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Russian turmoil.

■ Yeltsin vs. hardliners. Whats up?

Tom Demko
News Co-Editor

Power in Russia, Who has it? Who will have it? Last week Russian President Boris Yeltsin seemed to have the upper hand, a definite stranglehold on the fate of Russian government. Today, the phrase Russian politics seems to be an oxymoron, as government in Russia has been slashed into a polar fiasco consisting of politically familiar terms: conservatives, reformists, police lines, a White House and bloodshed.

Just where are they now? Its very difficult to say, now is a

difficult term when Parliament's are dissolved in a single speech, incumbent presidents are impeached and State buildings are taken over by dissenters.

An overview of what has spawned the bloodshed may help explain to those who haven't logged in the hours of CNN, or read all the issues of recent papers, to comprehend the current state of affairs in Russia.

The impetus of the current bloodshed can be said to be Russian President Boris Yeltsin's dissolving of Russia's Parliament on Sept. 21 which concurrently set

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Peter Dejong/A.P.

Russian hard-liners riot through police lines

USD, The Southwest, and a confident No. 3

Andie Brennan
Staff Writer

The seventh annual edition of "America's Best Colleges," published by U.S. News and World Report magazine became available on newstands Monday, Sept. 27. The survey included 1,371 schools and ranked USD as number 3 in the category of best regional colleges for the western region, which includes 14 states.

Institutions in this category award at least half of their bachelor's degrees in two or more professional disciplines. The overall rank of the school is determined by the sum of the rankings in five areas: (1) academic reputation; (2) student selectivity; (3) faculty resources; (4) financial resources; (5) graduation rate. These, in turn, are decided by an additional set of criteria. The highest ratings

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Cable confusion

■ San Diego to play crucial role in cable regulatory process

Eve Fromberg
Staff Writer

The San Diego City Council held their official meeting in Forum AB on Monday, September 27. This was a meeting that was of great relevance to any city occupant that is a current cable subscriber. The City was hearing public testimony concerning the Cable Initiative Act of 1992. Congress passed an Act that basically put Cable Companies nationwide under government regulation. The act consists of a 1500 page document that requires cable companies to comply with regulation requirements ranging from cable charges to customer service standards that are to be overseen and enforced by the Federal Communication Commission.

The City council was discussing and evaluating the idea of becoming the regulating agency for San Diego cable subscribers. The city government would be certified for this position by the FCC. They would be the local regulators for the FCC. Their job would be to regulate cable rates and customer and maintenance service.

Currently, the City of San Diego has two cable companies, Southwestern Cable which serves the areas north of the San Diego River including Rancho Bernardo and Mira Mesa, and Cox Cable which serves the area south of the San Diego River. The role of the City government in this situation is very important since San

Diego has the largest percentage of Cable subscribers in the United States. Approximately 75% of San Diego residents are cable subscribers.

The City Council led by Mayor Susan Golding were very concerned with hearing the public opinion on this issue since cable is very important to San Diego residents. Mayor Golding specifically "wants to hear from the public on what standards they want set". As well, if the City does become the official cable regulator for San Diego, Mayor Golding will be addressing the United States Congress concerning the progress of the Cable Initiative due to the large amount of cable subscription in the City of San Diego.

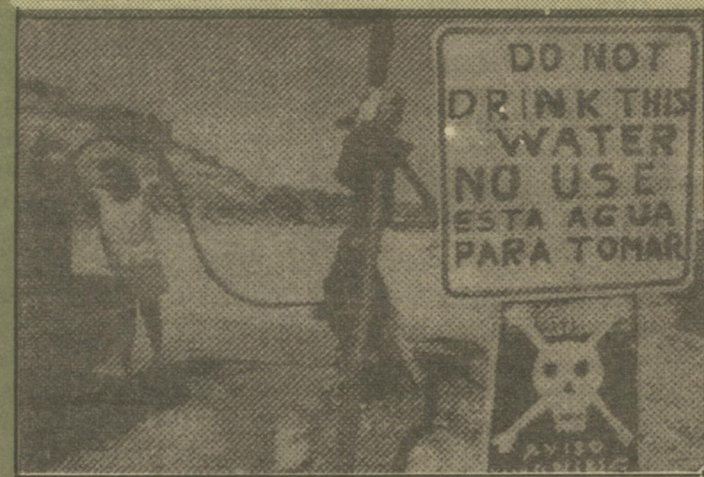
It is extremely important for the city to decide if they are to regulate cable because if there is no official certified regulator by November 15, 1993, the cable companies will be allowed to ignore any regulations. Cable rates can be raised and customer service quality may decrease. However, if the city is certified as the local franchise regu-

lator, they would be responsible for setting the standard for quality that the cable companies must follow. So far, Southwestern and Cox are following all FCC requirements as stipulated by the Cable Act.

The Presidents of Southwestern and Cox Cable both addressed the City Council about their dedication to initiating changes in compliance with the FCC regulations. As well, Lisa Briggs, Associate Director for Utility Consumers Action Network spoke about the importance of the city becoming the regulating authority for San Diego due to the fact that there is basically a monopoly on cable service by Southwestern and Cox. These companies have exclusive rights to the City of San Diego since they serve different areas of San Diego and do not compete with each other. Briggs believed that competition is the true regulator of business, but until a large cable company comes to San Diego to compete with either Southwestern or Cox, it is the duty of the City Council

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How is Clinton doing?

■ Clinton and student aid, the big deal. An overall rating.

Matt Klawitter
Staff Writer

Public polls are valuable tools in measuring the people's reaction of leaders or events. Also, polls give another perspective in looking at how people feel about a critical issue. Currently, the Gallop Poll is one of the major rating polls. This poll is taken by 1,000 or more telephone interviews spread across the nation. In the May 1993 Gallop Poll, there was a divided opinion on "How well Clinton is doing his job" — 46% disapproved of his policies and 44% approved. These ratings also can be broken down into voter sections. For instance, out of the 46% who disapproved of

Clinton, 70% were Republicans. Now, Clinton's ratings probably have increased a notch above a divided opinion, because of his new proposals to the health-care reforms, which is gaining support from people who will benefit largely. However, Clinton's favorability tends to fluctuate below the dividing line with different controversies. USD sociologist, Dr. Eugene Labovitz, commented on how the polls on Clinton are "self-fulfilling and tend to go whatever way the wind blows. A mistake may very well make the polls go down." Overall, Dr. Labovitz approves of Clinton and prefers him over former President George Bush.

One of the major issues that will affect students all over the nation is Clinton's national service plan. This plan deals with the implementation of finan-

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AROUND THE WORLD



INDIA—Thursday's devastating earthquake is said to have left as many as 22,000 people dead and another 150,000 people homeless. Prime Minister Narasimha Rao said, "The task of rehabilitation of these people and the villages is going to be stupendous." Relief aid came in on a U.S. C-5 transport plane, carrying blankets, water jugs, food, bamboo poles, plastic sheeting, tents and wood for cooking and cremating the dead. U.S. private aid groups are launching their own relief efforts on top of the international aid.

The army was given authority over the recovery effort on Sunday. Helicopters have dropped 50 tons of food in isolated villages. Furthermore, the army has begun to crack down on looting, blocking outsiders from shattered villages.

ISRAEL—Israeli security forces arrested 19 Hamas fundamentalists in the West Bank, continuing a crackdown against "those who today are continuing terror" despite the Israeli-PLO agreement. "The top priority for all security forces today is to keep back those who endanger us," said Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

POLLS

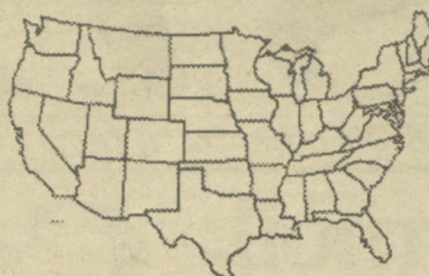
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cial aid for students. According to the U.S. News & World Report survey, most administrators of American higher education, give Clinton's plan a thumbs-up. Of the 2,500 administrators surveyed, 72% approved. However, 70% doubt the government can manage the program at a reasonable cost. USD student and conservative-Republican, Katia Jamshid, does not agree with Clinton's plans and feels that "he will not give an adequate amount of aid to students." Katia mentioned how unrealistic the loan repayment plan is, which involves community service after college, because "this would put a lot of burden on the shoulders of students." She also commented that Clinton, "thinks he's another Kennedy, but he's turned out worse than Carter."

A key feature of Clinton's plan would be the direct lending of loans straight from the government, which would regulate the loans at hopefully a lower interest than private intermediaries (banks) are charging. Only 26% of college and university leaders believe that direct lending would save tax dollars. However, 56% indicated that private banks would be more effective. USD student and Ross Perot fan Mark Brewer is "outraged at the current budget cuts," and he thinks that "interest rates on loans should not be at a high percent."

On the ratings of Clinton's first 100 days in the White House, the Gallop Polls rated him with 55% approval and 37% disapproval. But the next several months were filled with skepticism over situations. For example, Dr. Labovitz pointed to the gays in the military controversy as a negative issue which rubbed off on Clinton. Labovitz felt that "Clinton went back on his proposals, because it was politically expedient. And this was not moral." One reason for the controversies, suggested Labovitz, is that "Clinton is too willing to compromise on issues, but Clinton seems to vacillate

ABOUT THE NATION



FLORIDA—Three foreign tourists were attacked by would-be robbers who sprayed the visitors in the face with Mace. The attack took place outside a fast-food restaurant near Fort Lauderdale's popular beach. This is the latest in a series of violent crimes against Florida tourists.

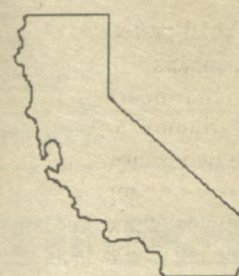
WASHINGTON D.C.—Defense Secretary Les Aspin said he will decide this week whether to fire Chief of Naval Operations Frank Kelso for his handling of the 1991 Tailhook sex abuse scandal. Aspin appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation" this week.

BOSTON—A former Roman Catholic priest pleaded guilty to molesting more than 30 children in three Massachusetts parishes. This is one of the worst-ever cases of sexual abuse involving a member of the clergy in America. James Porter was indicted in September 1992 after several of his victims came forward to complain about the abuse he inflicted on them during the 1960s. Porter pleaded guilty to 46 counts of sodomy, indecent assault and child molestation.

support from both groups of conservatives and liberals."

The real test for Clinton will be how he handles his health-care proposal and future controversies with Congress and the American people. Seven out of ten

ACROSS THE STATE



LOS ANGELES—The Dodgers finished up their disappointing season on a bright note. Given the opportunity to play the role of the spoiler, the defeated their long-time rivals, the San Francisco Giants, and knocked them out of the playoffs.

LOS ANGELES—Former finance chief of Charles Keating's American Continental Corp., Andrew F. Liggett, was sentenced to two years in prison and ordered to repay \$148,000 for helping Keating loot Lincoln Savings. Liggett pleaded guilty to three counts of authorizing interest-free loans. Liggett will be up for parole after serving one-third of his sentence.

LOS ANGELES—Police Officer Laurence Powell was denied by the U.S. Supreme Court of his request to remain free on bail, while appealing his federal civil rights conviction for beating Rodney King. Powell argued that he does not pose as dangerous threat to the community.

people approve of Clinton changing the health-care system. And Clinton's popularity has risen to 52% since his speech two weeks ago. Recently, Clinton passed a \$2.5 billion aid package before Congress, with the help of his popularity.

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to be the chief protector of San Diego consumers.

After hearing much public testimony advocating regulation by the city as well as advocacy for no regulation at all, the Mayor announced that the City council would decide on this issue in closed meeting on Tuesday. They must have a decision to the FCC by October 16, 1993 to be eligible for certification. Mayor Golding also announced that she personally feels "that the only proper role to take is to be a regulatory group until competition appears and is fostered".

Juan Vargas, USD Alumni '83, is a Council member representing the eighth district. His opinion at the end of the meeting was, "It's a big question as to whether our regulation is needed or interferes according to the public. It'll take some investigation".

The City is required to have four meetings a year outside of City Hall according to their charter. When asked why USD was chosen, Mayor Golding said interestingly enough, "It is a wonderful public facility because of its central location and good parking". As well, Tom Behr, Deputy Mayor, USD Law School Alumni and USD Soccer fan, said in response to the use of USD as a site, "USD as always been a major and helpful influence and is always extending themselves to the City. As alumni, I could not be more proud that USD is a site for two meetings".

RANKING

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USD received are in the areas of academic reputation (ranking 4th), and faculty resources (ranking 7th). To determine academic reputation ratings, 2,655 college presidents, deans and admission directors participated in the evaluation of schools within the same category as their own, based upon their reputations. The faculty resources ranking was determined by a number of criteria including student-faculty ratios, percentage of faculty with doctorates or other top terminal degrees, professor salaries and class size.

This high ranking is not a bit surprising given these impressive 1993-1994 statistics. Ninety-seven percent of USD faculty have doctorates or terminal degrees, USD has an 18:1 student-faculty ratio, and the typical class size is 15-25 students.

It's great to be acknowledged and published in a national and reputable magazine, but what criteria do the students use to rank USD as being the best college for them? A few students offered their comments and all of them seem to center on a common theme-size.

Ron C, a USD senior, said "you can get your classes, your classes are small, and you can graduate on time. Just don't join the greek system, maintain your individuality, don't seel out." Chrissy Naugle, another senior describes USD as, "small and secure." In refering to the close,

more personable relationship between students and faculty she said "it really means a lot to me that my teachers know my name." Frank Lopez, a USD junior, emphasized the importance of a comfortable atmosphere for studying and attributed it to the physical beauty of USD and it's size; "you come up the hill ...and wow... beautiful." Kala'i Miller, another student, responded with a simple response; "USD rugby." He elaborated by explaining that through participation in rugby he has experienced comradery and good times. He has learned responsibility through leadership and how to motivate people. He believes the small size of USD has really enhanced his experience here because it enables "you to fully identify with a group without getting lost in it." USD's small environment provides a comfortable atmosphere of familiarity. Kala'i said that involvement in different organizations and groups is complimentary as opposed to conflictive. He used the example of rugby players involved in fraternities and said the intercohnec-tion causes them to "feed off each other," in regard to supporting one another.

Warren Muller, director of Undergraduate Admissions, said that USD's present long-range plan is to keep the university's undergraduate enrollment constant. Throughout the past five years USD has been very successful, maintaining the number of incoming freshmen at right around 880 with total new student enrollment at about 1150. This goal of stability has implications for student selectivity. Muller stated that the admissions standards are based on the quality of the applicant pool and the number of applicants, both of which have seen significant changes within the last 10 years. This year USD had 300 more applicants than last year, and the quality of this pool increased as well. The average high school GPA of incoming freshmen has increased from 3.32 in 1992 to 3.41 in 1993. In regard to USD's number 3 ranking in the U.S. News and World Report, Muller responded "it's nice to be ranked, but the number one school for one person may not be the number one school for another." He said that USD's conception of "quality" entails much more than a high GPA. It incorporates personal qualities and diversity into its evaluation and tries to focus on the "human being and all [his/her] complexities."

NEWS

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Fountain of youth found in Senior outreach program.

"I just can't say enough about it," Herba Lynch, who is self-proclaimed "77 going on 40," exclaimed happily over the telephone when asked to express her feelings about USD's Senior Outreach Program. Herba has been a part of Senior Outreach since it began at USD seven years ago.

According to Barbara Peterson, the assistant director of the Volunteer Resources office, the Senior Outreach project was the first community service project to be sponsored by Associated Students. At that time, the project took place during a weekend in which the directors of AS Community Service brought together interested USD students and groups of senior citizens.

Senior Outreach has come a long way in the past seven years. Besides expanding into the fifteen community service programs that currently are in existence, Senior Outreach has developed on its own. What used to be a single weekend event is now a complete semester commitment.

Peterson is happy about its success: "Senior Outreach is a great service to the community. It benefits the seniors tremendously. I am pleased with its maturity over the years."

USD students Jennifer Dominelli and Vivianne Currier are the coordinators for Senior Outreach this year. They are currently in the process of planning out details for this semester, which includes a trip on Saturday, Oct., 9.

Interested students will be taken to a convalescent hospital where they will have a chance to become familiar with the seniors by playing games and eating lunch together. This trip also provides the opportunity for the volunteers to get to know one another.

Dominelli and Currier were both involved in Senior Outreach last year as well. Both students feel that it is a great project in which to get involved. "I always had a heart for senior citizens. Many of them are lonely and neglected — almost forgotten about. The most rewarding part is to know that you are the reason they have a smile on their face," Dominelli states.

Currier also nores that the project can be beneficial for the student as well. "Not only do the seniors appreciate everything you do for them, but they are full of stories and good advice".

Each volunteer is matched with a senior citizen from a nearby community. The coordinators do their best to match the students with the seniors who live near to them.

The volunteers should spend at least one day each month with the senior. They can go shopping, help out around the home, or just talk together. Feeling a little insecure about walking into a stranger's home? The volunteers can go in pairs or small groups if they prefer.

Senior Outreach is beneficial to both the seniors and the volunteers. Lynch exclaimed excitedly, "They are the nicest group of kids. I feel like I've known them forever. We've really developed strong friendships over the years".

Interested students should contact Volunteer Resources downstairs in the University Center. All are welcome!!

—Kristin Wojtkowski

SURFNEWS

BY JOHN SCARRY

WAVE FORECAST

Be advised the deadline for the wave forecast is the Friday prior to the printing of the VISTA. Therefore, surfprediction is very difficult and subject to sudden changes.

Again not much is in the forecast for waves. A tropical disturbance is developing off mainland Mexico, which may develop into a tropical storm. If so, we will probably be seeing a south swell by Thursday.

Fall weather patterns are beginning to appear in the North Pacific with increased storm activity above Hawaii and up near the Aleutians. These storms bring west and northwest swells to California. Perfect for San Diego and N. Baja! No swells are presently in sight, but October looks like it will be a good month for surf in San Diego.

The news editors would like to apologize to TANYA RODRIGUES, who's article appeared in this box last week. She was not credited with having written the story.

“ It's amazing what you can do when you stop thinking about beer and friends. — USD Student ”

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
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"The closing gateway" to higher State education

Erin K. Quirk
Staff Writer

One need only to have heard of the state of California to have some knowledge of its present budget crisis. Everything from social programs to libraries are cutting back or being shut down completely. Likewise the college students of the Golden State system are faced with financial demands that were non-existent ten years ago.

The state of California, knee deep in recession, has had an estimated \$25 billion budget shortfall in the last two years, this has led to major cutbacks in higher education. Meanwhile the growing student body in California state schools, totals 2 million people. In 1992 California state schools took a \$780 million budget cut. This budget cut has caused in the UC system, one of the top ten University systems in the world with eighteen Nobel Laureates among its 7,400 member faculty, to raise student fees 85 percent in the last three years. One method of budget slashing comes in the form of "voluntary early retirement programs." At UC Davis, students say the loss of staff is noticeable. At the outset of winter quarter 1993 there will be 67 fewer professors than there were in 1992. Other popular

forms of economizing in the UC system are through teacher salary cuts, requiring professors to teach more courses, or closing entire departments. These strategies have been the subject of much student and faculty protest. Interestingly enough, according to *Newsweek*, the largest protest on University budget cuts was held last year at San Diego State. It was hailed as "the largest on-campus rally since the Vietnam war." Furthermore a band of student activists at San Diego State are in the fifth month of a round-the-clock vigil, protesting department closures and hiring freezes next to administrative pay raises.

It is obvious how California students and faculty feel about the present budget crisis in the higher education system but what about the rest of California and other Americans who are not presently involved with the University system?

Earlier this week in a Sacramento news conference, findings from "The Closing Gateway," the first comprehensive survey on how Californians feel about the state policy on higher education, was released. The main issue addressed was California's concern over the accessibility of higher education for its qualified students. The survey, based on the responses of 832 Californians and a parallel report of 500 other Americans, was released by The California

Higher Education Policy Center (CHEPC). The study found that concern is so intense for higher education that 64 percent favored a basic overhaul of the entire system. Patrick M. Callan, executive Director of CHEPC, said "Our interpretation is that Californians want more innovative solutions, not just budget slashing and across the board fee increases." Californians believe that an education is indispensable but increasingly out of reach. In discussing solutions, Californians have mixed feelings about giving money to students in the form of grants, yet were also concerned about the amount students have been forced to borrow. The study also shows that several of the solutions proposed by legislators are considered poor solutions by Californians. The worst solution, according to 58 percent of people surveyed, is limiting student enrollment, followed by raising student fees 52 percent, and limiting research spending, 38 percent. The parallel nationwide study found similar opinions except on the question of educational opportunity.

Herein lies perhaps the greatest problem of California's higher education system. California is the only state in the union that has an education system based on the premise that higher education not just a privilege but a right of every resident. This is the essence of The

Master Plan which is a nationally acclaimed structure designed to provide higher education at a very low cost to all Californians. It is a noble idea and one born out of the post war prosperity of the once called "recession proof state." The Master Plan has worked for many years because California has remained prosperous enough to support it. Students have benefited by an excellent education (UC's admit students only from the top ten percent of their graduating class) and paid very little for it. Now California has run out of money and can no longer afford to perpetuate this benevolent plan. California students who were raised to believe an excellent state education was their right are now being informed, as Robert J. Gurian lobbyist for the California Faculty Association put it, "they are being sold tickets to a theater, and if there are no seats, they are just out of luck."

Sadly this seems to be the new trend in higher education in California. The once noble Master Plan is sinking under its own weight, as it is expected that by 2005 there will be 700,000 more students, edging the college population up to 2.6 million. Dr. Patricia Plovianich of the Religious Studies department at USD sees the problem not as a death sentence for the state systems but rather

as a chance for re evaluation. "Facing budget cuts," she says, "causes people to examine real expenditures. Are the administrators and professors worth the amount one pays for them?" Furthermore, Plovianich believes that the new budget cuts will force California students to examine if they really want to be in college and if they are willing to work for it. "It forces a responsibility for performance." Plovianich is not alone in this opinion, according to the study, 68 percent of Californians believe that students don't appreciate the value of a college education when they take no personal responsibility in paying for it.

Certainly Californians are concerned about the future of their children seeking higher education. The Master Plan, while a revolutionary idea, is floundering under the weight of the recession and California's 2 million students. It seems that the University system can no longer wait for California to return to its earlier prosperity so its students can be educated as they were when the Master Plan flourished. It desperately requires an overhaul so this generation, surprised by the brutality of the recession, won't leave college with a mediocre education and an empty wallet to show for it.

RUSSIA

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up free elections in December. Creating a threefold problem. First, the involved members of parliament are stalwarts from the "pre-Gorbatchev" days, their ethos lies in hard line communism, and they are now unemployed. Second, the Dec. elections do not include a Presidential election, they are only parliamentary. Yeltsin does not risk his presidency. Third the act itself is a direct violation of Russia's constitution.

Parliament responded to Yeltsin's act by voting to impeach him, replacing him with Vice President Alexander Rutskoi. Rutskoi ran with Yeltsin in the presidential elections in June, 1991 and is himself a hard-liner. Yeltsin ignored Parliament's attempt to impeach him. The hard-line conservative members of parliament then took up arms and refused to leave the parliament or what the Russian people refer to as the "White House." Yeltsin shut down the building's electricity and ordered a cordon to surround the building. These security forces did not move in immediately as Yeltsin needed the support of the international community, particularly in the West.

The Russian people are divided. Sunday evening saw the end of the government's political duel. In Gorky park 15,000 + protesters? Yeltsin's recent political maneuvers. These protesters were led by hard-line conserva-

tive leaders. These leaders directed the mob (armed with lead pipes, rocks and firearms) through police lines surrounding the Moscow Mayor's building. The police were forced to retreat and leave behind trucks, batons and riot shields. The rioters used these weapons, took the trucks and drove through glass doors to enter the building. Guards soon attacked with machine guns and protesters withdrew, still in possession of government arms. The leaders then directed this armed mob to the television station where rioters used rocket propelled grenades to take the building. State paratroopers moved in and for three hours a battle

erupted that left eight dead. Sunday's deaths added up to at least 24 in what is being referred to as the worst political violence in Russia since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

Monday morning Yeltsin ordered an attack to retake White House. Paratroopers and T-72 tanks stormed the building. Black smoke filled the sky from burning barricades, and constant gunfire was heard. Three hours into

the fighting there were bodies littering surrounding areas. Yeltsin, in a public speech declared, "There can be no forgiveness, because they raised their hands against innocent people. The armed revolt is doomed." Soon after this was said News Cameras showed the hard-liners, including Rutskoi, fleeing out of the White House and onto

busses, off to prison. Yeltsin had won.

Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Russia expert, Dr. Patrick Drinan points out, "The potential danger here is if the military itself divides." It is because the military hasn't divided, rather remained cohesive, that Yeltsin won.

Here in the United States the Clinton administration supports Yeltsin. President Clinton candidly said, "We've got to stick with the person who until now has been the reformer, has been the one who has been standing behind democratic...values."

NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner said, "The situation is explosive, extraordinarily serious." His statement ap-

parently eludes to the potential threat of civil war in Russia.

It is this potential for civil war that has alarmed the international community. Russia is currently divided into 88 semiautonomous regions who's loyalties are as split as the peoples of Moscow. Many politicians governing these regions make no public commitments to either the Yeltsin or hard-line camp. Yeltsin is hoping to relieve all doubts as to his regional political integrity by calling for an Oct. 9 meeting of Russia's Federation Council, which serves as a forum for the many regional leaders. At this meeting He will need to attract almost all of these regions to his side in order to secure his place in the Russian political equation. In recent months these regional politicians have leaned towards Yeltsin, and hard-liners have received little political or military support. Further, these politicians and their people recognize Moscow as the political heart of the nation, thus what happens there in the next few days is imperative to the upcoming elections. Dr. Drinan feels, "The largest threats (for civil uprising) are furthest away, St. Petersburg, where there is less control."

These events, however intricate and confusing, have placed Russia's future in the hands of the next few days. Dr. Drinan looked ahead saying, "It is fairly likely that the elections in Dec. will be marred by some violence." Yeltsin himself said, "The fate of Russia, the fate of our children is being decided today."



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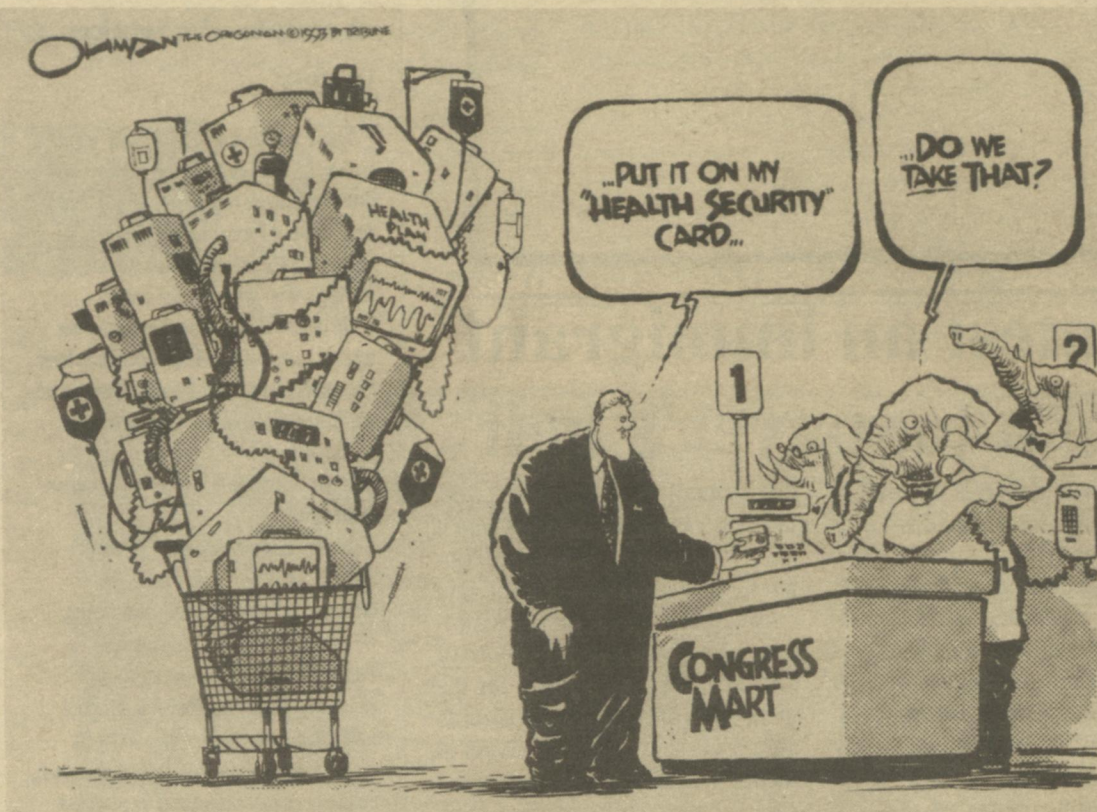
Health care plan has heart, lacks brain

Let us put all good intentions aside and examine Bill Clinton's health-care plan for a moment; the plan is simply too large, too expensive and too bureaucratic to work. Bill, if you think your plan will work you must be a bigger fool than the guy who hired Chevy Chase to do a late night talk show.

James Finete
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The reality is that four out of five Americans presently have health insurance. Proponents of the plan can use fancy terms like "employer mandates" all they want, but just as the consumer and the taxpayer are one and the same, the taxpayer and the employer are the same people. Their technical wording simply means that the four with insurance will have to pay for the one without insurance. However, many people will not be able to pay their share of someone else's health insurance. These people are the owners of small businesses.

Every small business will be responsible for paying the health insurance of their employees, and most will not be able to afford such a burden. In turn, many of these employees will be standing in an unemployment line because their employers could not afford to insure them. For many small businesses, the only way to survive the added cost will be to raise the price of their products. Still, many of these businesses will be forced to close shop



when their customers start shopping at less expensive, more established stores.

Clinton is quick to argue that small businesses will not carry all the burden. Oh, of course not! Instead the government, meaning the taxpayers who already spend \$900 billion on the health care system, will pay an additional \$441 billion in the next six years to start up the program. Does Clinton really think he can lower the federal deficit this way? In his address to Congress he said the bulk of the money would come from a "sin" tax on cigarettes. How-

ever, his own aides admitted that for the new tax to cover even 20 percent of the health-care cost would be "optimistic." Clinton as of yet has failed to determine from where the other money will come.

Some supporters of Clinton's health-care program argue that it will not interfere with private resources and won't socialize the health-care system. Don't be fooled by Clinton's doublespeak. His plan is going to set price controls on medical products such as new brands of medication. Sounds great at first, but if you limit the amount a specific

medication can be sold for, then you limit the interest in improving or financing such drugs.

For example, why should private corporations continue to invest billions of dollars each year on medical research just to be told they can only sell it for a minimal profit? Clinton's plan will lead to a lack of investment in scientific research aimed at finding cures to diseases such as AIDS and cancer. In turn, more people will be suffering in hospitals from these diseases, and more will die. In addition to these problems, the

cost of the mess will be insane. We are not just talking about a panel of people forming to look over this system. What will happen is that an enormous bureaucracy will be established, and as the number of workers needed to administrate the new programs escalate, so will the lines at the hospital. Think of it this way; if you knew the government would pay for you to have every little scratch taken care of by a doctor, wouldn't you go to a doctor? How about if you had some stiffness in your neck; wouldn't you like a massage? I know I am probably exciting some of you, however, every hypochondriac in America is going to be parked in a hospital waiting room demanding to get tested because their body temperature rose half a degree. You will all be dead before you get treated.

The biggest irony of this plan is that Clinton just supported Al Gore's attempt to "reinvent the government". How on earth these two geniuses decided that the best way to eliminate government waste was to create a whole new system of bureaucracy is beyond me. We will have more useless jobs, more government workers with their brains functioning at 50 percent that of Sox the Cat's than ever before.

Face it, we live in a capitalistic society and Clinton's attempt to over regulate the health-care system can only lead to a lack of quality. Clinton went too far on this plan and wants to turn the health-care system into a great ball of red tape. Ultimately, that ball is going to run us all over.

Apathy permeates college campuses

Student's attitudes reflect indifferent concern for their future

Television is one contributor to this generation's impassive attitude toward society and their role in it. Students all over the nation are closing their books and sitting down, remote controls in hand, to enjoy the mental stimulation of "Beverly Hills 90210," "Melrose Place" and "MTV Jams."

USD is no exception. The result is an uniformed generation that lives vicariously through characters that depict, in the words of Time magazine, "gorgeous androids, with lifestyles of witless LA clichés." When such shallow trivialities begin to take priority in the lives of college students, apathy permeates America's universities.

Student apathy appears in various forms. Whether it is the steady decline of scores on standardized tests or the general lack of interest in world news, students seem to be numbing their minds. A report produced

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by the Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press disclosed that from 1967 to 1990, the share of Americans under 35 saying they had "read a newspaper yesterday" declined from 67 percent to 30 percent. This is a small but revealing statistic that accurately reflects the growing number of people who turn on the television, tune in and drop out of society.

Last year's election brought an end to a 20-year decline in student voting. Forty-eight percent of eligible students voted in 1972 compared with 33 percent in 1988 — a 15 percent drop — according to census data.

This trend has been evident at USD as well. Of approximately 4,000 students, fewer than 25 percent, 962 students, voted in last year's AS elections. It must be difficult for student leaders to represent the interests of

the student body when 75 percent of the student body abstains from voting.

The poor turnout at the polls cannot be for lack of convenience because the election tables are set up in high-traffic areas, such as the UC. The explanation lies in students' lack of interest in their futures, defined as apathy.

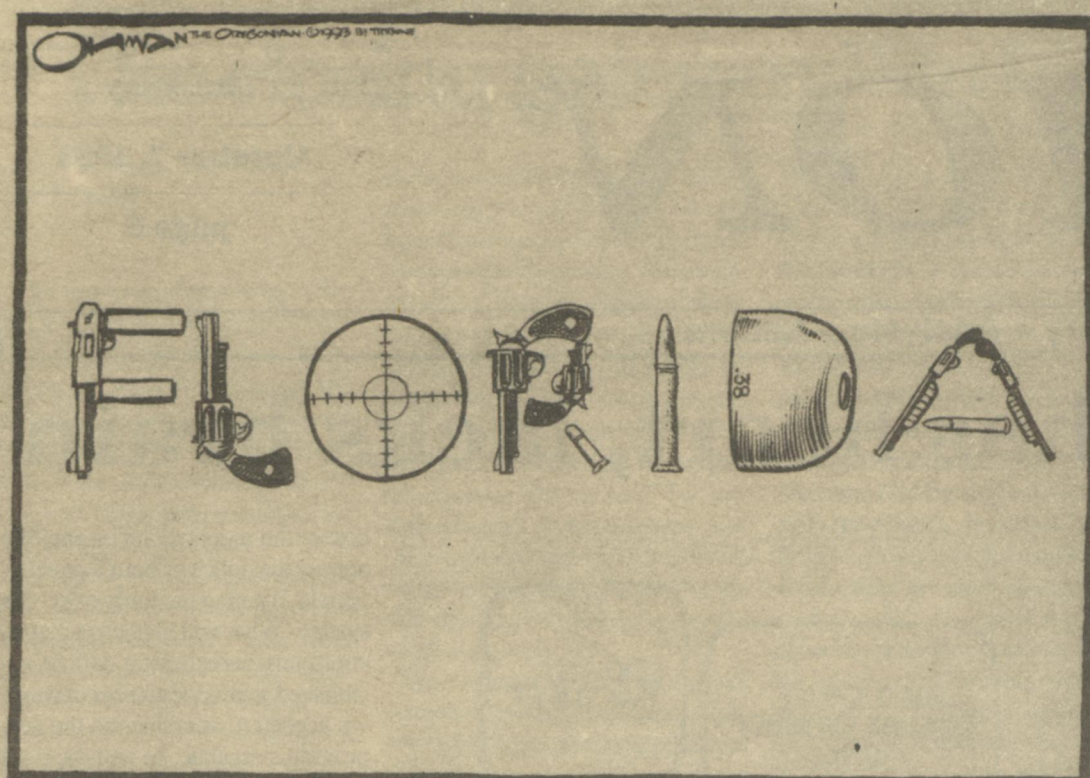
One cannot generalize an entire generation by the habits of the majority. There are students who still utilize their university experience to the fullest, not only excelling in the classroom but also becoming involved in the university community. Consequently, these individuals have the opportunity to make a difference at their university.

The Associated Students recently had a gripe box in front of the UC for several days. The intent was to encourage students to voice any dissatisfaction they may have with their university experience, so that their elected representatives may attempt to resolve it.

Very few "gripes" were turned in, and most of those submitted were about parking. Such displays of indifference by students are proving their critics correct. Critics claim that students lack initiative and progressive ideas. Fortune magazine, for example, asserted that, "The most progressive ideas you'll hear from the 'baby-busters' will probably be about how they want to progress on home in good time each day."

If the attitudes of the majority of college students continue to be saturated with indifference, then what will happen when they graduate? On viewing statistics on the knowledge of college students around the country, U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) said, "When 95 percent of college students cannot locate Vietnam on a world map, we must sound the alarm."

Consider this the alarm.



The United States: an immigrant sanctuary, and a taxpayer's hell

While immigration reform is a hot topic these days, it's no secret to us here in San Diego that we have had a problem with illegal immigration for a long time now. I think we must live in one of the few places in the world where deer-crossing signs have been replaced by those lovely *illegal aliens-with-*

Jonah B. Weinberg
Staff Writer

children-crossing signs. You know the ones—depicting a family holding hands and running while they pull their young daughter behind them like a kite. Interestingly enough it is only recently that this crisis—yes, I would call it a crisis—has come to the attention of our state capitol. Politicians have rarely been known for their timeliness in dealing with problems, but since it seems that the cry of the people of California has finally been heard, I'm willing to let the past fifty or so years of irresponsibility concerning our border be a bygone.

This past summer, Governor Pete Wilson finally acknowledged the magnitude of the problem which we face, and in an open letter to President Clinton he proposed a solution. Governor Wilson's letter discussed a constitutional amendment which would rewrite the 14th amendment. For those of you who are having a momentary memory lapse, and can't seem to recall exactly what the 14th amendment says, please allow me to refresh your memory. This is one of the three amendments which came about as a result of the Civil War and the abolition of slavery; among other things, this amendment defined an American citizen as anyone who had been born or naturalized in the United States. At the time it was an appropriate measure, meant to protect the former slaves by automatically making them citizens.

Now fear not, the governor is not asking for a repeal of this amendment—something which would be a mistake, because there is a lot of good stuff in there, he is merely

asking for a revision. Instead of defining an American citizen as anyone born in the United States, it would instead stipulate that the parents (more specifically the mother) had to be in this country legally at the time of the child's birth in order for it to be considered a legal citizen. Now this is not an unreasonable demand of citizenship; to insist that parents respect the laws of the United States and enter according to our rules, instead of committing a criminal act to enter our country illegally and have their child on this side of the border.

There are those who call this proposed amendment discriminatory against Hispanics (primarily Mexicans), but I beg to differ. This amendment would apply not only to Hispanics, but to every other immigrant in the world as well. We should, however, call a spade a spade—here in Southern California, this amendment would affect Hispanics more than most other groups, but that is due to demographics, not discrimination, how can this plan discriminate against Hispanics when they are in no danger of deportation unless they are in this country illegally?

Now I'm aware that this country's heritage is based on immigration, that we're all one great big melting pot of cultures and philosophies. I think that's great, and I'm all for it, but here is one major difference between what the immigrants who poured into this country at the beginning of this century did, and what many immigrants today are doing. Namely, the immigrants of yesteryear entered this country by the book. They came in at Ellis Island, got their paperwork and became citizens legally! They didn't climb a fence, wade a river or rush into oncoming traffic at the border to get into this country, and that's what I resent.

It should be a privilege to be a U.S. citizen, not an automatic right of delivery. Why should we reward illegal aliens for breaking our laws? By allowing their children to be categorized as citizens we only encourage the continuing violation of our legal system.

Why am I so vehement about

this matter? Not only do I feel insulted at the lack of respect which these people display toward our laws, but there is also a significant fiscal reason to support this proposal. Each year tens of millions of dollars are spent, not only for the labor costs of the pregnant women who come here to give birth (not to mention the high cost of post-natal care for their children), but even more is spent in welfare for supporting these children. Were you aware that after giving birth in the U.S., a woman can return to Mexico (or other country of origin) and receive U.S. Government welfare checks there?

This is not what I want my tax dollars going toward, and I doubt the incentive to cross our border would be as great were there no monetary gain for doing so. I say that if an illegal alien enters our country in her third trimester and gives birth, she and the child should be returned to their country of origin as soon as possible, and that country should be billed for the costs of the medical services provided. If these people really want to become U.S. citizens, or have their children become U.S. citizens, then they should be willing to go through the same legal channels that everyone else has to.

I have nothing against immigration, nor the children of legal immigrants becoming U.S. citizens, in fact I believe that they have every right to citizenship. Even if the parents are only passing through Kennedy International on their way to some other place and the woman gives birth in the terminal, that's fine with me; give the little tike a U.S. passport so long as their parents are passing through with a valid transport visa.

Governor Wilson's proposal is a good and just one. It is one which protects and benefits the citizens of this nation, while still being fair and upholding our immigrant tradition. Most importantly, it sends a clear message to the peoples of other nations: *Immigrants of the world, you are welcome in this country by all means, but if you don't play by our rules, then don't count on a birth to keep you here.*

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Letters

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A couple of mistakes...

Dear Editor,

I have not seen a "letters to the editor" section in VISTA lately, so perhaps you don't print these any more. If not, that's fine. It would serve just as well if you pass along the information below to the reporters who write for the paper.

In otherwise good articles in the last several issues of VISTA, statements have been made which are factually inaccurate, which should have been verified, and would, in fact, have been very easy for the reporter to verify. I will give you two examples.

A fine article headlined "Students SMILE for financial assistance" described an uplifting and imaginative new program spearheaded by AS President Tom Vertetis to try to do something about the financial aid pool rather than just complaining about its insufficiency. This is a creative approach, and I am deeply impressed by students helping students. Part of one sentence, however, is inaccurate: "Tuition continues to rise with inflation while financial aid stays constant" (underlining mine). As correctly noted in the article, federal and state financial aid are declining relative to tuition costs. However, USD-funded financial aid rises every year by the amount of tuition increase, plus additional funds to take into account newly eligible students and students whose need increases between years.

Let me be specific: in last year's

budget process for 1993-1994, USD-funded financial aid increased by \$828,043 to reflect the 6 percent tuition increase; to that was added \$1,356,800, for a total increase of \$2,184,843. In other words, 41 percent of all new tuition income went into USD-funded financial aid, a higher percentage than usual because the Budget Committee knew the problems created for students by the recessionary economy. The article was accurate in saying that there still was not enough financial aid to cover everyone's need, but it is clear that USD-funded financial aid did not stay constant.

In another article a week or two ago, a student was quoted as saying something to the effect that USD's retention rate for culturally diverse students is much lower than that of others. Obviously the reporter quoting someone has to report just what the person said, and did so. But it is the responsibility of a reporter writing the article to check whether the statement quoted is accurate, and not just assume it is. A telephone call to Institutional Research would have revealed that retention of culturally diverse students, in the aggregate, is normally either equal to or higher than that of non-culturally diverse students. For example, USD's latest statistics (August, 1993) for the classes who entered in 1990 and 1991 (present seniors and juniors) show higher retention rates for culturally diverse students than for non-Hispanic whites. The percentages are: Class of 1994 (present seniors): Non-Hispanic whites: 69.2 percent retention; Culturally diverse: 75.8 percent retention. Class of 1995 (present juniors): Non-Hispanic whites: 79.1 percent retention; Culturally diverse: 79.8 percent retention.

Thanks for your attention to these issues of journalistic accuracy.

Sister Sally Furay
Vice President and Provost

Spotlight On Society

by James Finete

A mother of four who was smoking in the non-smoking section of a Bay Area Denny's was not pleased when fellow diners told her to put the butt out. After storming out of the restaurant, the woman, Daphne Luster, returned with a 12-gauge shotgun and murdered one of her critics in the Denny's parking lot. The killing was at least the second such killing in California in the past year.

A deceased man in Bucharest recently left his entire inheritance to his wife under the condition that she take up smoking five cigarettes a day for the rest of her life. Marin Cemenescu made the stipulation in revenge for the 40 years of "hell" that his wife apparently put him through.

A Camp Pendleton Navy psychiatrist is on trial on 38 charges stemming from his suspected

sexual harassment of patients and staff members, as well as reports of attempted sodomy on an enlisted male. Cmdr. William Forte has been accused of outrageous conduct unbecoming an officer while heading the rehab unit at Camp Pendleton's Naval Hospital. One of Forte's subordinates has accused him of telling office workers about patients' past histories, calling one female patient a "sick bitch" and other female patients lesbians.

Valentina Popovic, an engineering student in New York, died after being hit and dragged nearly 10 blocks by a Jeep. Popovic, 25, escaped her war-torn country of Serbia to attend Columbia University and the nearby City College. The driver, Moses Rodriguez, 19, hit Popovic while attempting to escape from police.

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NAFTA and the environment

"The environmental mistake of the decade," warned former Environmental Protection Agency administrator William K. Reilly, would be made by those Senators voting against the North American Free Trade Agreement. But this firm caveat has not been the mutually accepted sentiment throughout the environmental community. In fact, since the July 30 ruling handed down from District Judge Charles Richey, the environmental community has been deeply divided on NAFTA's environmental integrity. The ruling effectively blocked the trade accord's legal passage in lieu of an environmental impact statement assessing its ecological effects.

President Clinton promised in his campaign that he would not submit the trade accord to Congress for approval until he obtained adequate side agreements for labor and the environment. For environmentalists, these side agreements have become the object of vehement contention. The July 30 environmental mandate, which stayed the prospective largest trade pact in modern history, brought national attention to the issue.

The court ruling was granted in response to a lawsuit filed by consumer and environmental groups. The Clinton administration subsequently appealed the mandate on the grounds that the submission of the treaty to Congress was a Presidential action and therefore, was not subject to lawsuits filed by private groups. A Federal Appeals court has since upheld the administration's appeal and asserted that the treaty may be submitted to Congress without the inclusion of an environmental impact statement.

The preparation of an environmental impact statement typically takes a year to complete. And since the treaty is due to be signed by Jan. 1, the stipulation requiring an impact statement could have killed the trade accord.

Maquiladora Program

The multilateral trade accord will eliminate trade barriers between the United States, Canada and Mexico over the next 15 years. The elimination of the three countries' duties and tariffs has given rise to the question—especially in regards to Mexico—of what effects free trade will have on the environment. And it is precisely the differing opinions to the answer of this question that has led to the volatile fissure in the environmental community.

The most critical concerns have been levied against Mexico. All sides of the dispute agree that Mexico's environmental record is marred with extensive pollution.

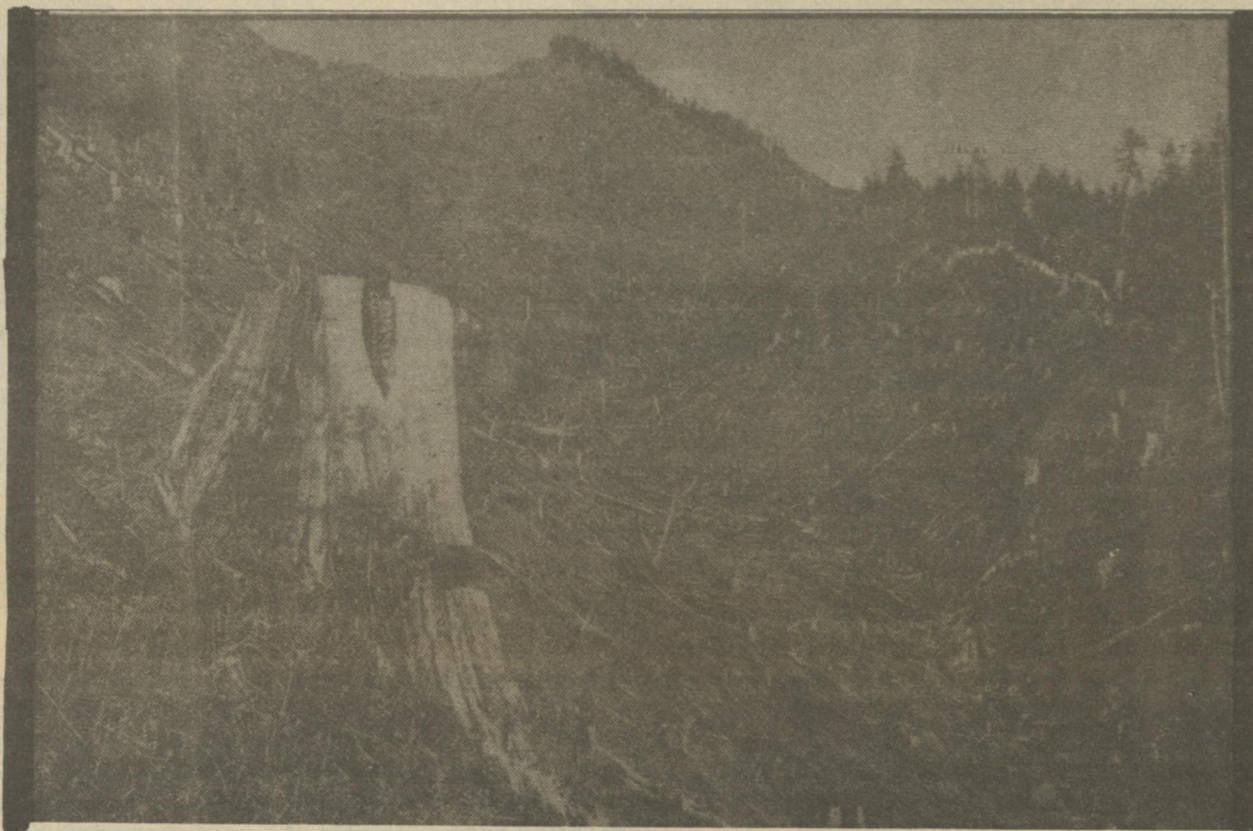
For the groups in opposition to the trade pact, the foreboding of things to come is typified by Mexico's *maquiladora* program. Since 1965 the Mexican border area has been developing under this limited version of free trade. American and other foreign companies have been allowed to import duty-free raw materials to their assembly plants on the Mexican side of the border. Mexico's cheap labor is then used for the production of goods for export.

Although Mexico has stringent pollution laws, they are typically not enforced. This

has been the case with the *maquiladora* program. Mexican law requires these foreign companies to comply with its environmental standards, but due to lax enforcement the border area has become a "pollution haven" for foreign companies avoiding expensive domestic regulations. The end result has been intensive pollution of the Mexican-American border.

Brett Addington

Environment



Critics fear environmental regulations will be relaxed to gain economic advantage.

Side Agreements

The environmental side agreements will create a three nation bureaucracy in charge of addressing a wide array of concerns. This entity, the Commission on Environmental Cooperation, will be composed of the environmental ministers from each country. Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will represent the United States. The commission will also contain a secretariat whose staff will be buttressed by various laws in order to allay pressures from national governments.

The commission will oversee the enforcement of each country's regulations in order that they are not slackened for economic advantage, as has been the case with the *maquiladora* program.

The commission can investigate any suspicions of environmental violations unless explicitly forbidden from doing so by two out of three of the countries' ministers. The agreements allow for the gathering of information by the staff and nonprofit organizations, as well as outside specialists hired by the secretariat for specific information. Any nation violating environmental laws can be fined up to 20 million dollars. Various trade sanctions may also be imposed.

Contention

Environmentally concerned organizations in opposition to NAFTA include the Sierra Club, Public Citizen, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, Rainforest Action Network, Public Interest Research Group, Earth Island Institute, American Humane Society, Ameri-

can Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and close to 300 state, regional and community groups. These groups fear that in order to gain a comparative advantage in trade, each country will lower its costly environmental standards. They further argue that the provisions concluded in the side agreements are worded too vaguely to have any real influence if environmental disputes arise between countries. In response to a side agreement proviso designed to guard against a country erecting discriminatory environmen-

supports NAFTA.

The opposing groups have recently formed a coalition called the Citizens Trade Campaign. The coalition has initiated an advertisement campaign, including a full page ad in The New York Times, asserting that the pro-NAFTA environmental groups have become too close to big business.

The National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society, Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, Conservation International and the World

Wildlife Federation have all rallied behind the trade accord and its subsequent side agreement. They argue that NAFTA will instill Mexico with the economic wherewithal to enforce its already stringent regulations. "Mexico has to have the resources to deal with these problems. You can't deal with these issues if you're poor," said Dr. Peter H. Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The director of the National Wildlife Federation,

tal standards, Al Meyerhoff, senior attorney of the Natural Resources Defense Council said, "That loophole is large enough to drive a truck heaped with pesticide-laden fruit through." Ironically, the organization now

Jay D. Hair, accused environmental groups apposed to the accord of "putting their protectionist polemics ahead of concern for the environment."

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USD Alumn makes it big

■ Mary O'Conner turns her USD degree into a successful practice

Kristi Dyer
Staff Writer

"After moving away to Chicago to study dentistry, I realized how much I missed San Diego, and more importantly, USD." This is how Dr. Mary (Kovak) O'Conner, USD Alumnea, described her nostalgic feelings for school after she graduated in 1983.

During her four years at USD, O'Conner was a resident adviser her junior and senior years, involved in the Biology Club and a member of the Church Choir group.

As a freshman, O'Conner said that she was most impressed with the size of the school. "Because USD was so much smaller compared to other major universities, I immediately felt very welcome," she said. "The size, more than anything, gave me the attention I needed to become successful in a

very competitive field of work."

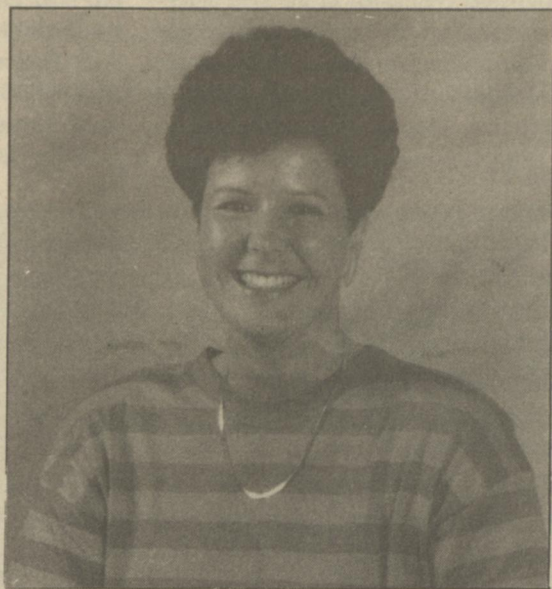
"I missed the Homecoming games, classmates and all of the school events." Said O'Conner. "So I de-

back to San Diego and is very active on the USD Homecoming Committee and Alumni Committee.

O'Conner used her USD bachelor's degree in biology to become a pediatric dentist. She has been practicing her profession since 1990. O'Conner, currently working in three offices, said she plans to own her own office this year. O'Conner said that she loves it when her old classmates bring their children into the office.

"Schools such as Notre Dame, USC, Princeton, etc. all add to their school tradition. Yet because USD is such a young campus, not only do we get to

add to the tradition, we are helping to form it," she said. O'Conner encourages all students to get involved and take advantage of all that USD had to offer.



Dr. O'Conner gives kids a reason to smile

cided that rather than simply missing USD, I should give something back to the school because it provided me with so much." Following dentistry school in Chicago, O'Conner moved

USD STUDENT TRAVEL LOG

The USD student travel log is a new addition to the College Life section. This article is just one of a series that will give students an opportunity to share their travel experiences. Any and all students are encouraged to submit essays and pictures about their traveling adventures to the Colleg Life editor.

Abroad in Spain

Shaw Russell

I spent my last semester in Europe. Before leaving I really wanted to experience all of the culture and beauty Europe has to offer, especially Spain, Italy and France. Before I left, I had no idea how great an experience it was going to be. Every day was a new experience in Europe, very much a contrast to the daily ruts we find ourselves in at home. Everywhere I turned, I saw famous, beautiful buildings, unreal cuisine, the world's finest wine, beautiful art, incredible nightlife and unbelievable women.

To me, Europe was very much a pleasure trip. My attitude is to never do things halfway so I decided to live this "hedonistic" lifestyle to the utmost. When I arrived in Florence, Italy, I was met by one of my best friends, an "accomplished hedonist" -- Arron Egger.

Florence is the Rennasaince city. It is filled with some of the world's greatest art by Michaelangelo, DiVinci and Cellini. My friend Arron and I

would dine on pasta and pizza three or four times a day and eat some of the most insane ice cream in the world -- gelato. Arron had already been there a semester and had good connections with the Florence under-

ground and knew all of the late-night party spots. Anything and everything was at a snap of our fingers. There was no problem a trip to Amsterdam wouldn't solve. Unfortunately, I had to pay the piper for all of this fun, and got deathly ill for a few days before I left for Barcelona, Spain.

Springtime was starting to set in, and with it Europe makes an incredible transformation. The flowers are in bloom, animals are out of hybernation and mating butterflies are everywhere. In Barcelona you see a girl that makes your heart stop every three blocks. Seriously, I'd go as far as to say that there are more beautiful girls in one block of Barcelona than in all of USD.

In other words, love is in the air in springtime. Love, I was soon to find out, is a very sacred, powerful force to Europeans. It is the power that conquers all. You're subjected to it all around as couples "maul" in beautiful, historic, flower-covered parks. Wanting to experience the Spanish culture to the fullest, I decided to engage in

see ARENAS OF LOVE on page 9

Horoscope by Stephanie Curran

Aries (3/21-4/19) The last quarter of the Moon brings new excitement and stresses to a partnership. Defending your ideas is important now even though things will change slowly at first.

Taurus (4/20-5/20) Conflict in relationships can mean that terms need to be reestablished. Strive to make your communication clear and practical. Your serenity and gentle way is attractive to others.

Gemini (5/21-6/21) You're delighting in romancing the world or perfecting your art in some way. It's a good time to explore your talents while you diligently complete less creative tasks.

Cancer (6/22-7/22) The Moon in Cancer today allows you to soul search and find your own bliss. Close relationships with others bring you through a tense time. Watch the tendency to overeat as nurturing instincts are strong.

Leo (7/23-8/22) Find out what your priorities are in relationships and state these tactfully. The past few months have been teaching you about intimacy and now you can put your knowledge into practice.

Virgo (8/23-9/22) Venus in Virgo continues to bring you love in relationships. Use this time to merge with your beloved since short-term plans seem to be going haywire. Long-range projects become more workable.

Libra (9/23-10/23) Don't be afraid to step out of the shadows into the limelight. Recognition and leadership are yours if you will embrace them. You're radiant now and others respond with affection.

Scorpio (10/24-11/22) Your effectiveness is being tempered by self-doubt. Don't let others' confrontations about ethics discourage your actions. Speak up forcefully and stand your ground.

Sagittarius (11/23-12/21) How can you retreat from the world and still work with a group toward social change? Listen to your inner voice and be careful of those who seek to undermine your will.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19) Confusion about what you want from a vocation and what you need financially tire you a bit. Emphasize human interaction knowing that as you give, you receive.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18) Watch the tendency to conflict with authority. You

can win others over to your visionary goals if you use a more intuitive approach. Feedback and challenge from others is strong as you speak your views.

Pisces (2/19-3/20) The inner path you've cultivated is giving you heart-felt rewards. You're gaining perspective and though temporary delays are frustrating, they give you time to gain confidence and vitality.

The Moon moves into Cancer today, creating an atmosphere of emotional sensitivity and maternal instincts and longings. The Last Quarter of the Moon often brings a crisis in consciousness as we prepare for new beginnings that come with the New Moon. This is a good time to explore the ways we surround ourselves with particular persons and activities and our feelings about these parts of ourselves. Escapist tendencies are prominent on Friday as well as a fascination with the unusual and the unconventional.

The Moon in Leo this weekend brings enthusiasm and new creative inspiration. Difficult aspects of the Moon also bring impulsivity, outbursts of anger and the surfacing of secret emotions like jealousy and revenge. If we can use this powerful energy to release pent-up emotions, this can be a great time for breakthroughs within ourselves and our personal relationships.



Accomplished hedonists, Shaw and Arron, chill'n in Italy in front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa

AS Gripe Box

The Associated Students, in order to better serve the USD community, will have a weekly column in the College Life section of the VISTA. We encourage students to submit comments, criticisms or ideas about AS to the VISTA. Submissions and their AS responses will be published weekly.

Student: I am a junior who presently lives in the Vistas. Although next year is a long way away, I am already debating whether or not I want to reside on campus again for my last year of school.

I am disappointed in the lack of student activities on campus offered or directed toward the older students. The comedy nights and the game room were fun, but it is now time for me to look for other means of entertainment.

One idea is a pub on campus. I have heard through the rumor mill that the Grille was intended to house a pub. I have also heard that on a number of occasions the pub nearly became a reality.

Why hasn't it become a reality? What gets in its way? If the pub is doomed, are there any alternatives in the works?

AS: I too am a Vista resident, but comedy night and game room aside, the many events programmed by the AS senators and directors are designed to appeal to a wide range of students.

A campus pub is also a concern of mine. As your class representatives, Bud Jones and I have been working hard on making it a reality. Much research has been conducted into the many difficulties that need to be addressed before the pub can happen.

One of our tasks in looking up the problems associated with the pub was to talk to key administration officials with direct interest in the project. While speaking with the Dean of Students, Tom Burke, it became apparent that the pub will never become a reality in the near, or distant future.

A few years back, when the University Center (UC) was being planned, one of the key features of this new building was a pub located in the Grille. Dean

Burke led the charge for a pub, and even went so far as to install keg systems and carry out the necessary legal procedures. When the project was near completion, Dean Burke had a change of heart after evaluating the data he had gathered on the pub. His reason is based on the fact that 75 percent of all students are under 21. A pub would pose too great a temptation for those students who would undoubtedly present the biggest demand for its services. In addition, of the 25 percent who are of legal drinking age, few live on campus. How many students will drive from home in Mission Beach to drink a beer at school? The pub would also have a hard time earning enough to remain open with the lack of legal customers who would, most likely, stop by for one or two drinks and then leave.

Thank you for voicing your concern. I am just as disappointed as you are by the fact that there will not be a pub on campus for students. We are, however, looking into a number of alternatives.

Please write to student issues with any other comments you have.

Eric Ludwig
Junior Senator

ARENAS OF LOVE

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these acts of affection with the local women, in public, as well as private arenas of love.

My Spanish experience had to be cut short as I needed to head to Paris to meet my brother. On the twenty hour train ride from Barcelona to Paris I met a beautiful Parisian girl. Love strikes fast in springtime, as I had the best train ride of my life. Springtime love in Europe is unlike the super-

ficial, headbuzzed lust one experiences in America. But it is so powerful, and addicting; I guess no drugs or alcohol are needed.

Paris was definitely the capital of love in Europe, as a young Swiss girl explained to me in the Modern Art Museum in Paris. My brother had to leave and I had to surf, so I decided to leave Paris for some of Europe's best beach break on the southwest coast.

It was here where I truly perfected my pleasure journey. After a week of sampling what The French Basque coast had to offer, I met a young local girl, also

a victim of the springtime drug. Each day we would wake up after a night of partying with some of the finest French Bourdeaux and I would go surf. After surfing I would go hang out (sunglasses on) with my friend and her other topless girlfriends, and she would help me with my French. We would then watch the sun go down over the French coastline as I thought to myself, "Do I really miss Southern California?"

COLLEGE LIFE

Campus related events

If you would like to include your event in this box, send typed information to: USD VISTA; c/o College Life Editor; 5998 Alcalá Park; San Diego, CA 92110-2492.

Please remember to include time, date, place, purpose, event title and some background on the event. All submissions are due two weeks prior to publication. The USD VISTA reserves the right to deny servicing of press releases.

Friday, Oct. 8

Volleyball Club Meeting: Informational meeting, for men and women interested in joining USD club team. All interested students are welcomed to come, discuss and join the volleyball club. For further information contact Paul Buss 260-1861.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Vista Staff Writer's Meeting: Are you interested in writing for the Vista? If so then stop by the UC 144B today and any other Tuesday at Noon and choose from a variety of story assignments. We encourage all students to come in and submit articles even if you haven't had any previous experiences in journalism. So come on in! If you have any questions or need more information call X4584.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Asylum: A weekly gathering and discussion that will be held at 9:30 p.m. in the Bahia study lounge. All "free" thinkers are welcomed to come and express themselves. Submissions of any poetry, art, essays or photography are welcomed. Asylum publication deadline is Monday the 11th so hurry up and submit your stuff!

Cafe Asylum, USD's forum for student music, drama, poetry and other forms of intimate explorations, has a tentative schedule for late October. If you are interested in getting involved or getting on stage, come to the Asylum meeting. Call 260-8746 for further information.

Monday, Oct. 18

Oxford Study Abroad Informational Presentation: Paul Saville, Director of the Liberal Arts Program at St. Clare's Oxford, will speak to those students who are interested in the study abroad program, affiliated with USD. The meeting will take place Monday at 12:15 p.m. in the UC Forum A. For further information or questions, contact Elaine at X6870.

Family Weekend:

Family weekend is coming soon so start cleaning your rooms now! From Oct. 22 to Oct. 24, the Family Weekend Committee has a fun packed weekend planned for USD's family and friends. Festivities include a family liturgy, dinner, dancing, a tailgate party and tours of some San Diego attractions. The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 8. Don't miss this opportunity to share your USD experiences with your family. For more information contact Laura Fleming at 260-4808.

Office of Drug and Alcohol Awareness: From Oct. 7 to Oct. 14, the office of Drug and Alcohol Awareness will be hosting Alcohol Awareness Week. Activities, such as sobriety tests and guest speakers, will be held all week. Details will be posted on flyers all over campus or call X4618.

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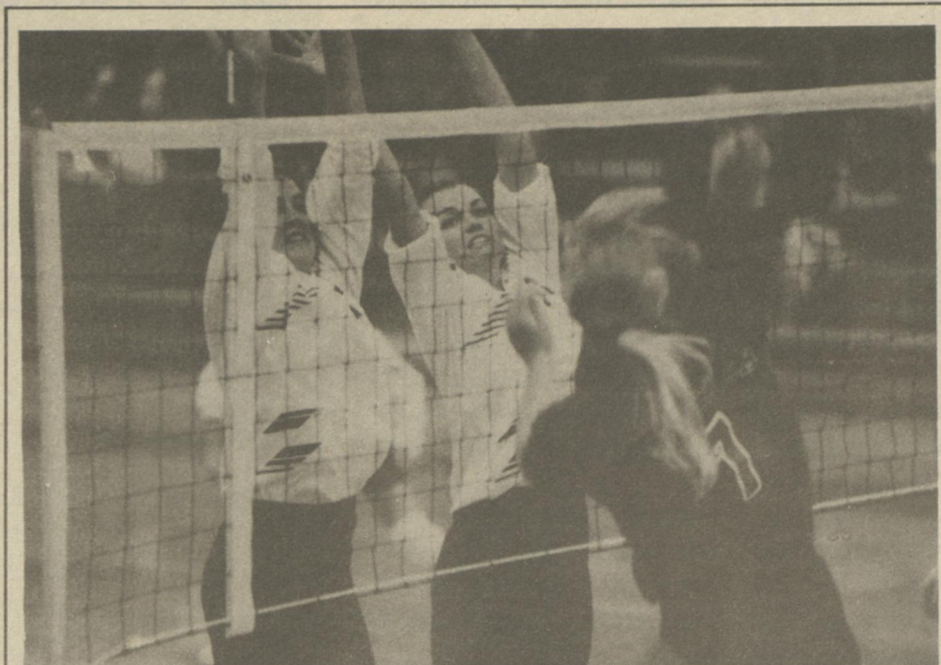
USD spikers are tough at home

Rob Affleck
Sports Editor

The women's volleyball began league play last weekend by defeating Portland and Gonzaga by a total of 6 games to 1. The Toreros are off to their best start ever at 13-1 and 2-0 in league. The talent on the court has swept opponents on seven occasions and has yet to be pushed to five games. The dominating Torero squad will be showcased on Primeticket versus Pepperdine Friday (Oct. 15) at 5:00 p.m.

USD hosted Portland on Thursday, and were able to beat the Pilots easily. Head coach Sue Snyder made the decision to play as many players as possible because of the inferior opponent. At one point USD had three freshmen on the court at once.

On Saturday night, Gonzaga came to San Diego with an arrogant attitude. By the end of the match, that lasted no longer than it takes for a child to eat an ice cream cone, the shabby Bulldogs were swept in three quick games. The powerful Toreros compiled a .459 attack percentage in this victory. Junior outside hitter



Jennifer Wrightson, WCC player of the week, and Amy McMahon display their defensive skills. Opponents call this the "brick wall."

Jen Loftus commented, "We really clicked as a team against Gonzaga." The biggest difference from previous teams, Loftus claims, is that "Our confidence in knowing we have a strong team." The Toreros were picked to place fourth at the

beginning of the season, but now they have other teams fearing for their lives.

One of the star performers for the Toreros is junior outside hitter Jennifer Wrightson. The Culver City,

Calif., native led USD to victory in both of these matches. Wrightson totaled 23 kills while recording only four errors in 36 total attacks. She also added 16 digs and three aces. This stellar play earned her WCC player of the week honors. This is the second time in her career that she has received player of the week in the WCC.

Wrightson transferred from San Diego State, but is not the only transfer to help

team at the setter position." Boyer is a local product from Poway High School and led them to consecutive CIF state titles.

Senior Co-Captain Nikki Wallace and Junior Amy McMahon have been labeled as the "brick wall" for their blocking prowess. Wallace is setting the USD record books in almost every category and McMahon is following close behind.

Together, they are averaging 3.58 blocks per game. Entering last week's action, McMahon stood seventh in the nation in blocks (1.92) and first in the WCC. Wallace ranks second with teammate Wrightson at seventh in the league.

Next weekend USD travels to meet Cal State-Sacramento on Friday (Oct. 8) then St. Mary's in a WCC match on Saturday (Oct. 9). The following weekend the Toreros continue on the road with a game versus Pepperdine Friday (Oct. 15), remember it will be shown on Prime ticket at 5:00 p.m. So mark the date and watch our Toreros when they take charge on the court.

Toreros turn over game to Valparaiso 35-25

Sean Parks
Staff Writer

USD (2-2) lost a heartbreaker to Valparaiso (4-0) Saturday 35-25. This is a game that was decided by turnovers. USD and Valparaiso both had four turnovers, but it was USD's turnovers at crucial moments in the game that gave Valparaiso the edge it needed.

The Toreros lost two fumbles deep in the Crusaders territory (1 and 25 yard line of VU), had a blocked punt returned for a touchdown and an interception late in the game. "We turned the ball over far too many times," said USD coach Brian Fogarty. "Turnovers were the difference."

USD got onto the board first with a 12 yard run by freshman Jermaine Rucker, who ran for 215 yards on only 16 carries. The score was set up by a 58 yard run by Rucker on USD's first offensive play. The touchdown came at 11:16 of the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, USD recovered a VU fumble at their 32 yard line. The Toreros were unable to capitalize on this excellent field position, fumbling three plays later at the Crusaders' 25. On USD's next possession, punter Robert Ray had his kick blocked and picked up by VU's John Harrington, who ran 9 yard for VU's first score. VU's conversion failed and USD still had the lead 7-6.

USD then bounced back on it's

next possession to score on a 1 yard run by quarterback Vince Moiso. This touchdown capped an impressive 10 play drive that was vintage Torero offense, running plays with play action passes mixed in.

At this point, the Toreros seemed to be in control and then the momentum shifted to Valparaiso. Valparaiso went into a no huddle offense which caught the Torero defense off-guard. With VU's quarterback running the option with some passes thrown in, VU was able to score on fullback Trevor Bell's run. The two point conversion failed and USD went into halftime with a 14-12 lead.

USD took a 17-12 lead at 8:11 of the third quarter on a 30 yard field goal by Matt Young. From there it was all Valparaiso,

who controlled the last quarter and a half by scoring 23 points. USD scored it's last touchdown with 8 seconds left in the game on a 11 yard pass from Vince Moiso to RB Jason Eskridge.

Jermaine Rucker was the leading rusher for USD with 215 yards on 16 carries (13.4 average). QB Vince Moiso was 16 for 37 with 1 interception for 184 yards and Robert Ray was 2 for 2 for 46 yards. Evan Hlavacek was the leading receiver catching 6 passes for 53 yards. Defensively, USD was paced by Doug Popovich (13 tackles), Jesse Hall (11 tackles), Neil Weitman (9 tackles) and Jason Morey (8 tackles).

This weekend USD (2-2, 0-2 in Pioneer League) travels to Cal Lutheran for a non-league game.

Trouble for men's soccer at UCLA

Tim Tischer
Staff Writer

Luckily, the first test you have usually is not your most important one, but it does count for something. Although the University of San Diego men's soccer team failed its first test in a 3-0 loss to national power UCLA, USD still has chance to raise its grade. Still, USD cannot afford to fail any of its remaining tests.

Despite the loss to UCLA, USD did gain an impressive victory over Cal State Fullerton last Wednesday. Victories against teams from outside the West Coast Conference are important in determining who will get at-large bids for the NCAA tournament. Fullerton was ranked eighth in the region before USD beat them so that bodes well for USD.

If USD can repeat as WCC champions, they will not have to worry about an at-large bid because the WCC champion receives an automatic bid to the tournament.

USD will have a chance to get a leg up in the WCC race on Friday night when it hosts Loyola Marymount University to open WCC play. The match starts at 7 p.m.

In the game against UCLA, USD played the first half to a scoreless tie. However, as the second half progressed, UCLA dominated play. The shots on goal tell why UCLA dominated. At halftime, the shots were even at four, but for the second half, UCLA had 12 shots on goal and USD had just one. You will never win a game when you have one shot on goal for a half.

The normally potent USD offense was slowed when Guillermo Jara sustained an ankle injury that hindered his effectiveness. USD had scored at least one goal in every game this season until the UCLA game. In losing to UCLA, USD lost to the No. 1 team in the region. USD's record stands at 7-3 while UCLA has an impressive record of 9-1.

In their only game against LMU last season, USD cruised to a 6-0 victory. USD will probably have to work a lot harder this time around.

USD has lost two home games this season. Last season the team lost two home games the whole season. They did not lose any away games last season either. They will need to get on a roll to match those figures. The team knows it can play with any team in the conference. Now they need to prove it on the field.

Flick's Picks

	Rob	Chris
Chicago at Philly.	Philly	Philly
Cinn. at K.City	K. City	K. City
Dallas at Indy.	Dallas	Dallas
Miami at Clev.	Miami	Clev.
N.Y. Giants at Wash.	N.Y. G.	Wash.
T. Bay at Minn.	T. Bay	Minn.
N.E. at Phoenix	N. England	Phoenix
Jets at Raiders	Jets	Jets
Mon. Den. at G. Bay	Denver	G. Bay
Current standings	17-4	9-12

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Buck Shaw still on top

The flag football season started right where it left off last year with **Buck Shaw** winning another game. Close your eyes and you would think that Sean Gousha was still here throwing touchdown passes instead of Anthony Massa. It was, however, Massa who threw two scoring strikes in the 13-0 victory over the **Magnificent 7**. The NROTC team was making their first foray into A-league competition. Despite the loss, look for this well organized team to get their share of victories.

Elsewhere in the A-league competition, **Commitment to Drunkenness** beat the **Rug Munchers** 13-0. Mark Amador's team did not appear to be in mid-season form, but were certainly good enough to get the win. Eric Prior's touchdown catch and interception led the way.

It was hard to tell, but **Team Figs** also won an A-league game Saturday. Although neither team looked ready for prime time, a key safety recorded on a quarterback sack by Danny O'Dea sealed an ugly 8-0 victory over **E.A.D.**

The first B-league game of the year featured two very inappropriately named teams. When it was over, Greg Bettinelli's team was anything but **Dazed and Confused**. With Bettinelli throwing for two touchdowns and intercepting two passes, **Dazed and Confused** easily defeated **In It To Win It** 25-6. Dave Engel also added two interceptions for the victors.

Elsewhere, the **Rug Munchers** started out the defense of their title with a 12-0 shutout of the **Panthers**. Justin Fancher scored all of the game's points while Pat Lynch had two interceptions to keep the **Panthers** scoreless.

Finally, **Ribbed Trojans** gave their fans no pleasure. In fact, they couldn't score at all. **Da Tribe** did not have that problem as Jim Crocker scored two touchdowns and Robb Cloyd picked off three passes in the 12-0 victory.

Wipeout in the pool

With **Phi Kappa Theta** taking care of some "important" social activities, there was once again only one water polo match contested last Saturday. The contest featured the three-time defending champs, **Sea Pups** and the **Free Agents**, a team of first-year players playing in their first game. Can you guess who won?

The only surprise of the day was that Denise Marriott was not the leading scorer. Oh, she did tally 16 points, all in the first half. However, it was Tracie Buell who scored 16 of her 18 points in the second half to lead the way. For the **Free Agents** Robert Reyes and Miguel Sousa each had a goal but it was not nearly enough as the **Sea Pups** won 45-2.

IM Note: Entries for Co-rec 5X5 Basketball and 2X2 Team Tennis are due Oct. 21.



Volleyball moves to the beach Saturday. Hope to see you there.

Volleyball concludes regular season

A-league volleyball started last week with **Great Foursomes** taking on **Your Mom** who unfortunately had problems scoring. **Great Foursomes** finally lived up to their expectations. Ty Simpson had ten kills and four aces while brother Gavin accumulated eight kills. **Great Foursomes** won 45-21.

The next match was between **Can't Side Out** and the **Diggers**. The **Digger's** men did well led by Emmanuel Miana with three kills and five aces. However, **Can't Side Out** was led by Paul Sumagaysay's nine kills and five aces and won the match 45-23.

Then there was a close contest between **Pass Perfect** and **Sour Mash**. **Sour Mash** won both the men's and the women's doubles. They were led by Mike Saipé's four kills and Ann Deimling's five aces. **Pass Perfect**, however, led by Bronwen Jones and Brett Pollak, dominated the 4x4 game and pulled out the match 39-38.

The next match was an interesting one between **Set to Kill** and "not even" **The Best**. Things got exciting when **The Best's** women, led by Catie Tejada's eight kills and two aces, waxed the **Set to Kill** women 15-1. **Set to Kill's** saving grace was the men. Led by Paul June's six kills and five aces, they won their

game 15-3 and salvaged the match 31-25.

Next up was **Super Sets** and **Team Braincell**. Brian Busby had another good match for **Team Braincell** racking up eight kills and five aces. The women played well for **Super Sets**, winning 15-11, but in the end, **Team Braincell** won the match 41-31.

Finally, it was **Hops** and **Slurpees**. **Slurpees** did not have much luck against the no. 2 team, but they did get some exercise. Paul Buss was slamming away with ten kills while Heather Wick had seven kills and two aces in the easy 45-14 **Hops** victory.

In the B-league, **Tag Rag** just stomped **B.W.S.** Cari Blackmore and Veronica Connolly each had four kills and two aces while Craig Collins added two kills and three aces in the 45-5 rout.

Cracks then took on **Just Foolin' Around**. **Cracks** won the first game, but that was all they could muster as **Just Foolin' Around** came back to win the match 35-28.

Play continued with **Cherries on Top** (who played like cherries) and the **Boo Bombers**. Alaura Soukthauong had seven aces, but that was all the **Cherries** could do. **Boo Bombers**, on the other hand, were led by Matt Uyesugi's nine aces and did some spanking. The final score was 45-19.

Volleyball playoff preview: the latest line

A-League

Team	Odds	Comment
Set to Kill	8-5	No "Safe Sets" this year
Hops	9-5	Chad may not need excuse
Great Foursomes	3-1	Women will have to carry team
Can't Side Out	9-2	Yet to be outscored
Pass Perfect	6-1	Getting better each week
Sour Mash	8-1	Better than record indicates
Team Braincell	12-1	No match for Hops
Slurpees	20-1	Won't last past Sunday
Diggers	25-1	Only win by default
Almost the Best	50-1	Almost the worst
Super Sets	50-1	Who chose their name?
You Mom	50-1	She could prbably play better

B-League

Boo Bombers	9-5	League's only unbeaten team
Cracks	2-1	Got wake up call Sunday
Just Foolin' Around	5-2	Peaking at the right time
Red Cards	5-1	Could be the sleeper
Tag Rag	6-1	A cut below the best
Roches	10-1	Will get squashed
B.W.S.	25-1	N.O. W.A.Y.
Cherries on Top	40-1	Team on bottom

Subway IM game of the week

Date: Tonight

Time: 6 p.m.

Sport: Women's Floor Hockey

Match-up: Anaya vs. Don't Puck with Us

The top two (O.K. the only two) teams in women's floor hockey square off tonight in the first of their best of seven championship series. What makes this match so significant is that there has not been a women's floor hockey league since the Spring of 1991. The winner, therefore will be the first winner in over two years. This is a feat worthy of a sandwich platter from the Subway on Morena Boulevard.

Last week, **Phi Kappa Theta** scored an unearned run in the last inning to knock off the previously top ranked **Mr. Roper's Rangers** 10-9 and win the Subway IM Game of the Week.

Beach volleyball: a happening

It's more than a tournament. It's an event. This Saturday's Beach Volleyball Tournament promises to have it all. We will have soft drinks provided by Pepsi. There will be Domino's pizza on sale at the reduced rate of \$1 per slice. And most importantly, there will be exciting volleyball competition with students from USD, UCSD, and San Diego State taking part.

Entries for this two-person tournament are due today and the fee is \$4 per person. After entering, simply check-in at Ocean Beach on Saturday and prepare for a most enjoyable day. Check-in for men's play is at 9 a.m., women check-in at 10:30 a.m. and the mixed play begins at 1 p.m.

Sun, sand, volleyball and refreshments. Sounds like a great day to be at the beach.

Soccer entries due tonight

Entries for the fastest growing of all IM Sports are due tonight. The World Cup is coming to the U.S. next year and Speed Soccer is coming to USD next week.

The speed soccer season starts on Oct. 12 with games scheduled for Tues., Wed., and Thur. evenings from 6-10. Six players compete at a time on a 40 yd x 60 yd. field. The goals are 18 ft. wide and there is no penalty area and no offsides rule. Sound like a lot of action and scoring.

Team rosters are limited to 16 players and all entries with \$25 fee are due tonight. Don't miss out - Join in on the fun!

Fraternity standings

1. Phi Kappa Theta	-	40 pts.
2. Sigma Chi	-	28
3. Delta Tau Delta	-	20
4. Sigma Pi	-	16

Ties galore on softball field

If you are the type of softball fan that loves unclimatic finishes, you would have loved this past Sunday's softball action. Three of the five A-league games played ended up in a sports fan's worst nightmare, a tie. The draws added even more to an already cloudy cloth race. This Sunday's third week of action may prove to be the most decisive of the season.

The soft ball tie-fest began with a battle of egos as **Rumney** and **I Hate Zinn** duelled to a 7-7 draw. As a whole, the game was one that lacked excitement, but one statistic sticks out above the rest. Mike Freehill of **Rumney** set an Intramural record by popping out to the catcher three times. Freehill, who ended up 0 for 5 on the day, can be proud to have earned the almost impossible hat trick. Oh by the way, Rex Travis and Chad Putnam homered for **Rumney**.

The day's second tie pitted no. 2 ranked **Sigma Pi**, undermanned due to a somewhat important baseball game being played in Los Angeles, showed little in the 6-6 tie. One bright note for the **Sigma Pis** was Brad Miller's second home run of the season. The **Pi's** must step up their performance in the future weeks if they want to have a chance to collect their first title in years.

The last tie of third week of play came between **EAD** (the worst name in softball), and those perky **Sly Dogs**. Mo "Homerless" Chavez's club committed five errors in the top of the seventh inning and allowed the **Dogs** to score eight runs, 7 of which scored with two outs. Ken Kawachi again led the **Dogs** hit parade with three, including a clutch two-out, full count rope in the seventh. Rob Dean carried **EAD** on his back with a stellar glove, and mighty stick.

In Sunday's blowout of the week, the mighty **Greg Swallows** smashed a hapless **Stein** 20-1. Mike Bennett and Joe Comins each homered for the impressive victors.

Bennett along with Greg Bettinelli combined on a two hitter, and the only run **Stein** scored was unearned. Mark Daquipa and Dustin Engel contributed with three hits apiece and some mighty glove work in the field.

Sunday also brought the return of Greg "Mr. Everything" Sundberg to the USD Intramural scene. After a forfeit in the opening week of play, Sundberg led his **Joe Does Too** to a 15-6 win over **Sigma Chi**. The highlight of this barn burner was the performance by the **Sigma Chi's** catcher Dan Sullivan. He carried his team by using his motivating and persuasive verblatency and made some nifty plays behind the dish.

Sunday's B-league action was limited to only two games due to poor attendance by some of those scheduled to play. The day's action was highlighted by the IM Subway Game of the Week. The classic battle paired up the ever impressive **Phi Kappa Theta** and the overrated **Mr. Roper's Rangers**. **Phi Kappa Theta** captured the "grub game" 10-9 on a screaming single by Ray Guidi in the bottom of the seventh. Those who witnessed the contest may debate whether mighty Guidi's pea-rod should be considered a hit, but after reviewing the game film, it was ruled a single.

In the other B game, an improving **Puke Daddy's** booted the **God Squad** 12-6. Jesse Lowe and Dean Nordlinger led the **Daddio's** offensive outburst with three hits apiece. Lowe continues to lead the B league in most offensive categories. For the **God Squad**, Mike "Mr. Consistency" Kwee had four hits.

Home Run Leaders:

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. Mike Bennett | 3 |
| 2. Brad Miller | 2 |
| 3. Four players tied | 1 |
| 4. Mo Chavez | 0 |

Rec classes opening in October

The Im/Rec department brings you four more classes this semester. Starting in October is Tae Kwon Do, Women's Self Defense, and another Massage class. Tae Kwon Do begins October 13 and is held on Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Sports Center Exercise Room. The best part is that this class is free. Hurry, registration is on a first come, first served basis.

The women's self defense class is offered by Mr. Mikki, USD's karate instructor. He will offer this class on Mondays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. The class begins on October 18 and is five weeks in duration. The fee is \$35.

Our ever popular massage class begins another four-week session on Monday, October 18. The cost for this class is \$35. The class will be held from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m..

In November, Snow Skiing comes to San Diego. Learn to ski downhill while staying warm and dry. Students learn on a treadmill designed to make skiing easy. This class is taught off campus near the San Diego Sports Arena. The cost is \$80 and includes many extras.

To sign up for any of the above classes, drop by the IM/Rec office and fill out a form. Hurry, we expect these classes to fill fast.

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Select IM rankings: as of Oct. 5

MEN'S (A) SOFTBALL

1. Candy Coated Clowns
2. Greg Swallows
3. Sigma Pi
4. Joe Does Too
5. I Hate Zingg

MEN'S (B) SOFTBALL

1. Phi Kappa Theta
2. Puke Daddy's II
3. Mr. Roper's Rangers
4. Scone Wackers
5. Free Agents

MEN'S 3X3 (A) BASKETBALL

1. Nice Huh?
2. B.T.N.
3. Air Nookie
3. Fill the Hole
4. Flight School
5. Assaf Pie And a Brew

WOMEN'S 3X3 BASKETBALL

1. Taps
2. Warriors
3. In Yo' Face
4. Superfly
5. Hoopsters

MEN'S (A) FLAG FOOTBALL

1. Buck Shaw
2. North Dakota State
3. No Ka Oi
4. Commitment to Drunkeness
5. Team Figs

B.T.N. moves to the top

As the basketball season reached its second week, a new team emerged as a leader in the A-league. **B.T.N.** played two games and afterwards ended up with the no. two ranking. This was all possible because of the play of Pat Murphy. Murphy's hot shooting helped his team cruise past **40 Dogs** 15-9, 15-10. **B.T.N.'s** next game was against **2 Finny 2 Be Shuck Wit**. Pat Murphy again dominated and his team won 15-8, 18-16.

The mighty mites of this league, **Assaf Pie & a Brew** wore out the power game of **Cadence of Silk** 15-8, 9-15, 15-5. In another match, Ken Simeon's team **Flight School** showed their true potential when they beat **Fill the Hole** 15-7, 15-13. **Nice Huh?** finally played a game and made the **Wannabes** wanna know why they were playing. **Nice Huh?** won 15-5, 15-10.

In the B-league, the **Delts** prove that they are contenders instead of pretenders as they gave the top ranked team a scare. The **Delts** took **Guns and Roses** to three games, but **Guns and Roses** survived 16-14, 10-15, 16-14.

Another game matched the immobile **Candy Coated Clowns** and **Sigma Chi - B**. This game ended with **Sigma Chi - B** edging out **Candy Coated Clown** 16-14, 10-15, 15-13.

In other matches, **Law Men** beat **Below The Rim** 15-4, 15-10. **B.W.S.** took the fight out of the **Warriors** and beat them 15-8, 15-8. **Get it Up and Put It In** showed why they are no. 2 in the division, when they beat **Not a Prayer** 16-14, 15-6.

The women's league saw only one match contested. This game matched up the no. one team **Taps** and the short handed **Wolverines**. **Taps** having the number advantage (three players to two) beat the **Wolverines** 15-6, 15-5.

Try a biathlon

Enter one or enter both. Enter for fun or to win a t-shirt. Just enter! Tomorrow and Saturday, the IM department is sponsoring a two-day biathlon. On Friday at 4 p.m. runners will take to the canyon for a three-mile flat course run. On Saturday at 10 a.m., Ocean Beach is the place for a 500 yard ocean swim.

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IM distinctions: best of Sept. 28 - Oct. 4

CO-REC (A) VOLLEYBALL

Game: Pass Perfect vs. Sour Mash
Team: Great Foursomes
Male Player: Ty Simpson
Female Player: Catie Tejada

CO-REC (B) VOLLEYBALL

Game: Cracks vs. Just Foolin' Around
Team: Boo Bombers
Male Player: Matt Uyesugi
Female Player: Karen Leung

MEN'S 3X3 (A) BASKETBALL

Game: Assaf Pie vs. Cadence of Silk
Team: B.T.N.
Player: Pat Murphy

MEN'S 3X3 (B) BASKETBALL

Game: Delts vs. Guns and Roses
Team: Delts
Player: Rian Kirkman

WOMEN'S 3X3 BASKETBALL

Game: Taps vs. Wolverines
Team: Taps
Player: Lisa Maresso

MEN'S (A) SOFTBALL

Game: EAD vs. Sly Dogs
Team: Greg Swallows
Player: Chad Putnam

MEN'S (B) SOFTBALL

Game: Phi Kappa Theta vs. Mr. Roper's Rangers
Team: Phi Kappa Theta
Player: Ray Guidi

WATER POLO

Game: Sea Pups vs. Free Agents
Team: Sea Pups
Male Player: Chris Grant
Female Player: Tracie Buell

MEN'S (A) FOOTBALL

Game: Buck Shaw vs. Magnificent Seven
Team: Commitment to Drunkeness
Player: Eric Prior

MEN'S (B) FOOTBALL

Game: Pi Munchers vs. Panthers
Team: Dazed and Confused
Player: Robb Cloyd



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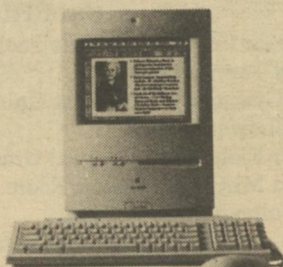
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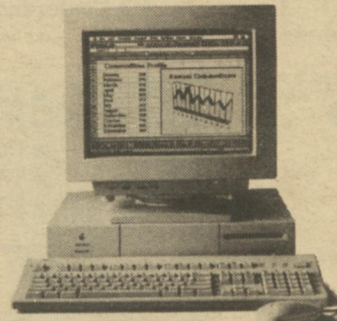
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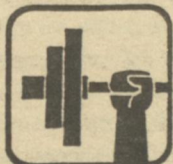
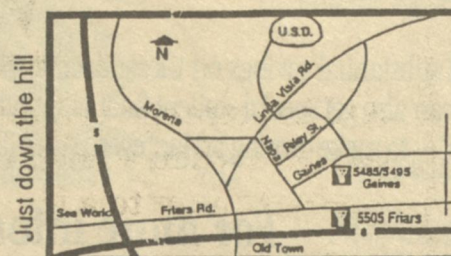


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SIDETRACK

Thursday

October 7, 1993

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Disclaimer: This week is a severe attempt at humor.Come be the laughing stock of campus- join Sidetrack!

Hardin's Heavenly Sense

Help! Hardin,

I live in a house with five other girls and I am in a huge dilemma. You see, every time one of my roommates brings home a date, I and my other roomies like to make embarrassing comments to the male such as, "You know, she likes eggs scrambled in the morning," not to mention spying on the couple to see if she gets any lippage (aka goodnight kiss) or not. You know how it goes, Hardin. Well, what if by chance I was the one in the position to bring home a date? I'm scared to death! I don't know if I would make it past the front door without turning the color of my car, which happens to be a cherry red Volvo. Am I doomed to a life of dating undercover(s)? Signed, Deserving, Yet Reserved

Dearest Deserving Slice,

I don't know if I necessarily know how it goes, but I'll pretend. Let me suggest you warn your future dates of this chaotic inquiry. I realize that we are in college and there are no parents to flash the porch lights or take fireplace pictures; therefore, we must all take it upon ourselves to take care of our own. Sometimes roomies can see date defects (such as being a poop-in-the-pants or having too small of a wing-wang) that you otherwise might have missed due to your love-lorn jewels.

Avoid the front door encounter by sneaking him through the back door. If you don't like your eggs scrambled, inform your date of what you do like so as not to wake up to a breakfast mishap. And unless you want the whole world knowing your love life, dating under the covers (especially if they're heated) shan't be so shabby. Keep your skivvies on and stay under wrap, chick !!

Idiotic Notions

Do you ever wonder how many dogs it takes to fertilize the USD lawns?

By: Ura Terd

USD Rookie Card

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Top Seven

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- 4) You don't have to gnaw your arm off in the morning
- 3) To coincide with Greek Week
- 2) Early mornings explosions of excrement
- 1) Wake-n- bake hangover cure not neccessary. Wait that's a reason to drink.

Who Said That?

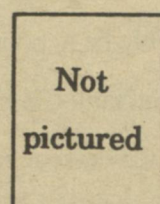
By: Joe Brenkle



1) Jim Bunker



2) "Hot Tamale" Mitchell



3) Molly Sullivan



4) Danny Sullivan



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What's A Schmoo?

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| A) That strange tingling feeling one gets when a bead of armpit sweat drips onto a love handle | C) A reject Smurf |
| B) Shamu's step- cousin | D) A cow with a lisp |
| | E) All of the above |

Note: For the ninnies who don't know how to play the game, follow the two step instructions:

- 1) Match the photos with the quotes
- 2) Cheat by standing on your head and reading the answers

Answers: 1) C. 2) E. 3) D. 4) A. 5) B.

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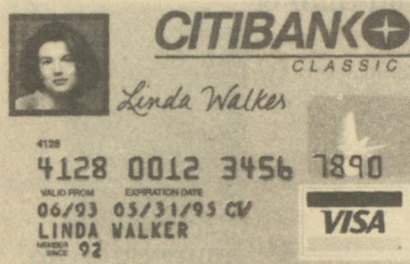


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OUTLOOK



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Midnight Oil sets the house afire

Michael Halling
Staff Writer

Let me ask you something, when the word "Australia" comes up, what images come to mind? kangaroos? bitchin' beaches with bitchin' surf? Foster's Lager? The Olympics 2000? Yeah. Those are all correct, but what about the word "music"? This would have been the first word in your mind had you been at San Diego Open Air Theater last night where Midnight Oil set the house afire, along with opening bands Counting Crows and Hot House Flowers. Yes, the Australians are indeed singing. And they have plenty of reason to. After all, they were just chosen to be the site of the 2000 Olympics and they can claim the boys from down under, Midnight Oil, as their own. Dubbed "The Oils" by their much-appreciating Aussie fans, Midnight Oil is in the States, on their "Earth and Sun and Moon" tour. Latest stop: San Diego.

The Open Air Theater at San Diego State University was the perfect venue for the Aussie band who does not rely on unnecessary visual mumbo-jumbo, something many bands jam into their acts these days. Midnight Oil needs only the space they stand on, directing the focus on the music, instead of the fancy lights and stage sets. The passionate lyrics and gritty, primal tone gives the listener plenty to feast their ears on. Superfluous theme crap goes against their policy- "materialism is mindless."

Besides, if the listener needs "big and boisterous" let them feast their eyes on the incredible Peter Garrett, lead singer. At six-foot-seven, Garrett carried on like a robotic snake, slithering slowly at times, his long legs and long arms flowing and then quickly sharpening his stance, making his movements more abrupt like a robot. Not to mention his very bald and extremely shiny head and his bulging, beady eyes. It all makes for a freakish image, one that I simply couldn't help but marvel at. I watched him, totally captivated, as he jutted about the stage from left to right raising his incredibly long hands up to the crowd like an overzealous television evangelist. The drummer, Rob Hirst, was intriguing. By using a wide array of drums, congas, and even a trash can, he carried the fluctuating rhythm superbly, even adding his voice into the picture as back-up vocals. The guitarists Jim Moginie, Martin Rotsey and Bones Hillman (on bass) weren't especially entertaining to watch like Garrett but they jammed out chunky chords and riffs, and even alternated guitar roles; the lead



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switched to rhythm and vice versa. As a whole, the band listened to one another and seemed in sync the entire time. Among the songs they gave us was "Bed's Are Burning" from the album *Diesel and Dust*, in which Peter Garrett warns: "The time has come/ to say fair's fair/ to pay the rent/ to pay our share." You better remember that one. It still rages today. For that very reason, "Bed's are Burning" played clean-up last night. It was the fourth tune, and very appropriately so, because of its popularity.

The three songs which led up to it were just as good as "Beds." Opening with "Dream World," a political anthem describing the mental state of many of today's policy makers, the Oils began what was to be a poetic and compassionate plea to the San Diegans, who "love their surf" to take care of the oceans. Next came "My Country," a concerned, catchy tune about misguided patriotism, followed by the hard-hitting and hoarse "Feeding Frenzy." The throbbing bass line and eerie harmonics drill in the point that civilization has bloodied its own waters. "Beds" followed and then "Truganini," inspired by an aboriginal New Zealander's martyrdom, which starts off with a chilling harmonica solo and continues with wiry arpeggios of folk-rock and a funky lead guitar line. It refers to the repression of the original Australia people hundreds of years ago, and how, in a sense it is still going on today.

But folks, don't get Midnight Oil wrong. They're not all dark and dismal and all their cuts are not about the end of the world. Take "Blue Sky Mine," which recognizes not only the ecological toll of the uranium trade, but also the fact that it brings jobs: "In the end the rain comes down/ and washes clean the streets of a blue sky town." Also somewhat uplifting is "Renaissance Man," which they opened with for their encore, in which the heroic modern society will salvage itself: "Well I heard about the spirit of life/ is it flickering still?/ Yes I heard that the dark bellied angel's come running up the hill."

It was not until the last song of the encore that the lighters came out. Somewhat slow, and just as heart-piercing, "Outbreak of Love" began with Garrett coldly chanting about how the world is closing in and the walls are crashing in on him tonight, all the while being supported by a lone bass line and a telling drumbeat.

Soon the title line came: "Cos I know, this is the end of the beginning of the Outbreak of Love" and the audience sang along warmly and loved ones held each other tight, as if to defy the premonition of an end of the emotion of love. It is at this point that the audience seemed to be thinking the most: completely absorbed in the musical message now, and the messages they had been hearing throughout the concert. I could almost hear their thoughts- probably because they were just like mine, and those were to heed their call, to do my part in helping to put our earthly house in order.

I would like to add that this was by no means a polite concert. I didn't expect it to be. Midnight Oil has a heavy message to convey. One that at first glance seems like its coming from another whining garage-rock band, wanting only to vent their furious, acidic feelings on the rest of the world. Its message is a higher kind, though. It isn't just rhetoric. They want feedback, and they want to reach beyond mere politicized rock. Sure their songs are, for the most part, profound and doomsdayish, but there is always an element of hope involved. An element of concentrated urgency. One that really makes you feel good while listening, despite the hard truth of the lyrics. You truly want to go out and do something meaningful for our Mother of mothers, and that's a compelling enough reason for me.

Violent Femmes Add It Up Reprise

The Violent Femmes are adding it up, and what they have accomplished here is the finest compilation album ever constituted. Unlike other bands, this band goes from good to Godly. They just pull it all together. The songs of this album are like a rainbow, they cover all colors of the spectrum. From the fast paced "Dance, M.F., Dance" to folksy "Lies" and "American Music" to the weird and kooky "36-24-36." Add It Up (1981-1993), this one has it all folks.

This really isn't a "best of" album, it is more of a history of the Violent Femmes. Starting off with the pretty little ditty called "Blister in the Sun" we slowly follow the evolution of the Femmes as they travel into a world intimate only to them. The path they lead us on is a truly incredible journey. We learn a little Femmes history while we are at it. For instance, "34-26-34" was the title track for a movie that was never made. One of the songs was recorded live with the Femmes not even knowing it and one song "Dance M.F., Dance" had the original demo disappear but then suddenly a remix version appeared at their record company.



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Five of the songs are live, which is a special banquet for those of us who love live songs. The Femmes tear it up, and just plain go crazy on stage. A live show by them would be a gift from God, as you can tell by the fans. They were recording their "most popular song," the title track "Add It Up", and the stage temperature was 130 degrees Fahrenheit and the audience's sweat condensed and rained on the Femmes. Can you believe that? It rained sweat on them.

This is anything but predictable. This album also has an answering message from the lead singer, Gordon and a radio ad for one of their concerts. One of the songs that was recorded in a studio just overlaps with the live version and the effect is astoundingly innovative.

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Earth, Wind & Fire Millennium Warner Bros.

"The group's sound spans a stylistic range from pop to R&B, from jazz to hip-hop and beyond. On 'Millennium', Earth, Wind, & Fire once again brings it all together with one of the strongest, most innovative and exciting offerings of their career." -Reprise press release

Hmmm. I wonder which CD they were listening to. I have in my hand a CD with the exact same title, made by a band with the exact same name, but this one is neither innovative nor exciting or even hip-hop. (Ugh!) It is actually a grotesque Bell-Biv-Devoe meets New Kids on the Block meets Lionel Richie, and we know how much fun that will be.

Earth, Wind & Fire over the years has gained a reputation for turning out sugary, bland, mass-audience conscious easy listening. The reason they have been around so long is that they have never quite managed to find their way out of the mainstream. Like a trout content with merely swimming along with the other trout downstream, Earth, Wind and Fire turns out yet another piece of music aimed at cementing its place in mainstream "pop" rock. "Millennium," the band's seventeenth, yes seventeenth, release highlights two of the band's most notable characteristics: it's ability to produce listenable, pop tunes and it's inability to even remotely go out on a limb musically.



EARTH, WIND & FIRE

Don't get me wrong-- this is not bad music; it's just not music that grabs a hold of you and says, "Play me again!" Some of the tunes I found remotely catchy and even downright bearable. The album's first single, "Sunday Morning," does have some catchy lyrics and melodies, perfect for a late walk on the beach, and it was the only song on the disk that I played more than twice. But if they expect to sell tapes and disks on the strength of one song, they're sorely mistaken.

If you're in to easy listening and you need a CD to serve as music to fall asleep to, don't delay. Otherwise support the earth, the wind, and the fire by giving your \$15 to the local Green Peace chapter, 'nuff said.

M O V I E S

Sex, betrayal and bio-ethics

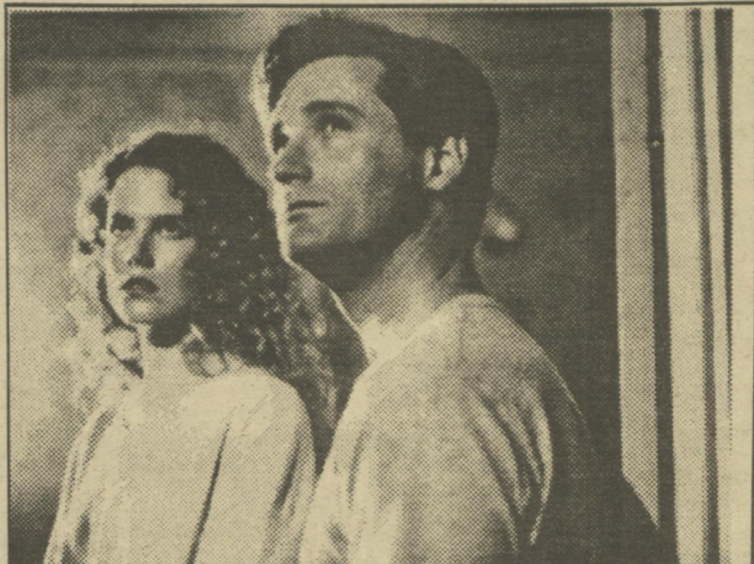
Todd Moran
Staff Writer

"Welcome to the game..." Big names, good performances, sex, intrigue, betrayal, deception and...biomedical ethics? "Malice", the latest movie by Harold Becker ("Sea of Love") has a big name cast including of Alec Baldwin ("The Hunt for Red October"), Nicole Kidman ("Far And Away"), Bill Pullman ("Sommersby"), Bebe Neuwirth (Dr. Lilith Sternin from "Cheers"), George C. Scott ("Patton") and Anne Bancroft (Mrs. Robinson in "The Graduate").

"Malice" is set in the small town of Westerly, Massachusetts. Andy (Bill Pullman) is a college dean and Tracy (Nicole Kidman) is his wife who volunteers at the local hospital. A serial rapist is stalking the town and one of Andy's students is attacked. While at the hospital, Andy runs into the new surgeon, Dr. Hill (Alec Baldwin). Andy and Dr. Hill are discussing the condition of the girl when they realize they went to the same high school. Dr. Hill is new in town and needs a place to stay so Andy offers to rent out a room in his house. When Dr. Hill moves in Andy's life takes an interesting turn.

The movie starts out slowly. The first half hour is actually very boring. Then, like an anvil falling and slamming into your head, the plot hits you. The pace starts to pick up and you realize that this is going to be a great movie. It all just keeps coming. The movie has so many surprises; it was like being at a boxing match. The movie leads you around, then suddenly, wham, it delivers an uppercut. You start to recover then it delivers a 1-2 punch. You're down again. At the end of the movie I was in my seat with this dazed look and a big foolish grin.

The most talked about aspect of the movie is the script. The telling



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of the story is done in a manner that normally is not used in Hollywood. The script uses very little foreshadowing. You sit through the movie having no idea about what is going to happen next. The real delight comes at the end of the film. One scene takes place at a bar where Andy and Dr. Hill are having a conversation. Andy mentions that he would give his right arm for a million dollars. Dr. Hill, skeptically, asks Andy if he really would. Andy admits he wouldn't. Then Dr. Hill counters and asks if he would give the tip of his pinky for a million dollars. When you first see the scene you really wonder what the purpose of that conversation was. Later in the movie the purpose becomes all too clear.

Whether it was intentional or not, this movie also brings up questions about biomedical ethics. Dr. Hill is performing an operation and discovers that the patient has a medical problem that they were unaware of. Before they can take care of the problem they need to have some samples analyzed at the lab. It would take at least a half hour to get the results and they can't keep the patient sedated that much longer. What

should Dr. Hill do? Should he go with his surgeon's intuition and take care of the problem or sew the patient up out of fear of liability?

One of the greatest speeches in the movie is when Dr. Hill is discussing whether or not he has a God complex. As a result of saving people's lives and helping to bring others back to good health, many doctors develop a God complex. They get so used to saving people that they eventually wind up feeling as if they can do anything. Dr. Hill's ability as a surgeon is questioned by some skeptics. Alec Baldwin delivers a great performance defending his character's reputation.

This movie does have some flaws. The biggest of these, though I'm not complaining, is when they show the typical sex scene between Andy and Tracy. This and a few other scenes have you screaming for want of originality. Even so, the movie does live up to its image and I would not mind going to see it again. There is a quote from director/producer Harold Becker that sums up what the movie is all about, "It illustrates that nothing in life prepares you for how people behave, or what they are capable of."

Robert Altman takes a short cut and loses

Jay Treat
Staff Writer

With such names as Bono and The Edge, Iggy Pop, Lyle Lovett, Tom Waits, Elvis Costello and Michael Stipe (R.E.M.), this sound track had the potential to be a fascinating groundbreaker for the lovers-and-long-road-trips soundtrack; the kind of soundtrack to which women swoon and men sigh. Then I pushed "play" and, like a child expecting a fresh batch of chocolate chip cookies and finds the goodies burnt and crusty, this music left a bad taste in my mouth and there wasn't even a bowl to lick.

Robert Altman ("The Player"), the director of the soon to be released movie "Short Cuts," made the unfortunate decision to use two actors whose characters portray musicians in his film for the entire soundtrack. Who are these two musical giants chosen to provide all

the music in the film? Annie Ross and Lori Singer, of course. Who are Annie Ross and Lori Singer? Good question and your guess is as good as mine.

The big names involved appear only peripherally as composers (Bono and The Edge, Elvis Costello) or as characters in the film (Lyle Lovett and Tom Waits). The actual music on the CD is not bad, incorporating an eclectic mixture of jazz, blues and classical; but when Ross opens her mouth it is reminiscent of your Aunt Marge singing in the shower, inside of a dark cave, dying, and Aunt Marge flexes her jaws entirely too often.

The soundtrack includes a mellow blues track called "Evil California" where Iggy Pop bellows in his gravelly, Bram Stoker inspired voice, although Ross insists on whining in the background. This is about the only keeper other than three classical pieces. Lori Singer does not sing at all, but she plays a

melancholy cello on the three classical tracks. Although melancholy, Singer provides renditions of pieces by Dvorak, Stravinsky and Victor Herbert.

Unfortunately, Ross' aural offense can be found on more than a dozen tracks on this CD, which fosters skepticism not only for Altman, but also The Imago Recording Company. It is an embarrassment to everyone involved.

The film itself looks as eclectic as the soundtrack. Andie MacDowell, Matthew Modine, Anne Archer, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Robert Downey Jr., Lily Tomlin and many others join ranks in this 189 minute Robert Altman film. The film is based on the writings of Raymond Carver, a contemporary novelist. Altman apparently hopes to use 22 characters to find "something extraordinary in the ordinary." Let us hope Altman makes visual directorial decisions more adroitly than his audio preferences.

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Tickets go on sale Fri., Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. for the band's two shows Nov. 2 & 3 at the Civic Theatre downtown. Yes, the boys from Seattle are back with a vengeance. Catch 'em while you can... before they return as their alter ego-- Stone Temple Pilots. Eddie Vedder personally chose the "intimate" location. Random priority numbers will be issued at 5 p.m. to determine ticket service. No lines before 5 p.m., please.

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Events:

21st Annual Harvest Festival

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 8-10, San Diego Concourse The annual two-weekend festival runs this weekend and next at the Concourse, located at Third Ave. & B St. downtown. The festival will feature country singer Rosie Flores, juggler Atsuko Koga and the Gumbo Jazz Duo performing through-

out the weekend. There will be a variety of arts, crafts, and food for sale. The festival is open Fri. from noon-9 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6.25 for adults and \$3.50 for children aged 6-12. Call 574-7655 for more info.

San Diego Audubon Society Field Trip

Sat., Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-Noon SDAS launches a birdwatching field trip to Cabrillo Monument and College of the Nazarene. Meet the group at 8 a.m. at the west end of Dupont Street (off Catalina Bl. at Cabrillo Monument). Bring a pair of binoculars and/or a camera, and plan on doing a fair amount of moderately strenuous hiking. Call 746-6100 for more info.

Sea World Penguin Encounter 10th Anniversary

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 9 & 10 Sea World will recognize 10 years' worth of penguin research, education and entertainment this weekend. The 10,000th guest through the gates each day will be escorted to the Penguin Encounter exhibit for a special meeting with a Magellanic penguin. Sea World Education Department staff will be on hand to answer questions. Other features include the Sea World Beach Band, penguin exhibits and children's face painting. Call 226-3901 for more info.

Ninth Annual Tour De North County

Sun., Oct. 10, all day North County will be overrun with 5,000 cyclists at Southern California's largest non-competitive cycling event. The Tour offers routes of 5, 12, 25, 50 and 75 mile ranges, and is equally suited for serious cyclists and families alike. In addition, there is a new mountain bike course with two levels of difficulty. These routes are 10 and 15 miles. All rides begin and end at Rancho Buena Vista High School in Vista. Call Elite Racing Sports Marketing at (619) 450-6510 for more info and start times.

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tive. It is like drinking 7-UP after growing up with Diet Coke, weird but awesome. "Add It Up (1981-1993)" contains songs from "Violent Femmes, Hallowed Ground," "The Blind Leading the Naked" and "Why Do Birds Sing." My favorite song is the whole thing, each and everyone has a little something to love in it. But "Gimme the Car" impressed

me the most when I detected a PRIMUS like twang of the bass, on purpose or by accident, it made the song. If you like the Violent Femmes you will passionately love this album. If you already love them, it will illuminate your life to an infinite degree; it is that good. Enrich your existence, purchase this album and listen to it everyday. The Violent Femmes truly are the children of the Alternative revolution. These are the chosen ones, revel in their beauty.

— Joe Brenkle

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