings earlier in the day and the dawn-to-dusk curfew was lifted. The week-long nightmare had finally ended. As the dust finally began to settle, one hundreds had been arrested, stores had been looted and the city was trashed. A week with so much promise for Seattleites was turned into a week of embarrassment and shame.

30,000 protesters hit the streets of Seattle at the start of the conference meetings on Nov. 30. Protesters gathered from across the nation into the Emerald City to argue against what they saw as negative effects of trade such as low wages, poor working conditions and environmental concerns. Seattle had prided itself in being able to host civil discussions about highly contentious issues.

Many of the groups that came, such as

the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) came to present their case in a lawful and orderly manner. They even informed police about the protests and marches that were going to take place and pledged to be peaceful in their activities. Unfortunately, there were other protesters who felt that a peaceful protest was not enough. They had to physically harass and taunt the foreign dignitaries who came from across the world to the event. As police tried to guarantee access to the convention center for the different trade ministers and their entourages, the protesters became more and more violent. Militant factions started to destroy the city, vandalizing the shops, painting graffiti on the walls with obscenities and lighting up dumpsters throughout the city. Inciting more and more fervor within the mob, some mob members began looting. A riot



had broken out. In the end, the trade ministers of the 135 member nations of the WTO were not able to come up with an agreement as to starting a new round of global negotiations. When news of the breakdown reached the streets of Seattle, many of the protesters credited themselves for putting up the roadblocks that ultimately stalled the WTO's meeting.

"We've won. We really disrupted it," said Tracy Katelman, who was representing the Alliance for Sustainable Jobs and the Environment. "I think the corporations will be shaking in their boots."

Protesters started giving each other high-fives and dancing in the streets to celebrate their "accomplishments."

Though many of the protesters feel that they were the reason for the breakdown in negotiations, they are unfortunately deceiving themselves. The havoc and

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### PROTEST: Seattle Police mishandled the protest

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groups and the majority of the protesters were substantially civilized and pacific. Nonetheless, we should renew our commitment to limit these outbreaks of violence.

The presence of small pockets of violence is unfortunately common in large demonstrations, and it is a delicate task for the police to isolate violent individuals without interfering other protesters' civil right to voice dissent. From this point of view, the Seattle police failed miserably.

At first the police largely underestimated the size of the demonstration, sending little more than 1,000 officers to contain and direct the crowd. When violence started, the police were unable to control the situation and resorted to a hysterical reaction that has been criticized by police departments around the country. The use of tear gas and rubber bullets is an extreme measure that is absolutely unjustified under the circumstances.

The curfew and the presence of National Guard troops gave the intervention an aura of "normalization" not worthy of a democratic country. Such a lack of preparation is inexcusable, given that the demonstration were certainly not a spontaneous occurrence. Groups opposing WTO policies have been preparing for several months and it is difficult to imagine how the police could have been unaware of the potential uprising. In its defense, Seattle is not a city

used to such demonstrations. Had the meeting been held in Washington, D.C. or New York, it is likely that the police would have been better prepared and the worst incidents of violence and repression would have been avoided.

More than anything else, this demonstration has shown a change in people's attitudes toward economic policy. In 1968 protesters marched in Washington demanding political changes. In 1999 protesters seem very skeptical about politics, but they still march in large numbers at a meeting of an international economic function. This shift is indicative of the tremendous transfer of power from politics to economy that has taken place over the last 30 years. Today, significant decisions about our lives are made in Atlanta, Tokyo, London and in every city where large organizations with international interests meet.

Unfortunately, our government has not followed the same evolutionary path. While we have a constitution and laws to protect us from abuses of political power, we don't have any similar mechanism to protect us from abuses of economic power. The creation of such mechanisms will be a long and painful process, just as political revolutions are, because it will go against the interests of a powerful minority. In addition, our cultural bias is that economic freedom is necessary to protect us from political oppression. But times have changed, and it might be time to start using our political freedom to protect us from economic oppression. It is comforting to know that the protesters in Seattle understood this.

### Treaty Needs U.S. Support

COMMENTARY: Nations vow to protect children

By **DIVYA RUNCHAL**  
Staff Writer

Last November marked the 10th anniversary of the "Convention on the Rights of the Child" treaty which has the goals to improve education, health care and provide better living conditions for children. There was little reason for anyone to celebrate. Although the treaty has been formally ratified by 191 countries and adopted unanimously by the United Nations, two nations still stand in its way: Somalia and the United States.

These countries' opposition to the treaty have resulted in a stand-still in the movement for the human rights of children who suffer daily from the effects of war, inadequate protection from disease and lack of food. More than 50 nations have chosen to amend their constitutions so that these abuses of the past will not be as likely to occur in the future.

One such nation is the Philippines, which has enacted laws that protect children from sexual predators. Others, including Afghanistan, Sierra Leone and the Sudan have implemented "days of tranquility" upon which opposition groups cease fire so that millions of children can be immunized from disease.

Although the United States signed the treaty in 1995, conservative leader Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) opposed the treaty, saying that it is an "insane interpretation of international law." However, Denesha Reid, director of public policy at Concerned Women for America in Washington, argues that it

"gives children unlimited rights, such as freedom of expression. It's also against abuse of children and, while we're opposed to abuse, what is abuse? Does that include spanking a child? A family should be able to discipline a child as it sees fit."

This assertion is preposterous, given that the treaty's actual wording states that "no child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment."

Many would argue that spanking a child once or twice is not indicative of torturous punishment. It is a sad day when the United States turns a blind eye to the plight of poor and impoverished children in other nations, because the United States has so much political clout. Politicians like President Clinton, who is fearful of the conservative backlash that may result if he submits the treaty to the Senate, have chosen not to listen to his conscience, but rather to their public policy advisors.

When 191 nations many of which have never agreed on other issues agree to sign a treaty aimed at protecting the rights of innocent children who live in war-torn areas and suffer decrepit living conditions, this is a clear sign that there is a cause worthy of bringing political enemies together.

The time has come for the United States to support the global child rights treaty and help save millions of disadvantaged children around the world from illiteracy, disease and death. It is time for someone in this nation to stand up and tell our leaders that we must ratify this treaty.

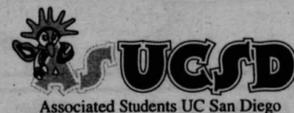
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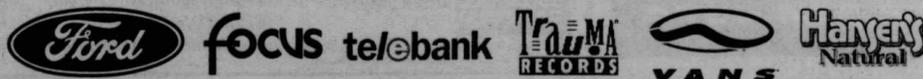
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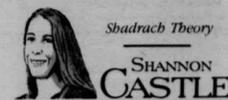
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# Treat Y2K As 1999 Plus One Year

## COMMENTARY: New Year's Day is logically nothing special



If I hear the word "millennium" one more time, I'm going to scream. I promise. And, I don't mean "scream" in that hyper, happy, junior high kind of way. I'm going to be very, very annoyed.

I honestly don't understand the importance that the world, most notably America (as usual), has placed on the celebration of the new millennium or even the new year for that matter. Leaving the Y2K issue entirely out of the question, I'd like to ask one thing: How is life on Jan. 1, 2000 going to be any different from life on Dec. 31, 1999? Is it going to be better? What exactly will we be celebrating?

Most other national celebrations have a point, even if those purposes have been totally lost. Christmas and Easter both sprang from a mix of Christian and pagan religious celebrations. The Jewish and Muslim annual holidays, while they haven't been entirely captured by secular America, also have religious significance. Thanksgiving is for, well ... giving thanks, and President's Day in February gives us some time off from work or school.

New Year's Day, on the other hand, celebrates the passage of another year. I don't know why we don't do this all the time. It's

been a whole year since Dec. 6, 1998. Why not celebrate now? The fact is that we plan our celebration around a calendar that was fairly arbitrarily designed. We're all smart people, so we all know what B.C. and A.D. stand for, right? I'll spell it out for all of you non-Revelians: Before Christ, and Anno Domini, the "Year of our Lord." That's right, folks, according to the calendar, the celebration of the new millennium

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um is actually just a big birthday party for Jesus Christ. He'll be turning 2,000.

You can look at this from two perspectives. If you're a Christian, celebrating Jesus' 2,000th probably isn't a big deal. In theory, you should be celebrating Jesus' birth all the time, not just one day a year. For the rest of you, the birthday bash should have absolutely no significance. Why base your celebration schedule around the birth of a random stranger that died quite a while ago?

Even for those who think New Year's Eve celebrations are simply a randomly assigned opportunity to reflect on the old

year and to make a "fresh start," the holiday is a self-deception. The stroke of midnight does not magically erase all the problems of the past year, nor does it make you less inclined to create problems for the next year. Last year, I had a great time at a party on New Year's Eve, but woke up the next morning to find that the celebration hadn't eliminated my ex-boyfriend, hadn't paid my Christmas bills and hadn't even inspired me to do anything about my grades. It's a great excuse for a party, as long as you forget that you're not really celebrating anything.

The "millennium" new year is being given even more attention than past new year celebrations due to all kinds of spiritual significance that people have chosen to place on the number 2,000. I have one question for them: If some deity is going to put an end to the world, do you really think it's going to be according to some stupid calendar that we made up? No offense, people, but I really think that God has his own plans and is not going to be convinced to do everything on our schedule. So give up the doomsday approach already. You're going to look pretty stupid on Jan. 1 when we're all still around, earth included.

That said, I'll leave you all to the pointless planning of your New Year's Eve bashes. I'm off to make the final preparations for my Dec. 7 party. It's going to be a blast. After all, it's been a whole 2000 years since 24 days B.C.

# RIOT: WTO support will help poor workers

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very simple — survival. In addition, the effects of globalization through the efforts of the WTO are beneficial to the environment.

There are cases in which the people of areas such as Southeast Asia and Central America, which have nothing to do with the WTO, commit the worst environmental pillaging of natural resources. With organizations such as the WTO, national actions are put under the international investigation, and the treatment of the environment is one of those details that is carefully examined.

Some protesters will say that workers of the world are being exploited by multinational corporations. The workers are laboring in horrible conditions while being paid very low wages. No one disputes these facts. However, the solution to this problem once again is globalization.

The basis of capitalism, found in Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*, is specialization. When a nation can produce a certain good with more efficiency and with lower costs than another, it is obvious that nations should specialize and trade with each other. The end result is beneficial to both nations and to the rest of the society.

Many will point to the overworked, badly treated and underpaid worker in a third world nation as a victim of globalization. However, that worker would be even poorer without

the job that he/she has provided by that multinational corporation. The choice to work is merely the lesser of two evils. In addition, as people are able to sustain themselves economically they can begin to demand better wages and better conditions.

The strength of local groups demanding better treatment is at an all-time high and still growing. The United States is an excellent example of a nation that has sought to treat its workers better once everyone was able to put food on the table and clothes on their backs.

Globalization is a good thing for the citizens of the United States and also for the people of the rest of the world. Of the four major candidates for president of the United States, Gov. George W. Bush, Senator John McCain, Vice President Al Gore and Senator Bill Bradley, all agree on this premise: To see such agreement across such a wide political spectrum speaks volumes to the benefits of globalization and organizations such as the WTO.

As the WTO conference has ended, we as a nation can close one embarrassing and shameful chapter in our history. Sadly, unruly and irresponsible protesters brought a degree of contempt to the city of Seattle in the eyes of international observers.

Those who were civil in their protests should be commended for their dignity. Although they failed to see benefits of globalization that lead to improvement of living conditions across the world, protection of the environment and economic prosperity that has never been seen before, they brought up their own issues of concern to the public eye.

# C.A.P.E.: Gray says current issue is less vulgar

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tration, but [it has] to go to the administration for [its] money. Nobody remembers, but one of the things the grant money is mandated for is student evaluation of the curriculum and I think that C.A.P.E. is the best use of that money."

Brown draws upon UCSD's principles of community to emphasize his third objection. He states that the university promotes expression within the bonds of "courtesy, sensitivity, confidentiality and respect" in an atmosphere free of "abusive or demeaning treatment."

Brown said that some of C.A.P.E.'s content is not appropriate.

"There seems to be a fixation on sexually oriented expression," Brown said. "Either graphic or written, it's inappropriate to C.A.P.E.'s so-called purpose. It is totally irrelevant to anything. My question is: How does it improve teaching, how does it fit in with the stated principles of community? Some of it even seems gender biased."

Brown said that this is the first year he read the book cover to cover.

"I never really paid that much attention to it before," Brown said. "It was brought to my attention by a colleague who

said, 'Hey, take a look at this and see what you think.' I was horrified at what I saw. I want to raise the conscience of the campus community to what's going on."

Gray expressed surprise at the recent criticism their publication has received.

"You can look at any issue of C.A.P.E.; [the 'Off the Wall' section] has always been there," Gray said. "I'm curious as to why this has become an issue so suddenly. Each 'Off the Wall' comment is voted in by the staff; we go with anything that is outrageous or makes us laugh. We have an equal number of guys and girls working on the staff so there is no sex discrimination. We don't do it to sell C.A.P.E., it's just been a tradition since about 1982."

Gray said that the current issue is less vulgar than its predecessors.

"Normally, we don't include the really obscene stuff, but last year's director just threw some in at the last minute before he left," Gray said.

Bond said he disagrees with some of C.A.P.E.'s content and compared some of it to the *Koala*.

"What I do object to is what I call 'Koala-level pornography,'" said Bond, who said he thinks C.A.P.E. is great except for its questionable material. "I don't object to it in the *Koala*. I don't have to read *Koala* any more than I have to read Hustler, but I do have to read C.A.P.E. I'm a big believer in the First Amendment,

but I would like to see 'Off the Wall' removed." Comments such as "Exams were as easy as Snow White at a Dwarf convention" form the basis of Brown's fourth and final objection. He calls these "insensitive remarks."

"Biology is the largest department on campus and has an enviable reputation for its teaching and contributions to biomedical science," Brown said, holding up a cartoon featuring orally ingested sperm. "Is this the best C.A.P.E. can do to introduce this distinguished department?"

Gray said that C.A.P.E. is not obligated to portray UCSD in a favorable light.

"We are a service to the students, not the biology department," Gray said. "We're a student-run organization. What would happen if someone else was running it, like the A.S.? You might not be getting the most fair or honest results. Students feel safe in giving their opinions [to us]."

According to Gray, C.A.P.E. is run by a different director every year and is often at the mercy of the current director's preferences. Gray said he would like to tone C.A.P.E. down this year but stresses the need for the publication to retain the interest of the students at the same time.

"A part of me would like to just put out the most straightforward issue ever, but that's not our book anymore, it's the faculty's book," Gray said. "However, we are willing to listen to departments and their ideas."

# Y2K: Harel expects a few minor problems

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Advisor Pat Danylyshyn-Adams. "I am comfortable where we are."

However, because some of the school's computers are based on the two-digit-year format, Harel does not doubt that some problems, although minor, might occur.

"Although we don't expect any major problems, we would not be surprised if minor Y2K-related problems will surface," he said.

Harel said his confidence regarding Y2K and UCSD stems from the Y2K Advisory Committee that was formed last year.

"Although UCSD has not encountered much in the way of problems, if no action would have been taken, some problems would have definitely occurred," he said.

The advisory committee, composed of 15 members from 13 different groups that Harel works with as vice chancellor, has already set up a school Y2K Web site and planned several Y2K alert messages, as well as tested all systems looking for computer incompatibility.

Harel said that all student systems, financial systems, payroll systems and utility systems have been checked and will now run properly into next year.

At the UCSD Medical Center proper precautions have been taken as well to ensure an easy transition into the new year.

"We have replaced lots of equipment [at the hospital]," clin-

ical engineering Senior Electronic Technician Rick Rambo said. "Some equipment has the ability to roll over to 2000 but it needs to be reset after the new year."

Rambo said that bio-technicians will be at the hospital on Jan. 1 to reset the date and time functions on any equipment that needs to be rolled over.

With all the precautions taken to ensure safety at the hospital, Rambo is confident that the lives of the patients staying there on Jan. 1 will not be in danger.

"We don't expect any patients to have any extra problems due to Y2K," he said. "All the problems have been remedied."

The lack of urgency at the university and at the hospital has caused many to believe that problems surrounding Y2K on campus will be less serious than some have anticipated.

"I think if anything it will be a slow fizzle rather than a big explosion," said graduate student Andrew Patton. "But we should watch Sydney because they will be getting it first."

However, according to Rambo, this heightened concern over matters regarding Y2K has had some positive effects here on campus. The increase in anxiety has led to the school taking more precautions to ensure its safety.

"The hype surrounding Y2K made an awareness that something had to be done," Rambo said. "Because of that, there will be no impact at all or [it will be] very minor."

As an indication of this increased awareness, the university has been preparing for Y2K since the beginning of 1996, run-

ning tests with all the local utility companies that supply the school with electricity and water.

According to Harel, each of these companies has successfully tested their systems and no problems have occurred.

"At this point we believe that the campus is ready for Y2K," Harel said. "We are finalizing plans for the actual New Year weekend in terms of staff presence on campus, emergency preparedness, et cetera. We will be performing a lot of tests on Dec. 31 and throughout that weekend to ensure everything is operating well."

In addition, the police department will have 12 officers on duty at all times on Dec. 31 in case of any emergency.

Regardless, Assistant Police Chief Jay Dire said he is not worried about possible problems. "From the law enforcement standpoint, there shouldn't be any problems at all," Dire said. "New-Year's Eve is not typically popular on campus."

Most students that live on campus will not be at school on Dec. 31 as all the residence halls will be locked on Dec. 19 and won't open again until Jan. 9.

Along with this policy, the school decided several years ago that the winter quarter in the year 2000 would start a week later to make sure any Y2K-related problems could be resolved.

"This is the latest we have ever started school since I have been here," Danylyshyn-Adams said. "But we wanted to pad the traveling time for students during the break just in case problems do occur."

# NAZIS: University does not recognize group

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St. Paul Student Center address. Although the Nazi group has a mailbox at the student center, the group is not recognized by the university.

Officials would not release the name of the individual who

rented the box, and no one at the phone number listed on the flyer was available for comment.

# Princeton to Use Blankets, Cameras in Event of Nude Olympics

— *Minnesota Daily*  
PRINCETON, N.J. — As flurries of snow tease Princeton's campus and temperatures drop

precipitously, the Nude Olympics is again a hot topic of discussion, prompting administrators to review their enforcement strategies.

Last April, the University Board of Trustees endorsed the prohibition of the event and supported a one-year suspension for all future participants; yet some students are still finding it difficult to let the 25-year-old tradition die.

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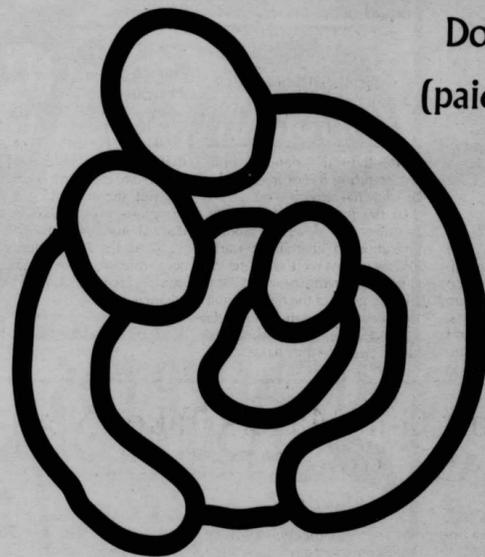


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## Iraq Threatens France Over U.N. Vote

A few days before the U.N. Security Council is expected to vote on a new arms inspection system for Iraq, the Iraqi government threatened France on Sunday with retaliation against its diplomats and oil companies if it supports the proposal.

The government of Saddam Hussein apparently senses that it can no longer rely on France — and perhaps not on Russia either — to block the resumption of inspections after a year of indecision by the Security Council and no monitoring in Iraq. So Iraq has gone on the offensive with articles in its controlled press and with comments from officials.

Western diplomats say that Iraq is in effect asking the French and Russians, who have considerable financial interests in Iraq, to choose between potential business deals, the repayment of Iraqi debts, and good relations with the United States and a number of European countries also pressing for new inspections.

At the United Nations, Western diplomats say that France has been drawing closer to supporting the weapons mon-

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itoring plan, which has undergone many revisions over six months. The Iraqis began criticizing France in recent weeks for this apparent willingness to join a consensus in favor of requiring new inspections as a key to suspending sanctions on Iraq that were imposed over its invasion of Kuwait in 1990. The draft resolution now before the Security Council

would create a new arms-inspection system for Iraq to replace the U.N. Special Commission, which was formed after the defeat of Iraq in the 1991 Persian Gulf war to monitor a requirement that Iraq rid itself of weapons of mass destruction. Inspectors were evacuated from Iraq before British and American bombing raids a year ago, and Iraq barred their return after the air strikes.

The current version of the resolution reflects the American view that there has to be Iraqi compliance with the weapon inspectors and that intrusive inspections on the ground must be permitted. But significant differences remain over how to evaluate Iraqi compliance and in what time frame.

Iraq has repeatedly said that it will never let any inspectors back in unless sanctions are lifted first. Some council members say, however, that this may be Iraq's opening position for the hard bargaining that will follow if the resolution passes.

— Barbara Crossette  
The New York Times

## SKYTRAIN: Thailand has few road rage problems

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sometimes described as its defining landmark — its Eiffel Tower or Empire State Building.

Traffic jams have become one of the most debilitating and intractable side effects of urbanization and economic growth.

"Most of the mega-cities in Asia are approaching gridlock for increasing portions of the day, with no real prospects of relief in sight," said Michael P. Walsh, an automotive traffic consultant based in Arlington, Va.

In Bangkok, a city of 10 million, urban planners estimate that the average resident spends the equivalent of 44 days a year in traffic jams, that 20 percent of fuel is consumed by vehicles that are standing still and that \$2 billion to \$3 billion a year is drained

from the economy in lost work hours.

Residents of Bangkok have the region's longest average round trip to work, it found, at 82 minutes.

There is little road rage; people rarely honk their horns.

"I think that there is no point to shouting or pushing on your horn," said Adhiti Pinyowattayakorn, who works in

a jewelry shop, "because even if you do, you are still sitting in traffic."

On Sunday, its inaugural day, the Skytrain was clogged with passengers. But when the workweek resumes, Bangkok will begin to face the crucial question: Will people ever give up their cars?

"If passengers cannot reach their destination faster and have to pay higher fares, then they will soon turn away from it," said Thirachon Manomaphibul, deputy governor of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.

— Seth Mydans  
The New York Times

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## School Districts Seek to Punish Parents for Truancy

DETROIT — Across the United States, public school districts like Detroit's are teaming with prosecutors to fight truancy, threatening jail time and fines for parents of children who chronically skip school. The moves are the latest step in the nation's march to hold students to higher educational standards and to hold their parents to higher standards of accountability.

In Detroit, 63,000 of the 180,000 public school students missed more than a month's worth of classes last school year. The parents of 67 of the worst offenders have been summoned to a meeting this week and told they face jail time if they cannot get their children to attend school.

Around the country, schools that have tried less severe methods to get students to class are losing patience with chronic truants and threatening to punish their parents.

Across the country, school systems have reported some initial successes with the policies, and

many teachers and school administrators applaud the moves, but parents and students are split over punishing truants' parents.

The American Civil Liberties Union is troubled by the notion of holding parents responsible for the actions of their children, and questions whether such policies will help.

Some school districts have tried revoking the driver's licenses of students who skip school, having police round up children found at shopping malls during school hours, and threatening to require students to go to summer school.

"They've tried everything from soup to nuts to try to address this problem," said Bill Modzeleski, director of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program of the U.S. Department of Education.

Some districts are punishing parents because "they have seen these programs that they have instituted have not worked," he said.

— Robyn Meredith  
The New York Times

## MARS: Hopes of finding probe are unrealistic

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ods to make radio contact may have been their best hope. They were fast running out of testable ideas on how to determine and possibly correct what went wrong.

At a news conference, Richard Cook, the project manager, said that a sense of time running out was making the control team "more frustrated and more tense." Another listening opportunity during the night and two more early Tuesday offered what officials considered the last realistic hopes of hearing something from the lander, if it is not totally disabled.

"These are the big cards we still have to play," Cook said. "Beyond that, I think that, frankly, the likelihood of success is quite small."

Scientists on the project could only wait helplessly as their prospects for discoveries about the climate history of Mars and possible conditions favoring life there seemed to fade away.

The prognosis for the two small probes that were supposed to penetrate the ground near the landing site seemed to be even more discouraging. Every two hours since late Friday, engineers listened anxiously for signals from them, without success. Tracking data just before the landing descent indicated that the probes may have landed on the inside edges of a crater, which might block signals from their transmitters.

"The next 24 hours with the probes is really telling," said Sarah Gavit, who headed the team that developed the two water-searching penetrators. "We will have exhausted most of our options after that."

— John Noble Wilford  
The New York Times

## WTO Foes Aim for Momentum

The surprisingly large protests in Seattle by critics of the World Trade Organization point to the emergence of a new and vocal coalition that will make it far harder for the Clinton administration to move ahead with its plans for freer trade.

In addition, many Seattle protesters hope their movement will last longer than the Vietnam War movement because their target — globalization — is not a single issue that can be resolved by a peace treaty.

"We're really in it for the long haul on the trade issue," said John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO. "We've been working on building this coalition for a few years now, and we'll now put our heads together to see how we build on this."

Most of the more than 30,000 Seattle demonstrators were union members, environmentalists and college students, who wanted not to end globalization but to soften its harshest effects. Almost all were peaceful, and their large protest march and sit-

ins were in sharp contrast to the 100 to 200 self-styled anarchists who turned Seattle into a battle zone by smashing windows and clashing with the police.

Supporters of free trade fear that this new coalition against the trade group will be more effective in fighting free-trade

It could prove much harder for Congress to ignore this new coalition because it contains a wide swath of Main Street America

efforts than the nation's one, long-standing foe of freer trade: the labor movement.

In the past, it was easy for lawmakers to discount labor's opposition to liberalizing trade because unions were often derided as self-serving protectionists. Labor largely led the fight against the North American Free Trade Agreement — and lost. Since then, however, labor has learned

the importance of forming coalitions and has reached out more to other groups.

It could prove much harder for Congress to ignore this new coalition because it contains a wide swath of Main Street America: not just steelworkers and auto workers, but anti-sweatshop protesters from campuses across the nation and members of church groups, the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth and the Humane Society.

"I think this Seattle movement has legs," said Todd Gitlin, a New York University professor who has written extensively on protest movements. "The issues that brought these people to Seattle are enduring issues. They are not the subject of a single egregious policy, like Vietnam. It's not just about the WTO — it's about the dominance of huge corporate power over globalization. This greenie-Sweeney alliance has a future."

— Steven Greenhouse  
The New York Times

## Case Against Gun Makers Takes New Approach After Illinois Decision

A decision by an Illinois state judge last week to continue a private lawsuit that accused the gun industry of knowingly creating an underground market in handguns has encouraged the 28 cities and counties that are suing the firearms companies and may suggest that judges have become more receptive to innovative claims against gun makers.

The decision, by Judge Jennifer Duncan-Brice of Cook County Circuit Court in Chicago, was in a case brought by the families of three people killed by handguns and not in a better-known lawsuit by the city of Chicago.

But lawyers involved in the municipal lawsuits said the claims made by the families — that the firearms industry negligently distributed its products and created a public nuisance — are similar to cases brought by

Chicago and other cities and offer some indication of how judges may regard this new approach to attempting to hold the gun companies responsible for urban violence.

Judge Duncan-Brice denied a motion by the gun companies to dismiss the lawsuit, saying that individuals, not just a governmental entity, could bring a claim that the firearms industry as a whole had created a public nuisance.

The judge also said it was "very clear to this court" that gun companies knowingly violated Chicago's strict anti-handgun laws by oversupplying gun shops in the suburbs, where the laws are weaker, "creating an underground market" in Chicago.

The decision is not a binding precedent in Illinois or other

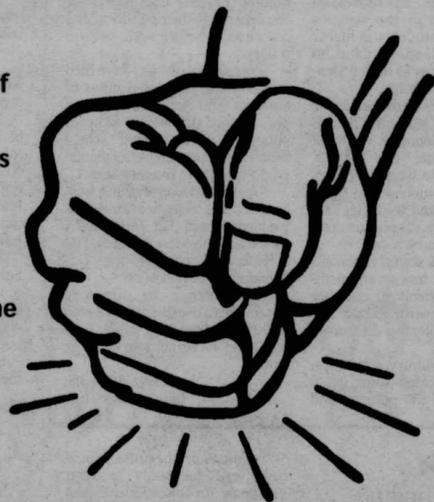
states, but it is one of several recent rulings that may increase the pressure on the firearms industry to negotiate a settlement after years in which the gun companies won almost all suits against them, arguing that they could not be held liable for damages caused by a legally manufactured product.

Officials from several of the gun companies and lawyers from San Francisco and Los Angeles, among other cities, are scheduled to meet in Washington on Tuesday as part of a newly formed committee to discuss what changes manufacturers could make in the design and safety of their handguns as a way to end the lawsuits.

— Fox Butterfield  
The New York Times

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## GUARDIAN FEATURES

# Suicidal Tendencies

ALTHOUGH RARELY MENTIONED IN PUBLIC FORUMS, SUICIDE IS THE THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 19 TO 24, RANKING SECOND AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS.

**S**uicide is a quiet but deadly epidemic in our country, striking people of all ages and backgrounds. According to new studies recently published, suicide is now a serious issue of public health which in past years has been stigmatized into silence.

This year the Surgeon General, David Satcher, issued a Call to Action for the Prevention of Suicide. According to the Call to Action, "... more teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia and influenza and chronic lung disease combined."

In her new book, *Night Falls Fast*, Kay Redfield Jamison, professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and co-author of the standard medical text on manic-depressive illness, turns her focus to suicide. She centers her work around suicide in those under 40 while recognizing the need for attention to the incidence of suicide in the elderly. Redfield presents some startling statistics: There is one suicide every 17 minutes in the United States, and it is the third leading cause of death in those between the ages of 19 and 24.

#### Statistics

The Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network places suicide as the eighth leading cause of death

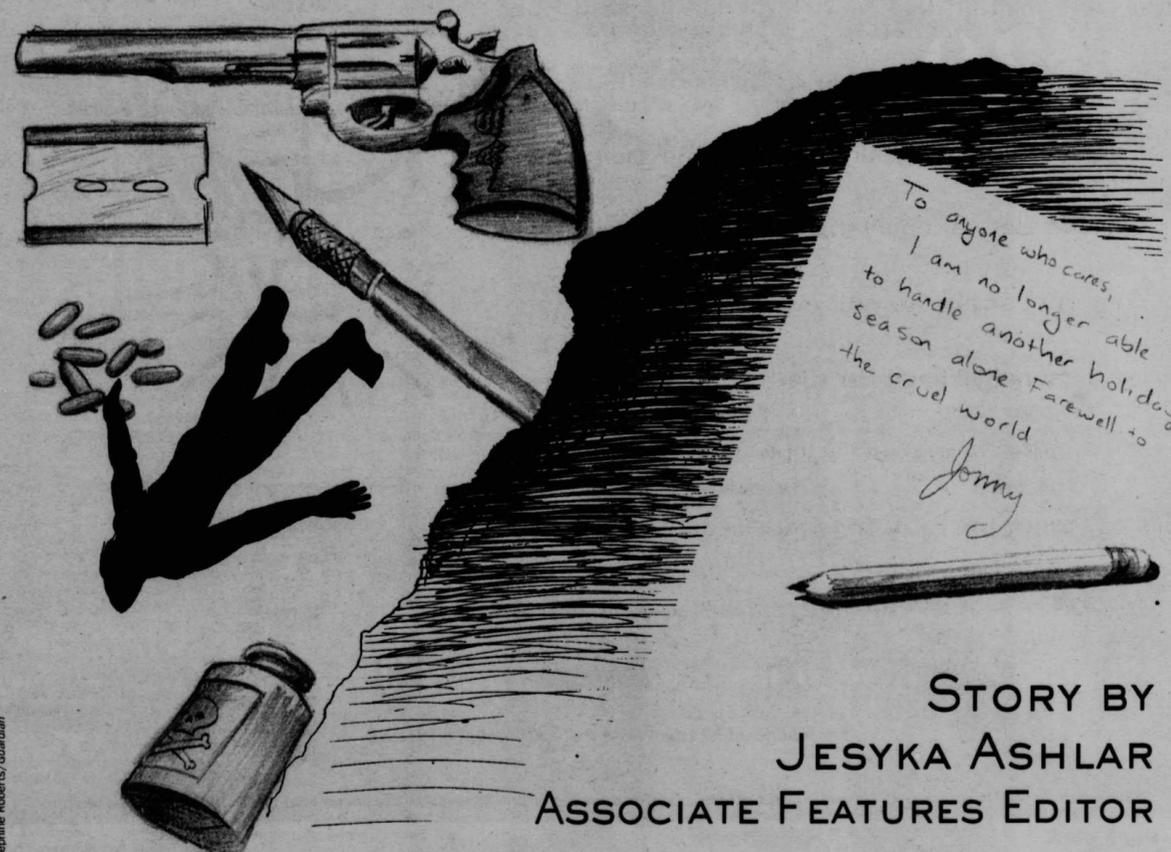
overall in the United States. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) places suicide as the third leading cause of death for those aged 15 to 24, behind accidental injury and homicide. The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent Suicide states, "Between 1952 and 1996, the reported rates of suicide among adolescents and young adults nearly tripled."

The statistics combine to paint a distressing picture for college campuses. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, "Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students." Unintentional injuries rank first, and homicide ranks third.

Jamison quotes the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's 1995 National College Health Risk Behavior Survey, which found that "one in 10 college students had seriously considered suicide during the year prior to the survey; most had gone so far as to draw up a plan." Numbers like these illustrate the need for greater attention to the often-silent epidemic, particularly at the college level.

Just as the age brackets are clear, the gender lines are clearly drawn, as well. Men die from suicide far more often than women do. According to NIMH, the gender ratio for ages 15 to 19 is 5:1 (males to females). The next bracket, which encom-

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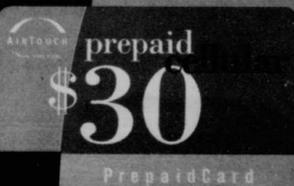


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## SUICIDE: Warning signs and places to go for help

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passes ages 20 to 24, has a ratio of 7:1. Covering all age groups, 73 percent of all suicides are committed by white men, however twice as many women than men report a history of suicide attempts.

### Suicide and Depression

Although it seems an easy leap to associate suicide with depression, it is important to recognize that a suicidal individual is suffering from more than a simple case of the blues.

Examining the connection between depression and suicide, Jamison states that "when people are suicidal, their thinking is paralyzed, their options appear spare or nonexistent, their mood is despairing and hopelessness permeates their entire mental domain. The future cannot be separated from the present, and the present is painful beyond solace."

NIMH lists depression, alcohol or other drug use disorders and aggressive or disruptive behaviors as the strongest risk factors for attempted suicide in youth. Other risk factors include prior suicide attempts, a firearm in the home, especially in households where young people live, and exposure to the suicidal behavior of others.

The Surgeon General's Call to Action states that those at risk include "youth, the medically ill, persons with mental and sub-

stance abuse disorders and the elderly."

The document further categorizes the following as contributing to risk: mental disorders, particularly mood disorders; co-occurring mental and alcohol and substance abuse disorders; barriers to accessing mental health treatment; easy access to lethal methods, especially guns; local epidemics of suicide that have a contagious influence; isolation, or a feeling of being cut off from other people.

There are many recorded instances of imitative suicide and

cide.

Jamison writes that disorders such as depression, manic depression and schizophrenia are often related to suicides. A *Health Guide* published by America's Pharmaceutical Research Companies claims that roughly 40 million Americans face mental illnesses including panic disorder, depression, manic depression and schizophrenia each year. The publication references NIMH with its claim that "90 percent of people with mental illnesses will improve or recover if they get appropriate treatment such as

**"One in 10 college students had seriously considered suicide during the year prior to the survey; most had gone so far as to draw up a plan."**

**- Center for Disease Control and Prevention's 1995 National College Health Risk Behavior Survey**

suicide outbreaks. However, the occurrence of a suicide at a high school or college does not necessarily cause a cluster of suicides.

"Imitation plays an important role, of course," Jamison states. "But presumably a suicide disinhibits or triggers suicidal behavior only in an already vulnerable individual."

These clusters do not favor a certain locale. They occur in psychiatric hospitals and high schools, suburban America and college campuses. Clusters happen in every state and every country that records such death patterns. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention states that stress events ranging from a disciplinary crisis to recent rejection often precipitate youth sui-

counseling, medication or a combination of both."

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention found that "psychiatric diagnoses are present in about 90 percent of suicides."

Furthermore, alcohol and cocaine abuse was found in about two-thirds of 18 to 19-year-old males committing suicide, though it is uncommon in younger male or female suicides. In contrast, it also found that "only a small number of suicides occur in schizophrenic or manic-depressive teenagers."

NIMH puts suicide by firearms as the "most common method for both men and women, accounting for 59 percent of all suicides." The American

Foundation for Suicide Prevention seconds this: "Firearms are the most common method in the United States [for committing suicide]." Ingestions, or attempts that are made by taking toxic amounts of pills, is more common in women than in men. Suicide by hanging is more prevalent in early adolescence than in older age groups.

The Foundation also grids method by location. While hanging is frequent in all locations, firearms are prevalent in rural areas. Jumping tends to happen in urban areas. The suburbs have a greater incidence of asphyxiation.

### Prevention

NIMH states that "recognition and appropriate treatment of mental and substance abuse disorders for particularly high risk age, gender and cultural groups is the most promising way to prevent suicide and suicidal behavior."

If you feel that a friend or family member may be suicidal, Jamison offers the following advice: Take him or her seriously. Involve other people including a therapist, crisis intervention team or even a 911 operator. Listen. Express concern; "stress that suicide is a permanent solution to temporary problems," states Jamison.

If you are depressed and/or suicidal, contact The National "YOUTH" Crisis Help line at 1-800-999-9999, The National Crisis Help line at 1-800-784-2433, or the Access and Crisis Line at 1-800-479-3339. On campus, contact Psychological and Counseling Services at 534-3755; the office is located in the Social Sciences Building in room 242.

## suicide contacts

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## Food for thought

The best study food during finals week

By **BETH ARNESE**  
Food Critic

Each time the fire alarm at Geisel rings during finals, it is my secret wish that the library is actually on fire.

Of course, it is always a prank, and the post-fire alarm scene outside Geisel turns into one of the most social events of the quarter. I always end up running into people I haven't seen since I was a freshman dining at Plaza Cafe.

I remember last year after a fire alarm when it was particularly crowded in the library lounge and my friends were desperate to finish studying their econometrics. Their solution: set up a make-shift table, made from cardboard boxes, in the closet next to the library lounge and study away! To them, I dedicate a complete guide to studying and eating off campus when the alarm at Geisel goes off...

The first obvious destination is Pacific Beach. Cafe Crema, located on the corner of Garnet and Cass, has a great atmosphere and is always packed. I always begin my study session with a large Cafe Crema Mocha (\$3.85). This mocha is just the right size to get me fired up for even the most dismal subjects. Although most people say they can't tell the difference between nonfat and whole milk used in mochas, I think that a nonfat mocha is no comparison to a full-fat mocha. Make the switch to whole milk and you won't go back.

Cafe Crema is different than your run-of-the-mill coffee shop because people are always ordering real food here! My personal

favorite is the Grilled Artichoke Heart Sandwich (\$4.95), which is marinated artichoke hearts with tomatoes and provolone cheese on fresh focaccia bread. This sandwich is simple: if you like grilled artichokes, you will like it. If you don't like artichoke hearts, you won't like it.

If your sense of date and time is distorted by studying so much, Greek Eggs (\$4.25) are perfect when you crave breakfast foods, and they are served any time of day. This dish of two large eggs steamed with spinach, feta cheese, and olives, and served with a bagel is an excellent bargain for all the food.

Crema also offers a wide variety of delicious baked treats, ranging from fudge brownie cheesecake to cappuccino or chocolate chip muffins. UCSD Study Efficiency Rating: The music is so good and so loud, that you may find it difficult to concentrate. Before you know it, you will be singing along to the newest Backstreet Boys hit (I know everyone secretly knows all the words). My advice: go to Crema if you are able to block out even the coolest songs.

The next stop in the Pacific Beach adventure is at Cafe 976. Cafe 976 is located at 976 Felspar Street. Cute, huh?

If you are already suffering from caffeine withdrawal by this point, you have arrived at the right place. Cafe 976 specializes in excellent espresso drinks. The best are the white almond latte



## ARENA

### How do you feel about WWF wrestling?

Interviews & photography by **David Pilz**



It's entertainment and should be taken only as such.

**Aurora McCann**  
Marshall sophomore



People need to grow up and watch real fighting.

**Jordan Horiuchi**  
Revelle freshman



It's a great thing, as long as it isn't taken too seriously.

**Ken Sullivan**  
alumni



It's a soap opera for guys.

**Brett Cattell**  
Revelle freshman



It was cool when I was about 8 years old. It was good training for me and my brother.

**Mike Narchi**  
Muir senior



WWF wrestling is very fake.

**Mang Chen**  
Revelle junior

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# HOROSCOPES



**CANCER**  
June 22 - July 22

You could work a few pounds off this week without much additional effort. You'll be kept racing from Monday through Wednesday. A partner finally gives some assistance Thursday and Friday, but you'll have to make some big decisions over the weekend. Chocolate or vanilla? Just choose!

**LEO**  
July 23 - Aug. 22

Wonderful surprises are scheduled for the first half of this week. You'll have too much of a good thing. Thursday and Friday are more difficult 'cause that's when you'll get all the work done. Just do whatever your partner wants over the weekend, and you'll be fine.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Take care of business at home Monday through Wednesday. Take it easy to avoid accidents and spills. Schedule your romantic interludes for Thursday and Friday, and your most important work for this weekend. You'll be in a methodical mood then.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You could make amazing discoveries the first part of this week. Keep digging, and the truth will be revealed. You may have to abandon the quest around Wednesday, however. Domestic difficulties demand your attention from then through Thursday. Save the weekend for a fascinating conversation with your favorite sweet-talker.

**LINDA C. BLACK**  
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**ARIES**  
March 21 - April 19

Travel looks awesome the first part of this week. From Wednesday on, if you can travel in connection with work, you should make a tidy profit. This weekend, visit with friends to celebrate your success.

**TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20

Treasures are to be found the first part of the week. Dig for them until Wednesday, when far horizons beckon. Let an older person take the lead over the weekend. Listen carefully, and you'll learn something useful.

**GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 21

You know that person who you always argue with? Don't even try it from Monday through Wednesday. More practical matters take precedence on Thursday and Friday. This weekend's awesome for travel with friends. The farther you can get, the better.

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# ARENA

## Are you preparing for Y2K with the turn of the millenium?

Interviews and Photography by **David Pilz**



I'm not really letting any of the hype get to me.

**Teresa Sandoval**  
Revelle sophomore



I'm not really worried about it.

**Laura Neurauter**  
Warren senior



Frankly, I don't care. I just feel sorry for those comp. sci. majors.

**Tom Neeley**  
Warren freshman



Y2K is a government conspiracy.

**Carny Chang**  
Revelle freshman



I don't think it's going to be a big deal.

**Sue Chaldez**  
Marshall freshman



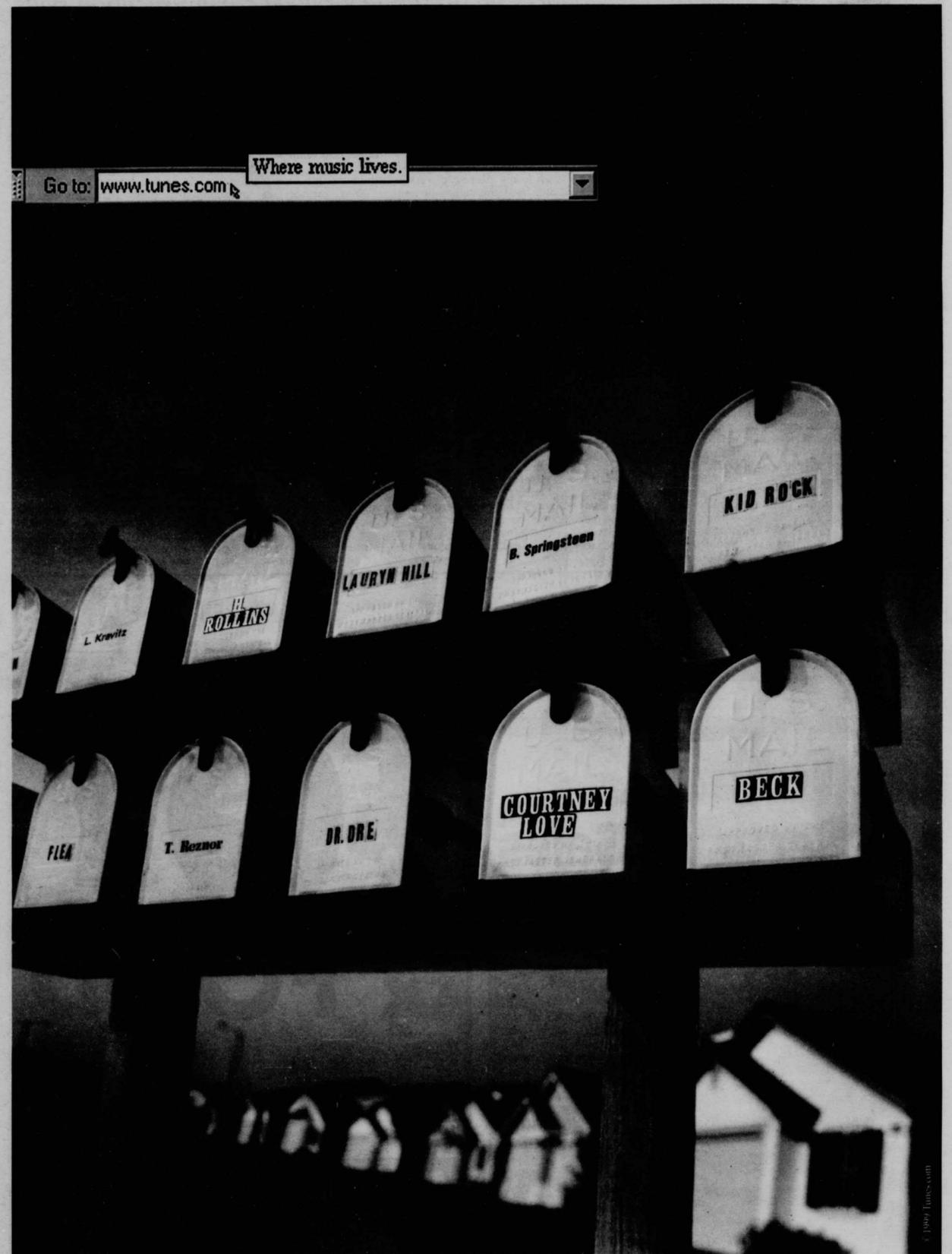
I believe that money is going to be irrelevant.

**David Safford**  
Muir junior

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**BILL BURGER**  
Sports Editor

# THE EDITOR'S SOAPBOX

### Modern conveniences no substitute for good communication skills

by which this fellow chose to give it to me made me quite curious. It is only when I got to thinking about it in-depth that I decided to write this article.

We live in an Internet-dominated society. For many of us, our primary methods of information gathering include fax machines and e-mail. These mechanisms are helpful, but are we losing our ability to communicate?

Don't get me wrong. The Internet certainly does have its

ernet connection that attracts so many students to this campus.

As much as I try to fight this problem, I see it popping up in my own life from time to time. I remember when I went back to my parents' house during Thanksgiving break of my freshman year. When I woke up on Friday morning, I automatically went over to the computer. Much to my dismay, my house didn't have the automatic connection that my apartment back in San Diego had.

by keeping us close. The strange part was that when we would get together, the conversations would lag and it would feel awkward, almost like I was talking to someone that I had never met before. It was in dealing with this dying relationship that first made me realize how different it is to relate with people in person than it is to deal with them through some machine.

You cannot see emotion through a computer screen. You also cannot place emphasis or

glow of a machine and zapping opponents in Quake II with a ray gun.

I know this sounds like I am preaching about a return to times of old when people would sit around a fireplace at dinner and discuss the events of the day, followed by a good group reading and a cup of hot cocoa before retiring to bed. I assure you that I would not like that any more than any of you would. I am just saying that a little balance would be a nice change.

Maybe actual conversation and interaction is too passé for a generation of people raised in the era of Nintendo and DVDs. Maybe our attention spans are just too short to deal with the faults of a real person being on the receiving end of a question or command. If that is true, then maybe it is too late to change our ways. On the contrary, I think that we have just fallen into the comfort of being able to pre-screen what happens before somebody else gets a chance to critique it.

If so, then the Internet may eventually be able to return to its original purpose of being a tool to make life easier. Keep that in mind. As for me, I have to stop here — I need to check my e-mail and my stock prices before I update my on-line fantasy basketball team.

People skills are a dying art in our society. Hear me out.

It was 7:45 a.m., and I was going to be late for class again. I woke up and hopped in the shower, put on clothes and ran to my car. Once I had parked and caught the North Parking shuttle, I was 20 minutes late and my professor had already assigned the homework that would be due next class meeting.

After class, I looked over at the person sitting to my left and asked for the assignment. Kind of befuddled, he looked down, looked back at me, then asked for my e-mail address. I was not the one that was confused, but I played along and gave it to him.

Later that day I checked my e-mail and there was the full assignment, including hints on how to do the more difficult problems. I was relieved to have the assignment, but the method

### We live in an Internet-dominated society. For many of us, our primary methods of information gathering include fax machines and e-mail.

purposes. For international communication, e-mail can't be beat and Web sites are quick fixes when you need a shot of information. But I ask you, how many of you freshmen ICQ your suitmates to ask them if they want to go to the cafeteria for dinner?

Everybody always complains about the lack of a social environment at UCSD. I think that other than the difficulty of the curriculum, you can attribute this problem to the rampant use of computers as well as the eth-

Another better example revolves around an experience I had with a good friend. We were very close in high school but now that we live in different parts of the state, we sometimes don't talk as much as I would like. Because the costs of long distance telephone service and air travel are so high, we usually result to e-mail or America Online's Instant Messenger program to communicate.

Throughout our first few years at college, our conversations on the Internet seemed to

portray sarcasm. It is an entirely different type of communication, and it is slowly taking the place of one-on-one human contact.

It's true that being a wizard at C++ or JavaScript is something that will impress employers, but so will being able to construct a coherent sentence about your qualifications for the job.

In today's society, we even rely on computers for a great deal of our entertainment. Going out with friends or family has been replaced to a great extent by sitting in front of the warm



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### SCORPIO

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

The first part of this week, money's your theme, passion and obsession. You might find quite a lot of it, too: On Thursday and Friday, practice new skills, and then put them to good use at home this weekend. That's when you'll really make the savings.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

From Monday through Wednesday, you're looking good. Your self-esteem has grown, and with good reason. The check should arrive on Thursday or Friday. Don't spend it all in one place. You're in a studious mood over the weekend. Tackle your most difficult subjects then.

### CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

A startling revelation may change your priorities the first part of this week. Keep most of what you learn to yourself. Around Thursday and Friday, you'll feel like taking action. You should know which direction to head in, too. A new tool could help you make more money over the weekend. Maybe you ought to shop for one. You probably know just what to get, too.

### PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20

A friend could toss you a curve the first part of the week. You'll be startled, amazed, and may even decide to change your course. Old business takes top priority Thursday and Friday. Start by scratching things that don't need to be done any more off your list. Launch new endeavors over the weekend. You'll be unstoppable then.

### AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Go along with what the boss or professor wants the first part of the week. It may seem strange, but it'll make sense later. Your friends bail you out of a jam Thursday and Friday. Rely on the older one's experience. Spend as much of this weekend as you can in quiet contemplation. Write down your dreams, too. They could be inspirational.

### BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 6 - Dec. 12

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ...

Dec. 6: You might surprise yourself by becoming what you've always wanted to be.

Dec. 7: Put your ideas to work and increase your income.

Dec. 8: You're getting a rocket boost. Make sure you're headed in the right direction!

Dec. 9: Wealth and security could be yours, and education's the key.

Dec. 10: Education could lead to more money, but it might also get in the way. You've outgrown an old self-image.

Dec. 11: Your curiosity's insatiable, and every answer leads to more questions!

Dec. 12: Take all the most difficult technical subjects. You'll eat 'em up like candy!

## FOOD:

### Places to eat well and study hard

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(\$3.85), a double espresso with steamed milk and almond flavoring, and the milky way (\$3.85), a double espresso with caramel and chocolate.

Although I do not notice many students eating the food at Cafe 976, I've never had anything that I didn't like. I recommend the

### BLAT

(\$5.35), a

bacon, lettuce, avocado,

and tomato

sandwich. I

love this

sandwich,

both for its

funny name

and its abundance of avocado.

Another can't-miss is the

three-cheese quesadilla (\$4.95).

The quesadilla is filled with

cheese, black beans, green chile,

and diced tomatoes. The last

time I ordered this I was so

obsessed with determining what

the three cheeses were that I

could barely enjoy it.

UCSD Study Efficiency Rating:

Cafe 976 is beautiful during

the day, and it is generally easy

to find a good table. However,

the tables are pretty small, so

stake your claim early to get an

excellent location. The music is

soothing and won't distract you

from studying. My advice: go

early, and just enjoy the quesadilla.

The next stop on the study-

tour is Denny's on Miramar

Road. Before departing to

Denny's, make sure that you are

hungry enough to order a meal

because the waiters and wait-

resses get a little attitude if you

just order coffee (\$1.20).

The Super Bird (\$6.49) is a Denny's classic for good reason. This sandwich consists of thinly sliced turkey with melted Swiss cheese, bacon and tomato on grilled sourdough. Of course, I'm sure that you cook sandwiches like this all the time during finals anyway.

If you need some breakfast food to kick your studying into high-gear, anything that you order at Denny's will do the job. I recommend the ultimate omelette (\$6.39), a huge omelette

fact, I can personally guarantee that every type of sandwich you get from the deli will be great (only because I have tried all possible types). My favorite is the smoked turkey focaccia sandwich (\$4.59). This sandwich is huge, and includes tomato, marinated artichoke hearts, provolone, and smoked turkey, of course. Only order this one if you are starving!

UCSD Study Efficiency Rating: You will see everyone you know at Ralph's. Even if you don't have any friends, you will still be

distracted by the people waiting for a table. From La Jolla housewives to Golden Triangle professionals, watching people at Ralph's is far more enter-

Cafe 976 is beautiful during the day, and it is generally easy to find a good table. However, the tables are pretty small, so stake your claim early to get an excellent location. The music is soothing and won't distract you from studying. My advice: go early, and just enjoy the quesadilla. be expanded.

stuffed with sauteed mushrooms, onions, sausage, bacon, green peppers, and tomato. The ultimate omelette is served with hashed browns and toast. How could you possibly not love this much food?

UCSD Study Efficiency Rating: One time my friend and I went to Denny's with the honest intention of studying, but ended up eating dinner instead. If you have more self-control and are not the type to be tempted by Buffalo Chicken Strips (\$5.19), Denny's is always a safe bet.

Some say that everything in life returns full circle ... this explains how we have ended up at Ralph's. Although Ralph's may not be a conventional study destination, they have recently added a coffee shop and several tables.

Still, there is no doubt that your best bet at Ralph's is a sandwich from the service deli. In

taining than studying. Wherever you decide to study, don't become a prisoner of Geisel! Even if the closet next to the library lounge is available, go and find your own study nook... you might even discover some great food in the process. And by the way, I was the one who studied in the closet, with my friends.

### Crossword Solution

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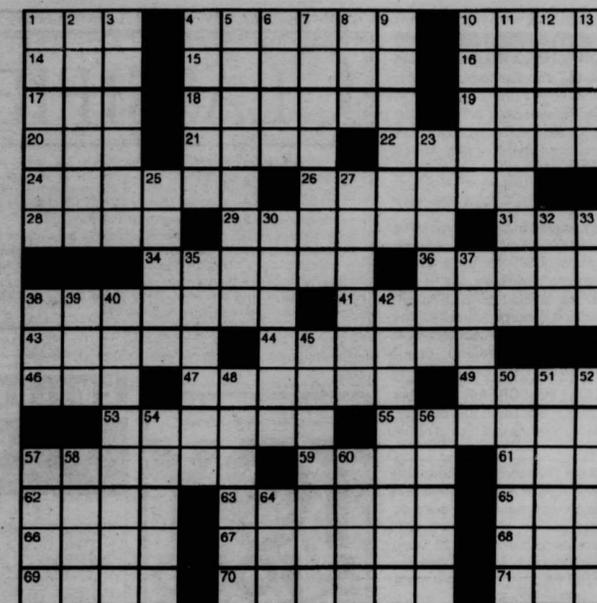
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  - 13 Otherwise
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  - 25 Bare
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  - 30 Team makeup
  - 32 "...a tale of \_\_\_"
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  - 38 Diamond stat
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  - 50 Most sick
  - 51 Stay in hiding
  - 52 Take care of
  - 54 Audience break



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# Your Weekly Calendar

## Week of December 6 - December 13 1999

### Ongoing Wednesdays

- **Graduate Women's Group:** Wednesdays, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Women's Center Library, 407 UCtr. Led by Equilla Luke, 534-0248 and Keisha Paxton, 534-1725. CALL EQUILLA.
- **Graduate Men's and Women's Group:** Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. 242 Social Science Bldg., starting Sept. 29th. Led by Rob Mashman, 534-0252 and Holly Wilson, 534-5981. CALL FOR A PRE-GROUP APPOINTMENT.
- **Latino/Chicano Support Group:** Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. Led by Reina Juarez, 534-3875, Dan Munoz, 534-0251 and Sylvia Gomez, 534-5989.
- **Stress Management Group:** Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. Thurgood Marshall College Dean's Conference Room, starting Oct. 20th. Led by Jerry Phelps, 822-2614. Call Jerry.

### Ongoing Thursdays

- **Undergraduate Growth Group:** Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m., 242 Social Science Bldg. Led by John Wu, 534-1579 and Geri Weitzman, 534-5905.
- **Campus Black Forum: New Time:** Thursdays, 4:30-6 p.m. Cross Cultural Center, 510 University Center (near Office of Grad. Studies & Visual Arts Bldg.). Led by Linda Young, 534-3987 and Keisha Paxton, 534-1725.

### Ongoing Fridays

- **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Support Group:** Fridays, 2-4:30 p.m. Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. Led by Dan Munoz, 534-0251 and Jerry Phelps, 822-2614.
- **Asian-American Community Forum:** Fridays, 12-1:30 p.m. Cross Cultural Center, 510 University Center (near Office of Grad. Studies & Visual Arts Bldg.). Led by Jeanne Manese, 534-3035 and John Wu, 534-1579.

### Ongoing

- **Episcopal Student Association** meets every Wednesday, 5pm in the International Student Center Conference Room for communion, free dinner, and discussion. Students, faculty, and staff all welcome.
- **Wesley Foundation** meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the International Center Conference Room. Come join us for food and fellowship. Call 534-6951 or get more info: 534-2521.
- **Muslim Student Association:** offers Friday Prayer services on campus in the Cross Cultural Center at 12:30. We also offer Quaranic Studies Classes and more. For more info, contact: Ahmad@354-5328, ahmad\_i@hotmail.com
- **Shabbat Services & Dinner:** every Friday, 6p.m. International Center. Celebrate Shabbat with a FREE Kosher dinner sponsored by Hillel and United Jewish Observance.
- **Harvest San Diego Church's worship service:** Sunday service starts at 9:30 a.m. Sundays, rideshare available at 9:00 a.m. Call 623-9034.

### Wednesday, December 8

- 8:00 p.m. Mandeville Auditorium. **UCSD Jazz Ensemble performance.** Jimmy Cheatham directs groups performing traditional and modern jazz. Admission: \$5 GA, \$3 faculty/staff/seniors/students. For information, call 534-4830.
- 8:00 p.m. Mandell Weiss Forum, Revelle College. **"The Birthday Party"** by Harold Pinter. Set in a seedy English seaside boarding house, the play explores the terror lurking behind everyday life in ways both hilarious and violent. Tickets: 534-4574. Admission: \$12 GA, \$10 UCSD affiliates, \$6 students. Continues through Dec. 11 at 8pm; Dec 12 at 7pm. Info: 534-3793.

### Thursday, December 9

- 8:00 p.m. Mandeville Auditorium. **UCSD Wind Ensemble.** Robert Zeickman conducts an all-Spanish program. Admission: \$5 GA, \$3 faculty/staff/seniors/students. For information, call 534-4830.
- 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Mandeville Center. **Chamber Music Recital.** Students of Janos Nagyevy perform a varied program. Admission: \$5 GA, \$3 faculty/staff/seniors/students. For information, call 534-4830.

### Saturday, December 10

- 4:00 p.m. Erickson Hall, Mandeville Center. **Voice Recital.** Performances by students of Carol Plantamura. Free. For more information, call 534-4830.

### Sunday, December 12

- 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Mandeville Center. **Piano Recital.** Students of Aleck Karis presents. Free. For information, call 534-4830.

### HEALTH

#### Tuesday, December 7

- **Lesbian Health:** Current Assessment and Directions for the future." Dr. Paula Amato, Asst. Prof. in Reproductive Medicine at UCSD SOM to lead discussion. Women's Center: UCNTR 407 from 12-1p.m.

#### Friday, December 10

- 11:00 a.m. Student Health Center: **Men's Health Info Sessions**— last sessions of the quarter. A free service sponsored by the Student Health Advocates. Learn about sexual health, STD's, birth control, and general health. No appointment needed, just walk in at 11 am or call 822-1345 for an individual appointment.

#### Ongoing Tuesdays

- **Bon Appetit— Making Peace with Compulsive Eating:** Tuesdays, 12p.m. to 2 p.m. starting October 19th, 2101 HSS Bldg. Led by Reina Juarez, 534-3875 and Geri Weitzman, 534-5905.
- **What's Love Got to do with it?** Tuesdays, 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., 3248 Literature Bldg. Starts October 12. Led by Linda Young, 534-3987.

8:30p.m. every 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th Monday of the quarter. San Francisco Room, PC. Meet fellow Republicans. Visit our website: www.bcty.com/vpv

• **Undergraduate Men's LGBT Peer Counseling Group.** Monday's 8-9 p.m. @ LGBT Resource Room. An open forum for LGBT and questioning men to express ideas and seek support from their peers.

• **Check out one of almost 2000 science fiction books from the Darkstar Library!** MWf from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Darkstar office (across from Stonehenge & Revelle Provost). Info: darkstar@ucsd.edu. All are welcome!

### Ongoing Tuesdays

- **Lesbian, Bisexual, & Questioning Women's Group.** 8-9:00 p.m. LGBT Resource Office (Bldg. 201 on corner of Gilman & Myers). Need a comfortable atmosphere & support system to discuss issues of your sexuality. Info: 534-3755.
- **International Club.** Come have fun and meet International Students through our weekly socials or International Partners Program. Everyone Welcome! Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. International Center.
- **Queer People of Color (QPOC) meetings** every Tuesday at the Cross Cultural Center at 7p.m. For more info call 534-GAYS.

### Ongoing Wednesdays

- **AMENSTY INTERNATIONAL** defends human rights! Join us every Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Women's Center. Everyone Welcome.
- **Friends of Service Workers** meets on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. in the Eucalyptus Lounge upstairs from the Food Co-op. Low-income labor issues, activism, and non-activism discussions.

### Ongoing Thursdays

- **Attention Roosevelt Commuters!** Want to get involved? Want to voice your opinions? Come to Commuter Association Meetings, Thursdays 4-5 p.m., Deans Office, ERC Administration Building.

### Ongoing Fridays

- **Friday Fun Sessions.** Weekly gathering of the **Ballroom Dance Club.** Free dancing. Beginners welcomed. Drop in anytime! **Every Friday, 3:30-5:30 p.m., RIMAC Activity Room 1.**

### ARTS

#### Monday, December 6

- **"Love makes a family: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and their families."** Photo-text exhibit reception. The exhibit will show from Dec. 1-Dec. 15 at the Women's Center. U Center 407 from 6-9p.m.

#### Tuesday, December 7

- 8:00 p.m. Mandeville Auditorium. **UCSD Singers.** Philip Larson conducts excerpts from Handel's Messiah and other choral works. Admission: \$5 GA, \$3 faculty/staff/seniors/students. For more information, call 534-4830.

### Friday, December 10

- 7:00 p.m. RIMAC Arena. **Women's Basketball: UCSD v. Christian Heritage.** Admission: \$4 GA, \$2 students, UCSD students FREE, \$1 for kids under 12.

### Ongoing

- The Volunteer Connection and the UCSD Staff Association are co-sponsoring the annual **"Holiday Toy and Food Drive."** Beginning Nov. 30, cardboard "toy boxes" will be placed around campus where toys and food can be dropped off. They will be delivered to children on Dec 15. Info: (858) 534-1414.

### CLUBS

#### Tuesday, December 7

- 4-7:00 p.m. Meet at Sungod Lawn. **Alpha Chi Omega: Special Delivery Program.**

#### Wednesday, December 8

- 7:00 p.m. Price Center Berkeley Conference Room. **Pre-Vet Club Meeting.** Dr. Diane Shelton will be our guest speaker. She is a research veterinarian here at UCSD. Come to listen, learn and ask questions.
- 7-9:00 p.m. Round Table Pizza. **Alpha Chi Omega Pledge Fellowship: Karaoke Night.**

#### Friday, December 10

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Meet at Sungod. **Alpha Chi Omega: Storefront Program.**

#### Sunday, December 12

- 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Meet at Sungod. **Alpha Chi Omega: Torrey Pines State Reserve Program.**

### Ongoing Mondays

- **Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Assoc. (LGBT):** Meetings every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the GSA (next to Soft Reserves). Come to and meet new people! ALL are welcome!
- **Circle K International General Meeting,** 7:00 p.m. every Monday, Price Center Gallery B. Circle K is one of the biggest community service organizations.
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### ACTIVITIES

#### Monday, December 6

- 10-4:00 p.m. Sun God Lawn. **HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR.** Everyday this week, beat the holiday rush. Vendors selling all week.

#### Wednesday, December 8

- 12:00 p.m. Grove Caffe. **NOONER THIS WEEK.** The last nooner of the millennium belongs to **Kathryn Shorn.** This talented artist will be accompanied by musician Tim Burlingame. FREE.

- 8:00 p.m. CSB 001. CWD presents **"American History X"** film showing. Hard hitting drama of a young man who is seduced into white supremacy group in Venice, CA, and goes to prison. After his release he tries to steer his brother from the same fate.
- 8:00 p.m. Price Center Theater. **"Loose Change"** film showing. What if the world's greatest surfers didn't surf? Taylor Steele answers this and more in this FREE movie presented by the UCSD Surf Club.

The Weekly Calendar is published in every Monday (or first issue of the week) issue. There are 10 Calendar editions each quarter. Listings in the Weekly Calendar are free to any on-campus department or organization to publicize their events taking place on or off campus. Press releases to publicize events with no UCSD connection will not be published in the Calendar. The Calendar is for events only.

One-time events are published in the Calendar issue for that week only; ongoing events, such as weekly meetings, will be listed every week as space allows through the end of the quarter.

**ONGOING CALENDAR** submissions must be renewed at the start of each quarter.

The Business Office has Calendar forms that can be filled out in our office (Student Center upstairs, Room 217) or faxed. Please list the event; date of event; time of day; location; fee, if any; contact person; and a 25 word or less description. Lengthy descriptions will be edited. Categories are: Academic, Activities, Arts, Clubs, Health, and Religion.

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### PERILS: Ump's retirement is sweet

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'95 lockout, is now a walking penalty among umpires. The 10 umpires last July were party to blame for Phillips' lack of support from fellow umpires in the latest labor debates with owners, aiding his fall from being a big shot among umpires. Now, he's the big Lebowski. Some friends he had:

If you still think being an ump is easy, then check out the statistics—you might want to consider dropping out of UCSD and enrolling in ump school right away. Before Phillips, rookie umpires earned \$17,500 and the most senior veterans made \$40,000. This year, these wide-lanes made a minimum of \$282,500 including postseason bonuses.

When he was done bolstering the importance of umpires wages, Phillips had made the bank books of these gray-haired, poker-club playing men look like those of actual ballplayers. Well, maybe more like ballplayers in the '80s making the league minimum.

But let's not give these guys too much credit. They have missed up a few big calls over the years. All in all, I wouldn't mind retiring when I'm 70 after sipping on Cognac before games for 40 years, calling balls and strikes, and maybe stealing a few hot dogs from small children while they are watching Diamond Vision.

### HOOPS: UCSD firing on all cylinders last Friday

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before the game began. Kimberly Neal led the Tritons with 10 rebounds and teammate Nicholle Bromley had eight points while shooting 6-13 from the floor and scoring a total of 14 points. She played more minutes than any other player (24) and was among four of her other teammates who were in the double-digits in scoring.

Natalie Beaver also turned in an outstanding performance, leading the Tritons in scoring with 17 points in only 15 minutes of play-time. Three of the Tritons—Ashley Kolofsky, Angela Carr and Marti Eisenberger—did not play in the game while the University of Redlands was forced to use every player on its team. Christine Spicer led the visiting team in the scoring department with 16 points and played for an impressive 31 minutes.

"We thought they were a team that could hang around and give us problems, and we were well-prepared for them," Head Coach Judy Malone said. On Saturday afternoon, the Tritons traveled to face the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athens at Ducey Stadium.

### POLO: UCSD didn't score a goal in final quarter

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period, ending the half with the Tritons up 5-4. The crowd was abuzz at the possibility of an upset, but that idea was laid to rest as Stanford outscored UCSD 6-2 in the third quarter. The onslaught began when the UCSD's Justin Wylie was elected and Stanford quickly capitalized with a two-point goal. From there the Tritons never really recovered, as they never managed to regain the lead.

UCSD could not manage a goal in the fourth quarter and eventually fell to Stanford 11-7. "We did a better job of focusing on UCSD than we did last year," Stanford Head Coach Dante DeMatteis said. "Last year we looked past UCSD and it hurt us." Stanford defeated UCSD 6-3 in last year's semi-final game.

When asked if he was content with the loss, UCSD Head Coach Denny Harper waived. "Being here 20 years, the whole Chanderela story is getting a little old," Harper said. "Granted, we're non-scholarship athletes and we're supposed to be happy just to be here, but I want to win one of these darned things." Triton senior captain, Ross Mechanput, a different spin on the loss. "It's really frustrating. UCSD was led by Mechan's team for playing so hard, but you have to give credit to Stanford; they played better."

### POLO: UCSD didn't score a goal in final quarter

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played on Sunday, UCSD led most of the way before a fourth quarter collapse sent the team to a locker room empty handed. The Tritons fell early at 2-0 but got even with goals by Kenny Woodruff and Jason Boether. Then after a UMass goal by captain Fat Kahn, the Tritons went on a tear, scoring the next four points, highlighted by a two-point job shot by Woodruff with 1:02 left in the half.

The Tritons and the Minutemen each scored twice in the second half, but it was Wylie who was elected clearly the better player. It was clearly the Tritons who were dominating as they had opportunities time and time again to close the game out. Perhaps UCSD's best opportunity was when Jonathan Samuels drew a four-meter shot with 5:32 to go in the quarter. Mechan took the shot but was denied by UMass goalkeeper Richard Hunter.

In the fourth quarter the Tritons stretched their lead to 9-5 on a breakaway goal by Mechan with 4:44 to go in the game. Then the flood gates opened. Back-to-back goals by Minutemen Adam Moore and Justin Houck cut the Triton lead to two. The big blow came next, as Moore's two-point attempt with 1:35 remaining hit the back of the net and tied the game. With 5:19 seconds remaining, UMass junior Brock O'Neill put the dagger in one of these darned things. Triton senior captain, Ross Mechanput, a different spin on the loss. "It's really frustrating. UCSD was led by Mechan's team for playing so hard, but you have to give credit to Stanford; they played better."

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# SPORTS



## Life As An Ump

By Brian Welles

In these high economic times — especially among professional baseball players — it appears that the bickering for higher salaries and improved contract conditions is not exclusive to the guys hitting and throwing the ball.

It seems umpires are also getting a taste for seizing opportunities to receive more collective bargaining rights and other labor benefits from their employment agreements with the league.

Umpires! You wouldn't think right away when you watch Major League Baseball games on television that these sometimes overfed, overstuffed, white-haired officials are questioning their employers behind the scenes. As it turns out, the guys who have to make the critical calls that determine the winners and losers of our national pastime aren't actually going home after each game and happily drinking a beer (although hopefully you and I are; we're college students and supposedly we should be living it up during these years.) These guys with stomachs that jiggle provide an example of how life is hard on the outside — even for a big league umpire.

They went to umpiring school in some town in middle America or in a rural part of the country where the bars have straw and peanut shells on the floors. I mean, really, how often do you hear about an umpiring school in a metropolitan region like L.A., San Francisco or New York?

You would think that umpiring is a relatively easy skill to learn compared to being faced with the task of completing 180 units at UCSD. I bet some of you would love to go live in middle America for a week and drink beer every night after returning from "umpiring practice." Sounds like a good vacation compared to the hell you are probably about to endure in the next two weeks. But to tell you the truth, umpires have problems too.

Just take Richie Phillips, for example: after last baseball season's end, he was the head of a union of umpires who called which called itself the Major League Umpires Association (MLUA).

That all changed when the National Relations Board, after administering an election by mail, reported on Tuesday that a vote of 57-35 were in favor of getting rid of the MLUA. The umpires of MLB were voting to determine what union would represent their needs — the MLUA or the Major League Umpires Independent Organizing Committee.

Unfortunately for Phillips, the 21-year leader of the MLUA, his organization was ousted by his fellow buddies in foul territory. The veteran umpire, who once headed major league ump's in the seven-week strike in '79, the four-game strike in '84 and the

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## Championship Hopes Wither

**COLLAPSE:** After playing well for two quarters in the NCAA finals, UCSD gets outscored by Stanford

By Bill Burger  
Sports Editor

It was the kind of event that made sports fans think that they were at a Nebraska Cornhusker football game. Campus was buzzing all week long, while students and faculty alike couldn't stop talking about the big water polo ball in front of Canyonview that symbolized that the NCAA Championship Tournament had arrived at UCSD. Adding to the excitement was the fact that the Tritons were one of the teams competing in the event.

All signs pointed to an epic event at Canyonview Pool this weekend.

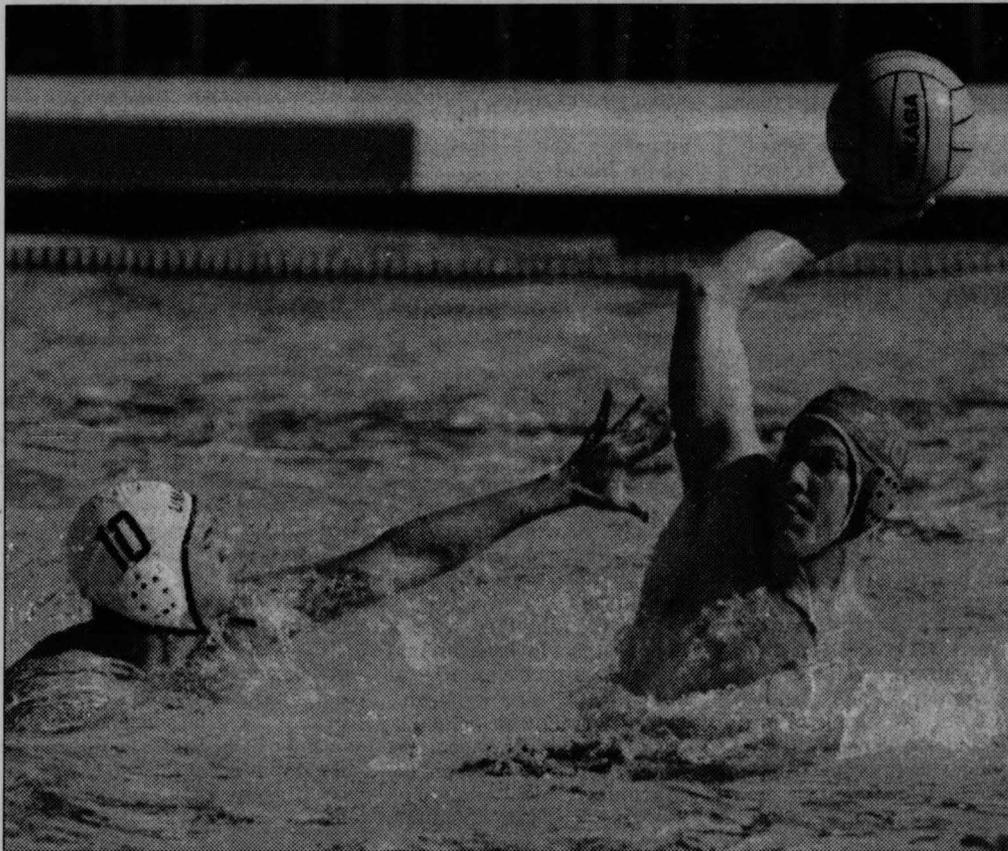
As it turned out, the event was an epic one, but not from the Triton point of view, as UCSD lost both of its games, taking fourth place in the nation.

In Saturday's first semifinal game, the Bruins of UCLA got out to an early lead and never relented as they defeated the Minutemen of the University of Massachusetts 14-6.

"We definitely weren't looking ahead," UCLA co-Head Coach Adam Krikorian said. "We knew [UMass was] a good team. You don't win 28 games without having a very good team."

With that win, the Bruins won a place in the NCAA finals against the winner of the second match, which was between UCSD and the Stanford Cardinal.

As the match began, the Tritons seemed poised to give the partisan crowd of 2,019 people what it came to see. The team got on the board first with a shot from a tough angle by Ryan Dandy. With 2:03 left



Lisa Huff/Guardian

**Desperate:** UCSD junior Jason Boettner, who contributed a two-point shot to give the Tritons an early lead over the Stanford Cardinal, plays keep away during the third place game.

in the first quarter, Jason Boettner gave the Tritons a 3-0 lead with a two-point shot from eight meters out. Stanford got within two on a man-advantage goal, but the period ended with the Tritons up 3-1.

The crowd was temporarily qui-

eted, however, when Stanford's Jonathan Skaalen scored a two-point goal with 5:44 left in the second quarter to tie the game at three. Afterwards, Triton Jonathan Samuels quickly drew an ejection of Micheal Lipinsky of Stanford

and scored off a pass from senior Ross Mecham to give the Tritons a 4-3 lead.

The Tritons and the Cardinal each scored one more goal in the

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## UCSD Keeps Dribbling Down Jagged Road

**UNEVENNESS:** After dismantling Redlands, UCSD shoots poorly and lacks defense against Claremont

By Brian Welles  
Associate Sports Editor

The UCSD women's basketball team continued playing at the rocky pace that it has adopted this season by soundly defeating the University of Redlands 87-57 and then losing to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 67-50.

"The good, the bad, and the ugly." Those were the words that head coach Judy Malone used to describe the performance of her team over the last two games.

This is an indication of how the season is going for the injury-ridden women's basketball team who have a 3-3 record. With the way the team has been playing, there is no telling which way the tide will turn for UCSD next.

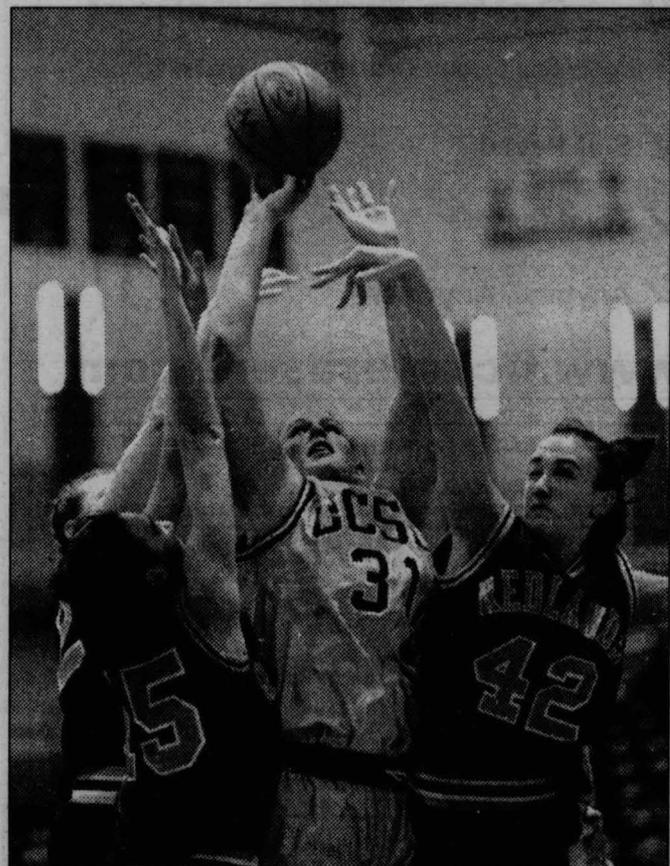
What is known, however, is that when the Tritons faced off against the 2-2 University of Redlands last Friday night at RIMAC, the eventual outcome of the game was obvious after the first half of play.

UCSD put up 44 points in the first half with field goal shooting exceeding .400 (18-41). The Triton defense also did a good deal of damage to the University of Redlands, allowing the opponent

only 26 points of total offense despite hitting 3 of 4 three-pointers and making 70 percent of its free throws in the first half. Redlands only scored eight field goals, which can be attributed to the pressure put on by the Tritons' stifling defense.

In the second half, the visitors managed to be outscored by only 12 points as opposed to their first-half deficit of 18.

Nonetheless, their numbers were not dramatically different. They sunk all six of their free throws and increased their field goal percentage, but came up short in matching the Tritons' point production. UCSD's shooting wasn't as good as it was in the first half, but for all intensive purposes, the Tritons replicated their defense and teamwork in the second half to grab the 30-point victory. Solid shooting and good production under the boards proved to be the keys to victory for the Tritons. UCSD kept its possessions alive many times by dominating the offensive glass and by eventually out-rebounding the opponent 32-10. Also, UCSD was successful in overcoming Redlands' presses and zone defense, which the Tritons had expected to face



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**Soaring:** The University of Redlands tried to stop the Tritons' hot shooting as Renee Hudec (31) gets triple-teamed.

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