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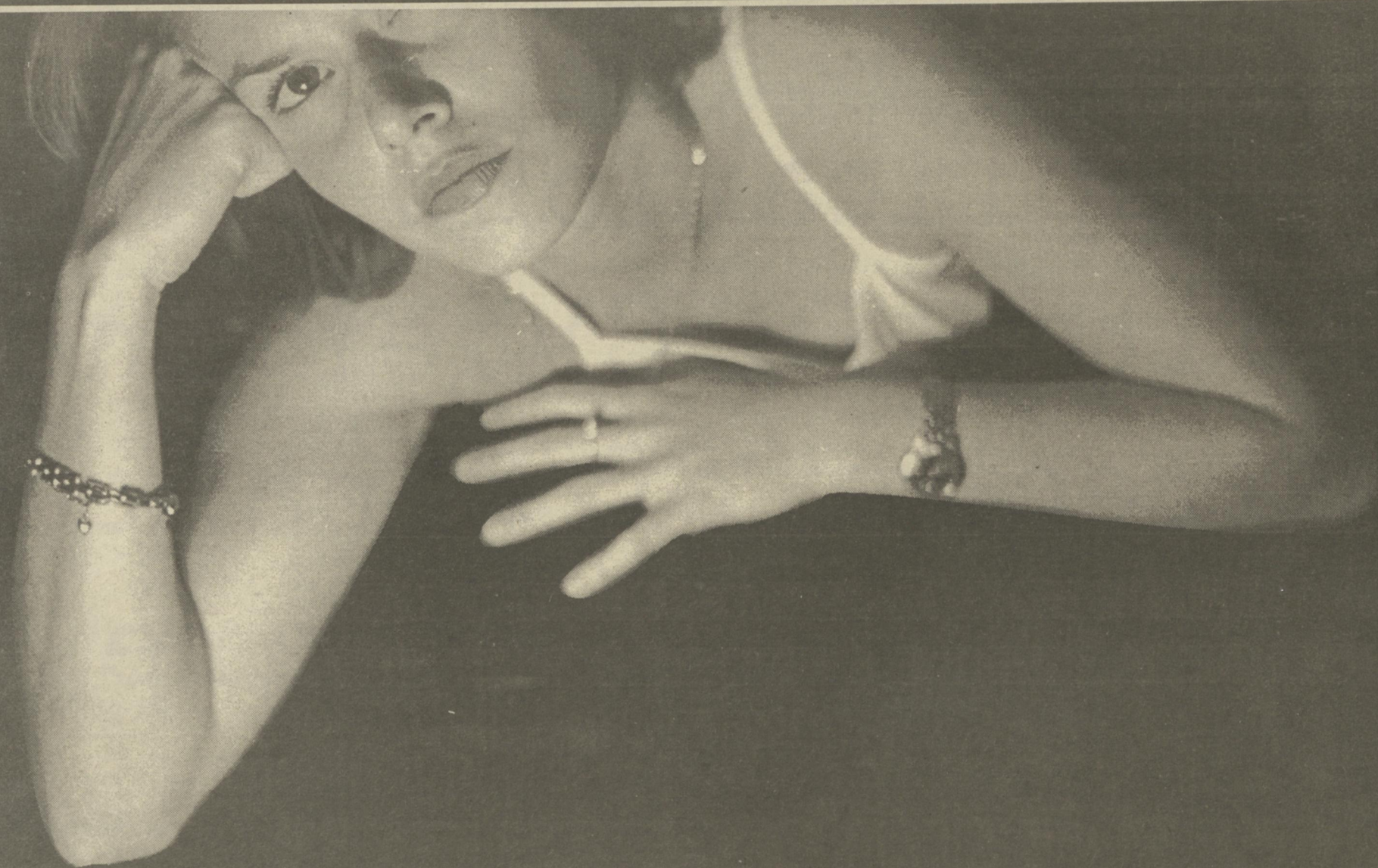
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Increasing your calcium intake equals longevity

KRISTIN ALBERTSON
Staff Writer

Most students don't bother worrying about their calcium intake. But now is a better time than ever to store up on what your body will most definitely need later in life.

Calcium is deficient in most of our diets. Though females are at a much greater risk of getting osteoporosis, males can also suffer from problems related to calcium inadequacies. Specifically, men are at risk for "shrinking," which is caused by vertebrate compression.

Osteoporosis and shrinking are impossible to reverse, but they can be prevented by addressing the potential problem early.

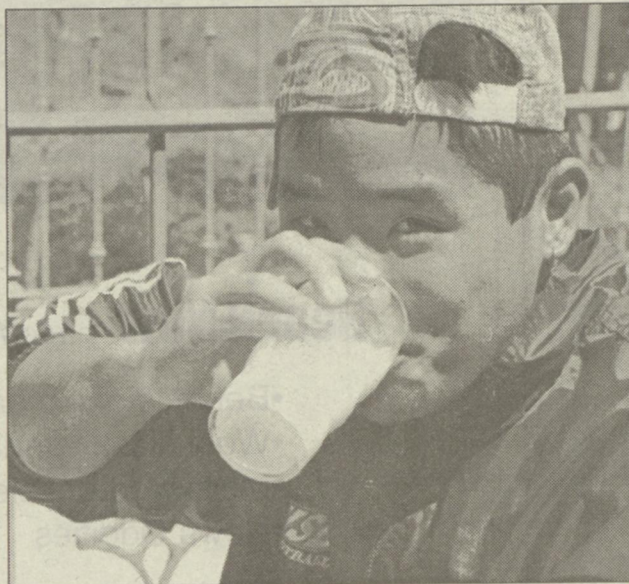
Bones are the central storage of calcium, which is needed by nearly every cell in your body. In order to function properly, heart cells, nerves and muscles rely on calcium.

If calcium is deficient in your diet, then your blood will take the calcium from your bones and deplete your store.

Since the body is incapable of producing its own calcium, it is very important that you always

maintain a sufficient amount in your diet.

The younger you are, the greater your body's ability to absorb and store calcium. Certain habits that can inhibit calcium absorption include too much pro-



Robert Costillo

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tein in your diet, alcohol and soda.

There are many sources besides dairy products from which our body obtains calcium such as broccoli and other dark vegetables, fruits and fruit juices and products labeled "calcium enriched" by manufacturers.

The body, however, cannot effectively absorb calcium without the aid of magnesium. How do we get magnesium into our diets as well?

The most simple solution to strengthen your bones and having a healthy calcium intake is to take a daily multivitamin, and to exercise regularly.

Multi-vitamins are inexpensive and provide other great vitamins and minerals that the body needs besides calcium.

"I take a Centrum multi-vitamin in the morning and I try to eat dairy products and healthy foods throughout the day," said USD senior Alison Bales. "It's hard when you're so busy to have all of your meals planned out so you can include all the recommended daily requirements of vitamins."

Given that your bones keep growing and absorbing calcium until we're in our early 30s, now is a good time to start taking care of your bones to avoid complications later in life.

Calcium-chocolate chews

KRISTIN ALBERTSON
Staff Writer

CHICAGO — It's a marriage made in heaven for women: much-needed calcium and much-loved chocolate in one single bite.

Mead Johnson Nutritionals, a division of Bristol-Myers Squibb, Tuesday launched nationwide a new calcium supplement called VIACTIV Soft Calcium Chews.

The over-the-counter, bite-sized chews come in two flavors, chocolate and mochaccino.

They contain calcium carbonate and provide 500 milligrams of elemental calcium in each chew. Vitamins D and K are also there to help absorption.

Eating two or three can thus deliver the recommended daily intake of calcium—1,000 to 1,500 milligrams. They come in packs of 12 or 60 and cost about 11 cents to 16 cents each.

Mead Johnson says the calcium in its product is absorbed as effectively as the body absorbs it from milk.

"At least 95 percent of American women over the age of 35 do not get

the recommended levels of calcium in their diets, attributing to high levels of osteoporosis in the United States," said J. Roberto Moran, M.D., vice president and medical director, Mead Johnson Nutritionals.

Calcium is well known as an essential mineral for building and maintaining bone strength. But recent studies outline many other benefits.

In addition to helping prevent osteoporosis, the bone-brittling disease, calcium has been linked to a vast number of health benefits including reducing the risk of breast and colon cancer, decreasing the risk of hypertension and reducing the symptoms of premenstrual syndrome.

Many other companies have tried to capitalize on the calcium supplement market in myriad ways.

Calcium can be found in large tablets, orange juice and, increasingly, in other food products. Eli Lilly and Co. (NYSE:LLY - news)'s Evista drug is specifically geared to prevent osteoporosis, which often strikes older women and can lead to broken hips and other bones.

West kiosk shattered by vandals

RODEL DIVINA
Staff Writer

The kiosk at the west entrance of campus was vandalized last week.

According to David Epstein, assistant director of Public Safety, no one has been apprehended.

"We do not know if USD students or if someone from off campus did it," Epstein said.

This is not the first time that a campus structure has been damaged. Last month, a man drove his sport utility vehicle onto campus. During the escapade, the man crashed into the fountain.

Given that the kiosk's glass walls and door were shattered, Epstein said that the kiosk attendants must temporarily greet visitors outside "in the sun, wind and rain."

The investigation is ongoing. Though Epstein did not elaborate, Public Safety will take several precautions to ensure that the USD kiosks will not be defaced.

If you have any information about the incident, Public Safety requests that you contact them as soon as possible.



Kristin Huffaker

Damage Control: After the unfortunate incident at the West Entrance of USD, Public Safety is left pondering who could have vandalized the kiosk. With no solid leads, they hope someone will step forward and offer their assistance.

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More U.S. businesses let workers sleep on the job

SARAH TIPPIT
U Wire

LOS ANGELES — If Lora Manka feels sluggish during her workday, she heads for the area her boss has set aside for employee nap breaks and catches 40 winks.

"If I have had too big of a lunch I just want to go lay down for 10 or 15 minutes. Or if I'm not feeling well sometimes I like to rest," said Manka, a public relations specialist for Kansas City, Missouri, architecture and design firm Gould Evans Goodman Associates.

She is part of a restful revolution taking place in many U.S. businesses where workers, stressed out from unpleasant commutes, longer shifts, tighter deadlines and the effects of two-career families, are laying down their heads and napping on the job — increasingly with their managers' blessings.

The rationale is that a short nap helps workers perform at their best for the rest of the day. In some cases, businesses actually build special napping areas for employees to snooze.

Gould Evans, for instance, set aside a small village called "spent tents" for its 150 hard-working employees. The tents, in bright turquoise and purple, contain pillows and blankets, eye shades, soothing tapes — and alarm clocks.

"Architects often pull all-nighters. People can end up working longer if they can sleep here instead of

going home. We try not to keep people here but the reality is

sometimes we need them," Manka said.

"The owner's wife, Karen Gould, came up with the idea for the tents because they ... can be moved to accommodate changing office configurations. She thought, 'Gosh, we really need to have a place for them to go instead of getting their neck all cramped up at their desks.'"

A nation of bad sleepers

"The majority of Americans are sleep-deprived," William Anthony, author of "The Art Of Napping," said. "People get 20 percent less sleep now than they did before Edison invented the electric lightbulb," he said, while the typical work week is about seven hours longer than it was only a few years ago.

The year-old National Sleep Foundation in Washington reports that 56 percent of all working adults experience significant drowsiness during business hours and 34 percent of those who say they feel drowsy say they feel "dangerously so."

What is more, 20 percent of the 25 million shift workers who work outside normal business hours say they regularly fall asleep on the job. Production losses caused by sleepy workers, the NSF reports, are estimated at \$18 billion yearly.

The NSF said it does not have figures on the numbers of businesses that allow or encourage sleeping on the job. But it has spread to many major industries including transportation, law firms, high tech and others where

the clock never stops. The U.S. military is considering measuring how much rest a soldier has and assigning him to duty accordingly.

"We now have a society that functions long into the night, whereas at the turn of the century we didn't. My feeling is that people ought to get more sleep at night but they aren't. The solution is to let people nap at work because all sorts of errors occur when people are sleep deprived," Anthony said.

Studies have shown that a nap improves memory, mood, alertness, creativity, communication skills, judgement, workplace safety and productivity and there is no better way to boost productivity in the 24-hour workday of the new millennium than a nap, Gerald Celente, author of "Trend 2000," said.

Facing a nappist society

Anthony said, "God rested on the seventh day." "When the war started I had to sleep during the day because that was the only way I could cope with my responsibilities," Churchill reportedly said after the war. But during the last half of the 20th century, napping fell out of favor in the United States.

These baby boomers eventually pushed for institutionalized change to legitimize their personal napping needs.

"Boomers have just changed the rules in every institution they've touched," Celente said. "Just as they were the first generation to wear jeans to school, they now wear jeans to work ... and now they figure, Why not substitute a caffeine fix with a nice healthy nap?"

Minority youth have more heart risks

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RODEL DIVINA

NEW YORK — Risk factors for heart disease — including obesity, a high-fat diet and high blood pressure — are more common in African-American and Mexican-American children and young adults than in young whites, according to a study published this week in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The only heart risk factor more common in young white people was smoking.

Ethnic differences in these risk factors were evident as early as 6 to 9 years of age.

"Our results suggest that preventive interventions for many cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors need to start early in childhood and continue throughout adolescence and into adulthood," the researchers write.

"Given the increasing diversity of Americans, it is critical to tailor programs to the culture of youths, their group-specific attitudes, perceptions, expectations, norms, and values, and to appropriate languages and literacy levels," the investigators add.

In a study of 7,686 children and young adults ages 6 and 24, Dr. Marilyn Winkleby and colleagues from Stanford University School of Medicine in California, examined risk factors — blood pressure, body mass index, smoking, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels — among different ethnic groups. The study took into account household socioeconomic status as well as the age of the participants.

The researchers found that body mass index (BMI) levels and blood pressure levels were higher in African-American and Mexican-American girls than in white girls. They also discovered that blood sugar levels were higher for Mexican-American and African-American children than for white girls and boys.

African-American and Mexican-American girls, as well as African-American boys consumed greater amounts of dietary fat than white girls and boys.

Smoking prevalence, however, was significantly higher for white girls and boys. "The high rates of smoking among white youth from families with lower educational levels are alarming," write Winkleby and colleagues.

Mortality of black infants examined

NEWARK, N.J. — Racism, discrimination and other stresses black women encounter could be a factor in their babies facing a higher risk of infant death than white children, speakers at a conference on black infant mortality said today.

Overall, about seven infants of every 1,000 born die before reaching age 1. But black infants are 21/2 times more likely than white infants to die before their first birthday, Surgeon General David Satcher

said.

"As long as we have a situation where an African-American baby is 2 1/2 times more likely to die, it reflects a major problem in society," Satcher said.

Premature birth and low birth weight are significant factors in infant mortality, and researchers said stress from environmental and social conditions could be leading to black women giving birth earlier and to smaller children.

"Racism ... needs to be studied if we want to understand health differences between blacks and whites," said Dr. Richard David, associate professor in the College of Medicine at the University of Illinois.

"We can't have these disparities," said Dr. Diane Rowley with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The only question is, are we willing to do what it's going to take to not lose these children?"

David said preliminary research seems to show factors like environmental toxins, living in high-violence areas, feeling discriminated against at work or at school can all go toward children being born with low birth weights.

Rowley said the medical world needs to focus more on how to determine the impact of stress on the body, but that it was difficult to figure out.

The conference was organized by the Northern New Jersey Maternal Child Health Consortium, which came out with a report in September 1997 that said stress most likely factored into black infant mortality.

Civil rights leaders call for criminal justice summit

WASHINGTON — Civil rights leaders are calling for a White House summit on the criminal justice system, with a focus on police brutality.

Jesse Jackson and other leaders also asked Attorney General Janet Reno on Monday to visit New York City, where officers shot at unarmed immigrant Amadou Diallo 41 times on Feb. 4.

"We long for the presence and the face of this department," Jackson told reporters after the group met privately for 75 minutes with Reno and aides at the Justice Department. "We also seek a major White House summit on criminal justice."

The Diallo case and others in New York City are under investigation by the Justice Department's civil rights division and the state attorney general.

Meanwhile, at a city council hearing Monday, Giuliani's police commissioner, Howard Safir, testified that despite criticisms of its tactics, the Street Crime Unit has an excellent record for removing guns from violent neighborhoods. He said the entire 380-member unit has taken refresher courses in cultural diversity, courtesy and respect training, and tactics.

But civil rights leaders are not convinced. Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said action is required to head off possible civil unrest.

"We tried to explain in the clearest of terms to the attorney general why we are one step away from major problems in our country with respect to possible civil unrest around this issue of police brutality and excessive use of force and why it's very, very important that the Justice Department find a way to step up its involvement in this issue," Mfume said. "The president has to do more than make a radio address on this subject."

Mfume, Jackson and leaders of groups representing Latinos, Asian-Americans, Jews, gays and lesbians and native Americans cited controversial police killings or beatings of minorities in New York City, California and the Pittsburgh area in recent years and growing use nationwide of practices that they said unfairly target minorities.

Reno and White House Domestic Policy Council chief Bruce Reed promised to relay their concerns to President Clinton, Justice spokesman Myron Marlin said afterward.

"She also said she'll look for opportunities to speak about the issue, but has to avoid anything that could harm any prosecutions," Marlin added.

National Urban League President Hugh Price said in the last two years in New York City, 45,000 people have been stopped and frisked but 37,000 of them were released without charges. Courts later threw out the charges against half of the 8,000 who were charged, Price said.

Federal and state authorities recently expanded their investigation of the New York City Police Department to include the Street Crime Unit, four of whose members shot and killed Diallo.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani "has set a very explosive climate in New York," Jackson said.

The group of civil rights leaders asked Reno to draft guidelines for police in the use of racial profiling, stop-and-frisk and strip search procedures. They also asked Reno to explore whether federal aid could be withheld from departments with either an unusually high number of complaints of excessive force or major, unresolved cases. They urged her to get funds from Congress to collect nationwide data on excessive force cases, which was authorized by the 1994 Crime Act but never funded. In New York, meanwhile, Ron Daniels, head of the Center for Constitutional Rights, said Monday his group plans a march on Washington to highlight police brutality.

Daniels said the National Emergency March for Justice is set for April 3, marking the 31st anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"For far too long the federal government has been silent in the face of the growing outcry against the harassment, intimidation, brutalization and senseless killing of people in communities of color," Daniels said. "While we appreciate the fact that President Clinton was finally persuaded to speak out on this issue, his recommendations are woefully inadequate."

Traffic school is now at your fingertips

ALYSIA JIMENEZ
Staff Writer

The days of sitting in an uncomfortable chair and learning about traffic violation technicalities for eight hours may be numbered.

A new online Web site in which one can complete traffic school in the convenience of his or her own home is now available. Traffic School Online was designed by a clinical psychologist and author whom the California State Supreme Court highly touts.

The program is aimed to be simple and stress free. You can be nearly computer illiterate because there is no downloading involved, and the registration is hassle-free.

Traffic School Online has many advantages. Not only is it convenient, it is affordable. The current going special is \$19.95.

In fact, there are three ways to pay for Traffic School Online. Payment over the Internet (which is secure), payment by mail or payment by calling in your credit card.

USD senior John Sullivan said that online traffic school is great idea.

"The benefits outweigh the old, traditional approach

to completing traffic-school," he said. "It eliminates the drive time, and you can get it done when you have time."

It is estimated that the average time needed to complete the course varies from four to eight hours.

There are five segments in the course, with a quiz after each section.

In order to move into the next session, you must answer the questions correctly. There is a tallied progress sheet that updates your accomplishments.

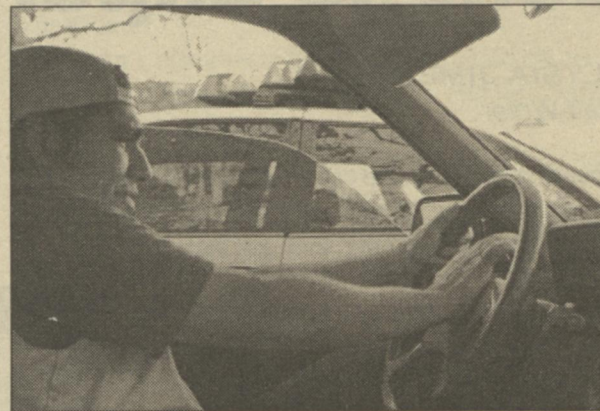
After successfully completing the five sections, there is a comprehensive final. You must pass with an 80 percent or higher to get the certificate for the course.

But if you fail to pass it the first time, you may re-take it once.

The program also offers an option for dividing up the session at no extra charge. In other words, you can complete half of it one evening and do the other half another day.

You can re-enter the program until your program is completed. Just make sure it is completed before your court date, otherwise you'll have to deal with trying to obtain extensions through the court.

Despite this programs amenities, there are a few stipulations. You must pass the course a minimum of three business days before the court due date. The comple-



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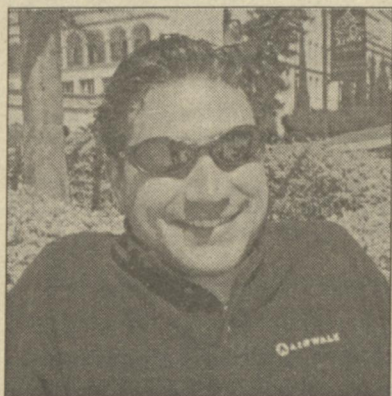
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tion certificate is then sent to you unless otherwise stated. Additionally, you must verify if you are even eligible for traffic school, depending on what your citation. Also, you must ascertain if your court accepts online traffic school.

The Traffic School Online Web site, www.trafficschoolonline.com, contains answers to frequently asked questions and tells you if your court accepts online traffic school.

What did you do to end up in traffic school?

TABITHA RODRIGUEZ-ANDERSON
Staff Writer



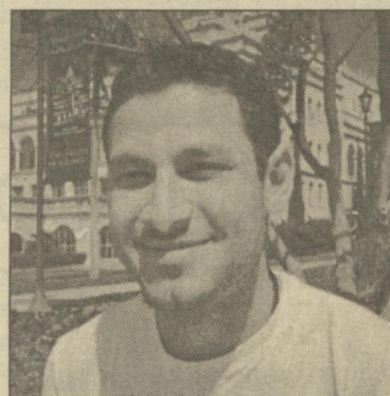
Peter Folkuard

"I crashed, I was drunk, and I got busted."



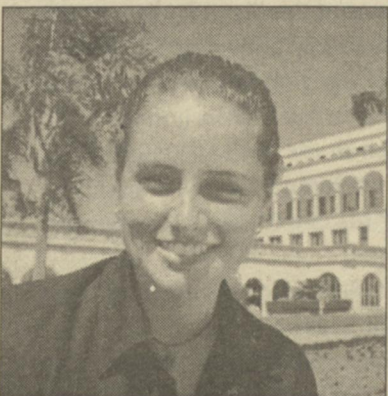
Jennifer Robinson

"I've been pulled over 3 times, but I've never had a ticket."



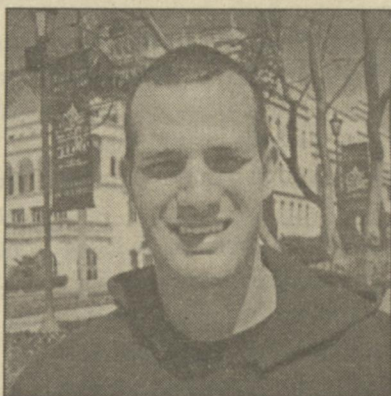
Rafi Harkman

"I was going 110 in a 25 MPH zone."



Claudine Doty

"Me and my cautious driving. I got pulled over going 15 in a 30 MPH zone."



Carl Feibusch

"I don't believe in the institution of traffic school."



Jennifer Roosa

"The sun was in my eyes, I didn't see the light, and hit a car."

An internship can be your most valuable college experience

ALYSIA JIMENEZ
Staff Writer

Securing an internship can open a new world of employment doors. Though most students do not make money through interning, they can earn college credit.

Students are often in the dark about the places that offer internships. There are several ways to go about finding one that interests you.

First, speak with the department coordinator or instructor in your major or minor that conducts the internship class.

In addition, Career Services has various books and binders full of potential internships offered by companies, government agencies and non-profit organizations. If you have a specific interest in mind and you know the place you want to intern at, call the company and ask if they "hire" interns, and then speak to the intern coordinator.

Sometimes getting an internship can be a timely process. Some places even require extensive background checks and interviews.

It is best to start looking during summer or during winter break to insure you can get a position and fulfill the time requirements.

If you get really lucky, or do a lot of research, you might get a paid internship. Though the pay usually staggers around minimum wage, enjoying your internship will make up for it.

Additionally, internships are a wonderful addition to the college curriculum. The experience that you

will gain in that field and the contacts you could make are more beneficial than any course that you could take.

When many employers see this "hands-on" experience, the applicant is automatically bumped up into

and participate in local politics.

Not only is an internship a great learning experience and resume builder, with some of the contacts you make, the sky is the limit.

On a daily basis, Kujowski speaks with many elected officials and their staff. As soon as they know his name and his purpose, he has gotten his name out. "Everyday as an intern is a step toward the future," Kujowski says.

Sometimes landing a job after college requires speaking to your supervisors and letting them know what your plans are. If they think you are a good intern, they can recommend your name to other offices around town. There is even a possibility that the place where you interned could hire full-time.

Internships are not always this valuable, and can sometimes prove to be just a boring desk job. This is why you need to investigate and find out about the duties of an internship before applying. It often helps to speak with professors or other students for insight into a particular internship.

When you do get an internship, remember two important things. Be assertive and be

able to articulate.

The ability to articulate and formulate coherent and meaningful messages is perhaps what will separate you from the rest. Supervisors love an educated person.

As you can see, the opportunities are endless if you give an internship a try. There are many internship opportunities out there, so don't hesitate to find them in your field of interest.



Alysia Jimenez

Monica was an intern: USD sophomore Jay Kujowski enjoys interning for his boss, County Supervisor Greg Cox.

the "prospective employee" file.

Sophomore Jay Kujowski landed an internship through notices posted in the political science department. He works in the office of San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox.

His daily routine consists of constituent assistance, writing letters, answering phones and staff assistance. Even though some of these things are boring and for the amateur, Kujowski says that he gets to observe

Mrs. Clinton appeals for religious tolerance

RANDALL MIKKELSEN
U-Wire

LUXOR, Egypt — U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Tuesday appealed for religious tolerance in a rapidly changing modern world.

In a speech at American University in Cairo, she cited the ancient Egyptian practice of filling pharaohs' tombs with supplies for the afterlife, and said values such as religious tolerance were now essential items worth preserving.

"Think if you will about the values you would take to the next world," she said. "We have to bring forward those lessons in tolerance and understanding that truly do stand the test of time and we have to reject the calls to violence and prejudice and discrimination," she said.

Mrs. Clinton later flew to Luxor, where she and daughter Chelsea strolled among the towering columns, monumental statuary and epic hieroglyphics of the 3,500 year-old Luxor Temple.

"It marks the site where civilization was born, the big bang," Ray Johnson, field director of a Univer-

sity of Chicago-affiliated archaeology project in Luxor, said as he showed Mrs. Clinton the temple's "rejuvenation room."

During her three-day visit to Luxor, Mrs. Clinton also will visit the Valley of Kings and Queens and the Hatshepsut Temple, site of the November 1997 massacre of 58 foreign tourists by Egypt's biggest Islamic militant group.

Her speech came on the third day of a 12-day North African tour aimed at bridging the gulf between Islam and the West.

Aides said the speech was targeted at the Islamic world, parts of which have reacted to modern life with a rise of militancy.

She spoke after touring Christian, Muslim and Jewish holy sites in Cairo during the previous two days.

"These three great monotheistic religions have so much to give one another and people everywhere. That can only happen if we respect, we listen and we care about the traditions and values that each of us hold dear," she said.

Mrs. Clinton said that aside from freedom of religious expression, the foundations of a modern democratic

society included education and health care opportunities for all.

She did not mention her own political aspirations, as she contemplates a run for the U.S. Senate in 2000.

At a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Monday, Mrs. Clinton expressed concern about attacks on Coptic Christians.

"It gave me a vivid sense of the diversity that exists in this great country," she said. "Now that (diversity) can either be a source of division or a blessing. That is certainly how I view it in my own country."

Mrs. Clinton said even in the United States it had been necessary to fight intolerance shown in burnings of churches and a long history of racial discrimination.

She said recognizing the "diversity of humanity" was a "daily struggle" in a democracy.

World leaders were more challenged than ever to prevent dissemination of prejudice because of new methods of communication, including the Internet, she added.

"We now have new tools of communication that can stir up divisio

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NewsOddities

A Few Things That You Wouldn't Expect

Dogs blamed for city's air pollution

MEXICO CITY — Authorities are blaming dog feces for contributing to Mexico City's infamous air pollution and are appealing to dog owners to help deal with the problem.

There are 1.2 million dogs in Mexico City's Federal District, which encompasses most of the city, dropping around 120,000 tons of feces a year in streets and parks, according to an official report quoted by Saturday's Reforma newspaper.

Dried particulates from the waste enter the air and combine with other pollutants to pose health risks ranging from gastrointestinal disease and salmonella to chronic bronchitis and allergies that can irritate asthma, the Epidemiological Department report said. "If your pet defecates in the street, the owner should pick it up in a plastic bag and throw it out at home," said Mirella Loustalot, director of health services for Mexico City.

There was no mention of writing laws to force cleanup. In a city where drivers routinely run red lights in front of traffic police who do nothing, enforcement would be difficult.

Risk of lower IQs by sleeping less?

LONDON — Britons are missing too much sleep and risk becoming mentally retarded, sleep researchers warned Sunday.

Shift-work, longer working days and a "sleep-is-for-wimps culture" meant Britain was moving toward a 24-hour society, Professor Jim Horne of the Sleep Research Center at Loughborough University told the Observer newspaper.

Falling one hour short of eight hours sleep a night could temporarily knock one point off a person's IQ. Fifteen points could easily be lost in a week, which would make an average person with an IQ of about 100 "borderline retarded," according to the researchers.

"Sleep has been badly downgraded," said Horne, who is also the co-founder of the British Sleep Foundation, an organization to be launched Tuesday to raise awareness of the importance of sleep.

"Even in our leisure lives, sleep is seen as a waste of time. Young people go clubbing. An early night is not cool," said Horne.

Lack of sleep could not only result in reduced IQ scores, it could also lead to a drop in reasoning skills and linguistic coherence as sleep is the space in which the human brain processes information received during the day.

Man sells daughter for less than \$200

BOGOTA, Colombia — A judge in the Colombian town of Planeta Rica, or Rich Planet, angered local residents by freeing two men who were jailed after one sold his teenage daughter to the other for about \$200, a newspaper reported Friday.

A report in Bogota's El Espectador newspaper said the father of the girl, Marcelino Perez, was arrested earlier this month along with the 61-year-old man who purchased the girl.

The two were freed after a judge in Planeta Rica, in a rural area of northern Cordoba province, ruled their detentions illegal.

The ruling, which outraged police and local townspeople, was based on the fact that no formal complaint had been filed against the men, El Espectador said.

It quoted Perez's 13-year-old daughter, Luz Neida, as saying she knew she had been sold into virtual slavery but that her father deemed the unusual "business deal" as necessary to buy medicine for her ailing mother.

Luz Neida has been turned over to a family welfare institute, the newspaper said.

It said her sale had fetched Perez just 300,000 pesos (\$193), slightly more than the going rate for a mule.

Annoyed alligator invades yard, eats pet dog

RIO DE JANEIRO — A 7-foot, 175-pound (79 kg) alligator that was pushed out of its natural feeding grounds by development in Rio de Janeiro resorted to dining on local pets, authorities said.

The ravenous reptile invaded a home near a swampy nature park Thursday and gulped down the owner's dog along with four chickens that were in the yard, police said.

It took four officers from Rio's environment patrol squad 30 minutes to subdue the alligator. They were able to wrestle the reptile onto a stretcher and ship it unharmed to a zoo.

"It's inevitable that this happens. The city is encroaching on the habitat of the alligators. They end up leaving the Lagoinha (swamp) because of the annoyances or for lack of food," said Rio Zoo Foundation President Marcio Martins.

Trapped between mountains and sea, Brazil's second-biggest city, after Sao Paulo, has expanded sideways to the east, pushing into tropical jungle and displacing wildlife.

Builder Severino Jose da Silva, 37, who lives on a canal in the fast-growing Recreio dos Bandeirantes neighborhood, said he had seen alligators wander near his home before, but none had gotten this close.

"I don't like living here. I'm afraid. But I don't have anywhere else to go," he said.

Road rager bites off more than he can chew

TAVERNIER, Fla. — An outbreak of road rage turned into a heavyweight clash when an angry truck driver bit off a chunk of another driver's ear as they slugged it out in a Florida Keys parking lot.

When police arrived at the scene, 18-year-old Derek Crawford, a high school senior, was pressing a flannel shirt against his bleeding right ear.

"He was holding a piece of his ear in his hand," sheriff's spokeswoman Becky Herrin told Reuters Wednesday.

Crawford and the other driver, Lazaro Enrique Vento, 33, had been yelling and gesturing at each other while driving their trucks along the Overseas Highway in the upper Florida Keys Tuesday.

Crawford tried to escape into a parking lot but Vento pulled in front of him and stopped suddenly, causing the trucks to collide, the sheriff's report said.

They began brawling and "during the course of the

fight, Vento bit off a portion of Crawford's ear," the report said.

"It wasn't just a little bit. It's a good-size chunk," Deputy Phil Graham told the Miami Herald. "Mike Tyson would be impressed."

Vento, a house painter, was charged with aggravated battery and causing the accident.

Doctors at a Miami hospital were unable to attach the bitten-off piece of ear because it was too badly mangled.

Stripper in teen party scandal gets probation

PLEASANTON, Calif. — A male stripper who grabbed national headlines by performing naked for a group of underage high school girls at a Halloween party was given three years' probation Thursday and ordered never to strip completely nude again.

Steven Schmitt, 29, was also sentenced to 240 hours of community service and \$1,300 in fines and fees for his role in the October 1998 party which shocked parents in this quiet suburb east of San Francisco, KCBS radio reported.

Carye McGrath, the mother of the teen-age hostess of the party who was present during Schmitt's bump-and-grind performance, was also given probation this month after pleading no contest to charges of exposing 14- and 15-year old girls to "lewd and lascivious" behavior.

Prosecutors said Schmitt appeared at the party wearing a police uniform, and then took off all his clothes except for floral thong underwear to begin his strip routine.

The girls wrote on dollar bills where they wanted to be touched and Schmitt complied, prosecutors said. One girl allegedly asked for and received permission to remove his thong and perform oral sex on him for \$20.

Schmitt's lawyer, William Gagen, said the plea bargain agreement included a stipulation requiring the stripper to keep at least some clothing on at all future performances.

"Mr Schmitt is in the process of sort of unwinding from this business, but it is unrealistic to require him to never perform again," Gagen told KCBS radio.

Models wanted — skinny women need not apply

MADRID — Models who want to strut the catwalks of Barcelona next year face a new challenge — fatten up or they may be out of a job.

The Salon Gaudi in Barcelona, one of Spain's most prestigious fashion shows, has announced that next year it will not accept models who wear less than a Spanish size 40, local media reported Wednesday. That is the equivalent of a U.S. size eight or a British size 10 dress.

The step has been taken to try to counter the idea that only thin people are beautiful.

"I am aware that if we promote the image of skinny women we are hurting our young people, and I am against that," Paco Flaque, director of Salon Gaudi, was quoted by El Mundo newspaper as saying.

Heading south for Spring Break

RACHEL VALINE
Insight Editor

"Whatever happens in Cabo, stays in Cabo," is the famous saying I heard last year before I left for Spring Break. This continues to be the famous saying that I am still hearing this year from anyone who is going on a Spring Break trip. Does this mean that you should leave your morals in San Diego?

Coming from a smaller school, we are not nearly as in touch with the meaning of Spring Break as people from a bigger schools. USD students are excited to go on Spring Break to finally meet new people. Because we see the same people day after day, it is no wonder that a different crowd would tend to excite us. However, that excitement can sometimes take us too far.

For some reason when people go away for Spring Break they think they can let loose and do whatever they want. Coming from USD, that "famous saying" will not work. Whatever happens in Cabo, comes back to USD and haunts you for the rest of your years here. I am not speaking from experience, I can only tell you what I have heard. But why would you want to do something that you would regret, especially since you were so wasted that you don't even remember doing it?

Last year I saw some pretty awful things that I couldn't have ever imagined happening to people I know. Being drunk is one thing, but doing things out in the open with other people is another. Put it this way: stuff that goes on behind closed doors, should stay behind closed doors.

Which brings me back to my point. What happens to peoples morals when they go to Spring Break? Just because you think that no one will find out about something you have done, you do things that you wouldn't ordinarily do. Does this seem normal? If you don't ordinarily hook up with 10 guys in one night in San Diego, why would you do it on Spring Break? Believe me, people always find out...we go to USD.

Spring Break can be so much fun if you don't abuse its purpose. Spring Break is about meeting new people. Spring Break is about relaxing by the water under the sun. Spring Break is about being with your friends. Spring Break is about dancing until your feet hurt. It is about having fun.

Spring Break is not about seeing who can hook up with the most people on the trip. Spring Break is not about leaving your morals behind and being someone that you aren't. Spring Break is not about cheating on your boyfriend or girlfriend just because you don't think they will find out. Spring Break is not about getting so wasted that you don't know where you are or who you are with. Spring Break is not about "shacking" with someone you just met. It is about having fun. How can coming home with diseases be any fun?

If you are going anywhere in Mexico, remember, everything is different there. There are different rules there. You have to be careful. You are not in California anymore. You can't just call your parents to get you out of trouble. Because I have already been to Cabo, take some of my advice: don't walk anywhere alone, don't go home with random people (no matter how cute they are, you don't know them). Don't do something that would hurt someone else if they found out; chances are that they will.

Have fun. Relax. Be yourself. You have a week to get away from school and be with your friends. Put

that week to good use, just take your morals with you. I'm sure that you were all brought up with good morals. Don't think that you don't need them for any reason. Don't disappoint yourself and do something that you might regret in the long run.

Wherever you are going, be it home or somewhere else, be safe. Take some of my advice with you. I have seen what can go on, and I'm sure that I haven't even seen the half of it. Be prepared for everything. Anything can happen. I hope that you all have a blast and come back with fun stories to share with your friends that couldn't make it. I had an incredible time in Cabo San Lucas last year, and I intend to do the same this year. So, for anyone who is headed in that direction, get excited for an unforgettable time. For anyone going somewhere else, we'll miss you all. Have fun!



Kelly von Boetticher

Have fun: You don't need to leave your morals at home to have a good time on Spring Break

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Two perspectives on the death penalty

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JESSIE MERRIGAN
Staff Writer

The death penalty is a violation of the most basic and fundamental human right, the right to life. Article Three of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees this right to every person. No government in the world should have the power to take that away. Racially and economically biased, the death penalty is not an effective deterrent and has been shown to have a brutalizing effect. Every execution costs more than a life sentence and moves us a step farther from social justice.

The United States of America has carried out 526 acts of calculated, premeditated, state-sanctioned murder since 1976. Despite a continual international decrease in the use of the death penalty, execution rates are on the rise in the United States. Almost 50 nations have abolished the death penalty since 1976, leaving the U.S. as one of only a few developed nations to continue the practice, and one of only six nations to execute prisoners who were juveniles at the time of the crime. Of the 18 such executions since 1990, six were in the United States.

Over 100 U.S. prisoners have been exonerated after being convicted and sentenced to death. Twenty-three of these were executed before their names were cleared (In Spite of Innocence, Northeastern University Press, 1992). Few people consider the U.S. Justice System infallible, yet still we practice an irreversible form of punishment. Death cannot be corrected, amended or pardoned. It is useless to redeem a person's innocence once his/her life has been taken.

It is impossible to deny the racial and economic bias of capital punishment. Since 1976, not one wealthy person has been placed on death row or executed in the United States. With the arbitrary and indefinite qualifications of a capital crime, it is not likely that those who can afford high priced lawyers will ever face the death penalty. Meanwhile our ever-growing death row has surpassed 3,500 people, by far the largest in the world. Blacks comprise 42 percent of this group as well as 35 percent of pris-

oners executed, while nationally only 18-22 percent of the population is black. Almost 83 percent of all capital cases involve white victims, despite the fact that whites comprise only 50 percent of total murder victims. It is the nation's 1,838 district attorneys who decide whether to seek the death penalty in individual cases; 98 percent of these district attorneys are white.

Perhaps the best known argument in support of the death penalty is its classification as a deterrent. Yet this has been consistently shown to be false. Since the United States reinstated capital punishment in 1976, the number of executions has increased rapidly while the FBI Crime Reports show virtually no change in the national murder rate. Within the U.S., the majority of the 38 death penalty states have higher murder rates than those in which the death penalty is not practiced. On average, the murder rate of death penalty states is almost double that of non-death penalty states. This is even true between death penalty states and neighboring non-death penalty states. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the southern U.S., which is responsible for 81 percent of the nation's executions, had 1996's highest murder rate, with nine murders per 100,000 people. This is 1.6 murders higher than the national average and 4.6 murders higher than the murder rate in the Northeast, the area of the U.S. in which the fewest executions are performed.

Beyond the statistics, claiming that the death penalty is a deterrent implies rationality in crime, a characteristic that is rarely observed. For capital punishment to be a deterrent not only requires that a would-be criminal is fully aware of his/her actions and their consequences, but is also consciously concerned with those consequences at the time of the crime. Clearly, this is not always the case.

The death penalty is not only ineffective as a deterrent, it has been argued that executions may actually increase the murder rate. Studies in California

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TED DONOVON
Editor in Chief

Murder is the most heinous violation of the most basic and fundamental human right: the right to life. When a person commits a murder, he/she is infringing on a victim's right to life, and therefore gives up his/her own right to live. While the death penalty should not be used as punishment for all murder cases, it remains the only justified retribution for many murders.

At the surface level, it is far easier to make arguments against the use of the capital punishment. It can be argued that the use of the death penalty violates the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which protects people from cruel and unusual punishment. However, when compared with the basic act of premeditated murder, executing the murderer with any of the common methods such as electrocution or lethal injection does not seem cruel or unusual. The punishment fits the crime.

In some cases, it can be argued that execution does not punish the murderer enough. For instance, there is the case of convicted murderer Timothy McVeigh, who was sentenced to death for his role in the Oklahoma City bombings in 1995. Unfortunately, despite the fact that he killed 168 people, including young children, he can only be executed once.

There are also many people who do not believe in the death penalty because they believe in reforming the criminal. Obviously, these people aren't fully aware of the incredibly sordid acts which some people in this world are capable. These are the real-life cases that make fictional killers such as Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) from *Silence of the Lambs* and Kevin Spacey's character John Doe in *Seven* seem tame by comparison. Even though a long prison term would be adequate punishment for many killers, the death penalty should at least be available to use for the more extreme cases.

Does a person who stalks, kidnaps, tortures, rapes and murders young women and children actually deserve to be kept

alive in prison? Does a person who cannibalizes their victims or practices necrophilia with the corpses actually deserve to live? I don't think so. And although I cannot include the gruesome details I've read in FBI case reports, I feel that it is important that anyone against the use of the death penalty realize the severity of horrific acts certain killers have committed.

Some people also oppose the death penalty because of the irony of simultaneously promoting and ignoring the value of human life. The only other option for punishing murderers is sentencing them to prison. Keep in mind that the U.S. judicial system also imprisons people guilty of theft, bank fraud and possession of narcotics, often for longer periods of time than many killers. Doesn't it make sense that we have a more severe punishment available for the people who commit more brutal, irreversible acts such as murder? (Note: In terms of brutal, irreversible acts, there is a strong belief held by many that the death penalty should be used in certain rape cases.)

When debating the use of capital punishment, the feelings of the victim's family must also be taken into consideration. I don't think it is fair to have a family experience the pain of losing one (or more) of its members to a murderer, then live with the fact that they are partially paying for that person to stay alive in prison. Even though executing the killer cannot bring the victim back, it is an insult to the family if execution is not an option.

It can also be argued that the death penalty is not a sufficient deterrent for criminals and therefore should not be used. I completely agree with this position, simply because I believe that most of the people who commit murders which are worthy of execution as punishment probably weren't thinking of the consequences at the time.

Consider, for instance, the case of Lawrence Bittaker and Roy Norris. According to FBI criminal profiler John Douglas' book *Mindhunter*, the two

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Courtesy of Student Issues Board & Public Safety

Public Safety Crime Reports

The AS Vice President of Student Issues compiled and has published the Public Safety Crime Reports for the month of February.

HOLLEE CHAPMAN

AS Vice President, Student Issues

The following crime reports, compiled from various Public Safety Reports, are being provided to increase your awareness that crime does occur on our campus. If you have questions or information regarding any of these incidents, please call Public Safety at x4517 or Hollee Chapman, AS Vice President of Student Issues at x2590.

- A vendor's coin bag (\$160) was stolen while she was servicing a vending machine in Warren Hall.

- A computer mouse was removed from a computer in Copley library and replaced with another one by the thief.

- CDs worth over \$2000 were stolen from an unlocked room in a residence hall.

- A wallet was stolen from a locker in the men's locker room. There was no sign of forced entry.

- Some potted plants were stolen from outside an office.

- Unknown persons stole 2 pitching machines, 5 crates of softballs, and 4 extension cords from a locked cage on the softball field. The total value of the items is approximately \$1500.

- A locked bike was stolen from the Legal Research Center bike racks. The thief unscrewed the front tire and took the rest of the bike.

- A microwave was stolen from the Faculty/Staff lounge in the Manchester Conference Center.

- A backpack was stolen from a table on the UC patio.

- A laptop computer, a TV, and a VCR were stolen from a room in San Rafael. There was no sign of forced entry.

- Flowers and their stands were stolen from a wedding that was being set up in Founders Chapel.

- A laptop computer was stolen from an unlocked room in Cuyamaca Hall.

- Someone entered an unlocked room at 3 a.m. while the occupant was sleeping and tried to enter another, which was locked, in Missions A. The sex of the perpetrator is unknown.

- A "peeping tom" climbed up a tree in the Camino/Founders courtyard to see in the 2nd floor Founders bathrooms. Although he was not caught, there is a "special surprise" waiting for him in the tree if he tries it again.

- An obscene message with references to male sex organs was left on an employee's voice mail.

- A USD student was being harassed by her ex-boyfriend by phone, so her phone number was changed.

- A USD student was given a personal alarm and advised to change her e-mail address and phone number after a man continually harassed her on the phone.

- A student dropped off her lab notebook outside her professor's office. The notebook was then vandalized with drawings of explicit and obscene pictures.

- A grease fire occurred in a kitchen in a campus dorm. It was put out by Public Safety without any damage.

- A fire occurred in a plastic trash can on the 3rd floor balcony of San Miguel but was put out by the Resident Security Assistant.

- Three fire alarms were pulled in San Miguel within 1 day of each other, two were pulled in San Rafael, and one was pulled in Maher Hall.

- A window was shattered on the north side of the print shop.

- A vending machine window was broken in the Law School when a perpetrator tried to break into the machine.

- A window in Room 101 of Sacred Heart Hall was broken by a football. The persons have not been found, but anyone who lost their Green Bay Packers® football is welcome to drop by the Public Safety Office and claim it.

- Orange paint balls were shot at the main "Alcála Vista Apartments" sign.

- A USD professor suffered a possible heart attack and was immediately assisted by several USD students who called "911" and Public Safety. One student was given a written commendation by Public Safety for his highly competent handling of the situation.

- The bumpers of two cars became locked together when someone backed their car into another one. All of Public Safety's efforts to pull them apart failed, and a towing company had to be called to detach them.

- An unknown driver backed into a car in the Law School lot and another unknown person backed into a car in the West Point Field lot in broad daylight. Both at-fault drivers left without identifying themselves.

- A female student was pulled over for a traffic violation in the parking structure. She presented the officer with false identification, which the officer confiscated. DMV investigators have been called in.

- A student parked in the Lower Olin lot with a Reserve Space permit she had found, although she already had a Commuter Student permit. She was given a warning by Public Safety and the Reserved Permit was taken away.

- Nine minors were found in possession of alcohol and five people were found in possession of marijuana during the month of February.

- At 8:45 on a weekday morning, an employee caught a female student eating chocolates and drinking champagne in one of the women's restrooms in the UC.

- Two females were checked for possible alcohol poisoning after they were found semi-conscious in their dorm rooms.

- A minor was checked for possible alcohol poisoning after returning from an off-campus sorority party. She also tried using false identification when questioned by the officer. Dave Epstein, Assistant Director of Public Safety, says that "it would be very helpful if the sorority sisters would extend their reach [beyond having designated drivers] and cut people off when they've had enough to drink."

- Two minors from Loyola-Marymount were caught drinking outside of their truck, which was blocking a USD fire lane. They claimed Public Safety was on a "power trip" and one informed the officer that his father was a law enforcement officer. The USD Public Safety officer was seriously impressed.

- Two people were arrested for DUIs. One was fleeing an off-campus hit-and-run. He drove onto campus and then drove into the fountain plaza, causing damage to the tiles.

Assistant Director of Public Safety, Dave Epstein, notes that most of the cases of property theft could have been prevented had the victims locked their doors, not left their backpacks or wallets unattended, or used more care in securing items. Officers are available to give security advice to any member of the USD community.

This Week

Today, Mar. 25

- Women's Softball vs. Santa Clara at 5 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 26

- Tijuana Community Service Spring Break Begins

Saturday, Mar. 27

- SPRING BREAK BEGINS

- Outdoor Adventure Trip to Yosemite National Park until March 31

- Outdoor Adventure's Paddling in Paradise: Sea Kayaking until April 1

Sunday, Mar. 28

- Outdoor Adventure's Havaupai: Backpacking in the Grand Canyon until April 3

Tuesday, Mar. 30

- Men's Baseball vs. Hawaii at 1 p.m.

April is Asian
American History
Month &
Multi-Cultural Month

Saturday, April 3

Women's Tennis vs. Marquette at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 6

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Women's history month

NATASHA FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

1999 marks the 151st year of this country's right to religious freedom, a voice in government through taxes, and a life without fear of enslavement by others.

The women's civil rights movement brought these characteristics from the male dominant world to both sexes. This was not achieved through passive acceptance, but earned through organized meetings, petition drives, lobbying, public speaking and nonviolent resistance.

The beginning of the movement goes back to a summer in 1848, when Elizabeth Cady Stanton sat and sipped tea with her friends. Their conversation rolled around to the topic of women's treatment in society. Stanton wanted to improve life for women, claiming the American Revolution had been fought for the abolition of tyranny among the states and its entire people, male and female.

A small group of people dissatisfied with the conditions of the world around them made a difference by taking the initiative to do something about it. Two days after this historical tea party, the group organized the first Women's Rights Convention. The convention was advertised to discuss the "social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman."

Stanton drafted the Declaration of Sentiments, a document she modeled after the Declaration of Independence from England, even listing 18 grievances of women, just as there were 18 grievances listed by our forefathers.

This declaration listed the following iniquities of society: husbands had the legal right to own their wives as property, imprisoning or beating them without fear of legal action. The government did not represent women, despite the fact that they too were forced to pay property taxes.

No woman had the right to vote. Women were "legally dead" in the eyes of the law. Women had no choice but to be dependent on men for their existence.

The biggest source of conflict under Stanton's declaration was the issue of women's suffrage, which was the one issue that did not receive approval. The idea of women voting was still too foreign for society, and would subsequently fall under scrutiny.

The Declaration was ridiculed by the press so much that women who had signed it withdrew their names.

But the attention it created was actually more positive than negative. This Declaration earned attention all over the country, encouraging more women to embrace its ideas.

The Women's Rights Convention gained popularity and met regularly until the Civil War broke out. The press' intention of quelling the power of the movement had backfired, and conventions were now attracting so many supporters that people were turned away for lack of room at their meetings.

The movement proceeded through the 19th century, addressing the issue of women's suffrage. Leaders like Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone and Sojourner Truth led lectures and meetings to keep the passion of the movement going.

After 72 years of fighting and pioneering, a woman's right to vote was finally secured.

"I think about how much we owe to the women who went before us - you and me - to be here today," reflects Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Ginsburg.

A second wave of attention came to the Women's Rights Movement, brought about by new leaders in the struggle for equality.

Esther Peterson, director of the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor in 1961, encouraged President Kennedy to convene the Commission on the Status of Women, which would document discrimination against women in ar-



Women with Missions: As USD celebrates Women's History Month, we recognize the accomplishments of women in the past, but it is today's generation that will continue the fight for equality.

“Feminists should be understood as humanists concerned with the role of women in society

- Dr. Evelyn Kirkely

Despite the bill's death sentence, the women's movement had grown so strong that the title passed.

The Education Codes of 1972, Title IX specifically, called for equal access to higher education and professional schools.

This allowed women to acquire higher positions in the workforce, such as doctors, lawyers, engineers and other professional careers.

Another important aspect of Title IX, which is even disputed today in the athletics arena, allowed the participation of women in sports to increase. The last few Olympic Games have proven that women are capable of winning a number of gold, silver and bronze medals in competition.

The entire view of women has actually changed significantly in just the last 30 years. In 1972, according to the National Women's History Project, 26 percent of men and women said they would not vote for a

woman as the nation's president. Three years ago, the number dropped to five percent for women and eight percent of men.

A century and a half after Stanton's revolutionary tea party, the third wave of women fighting for women's rights has come to the forefront, now referred to as feminists. But the word generates a negative image.

"There is a sort of backlash against women as feminists," says Dr. Evelyn Kirkely. "The media portrayal is a move backward for women. Feminists should be understood as humanists concerned with the role of women in society."

A popular misconception of feminists is that they are riled up women who march -all over the world, hating men and being bitter because of their sex.

Most feminists are, of course, nothing like this. The women working for women's rights are people that believe in the ideals Stanton fought for and inspire other women to continue to support these ideals.

Stanton's views could not be further from the appalling brutality with which women are treated in Kabul, Afghanistan under the ultra-conservative Islamic militia, the Taliban.

This fundamentalist movement seized control of Kabul in September of 1996, which has resulted in what the Feminist Majority Foundation calls "a brutal state of gender apartheid in which women and girls have been stripped of their basic human rights."

Taliban law is the militia's interpretation of Islamic law, which dictates how society is run. Specifically, it dictates the conduct of women in Kabul.

Girls and women can no longer attend schools or universities, denying an entire sex of education. The dress code for females is a "burqa" which is a thick layered garment that completely covers the body with layer upon layer of fabric, leaving only a mesh material at the face to allow for sight.

Women are forbidden to work outside the house, and are not allowed to even step outside of the house unless accompanied by a close male relative. Male doctors are not allowed to examine female patients, unless a close relative of the woman is present.

With no opportunity for education or working outside of the home, it is difficult to find female physicians, so emergency medical attention is often impossible for women to receive.

The windows of a home with a woman living inside must be painted opaque so that she is not visible to anyone outside of the home. Worship in a mosque or any other public place is forbidden to women, so it must be done in the home.

The consequences for breaking any aspect of the Taliban law range from severe beatings to stonings that have been known to result in death.

Other abuses of women include, according to the Humans Rights Report of 1998, the frequent rape and kidnapping of women. Militia men have been reported to kidnap women and force them into mar-

riage with the threat of death, so some families have resorted to sending their daughters away to Pakistan or Iran to keep them safe.

Extreme punishments include have included public executions at Kabul stadium for adultery or murder. Theft might result in amputation of the hand or foot. Afghanistan has no nationwide judicial system, so the

zens a top priority.

Currently, national and international women's rights organizations and coalitions continue to urge the U.S. and United Nations to refuse to acknowledge the Taliban government, and to make sure they will not receive funding to continue their ruling powers.

Years after our own country has fought for liberty and equality of all people, Kabul has reverted back to the times when women had no rights, then taking it further by abusing them without fear of consequence and without retaliation from any person or nation.

USD's Women's Center works on and off campus to maintain and call to memory the work of such great examples of powerful women as Harriet Tubman who spoke out against slavery, and Alice Paul, leader of the National Women's Party, who rallied for the Equal Rights Amendment.

"One of the most important developments in the Women's Rights Movement," says Dr. Kirkley, "is the diversity of roles that women have to play. There is no longer a stigma for women to be in the work force."

"Our goal is to celebrate women and all of our accomplishments," says Malea Sulliban, Director of Women's Center Programming. "Women's history month is a time to educate the community about achievements, break barriers to the advancement of women and appreciate the powerful and positive impressions women have left on society."

Women's History Month is a time to educate the community about achievements

- Malea Sulliban

Islamic courts judge criminal cases and disputes according to Taliban law, which is the same law that dictates the inhuman treatment of women.

Taliban's leader, Mullah Omar, denies all charges of such atrocities against civilians, claiming civilian deaths, if any, occur in combat.

Investigations into numerous deaths remain incomplete because of the Taliban's unwillingness to cooperate with local commanders and allow investigations. The California State Assembly has urged President Clinton to make the plight of Afghan women and citi-



Kristen Huffaker

Worldly Rights: American women appreciate many more freedoms than women around the world. As such, the United States addresses the problem of women's oppression throughout the world in an attempt to better the lives of women everywhere.

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show that the annual increase in murders during death penalty years was almost double that during non death penalty years. This has been attributed to the Brutalizing Effect, which refers to the violent reaction to a violent judicial system. This has also been seen in New York, where from 1907-1963, when execution rates were at a maximum, violent crime consistently increased in the month following an execution.

In a country founded on the belief in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," it is disturbing to ob-

serve such a blatant violation of human rights. While the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees every person the right to "life, liberty and the security of person," and the Eighth Amendment of our own Constitution prohibits "cruel and unusual punishment," prisoners are made to suffer years on death row undergoing mental torment and abuse. Execution dates are arbitrarily set and moved. Before execution, every prisoner must undergo a physical to ensure he/she is healthy. This failed attempt at humanity seems almost ridiculous when the prisoner is then made to suffer a painful death.

It is impossible to believe that our criminal justice system will ever effectively instill a respect for life when

it does not even demonstrate respect itself. No clear benefits have been demonstrated from the death penalty, a process applied in both a discriminatory and unequal manner. Yet still the practice continues. Each year the state of California spends \$90 million beyond the ordinary to maintain the nation's largest death row. Is that where you want your tax money going?

Our courts need to uphold a system of justice, not revenge. Capital punishment makes a mockery of both our justice system and the value of human life. It is cruelly ironic that state-sanctioned murder serves as a punishment for murder. We cannot simultaneously promote and ignore the value of human life.

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men formulated a plan in 1979 to "kidnap, rape, torture and kill one teenage girl of appropriate age for each teen year, 13-19." These two men were attempting to kill their fifth victim when she managed to escape and inform police. In this case, I would be inclined to believe that the fear of prison or execution never entered the killers' minds. Still, while the death penalty might not be an effective deterrent, it should be an available method of punishing criminals such as Bittaker and Norris.

There is also the financial issue surrounding the death penalty. On average, more money is spent for each prisoner on death row than on the average convict serving a life sentence. Last time I checked, bullets, electricity, cyanide and rope (for the states that still use hanging as a method of execution) are still relatively inexpensive. Since the average death row inmate spends over seven years awaiting execution, and many of them file many appeals in attempt to avoid execution, the cost of the process leading up to execution

increases dramatically.

Many people argue that the death penalty should never be used because it is irreversible, and once you execute a person you can never bring them back if their innocence is ever established. While this might be true, you must also consider that as technology increases the reliability forensic science, the evidence in murder cases becomes far more difficult to contest. Therefore, a jury can convict and sentence a man to death with greater confidence in their decision.

There is also the issue of the use of execution being racially and economically biased, because an overwhelming percentage of people on death row are either poor and/or members of a minority group. Using the same argument, we must assume that the judicial system is also sexually biased, because a vast majority of people on death row happen to be male. However, it is obvious that the reason for death row only having a small handful of women is due to the fact that men commit, or are at least convicted of, more crimes than women.

While I do believe in the use of the death penalty for certain murder cases, there is one method of execution

to which I am opposed: lethal injection. This might come as a surprise to many people who support capital punishment, because lethal injection is the most "humane" method of execution. This is precisely why I oppose this method. For many people, the use of lethal injection makes the use of capital punishment easier to swallow, which in my view is a negative aspect. I believe that if you are going to support the death penalty, you have to fully understand the severity and brutality of execution, regardless of the method.

Many people do not see the point of punishing a person for murder with the death penalty because both actions result in the death of a person. With the same argument, it would seem that imprisoning a kidnapper would also be unjust because both result in a person being held against their will. For many murder cases, the death penalty is perfectly justified.

Our courts need to deal out appropriate punishments for the criminals who commit violent, premeditated murders. In many cases, even a life sentence in prison does not provide adequate justice. The death penalty is a necessary part of our judicial system, and it should remain an option for punishing violent murderers.

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Entertainment and News Around San Diego

The dualism of "To be" and "Not to be;" the dualism of "Pure" and "Not pure;" such dualisms having transcended, the wise stand not even in the middle.

To think "It is" is eternalism. To think "It is not" is Nihilism. Being and non-being, the wise cling to neither

-Nagarjuna

Citizen King: Beck in a bottle

BRIAN
Staff Writer

It is too easy to say that Citizen King are a Beck copy. Yes, they do create their sound from the blending of samples (sometimes consisting only of sounds) and live instrumentation, not to mention that band's nasally, seemingly random lyrics (which are impossible to trace since the liner notes offer no authorship).

And because of this it is difficult to praise what they're doing. But all concerns for the dreadfully unoriginal state of popular music aside, Citizen King have some shining, inventive moments.

They sound best through their quirky twists and turns in song structure. Though they mostly rely on the easy-to-sing-to verse-chorus formula, they surprise you occasionally. In "Under the Influence," the weaving of sounds stops suddenly, only to resume seconds later. The effect: you say, "Was that it?" And then, after they begin again, you say, "Oh... I guess not... Nice!" The quick, unexpectedness of the changing rhythm in "Basement Show" is good, too. Right when you start to yawn at the tune's basic recipe, it rattles you with a new drum sample that sounds unrelated, but nevertheless catchy, to the other parts of the

song.

This is the type of privilege Citizen King is afforded—indeed, obligated to—given their experimental nature. But their efforts to convey this freedom often waver between interesting and generic. The hollow drums and guitar of "Better Days" excite, but they are soon replaced by a familiar drum sample to support the cheesy sing-song melody of the chorus. While it may be profound in the way it captures the plight of a down-in-the-dumps actor, "I've seen better days, I've been the



star of many plays" is the stuff of bad poetry; that is, rhyming purely for rhyming's sake. Do we really need it as the chorus of a previously innovative song? (Incidentally, this seems to be the tune that radio stations have readily embraced). This is not to say, though, that all of the catchy melodies are lame. The chorus of "Long Walk Home" is nothing special but, because of the words' inflection, it fulfills the feeling of alienation initiated in the verse.

Another good aspect of the record is the variety of sampling that goes on. Can you really dislike a band that borrows from radical, substitute-quality-for-speed punk rockers like Fear? Or how about a lift from a tattered, polka-driven recording of an ode to Milwaukee? I dare you to show me another band that integrates this unlikely artifact into its line-up, and makes it work. By extension, the inclusion of unique instruments is refreshing. The harpsichord that accompanies the vocal melody in "Checkout Line," as well as the Fender Rhodes electric piano in "Better Days," put simply, sound different and therefore become more interesting to listen to.

Although they are, for the most part, stylistically interesting, Citizen King is at their worst when they try to rap. "Under the Influence" and "Billhilly" are the ugliest offenders of the band's contrivances. Similar to the chorus of "Better Days," these rhythms and rhymes sound forced, like they're trying way too hard to be simple. I should not overlook, however, that these songs feature some of the most impressive sampling on the album. Intermingling changing drum patterns with various, indescribable sounds, they show the highs of the record's peaks and valleys, as well as indicating territory that the band could potentially, and hopefully, pursue.

The darker side of Imax

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By day the IMAX theater boasts films such as *Alaska*, *Indy 500*, *Everest*, and *Mysteries of Egypt*, but as the sun sinks into the blue Pacific, you can fly away to the *Dark Side of the Moon*, and enter the kaleidoscopic world of Pink Floyd.

Their 1973 album *Dark Side of the Moon* is set to an hour of brilliant lights, shapes and characters all sweeping across the seven-story screen. Laserium uses a computerized field of stars as the backdrop and because of the size of the screen, you feel like you are resting gingerly among them.

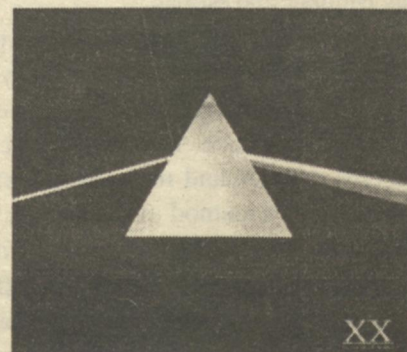
The images floating through the celestial field follow along with the lyrics and rhythm of the songs. For example, during the opening sequence of "Money" the images of an adding machine, money sacks and dollar bills skip across the concave wall, the laughing lunatic, and their trademark spectrum pyramid appear during "Brain Damage." As "Time" takes over the surface of the moon, multi-colored clocks of all styles come out of the woodwork with bells ringing and hands twirling out of control.

Another Pink Floyd song, "Great Gig in the Sky," is set against a backdrop of slowly moving storm clouds and the soulful sound of the acoustic/gospel sequence trumpets throughout the theater. Other random laser images include multi-colored circles, squares, lines of all sizes, spirals and geometric shapes. It is impressive

to note that while many of the sequences seem to be extensive, none of the laser images repeat themselves and each is more creative than the last.

Like the regular IMAX experience, the Laserium is not for anyone who is prone to motion sickness. Most images are larger than life and move incredibly fast in many different directions all at once. So if you are feeling dizzy just close your eyes and enjoy the music. The Pink Floyd Laserium show runs each evening except for Monday and Tuesday and lasts for a hour. Going to this type of show is great because it blends a movie and a concert together into a unique experience. These types of laser shows have been popular for a long time, but are rarely thought of as a weeknight or weekend activity. Check this show out. It is really captivating, and if you are familiar with this album it will be even better.

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Outkast: outside and outta line

TYLER LAMB

Asst. Leisurepimp Editor

While on tour with Lauryn Hill, Outkast took a side trip down to UCSD to play a free show to anyone that had heard the news. Outkast, riding on the success of their highly acclaimed third album *Aquemini*, easily filled out the outdoor courtyard with many anxious people ready to hear what Outkast had to offer. What they got was a great show that most of the audience would have readily dished out cash for.

Outkast, the duet group of Andre Benjamin (Dre) and Big Boi from Atlanta began the concert with one of their anthem songs from their first album, *Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik*, entitled "Hootie Hoo." Needless to say, it was only a matter of minutes before the whole crowd was chanting "Hootie Hoo" along with the duo. The tempo quickly changed however, as they rolled into a long interlude beginning with one of the best songs off their new album, "SpottieOttieDopaliscious." The crowd mellowed out to the relaxing trumpet hook and the live drummer and the DJ began to improvise and provided several minutes of relaxing grooves.

However, the long instrumental began to get the audience a bit bored, as they were waiting for the signature flow that only Outkast can deliver. Returning to the rapping, Outkast regrouped and began what would be an almost non-stop barrage of tracks from all three of their albums. They kept the pace moving quickly, usually only doing a verse or two from each track, leaving complete songs for their hits and anything else they found deserving.

"Skew it on the Bar-B" started the set off with great

energy and captivated the audience with Dre's southern drawl and Big Boi's unique rapping style. Outkast continued with several songs off their ATLiens release, including the title track, with a "wave your hands in the air" chorus, Outkast style. "Wheelz of Steel" also made the cut and got the crowd to sing along with Dre's count-down.

Mixing it up a with little more flava, Outkast played



"Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik" that again cooled the crowd out after being sent into a near frenzy by the last few songs. However the calm was short lived as they proceeded into "Da Art of Storytelling" (Part 1) and "West Savannah." These two songs were some of the highlights of the evening, as Dre and Big Boi created

the same energy and raw style that has made *Aquemini* one of the best rap albums of recent years.

Like every other hip-hop group out there, Outkast has their own "extended family" that they collaborate with. For Outkast, it's the Dungeon Crew (the Goodie Mob, Witchdoctor, etc.) off of LaFace records, that serves this purpose. Outkast, who rapped with Goodie Mob on one of the better singles of the year, "Sky High," performed it like it was their own. "Sky High" definitely was the best surprise of the concert and was also one of the best songs all evening.

As the concert wound down, Outkast had yet to play all three of their big hits, so the crowd knew that they would either be left disappointed, or were in for a strong finish. Not one to disappoint, Outkast strolled right into the smash hit "Player's Ball" that livened-up the audience with it's laid back grooves and old school feel. Next was "Elevators," the sultry track off ATLiens that hit it big in 1996. Finally, Outkast ended the show with their biggest hit to date: the near perfect ode to southern life song "Rosa Parks." What energy the crowd had left was quickly spend in a flurry of bouncing, moshing and singing along. Outkast ended with a bang and left the crowd thirsty for more, the sign of a truly good concert.

Outkast has slowly become one of the torchbearers of hip-hop. They have gained popularity steadily throughout their career, piling more people onto the bus with each album. Without truly knowing it, Outkast has become one of the premier acts and a chance to see them free was too good to pass up. If you missed them this time around, you better hope that they make another trip down here soon, because Outkast is definitely something to behold.

A few surprises at the Oscars

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Staff Writer

The last Academy Awards ceremony of this century aired Sunday night on ABC. This year's ceremony was full of surprises highlighted by the hilarious Roberto Benigni who wrote, directed and starred in *Life is Beautiful*, an Italian comic fable about a father trying to shelter his son from the horrors of a German concentration camp.

Benigni, who won for best actor and foreign language film, was a ball of energy, climbing up onto chairs and hopping up the stairs. At a particularly touching and funny moment, he went to accept his second award and claimed he was in trouble because he had used up all of his English in his first acceptance speech.

Benigni is the second actor-director in history to direct himself to a best actor award. The first was 40 years ago, when Laurence Olivier won for "Hamlet." Benigni is also the second person in history to win an acting award for a foreign film.

Another big surprise was the Best Picture Award.

Many people had assumed that *Saving Private Ryan* was going to win, especially after Steven Spielberg won the award for best director. Since 1989, the same picture has won both the best director and best film awards.



To the audience's surprise, *Shakespeare in Love* was named best picture of the year. This romantic comedy about Shakespeare's life also won six other Oscars including Best Actress award for Gwyneth Paltrow, as well as Best Original Screenplay, Supporting Actress, Costume Design, Original Musical or Comedy Score and Art Direction. The most emotional moment of the evening was when Gwyneth gave her acceptance speech. The way she spoke about her parents was very inspiring.

Even though *Shakespeare in Love* beat *Saving Private Ryan* in the Best Picture category, *Saving Private Ryan* did not leave the Oscars a loser. Besides being honored for best director, the film also won for cinematography, editing, sound and sound effects editing. Spielberg's acceptance speech was very thoughtful. He recognized and thanked all of the families who lost sons in World War II and went on to dedicate his award to his father, a WWII veteran.

There were a few hitches during the evening. A number of audience members refused to applaud when reputed anti-communist writer Elia Kazan received a lifetime achievement award. Lisa Kudrow, making no attempt to hide her nervousness, stumbled quite a bit in a presentation speech.

The Academy Awards turned out to be yet another exciting, yet typical, night in Hollywood. Along with the Golden Globes, the People's Choice Awards, the Emmys (daytime and nighttime), the Cable Ace Awards, the Screen Actors' Guild Awards, American Screen Institute Awards and the American Film Institute Awards, the Oscars are looking more and more like just another event where a bunch of Hollywood floozies get together to give each other trophies in the name of art.

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Mamma said there would be days like this

MARGIE PIERCE

Offbeat Editor

Last week was the worst week I have had this year. It was horrible, I was terrified to leave my room in the morning for fear of what else could possibly go wrong. My roommates had to drag me from under my bed where I was curled up in fetal position screaming, "Mommy make the bad man go away!"

First thing Monday morning I went to check my mail for the first time in weeks. While my roommate was jumping up and down in front of her mailbox in order to see if she got any mail, I sauntered over to my mailbox and banged and cursed and fumbled with my combination. When it finally popped open I was bombarded with a pile of flyers from AS and intramurals. Great I missed "Amistad" like five weeks ago, how am I ever going to survive this week knowing that? After I swam out from under the pile of AS flyers and threw them into the recycling bin without looking at them (because honestly who would put that much effort into advertising if it was important?) I discovered a piece of real mail still sitting in my box. Eureka! I've got mail! Of course, it's not quite as exciting when there isn't some deep male voice announcing it from a computer screen. I glanced over at my roommate, (who had grown weary from jump-

ing and was now standing on her tiptoes on an overturned trash can) before I opened up the envelope and scanned the black and white letter. To sum it up for you the letter said something like this: "If you do not turn in a very large sum of money, that neither you nor any of your family has, within the next four days we will send a gang of hairy men over to your dorm to throw you and all of your belongings out onto the street." Fabulous. I'm great at handling these kind of situations, so I adjusted my T-shirt, hiked up my jeans and strolled calmly out of the mail room. In fact I remained calm all the way to my dorm. At which point I slammed the door and did what any mature college student would do—I threw myself on my bed crying and screaming "Why God? Why!?" If I had been a guy there would have been holes in doors, but I'm a wimp, so I only hit pillows.

When I finally composed myself I called my lender to find out what had happened to my loan. Unfortunately, I think they must have heard my outburst all the way up in Northern California, because they were closed. Feeling lost, helpless and having no one around to blame, I called my dad. "Dad have you checked my mail? Did anything come from my bank? This is very important.

Don't you love me anymore?" At which point the voice on the other end of the line informed me that I had dialed the wrong number.

A century later, okay, a day later—I was on the phone with my lender. "Okay so you were born August 13, 1979 in Michigan, lived there for three months at which point you moved to California with your parents, four siblings and a station wagon. Yes, I know who the second gunman on the knoll was and the actual location of Area 51, but I can't for the life of me figure out why your loan hasn't been sent to you yet."

My week only got worse from there, I forgot about my Spanish midterm, my huge English project that was due, SpringFest, the deadline for the Outdoor Adventures trip I wanted to go on. Oh, and I now have no place to live next year, because I didn't have my \$200 deposit until Friday morning. That was last week though, and I'm okay now. I just had to keep telling myself "It's just a grade. Everything happens for a reason, right?" Right? Still when 2:20 rolled around and I was supposed to be in class, I couldn't help, but scream, "Don't make me go to class! I can't handle it. Make the bad man go away!" Only one more day until Spring Break, one more day, one more day...

The agony of hooking up

LEONARD KNOLLS

Special to Offbeat

Yesterday I went out and bought a bottle of \$70 cologne. It's about a seven or eight liquid ounce bottle so each ounce is ten dollars. The going price for silver is around five bucks so I could have bought a bottle of liquid silver for cheaper. Seventy bucks!

Besides the fact that this goes against all of my principles, I just can't afford it while I'm making 60 bucks a week at a crappy job. Maybe I'll give up drinking this week to save some cash.

What moron, you ask, would go against his principles, give up drinking and go broke all for the sake of some ridiculously overpriced bottle of cologne? Me. Unfortunately I have become "interested" in a girl, and thus I will go to great lengths to get that girl "interested" in me. She likes that cologne so I had no other choice. Pretty pathetic, eh?

Last night I had to play the Waiting Game. Some of you dudes know what I'm talking about: you call a girl and leave a message on her machine, then you wait for the call-back. Sometimes it can be an easy wait, but sometimes it can be an extremely grueling event. What if she doesn't want to talk to me at all? What if she never checked her machine? What if she thinks it's too late to call? Does she

think I'm weird or something? A thousand things went through my head while I was playing the Waiting Game. It was too much for me, I had to get out of my room.

Now this just isn't some random girl. I've been greasing the wheels with her for a few weeks now, so at least I have an "in." I've talked with her at a few parties and made a big ass of myself in an effort to make her laugh. Greasing the wheels is very important, but it is also a very delicate situation. Hooking up at a party has its ups and its downs, but in general that's not my game. If I'm greasing the wheels with this girl, I don't want to do something that would really mess things up like a party hook-up.

So what does all this ridiculous and pointless rambling mean? This game is more trouble than its worth. I'm much too busy to be thinking about some great girl. Girls really muck things up; seriously, they can cause some real problems. Just like Seinfeld said: in a chess match between my libido and my brain, my libido's gonna win every time.

Checkmate.

Every guy has ten stories about the stupid stuff he did when he was horny. We're talking about some really stupid stuff. I can't tell you how many times I've kicked myself a day later. It's like I have two personalities when I'm drunk/horny: a little angel on one shoulder and a little devil on the other. "C'mon, she wants you... go for

it, Leo." "No, no! Don't listen to the devil... she'll want to talk to you the next day. She'll keep calling and you'll have to avoid her until she gets a clue."

I know, I know. It sounds bad but that's what often (often defined as between 25 and 75 percent of the time, depending on the situation) goes through guys' heads. In my own defense, I have to say that I really like this girl; it's not just a physical thing for me. It's not one of those wanting-her-body things. No, I'm serious. But I would be lying if I told that I never was faced with the inevitable crotch-brain chess match with other girls at other parties. But I digress.

Back to the story. She actually called me back that night. This is good. We're going for coffee and a movie pretty soon. Yeah, that's pretty generic but men are constantly faced with life's great choice: where do I take her on the first date? I don't want to be generic but I also don't want to come off as too romantic. Better to be safe than single.

What can we learn from this? Some guys got it and some guys don't. I fall somewhere in between. I don't "got game" but I do got myself, that's all I need.

Checkmate.

Offbeat

You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll drool

Loving and looting from USD to the Oscars

DANNY PEYKOFF

Staff writer

DISCLAIMER: The following is not funny. Everything that at one point was funny about this article has been edited out. Enjoy.

I apologize for the paper sucking for the last two weeks, but my two previous articles had jokes involving both the mentally inclined and the heterosexually inclined and the editors thought that riots would break out if they printed them—so they didn't. Thank goodness, because I got some boys who were ready to loot the Deli. The bookstore and Traditions would have been safe though, because they put up some "Catholic Owned" signs.

Speaking of crime, I have to tell you a true story that happened to me recently. I went to use the school ATM (that's Automatic Teller Machine for all of you Spaniards) a few weeks ago and I saw this dude in a ski mask just hanging out nonchalantly by the machine. I went up to him and asked "Can I help you with something?" He replied, "Nah, I'm just chillin'." I was sort of puzzled, because the guy obviously looked like a robber, so I asked him "Why are you wearing a ski mask? Are you going skiing or something?" He then replied, "Nah, I'm just chillin'." I nodded my head and inserted my card into the ATM. Sure, the dude was kind of shady, but who am I to critique someone on what they wear? I was about to leave, as my money had just popped up, when the dude asked me, "Are you done yet?" I nodded my head. "Do you got's yo' money?" he asked. I replied "Yeah, I'm just waiting for my receipt." "Well I got's yo' receipt right here, Biiyyaaaatch!!!" He whipped out a switch blade. I'd been had. "Now gives me them Franklins! Ay, you got's 35 cent?" I looked at the crook and shook and said emphatically "No." His eyes got really big and when he said, "Say. This a switchblade here. Don't you know I will CUT you. Now gimme 35 cent!" I agreed. He went to a pay phone and called a cab. It's true, I swear.

On a happier note, I was privileged enough to be the USD correspondent at the 71st annual Academy Awards. I caught up with a few celebrities and got

to hear from them first hand. First, I talked to Robert Benigni, whose film "Life is Beautiful" won three Oscars: Best Actor, Best Foreign Film, and Best Original Dramatic Score. Here is a sampling from our interview:

DP: Congratulations on your three Oscars, Robert. How do you feel?

RB: Oh, eh, my English eh not eh too goode. I a feel fantastique. I feel like eh making love to all of you and your mothers as well. I wish very much that eh I own eh the stock in Trojan Condoms, because I eh have a big few weeks coming up. Yes, everything is the best. I must make the love to everybody and I start with you! Come eh over here silly American. I eh give to you my cell phone, you can call your mother and we can make the love, no?

DP: NO! Ah, my mom is very faithful to my dad and she would never do something like that.

RB: But of course! That is okay with a me. Instead, call to your father! Call NOW! I must make the love to everybody. Come closer, I kiss you all over you slimy face. You must eh unbutton your shirt a few more times and show the chest hair. As matter of fact, let's just remove the shirt completely!

DP: Alright, then. Congratulations, but I have to go. There's Steven Spielberg!

RB: Yes! You, me, Spielberg, and your eh father. We all make love later this evening! Yes!

I saw Mr. Spielberg talking with the almighty George Lucas so I crept up closer to eavesdrop. Here's how it went:

SP: *Shakespeare In Love?* This makes me sick, George.

GL: Yeah, but Gwyneth Paltrow was pretty impressive.

SP: Paltrow Smaltrow. "I'd like to dedicate this award to my mommy and daddy who have the flu and to my brother who has a runny nose and to my cousin who stubbed his toe last Thursday. I think I'm going to have Tom (Hanks) make me another one of those 'sticky bombs' and I'm gonna stick it right in her bony little @\$\$! You want special effects, I'll show you special effects. I needed that Best Picture nod. First I get screwed over for Hook and now this. My Best Picture Oscar for *Schindler's List* has begun to fade!

GL: If it makes you feel any better, Stevie, me and my dawgs down at Industrial Light and Magic can make you a computer generated image of a Best Picture award sitting on your mantle. Or I'll let you borrow the one I win next year for Star Wars for a few weeks.

SP: Hey, George, there's Tom, I gotta split, alright? Tom! Tom! Get over here. Look, I need you to go get some dynamite, some axle grease, and whatever the ingredients are and make me two sticky bombs like you did in Private Ryan.

TH: Sure boss. But what do you need them for?

SP: One's for that 95 pounds of slut that we call Gwyneth and the other is for Mr. Lucas over there. Now get going! Oh crap! It's that Benigni freak again. Play it cool, Tom.

RB: Oh, how beautiful! It is Mr. E.T. and Saving Private Gump. I have proposition for you. Why don't you two and eh me go to Sicily tomorrow and MAKE LOVE! We can do it, no?

SP: Ah, Tom, make that three sticky bombs. This kid is going to be a little more vulnerable if you know what I mean.

Knowing more than I should, I decided it was time to call it quits.

Completely unrelated, for all of you who don't believe that man evolved from monkeys, just look at Patrick Ewing. He is walking, breathing proof of evolution. On the other side, I guess Nancy Kerrigan would suggest that we evolved from horses. I don't know, you decide.

Alright, look, without me being mildly vulgar, this article will continue to suck. I need to prove to my editors that you people don't take me seriously and wouldn't be offended by politically incorrect, off color jokes (isn't this section called Offbeat?). Those of you who would not like to see off color jokes (hence the emphasis on jokes) in this paper and will still force yourself to read it, please show your support on Friday by attending classes completely naked with a carrot sticking out of your butt. Thank you, and don't be afraid to voice your opinion, I won't hold it against you.

Chub &

Something about hairy

Chubby

Our plans for Spring Break:

Chub: I'm planning on visiting that mysterious, magical land we call France. Besides exploring this concept of "French kissing" that I've heard so many good things about, I'm going to set aside some time to gain a better insight into their culture, into all of the wars in which they have courageously surrendered and into the true, hidden beauty of the unshaven female armpit. I am also rather excited about discussing the wondrous success of Euro Disney with all of those warm, benevolent natives. Plus I can't wait to compare French french fries against non-French french fries. I also plan on beginning every encounter with, "Pardon my French, but you're an"!

Chubby: I'm gonna work on my tan in K-mart...aisle 5...near the end...the south end...by the underwear...you know what I'm talking about..

small thoughts

CHRIS WEERTS
Associate Editor

The NCAA Tournament has been going on for two weeks now, and as usual it has been amazing.

This is the greatest sporting event of the year. It has all of the drama of an academy award-winning movie. The difference is, nobody really knows what will happen. Each year many of the top seeds fall to small universities that few basketball fans have ever heard of.

Small schools are what make the tournament interesting. Perennial powerhouses often fall victim to being unprepared to face a team that has nothing to lose. Teams such as Gonzaga and Southwest Missouri State shocked highly ranked teams like No. 2 in the West, Stanford, and No. 4 in the East, Tennessee. These small schools propelled themselves into the national spotlight by becoming the "Cinderella" teams of the season.

These unexpected results are what make the tournament so interesting. Fans begin to support teams and players that they have never heard of, because they want the feel-good story to continue.

Usually these teams make a run to the Sweet Sixteen or even the Elite Eight, but will bow out before the Final Four.

This happens because the truly great teams in the tournament get prepared to weather the storm of these upstart teams willing to go to any length to win.

The Final Four is reserved for the teams that are lead by the great coaches. Coaching is the key to long term success in the tournament. The teams need to be prepared to play consistent basketball all the way

through. One little slip up means you go home early.

The other aspect of coaching that is of the utmost importance is the ability to make adjustments to the game plan during the course of the game. Most of the time you are playing against teams you have never played against before, so you don't really know what they are capable of. The schools that have had the most success in the tournament are the schools with a long history of great coaches, such as: UCLA, Kentucky, Kansas, North Carolina and Duke.

The Final Four is set for Saturday, and Michigan State has the unenviable task of facing the No. 1 team in the nation. Duke is by far the best college basketball team I have ever seen. Their average margin of victory this season is just a hair under 26 points per game. They have more talent coming off of their bench than most teams have in their starting five.

In the game against Temple last weekend, the Blue Devils brought three McDonald's All-Americans onto the floor with their second unit. There are nine high school All-Americans on the Duke squad this season.

They recently played a team in the NCAA Tournament who has had three high school All-Americans in their school's history.

Duke was definitely the best team entering the tournament, and they are the best team that remains in the tournament.

It will be interesting to see if any of the four teams left can overcome the athleticism and pure ability of this Blue Devil team.

I think that barring a miracle Duke will run away with the title and cement their place in history as one of the greatest teams of all time.

USD bats big numbers

USF is no match for the Toreros' power.

KIT BARRMAN
Staff Writer

This weekend's three-game series with the San Francisco Dons opened with the Toreros taking both games in a Saturday afternoon doubleheader. On Sunday they ran out of gas, losing 3-1.

In game one both teams were on the bases, collecting 27 hits between them. San Francisco was unable to capitalize on their success at the plate, stranding 14 runners on the bases, while USD left only three.

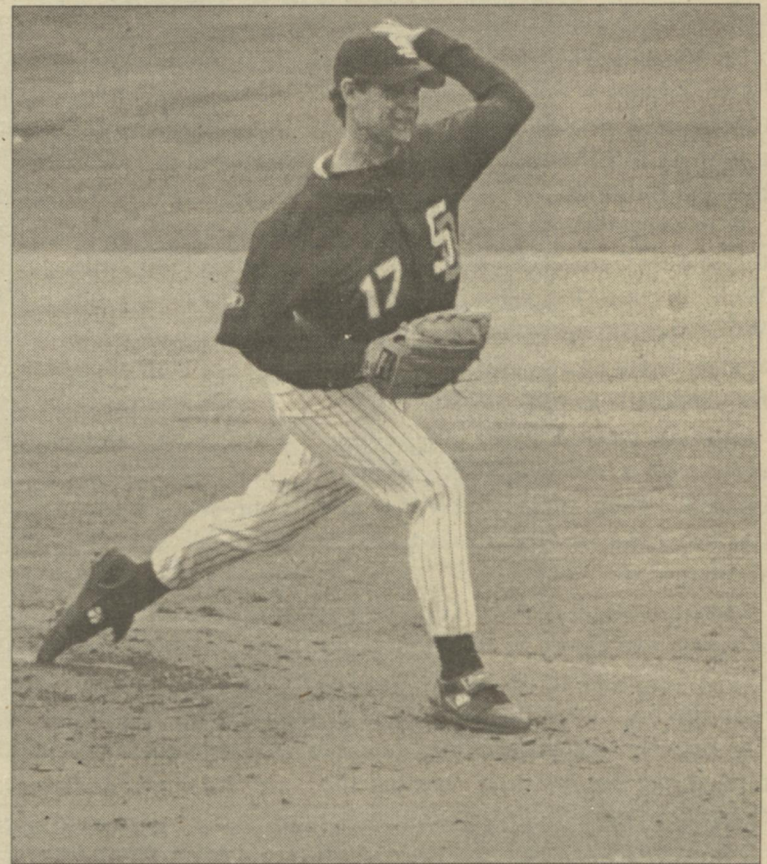
Greg Sain, who is hitting .352 this season, Kevin Reese, who had four RBI's and Marty Hayes all went 2-4 on the day and Tony Betancourt was 2-3.

The Toreros scored most of their runs in the bottom of the seventh inning when they crossed the plate for six of their nine total runs. The Dons were quiet until the top of the eighth, when they rallied for four runs. They added one more the next inning, but it was too little too late as USD won 9-5, giving pitcher Mark Vallecorsa the win. His record is now 2-0 in league play and 3-2 overall.

The second half of the double header was all San Diego, as they crushed the Dons 11-1. The Toreros dominated all aspects, ripping 13 hits off of the San Francisco pitching staff, and committing only one fielding error to their opponent's five.

Senior right fielder Chris Humpert (.302) went 2-4 with three RBI's. Freshman second baseman Joe Lima (.305) was also a big contributor going 2-4 with two RBI's.

Sunday the Toreros slipped, committing three costly fielding errors and finding home plate only once late in the game.



Michael Miller

Working hard: Senior pitcher mark vallecorsa improved his league record to 2-0 in the toreros 9-5 victory ove USF.

The score was 1-0 until the top of the eighth, when Don first baseman Taggart Bozied knocked a two-run homerun over the left field fence, giving them a 3-0 advantage.

In the top of the ninth with one out and the bases loaded for San Francisco, Marty Hayes was called from his usual position of first base, where he was having a strong defensive day, to take the mound for USD. He quickly struck out the next two batters, saving the Toreros from a sticky situation and sending them to the plate for their final at bats.

Hayes' day was not through, as he led off the bottom of the ninth by drawing a walk. He advanced to second base when Don pitcher Paul Deffner was called for a balk during Chris Humpert's at bat. Humpert was out at first, but he successfully moved Hayes to third.

Joe Lima was next up, and he sent a shot to the right field fence

that scored Hayes and earned himself a double. The Toreros were making offensive headway, now down only 2 with a runner in scoring position and the tying run at the plate in pinch hitter Chris Kahl.

Kahl got a single, sending a hopper over the head of the San Francisco shortstop which advanced Lima to third, putting runners on the corners. He was replaced at first by pinch runner Juan Garcia, as senior center fielder Chris Liosi stepped to the plate.

Liosi rapped one to the Don shortstop, who flipped it to second base, trying for the double play. As Garcia slid in and tried to break up the throw, he was called for interference which gave the Dons the out at first as well and ended the Torero rally.

San Diego is now 14-12 overall and 4-5 in West Coast Conference play.

The pride of the WCC, Gonzaga makes a strong impact in the national tournament

BEN KAIN
Staff Writer

After a disappointing end to their 1998 season, the Bulldogs of Gonzaga redeemed themselves in the 1999 version of the NCAA Tournament.

In 1998, Gonzaga led the WCC in victories but lost in the WCC tournament to USF. Due to the loss, USF was given a birth in the 1998 tournament rather than the Bulldogs.

With vengeance in mind throughout this season, Gonzaga once again led the WCC in victories, but also won the WCC tournament with a decisive win against Santa Clara. The stage was set for Cinderella to wear her slipper.

Gonzaga entered the NCAA Tournament with a 10 seed in the Western bracket. They played the Minnesota Gophers in the first round who were the seventh seed.

Gonzaga continued the WCC tradition of living and dying by the three point shot by attempting 21 shots from behind the arc and connecting on nine. The Bulldogs played tenacious defense throughout the first half, holding the Gophers to only 26 points while scor-

ing 45 of their own. Richie Frahm led the team with 26 points, hitting 7-7 from the free throw line.

Matt Santangelo also made a large contribution with 14 points, eight assists and four steals. Gonzaga upset the seventh seed in a 75-63 victory, advancing the Bulldogs into the second round.

One of the premier teams in the country throughout the season was Stanford. Stanford achieved the success of making it to the Final Four in 1998 and the 1999 senior laden team had high hopes of moving even further into the tournament this year. Too bad they had to play the energetic Bulldogs. It was the classic David vs. Goliath game that makes March Madness the most exciting tournament in all of sports.

The number two seed Stanford appeared comfortable and even cocky in the pregame, seeming to even overlook the jump-start Bulldogs. By half-time, the Cardinal wouldn't have such an easy feeling, as they trailed 34-30. Gonzaga turned the game into an offensive rout that Stanford just couldn't keep pace with. An out rebounded Stanford team shot only 39 percent from the field as Gonzaga hit 11-20 from the three point arc. It seemed that everyone was able to find their range from three as Casey Cal-

vary went 2-2, Frahm hit one, Quentin Hall was 3-6, Ryan Floyd was 2-2 and Santangelo went 3-3. The Gonzaga defense caused 12 turnovers on their way to an 82-74 victory, shocking the nation with their amazing determination.

As Gonzaga entered the Sweet 16, no one in their right mind could have ever predicted that this 10 seed would still be alive. Defeating number two seed Stanford gave the WCC champs a new found confidence that they could really make a run through the tournament. First they had to defeat a tough and gritty team in the six seed, the Florida Gators. This game turned out to be one of the best thus far in tournament play. Once again it was the three point shot that kept Gonzaga in the game. They hit an amazing 12-22, with Frahm leading the team by making five. At half-time the Bulldogs led by the slim margin of 35-34 in a battle that would come down to who had the ball last. Santangelo once again played great team ball with 11 points, seven assist, and two steals. Calvary had 12 points, but his last two were the most important of the game. With only seconds to play and down by one, Hall brought the ball up the court. He found some room and took the running jumper which bounced off the rim. Being in the right place at the

right time, Calvary elevated to tip in the winning basket with only four seconds left in the game. A final shot rolled off the rim for Florida and the Bulldogs advanced to the Elite Eight with a 73-72 win.

One win away from the Final Four and Gonzaga attacked its biggest hurdle in the form of the number one seed UConn Huskies. The Bulldogs entered the game having made 32 three point shots in tournament play. They were only able to connect on five against the Huskies. Without their outside shooting, the Bulldogs were led by the relentless play of Hall, their point guard. Hall led the team with 18 points, two 3-point shots, and a steal. The Bulldog defense left UConn 0-9 from three point range but behind the play of Richard Hamilton who had 21 points for the Huskies, U Conn won the game 67-62.

It has been nine years since a WCC team made it as far as the Elite Eight. The last to do it was Loyola Marymount. Gonzaga proved they can play with the big boys and win. They represented the WCC with class and left everything they had on the court during every game of the tournament. Hopefully next year we will be able to say the same of our 2000 Toreros.

USD novice women take the Berg Cup by storm

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Staff Writer

The rainfall in Newport Beach during the Orange Coast College Berg Cup competition on Saturday morning did not keep the enthusiastic crowd of spectators gathered on the docks of the OCC quiet for long. As the contenders of each race neared the end of the 2000-meter course, onlookers and fellow teammates screamed in support of their favorite boats.

USD had a successful day of racing all the way around. The mighty novice women left OCC, SDSU, LBSU, UCLA and UCI in the dust and won their first ever Berg Cup medals. They pulled hard and earned a strong lead over their competitors and held it until they crossed the finish line as the champions.

The women's varsity placed third, beating UCLA and LBSU, but were taken by UCI and SDSU, who emerged

as the victors.

In the men's races both the novice and varsity teams couldn't quite catch OCC.

"Both squads raced well, and they finished feeling like they had done everything possible to move away from the pack and match OCC. OCC just had more power, which helped them pull ahead," said Brooks Dagman, Men's Head Coach.

"Sharper bladework in the early part of the race should allow us to close the gap between USD and OCC."

The men's novice and varsity teams placed second in the competition. Both squads swooped past SDSU and UCLA but were conquered by OCC, who was victorious in both races.

Rain or shine, the San Diego Crew Classic is this weekend on Mission Bay. USD made some enemies in Newport who will be looking to settle up, and with the Berg Cup wounds still fresh, you can bet it's going to be a race to remember. OCC better not rest too easy because the USD Toreros will be ready for a re-match.

USD's Equestrian Team is back in the saddle

DANA RASMUSSEN
Special to the VISTA

The University of San Diego Equestrian Team jumped into first place with 32 points, beating Cal Poly Pomona, UCSD, Mt. San Antonio College and USC at the Cal Poly Regionals. The team came ready to ride with seven of their home barn's horses from Blue Fox Farms in Escondido, owned by Nancy Nordstrom.

Sophomore walk-trot rider Christie Cobo, sophomore advanced walk-trot canter rider Carrie Nagel, junior novice over-fences rider Jen Ohlen and sophomore open flat rider Nicki Fraoli were all first in their classes.

Cobo, Nagel, Ohlen, senior novice rider Jenn Rall, sophomore open rider Mika Buffington and freshman novice rider Jocelin Dills are on their way to regionals. If victorious, the ladies will travel to Syracuse, New York, for Nationals.

Alumni rider Dana Lee rode with the USD team and is also on her way to

regionals. Lee started the USD equestrian team three years ago when she realized that it was in demand. Last year Lee was the club advisor. Now the team is coached by Cathy Culver and Keala Rasmussen of Blue Fox Farms.



Courtesy of the Equestrian Team
Giddy up: Sophomore open rider Mika Buffington trots by on "Golden Sauce," a horse provided by UCSD.

Fans of the week!



Upcoming Games

Baseball

Mar.26	St. Mary's	2 p.m.
Mar.27	St. Mary's (2)	11 a.m.
Mar.30	Hawaii-Hilo	1 p.m.
Apr.6	CS Fullerton	7 p.m.

Softball

Mar.25	Santa Clara	5 p.m.
Mar.27	UC Santa Barbara	1 p.m.
Mar.29	Santa Clara	4 p.m.
Mar.30	Saint Mary's	1 p.m.
Apr.1-3	UCSD Tournament	All Day
Apr.6	CS Dominguez Hills	5 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Apr.3	Marquette	10 a.m.
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Men's Tennis

Mar.25-28	UCSB Invitational	All Day
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Crew

Mar.27-28	San Diego Crew Classic	All Day
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Men's Golf

Mar.29-30	WCC Championships	7 a.m.
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*All home games are in bold letters.

Last Week's Scores

Baseball

USF	W	9-5
USF	W	11-1
USF	L	3-1

Softball

UCLA	L	7-0
UCLA	L	2-1
LMU	L	8-0
LMU	W	6-3
LaVerne	W	9-1
LaVerne	W	9-0

Women's Tennis

Cal Berkley	W	5-4
UNLV	W	5-1

Men's Tennis

Kansas	L	4-3
Nebraska	W	4-3

Crew

OCC Berg Cup	
Women's Novice	1st Place
Women's Varsity	3rd Place
Men's Novice	2nd Place
Men's Varsity	2nd Place

Intramurals & Recreation

The Spring Break Issue

Two unbeatens fall

JOHN MATSUMOTO

Basketball Supervisor

For the third week of intramural basketball, **Free Ballerz** played the **Seals**. In the first half, both the Seals and the Free Ballerz struggled offensively as a team. Jeb Betz led the Seals with 10 first half points to give the Seals a 15-10 first half lead. It seemed as if the Seals took the wind out of the Free Ballerz' sail. However, in the second half, it was evident the Free Ballerz regrouped and played with a little pride. James Chong stepped up with 8 points with his teammate Tony Chen adding 6. Jorge "Mr. Windex" Careres dominated the boards with 10 rebounds. Due to a big second half, the Free Ballerz squeezed out a 34-33 victory over the Seals.

In the second game of the night, **De Enda** was up against the **Irish Assassins**. Both teams were coming off tough victories the previous week. De Enda's Drew Bohlin had another big game this week with 10 points and 6 rebounds. Also, teammate Gus Immel provided 11 points and 3 rebounds. Although De Enda's effort was surely appreciated, it was sorely stifled by the immense firepower of the Irish Assassins. Patrick Bradley, of the Irish Assassins, humbly contributed a double-double for 16 points and 10 rebounds. Max Rhodes put the nail in the coffin with 14 points and 4 rebounds. The Irish cruised on to victory over De Enda for a final score of 60-44.

The third game of the night was a nail biter. **Return of the Love Donkeys** were pitted against the **Mahe Boys**. Return of the Love Donkeys were looking for their third straight victory of the season. Bob Webber, of the Mahe Boys scored a game-high 20 points with 14 points in the second half. Return of the Love Donkeys couldn't stop this guy. Bob single-handedly kept the Mahe Boys in the game. Although Return of Love Donkeys had no answer for Webber, Max Hangartner "hopped" his way for a team high 12 points to keep

his team, the Love Donkeys, tied in the final minute. In the final seconds, Troy Harrell, of the Love Donkeys, came through in the clutch with a game winning shot. The Love Donkeys pulled out another tough victory over a scrappy Mahe Boys for a final score of 48-46.

In Tuesday night action, **Voo-Doo** lost another match to a top team, **Celtics** 52-49. Voo-Doo is now 1-2, but their only losses are to two undefeated teams. Celtics (3-0) were lead by the talented Manny Horner and Cameron Combs, two ballers who combined for 0 points between them (it's not always about scoring). **Old School** kept rolling along with a 74-38 victory over **Phat Attack & 1**. The only thing to really report is that Old School has talent, Erik Johnson shoots too much and Phat Attack is better than their 0-3 record despite the blow-out. **White Chocolate** turned in some great stuff for the highlight reel, but still managed to lose again. Kevin Day was magical, making plays left and right. Day ended up with no points, but nonetheless was the game MVP. Bill Skupa led **Sigma Chi** to the 41-33 victory with 11 points. **Milk & Honey** got back into the rankings with a 61-41 win over **The Blue Guys**. Ryan Kirch gets props for recruiting such a good team, but will need to make some adjustments before playoffs. Whenever, Stan Tuopo leads a team in scoring there's got to be problems. No stats for Blue Guys because their names were not readable. **Suns** beat the mighty **Great White Hype** 49-37. Jake Fabozzi led his team with great ball-handling skills and six points. Brennan Taylor had a good game for GWH with 14 points. In a showdown between real gangstas, no but for reals, **Showtime** went up against **Bulldogs**. Chris Silva did a lot of talking but put his brother to shame by getting shutout. Blame the shutout on the great defense of Matt Enyedi. He bottled up Silva and had 4 points too. The player of the game was definitely L.B. Capistran. L.B. was all over the place, mak-

Kevin says, "Don't fear Jabber-Jaw, have a safe Spring Break, Sign-up for the final leagues of the season and if you sign-up, know that you play the first week back from Break"



Noah Stanley

ing up for all the mistakes created by Roman Aja. In a surprise Bulldogs won it 48-37.

Wednesday is the day **Johnny Ballgame** plays! They took it to the **Dirty Birds** this week 51-47. J.B.'s Mike Chiock was the star with 8 points, while Ryan Barnhardt did his best to compliment Chiock's up-n-down the court style. Birds were led by Kevin Hughes 15 points. **Ryan Jessee's team** beat **And One** 55-51, while **Lock-out Champs** handled **SigEp** 59-28. **Later** went to 3-0 thanks to a 48-38 victory over **Northern Lights**. It looks like N.L. is missing Brian Argentino more than they thought they would. In the "We're coming back down to Earth game" **Below The Rim** finally lost a game. **Squatting Dogs** took it to them 42-31. Chris Rousek did his best by scoring 14 in the loss, but Garrett Patricio had the answer for Dogs with 16 of his own.

In women's action two blowouts took place. **Jen Allen's team** dismantled **We Got Next** 33-14. Next was missing the twins, but Maria, Danna, Marya, Tiffany and Luz did their best to play without them. Catherine Fontecha led the way for Allen's Team with the help of Carrie Leander and Katie Fagan. They should be tough to contend with come play-off time. In the other women's match, **Peku Elemu** played illegal and gets the loss, but had fun beating **W.A.T.S.F.Y.** 49-27. After forfeiting the week before Cobb's team came out in force! They had four subs including Andrea Munoz (2 points), Joy Berns (shut-out), Delia Toothman (2 points) and Kristin Iacobelli (shutout).. Without Elemu's 31 points coming from illegal players they would have lost the game. They have some big roster changes to make before play-offs begin.

Entries Close Tomorrow (March 26th) for:

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5x5 Ultimate Frisbee

This is the inaugural season for this exciting 3 week league. The goal of the game is to get the frisbee across the endline without letting fall. The problem is there are five other people trying to knock it down! This is a fantastic recreational game and also good for getting back into shape. Be the first Ultimate Frisbee Champs at USD!

Co-Rec 4 Pitch Softball

Five men and four women take the field for this self-pitched game. There's not many things more enjoying than getting a good group of people together for softball. It makes a perfect Thursday Night Study Break. Last year's champs The Panthers will be looking for some competition. Do you have what it takes?

Women's Indoor Soccer and Men's Indoor Soccer

A quick, explosive game played inside of the rink. Goals come quick in this off-the-wall version of soccer.

Men's Slow Pitch Softball

A springtime tradition at USD. Freshman try to pull your best team together to handle the power hitting of the upper-classmen. You need ten players to compete and make sure you bring a good slow-pitcher. We play this game on the Softball Field which is legendary for it's short fences and inability to keep balls in the park. Come on out it hit one over the fences!

Riders, Camels merge

BEN POWERS
Hockey Supervisor

Because of a cancellation and the merger of the **Rainbow Riders** and **One-Humped Camel Riders**, forming **Love Donkeys on Ice**, only one Floor Hockey game was played last week. This game featured **F. F.** and the newly formed **Love Donkeys**. Ben Erickson (3 goals) and Jason Apolinario (1 goal, 3 assists) combined to show that the Donkeys (1-0) may be as good on ice as on the basketball court with a 6-1 win over Full Frontal (0-2). Paul Kerwin scored the only goal for Full Frontal. This week's only game is tonight at 6:30pm between **Wu On Ice** and the **Alumni**. Next week we have three games with two teams playing double-header in the last week before playoffs as the four teams left battle for the top playoff seeds. Come out and watch the action!

Basketball Playoff Format

All Co-Rec, Men's and Women's teams will make playoffs unless they forfeit out of the league. The Co-Rec and Women's playoffs will be open to all teams. The Men's playoffs will be split into three separate tournaments as follows:

Campus Championship (NCAAs): Teams with at least four wins, and top teams who have played a tough schedule and done well.

Consolation Championship (NIT): Any team with three wins that doesn't make the Campus Championship. Teams that have won two games and played average competition.

No Business Playing in a Championship (WCC Tourney): Any leftover teams from the other two championships.

Rankings

As of March 23rd

Co-Rec 5x5 Basketball

1. Ke Kukae (3-0)
2. Love Donkey's w/Girls (2-1)
3. Thug Life (2-2)
4. Brev's Team (0-0)
5. Laguna 1 (2-2)

Women's 5x5 Basketball

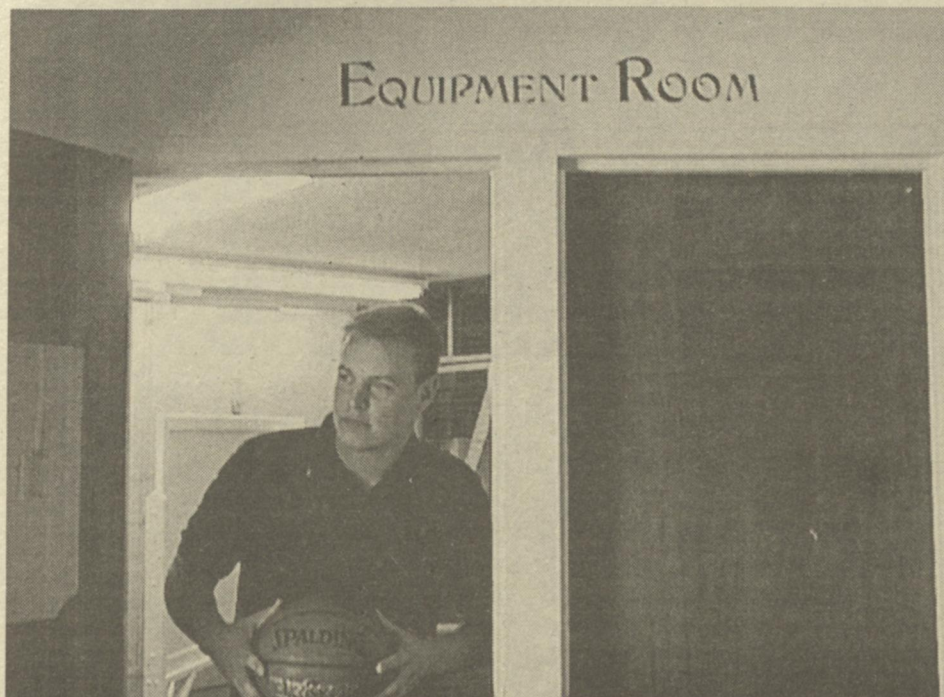
1. J-Allen's Team (2-1)
2. We Gots Next (2-1)
3. Peku Elemu (1-0)
4. W.A.T.S.F.Y. (1-2)

Men's Basketball

1. Old School (4-0)
- Irish Assassins (3-0)
3. Celtics (3-0)
4. Love Donkeys (3-1)
5. Milk & Honey (3-1)
6. 4 Dudes and John (3-1)
7. Big Doggs (2-1)
8. Later (3-0)
9. Johnny Ballgame (2-1-0)
10. Voo-Doo (1-2)

Low Man on the Totem Pole

...Tales of The Equipment Room Guy, Installment Two



Dean Woodward, the Equipment Room Guy, lives life on the edge every day.

Well, a week has passed since you last didn't read my article, and this week should be no different. But, in the event of someone happening to glance even remotely near where this column stands, I have put a new picture in here. The new pic is courtesy of Young Stud Equipment Guys Monthly Magazine. Originally, we were going to take an excerpt from my photo shoot for the magazine entitled, Nothing Better To Do, but the photographer at the shoot just couldn't seem to capture the look of determination in my eyes as well as this photo does.

So now that we have established the fact that I take my job seriously, let's get down to the nitty-gritty, if you will. Here are the top 3 things that have happened to me this past week at work:

#3. No one at all came to checkout equipment this past Sunday, allowing me to nap, study, shoot some hoops, and nap once more. Let's keep it up USD.

#2. During the same Sunday, I moved one (count it, one) table for the Special Olympics and became what is known as a "volunteer" (two jobs at once! How do you insert that on your Resume wizard?). In addition, being the "volunteer" I was, I snaked 3 bagels, a Subway sandwich and unlimited handfuls of pretzels... all for free!

and the #1 thing that happened to me at work this past week:

#1. see #2. Isn't that just amazing?!? Remarkable, I thought.

If you're quick enough, I will be signing autographs today from 11am-1pm in front of the UC. Bring the back issues! Bring the family! SIXTHREE

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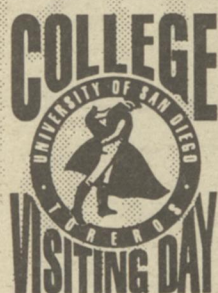
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