

Revellations

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Revelle People Don't Know How to Party?

By Melessa Phillips

Approaching the Revelle Apartments on Friday September 21, music could be heard increasing steadily with each step forward. One could feel a pulsating beat pulling closer in anxious anticipation of what lay ahead. Entering the Cul-de-Sac proved to be an experience. There were brilliant decorations characteristic of the Hawaiian theme, people gathered everywhere, and music guaranteed to please. Along with these "must have's" were refreshments which promised some easily expendable calories.

The Resident Advisor's had spent hours and hours of time and energy metamorphosing the pavement and sidewalks into a tropical paradise, complete with bamboo screens and flaming torches. Leis were draped around necks, casting a genuine island welcome over the crowd. Some impassioned Revelle students even dressed in Hawaiian print clothes adding to the evening's distinct ambiance.

The throng of Revelle students (predominantly freshmen here for Welcome Week) amassed slowly with attendance topping off around 10:30 p.m. However, this late hour was not unusual. Everyone loved to come "fashionably late" and make a grand appearance, perhaps to be noticed and admired by all, if only for a second.



Anchored by his bunch of incoming freshpeople, Group Two's Orientation Leader, Mike Connor, is poised to escort his charges to the critical registration room. Following an intense session of astute academic advising, new students learn tips for survival at Revelle from those who have gone before. The OLs, informed to the bursting point, prepare these UCSD students for the challenging years ahead.

Though the crowd was large, space did not seem to be a problem. Dancing bodies congregated everywhere, spilling onto the grassy areas. With a little foreign stimulus, people even grooved to the beat up on the balconies of the apartments.

Running around like members of a chaotic aerobics class, many sweat-drenched partiers took advantage of the punch, popcorn, and of course, for those health-conscious people, water. The Revellers took time out to eat, drink, and catch their breath before continuing on with their quest for fun.

The night in all its glory brightened everyone's thoughts and expectations about starting a new school year. Looking around at the smiling, enthusiastic faces and rhythmically dancing bodies, two things were evident: this was going to be a great year, and, most importantly, Revelle students really do know how to party!

Be Excellent to Each Other

by Rob Meierding

Q: What are two Converse-donning shmoees from San Dimas doing in Ancient Greece philosophizing with the one and only Socrates?

A: They're working on a history report, dude!

Profile: Bill Preston Esquire and Ted Theodore Logan: a pair of babe-crazed, rock 'n' rollin' high school rejects whose future is destined for ruination. If Bill and Ted can't get an A on their history project, they'll fail the class. If they fail, Ted's father will send his good-for-nothing son to the Naval Academy. If Bill and Ted get separated, they won't be able to keep their band - Wyld Stallyns - together, and if that happens, planet Earth will be in for some serious and "most unprecedented" trouble! (Bummer!) What will they do? How will they get themselves out of this "heinous" mess?

The suspense was killing everyone at the Revelle Movie Night Madness showing of *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* on Thursday, September 20th. Hundreds of awed students were sprawled out on blankets, beach chairs and sleeping bags in the Plaza, surrounding a projector and movie screen beneath the night sky.

Bill and Ted's, a "most excellent" and terrifically thrill-

ing adventure masterpiece, took the captivated audience through history as the dudes from San Dimas zipped back in time in a futuristic telephone booth.

Their mission: to fetch "personages of historical importance" for help on their project. It is the story of how history is rewritten by two guys who can't spell.

As Bill and Ted leap from one point in history to another, they give new meaning to the word excitement. Nevertheless, can *Bill and Ted's* just be classified as an adventure film? No way, dude! The entertained Revelle assemblage was piqued by much more than just a pair of wacked-out time travelers. The students watched *Bill and Ted's - The Steamy Romance*, hearts pounding as their heroes fall madly in love with some "totally historical babes" from Medieval England. They laughed and cheered for *Bill and Ted's - The Outrageous Comedy*, in which the duo net Abe Lincoln by tricking him into answering a candy gram. Finally, they gained certain insights from *Bill and Ted's - The Didactic Drama*: "Be excellent to each other" and "Party on, dude!"

Movie Night Madness was certainly one of the most popular of the Revelle Welcome Week events, enthused students of all sorts having attended.

Commented freshman Christie Andersen, "*Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* was most triumphant!"

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The Dynamic Dean's Staff With a Warm Welcome



The famed Dean's staff: Donna Smith, Dean Ernie Mort, Kim Kelso, and Assistant Dean, Liora Gutierrez. Clare Hansen not pictured.

By Ernie Mort, Revelle College Dean

This spring we celebrated our 25th anniversary at Revelle College. I count myself very fortunate to have been a part of Revelle for almost twenty two years. During that time, we have had some great student leaders at Revelle. I feel strongly that the decade of the 90s will present even greater challenges for our student leadership. We are all expecting great things of our new students.

Orientation and Welcome Week went very well. The orientation leaders and I were impressed with your participation and spirit. You bring to Revelle

College valuable leadership skills that are essential to the growth of our college community and to your own personal goals.

All of us on the Revelle student affairs staff in the Resident Dean's Office and here in the Provost's Office would like to talk with you about becoming involved. Kim Kelso in my office has information for you about the committees and organizations at Revelle and on campus. College interns in the Blake commuter lounge, RAs, and any of our student leaders will also help you to become involved. We are all glad you are here.

A Word from Liora Gutierrez

—Assistant Dean, Revelle College

Hello!

Welcome to those of you who are new to Revelle and welcome back to our continuing students. I am excited to have the opportunity to learn and grow with you since I am the new addition to the Dean's Office. My tenure began on September 17, 1990.

I have been with the University for the last twelve years and am happy to now be a part of Revelle College. My former position was with Student Outreach and Recruitment. Some of you may know me as the Early Admission Honors Program Coordinator. I have also been quite involved with UCSD's Alumni Association since I am a

UCSD graduate. In fact, I am from a UCSD family since four of us are UCSD grads.

I'd welcome the opportunity to chat with you about getting involved at Revelle or on campuswide activities.

You can make your stay here at UCSD a most rewarding one by not just doing well with your academics but also by getting involved with an activity or two. Participating in activities will allow you to meet new people and develop leadership skills for the future.

I look forward to seeing you at our programs throughout the year and invite you to stop by the Provost Office for a visit.

Best Wishes!

Our Interns . . .

Rich McAndrew, Commuter Intern, is responsible for coordinating Revelle commuter activities, such as breakfasts, field trips, and information sessions regarding renters' rights and alternative methods of transportation. Commuters are urged to get involved with the Commuter Advisory Board (CAB) so that they might feel more a part of campus life. One should not miss out on the fun of the complete college experience. For more information on CAB, contact Rich McAndrew.

Tracy Johnson, Cultural Awareness Intern, heads the

Student Committee for Cultural Appreciation (SCCA) whose goal is to increase awareness and understanding of cultural, racial and ethnic issues. SCCA holds events such as movie reviews, affirmative action and ethnic studies forums, gospel choir performances, and international fashion shows. Interested in getting involved? Meetings take place in the Revelle Commuter Lounge, Wednesdays at 5 PM.

Loni Nguyen, Administrative Intern, acts as advisor to the Revelle Organizational Committee developing rosters, calendar events, and event evaluations. She updates the marquee and calendars in the College Center and Commuter Lounge. Loni is

Biographies:

Kim Kelso

Who jogs at 6:30AM, reads Spanish literature, and will actually talk to UCSD students? The answer is the outstanding Kim Kelso!

The ever-smiling Kim works at UCSD on campus activities. Kim's responsibilities include representing Revelle in campus activities, routing students to committees, helping the interns, and handling muddled myriad of other programs.

Kim is a UCSD alumnus and attended Third College for five years. After graduation, she almost immediately went to work in the Provost's Office.

"Students are getting more and more serious...The college is changing, and they are changing with it. That's not good or bad, just different."

also essential in encouraging communication between the Interns, the Dean's staff, the RAs, and Revelations committees. She prevents disarray.

Sunny Lee, the bright and vivacious General Programming Intern, is the overseeing force of the various programming committees at Revelle College. These committees, RPB, the Revelle Programming Board, NPB, the Noon Programming Board, and FSPB, the Faculty Student Programming Board,

Donna Smith

Donna Smith is the Administrative Assistant at the Provost's Office; she is the Assistant Dean, in charge of all budgeting matters for committees, Orientation, Graduation, and an endless array of other programs.

Donna once worked in the UCSD police department, where she worked with troubled students. Contrasting these students to UCSD students, she said, "I used to work with the worst students, and now I work with the best."

"I remember my second interview for this job," Donna added, reflecting on four years ago; "It was on Halloween, and I was dressed as a flower... But that was OK, because the people interviewing me were dressed as a skunk and a punk rocker."

provide a multitude of activities for the Revelle student. All of these committees, which include people from every area of the Revelle population, will benefit from Sunny's direction and skill this coming year.

Wendy McNeill, editor of Revelations, is a somewhat illusory figure who can be found at her office hours 3-5 PM on Wednesday afternoons or at her staff meetings from 7-9 those evenings.

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The Revelations Staff and the Revelle community would like to extend their condolences to the Dr. Charles Thomas family. His tragic death has deeply moved this campus, and his presence will be sorely missed.

The Tip of the Iceberg: A Moment With Roger Revelle

In his office at the picturesque Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Roger Revelle, the founder of Revelle College and UCSD, relates some of his observations on UCSD, the scientific community, and life in general.

What would you like to say to the Revelle College student body?

I'm proud of them. They're embarking on a very difficult course of study, and most of them will get through it without any trouble. I very much approve of the curriculum. It will give them a humanistic idea of life, the relationship that human beings have to each other and to the world.

How do you think students have changed since you were an undergraduate?

My impression is that the students are much more serious now. Much more concerned with learning. Students aren't as politicized as they were in the 60's.

What do you foresee as the future of science?

Science, human activity, is really going to be exciting. There are so many things left to discover. There are many things that are difficult to understand. Science in the United States—I'm worried about it because the average student is so poorly prepared.



Roger Revelle, the "father of the Greenhouse Effect," is to be honored by President George Bush with the National Medal of Science. Revelle, looking forward to his eighty-second birthday, is a professor of science and public policy at UCSD.

Provost's Corner

By Dr. Thomas Bond

I'd like to welcome all new students and welcome back all continuing students to Revelle College and UCSD. The purpose of this article and others like it, which I hope will follow, is to try to explain some of the academic features of the campus and assist students in achieving their academic goals.

Since I hope to open a two way dialogue, perhaps I should first tell you a little bit about myself. I am a faculty member in the chemistry department, having come to Revelle in 1967. I have been Provost of Revelle for seven years. In this position I see that all academic and student leadership opportunities are widely available.

If you have questions or complaints in these areas, please feel free to make an appointment to see me (534-1571).

For this first article, I thought I would give some advice on how to do well in your classes at UCSD. This should be one of your objectives, though certainly not the only one while here. I am the first to admit that much of education takes place outside of the classroom and that many of our most successful students do not graduate with spectacular GPAs.

You will soon learn that the faculty has high expectations of you. Learn to stay caught up! Try to put in at least 12 hours a week in your "big" courses and

not much less in the others. This should mean at least forty hours a week studying, outside of class. Hide out in Central, Bio-med, or S&L libraries if the dorms are too noisy for you.

Use old exams, soft reserves, older students, etc. to test your understanding of the material. Study alone at first, then get together in a group. Have a weekly study schedule and reward yourself for sticking to it. (But, likewise, give up something if you don't.)

Finally, keep a social life. Whether it's intramurals or parties, make the most of your time. There's an old Revelle saying: "Work hard. Play hard. When you're working, don't play, and vice versa."

If you find that you are not performing to your ability, get help fast. Don't be afraid to use your prof's office hours and to check out all the TAs in a class. If you feel "unmotivated", the most common excuse I hear for a poor record, see an advisor in the Provost's Office. Be sure to get your academic advice in our office.

I hope I'll get to know everyone who has read thus far. Now it's time to stop procrastinating and put your plan into action. If we can help, please let us know!

Editorial: The Gulf Crisis

By Dan Bonguard

The Russians are predicting World War III.

General Mikhail A. Moiseyev, the soviet military commander, remarked in an interview with The Washington Post that "in case of military actions, Iran will join the Iraqi side." He further predicted that in such a case, the Gulf Conflict would turn into a world war.

General Moiseyev does have a point. The Gulf Conflict could very easily escalate into a war, even a world war. But what it will not do is become a bonafide World War.

Allow me to explain the critical difference between World War and world war. World War I was a true World War, with the powers of Great Britain, France, Russia, and the United States opposing Germany and Austria-Hungary. World War Two was a similar conflict, with Italy and Japan siding with Germany. In both cases, the struggle was between two approximately equal forces. That is what it takes to make a World War — two large and approximately balanced forces opposing each other. In modern times, the often-predicted Third World War would see the United States face the Soviet Union in a brief and mutually fatal nuclear encounter. This is not what will come of the Gulf conflict.

The crisis in the Persian Gulf is a potential world war — lower

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case. The reason for such a designation is that this confrontation does not feature two equal and opposed sides. Instead, the Gulf Conflict pits Iraq (and possibly Iran) against the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Britain, France, Japan, Israel, Germany, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and even the perpetually neutral Switzerland. And on top of all that, the United Nations has condemned Iraq and authorized blockades of all shipping and air traffic.

There is no way Iraq could survive an armed conflict with combined armies better trained, better equipped, and over ten times the size of its own. Unless Saddam Hussein is truly as crazy as he has been portrayed, he will do his best to avoid war. Despite his calls for the destruction of the United States, Hussein has yet to attack, showing that he has at least a rudimentary level of sanity.

Iraq's only chance of victory lies along the path it currently follows — to out-wait the United States, and hope that the American people grow tired of the constant tension and fear. When the first shots are fired, if they are fired at all, the bullets will be ours, not theirs.

Saddam Hussein does not pose as great a threat to the world as many people imagine. There may be war. There will be no World War III.

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Review: Zeppelin in Space

By Scott Schaffer

As I walked into the dome of the Space Theater, I was a bit uneasy. I'd been here before, but not with the idea that I'd be travelling into the supposed psychedelia of Led Zeppelin. I'm not really into Zeppelin, but I have friends who are, and I know what's happened to them. So I had a semi-good reason to be sketchy.

I was wrong. The Led Zeppelin laser show (at the Space Theater in Balboa Park, Sun-Thurs nights, running for quite a while) is a rather harmless trip. As the show started, I found myself whirling in the flowers put up on the ceiling to the guitar-laced rhythms of a song I really don't know the name of. Two or three of these unknown songs later, the flowers were still whirling—which is cool, but I'd expected a bit more. The one song everybody knows (including me), "Stairway to Heaven," had some fairly interesting effects, as did most of the sings—but a lot of them kept coming back, like some kind of bad trip.

All in all, the show was a good way to just relax, give yourself an hour-long reality check, and: a) listen to a mix of great Zep tunes that you don't

have but would die for; b) find out what this Zeppelin group is all about; or c) remind yourself that there are other realities besides this one. Whichever way you go, you'll have a good time and maybe even get something out of this experience.

P.S. Even if you don't go to (or don't happen to want to wait in line for) the show, check out the Space Museum. It'll make your day whatever day it happens to be. Call 238-1168 for ticket information..

Jay's Tune Reviews

By Jay Manning, KSDT Programming Director

The following are some random albums dug out of the archives of the KSDT music collection.

Psychic TV: Toward the Infinite Beat in the genre of Depeche Mode and Erasure has seamless sound reminiscent of early Mode. Opens listener to the possibilities of electronic music. Unique vocal stylings of Genesis P. Orridge give the album a menacing quality.

X-Clan: Potpourri of old seventies disco, old rap, and eighties new rap. Emulates Tom-Tom Club, NWA, and George Clinton. Less self-righteous than some rap groups. Open to a broader base of fans.

The Sharp Angle: Co-existence

By Jack Sharp

I'm not afraid to admit it. I'm a freshman. Having settled in to campus life, I have been searching for similarities among the UCSD populace. The only thing they all have in common is that they are carbon-based lifeforms. After that, they diverge.

The best I can do with this medley of personalities is place them into factions of sorts: the Tensies, the raging Partimaniacs, and those who do it all, the Stressies.

With wide, darting eyes, the tense ones make up the first group. Tensies, as they can be aptly named, are usually nervous freshmen, but are sometimes just uptight upper-classmen. Their stress levels reach stratospheric heights every day, and any bio-feedback machine within miles of Tensies will suddenly and inexplicably explode. Conversation with a Tensie is apt to be very dangerous because a seemingly normal discussion may end abruptly as the Tensie spontaneously combusts.

Leaving a trail of destruction wherever they go, the Partimaniacs are a wild bunch. They often get chased by a virtual parade of bar-owners, policemen, angry fathers, rival fraternities, and various US infantry divi-

sions. These are the students who attempt to fit their classes in between parties and hangovers. They wander around campus with dazed expressions on their faces because they have not slept since 1982. Their conversation is always inarticulate, and they can be quite good friends if you don't mind the occasional vomit pool in your car.

The final group of people are the Stressies. Typically described as blurry streaks of panic running through the Plaza, the Stressie rushes from place to place on campus to keep a disproportionately large number of appointments. If you see a Stressie dashing toward you, it is advised to step aside because he/she has enough momentum to knock you into the next time zone.

But the wonderful and amazing thing about college is that all of these people can co-exist without killing each other.

During your years at UCSD, calm down your tense buddy, clean the regurgitated matter out of your car, and fit some fun into your super-consumed schedule.