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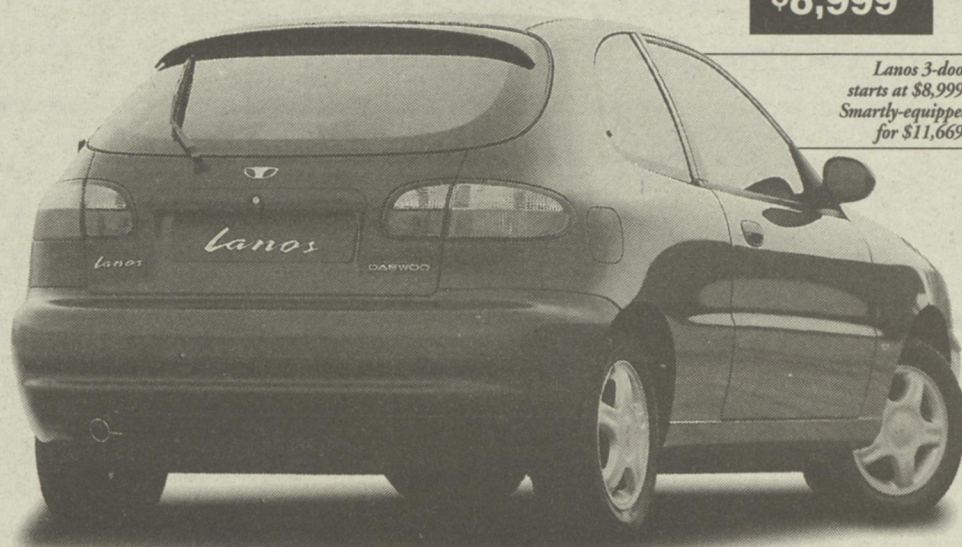
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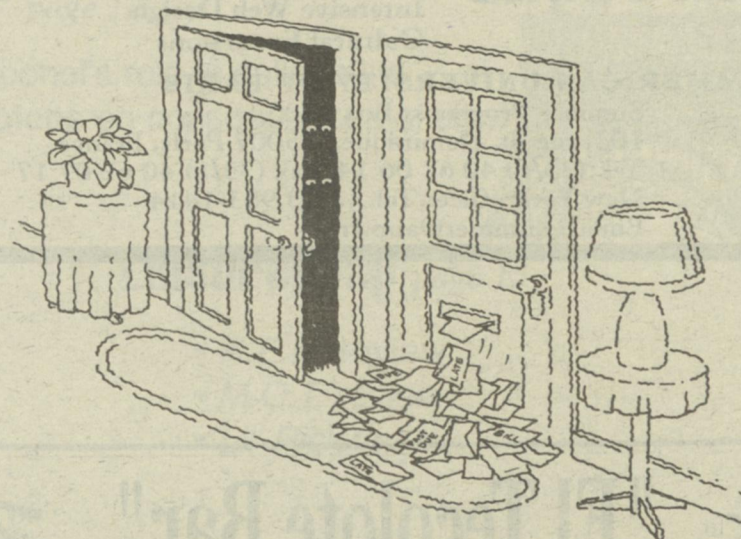
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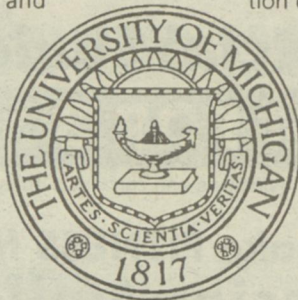
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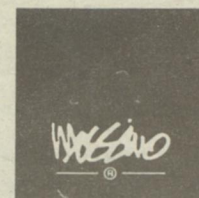
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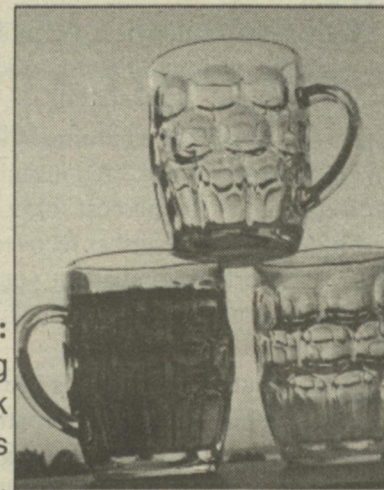
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Alcohol and Drug
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David Crosby speaks out on alcohol

NATASHA FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

"I didn't realize I was in trouble for a very long time" confesses David Crosby, keynote speaker for Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. Two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee with the bands Crosby, Stills, and Nash, and The Byrds, Crosby helped define a decade of American music. But Crosby was invited to address students and community members on more than his musical talents; he came to share the story of his victory in a painful battle with substance abuse.

"In high school," recalls Crosby, "we'd drink until we fell over and laugh and think that was really cool...and then we'd throw up." He once saw his life going in one direction, playing and writing music, but because of the drugs he used he never saw where that path "heads over the cliff."

The descent down that cliff began with extensive cocaine use — so much so that Crosby developed toxic saturation in his liver, causing him to suffer from seizures. Although he was approached and warned on many occasions for possession of cocaine and a weapon, Crosby had yet to be convinced that he needed to get help.

Escaping from one treatment center and failing recovery in five others, Crosby's friends, including Jackson Browne and Neil Young, encouraged him to get help. "The mindset of drug addicts is that," according to Crosby, "if I want to go to hell in a handbasket, it's my business."

Finally, in 1985, Crosby was forced to do something about his addiction. A drug-related arrest on weapons possession charges in Dallas, Texas, put Crosby in the Texas State Penitentiary for a one year until his conviction was appealed. He found constant support from Jan Dance, who he wed soon after being released, through letters, and "survived by minding my own damn business", emerging from prison a drug free and sober man.

"My, 'awakening' occurred pretty much when those I saw those steel bars closing in front of me," claims Crosby. Attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, he realized "others were caught in this thing as deep as I was."

"You have to understand," says Crosby, "addiction to a straight person is a word — addiction to us [alcoholics] is a force like a bulldozer. It takes you over like a fire takes over a burning building. You are not in control of your life...it's insanity."

"Recovery is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life." Crosby describes recovery as a point where you "start to feel good about yourself again." The control begins to return, and one's self-esteem resurfaces.

It was about this time in his life when Crosby discovered he had contracted Hepatitis C, a disease of the liver, for which there is no known cure. This, combined with his history of substance abuse, had

permanently damaged his liver, deteriorating it rapidly until it almost ceased to function.

The seriousness of his condition qualified him as a candidate for an organ transplant. In 1995 his condition continued to worsen, causing him to suffer from terminal liver failure. That same year a donor became available, and Crosby survived a successful liver transplant.

"Everyone thinks you get special treatment because you're a rock star, but there's no manipulation involved at all," said Crosby. He attributes his luck in finding a transplant to someone "smart enough to fill out a donor card."

Crosby has spent twelve years sober, and continues performing in his latest group, CPR, which includes his recently discovered son, James Raymond. The two were united three years ago, when Raymond discovered his biological father was Crosby. Raymond, a composer and musician, now tours with guitarist Jeff Pevar and father, Crosby.

Crosby says he no longer has the temptation to drink or use drugs. "I found the more I used drugs, the less I was writing, and the less I used drugs, the more I was writing."

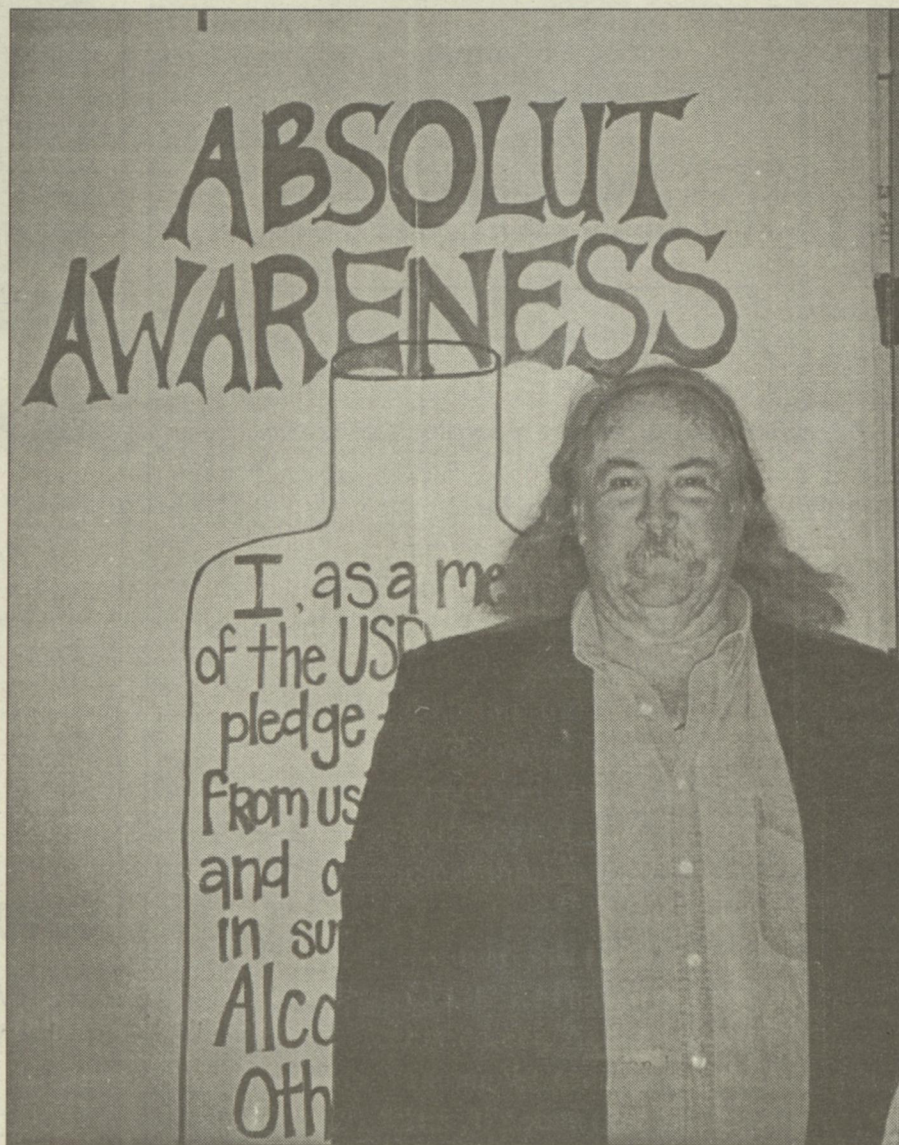
"Most people I talk to," says Crosby, "think 'I'm bullet proof' — you're not." His main message to people, especially at the college level, is to "make good choices. Think about it. Go to the prison centers and rehabilitation clinics, and look at what can happen to you. You'll see the evidence. Look at your choices, I wasn't smart."

During a question -and - answer period at the end of his speech, Crosby was praised by audience members for his strength and success. Many shared their own stories of overcoming substance abuse after receiving inspiration from his story.

Freshman Jessica Bays reflected on Crosby's message, "I didn't know much about David Crosby, but I thought he was a very inspirational and down -to -earth speaker. He was realistic without being preachy."

"Hopefully," said Susan Jacobi, A.S. Director of Social Issues, "his sharing, will help people to make better choices."

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Natasha Fernandez

Kick the habit: Rock n' Roll hall of famer David Crosby spoke of his trials and tribulations with drugs and alcohol.

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A Student's Perspective on Diversity at the University of San Diego

Collegiate multicultural news roundup

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Campus diversity favored

Two-thirds of Americans say that colleges and universities should prepare students to function in a diverse society, according to a first-ever national poll on diversity in higher education. The poll was conducted for the Ford Foundation's Campus Diversity Initiative, a partnership with institutions to promote diversity.

Other findings: 55 percent of respondents agree that college students should have to study different cultures, 71 percent say diversity education on college and university campuses helps bring society together and more than three to one say diversity programs in colleges and universities raise academic standards.

This report is of particular importance to USD. Last year administrators failed to pass a resolution that would have required all students to take a course that studied another culture. The so-called "D-requirement" was a student-led initiative that intended to expose USD students to diversity in hopes of better preparing them for the work force of the 21st century.

Minority faculty remain underrepresented

People of color continue to be drastically underrepresented among college and university faculty, despite marked gains in the last 10 years, according to a recent report by the American Council on Education. The number of full-time faculty of color increased by nearly 48 percent between 1985 and 1995, but people of color still comprise only 12.9

percent of the nation's full-time faculty and 9.6 percent of full time professors in 1995. Between 1993 and 1995 faculty of color made larger gains at the associate and assistant professor levels than at the full professor level.

The number of minority faculty members at USD has grown in recent years, yet still remains quite low. USD's Office of Institutional Research reports that out of a total of 526 faculty members, 70 are racial minorities. Of those 70, 42 full-timers and 28 are part-timers.

Hate crimes bill dies in Senate

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act failed to be considered before the Senate adjourned for the fall break. The bill sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) would have added gender, disability and sexual orientation to existing federal hate crimes legislation. It would also have allowed federal authorities to intervene in a much broader range of situations.

A staff member for majority leader Trent Lott (R-Miss) said that the legislation died because it was simply too late to bring it up this year. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Il) feels that the bill died at the hands of partisan politics. "As long as we have the current majority in Congress, it will be difficult to pass this kind of legislation." Durbin was hopeful that "there are enough moderate Republicans and fair-minded conservatives to put together a winning coalition."

Attorney General Janet Reno came out in support of the bill. She said that nationwide legislation is needed to address "situations where the state cannot or will not take action."

The failure of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act comes on the heels of vicious hate attacks across the nation, including the attack of a black man who was dragged

to death by a pickup truck in Texas and the beating death of a gay college student in Wyoming.

Poll: Violence against gays 'serious'

A *Time Magazine* poll conducted this month found that more than two-thirds of Americans believe that an incident such as the beating of a gay student in Wyoming could happen in their own community. Seventy-five percent of the respondents believe that violence against gays and lesbians is either very serious or fairly serious.

The poll shows increasing acceptance of gay people, compared with a similar poll conducted in June 1994. Results of the current poll show that about 10 percent more respondents than four years ago would be likely to buy from a gay salesman, vote for a gay candidate, see a gay doctor and allow their children to attend a school with gay staff members.

However, 51 percent think that homosexuals can change their sexual orientation if they chose, while 36 percent do not believe that is possible. A third of Americans do not feel homosexuality is acceptable at all and 48 percent believe it is morally wrong. The *Time* poll reveals that 57 percent believe that gay and lesbian couples should not be permitted to legally adopt children, compared to 35 percent who feel that adoption is acceptable. Less than one-third of respondents feel same-sex marriage should be legally recognized while 64 percent disagree.

Some facts compiled from CASE On-line, Chicago Tribune and Time Magazine.

HotSheet

TABITHA RODRIGUEZ-ANDERSON

Staff Writer



Jesse Garcia and Chris Coleman, who both work for USD Parking Enforcement, have heard every excuse imaginable from students, staff and faculty. They list the top five excuses University members have given them for parking in the wrong place:

1. I was only here for five minutes.
2. I just ran into the building to drop something off.
3. I was late for class.
4. I didn't know I couldn't park here/They said I could park here.
5. I didn't know I had to pay the meter.

NewsOddities

Stories from around the globe that seem too bizarre to be true

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Farmer injured trying to milk elephant

NAIROBI, Kenya — A young farmer was badly injured by an irate elephant after he tried to milk her while she was grazing with her calf, a Kenyan newspaper reported Friday.

The Daily Nation said Peter Baraza, 21, crept up on the wild elephant near Lake Nakuru in Kenya's Rift Valley and managed to pull nearly a pint of milk before the cow realized it was not her calf that was suckling.

The elephant tossed Baraza and his half-filled can in the air and pursued him as he scrambled, badly winded, up a nearby tree.

She then uprooted the tree with her trunk and waved it into the air with Baraza still clinging to the branches.

The Daily Nation said the cow was finally distracted by a group of screaming women and Baraza was rescued and taken to hospital.

The newspaper did not say why Baraza — who suffered broken ribs and a dislocated shoulder — tried to milk the elephant.

Student dies of apparent caffeine overdose

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. — A North Carolina student died last week after apparently swallowing dozens of over-the-counter caffeine pills on a dare from friends, officials said Tuesday.

Jason Allen, 20, who was working on a high school equivalency degree, collapsed after attending a night class last Tuesday at Carteret Community College in Morehead City, along the North Carolina coast, officials said.

"A [campus] security guard passing by a gazebo spotted Allen and saw him slumped down with his head leaning against a seat. He was barely conscious and said he couldn't move," college spokesman Morgan Smith said.

Allen was rushed to Carteret General Hospital, where he died a day later.

Morehead City police spokeswoman Wrenn Johnson said police were not certain of how many pills Allen swallowed, but he likely died when his heart rhythm was affected by the caffeine.

Toxicology tests were still being conducted as part of an autopsy, she said.

"We have reports there was a dare," Johnson added.

Cleric sees too much flesh in church

BOGOTA, Colombia — A Roman Catholic priest said Tuesday that worshipers in Colombia's steamy Caribbean port of Barranquilla were showing up for church in scanty outfits that revealed too much.

Glottario Emer was quoted on local radio as saying he had recently told parishioners at the San Luis Beltran Church that communion would be denied to anyone who failed to wear "decent clothes."

"I'm not demanding that they dress in luxury, just decently," Emer said, adding that there were theological reasons to demand certain minimum standards of dress.

"A low cut blouse is one thing. But if it's a cut where you can see the breasts, and where the belly is shown, I think it's inconsiderate for people to dress like that," he said.

In one recent case, he said a man waiting to receive communion changed his mind because of the temptation he suffered while standing in line with a girl who was practically naked.

"I could see everything," he quoted the man as saying.

In other cases, he said people had arrived in church "in slippers, gym shorts, undershirts and sometimes almost in their pajamas."

Emer said a degree of solemnity had to be observed in church despite Barranquilla's oppressive tropical heat. "We have to educate people," he said.

Hot sauce lands pupil in hot water

DENVER — An 11-year-old has been suspended from school for daring her classmates to taste hot sauce so incendiary paramedics had to be called, a spokeswoman for the school district said Thursday.

The unidentified sixth-grader was suspended Wednesday for the rest of the week from Rock Ridge Elementary School in Castle Rock, about 25 miles south of Denver, a spokeswoman for the Douglas County school district said.

The girl had dared about a dozen of her friends to sample Dave's Gourmet Total Insanity Sauce, a San Bruno, California, product whose label warns it should be used "one drop at a time and kept away from eyes, pets, children and people with heart or respiratory problems."

None of the students was seriously hurt, but paramedics were called when one student who swallowed more than the others started vomiting. The other sixth-graders had a burning sensation around their mouths.

"She didn't force them," the spokeswoman said. "I hope it helps the other children learn about taking dares," she added.

Man snatches grandson from lion's jaws

JOHANNESBURG — A man snatched his two-year-old grandson from the jaws of death after the toddler was grabbed by a hungry lioness, South African newspapers said Monday.

The Star said Tiaan Strydom was watching two lions in an enclosure at the Camorhi Game Farm in South Africa's Free State Sunday when a six-month-old lioness lunged forward and tried to drag him into the enclosure through a gap under the gate.

David Windell, the boy's grandfather, came to his rescue.

"I had the lioness by the nose and was trying to twist its nose so it would let Tiaan go," Windell was quoted as saying in The Citizen. "Any grandfather would have done the same."

The Citizen said that a game ranger kicked and jumped on the lioness, forcing it to release the boy who was pulled to safety by his grandfather.

The toddler underwent an emergency operation and received 60 stitches in the calf of his right leg, the Star reported.

Game farm officials said she had no comment on the incident.

Boys aged 5 and 7 kill 4-year-old

STOCKHOLM — Two boys aged five and seven beat and strangled a four-year-old boy to death in Sweden, but will not face criminal charges because of their young age, police said Monday.

The victim, called Kevin, died in August when a stick was held against his throat while he was lying on the ground during a fight over a toy.

Police Commissioner Rolf Sandberg told Reuters the cause of his death was strangulation.

"It began as a game. But it became serious so after a while it was no longer a game," Sandberg said.

This was the first time police have found children guilty of murder in Sweden, where the crime is generally very rare.

The two boys admitted to kicking and beating Kevin during questioning two months after the incident. Police said the seven-year-old was more at fault in Kevin's death.

"They told us what they had done. But they never said they regretted it," Sandberg said.

The two boys, who are in an institution, will undergo psychiatric treatment, after which the social services will decide about their future. The case has been closed and will not go to trial.

Earlier on police thought a pedophile had killed Kevin Hjalmarsson and that he had been sexually abused because his genitals were so badly beaten.

Hundreds of local residents in Arvika, about 400 km (250 miles) west of Stockholm, were questioned about the case.

Kevin had been in a playing field near his mother's and grandparents' houses. The names of the two killers have not been released because of their age. Police said they did not know if social workers would allow them to return to their homes.

Kevin's body was found on a wooden pallet floating in water about 250 meters away from his mother's house. Police said the boys were probably trying to hide his body.

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News Editor

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But according to Mike Kelly, sales manager of San Diego's Auto Trader, purchasing a second-hand vehicle is gradually becoming fashionable.

"For all of those people who remember their parents and grandparents extolling the virtues of buying only new cars, it is time to jump into the 1990s," Kelly said.

Kelly said that "today's used car buyer is a great deal different than you would have seen just a few years ago. White-collar buyers who would only purchase new cars in the past are now taking hard looks at returned leased automobile."

The fear of buying a lemon can be countered by several safeguards. For instance, certified used car programs offered by many dealerships have recently become popular. These programs help allay consumers' fears and assure them of purchasing a reliable vehicle.

"Used cars are often in exceptional condition and excellent buys," Kelly said.

With many car dealers currently luring students into their dealership with promises of great deals, buying a used car is an important choice to consider, Kelly said.

"Purchasing a beautiful car in excellent shape at a fraction of the new car price simply makes good sense for people working within budgetary constraints," Kelly said.

Top 10 tips to purchasing a used car

1. Check the insurance rates for the kind of vehicle you are considering purchasing. You may be able to afford the car payments, but not the insurance.
2. Check for manufacturer's recalls for the car you are considering.
3. Check several sources, such as the Auto Trader, newspaper, and the Internet, for comparable car values to determine a fair price for the car.
4. Prepare a list of questions in advance to which you want answers or bring a friend with you prior to purchasing. This will ensure you don't buy a car simply on its looks and help eliminate impulse buys.
5. Check all the options — power windows, cars rear wipers, and air conditioning.
6. Drive the car on several levels of road conditions to determine proper alignment and tire balancing.
7. Ask to see of all off the service records indicating the car has received regular maintenance work.
8. Always have the car you are considering checked out by a qualified mechanic prior to buying.
9. Never buy a car without obtaining the title at time of purchase. The car may have been salvaged or even stolen.
10. Always make sure the car has passed smog prior to purchasing. It is the seller's responsibility.

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Insight

Editorials and Perspectives

Reject the stereotypes

MARGIE PIERCE

Offbeat Editor

If I hear one more person go off on the USD community and how shallow it is, I'm going to scream at the top of my lungs and get violent. I am so sick of USD students bashing the very community that they are a part of. I don't have enough friends with enough fingers and toes to be able to count how many times I've heard people making fun of the average USD student. What I can't figure out is that if everyone I know is so concerned about the intellectual and emotional depth of everyone else, who does that leave to be brainless, inconsiderate ditzes?

Personally, not a single person I have ever met at USD is in this category; not my roommates, not my classmates, not the people I work with, not my friends, not the people I have met on weekend trips and retreats...True that doesn't cover everybody in this school, but if these people aren't considered the USD community, I don't know who is.

In fact, just about everyone I know is completely the opposite of the stereotype. Half of the people I have met are involved in some sort of organization such as University Ministry, AS, USDtv, the yearbook and of course, the VISTA. Then there are those people who find time to participate in or watch sporting events: collegiate, club and intermural. Then there are the students involved in extracurricular activities like swing and ballroom dancing, yoga, karate, aerobics, drama, choral scholars and music lessons. I think it is amazing that in addition to all of this most of us still

find time to tutor, work and even study. The crazy thing is finding an hour or two to spend time with our friends when we have finished running around from activity to activity like chickens with their heads cut off. No wonder college students don't have time to sleep. Sure everyone has different motivations for doing these things, but as far as the people I have met are concerned, their intentions are genuine: to be involved, to achieve a balance in life, to meet new people, to stay healthy.

I don't think these are shallow things and I challenge anyone who does to look inside themselves instead of pointing fingers at other people. In addition I don't know a single person who doesn't have real problems that they deal with on a daily basis. While it might seem like people are too concerned with what party they are going to this weekend to care about real issues like the 20 million children that are starving to death every year, it isn't true.

The thing is we don't feel the need to share what is really going on in our lives with everybody we meet, especially when there is nothing they can do about it. Bad things happen in everybody's life, but we can't sit around and think about them and worry about them every second of our day. The human body is not equipped to deal with this much emotion; instead, we are equipped to survive and adapt to new situations. This may in fact be the whole purpose of our subconscious mind—to store things away until a time when we can handle the emotional strain without putting our physical well-being at risk.

My intentions, however, are not to get deeply philo-

sophical, but instead to remind you that there is more to a person than what you see. Just because they don't reveal to you their more vulnerable side doesn't mean they are shallow. Still don't believe me?

Let me give you some examples of some of the things your fellow classmates are dealing with: divorces, family members getting arrested, long distance relationships, parents moving out of the house, brothers moving out of state without telling anyone, mothers moving out of the country, siblings dropping out of school, breakups with longtime boyfriends and girlfriends, overcoming drug addiction, the death of loved ones...the list goes on.

So maybe I just happen to be one of the lucky people on campus who is blessed enough to meet only the non-shallow minority of students. Maybe, but I seriously doubt it. If you can actually say with certainty that you know a person that only thinks of artificial things all day long, seven days a week, then go ahead and say that.

But please, please, PLEASE don't bad mouth the entire USD community, because when you do you are talking not only about me and my friends, but also about yourself and every single person you have met on this campus.

I know I don't deserve it and I don't think anyone who would take the time to read this whole article deserves it. Instead, next time someone asks you about what you think of USD why don't you tell them about how cool the people are that you really know instead of accusing everyone you simply haven't gotten to know well enough of being shallow.

Letters

Reponse to:

Greek Week Propoganda

I would like to take a moment to respond to a letter written by Peter Ladetto that was published in the October 22 issue of the VISTA. It seems, that after Greek Week he was considerably upset about a poster on displayed by Panhellenic that discussed achievements made by some Greek members. The sign in question listed the number of presidents and various other leaders that have been members of fraternities and sororities.

I happen to be a member of a fraternity on campus. The one I belong to is not important because I am not writing this letter in protest of Mr. Ladetto's disdain for campus organizations. In fact, I celebrate his viewpoint, as he is entitled to his opinion no matter how biased it may be. However, this letter is written with the intent of expressing a different viewpoint.

What I disagree with is how Mr. Ladetto formulated his argument against these philanthropic organizations. Apparently the only way he could attempt to tarnish the Greek reputation was to tear down the country in which we all reside. Mr. Ladetto went on a three-para-

graph rant about his fear of technology and his belief that the United States of America was utterly worthless. He even used the adjectives "ignorant, polluting, dominating, and excessive culture" to describe America.

I thought maybe someone who appreciates this land should stand up and defend our country against this unwarranted and slanderous attack. I feel that if Mr. Ladetto wants to live in a communist country and hide from technology, then maybe he should move to the former Soviet Union where he can stand in bread lines with his genius ideas. Alternatively, he may want to travel to China where he can be executed or imprisoned for his poorly thought out arguments rather than have them published freely. From his letter to the editor, I am led to believe that he might enjoy himself more in these places than he would here under the "regime" of Greek organizations. I am sure there are many students, myself included, that would happily donate money to help him escape this land that is overrun with "crime, pollution, and mental illness," as Peter so eloquently put it.

I did, however, find his understanding of the first amendment admirable. If you want to spit on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights that give you the very

freedom of speech you use to mock our great nation, then I can't stop you. It seems hypocritical to me, but that is just my opinion.

I obviously do not like what Peter Ladetto has to say, but to borrow a famous line from Voltaire "I will defend to the death his right to say it." That is all this letter is, a defense of a remarkable country that is having its good qualities overlooked. To close, here is a little saying I enjoy that Mr. Peter Ladetto might find thought provoking in the future. "America. Love it or leave it."

— CHRIS YOUNT

All letters can be sent to the VISTA through e-mail or dropped off at the office. The address on-line is vista@acusd.edu, and the office is located in UC 114b.

AS this Week

Freshmen Senators Present...

The Tonight Show with the Class of 2002

The freshmen senators have organized a trip to *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno for the Class of 2000. Tickets go on sale today from 1-2 p.m. only in the UC Box office for \$5.

LISA CHAPPARONE
Special to the VISTA

After a very long day of campus life and academic pursuit, you flop on your couch and turn on Jay Leno to hear the latest Clinton jokes and entertaining guest. Before the commercial break, the camera gets a quick shot of the audience, and you spot a group of USD freshmen laughing on the screen.

The freshman class is fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno.

The show will take place on Nov. 11 in Burbank, California. Tickets will be \$5 and are on sale from 1-2 p.m. only. There is a limited number of tickets, so be ready to stand in line. Transportation will be provided.

This is the closest some fans will get to meeting their favorite talk show host and some interesting guests. Freshman Ryan Moore said, "I think Jay has a tremendous talk show."

Freshman senators Jawara Partee and Derick Lee facilitated this social event "to bring the freshmen class together and have a good time," according to Partee.

Annie Alessio said, "It should be a good chance to bond with my fellow class members."

When freshman Rob Proctor was informed of this event he enthusiastically said, "Leno! He's money!"

Since this event is only provided for freshmen, there are some very disappointed upperclassmen. Junior Mike Milligan said, "At times like this I wish I was a freshmen again. Sometimes adjusting to college life and meeting new people can be difficult. But this gives them an opportunity to meet new people and have a great time."

This Week

...is Alcohol and
Other Drugs
Awareness Week

Today, Nov. 5

"Dial 7" Nooner outside the UC during dead hour.

"The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno tickets go on sale from 1 to 2 p.m. in the UC box office for freshmen.

Junior Hungry Hour at 6 p.m. at Trophy's Bar and Grill in Hazard Center

Friday Nov. 6

Freshmen Retreat begins
Women's Soccer vs. Gonzaga at 7 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 7

Murder Mystery Night in UC Forum at 7 p.m. Ticket are on sale in the UC box office for \$5
Men's Basketball Hi-Five America at 7 p.m.

Violence Against
Women
Awareness Week
begins on Nov. 9

Silent Witnesses on display in the University Center

Sunday Nov. 8

Men's soccer vs. Gonzaga at 2 p.m.

Monday Nov. 9

Keynote Speaker for Violence against Women Awareness Week, Jackson Katz at 8 p.m. in UC Forum
Irish Storyteller and Singers in Aromas at 7 p.m.

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**Cultural Arts
Presents...**

**Irish
Storyteller
& Singer**

NICOLE NUNES
Special to the VISTA

While Saint Patrick's Day is not until March, Associated Students Cultural Arts decided to offer a little Irish spirit (the non-alcoholic type) in November.

On Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. Aromas will be filled with the sounds of Irish singing and storytelling. Bah and Maura Burns will share their Irish traditions and songs in both English and Gaelic.

Vice President of Finance, Bill Quinn said, "It is great to see programming involving the rich and deep traditions of the Irish men and women. I encourage all to attend this fine display culture on our campus."

Junior Senators Present...

JUNIOR HUNGRY HOUR

Tonight, at Trophy's Bar & Grill at 6 p.m., enjoy free food and great company.

NICOLE NUNES
Special to the VISTA

Juniors, does a shortage of cash flow leave your refrigerator with an empty milk carton and a year old bottle of ketchup? Wouldn't real food for free make your entire week?

Junior senators Cordell Hansen and Jordan Berg felt your hunger pains and created the Junior Class Hungry Hour for all USD juniors.

Trophy's Bar and Grill in Hazard Center, off of Friars Road, will host the event at 6 p.m. There will be plenty of free food and a great chance to socialize with fellow juniors. Occupancy is limited, so be sure to arrive as soon as possible.

With the memory of Orientation Week many years old, it is important to find time it reconnect with fellow peers. The junior senators realized this need and created this time to temporarily forget about the many papers and exams and just watch television, eat and have fun.

Hansen said, "I hope all juniors take advantage of this opportunity and come down to Trophy's tonight because it is going to be a lot of fun and I wouldn't want any Juniors to miss out."

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Alcohol and the college experience

TED DONOVAN
Editor in Chief

I remember my first glimpse into the realm of college drinking. I was 10 years old, and my older sister brought a T-shirt back for me from her first year at Middlebury College. It read: "Middlebury, Cover Charge \$25,000: ALL YOU CAN DRINK." Apparently, I wasn't the only person who saw that shirt, or some similar version of it.

Throughout my years in high school I continued to hear stories about how much alcohol there was in college, how many keg parties there would be and so on. This, combined with a healthy diet of such movies as *Animal House* and *Revenge of the Nerds*, lead me to the belief that my experience here at USD was going to be one big drunkfest.

When I arrived here as a freshman I realized that my preconceptions about college life were slightly distorted. However, to this day I have still never heard of or attended one party or social function that did not include any alcohol, unless it was intentionally alcohol free.

In college, alcohol is simply a part of life, and for some it seems to be the only way of life. Exposure to alcohol during college is inevitable, regardless of whether or not you choose to drink.

Alcohol has been part of college life for a very long time. Until recently, the issue of drinking among college students was never much of an issue. However, recent events, including the deaths of two college students in Massachusetts and Louisiana combined with increased alcohol consumption by students, has put college drinking into the spotlight.

One of the reasons that of alcohol on college campuses has increased is the simple fact that the collegiate population continues to grow every year. It has been proven that students in college drink more often and in greater quantities than people of the same

age who do not attend a college or university.

Throughout this week USD participates in "Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week." The programs and displays around campus are intended to make students aware of the dangers of alcohol.

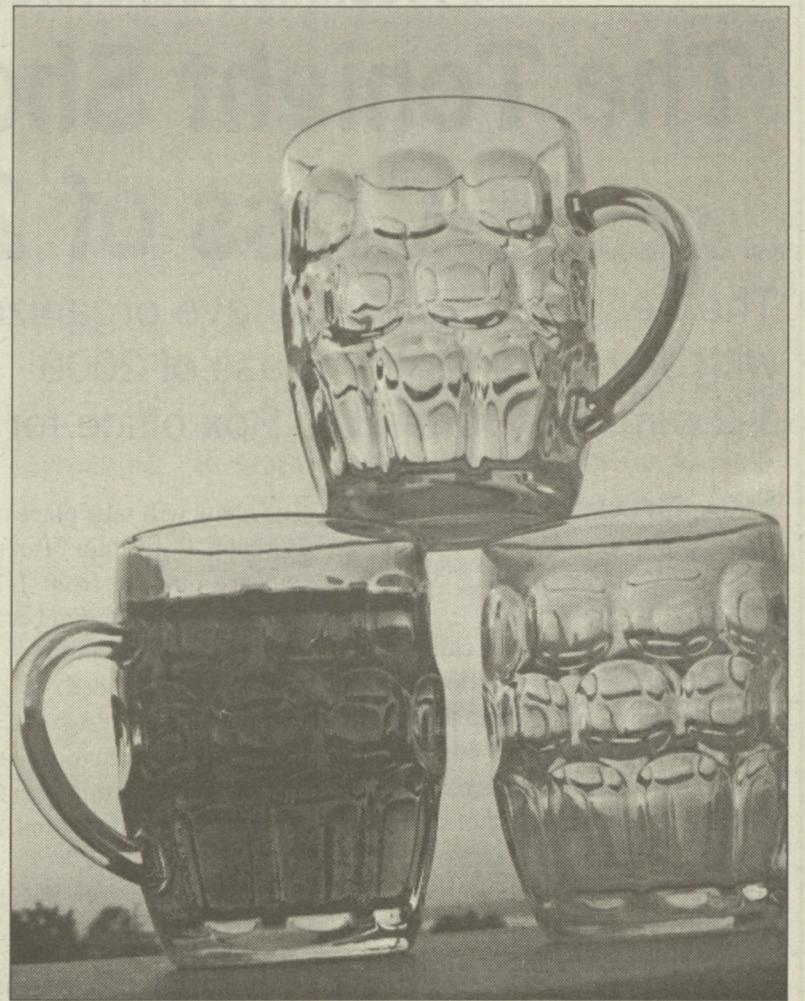
Despite the fact that USD and other colleges around the country continue to try to control the amount of alcohol consumption by students, the message still doesn't seem to be sinking in. Most studies show that the amount of binge drinking (the consumption of five or more drinks in a row for men, four for women) in colleges around the country is still rising.

In the recently released *Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study*, it was found that the amount of students who drank to get drunk has increased by one third since 1993. Dr. Henry Wechsler surveyed of 14,521 students from 116 colleges in 39 states. The results were compared with Wechsler's first college alcohol study of slightly 15,103 students from five years ago.

The report also found that the number of students who completely abstained from alcohol rose slightly over the five-year period. In 1993 only 15.6 percent of students claimed to be alcohol free.

In 1998 19 percent said they were completely dry.

However, Wechsler commented that the increase of students who abstained from alcohol was more than offset by the amount of alcohol consumed by those who did drink. These days there might be fewer college students who drink, but those who do are drinking a lot more than our predecessors. According to the survey, the number of students who reported they were drunk



Photos by Ted Donovan

Bottoms up: Studies show that binge drinking in college has gone up by more than 30 percent in the last few years.

three or more times in the past month increased by 22 percent over the last five years.

Alcohol makes college students do stupid things. One of the obvious effects of alcohol is that it impairs judgement. Besides leading to serious consequences such as drunk driving fatalities, an issue which has been in the public eye for quite some time, less publicized effects of alcohol are now being discovered. According to a report by Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, alcohol is a factor in 70 percent of all sexual assault cases. Shalala's report also noted that about 65 percent of students who had reported an incident of unsafe sex said they were drinking at the time.

Another more recent isolated act of stupidity caused by alcohol was when a sophomore at the University of Dayton jumped from a dorm window to avoid a write-up from her RA. The woman broke her back and legs and suffered head trauma from the drop of over 30 feet. University of Dayton public safety officers said the woman's injuries were compounded by the fact that the function in her feet was diminished due to her level of intoxication.

A report published by the Southern Illinois University - Carbondale found that while the average "A" student consumes about 3.5 drinks per week, the "B", "C", "D and F" students consumed 5.5, 7.6 and 10.6 drinks per week, respectively.

So who are the people most likely to drink? Most studies agree that the heaviest drinkers are white, male, unmarried and under 23 years of age. Members of a fraternities or sororities, especially those living in fraternity or sorority houses, and those who



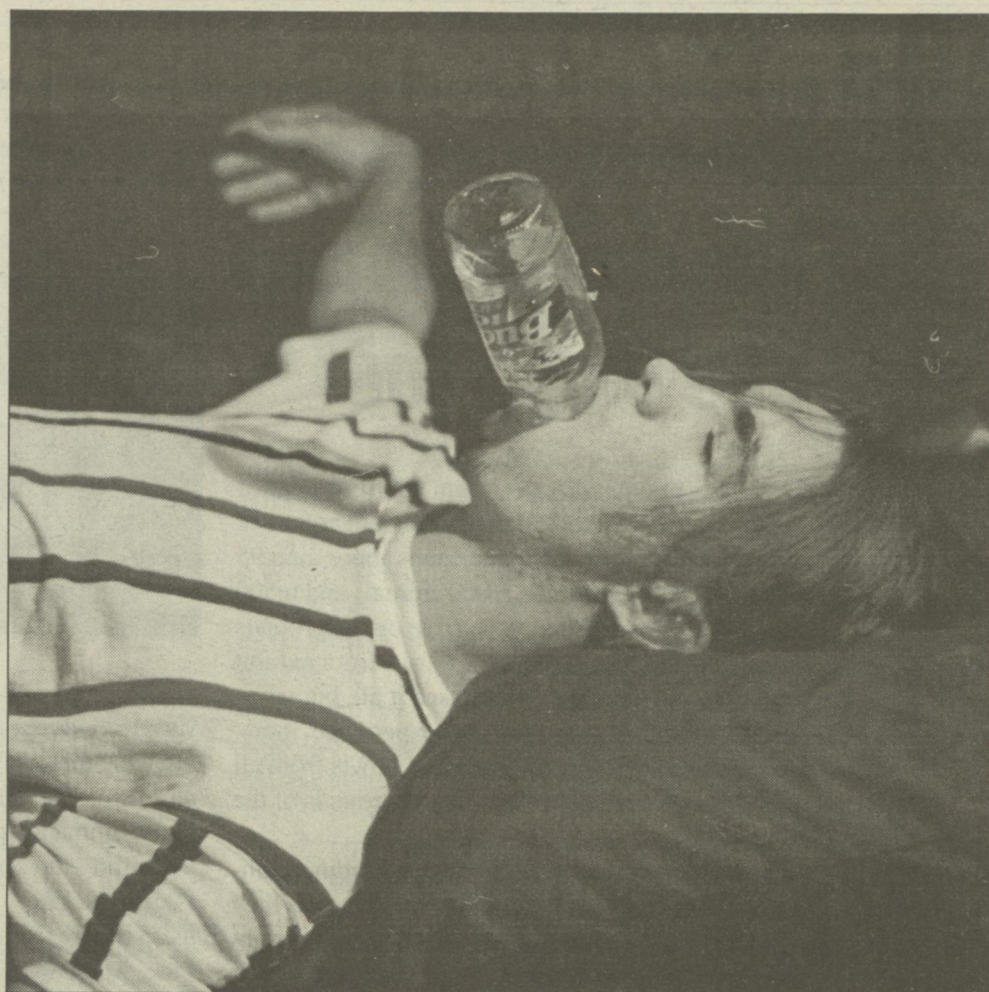
binged in high school are also more likely to be binge drinkers. In addition, athletes are about 1.5 times more likely to be binge drinkers.

Members of fraternities and sororities are often at the center of the issue of college drinking. Studies show that members of Greek organizations drink about 50 percent more than non-Greek students.

The issue of drinking among Greeks, especially fraternities, was brought into the forefront last year after the two successive deaths of fraternity members in Massachusetts and Louisiana. Last fall, Louisiana State University student Benjamin Wynne died after a night of drinking in a bar with other members of his fraternity. That night, the group's bar tab totaled over \$2000.

The most famous alcohol-related death happened only a month later when MIT freshman Scott Krueger died after drinking himself into a coma and choking to death on his own vomit. The fraternity was hosting "Animal House Night," in which all of the members of Krueger's pledge class had to drink a collectively large amount of alcohol. The night of the incident, Krueger's blood alcohol level was .41 — five times the drunk-driving standard in Massachusetts.

As a result of Krueger's death, all of the members of the fraternity who were living in the house at the



time of the accident were indicted on charges of manslaughter. At the hearing in late October no one showed up to represent the fraternity and the case was closed. Krueger's parents are considering filing a civil lawsuit against the fraternity, MIT and the individuals involved in their son's death. The chapter of the fraternity involved has been completely shut down.

While many Greek organizations around the country have the reputation of the fraternity portrayed in *Animal House*, nothing in the movie ever depicted a fraternity member forcing a fellow member to drink.

Many Greek organizations are now trying to clean their reputations by making their chapters alcohol free. In fact, this is happening so often that it is being called a national trend among colleges. Some organizations are making the move to ban alcohol immediately, while most are phasing out alcohol and plan to be completely dry by the year 2000.

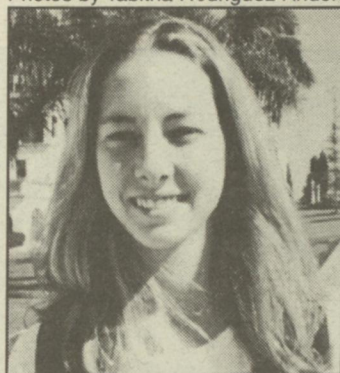
In terms of controlling the amount of alcohol abuse here at USD, the system here has several safeguards to try and prevent students from falling into the trap of overdoing alcohol during college. First, the simple fact that USD has a mandatory attendance policy insures that students will not spend seven days a week partying and drinking and never show up for class. At many other universities, class attendance is only mandatory on test days. In fact, larger schools such as the University of

Florida have a system where students can watch a video recording of the teacher's lecture in order to take notes, thereby practically eliminating the need to attend class. (Note: The University of Florida

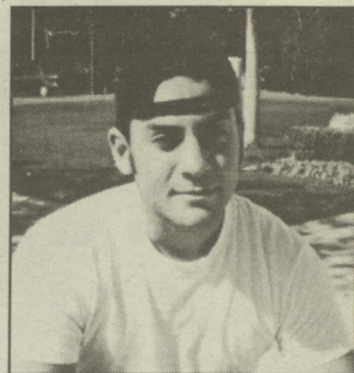
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What was your worst experience with alcohol?

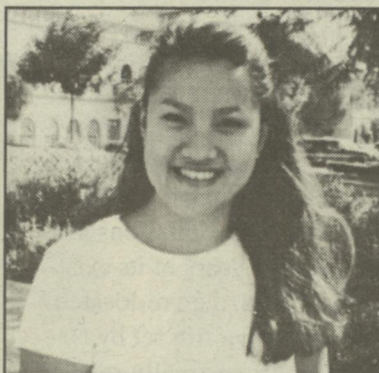
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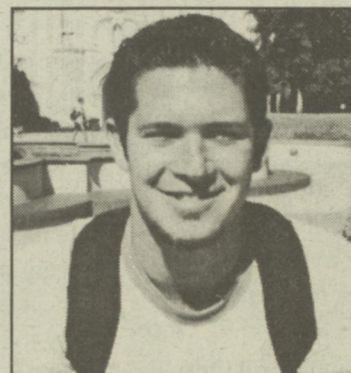
Mandy Crandall
Junior



Ben Arsenian
Junior



Leah Teodoro
Sophomore



John Sullivan
Junior



Kristyn Lang
Sophomore

My freshman year, I went to Tijuana and drank way more than I should have. After drinking, I danced a lot and the alcohol raced through my body until I could hardly walk or see. On the way to catch the last bus across the border, I fell face first on to the ground. Then, a guy on the bus threw up and this made me throw up as well. The bus driver was not pleased, and we all got yelled at.

After a party I had to have my stomach pumped. Even though I can only remember bits and pieces of the evening, I learned my lesson and now know what my limit is.

After an evening of excessive drinking, I fell and split my mouth open on a sink. I do not remember it happening until my friends told me they found me on the floor in a pool of blood. It definitely made me think and I am a lot more careful.

I was in a car accident on Sea World Drive. The driver was sober, but all the rest of us were not. The alcohol in my system made it extremely difficult and affected my judgement on how to handle this emergency situation.

I witnessed a girl being carried out of a party and her eyes were rolled all the way in the back of her head.

Life & Style

What to do now that fall break has past.

JENNA CASTROGIOVANNI
Life & Style Editor

Although the San Diego sun shines for about 80 percent of the year, it is inevitable that during the autumn months Mother Nature will step in and turn lazy sunny summer days into foggy drizzly mornings that make you want to pull the covers over your head, short crisp afternoons where the shadows seem to creep into view about two hours too soon and long chilly nights which require the presence of an extra blanket or two. Even though San Diego is heaven for sun worshipers and outdoor enthusiasts, there are plenty of interesting and "off the beaten path places" to zip off to for a few for autumn adventures. The following are a few places to take your soul to for some R&R. Bring your mind, and leave your brains in your books.

Cowles Mountain

Absorb the chilly weather and take a nature hike up to the top of San Diego by heading east to Cowles Mountain. Cowles Mountain is located in the San Carlos suburb of nearby La Mesa just off Navajo Road. Cowles Mountain is the highest landmark in all of San Diego county.

At first glance, Cowles does not look terribly threatening, but it is a steep and windy 2.5 miles to the top. The ascent will take the average hiker between an hour and an hour and a half and the descend will take about 45 minutes to an hour. Once you reach the summit, you can peer down onto the neighborhoods of San Carlos, La Mesa, Spring Valley and El Cajon. On a very clear day, you may be able to observe some of the local Tijuana, mountains to the south, the Sea World tower to the west and the oceans beyond.

On top of the mountain, there are some informational plaques which point out some places of interest and give a brief history of the mountain. Be absolutely sure to wear tough durable shoes because the trails are quite rugged and have a lot of loose rocks and debris that may easily trip you up.

During the weekend, the trails become over run with track athletes and other Cowles conquerors, so it may be best to make a mid-week early afternoon trip. The mountain is not lit up in the evening hours, so make sure to plan your trip accordingly. Cowles Mountain is free, so take a hike up to the top...of San Diego.

The world famous San Diego Zoo

In just ten minutes (by car) from the front steps of Maher you will be lost in the botanical gardens of the San Diego Zoo. The zoo spans more than 95 acres, and is the home to 3,800 animals and 6,500 species of plants. When you arrive on the grounds you may have the inclination to run from exhibit to exhibit just to make sure to see it all, but when you get there, try to see less but experience more. Listen as screeches from birds and howls from all over the world echo throughout the grounds of the Zoo..

On this leisurely stroll along the winding pathways, take time to visit with the polar bears as they toss their plastic cubes into the air and bat the bright red rubber balls and as they swim from one side of the pool to the other.

One exhibit that is absolutely not to be missed, is the now 10 month old albino koala Onya-Birri ("ghost-boy"). Being extremely rare, Onya-Birri's albinism was a surprise to the curators, as there



was no evidence that either one of his parents carried the gene that causes albinism. The San Diego Zoo is proud to have such a rare animal as part of their eclectic collection.

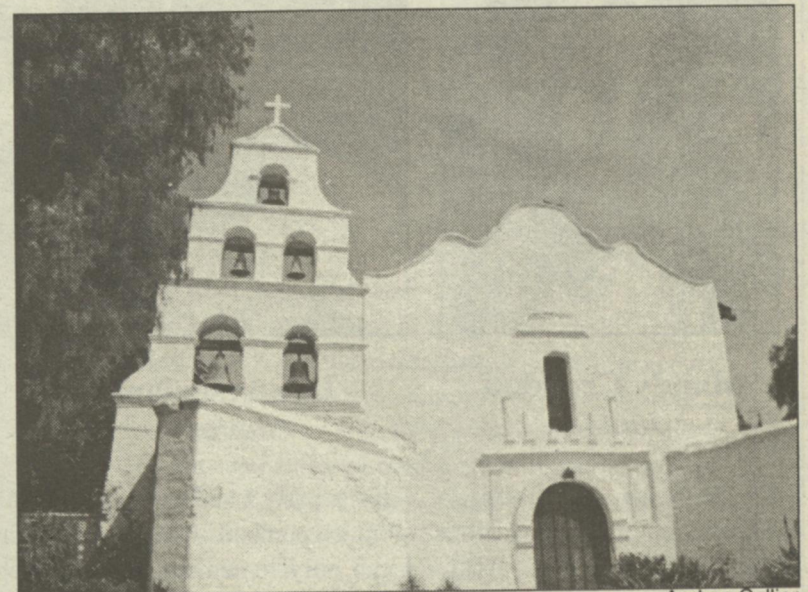
If hitting the books is inevitable, (as it often times is) use the Zoo as an escape from the traditional study places on campus. Maybe you should visit the elephants to help you retain knowledge, since it has been reported that an elephant never forgets. Maybe some of their energy will rub off on you. Whatever the reason, take advantage of the San Diego Zoo, it is right in our back yard.

Mission Basilica San Diego De Alcalá

One of the highlights of California history are stories of the numerous missions that scatter from San Francisco down to San Diego. San Diego's mission, the Mission Basilica San Diego De Alcalá is the oldest of the missions and during the first twelve years of its existence it was constructed, then re-located, only to be destroyed in a fire set by Native Americans and then finally rebuilt in 1769.

Mission De Alcalá was founded by Junipero Serra and after more than 200 years, it is still standing strong. The mission remains an active parish, where you may light votive candles, worship, and then study and experience the history. Take a walk in the fern and rose gardens located just outside the chapel and visit the old room of Father Serra preserved as it once was, basic and barren, with only the most basic essentials to live by.

Toward the entrance of the Mission Basilica San Diego De Alcalá, there is an archeological field study exhibit where University of San Diego students of years past have excavated the grounds for 18th century pottery, tools and other such artifacts. Around the back of the mission are numer-



Andrea Callier

ous crucifixes and other Holy icons as well as an additional museum.

This museum contains liturgical robes, old writings from the padres that once roamed the courtyards, miniature models of the other California missions, tools, pictures and stories of school children and trouble with the Native Americans. The Mission De Alcalá displays a rich example of California's Spanish heritage, and a visit to the mission is a positive way to go back to basics, at least for an afternoon.

R.E.M. THROWS A CURVE BALL

R.E.M.

Up

Warner Bros. Records

STIRLING "SKIP" PERRY

Leisurepimp Editor

"I think it's good to show people that, whatever you expect from us, it's probably not what you're going to get."

That's how Mike Mills, bassist for R.E.M., describes their new album *Up*. By their own admission, *Up* is a major departure from what R.E.M. has done in the past, in terms of style as well as emotion. This sudden change only occurred last year after Bill Berry, drummer and a founding member of the band, left the group to pursue his own interests. The remaining three members of R.E.M. were faced with the challenge of creating a new CD as well as a new sound.

"We were given this opportunity to totally do anything we wanted to... More than any of our other ones, this one could be a really good late-night, by-yourself, in-the-dark kind of record to listen to."

It seemed to me that R.E.M. just gave up without really knowing it. They're not the type of band that should make a "by-yourself, in-the-dark kind of record." But they did, and it's a wonderful CD.

It's a great CD because R.E.M. is a great band, pure and simple. They have a pure musical ability that combines with a natural instinct for composing; few bands have both of those qualities (many bands have neither). *Up* is a testament to that ability and instinct, giving credence to their versatility and ability to adapt.

The loss of a founding member would destroy most bands, but R.E.M. (reminiscent of Spinal Tap and their free-form jazz rendition) accepted that loss and tried

something new. The success of *Monster* and *New Adventures in Hi-Fi* would seem to be a hard act to follow. However R.E.M. didn't exactly try to follow with a better CD as much as they started down a different musical path. It is impossible to compare *Up* with previous albums because the band essentially reinvented itself in the last year. They don't even plan on touring to promote the CD.

Up begins with a super-mellow mood piece called "Airportman." It has somewhat of a slow European

vegging-out in bed or on the couch.

This mellowness carries on throughout the CD, with soft piano melodies floating in and out of the songs along with some strings here and there. In typical R.E.M. fashion, Michael Stipe sang with a variable monotone voice, never ranging too far up or down the vocal scale. The electric guitar work was smooth and flowing, never taking the dominant position over Stipe's vocals. All these aspects came together superbly, resulting in exactly the kind of sound that the

band had sought: relaxing, simple and unintrusive.

The one thing on *Up* that is not so simple is the lyrics. Almost intentionally the words and lines are almost entirely cryptic and broken. "You wake up in the morning/ and fall out of your bed/ mean cats eat parakeets/ and this one's nearly dead./ You dearly wish the wind would shift/ and greasy windows slide/ open for the parakeet/ who's colored bitter lime." Something for you to think about.

We'll let Mills have the last word: "I think it will surprise people. I'd love whoever gets this album to go, 'My God, what were those guys thinking? I can't believe this is R.E.M.' I think it's great to have been around as long as we have and to be throwing people such a curve. The people I've played this album for have been blown away by the fact that it doesn't sound like us and it's really a puzzling record. I like that. It's very rich — a wash of sound."



Missing Man: R.E.M. seems less complete without their drummer, Bill Berry. But the band is persevering and succeeding with a new sound and a new CD.

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house taste mixed in with a bit-o-piano and subtle vocals. The rest of the CD falls into line after that, mostly an easy combo of guitar, keyboard and drums (provided by Joey Waronker of Beck). R.E.M. doesn't challenge the listener at all throughout the CD; all of the songs are generally on the same level of intensity and they never attempt any obscure or abrasive tracks. *Up* is simply a mellow CD, man; it is really good for just

Be on the look-out:

USD's own Zimbabwe's King Kingston Orchestra is coming out with their debut single, *Knock Me A Kiss*. A mix of ska, calypso and swing, pick-up a free copy at any Music Trader store.

AWOL keeps on truckin

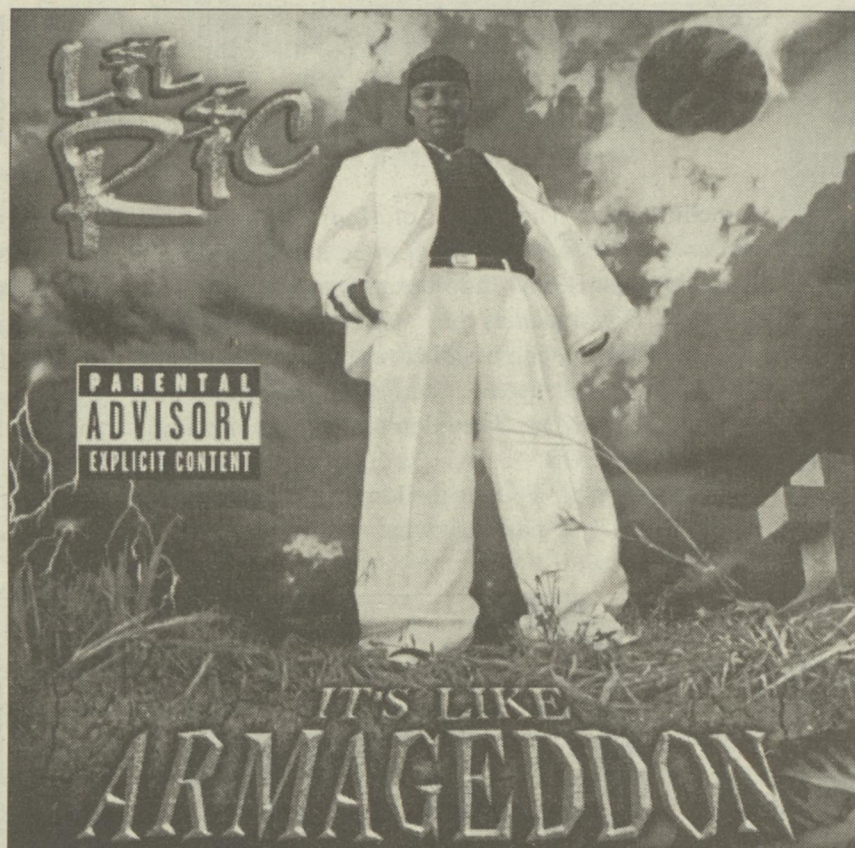
Lil' Ric
It's Like Armageddon
 AWOL Records

TYLER LAMB
Asst. Leisurepimp Editor

West Coast rap has been off the map in recent years. With the collapse of Death Row there is a tangible hip-hop vacuum that has been difficult to fill, especially with several of the West Coast's better rappers seeking shelter on other labels. AWOL records, unknown to me before picking up Killa Tay's album, has taken an active role in filling the void.

Lil Ric has more of a past than most of AWOL's rappers, as Master P discovered him at the age of 14. Lil Ric's first record actually featured the debut of future superstars C-Murder and Silkk the Shocker. Lil Ric left what would soon be No Limit records and returned to the bay area to join the up and coming AWOL Record staff. His latest album, *It's Like Armageddon*, is a surprisingly decent album that may not find commercial success, but shows that Lil Ric and AWOL Records could have a bright future ahead of them.

On *It's Like Armageddon* Lil Ric is joined by several AWOL label-mates, but doesn't let them overpower him on his own CD. His voice is easy to listen



All in the family: *Don't ask me about my business*

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to and streams over the solid production effortlessly. Songs like "Shake Em Up" and "Tyme 2 Ryde" are good examples of what Lil Ric is capable of. *It's Like Armageddon* mixes up several gangsta styles, including the traditional low-key funk that makes "Immedi-

ately" one of the best on the album. Easy-going is the name of Lil Ric's game, as most of his songs are definitely lounging music, but the different elements are able to keep many of the songs fresh and interesting. "Still Representing" and "My Kalifornia" are two prime examples of the coolness that Lil Ric enjoys.

The production on the album may not be all that original, but it is unmistakably catchy. The band of producers (including Lil Ric himself) take inspiration from the old gangsta rap of Dr. Dre and throw in some southern thump influence from Master P's production crew, Beats By the Pound. Personally, I think the AWOL production is better and more consistent than their No Limit counterparts.

Now all AWOL has to do is improve the quality of their rappers—excluding Lil Ric, who has the makings of a very proficient rapper. His ability to weave his voice in and out of the beat perfectly will surprise you Lil Ric is an unknown gem in this rap game.

After reviewing two of AWOL's CDs (Killa Tay and Lil Ric), I must admit that they have thoroughly impressed me. Sure

they aren't the most original of the rap families, but they have never let quality fall to quantity, a problem with No Limit Records. Lil Ric will surprise you too, as he gives AWOL records a good name, and gives rap fans a relatively superior alternative to No Limit.

M.O.T.

19.99

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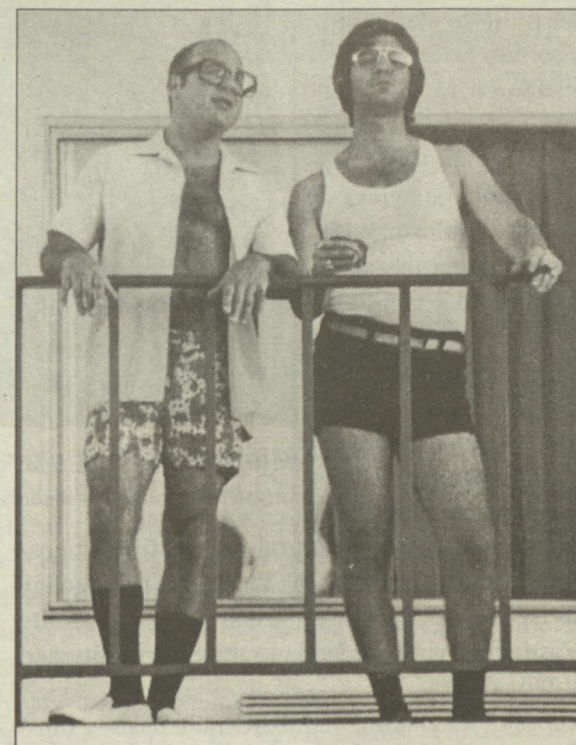
Cultural identity has always been a driving force in many musical genres. Certain styles hearken back to different cultures and races giving the culture a chance to unify under a common sound. M.O.T. (which stands for Members of the Tribe) are on a mission to begin a new genre unifying the Jewish youth of America. They call it Hebe-Hop, and it is definitely, uh, interesting. *19.99* is full of humor concerning Jewish stereotypes by a couple of Jewish kids themselves. The album itself, including the lyrics and the inside, commentary, is amusing, as they poke fun at nearly every aspect of Jewish life, but musically they falter and disappoint. *19.99* works much better as a comedy sketch than a musical album.

M.O.T. are comedians, not musicians. With song titles like "Psychosemantic", "Kosher Nostra", "Hebro National Anthem" and "Viva Oy Vegas" it's hard to take them seriously. Even their names incite laughter, as the two members of M.O.T. call themselves Ice Berg and Dr. Dreidle. In pictures they come across

as something between 70s cops and Morty Seinfeld (Jerry's father). They realize the humor of it all, and revel in it. Their "manifesto" on the first two pages contains goofy puns on recent hip-hop groups, like "Tribe called Kvetch", the "Ju Tang Clan" and "2 Live Jews". Lyrically, with lines like "Throw your hands in the air like you just don't care/ Then wash your hands and join us in prayer" and "Woke up, checked my stocks/ Danced the bossa nova lox trot" are definitely silly and fun to hear. Finally, the best part of the whole album is the "Hooked on Hebronics (Hebrew-Phonics)" dictionary to help all the *gentile* boys and girls make sense of their rhymes. Some of the classic phrases are "scholck" (low-grade, crappy, defective), "Scholmie" (Hebrew homie) and the ever-useful "schikker" (drunk, alcoholic). However, as much fun as all this is, the music doesn't deliver nearly as much as the comedy. For the most part M.O.T. have difficulty with rhythm and rhyme, two important factors in rap. Many of their songs are awkward and choppy, and lack flow and consistency. The production, done by Ice Berg and Dr. Dreidle, is fairly decent, and is definitely influenced by their "Hebro's" the Beastie Boys. If the boys of M.O.T. could only refine their delivery they could be listenable beyond just the amusing verses. The inner booklet will give you the most entertainment in the album, and will last much longer than the CD will in your stereo.

As a final thought, two of my good friends are half

Jewish and I showed one of them the CD and let him listen to it. He said that he thought it was funny, but could be taken as offensive within the Jewish community. So, if you're looking for a good laugh, pick up M.O.T.'s *19.99*—but I would leave it on the shelf, as the music itself is basically "schlock."



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Two Jews: *Trying too hard to be funny*

Sports

Torero men and women take second place in WCC Cross Country Championships

SCOTT BERGEN
Staff Writer

The USD men's and women's cross country teams both placed second in the WCC conference last weekend for the first time in school history. They had each placed second once before, the women in 1994 and the men in 1997. The University of Portland Pilots' men and women each won their respective races. Portland's men are ranked 25th in the nation and have placed first conference 20 years in a row. Their women have a streak of seven championships in eight years.

This season was one of turmoil for both USD teams. The women started the season with only no seniors and one junior returning from last year's conference squad. That junior is standout Katie Grim who had her best year yet, running personal best times race after race. Grim did so again on Saturday with a time of 19:20 over the hilly 3.1 mile course. As a result of this excellent performance, she is ranked seventh in the conference and has earned her a second spot on the WCC All-Conference team. Following Grim was a tight pack of young runners who

each held off their counterparts from Gonzaga to take a 16 point win over the Bulldogs. Sophomore Erin McGovern was 13th with a time of 19:58, which earned her a second consecutive second team All-Conference honor. Behind McGovern was sophomore Joie Pompilio (17th with a time of 20:29), freshman Lindsay Herf (20th with a time of 20:36), sophomore Jane Ziegler (26th with a time of 20:45), freshmen Daniela DeSimone (30th with a time of 21:07) and Karyn Isitt (33rd with a time of 21:19). Pompilio, who spent last year recovering from injuries sustained her senior year in high school, was the Conference's Most Improved Woman. She knocked 2:50 and 28 places off of last year's finish.

The men's team had a similar problem with inexperience this season. Only one runner returned from last year's Conference team, with four of their seven men never having run in college before. That inexperience did not harm them in the least, as they ran with heart all year long. Last year the men's team took home second in conference for the first time in school history. Then their top five runners left. Freshman Brian Sullivan picked up the slack and led the team with an inspired season. Sullivan's rookie year culminated in a sixth place finish in conference, missing the school record by 17 seconds (26:20 over 5 miles). USD's superior pack-

ing (their second, third and fourth runners placed within four seconds of one another) won the race for them as junior (and only returner) Scott Bergen placed 14th (27:28), freshman Brennan Taylor placed 15th (27:30) and Junior Glen Reigle placed 16th (27:32). Freshman Wes Irwin placed 36th (29:54), junior rookie Andy Marchi placed 38th (30:06) before being rushed to the hospital with extreme dehydration and sophomore Izzy Magnuson placed 40th (30:24). Sullivan earned first team All-Conference honors, Bergen and Taylor earned second team All-Conference and Bergen took the dubious honor of being the men's conference Most Improved (dropping 2:22 and 16 places).

Both teams earned the right to compete at the NCAA Division I Western Regionals on November 14 at Woodward Park in Fresno.

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Toreros drop their third conference game on Halloween

JOSEPH GALASCIONE
Chief Photo Editor

The coffin was sealed as Valpariso, a team from Indiana, came into San Diego and rolled over the USD Toreros. The continual rushing attack of Valpariso was not stopped, and the Toreros lost 31-7.

The Valpariso team did not try to hide anything from the Torero defense. They ran the ball almost every play. In the first half they did not have one yard through the air. The running attack focused on the off-tackle and sweeps to push the ball down the field. The rushing attack did not stop in the second half either. Valpariso ran for 186 yards in the second half of the ball game. Overall Valpariso ran for 258 yards on 58 carries.

Another low point for the Toreros was that Dylan Ching did not break the single season receiving record. The 1,712 who attended the game will have to come back in two weeks to see the Toreros play Dayton. Ching needs 13 receptions to break the record. Ching had three receptions for 26 yards in this game.

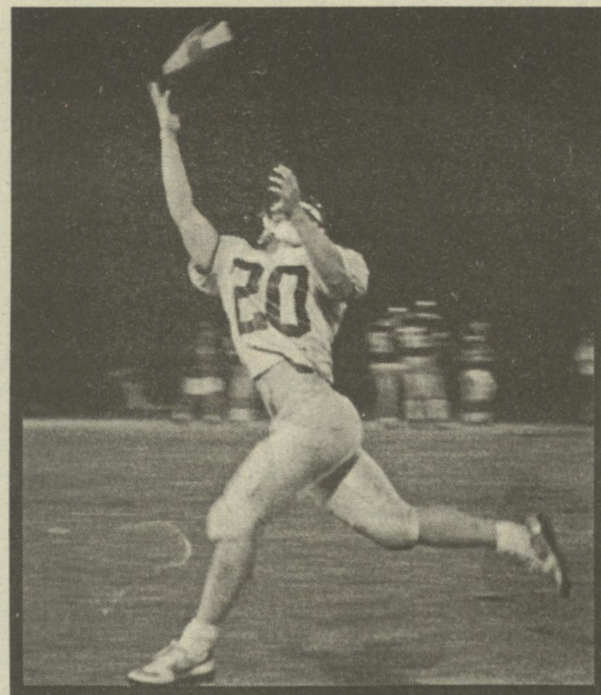
There were not any good points for the Torero football team last week. They were dominated in the pit and they were exploited on defense. Valpariso quarterback Andy Huegli ran for 78 yards on 16 carries and threw for another 29 yards. The other notable player for Valpariso was Joe Nowak who had 79 yards on 13 carries rushing.

The game started out well enough for the Toreros. At half-time Valpariso was winning two to zero. However, the Toreros could not capitalize on the first quarter opportunities. In the first half the Toreros pushed to the 28-yard line but a Stadler pass was intercepted at the eight.

The Torero touchdown came in the third quarter when Stadler hit Matt Guardia for a 25-yard touchdown.

The game broke down for the Toreros in the third quarter. The Toreros suddenly found themselves down by 17 points. After this Valpariso followed with 14 points in the fourth.

The season finale for the Toreros is in two weeks. This is the big game where the Toreros can salvage some respect against the top team in the Pioneer League. If the Toreros can win this game they will have one good point to rally around next season.



Peter Lubczynski

Go get it: Junior wide receiver Dylan Ching is closing in on Ernie Yarbrough's 25 year old record of 67 receptions in a season.

Women's soccer falls short against No.2 Santa Clara

KIT BARMANN
Staff Writer

The fire the Toreros needed to challenge 17-0 Santa Clara just wasn't there as they were treated with a Bronco trick -a *hat* trick- this Halloween weekend in a 4-0 loss. San Diego never got rolling in the game, not making an impact offensively.

It was a busy day for USD goalkeeper Leila Duren, as Santa Clara took 21 shots on goal. With only 3 minutes gone in the match, Duren had already made 2 diving saves to her right preventing an early Bronco lead.

The first of Santa Clara's goals came with 19 minutes remaining in the first half. Bronco mid fielder Heather Swanson had an open run straight onto goal where she picked up a pass from teammate Jacqui Little. She one touched it into the left corner of the goal for the 1-0 lead.

Santa Clara forward Mandy Clemens began her hat trick afternoon with a goal in the 35th minute. She dribbled up and fought through two San Diego defenders, beating Duren to her right. This made the

score 2-0 and the Bronco offense wasn't slowing down. They fired 12 shots on goal in the first half, while the Toreros managed only 2.

The visitors' quick passing game continued to cause problems for the Toreros. With 8 minutes left in the half Clemens scored again, sliding onto a short cross from Megan Hovarth.

USD mid fielder Alison Benoit looked as if she might give the Toreros a goal to take into half time as she ran onto a cross inside the box. She got her head on it and sent a strong shot towards the goal, but it went just wide. Going into half time Santa Clara held a comfortable 3-0 lead and USD was still searching for their intensity and the key to jump start the offense.

In the second half, the Broncos didn't waste any time before causing more havoc for the San Diego defense. At the 50 minute mark, Duren deflected a hard shot to her right. Santa Clara sent it right back at her, but she saved that shot as well and finally the ball was cleared out of the Torero defensive end.

With 29 minutes to go, Bronco Mandy Clemens ran onto goal. Duren came out aggressively and stifled her scoring attempt by sliding into her and stealing the ball. Minutes later, Mandy Clemens was again a threat, and

again, she was stopped by tough USD defense. Torero Marya Young checked her and made a good tackle on the ball. The Toreros were beginning to knock Santa Clara around more, showing the aggressive edge that had been key in their previous game versus another top-rated team, Portland.

15 minutes remained in the game when Clemens broke away once more. After taking the pass from mid fielder Alicia Bueschen, she streaked down the right side of the field with Marya Young in hot pursuit. Young could not intercept her and Clemens earned her hat-trick, giving the Broncos the 4-0 lead which they would keep a firm grip on until time expired.

Jamie Gibson sent a strong header onto goal with 9 minutes remaining which looked to put USD on the board. The ball headed to the upper right corner of the goal and sailed over the goalie's hands. Then, in a play that characterized the way things were going for the Toreros, it bounced off the goal post and was cleared by the defense.

Santa Clara remains undefeated with a record of 17-0-1 overall and a 5-0 conference record. San Diego is now 10-6-2 and 2-2-1 in the conference.

Defense keys men's soccer to victory

ROBERT TERRELL
Staff Writer

Defense wins championships. Although a cliché, this phrase holds much truth in it. If last Friday night's Toreros men's soccer game was a test case, then this truth would have been proved and the cliché declared a theorem.

Friday night's game pitted the Toreros against the Santa Clara Broncos, a team *Soccer Times* ranked No. 13 in the nation. Although Santa Clara had posted a strong overall record of 9-3-2, they had not yet won a game in West Coast Conference play. USD, on the other hand, had won both of their matches against WCC foes.

The first half of play opened with a strong surge from the Toreros. Quick, crisp passing coupled with strong movement away from the ball, earned USD a couple of opportunities early in the game. In the 16 minute, USD took the lead. Senior midfielder Leighton O'Brien lofted a corner kick from the right side to the far goal post. Quickly running on to the ball was junior midfielder Antonio Gonzales. Gonzales fought off a Santa Clara defender and redirected the ball into the goal. This was the only score of the half, giving the Toreros a one-goal advantage as the second half began.

Although USD took a defensive posture in the second half, the game was no less exciting. The Toreros consistently attacked the Broncos with hard, sliding tackles. This physical play led to the Toreros commit 18 fouls over the course of the game. This number was almost matched by the Broncos' seventeen fouls. As time ticked away, both teams became more

and more intense. The high emotions led to numerous scuffles on the field. Referee Nasser Sarfaraz did his best, but he very nearly lost control of the game.

Santa Clara's best opportunity came with 22 minutes left in the game. With the ball loose inside USD's penalty area, Santa Clara fired a couple of shots on goal. USD's freshman goalkeeper Na'Ron Akins smothered the last of these shots and proceeded to punt the ball out of danger. This crucial save helped preserve an eventual shutout for Neerhof, his second in the last two

games.

The Toreros maintained their unblemished WCC record with this win over Santa Clara. USD is now 9-7 overall and 3-0 in WCC matches. The Toreros play what may be their most important game of the season next Friday, November 8. In this match the Toreros face Gonzaga, a team tied with USD atop the WCC, at Torero Stadium. The winner of this match will most likely earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.



Joseph Galascione

Nice Work: Senior forward Devin Ebright has 99 career points and is seventh all-time in the WCC with 44 goals.

Torero basketball is underway for 1998-99

CHRIS WEERTS
Sports Editor

Guess what time it is? That's right, the USD men's basketball team has begun playing for the 1998-99 season. Head Coach Brad Holland is back for his fifth year at the helm of the Toreros' basketball team. Six returning letter winners and two returning starters from last season have returned.

The Toreros will look for leadership

from their four upperclassmen. Senior forward Ryan Williams is the team's top returning scorer (15.1 ppg) and rebounder (6.3 rpg). The backcourt will be headed up by senior guards Lamont Smith and Brock Jacobsen, who is the WCC Freshman of the Year from 1996. Smith is a defensive specialist who will have the tough task of shutting down the opposition's top scorer. Junior center Jeff Knoll has been voted the team's most improved player the past two seasons and

is expected to provide a substantial presence in the paint with his 7-foot, 285-pound frame.

The Toreros opened the season with a strong showing against the California All-Stars on Monday night winning handily 90-71. Williams led the team with 16 points and 13 rebounds. The team will play their final exhibition game against High-Five America Saturday night at the USD Sportscenter

This Week's Sports Highlights

- Senior forward **BRIAN WILLIAMS** had a double double in the Men's basketball opening game against the California All-Stars
- Junior outside hitter **PETIA YANCHULOVA** earned her second straight WCC Player of the Month award after posting six double-double performances in October to maintain her conference leads in kills (5.56) and digs (3.89). Her kills per game average ranks third in the country.
- Senior **LEIGHTON O'BRIEN** has 37 assists in his career, tied for fourth among WCC career leaders. His 20 points this year give him 89 for his career, placing him 13th on the WCC career leaderboard.
- Senior forward **DEVIN EBRIGHT** has 99 points in his career. Only nine players in WCC history have 100 or more. His 44 career goals are good for seventh on the all-time list.
- Midfielder **ANTONIO GONZALES** scored the game-winning-goal off a corner kick in the 15th minute against Santa Clara.
- Sophomore safety **KYLE SLUSSER** leads the PFL with six interceptions.

Picks of the Week



Nettie VS.



Smalls

College Football

Kansas St.	-28
@ Baylor	
Tulane	-17
@ Memphis	
Minnesota	+17.5
@ Wisconsin	
Fresno St.	+1
@ SDSU	
Michigan St.	+27
@ Ohio St.	

Kansas St.
Tulane
Minnesota
SDSU
Michigan St.

Kansas St.
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Wisconsin
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Ohio St.

Pro Football

Giants	+8.5
@ Cowboys	
Saints	+14
@ Vikings	
Raiders	-3
@ Ravens	
Chargers	+16
@ Broncos	
Packers	-3.5
@ Steelers	

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UPCOMING GAMES

Volleyball

Nov. 6	LMU	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	Pepperdine	7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Nov. 8	Gonzaga	2 p.m.
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Women's Soccer

Nov. 6	Gonzaga	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	Pepperdine	1 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Nov. 7	Hi-Five America	7 p.m.
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Home games noted in bold type

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football

Valparaiso	L	37-7
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Volleyball

Portland	W	3-0
Gonzaga	W	3-0

Men's Soccer

Santa Clara	W	1-0
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Women's Soccer

Santa Clara	L	4-0
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Cross Country

WCC Championships	Men	2nd
	Women	2nd

Men's Basketball

California All-Stars

Intramurals & Recreation

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JOHN MATSUMOTO
Nike Flag Football Supervisor

Contrary to most of the players' feelings, I was happy our flag football league had a bye. These past four weeks have been absolutely incredible. I have never seen so many forfeits in my lifetime. With the league being idle, I finally had the chance to kick out the teams that have been plaguing the league with forfeits. However, I can only plug so many holes in a sinking ship at one time. As usual, there were still forfeits for the week. I can't kick out every team.

For the teams that did play, there was a sense of urgency. Teams not only were jockeying for seeding but desperately fighting to qualify for the playoffs. Every game had a significant impact on standing. The first game of the day pitted **Mats** against **Camel Toe II**. Both teams were undefeated and were battling for the division championship. Each wanted bragging rights of the division to carry into the playoffs. The game began unexpectedly for Camel Toe II. Mats ball-controlled the first half keeping the explosive Evan Hlavacek, Camel Toe II's quarterback, off the field. Tyree Dorward, Mats' quarterback, methodically marched the team down the field behind his fancy footwork. Tyree completed three touchdowns in the first half each to Sean Wamstad, Gene Stonebarger and Joseph Kefer for an explosive 18-0 halftime lead. However, Camel Toe II was determined to quickly diffuse Mats' enthusiasm. Evan put the ball on a rope twice for touchdowns to put them in striking distance. Camel Toe II's confidence

grew as each second clicked off the clock. Despite a heroic effort on Camel Toe II's part, Sean Wamstad put the nail in the coffin with a game-ending touch down for a final score of 26-13.

Another highly contested match was played between the **Care Bears** and **Johnny Ballgame**. Johnny Ballgame was undefeated while the Care Bears needed a win to reserve a place in the playoffs. Looking at the teams overall record, Johnny Ballgame should have easily defeated the Care Bears. In previous games, Johnny Ballgame routinely conquered their opponents holding them scoreless while running up the score. Somehow, Johnny Ballgame's mystique didn't intimidate the Care Bears. The Care Bears were led by Johnny Rask, who threw two touchdowns, to Carlos Pineda. The last touchdown gave them the lead with 32 seconds left in the game. The Care Bears' Greg Zilliox and Alex Tequia each solidified the victory with an interception to give the Care Bears a 13-6 win. Unfortunately, at the end of the game, there was an altercation and somewhat of a misunderstanding between teams. There weren't any punches thrown but it sure had enough testosterone for the World's Strongest Man competition.

This coming weekend is the playoffs. There are 14 men's team competing for the coveted spot of the USD flag football champion and a chance to compete in Arizona. The field is wide open and anybody can take claim to the championship. Good luck!

Ask Kevin? Pics Em!



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Teams plan on showing for playoffs

CHRISTIAN VON MERKATZ
Co-Rec Softball Supervisor

It's been a long season, the teams are tired and the IM staff sure could use a rest. Last Sunday was the last day of the official season, but teams still managed to play like the opening day. The only game of the day was between the **Panthers** and **Jive**. The two teams were evenly matched but it in the end the Panthers proved they were capable of winning the championship. There were some outstanding plays by the girls on both teams, like Summer Lindeman who hit three singles and a double. Jamie Taylor managed to play a great game even though she had a sprained hamstring. Shawn Hennessy had the game of his life offensively and defensively. Shawn hit two singles and a triple and helped turn the only double play of the game. On the other side of the diamond, Jive played their hearts out, but just couldn't score any more runs. Chris Goodwill had a great game; he went 3 for 3 and managed to drive one of the runs for Jive. This Sunday playoffs begin, look for the schedule in the IM office. Judging by the performance of all the teams the championship could come down to who ever decides to show up. I don't like to say who's going to win it all, but I think it the Panthers have a good chance of taking it this year. Although I wouldn't count Busta Balls out of it, they have proven to be an all star team also.

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Women's	Marya Young		41
Sit-ups in a minute			
Men's	Will Withers		74
Women's	Kris Kalmbach		87
Jump Rope in a minute			
Men's	Scott Boardman		171
Women's	Steffi Hisse		143

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Champions Crowned

BEN POWERS
Co-Rec Volleyball Supervisor

In the ever popular and competitive B League play-offs, the **Barnstormers** stormed past the **Salty Dogs** 15-3, 9-15, 15-11 on their way to the championship game against the **P's and H's**. Johnny "Tiny" Hansen led the 'Stormers with 10 kills and Dever "Birdman" Lamskin and Ben "Fatson" Erickson contributed with 5 blocks and 8 aces respectively. Erickson must have been gearing up for this game for weeks as he demonstrated uncanny gracefulness on the court. Unfortunately, gracefulness wasn't enough to beat the P's and H's in the championship game. Tiny, Birdman, and Fatson couldn't pull it together in time in their feeble attempt against Noah Stanley's squad of spikers. After last game's attempt at team spirit with matching shirts for Stanley and teammate Kevin "Springs" Malady failed, the couple came out with half shirts, rolled up and tied like girls, displaying their bulging, hairy, beer guts. Revolting as it was, it may have motivated teammates Maria Turja (25 kills) and Danna Nealy (15 digs, 18 aces) as they came out and took over the game. Congratulations to the P's and H's for being the best out of the three B-League teams and showing up with a full team to the championship game.

In the No-Bellies-Allowed League (league formerly known as A-League), there was exciting action in the quarterfinals on Wednesday and the Semis and Finals on Thursday. In the Quarterfinals, **U Can't Block Deez Balls'** amazing team of three came out gunning in their match against previously undefeated **ICP**. After three weeks, UCBDB realized that playing with four players and rotating was just way too complicated and confusing for them so they decided to play the playoffs with only three players. We'd have to wait and see if this proves to be an advantage or a disadvantage. After defeating ICP 15-5, 6-15, 15-6, it looked good for UCBDB and Danny Peykoff (20 kills) going into the semifinals. Undefeated **WATSFY** had some trouble early on but pulled together to send the **Assault Weapons** home crying in a 15-11, 12-15, 15-7 victory. Walter Hicks had a game high 15 weak dinks for the Weapons but it wasn't enough as Marc Verlasky (10), Ben Powers (8), and Andy Marchi (7 kills) led the way for WATSFY. WATSFY geared up to face UCBDB in the semis. On the other side of the bracket, the **Aphrodisiacs** beat **AVP Gold** in a quick one 15-3, 15-9. The balanced attack of the Aphros was led by Rick Trojan with 8 kills. Annie Attal, Mia Diaz, and Travis Dellinger all contributed with 5 kills of their own. In the other game, **Team Bitz** won an easy one over the **Lucky Charms** 15-11, 15-6. Thanks to the scorekeeper, there are no stats for this game. So to be fair, everybody played really good and had lots of kills and aces and blocks and stuff. In fact, I think

every IM Volleyball record may have been broken in this game, but I guess we'll never know because our friend didn't feel like putting little marks next to the players names.

And then there were four.....

Semifinal number one showcased Team Bitz (4-0) against the Aphrodisiacs (3-1), whose only loss came to a team later disqualified from the league. This was a highly exciting and interesting game. After Kevin Malady became the first person to play an IM Volleyball game in jeans earlier in the year, Mia "Ninja Girl" Diaz became the first player to play in a full karate outfit and barefoot as the Aphros won a tight one 16-14, 16-14. Rick Trojan led the Aphros with 13 kills and 4 blocks and Paul Willocks led Bitz with 9 kills. After the game Diaz said, "I think the karate gear helped my game because I thought like a ninja and was very stealthy and shoes are overrated in sports."

Semifinal number two showcased WATSFY (4-0) and UCBDB (3-1), whose only loss was to the Aphrodisiacs. This was a tight game from the start. Utilizing Ben Powers' brilliant strategy on how to play the UCBDB team of three, WATSFY held Danny Peykoff to a season-low 9 kills. But Peykoff's serves (6 aces) along with the constant hustle of Chris Cantilini and Michelle Hart was too much for WATSFY as they lost a tough one 15-11, 15-11. Andy Marchi and Suzzane O'Conner led WATSFY with 4 kills apiece.

And then there were two.....

The final game between UCBDB and Aphrodisiacs came down to what would be more effective: a balanced 4-player attack (Aphros) or a star player with two good supporting players (UCBDB). After Ninja Girl Diaz came back with her shoes (I guess they're needed for championship games), the game got underway. UCBDB took the first game easily 15-5 as the Aphros were tired from their previous game. But in the second game, Aphros pulled together to take one from UCBDB 15-11. The shirts and the bragging rights rested on this last and final game. Who would it be? Would Troj and his Aphrodisiacs win for their second semester straight or would UCBDB be the third team in two semesters to win the shirts with only three players? After a long and heavily debated game, UCBDB came out on top with a 15-7 win. Danny Peykoff had an incredible game as he broke his previously held record with 31 kills! Teammates Chris Cantilini and Michelle Hart didn't do too shabby with 8 and 6 kills respectively. Travis Dellinger had 12 kills and Troj had 8 kills and 5 blocks for the Aphros in a losing cause.

Congratulations to the P's and H's and UCBDB and all the other teams for a great year. Get ready for next semester's 5 week, separate Men's and Women's 4X4 leagues!

Cross Country meet hurts fan turn-out

SCOTT BERGEN
Speed Soccer Supervisor

Well the crowds were not out in force last week, and neither were the competitors. The week started out pretty strong with a big Division I matchup that ended up in a 2-2 tie between The **Transfers** and **Free Agents**. The crowd didn't show up, apparently preparing themselves for the Cross Country championships last weekend. The 26,895 on hand were then treated to another tough match won by the **Hammers**. **TBA** tried to field a celebrity team with such stars as Jesse James, Preki, Chong, Brad Freudal and Pat Myass. They got the forfeit loss. **En Fuegos** had to fight for a win over the **Cheeze-its**. The final score was 2-1 after a little scuffle and some heady play by Ryan Delaney. PTW Baby played a heads up game against Who Cares winning 6-2 with four players scoring on the night.

The crowds were still deflated as the Cross Country meet loomed three days later on Wed. night. In attendance were Matt Knott, Mike Murphy and 42,432 others to watch Tawnya Lydick break the all time IM scoring record with 3 goals and 16 on the season. Tawyna's **Kick Balls**, with assist queen Courtney Molnar beat freshmen studs, The **Hoot-**

ers in their closest game of the season, 4-2. This is a sure finals matchup next week. Shocker- **Free Agent #6** didn't show up. **The Killers** got the free win. The **Diablas** got a forfeit win as IM Whining champion **Reefers** didn't show...again. Kat Seitz tried to hit on the stone faced refs before destroying a goal in a blind rage.

Now Scott Bergen's cross country triumph was only 2 days away and IM soccer was the last thing on the minds of the fans. 2,789 showed to see the **Hooligans** get on top of **Free Agents** as FA didn't show. The next team to forfeit was **Boogie All-Stars** who gave the **Ringers** an easy win to remain in the top 4 in the rankings. **Sigma Chi** messed with **Dan K**. Players heads just enough to sneak back into the game with two goals late in the second half. Dan K. will lose ranking points with this 3-2 win. On a near tying goal with less than a minute to go, Dan K. star Alex Prouty remarked, "if that was a goal, I'd have been really pissed off." Jeff Cresto went crazy and killed 27 people after this game. The game of the century was **RAK** vs. **BYRD**. Only the 69 Mets, the 80 US Hockey team, Billy Mills and the 98 USD XC team are greater Cinderella stories. It was like an icicle compared to Antartica. The Powerhouse **BYRD** went up 3-0 with a first half hat trick from Mr. Nardiello. The fell asleep because they weren't

I Tell it Like it is! AskKevin? Picks...



Men's Nike Flag Football

OK, I know you're wondering who seeded the teams, but here's how the playoffs will go. I changed some names where appropriate.

First Round

In the easy bracket... I don't know why it would be made so easy...MATS.)

#3 Hard Core Pisa's	28
#14 Sticky Greens	0
#6 Johnny Ballgame	21
#11 Wiseguys	7
#7 Squatting Dogs	30
#10 Delta Tau Delta	14

(tough bracket)

#8 Sigma Chi	14
#9 Care Bears	13
#5 Camel Toe II	7
#12 Beware the Dog	56
#13 4-U-Hatez	27
#4 Gladiators	21

Second Round

Hard Core Pisa's	12
Johnny Ballgame	16
Mats	14
Squatting Dogs	7
Buck Shaw	8
Sigma Chi	7
Beware the Dog	63
4-U-Hatez	7

Semi's

Johnny Ballgame	28
(Door, Bath, or We're so overrated) Mats	7
Buck Shaw	7
BTD	77

Finals

Johnny "weren't we in this" Ballgame	14
Beware the Dog	84

Beware the Dog is the new champion. But to all the teams that will lose in the playoffs, remember- we are ALL champions and no matter what people say, I am proud of you.

drunk this time. Byrd started to suck and icicle (RAK) grew into an iceberg, with 5 goals in the final 10 mintues of the second half to win 5-3. Offensive genius Kenji Nishihara put the nail in the coffin with the fifth and final goal with 6 seconds to go. IM apologize for the last metaphor there. Are heads are just not into it, yo.

The Section

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Like Prince, except without the symbol

Blurred and confused

MARGIE PIERCE
tsfka Editor

Part 1

In honor of Drug and Alcohol Awareness week I am dedicating this column to this guy I know who has (last I heard) been sober for about 23 days. For people like myself, for whom the closest thing to getting high is being Toad on Rainbow Road in a game of Mario Kart, it is hard to grasp the complexity of the situation. We automatically assume that the person feels good about being sober and feels the same sort of things a person who has never tried drugs feels. In fact, sobriety is hard on everyone who interacts with the person. Before, I could say absolutely anything to keep my friend amused. I could talk about things like toilet paper and cheese and it was damn funny since he was high on something all the time anyway. Now I feel sorry for the poor guy who has to listen to my mindless chatter without substances to spice it up. It's like eating a burrito without flaming hot sauce. So now when I talk to him I actually have to come up with feasible conversation and dress up like a dancing chicken or little green man just to keep him interested.

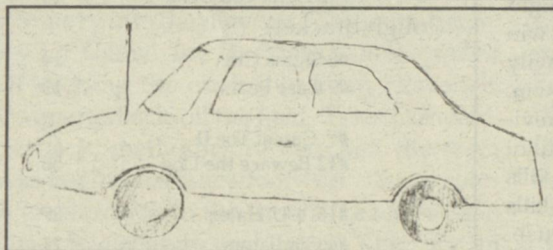
There is also the added pressure that he will actually remember the conversation and even my name later on, so I can't use him as a sounding board anymore for all the secrets I'm not supposed to tell anyone. On the other hand I'm a little relieved that after a year of knowing him I can stop introducing myself.

It has to be really hard for him, too, when people try to be understanding by asking him how long he has been sober, which of course is what I did. That's like talking about chocolate in front of a dieter—by the end of the conversation they are pounding on the vending machines to get a Crunch Bar out. What I really should have been asking about was how his weekend went and if his camping trip went as planned or at least had the decency to wear a diaper on my head. I should stick to these more casual conversations anyway, considering that I'm not very good at being serious and always have the urge to say something stupid like, "If it makes you feel any better, you have really nice eyes when they aren't bloodshot."

Part 2

Forget all the warnings about drinking and driving,

most college students need help drinking and walking. Especially at the parties I went to last weekend. Whose brainy idea was it to combine wet, slippery floors and drunk people? Sure the slick floors make moonwalking easier, but I can't tell you how many people I saw careening across the dance floor as if it were a huge game of slip and slide. Oh, and I really enjoyed it when they decided to use me to block their fall. Nothing like a bunch of nasty, smelly people stumbling into you, pulling themselves up and then staring at you trying to figure out where you came from. For some reason, many of these drunk people figured that if they just held onto another drunk person while they danced it would somehow help them keep their balance. Instead, it turned the dancing floor into a life-sized pinball machine. The more sober people just shoving the drunk people away from themselves and careening into some other unsuspecting victims who would push them in another direction until eventually the couple found a hole in the crowd and went sliding into the wall or the floor, whatever came first.



Quote Overheard:

on the way to Howl at the Moon

"Okay, which should we take, the Lexus or the Mercedes?"

Fluffy white sheep

As I sat wiping drool marks off my third midterm of the day and tried to figure out why I was talking about the Third Reich on an essay about art in prehistoric society it, occurred to me that my professor's theory that it is more important to study than to sleep was b.s.. In fact, if I don't have over eight hours of sleep it's worse than trying to books looking edible ing over fences. One drinks, sodas, coffee find within my reach time peeing than study-compulsive sleeping comes so confused it de-awake for 34 hours, 10 49 seconds, I need to amount. Needless to say it only takes one all nighter to convince me that sleeping with your book under your pillow works just as well as studying until five in the morning, if not better.



I'll show you mine if you show me yours

MARGIE PIERCE
tsfka Editor

When I was little I seemed to have spent a great deal of time exposing my belly button to my classmates. I mean everything else has a purpose, but what the malfunction was this little hole in the middle of my stomach for? Besides growing lint, I mean. And why did everyone keep trying to tell me it was a button? Nothing happened when I pushed it. One day my belly button fascination hit a whole new level, when I discovered my friend had a real button that stuck out. It was so strange I had to touch it to see if it was real. After that I constantly found myself comparing belly buttons to see how funny other peoples looked. Of course, my little sister was born and I watched the doc-

tor cut her umbilical cord and peered curiously as my mom rubbed it with alcohol until it fell off.

Why do mothers save these nasty brownish, gray pieces of dead flesh? It's just gross, like putting your toenails in a jar. You would think this new knowledge of where belly buttons came from would end my obsessive fascination. Instead, as I got older and met new people with new belly buttons, my belly button curiosity increased. There used to be simply innies or outies, but now there are the innie-outties, the skinny slit, the chubby circle, smiley bellies, pierced bellies, infected and pussy pierced bellies and most interesting of all—the pregnant bellybutton. Well, actually that's a little deceiving, because when you're pregnant you just lose

it altogether. Your belly button turns inside out and all that is left is the telltale crease. I can't express how much of a relief it was for me to see this. I have often wondered how far I could stick my finger in, but would never try it because I wasn't quite sure if I would hit the bottom of the hole or if it would just keep going until I was poking my intestines. Kind of like q-tips. Haven't you ever been tempted to see if you could stick the whole thing in your ear? Or wondered what you would do if the tip broke off. Or if the water stayed in your ear, or your finger got stuck in your nose? And does spaghetti that has been slurped through your nostrils have a different flavor?

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Florida was recently chosen as one of the top five party schools in the country.)

The other way USD deals with the issue of college drinking is in their handling of fraternities and sororities, who are statistically the heaviest drinkers in college.

First, unlike many schools, USD prevents freshmen from joining Greek organizations during the first semester. While this does little to actually curb the amount of alcohol that a freshman may or may not consume, it does give new students time to mature and acclimate to the college lifestyle before jumping into Greek life.

It also gives prospective pledges time to find out about each of the organizations before making the decision to join. The MIT system, on the other hand, forced Scott Krueger to make a hasty decision regarding which fraternity to join, and ultimately ended up affiliating with one which claimed his life only a short while into his time at MIT.

Also, the simple fact that USD does not allow its Greek organization to have houses helps to control the amount of alcohol they will consume. Most studies show that residents of fraternity or sorority houses are up to four times as likely to be binge drinkers. But this only begs the question: Do these Greek houses turn students into drinkers, or do the would-be drinkers make the houses?

USD's religious affiliations may also provide protection against excessive drinking. In Wechsler's 1993 study, he found that students who said that religious participation is not important to them were more than twice as likely to be binge drinkers as those who said it was.

So where is college drinking headed? At the moment, it doesn't seem as though colleges will become alcohol free anytime soon. Students work very hard to get through college, and expect to be able to play equally as hard in return for their effort. Unfortunately, almost no amount of alcohol education is going to get college students to stop drinking. As long as stress and hard work is a part college life, alcohol will be a part of college life as well.

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