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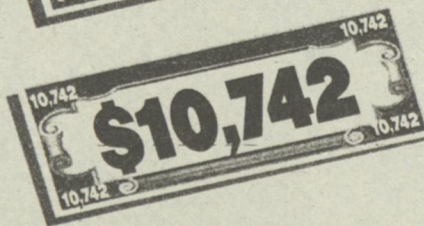
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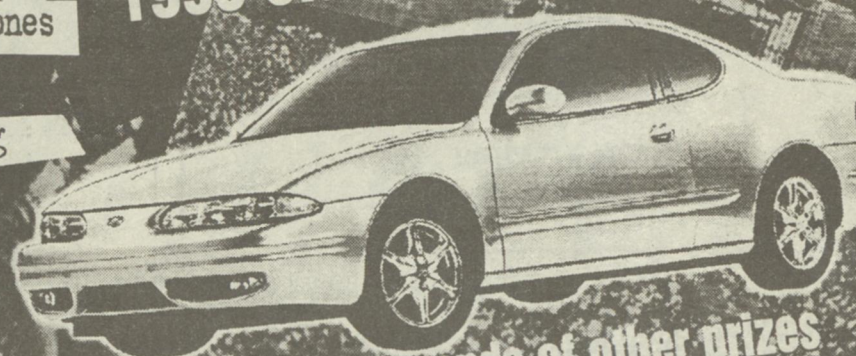
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## USD students invited to Pavilion Dedication

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USD PUBLIC RELATIONS

USD students are invited to a party. Work has begun on the Jenny Craig Pavilion, and USD students are invited to celebrate the dedication of the site of USD's new first class athletic and activity center on Wednesday, May 5.

The dedication starts at 4 p.m. in the Fieldhouse parking lot. The Cinco de Mayo gathering will include refreshments. Completion of the 5,100-seat center in the fall of 2000.

A lead gift of \$7 million from Sid and Jenny Craig, founders of the weight management company, is partially funding the \$17.5 million project. A fundraising campaign, chaired by William H. Scripps, continues for the entire amount, while construction proceeds.

"We're very grateful for the Craig's generosity and excited that our men's and women's basketball teams and women's volleyball team will be playing in the center in the fall of 2000," said USD President Alice B. Hayes. "Having a top-notch facility for athletic, cultural and social events is an important part of the student experience at USD."



Public Relations

**Jenny's jubilee:** The dedication of the Jenny Craig Pavilion is open to the public.

Many students share Hayes' sentiment.

"I am so glad that I will still be here as a student to enjoy the amenities of the Pavilion," said freshman Jason Andrews. "It will motivate me to attend the games and to work out even more."

Freshman Tanya Williams agreed.

"Once this new sports center is completed, I will definitely cancel my membership at 24-Hour Fitness," she said. "But until that time, I absolutely refuse to work out in the current facilities that USD offers."

*Rodel Divina contributed to this article*

## Research conference produces impressive winners

RODEL DIVINA  
Staff Writer

The ninth annual USD Research and Internship Conference held last Saturday showcased the admirable accomplishments of several students representing various departments.

Participants convened inside the University Center's Forum AB to present either a poster or an oral talk based on their research/internship experience. The categories — oral and poster presentation — were separated into divisions based on departments.

Professors from participating departments judged the students on several criteria, including presentation style as well as organization.

In the oral presentation category, seniors Jeanette Holtz and Amy Apprill tied for first place and shared the \$50 prize money. Holtz's talk focused on a comparative survey of vernal pool crustaceans during 1994 and 1998, while Apprill's speech highlighted the analysis of energy emissivity of building rooftops in an urban heat island area.

In the research poster category, biology student Emily Hare topped her division for her extensive

study on the TrpH gene in the nematode *C. elegans*.

Senior Jason Ibarra beat his fellow chemistry students for his work on the connection between resonance, hybridization and structure using a computational and spectroscopic approach.

Given that she was the only contestant in her international relations research poster division, Josaphine Tuchel received first place for her research on Russia and democracy.

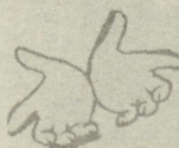
In the internship poster category, junior Mat Boggs received top honors in the biology division for his poster on the wonders of orthopedic surgery. Sharing that accomplishment was senior Jody White, whose biology internship poster addressed fluorescence spectroscopic studies of DNA holliday junction.

For the political science internship division, senior Rosie Rodriguez was chosen as the winner for her internship experience with San Diego Deputy Mayor Byron Wear.

Dr. Sarah Gray, a professor in the Marine Science Department, was the

chairperson of the event.

"I think it is great that USD students receive recognition for their research and internship experiences," said sophomore Stacey Adams. "It is a great way to instill motivation for a successful future."



## Florida fraternity faces brothel charges

Courtesy of  
U-WIRE

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A University of Florida fraternity will be charged with operating as a brothel and up to 55 members and pledges may also face charges stemming from an initiation rite that included sex with strippers, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

The alleged incident came to light when one of two strippers hired for the February initiation ceremony told police she was raped by one of the fraternity members.

That prompted an investigation that turned up eight hours of video tape showing members and pledges of the Delta Chi fraternity house tossing money at the women while they engaged in sex with several of the young men and with one another, according to a report by the University Police Department.

Rod Smith, state attorney for Florida's 8th judicial circuit, said a review of the evidence "simply cannot sustain a rape charge" because the woman consumed so much alcohol and amphetamines that her memory of events might not be accurate.

But Smith said his office was in the process of identifying the young men on the tape — as many as 55, according to one university official — and would charge them with crimes including unlawful assignation, solicitation and aiding and abetting.

The fraternity as a whole will be charged with operating a place for the purpose of lewdness or assignation, Smith said. That is the statute used against brothels, massage parlors and strip clubs that go over the line.

As for the tapes, they could someday make their way to a video store shelf.

Responding to public records requests, Smith said he would ask a judge to decide how much of the tapes could be released to the public. Since no sexual assault charges are involved, Florida law would generally make all criminal evidence available to the public once prosecutions are completed.

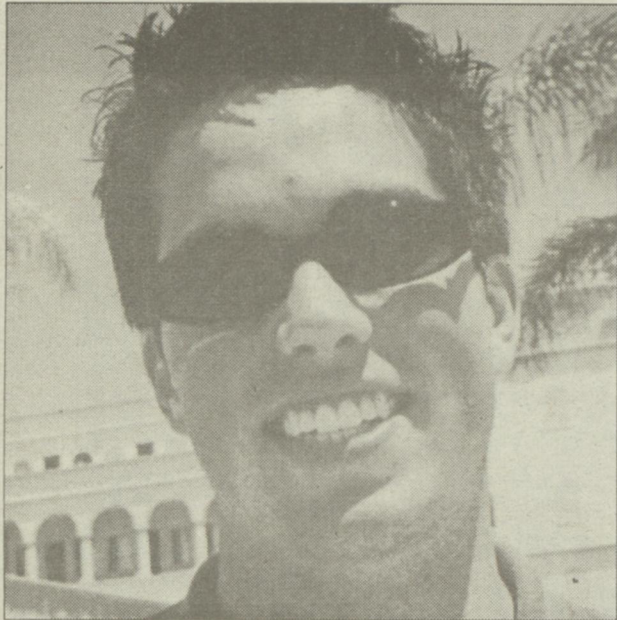
The University of Florida has already dealt with the wayward fraternity, suspending it from operation until 2002, said Julie Sina, the dean of students.

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# How do you deal with a hangover?

TABITHA RODRIGUEZ-ANDERSON  
Staff Writer



**Jeremy Stausbaugh**

"Four Advil and lots and lots of Sprite."

**Kristy Fischer**  
"Drink Bloody Mary's at the Pennant the next morning."

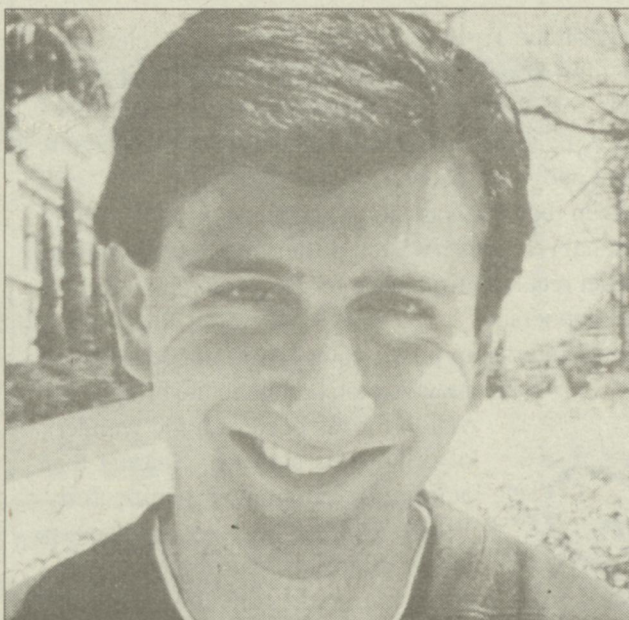


**Briana Dougherty**

"Two asprin, a bottle of water and sleep."

**Michelle Green**

"I don't drink alcoholic beverages— I only smoke weed."



**Gavin George**

"I wouldn't know because I don't drink."

**Zachary Sikora**

"Drink Gatorade and get lots of sleep."





# Patients should report breast symptoms

Courtesy of  
U-WIRE

NEW YORK — It is important to talk to a physician about breast symptoms, such as pain, lumps or nipple changes, because in two thirds of cases in middle-aged women, a doctor will order testing or referral, report Boston researchers.

And their study showed that in about 6 percent of cases, women with these breast symptoms were diagnosed with cancer.

"Women who note changes in their breast, and particularly lumps that were not there before, should bring them to the attention of their doctors," lead author Dr. Mary B. Barton of the department of ambulatory care and prevention at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Boston told Reuters Health.

"Women should comply with follow up tests recommended by their clinicians, and also should be sure to return for evaluation if the symptom persists," she added.

The researchers tracked the medical records of women who saw primary care doctors at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, a large health maintenance

organization (HMO) in the northeastern United States.

The results of the 10-year study showed that 16% of about 2,400 women aged 40 to 69 saw a doctor because of breast symptoms such as breast pain, a lump or skin and nipple changes.

About 65 percent of the women presenting with breast symptoms had their symptoms evaluated beyond their initial visit. Invasive procedures such as a surgical biopsy of a lump were performed in 27 percent of cases, and cancer was diagnosed in 6.2 percent of the women.

"Breast symptoms are a common and clinically important problem in primary care practices and result in substantial breast cancer detection," write Barton's team in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Missed or delayed diagnoses of breast cancer are the most common reason for medical malpractice lawsuits in the United States. The new findings suggest that extensive follow-up of breast symptoms may help aid the breast cancer detection process and potentially reduce malpractice cases, Barton and colleagues conclude.

# Strokes common during office hours

Courtesy of  
U-WIRE

ROCHESTER, Minn. — People may be more likely to suffer hemorrhagic strokes during office hours and during December and February, according to the findings of a U.S. study.

Conducted by neurologists from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester led by Robert Brown, the study reviewed the cases of nearly 300 stroke victims in Rochester between 1960 and 1989.

"The study is the first population-based study to evaluate the impact of the time of day and season on the occurrence of subarachnoid and intracerebral hemorrhages," Brown said.

Subarachnoid hemorrhage occurs when blood leaks into the lining that

surrounds the brain. Intracerebral hemorrhage takes place when blood leaks into the brain tissue.

The third-leading cause of death in the United States after heart disease and cancer, strokes stem from a blood clot or rupture of blood vessels and hemorrhage into the brain.

Brown said there was a significant increase in both types of hemorrhages between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and during December and February, winter months in the Northern Hemisphere.

Brown said a larger study was needed to confirm the trend and reasons behind it.

"At this time, we do not have specific recommendations for patients from this new data," he said.

The study was presented at a meeting of the American Academy of Neurology in Toronto on Thursday.

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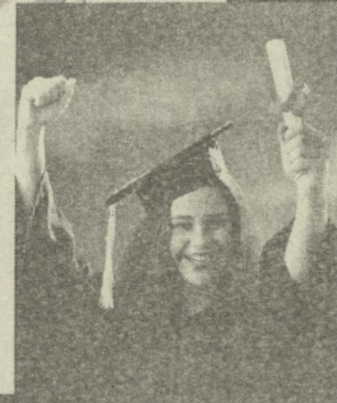
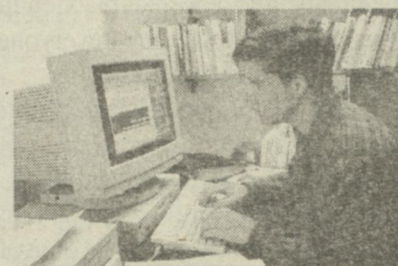
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# Beyond Color Lines

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

## Greeks and minorities bridge the gap

NATASHA FERNANDEZ

*Beyond Color Lines Editor*

So much can happen when you take a risk. This was my big risk of my freshman year, and I am grateful for it.

Representatives from USD's Greek system and the United Front Multicultural Center came together this past weekend. Their goal was to begin building a bridge between two organizations that have been strangers for far too long. I was invited to take part in this first ever Greek/United Front Human Relations Workshop weekend, representing the United Front.

Working with the United Front this year has shown me how valuable it is to educate yourself on the issues of multiculturalism and embrace diversity for all it offers to the world. I knew I needed to educate myself on Greek Life, since my only perception of it was from what I heard and saw.

I'd heard about wild sorority/fraternity parties, I'd seen troupes of Greeks in their matching t-shirts all over campus, but people were constantly telling me there was so much more to Greek life than what you see. This was my chance to find out.

With that in mind, I tried not to cringe when both organizations visibly segregated themselves as we prepared to leave for Palomar. Even the bus ride up the mountain split the groups almost exactly down the middle. It's a normal reaction though, I think. Friends spoke to friends, everyone seemed to stay within their own comfort zone.

Finally, the program began. I didn't know what to expect from either organization, but I was waiting for a heated debate here and there, and a few tears. The first night went by without any of that, but became what I would deem one of my favorite moments

of the retreat. A group discussion had strangers sharing personal experiences that I understood and was able to relate my own experiences to.

This is where I came to the conclusion that, as ridiculous as it may sound, we are all very much alike. My mind has been set so strictly to celebrate diversity that I almost forgot to acknowledge the similarities. Every person there, no matter what organization they belonged to, goes to class, has eaten in the UC, lives in San Diego, has parents who worry and has a willingness to open the communication lines between the UF and Greeks.

This being my first USD retreat, everyone assured me that the second day is always the best. It was definitely different than the first and third days. Saturday's discussions were exactly what I'd been hoping for. I felt we were finally delving into the personalities and characteristics of each organization, and really getting a sense of who's who.

But when I stepped back from it all, I felt that the representatives from the UF were sharing more than the Greek representatives had been. I know this was not supposed to be a battle of who could shock who more, and first, but I had come here to learn about the Greek system, and I didn't feel that that was what was happening.

After really separating myself from the retreat and discussing things with people from both organizations, I think I know what happened. From my perspective, the UF does more informational type work, constantly putting on programs that define what they stand for, always promoting their goal.

The Greek representatives do not have that agenda, mainly because their goal is different from the UF's goal. Greek life is soundly established not only at USD but all over the country. The UF is a small sect of USD that a good portion of the campus community really doesn't

know much about. The UF's goal is education, while Greek life has a number of focuses that require little of their own publicity. Neither organization is stronger or better because of this, they're just on different paths.

I was assured Greek life is much more than parties and matching wardrobes, not only when I raised the question, but also through the thorough explanations of the individuals' own reasons for joining with their sorority sisters or fraternity brothers.

I listened to stories of pain and discrimination from some of the UF representatives that I am confident the Greek representatives will not soon forget. Of course, 24 students cannot change an entire campus in one weekend, so I cannot report that all went well and Greeks and the UF will forever be bonded.

What I can report is that there was a definite effort on the part of each individual to improve the relationship between both organizations. There should be as much diversity in Greek life as there is in every other organization at USD. Just as there should be a clear understanding from the UF that Greek life is more than willing to accept diversity. I clearly recall one Greek representative imploring the UF representatives to give them an idea of what they can do differently to make Greek life more welcoming to all people. I hope we were able to answer that question.

Representatives from both organizations volunteered to form a committee that would make sure the work done this past weekend would not go unnoticed. There will be further meetings between the retreat participants to continue building on this foundation.

The willingness to take a risk into the uncharted land of Greek and UF relations is what made history. What will keep that history alive is the continued willingness to take risks, openness to sharing, and the essential skill of listening.

## Letter to the Editor

### More freshmen applicants, not more freshmen admitees

Dear Editors,

Margie Pierce's article, "Finding Housing Where There Is Little" (VISTA, April 22), was helpful and insightful; however, one line may lead to the extension of a popular misconception. That is Margie's reference to "an increased amount of incoming freshmen."

While applications to USD continue to increase dramatically, we will continue to hold the size of the freshman class to a steady state. Last year, with an increase of 385 applications, the freshman class was intentionally held slightly smaller (1031) than the year before (1041). Two years back, we received an in-

crease of 504 applications and the freshman class was 1048. This year, with an increase of more than 1100 applications, we will continue that policy and seek a class of approximately 1025.

With that in mind, many VISTA readers may want to share an old admissions directors' quote: "We were lucky we go into college when we did!"

Sincerely,  
Warren Muller  
Director of Undergraduate Admissions

P.S. The article was accurate in that more freshmen do seek on-campus housing.

# WRITE FOR THE VISTA



## Blind man arrested for driving

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine police officers arrested a blind man driving a pickup truck with the help of his 13-year-old daughter and charged him with dangerous conduct, a police spokesman said Saturday.

"The blind man was driving fairly well, although he made some pretty abrupt maneuvers which attracted the attention of a patrol car," the spokesman told the official Telam news agency in the southern Argentine city of Trelew.

"The officers were amazed to discover that the man's daughter was acting as a guide. She was turning the steering wheel while he changed gears, accelerated and braked according to her instructions," the spokesman said.

The man and his daughter were on a drive through the center of Trelew when they were stopped. The man recently went blind because of diabetes and had a valid driver's license.

After being charged the man was released pending court action. His vehicle was impounded.

## School bans trenchcoats after massacre

TORONTO — A Canadian high school has banned students from wearing black trench coats similar to those worn by the killers responsible for the worst school massacre in U.S. history.

Officials at Fredericton High School in the province of New Brunswick imposed the ban after several students wore black trench coats in an apparent mockery of the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Fifteen people died at the U.S. school Tuesday after two students, both members of a clique dubbed the "Trench Coat Mafia," went on a killing spree before committing suicide.

Both wore long black trench coats.

"At this point in time, they [black trench coats] have become a symbol of something that has gone terribly awry," said James Thorburn, the Fredericton school's principal.

"We want people's feelings to be respected and we want people to be sensitive to the needs of others. It's not about individual dress," Thorburn added.

One student refused school's request Thursday, choosing to go home instead.

A similar controversy also surfaced Friday in Florida where two high school students were suspended for five days after they showed up for classes wearing black trench coats.

## If you're rooting for the home team, cheer loudly

LONDON — Crowd noise is the biggest factor in helping the home team in sport, British statisticians said in a letter to *The Lancet* medical journal.

The association of crowd size and home advantage has been known for years, but Professor Alan Nevill and colleagues at the Research Institute for Sport and Exercise Sciences in Liverpool, northern England, think they are the first to prove it.

Statistics show that home teams consistently win more than half their games. Nevill and his team designed a study to show how the roar of the crowd

influences them.

They asked 11 experienced English-speaking semi-professional footballers, coaches and referees to decide the legality of 25 controversial challenges recorded on videotape with French commentary of a 1998 European Champions League match between the home team Lens and Panathinaikos.

"Half the group watched the challenges with the crowd noise background and half watched it without. The group that watched it with the noise were inclined to penalize the away side more than the home side," Nevill said.

"The group that watched it without the noise tended to penalize the home side. The referees' decision mirrored very nicely the group that watched it with the noise."

## Students arrested for stoning school principal

JOHANNESBURG — More than 100 South African high school students were arrested after they beat and held captive their principal in a dispute over reductions in the teaching staff, public radio reported Thursday.

The head of the school, close to President Nelson Mandela's rural home in the Transkei region, was released by pupils only after a plea from a police negotiating team.

He was rushed to hospital with severe injuries.

"He is in a very bad state. He was pelted with stones and beaten with sticks," reporter Stan Mzimba of the Daily Dispatch newspaper told the radio.

The reporter said the students would appear before a local court later Thursday on charges of kidnapping, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and public violence.

## Something unexpected emerges from diaper

LONDON — When Jill Furlough went to check on her sleeping 11-month-old baby Joshua, she was horrified to see green sparks flying out of his diaper.

"I had no idea what was happening and thought he was going to burst into flames," Furlough, 31, was quoted as saying by the Express newspaper. "It was extremely scary and worrying. Joshua seemed to be asleep, oblivious."

The mother of three, who lives in Lakenheath in eastern England, contacted the diaper makers and was assured it was a small and harmless matter of triboluminescence — a rare build-up of energy that could be caused by friction, but unlike static electricity did not generate heat.

Despite the reassurance, Furlough has decided to switch to another brand of diaper.

## Do condoms cost too much??

LONDON — British trading officials are to investigate the cost of condoms amid what the Express newspaper said was concern that high prices were leading to more unwanted teenage pregnancies.

The Express said the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) would examine whether condom makers were forcing up prices. Durex, which has three quarters of the British market, is manufactured by the London International Group.

"We will monitor the competition aspects of the market as part of our overall review into the condom market," said OFT spokesman Graeme Myles.

The Express said Durex condom prices had risen by an average of eight percent each year since price controls were lifted in 1994, and now cost almost a pound (\$1.60) each. "The price is artificially high and it's not just teenagers that can't afford them, it's poor people as well," said a spokeswoman from the Family Planning Association.

## Crucifixes to stay in schools

BERLIN — A top German court Wednesday upheld a law that requires schools in the fervently Roman Catholic state of Bavaria to hang crucifixes on classroom walls.

"There are no serious anti-constitutional aspects in this law. Bavaria can continue to operate it," Federal Administrative Court Chairman Norbert Niehues said.

However, the court qualified its judgement by backing an atheist computer programmer in his fight to have a crucifix removed from the wall of his daughter's classroom in the southern state.

It said in his case the law had not been applied correctly. In the future, courts will decide each case on an individual basis if parents and schools are unable to agree.

## Criminals drowned in sewage in bid to escape

NAIROBI — Three Kenyan gangsters dived into a sewage dam to escape a police raid but apparently drowned in the filthy water.

Police said the two men and one woman made their desperate escape bid when officers opened fire on a group of more than 20 suspected criminals wanted on charges of murder and armed robbery in a sprawling slum on the outskirts of Nairobi.

"We believe the three gangsters drowned, since the residents who watched the police hunt from higher ground told us they saw them dive into the effluent and no one came out," divisional police chief Joseph Kabura told the Daily Nation newspaper.

Police said two other criminals who also jumped into the dam were rescued and were among 17 suspects arrested in the raid Tuesday.

## Kazakhs Soothe Freight Elephant Nerves With Vodka

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Four performing elephants were given five-liter shots of vodka to relieve stress after a 20-day train journey to Kazakhstan's financial center, Almaty, the head of the city's circus said Monday.

The elephants, belonging to a Moscow-based circus, had to make a 4,000 km (2,500 miles) journey across Siberia from Russia's easternmost port of Vladivostok. Bureaucratic hitches made the usually arduous journey even longer and more stressful.

The animals were held up for more than a day at the Russian-Kazakh border by Russian customs officials and again for nearly two days over the weekend in Almaty, because customs officials were not working.

"Today at 5 a.m. the release was completed," said Khalyk Begenov, director of Almaty's circus where the animals perform over the coming weeks.



# Tragedy in Littleton sparks controversy

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Layout/Design Editor

Imagine eating lunch in the cafeteria one day, when an explosion erupts. You go from eating a sandwich and talking with your friends to feeling like you've just been thrown into a war zone. For Sara Martin, a senior at Columbine High School in Littleton Colo., this was a reality. As fellow students Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris walked into the Columbine cafeteria on April 20, shooting guns and letting off pipe bombs, many students initially thought it was a senior prank. "The floor was shaking from the explosions," reported Martin in an *TIME* magazine interview.

The worst was confirmed, however, after 14 students, including the gunmen, and one teacher were killed.

This massacre, unfortunately, is not an isolated incident. It is only one of several tragedies committed by students in the last two years. These senseless attacks have caused tremendous controversy throughout the country over what causes these kids to commit such heinous acts and over what can be done, if anything, to prevent such occurrences in the future.

Since the massacre in Littleton last week, advocates for stronger gun control have been successful in influencing the Clinton administration and Congress to support stricter gun control laws. Clinton's anti-crime bill, which is expected to pass through Congress due to last week's Columbine shooting, proposes several limitations to gun owners, including a lifetime ban for all people who commit a violent crime as juveniles. The bill will also require background checks on sales of explosives and hold parents liable when their children commit crimes using their guns. In California, Governor Gray Davis is supporting a bill to restore the state's assault weapons ban.

While all of these bills for gun control are being proposed, there are people arguing that gun control isn't the answer. The National Rifle Association (NRA), which ironically will hold its annual conference in Colorado this weekend, maintains that gun should not be blamed for the recent massacre

in Colorado. The NRA is not alone in its debate. The San Diego Union Tribune reports that Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of North Dakota, where guns are used frequently for recreational purposes, told reporters, "I'm not sure that gun legislation is what we need."

If gun control is not the preventive measure needed, many say regulation of violence that is so widespread

commit violent crimes.

Grossman is among many whom argue that the killings like the ones Harris and Klebold committed last week are not due to some biological defect, but rather to a combination of influences, particularly influences from violence in our culture.

Dr. Bethami Dobkin, Communication Studies professor, says that the incidences of school shootings

are better understood by the theory of over-determination. Essentially, it suggests that no single factor causes these kinds of events. Events like this occur due to a combination of factors that work to perpetuate violence. "We are a society that condones violence," says Dobkin.

Dobkin points out that in our society, it is easier for us to blame these violent acts on some biological abnormality, hence denying the reality that these things are caused by influences in our own society.

Senior Cindy Jansen says, "When I have kids I'm going to be an active parent. I know that I can't shield my kids from all of the violence we see in the media but at least I can explain what these images represent, guiding them on what's right and what's wrong."

Jansen brings up another important factor that influence kids behavior. Many people are asking where the parents of Harris and Klebold were when they were making their pipe bombs, and planning their attack. According to many experts, Harris and Klebold exhibited many warning signs of a teen in trouble, such as the

video they made of themselves in trenchcoats gunning down jocks for a school project earlier this year.

In a speech last week President Clinton said, "Parents should take this moment to ask what else they can do to shield our children from violent images and experiences that warp young perceptions and obscure the consequences of violence."

While people are trying to make sense of this tragedy students continue to grieve for their lost friends and wonder what brought Harris and Klebold to their breaking point.

For Sara Martin life will never be the same. "When those guys walked into the hallways in their trench coats, with their guns and their bombs, they brought fear and hate and pushed out everything else—every ounce of life."



**Anguish and Fear:** Three Columbine High School students grieve after two of their classmates unleashed one of the worst school massacres in American history.

in our culture today is the answer we need.

The No. 1 movie at the box office this weekend, "The Matrix," which hit over \$100 million in ticket sales shows actor, Keanu Reeves being hunted by Internet droids and immersed in a race of who can kill who first. There are thousands of examples of violent movies; this violence, however, is not limited to Hollywood.

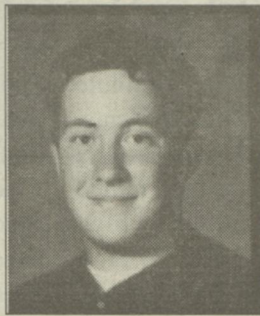
Video games, such as "Doom" and "Quake," favorites of killer Eric Harris, allow players to kill with an amazing realistic first person perspective. David Grossman, author of "On Killing," says that video games today compare with those used by the military to train their people how to kill. In his book, Grossman also provides evidence that kids, who are not exposed to these types of violent influences, are less likely to



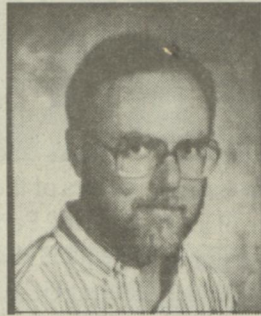
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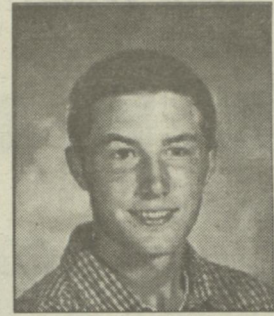
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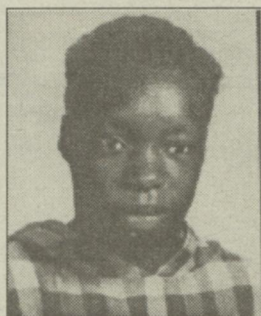
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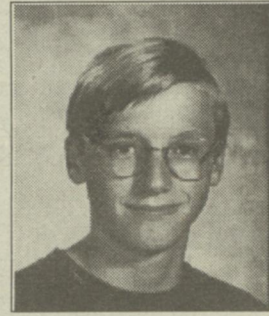
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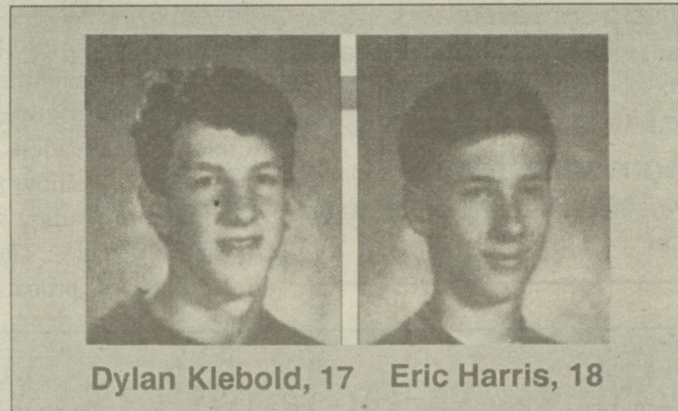
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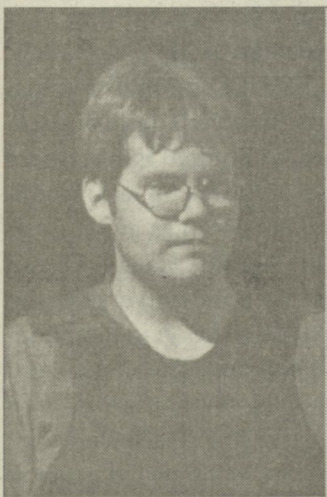


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Dylan Klebold, 17 Eric Harris, 18

## History repeats itself



Luke Woodham, 16 from Pearl, Mississippi on October 1, 1997 after first killing his mother, went to his high school and shot 3 to death and wounded 7.



Michael Carneal, 14 from West Paducah, Kentucky on Dec. 1 1997 shot and killed three students in a prayer meeting at his high school.



Mitchell Johnson, 13 (left) and Andrew Golden, 11, from Jonesboro, Arkansas, on March 24, 1998 set off a fire alarm drawing their classmates and teachers to one place where they opened fire, killing 4 students and a teacher.



Kip Kinkel, 15 from Springfield, Oregon on May 21, 1998 after killing his parents shot 24 classmates at school, which left 2 dead.

—All photos used for this page are courtesy of TIME magazine



# AS this Week

## This Week

Today, April 29

-Junior Class Hungry Hour

Friday, April 30

-SMILE Applications due in UC161 by 5 p.m.

- MEChA Noche de Atole

- Men's Baseball vs. Gonzaga at 12 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

- Hawaiian Luau

- Men's Baseball vs. Gonzaga at 12 p.m.

Sunday, May 2

- RHA Inner-Hall Olympics

Tuesday, May 4

- Honors Convocation

- Men's Baseball vs. Hawaii at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5

- "Varsity Blues" in UC Forum at 8 p.m.

## Student Issues Board Accomplishments

HOLLEE CHAPMAN

Vice President, Student Issues

In order to give students another way to voice their concerns to Student Issues Board, seven Speak Out boxes are placed throughout campus. They are located in the Olin Hall student lounge, in the Vistas Palomar Lounge, on the second floor of Serra Hall, Mission Crossroads, outside the Copley Library entrance, across from the Deli in the University Center, and next to the Founders R.A. Office. These are a few of the resolved issues this past semester.

**Amount of green zones around campus:** In the past few weeks, several yellow zones and student parking spaces have been replaced with green tow-away zones, adding to student frustration with the existing green zones. In response to Student Issues Board's complaints, Public Safety and Facilities Management have agreed to eliminate most of the green zones around campus, leaving a few reserved for specific departments (Telecommunications, Building Maintenance, etc.). Yellow zones will become commercial loading zones for vendors and USD vehicles. The commercial loading zones will probably be open spaces

from 5 pm to 6 am. Fifteen-minute zones will be reserved for students, visitors and faculty. Locations and colors of the zones will be determined by the Parking Committee, which meets at 8 am on Friday, May 7 at 8 am in UC103. The meeting is open to all members of the USD community.

**Speed bumps around campus** After receiving several complaints from students, staff, faculty and visitors about cars not stopping at stop signs, several speed bumps were placed at stop signs near both the east and west entrances of the school. The yellow speed bumps were installed because they are less expensive than the asphalt ones and can be moved if necessary. However, many people feel that the new speed bumps are "too harsh." Nonetheless, now that the yellow speed bumps are beginning to crack, Public Safety has no choice but to replace them. New asphalt speed bumps will probably be put in over the summer.

**Construction on West Point Field: where will sports clubs practice?** When construction begins on the Peace and Justice Center in October 1999, three sports clubs will be forced to find another place to practice. The other fields on campus are frequently used already, so it is unclear what the effects of construction will be. Lights will probably be installed on the Valley Field so that people can use it at night. The Canyon Field (near the Baseball Stadium) will also be renovated so that teams can use it for practice.

**Laundry machines only accept bills greater than \$5:** If students were allowed to use change and \$1 bills, the laundry machines would fill up too quickly and would need to be emptied several times per week. Unfortunately, the company that provides the machines cannot come out that often.

**Students want another study area open until 2 am:** In response to student requests, Aromas will be open until 2 am Sunday, May 16 through Tuesday, May 18. This trial period will help determine whether it will become a regular schedule.

**Students using Faculty/Staff Dining when other dining facilities are closed:** During holidays and breaks, when other dining facilities are closed, students are allowed to use their cash plus in Faculty/Staff Dining (when it

is open). This will help students who do not have cars in San Diego during breaks and holidays.

**Chicken Caesar Sandwich Value Meal:** Students have asked that their favorite Deli sandwich, the Chicken Caesar Sandwich, be offered as a Value Meal (drink and sandwich). Dining Services is reviewing all of their menus and will probably add a Chicken Caesar Value Meal next semester.

**\$5 add/drop and pass/fail fee...unable to select pass/fail by phone:** Students complained about the \$5 add/drop period during the first two weeks of school and the fact that they cannot select the pass/fail option by phone. After sharing these concerns with the Registrar's Office, they agreed to allow students to select the pass/fail option by phone beginning next semester. No \$5 charge will be there through the first week of classes each semester.

**Love and Marriage class credit:** After the Spring 1999 semester, the ever-popular "Love and Marriage" class at State will no longer be transferable to USD. Dr. Colombo, Religious Studies Chair, and Dr. Lazarus, Vice President and Provost, explained that students who have already taken the class at SDSU (through Spring 1999) will be able to transfer their credits to USD.

**No handicap-accessible doors in Copley Library:** The main entrance of Copley Library is not handicap-accessible. Copley Library will be renovated over the summer to include handicap-accessible doors and handicap-friendly desks. The circulation desk also has a lower counter in one corner so that people in wheelchairs can work or check out books at the desk.

**Nondiscrimination policy research:** Still adamant that USD's nondiscrimination policy should include sexual orientation, members of Student Issues Board researched the nondiscrimination policies of 144 private colleges and universities across the United States. Out of those that were Catholic universities, 60 included sexual orientation in their nondiscrimination policies. The schools that did include sexual orientation in their policies were asked if it affected their funding in any way or if they felt it threatened their Catholic identity. All of them said "no" to both questions. The Vice President of Student Issues currently sits on the University Senate's ad-hoc Committee on Harassment, which is responsible for planning the implementation of the new Harassment and Hate Crimes Policies.

## USD Academics Week

KARINA KIRANA

Special to the VISTA

Have you ever stopped to think about how much time your professors put into teaching their classes, writing you recommendations, helping you with additional questions and everything else they do for you? Have you ever stopped and taken the time to drop them a little thank-you note, or let them know how much you appreciate them?

Well, next week you will get a chance to do so. On May 3-7, AS Academic Programming will be sponsoring its annual USD Academics Week. The week will be filled with fun surprises for the faculty and student body. In addition to recognizing the awesome faculty members we have at USD, next week will also be attributed to the hard work that USD students put into academics. Good luck with the rest of the semester, especially finals, and help us celebrate Academics Week! Here is a list of the planned surprises:

*May 3, May 5 & May 6 - Faculty Appreciation Days:* Check your respective lounges today for a special treat from your students!

*Tuesday, May 4 & Friday, May 7 - Student Appreciation Day:* During lunchtime, stop by the front of the UC and grab your free gifts!

*"Take Your Favorite Faculty Members Out to Lunch Week"* - Treat your favorite faculty member to a delicious breakfast/lunch at USD's Main Dining. Come by UC225 and pick up a free ticket for your faculty member. Then, present the ticket to main dining, when you take them out for a bite to eat! This is a great opportunity for you, the student, to spend some time with your professors outside the classroom.

*"Surprise Gift for 4.0 Students"* - You all know who you are. If you have a cumulative GPA of 4.0, stop by UC225 for your fun gift. Please make sure to bring your student ID card with you. This gift is in appreciation for all the hard work you put into your academic life at USD!



# I'm from Littleton...

**KIM INTAGLIATA**  
*Special to the VISTA*

It used to be that I'd have to explain the place where I'm from: Littleton... it's a suburb of Denver, a little south of the city.

But after last Tuesday, I no longer have to explain. Unfortunately, now everyone knows exactly where Littleton is.

Unfortunate... a word way too subdued to explain the tragedy that occurred on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School. I doubt there's anyone in this country that hasn't learned about the school shooting. It seems as if we all have been touched by this tragedy. But for some, the hand that touched was painfully real. And it's doubtful whether or not they'll ever recover from this blow.

These few are the families and friends of the victims, the students at Columbine High and the people of Littleton, who now feel as if the world's at a standstill and they're in the spotlight- but it sure feels like the shadows. Everything just seems so dark these days, it's hard to distinguish the light.

This past week has been an extremely difficult one for me. I'm dealing with feelings and emotions I've never experienced in my life. What happened in Littleton could have happened anywhere. But the fact that it happened in Littleton makes this frighteningly real for myself, and for anyone else connected to the high school.

It's a reality no one should ever have to face. No one. Not ever.

I do not know any of the victims personally. The students I knew who attended Columbine High are all safe. But unfortunately, that hasn't provided me with any peace of mind. It hasn't stopped my nightmares. For the very first time in my entire life, I've begun sleeping with my bedroom door locked shut.

I can sense the sadness in my parents' voices over the phone. I feel the confusion in my little brother, Adam's, voice. He's very quiet these days. One of his best friends is a student at Columbine. My mom tells me that flags are at half-mast every day and prayer services are being held around the clock. Everyone's walking around like zombies. It's like walking around in the aftermath of a tornado. No one knows how to handle this. But who possibly has such strength? How in the world can you "move on" when something like this happens? Everyone's just so torn up inside, they don't know what to do.

I felt that way too. I don't know whether to scream or to cry, so I've been switching off between the two.

When something like this happens, immediately we want someone (or something) to blame. What happened to the parents of those boys? Where were they?



**Heavy artillery:** In order to insure the safety of students at Columbine High school, the FBI called in their SWAT teams. Unfortunately, they came too late to save the lives of twelve students, a member of the Columbine faculty and the two student gunmen who died as a result of the incident. The town of Littleton, Colorado, and much of the nation, have reacted to the incident with questions of why this occurred.

And the teachers? Why didn't they notice? And what about a counselor? Was there someone available who these kids could go to with their frustrations?

Are we to blame guns? How in the world did those boys have access to such an arsenal? Or are we to point the finger at the media for producing images of violence—images that are available to kids at an amazingly young age? Do these images fester in young minds and then later contribute to juvenile delinquency?

What about society itself? What about the patterns which emerge from the horrible string of school shootings that have occurred in the last decade? Why haven't we noticed the similarities?

We're screaming for answers. Perhaps it's because if we had someone or something to blame, it might help us make sense of this senseless violence.

This is not to say that solutions and answers aren't out there. A whole lot of people have a whole lot to say about *why* this happened. There are many complex theories floating around out there. But it seems like the most we can do these days is shrug our shoulders and sadly shake our heads.

Maybe what we need to do isn't so complex and complicated after all. Maybe it's just a matter of *paying closer attention* to each other and to our kids. Life gets so crazy sometimes that it's easy to lose our sensitivity. Hectic schedules and jam-packed calendars make it easy for subtleties to slip right past us.

We (and that means all of us) need to watch our kids. They are our kids. We should know what they're wear-

ing, buying, watching, listening, doing and who they're sharing their time with. And we need to fine-tune our observations to spot things that don't make sense. We need to be more in touch with those around us, especially our children.

Kids, all kids, need to feel loved. Like kangaroos, kids need a pouch to crawl into and hide away from the world, a place where they're safe and sound. They need a place where they feel the warmth and love of someone who's close to them. We need more closeness. We need more guardian angels in this world. Kids must feel love in their lives, and that's a responsibility we must share.

Somewhere along the way something went awry in Littleton, and it ended with horrible consequences. I don't know who or what to blame. I don't know who turned their backs. I don't know how to explain the fact that all of those innocent teenagers are now dead.

What I do know, however, is the heartache I feel every single time I turn on the television, and every single time someone's face drops when my hometown is mentioned. It's way, way, way too real.

This truly is a tragedy.

And it would have been a tragedy had it occurred anywhere, at any high school.

But tragedy is a whole lot easier to deal with when it's not so close to home, and when it doesn't involve people you know and love. My prayers and my heart are with those families harboring this great loss.

And Adam, it's okay. We're all scared too.



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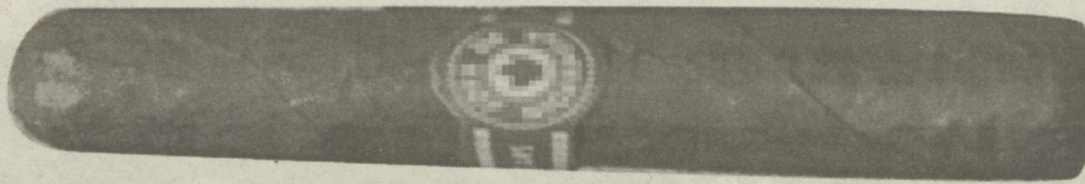
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## ► Facts About Cigars

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- ◆ Cigars contain more than 4,000 chemicals, 200 are poisonous and 43 of them cause cancer
- ◆ Cigar smokers are at risk of developing cancers of the oral cavity, larynx, lung, kidney, colon and rectum

## ► The Second-hand Smoke

- ◆ The second-hand smoke from cigars is more poisonous than the second-hand smoke from cigarettes. In fact, a burning cigar emits up to 25 times the amount of carbon monoxide.
- ◆ It is estimated that 53,000 people die each year from second-hand smoke
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## Public Safety Cracks Down on Hate Crimes

GRETCHEN SCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer

At April 16<sup>th</sup>'s Social Issues Conference "Challenging Homophobia" at the UC, Rana Sampson, director of Public Safety, expressed a commitment to the USD community to stop hate crimes and bias-related incidents.

Hate crimes are committed due to the victim's actual or perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender and sexual orientation and are expressed in physical violence or willful destruction of property.

An example of a hate crime would be vandalism including defacing property with derogatory slurs. Society and USD have laws that protect individuals from hate crimes and laws that punish individuals who commit them.

The problem lies in bias-related incidents, which do not violate the penal code. Bias-related incidents are acts based on the same criteria as above but instead of causing physical damage, people are called by a derogatory slur.

Since bias-related incidents are not illegal no legal action can be taken against them. But USD has an anti-harassment policy, which does protect students from bias-related incidents. According to Sampson, "The University is committed not to tolerate harassment in any form by reason of the race, color, gender, national origin, age, disability or sexual orientation of any person. Violation of this policy will be dealt with by appropriate sanctions, which may include expulsion, suspension, termination, or exclusion from the campus."



Sampson says she wants to know about the bias-related incidences that occur on campus, and she encourages students to take a leadership position to help stop hate crimes and bias-related incidents.

She explained that by tracking the incidents, public safety can measure the climate on campus and develop educational programs as a counter measure to the prejudices found on campus. "Our hope is that if we can stop things at a bias-related stage it won't develop into a hate crime," said Sampson.

It is important that all students get involved to help stop the crimes before they start. In order to really make a difference we need the full support of the campus.

We are stronger in fighting prejudice if we are united. If we don't help each other, if we don't help the person with who needs our help, if we don't do something to stop the violence, if we don't do something to stop the hate, then what does that say about us? Who will be left if we eliminate every minority group?

Minority groups include but are not limited to homosexuals, women, African Americans, Asians, Jewish people, Hawaiians, Irish people, and Hispanics. If we don't take a stand now, then there will be nothing left worth standing for. Respect and teach respect to everyone.

"Don't let your friends do biased or hateful things. If your friends are prejudiced, talk to them about it. When students graduate from here they are going to be working in a multicultural economy and their prejudices will probably set them back.

We have a lot of educational opportunities on campus to educate people of different cultures. Encourage your friends to take advantage of these... We're a university of higher education; members of our community shouldn't let their fear or stereotypes be the way they judge people," concluded Sampson.

Sampson encourages students who know of or have witnessed a hate crime or bias-related incident on campus to report it to Public Safety.

The call can be made anonymously; and students are welcome to call her private line x4703. Also contact Rigo Chavez, the department investigator for hate crimes and bias-related incidents, at x6543.

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# Editorial

## Why do we claim to have laws and logic if we use neither?

OLGA NIKOLIC  
*Special to the VISTA*

March 24, 1999, is a day of infamy. On this day began a massive humanitarian catastrophe. On this day occurred the most blatant avoidance and violation of international law in history. On this day the sovereign state of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was bombed.

First, Article 2(4) of the UN Charter explicitly prohibits use of force against a sovereign state, unless that state committed an act of aggression against another state. In such a case force would be permitted, but the force must *first* be sanctioned by the UN Security Council. Yugoslavia committed no act of aggression against another state. That explains why the US avoided the UN: the desire to bomb Yugoslavia violates the Charter and Russia and China would have vetoed it.

It may be argued that any act that breaches international peace violates the UN Charter. Force would then be permitted to instill peace, but still *requires* Security Council sanctioning. The situation in Yugoslavia would fall under this argument, except that international observers have time and again explained that *no* violations existed by Yugoslav authorities prior to the bombing. Yugoslav authorities legally attempted, as the U.S. does, to restrain a terrorist, separatist Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA or UCK). On the other hand, the KLA is documented as having very guilty hands. Had the U.S. been interested in peace, it would have entered on the side of the Yugoslav government in the early 1980s and especially 1997, when the KLA escalated its armed terrorist, separatist agenda. This is logical since the U.S. for many years marked the KLA as a major drug cartel in Europe, international terrorist organization, separatist group and as garnering funds from terrorist number 1, Osama bin Ladan. In addition, it would seem rational for states nearest the conflict to complain of threats to international peace: not one thousands of miles away. Understandably, no justification existed under the UN Charter in the name of threats to peace, so the U.S. looked to NATO as the means to bomb Yugoslavia.

Second, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was founded with the sole purpose of defending its members against the USSR and Warsaw Pact. No other use of force is sanctioned by the NATO charter. Yugoslavia has not attacked any state, much less a member of NATO. Therefore, the US use of NATO to attack Yugoslavia is in clear violation of the charter.

It may again be argued that international peace is at stake. As proven above, no threat existed. And, even if it had, the UN is the forum to address that issue. NATO is limited in its members: Yugoslavia is not one. For example, the UN negotiated peace in Bosnia. Therefore, the idea that NATO is capable or even justified in attacking Yugoslavia is wrong in and of itself.

Third, the Rambouillet "agreement" is a violation of the 1980 Vienna Convention of the Law of Treaties. This Convention forbids coercion and force to compel a state to sign a treaty or agreement. Yugoslavia was *told* to sign under threat of bombs.

Fourth, the "agreement" was actually an ultimatum. A final draft was put on the table by the US to be signed by the recognized Albanian representative, Rugova, and the Yugoslav President, Milosevic. In addition, there were two Rambouillet papers. The first even Rugova did not sign. The second was signed by the KLA, the illegitimate representative brought to the table, by the US. Neither paper was negotiated, so Milosevic did not sign either. It must be noted that Yugoslavia did agree to the first condition to grant Kosovo autonomy. It rejected the second and third conditions that NATO will station 30,000 ground troops in Yugoslavia and conduct a referendum for Kosovo's independence immediately or within three years. The conditions were rejected because they violate Yugoslavia's sovereignty and independence. Bombing was immediately undertaken, without even feigning diplomacy.

Fifth, the Helsinki Accords Final Act of 1975 was violated by the U.S. ultimatum. This act guarantees the territorial boundaries of states in Europe. Rambouillet would have forced either the independence of Kosovo under an Albanian government immediately following signing, or independence following a three-year occupation of Kosovo by NATO. No sovereign state can be forced to allow occupation by a hostile force, as the U.S./NATO is in this situation, nor can it be mandated to allow division of its boundaries under non-negotiated terms.

With the above being understood, the bombing of Yugoslavia is a legal absurdity. It is especially so in the name of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. U.S. actions are an insult to the men and women who died to have international laws embedded in our system of world peace.

Legal arguments being nonexistent, the issue turns to the "humanitarian" aspect. It must first be rationalized that for there to be a reason to solve a problem under the given premise, the problem and reason must exist prior to the reaction. A reason is not the after effect of a "solution." As shown above, there were no legal justifications for the bombing. And, as will be proven below, no humanitarian justification existed prior to the bombing either.

The word "genocide" has been perverted by the U.S. in an effort to confuse the U.S. public and justify the bombing. The act of genocide is based on Article II of the 1948 Genocide Convention. Genocide is the intent to destroy national, ethnic, racial or religious group. This can be done to a group by directly killing, causing serious mental or bodily harm, deliberately inflicting conditions to physically destroy, impose measures to

prevent births; or forcibly transfer children of one group to another. Within the area of Kosovo in Yugoslavia, these acts were NOT committed by the Yugoslav national army, police or other government-sanctioned organization prior to the bombing. As the OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) documented, the KLA was carrying out genocide against those opposed to its separatist moves, including Albanians and other non-Serbs. If the U.S. wanted to stop genocide, it would have attacked KLA centers, rather than Yugoslav cities hundreds of miles from Kosovo.

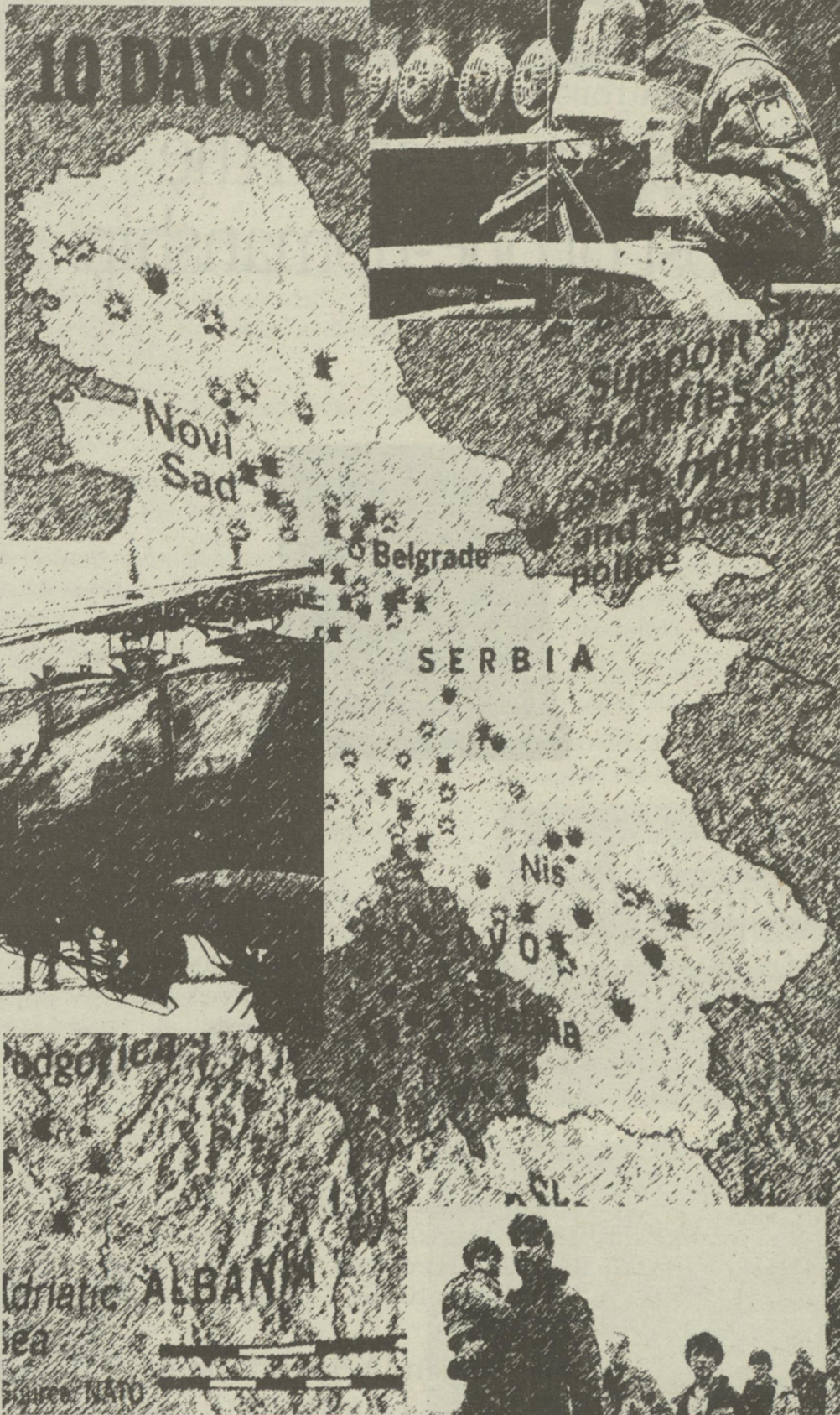
It can logically be understood that there existed no humanitarian reason prior to the bombing. It is clear that without the bombing, the current humanitarian crisis likely would *not* exist. Had the Yugoslav government not wanted Albanians within Yugoslavia, the mass waves of refugees would have happened years ago, not immediately after the first bomb fell.

All this being said, the problem still exists that the U.S. is involved in a situation it has only exacerbated. The U.S. is so concerned about the "Serb propaganda machine" that it bombed a completely civilian target: SerbTV. The Yugoslav government has not taken CNN, C-Span, SkyTV or other western stations from Yugoslav airwaves. Yugoslavs watched these stations before the war and continue to do so now. They are well aware of what is out there. It is more questionable how Amanpour, married to James Rubin (DC Spokesman), made a fortune in Muslim money while working for CNN in Bosnia. Also, since this "operation," there is a timely showing of military training videos and censoring of international broadcasts from TV schedules.

The U.S. continually attempts to incite public outrage against the Serbs to justify bombing a sovereign state. This is mainly attempted by the demonization of Serbs as a people and Milosevic as the Yugoslav president. As a State Department official stated, "the demonization of Milosevic is necessary to maintain the air attacks." (S.F. Chronicle, March 30, 1999). Accusations of concentration camps are made. When the public asks for proof, the accusations end. Accusations of "rapes" are made. When proof is sought, organizations on the borders refute these lies and the statements disappear. Accusations of mass graves are made. When the public asks for proof, it is shown what was later proven to be an individual grave multiplied or satellite pictures no one understands so the explanation is taken at face value. As was learned in the Persian Gulf, Bosnia and elsewhere, pictures and the U.S. government do lie. The U.S. tells us to worry that Yugoslavia will use chemical weapons. This is likely to cover that the U.S. is using depleted uranium, the main contributor to "Gulf War Syndrome," in Yu-



goslavia. The U.S. only told its public on April 19 to "not be surprised" if U.S. casualties become known. Even the Greek paper Athinaiki confirmed with NATO on April 7, 1999, that current NATO losses are 88 dead or missing (44 American, 11 German, 7 British, 18 miscellaneous nationalities) and 32 aircraft downed. The U.S. does not confirm that it hit a convoy of refugees. It took five days to "put together" a video of the "incident." The U.S. does not explain why a pilot struck, *twice*, a passenger train. It took two days and a rebuttal of the audio tape from the plane to "put together" an analysis of the "incident." The US considers bombing an entire village into oblivion "collateral



Kosovo (stated on AM670 by a U.S. General who retired rather than resigned, so did not sign the paper). Yet, the U.S. finds it difficult to understand that people would flee bombs falling on their heads.

If we are to believe that every state in the world has vastly different information than the US, we must conclude that an international conspiracy exists against the US. In addition, the *mass* international public and political protests should be put in perspective. No one protested the war against Hitler. The entire world, especially NATO states, is protesting the "operation" against Yugoslavia. The only ones who continue to support the annihilation of a sovereign state: people desperate for tearing Kosovo from Serbia, politicians looking for "legacies," corporations for which war is beneficial (e.g. GE which supplies electronics for the military and owns NBC), people captured by U.S. propaganda, and those who find a need to support the U.S. regardless of legal, moral, historical, rational, ethical, international, logical or human justification.

Maybe we should abide by the laws we fight to adopt. Maybe we should use the logic we supposedly have as developed beings and see the big picture. Maybe we should rationalize and become educated before we condemn. Maybe we should stand up for *humanity*. Maybe we should stop before we shoot ourselves. We are already shooting people who *never* fired at us, people who were the first to stand against Hitler, people who died to protect us, to whom Madeline Albright and over 500 U.S. pilots directly owe their lives. We should without question and hesitation be *furious* with our government. We should join the many in public demand to *stop the bombing*. We should work for world peace rather than world domination.

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damage," a "mistaken bomb." All these people would be alive if not for the bombing.

The U.S. media has intentionally created misconceptions for the American public. Granted, much is explained since Rudder & Finn Advertising was hired by the Muslims to generate propaganda about Kosovo as it was during the war in Bosnia. The U.S. does not comment on why tens of thousands of Albanian refugees are in Serbia and Montenegro. The U.S. does not explain why in one day and upon careful calculation, there were over 2.5 million refugees, when the most generous ground accounts are not even at 500,000...in a total population of less than 2 million in an area 3/4 the size of Connecticut. The U.S. does not explain that most Albanians in Kosovo are not legal citizens and that is why they have no "papers."

The U.S. does not find it odd that a people who inhabited a territory for less than 50 years, illegally for the most part, have a right to terrorize the existing population into separation. The U.S. does not find it odd that people who have walked for two days with nothing but the clothes on their backs and are being filmed as they "cross the border," are wearing white with no dirt on their bodies. The U.S. does not won-

der why an 8-year-old speaks perfect English for the TV cameras, when most Albanians barely speak coherent Albanian. The U.S. does not find it necessary to explain that only the KLA is sought out by Yugoslav authorities. The U.S. does not explain why many U.S. Generals resigned citing U.S. action in Kosovo as the reason. These men were forced to sign statements agreeing to loss of benefits if they say anything against the U.S. action in





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That's it, I'm fed up. No really this time I mean it. I am convinced that everything adults have ever taught me is wrong. First up, studying. I can't even begin to count how many times I've had people tell me that "practice makes perfect." It's a load of crap, either you know it or you don't; you've got the touch or you suck. A few weeks ago, when I was having that horrible week (that some of you might have read about), I rolled out of bed, barely made it to class on time and upon arriving, discovered that we had a Spanish test that I was completely unprepared for. When I got my grade back, all I wanted was to have not flunked. I got a B-, one of the best grades in the class. Then last week we had another test and this time I actually studied for it, thinking if I can get a B- without studying, I should be able to get an A. I got my test back this week with a C-. Remind me why I'm supposed to study.

Then there's my religion class. I go to class late, spend the entire time drawing pictures or writing notes to my friends and checking my pulse every few minutes to make sure I haven't been bored to death. Yet somehow I continue to pull off an A- in the class, whereas my friends who actually enjoy the class and find it interesting are drowning. What am I supposed to learn from all this?

My second complaint—relationships. Whoever said that nothing good ever came out of a relationship started in Tijuana, knows nothing about relationships. Two of my friends have been together since they hooked up in Tijuana during O-week of their freshmen year. Then this weekend out of nowhere a bunch of my friends decided to play tongue tag. There is just something about warm weather that makes everyone want to get naked. Anyway the couple that barely knew each other before they hooked up in

Tijuana seem to be working things out, while the ones who had been friends for a while before the incident are barely talking. So I'm thinking if you really only like his personality, forget it and go for his friend with the cute dimples.

Lastly, there's no such thing as fighting fair. We apologized, we listened, we discussed and we cried to no avail. Things just weren't working out. No one wants a friend who will easily admit that everything is his or her fault—it's too wimpy. So finally I yelled, I screamed, I pounded my fists, I pulled out all of the cords from the T.V. and acted with all of the maturity of a five-year-old. Not only did it make me feel better, but also people started listening, problems got resolved and people started to be friends. So screw maturity. People don't have to bribe you to shut up when you're mature.

I think these are all conspiracies thought up by people who are so scared of breaking out of their shells that they have to come up with rules to make themselves look pure and studious. Seriously, you can't help but feel sorry for someone who studies all day long and still gets bad grades. Or if you want to ruin someone else's fun, try mentioning how long you have been studying for the test so that they get nervous and try to cram at the last minute thinking the test is going to be horrible. Then when they do really bad on the test because they were too worried to get any sleep, you can really rub it in by telling them they should have studied more instead of having fun. There are two kinds of people in this world, those who know they are immature and can yell freely at the top of their lungs and those who are so immature that they don't realize how immature it is to compete with other people by trying to be more mature than they are. One guess as to which group I'm in. \*\$#^%@!

### Quote Overheard on Campus:

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## Waiting for the envelope

MARGIE PIERCE

Offbeat Editor

### Interview Horrors: Part Two

Okay so I thought that was bad, but that was before I went to the O-Team group interview and the VISTA Editor in Chief interview. I thought I bombed the RA interview, but at least I don't see any of the R.D.s enough to be embarrassed about it. In the last two interviews I went to, I knew everyone in the room, which should have made me feel comfortable, except that I realized that they might remember what I said afterwards. At the end of the O-Team interview they asked us to say something about ourselves so that they can remember us. I wanted to say "Hey, I wrote my article for the week, I've reached my maximum capacity for creativity." I didn't want to admit this though, so I said the first thing that popped into my mind: I flunked an open book test in third grade and lied about it to my parents. I mean what is that? It's not like it's Catholic schoolgirl confession time.

Nothing compares to the VISTA Editor in Chief interview. I think it might have had something to do with the skirt I was wearing. Nothing can make you feel more like a wimp than floral clothing. The first thing I did after that interview was go put on a worn pair of jeans and a baggy T-shirt.

That didn't come until later. I had to sit down at the

end of a long table, which just seemed to get bigger and bigger as the questions came shooting at me. What ever happened to the round table where everyone felt equal? No, it had to be a rectangle table, so it was just me against the world. I felt like I should have had a sword, or some karate moves to get me through that one. Instead I just had my quick wit and charming personality to answer the questions. Unfortunately, as soon as I crossed the threshold into unfriendly territory, even those bailed on me. So when I was asked what I would improve on the VISTA if I was Editor in Chief, I promptly went around the table one by one and personally insulted each and every person there. They even gave me a way out, a chance to get in some heavy brown nosing, when they asked me, "What do you like about the VISTA?" Not a good time for my mind to go completely blank—Offbeat. You know, Offbeat is a really fantastic section, I think we should just make the entire paper one big huge section of Offbeat.

Then there is the test of truth when the faculty-advisor asked, "What role do you think the faculty-advisor should assume for the VISTA?" What faculty-advisor? We have a faculty-advisor? I knew I should have studied for this interview! He, he, just kidding, believe me,

Offbeat Editors are extremely aware of the omnipresent faculty-advisors. I mean, who do you think I blame when I don't want to put an article in? Okay, okay don't hurt me. Which brings me to the other thing that I dread about interviews—that silence—that huge pause between questions while the interviewers decide what to ask next. After awhile, I just kept repeating myself a thousand times to avoid having to sit there under the watchful eye of the fifty billion people in the room. As long as I keep talking, no one is asking me a question that I might not have the answer for. Finally the interview is all over, you are in your own clothes again, you don't have to worry about it anymore, the stress is over. Right? Ha, ha, ha, little do you know my pretty...There's still **The Envelope**. Drum roll please! And the winner is.....? Hey if I have to wait to find out, you should have to suffer a little too.

A sure sign of rejection is when you talk to your friends on the committee that decides whether you get the position or not and they all pretend like they don't know you. That and when you open the envelope, the letter starts off by telling you what a great person you are, "Dear Margie, We think you're really swell, but..."

## Now that's Offbeat!

You asked for it, now you have it. Every week people give me suggestions about what I should appear in my next article of Offbeat, so ten bribes later, I've decided to give in. Here it is: Offbeat's official list of what is *HOT* and what is *NOT* at USD.

**HOT:** Cafeteria sculptures: From shaping ice milk and Lucky Charms into the shape of your Religion professor's face to potato and sausage models of the male anatomy. Who will be the next to take a bite out of art?

**NOT:** Britney Spears. A seventeen-year-old with a boob job? It was bad enough she was underage, but now she's got silicon—Mike is not happy.

**NOT:** Standing in line for nachos for two innings during a Padres game and people who give me dirty looks when I'm cheering for my team.

**NOT:** Writing your phone number on all the napkins in the caf, so that when the guys who eat outside borrow napkins for their table they receive the not-so-subliminal messages. It was a great idea, but I keep getting calls asking if I deliver.

**HOT:** Five guys serenading your friends outside your door. Even Mr. Rogers wasn't that neighborly.

**HOT:** Offbeat fashion tips: I actually convinced a guy to buy a pair of jeans, telling him it will get him chicks. Now weeks later, he's still dating the girl he went out with on the day he bought the jeans. Coincidence? I think not. Need fashion advice? Come talk to the pro.





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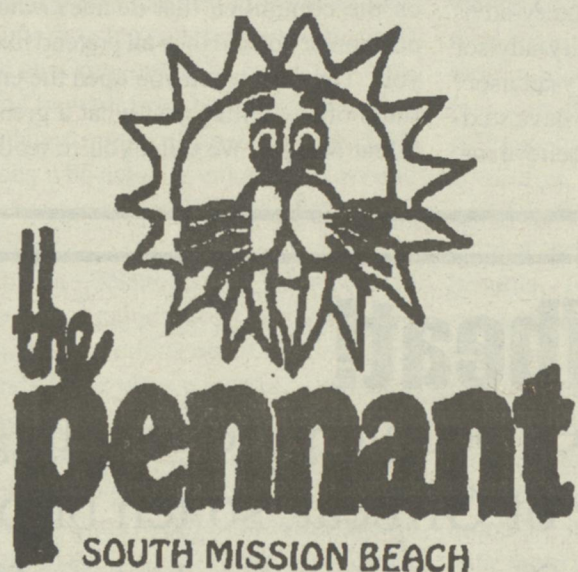
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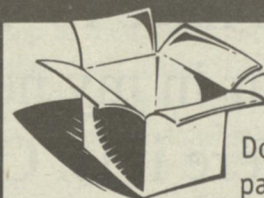
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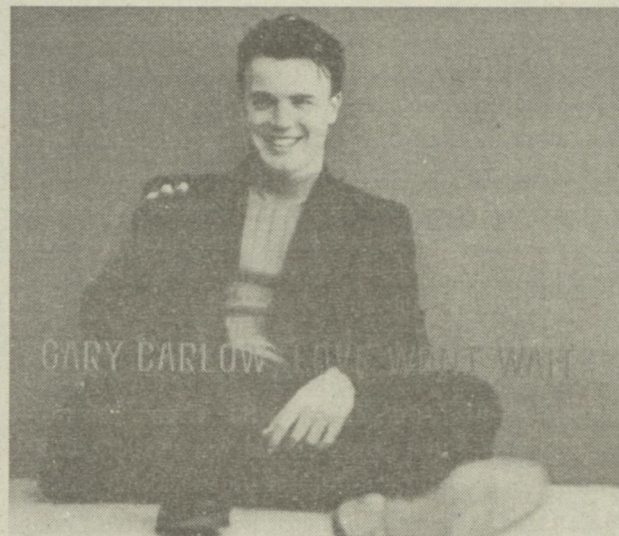
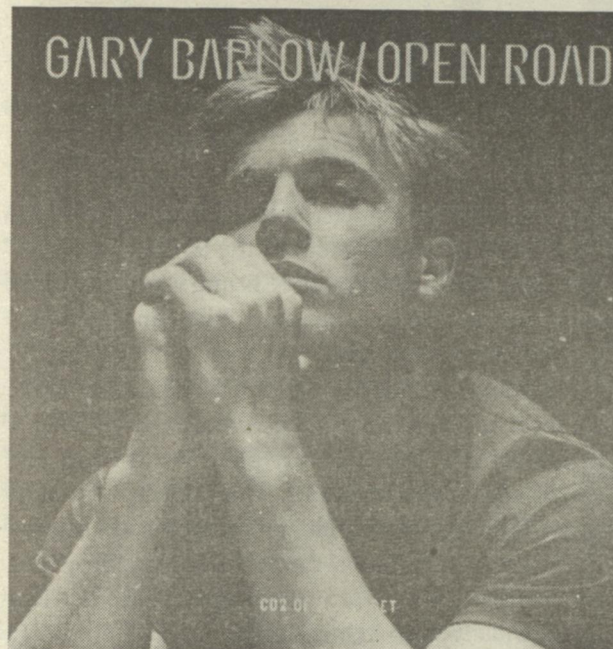


Zen mind is not Zen mind. That is, if you are attached to Zen mind, then you have a problem, and your way is very narrow. Throwing away Zen mind is correct Zen mind. Only keep the question, "What is the best way of helping other people?"

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Entertainment and News Around San Diego



## Pretty Boy Pop makes it bigger

RODEL DIVINA

News Editor

Thanks to the Spice Girls' and the Backstreet Boys' single-handed effort in resurrecting the once waning bubble gum pop music genre, many former boyband teen idols from the '80s and early '90s — like ex-NKOTB members Joey McIntire and Jordan Knight — are sprouting out from the has-been woodwork and hoping to make the impossible comeback.

But one talented artist, who also performed to the frenzied adulation of millions of teen females, should shine above these pop culture reincarnations who are hoping to go serious.

His name is Gary Barlow, the former lead singer of the teenybop supergroup Take That, a major act in the U.K., the rest of Europe and Asia.

Clearly showing a maturity and depth of feeling beyond his years, the 28-year-old singer and songwriter demonstrates his potential as a successful solo artist on *Open Road*. The album shows a diversity of musical styles, many acoustic-based tracks, a few haunting ballads and some scintillating up-tempo dance numbers.

Undoubtedly, you have heard Take That's only U.S. hit, "Back For Good," on which Gary wrote and sang lead vocals. The album does feature a live, emotionally charged version of "Back For Good," but that is far from the highlight of the CD.

The powerful ballad, "I Fall So Deep," sets the tone of the album, showing off Gary's broad octave range. The guitar riffs, which accompany the U.K. native's solid voice and sweet demeanor, only convince the listener to ask for more.

On the title track, "Open Road," Gary's brilliant songwriting ability are showcased in all its glory. A song that he wrote at the young age of 16, "Open Road" reveals Gary's journey through life without being "drowned in my own autocratic ways." With background singers crooning at the most precise moments and with the tempo changing unexpectedly without sounding erratic, this is perhaps the best song on Gary's debut album.

The pace of *Open Road* picks up on "Love Won't Wait," a dance track especially written and produced for Gary by entertainment icon Madonna. It is a tale of a lover tired of waiting for the relationship to advance to the next level ("Time never waited for anyone/Don't wait too long/Or I'll be gone"), and Gary really sounds sincere.

"Superhero," which is another funk-lite beat, renders Gary as an artist who has arrived. Striking a perfect balance between the soft and exciting moments, "Superhero" is a catchy and contagious ditty complete with a plethora of soulful chirpy female supporting vocals swelling to symphony proportions.

What album would not be complete without covers? Gary delivers the goods on "So Help Me Girl," a pensive ballad that was a

1995 country hit for Joe Diffie. With raw emotion accentuating his vocals, "So Help Me Girl" is more than just a love song — it's an anthem for the brokenhearted.

Then there's also Johnny Bristol's old '70s classic "Hang On In There Baby," a tune that Gary performs with great soul as well as jazz.

Despite his noticeably grown-up sound, most reminiscent of fellow Brit George Michael, Gary doesn't want to distance himself from the fans of Take That, who sold 12 million albums worldwide during the first half of the '90s, or the new generation of fans hyping 'N Sync and Britney Spears. That's why he chose to record "Lay Down For Love," which was written and produced by one of the Spice Girls' producers.

"I think if you get too serious about it," Gary says, "that's when it could go all wrong because at the end of the day, this is a temporary thing for most of us."

With such heavyweight producer names as David "Whitney" Foster, Diane "Celine" Warren, Max "Backstreet Boys" Martin, Walter "Mariah" Afanasieff and Madonna lending their support on Gary's first outing, this CD is a must for your collection.

"Sometimes when someone comes up for an autograph, their eyes light up," Gary explains. "If my album can do that for somebody — if someone has a crap day at the office, then takes the album home, listens to and enjoys it, that's what it's all about."



# Food for thought

## The Cheesecake Factory

**LUIS DAU**  
Staff Writer

I have an awesome restaurant lined up for you today. I guarantee that it will make your taste-buds scream for joy. The restaurant is called the Cheesecake Factory. A lot of you have probably been there already so there's a lot of myth floating around.

Opening recently in Fashion Valley, the success of the restaurant has been so great, that waiting time can be sometimes as long as two hours. They do not make reservations, so there's no way around the wait. Still, the food, service and decorum easily compensate for fifty minutes of begging for a table.

The interior decoration of the Factory is quite unique and striking. It is adorned with golden Greco/Roman columns and vivid colors. I can only describe the decoration as a modernist conception of classical art. I could dedicate pages and pages to try to describe

it, but I think I would not be able to do it justice. You'll just see what I mean when you go there.

The food was the best part about the restaurant. Actually, I take that back. The best part were the beautiful waitresses. The second best part, then, was the food. They have a huge menu, which can be a bit intimidating. When they laid that brick of a menu on our table and we were starting to flip through it, the first thing we noticed was all of the publicity. The menus actually had full page color ads, which is something I had never seen before. Those creative marketing people always find new ways to sell us stuff.

After that, we started looking through the fifteen pages packed with text. The main sections are appetizers, salads, pizza, specialties, seafood and steaks, pastas, sandwiches, omelets, drinks, cheesecakes (of course), desserts and Sunday Brunch. They offer more appetizers than fit on a page. Specialties include burgers and several dishes inspired in Eastern Asian and Latin American cuisine.

I went to the restaurant with a large group so we ordered several appetizers. I was also able to taste several different dishes as I let my dining companions know how important it was to let me try every-

thing so I could include it on my review. You see? Being a restaurant reviewer has its benefits. Concerning the appetizers, all I can tell you is that they were all delicious. Let me just give you a few examples of what we had:

My favorite appetizer was the Avocado Eggroll plate which cost \$7.50. It contained avocado, sun-dried tomatoes, red onion and cilantro served deep fried in a Chinese wrapper with a side dipping sauce of Tamarind-Cashew.

The only thing I didn't like that we ordered, now that I remember, was the Fire-Roasted Fresh Artichoke appetizer (\$6.75). I believe that it was not cooked long

plant sandwich was quite a small portion. Determined to eat a lot that day, I opted for the latter.

The Bang-Bang Chicken and Shrimp was served with "the flavors of curry, peanut, chile, and coconut. Sautéed with vegetables and served over rice." Doesn't that just sound awesome? Who ever wrote that menu obviously has quite a creative way to make people hungry. Anyway, my plate was \$14.95 and believe me, it was worth it. The portion was enormous. So large that I could not finish it and I usually eat too much. Of course, the problem may have been that we ordered one too many appetizers, but that would endanger my reputation as an excellent judge

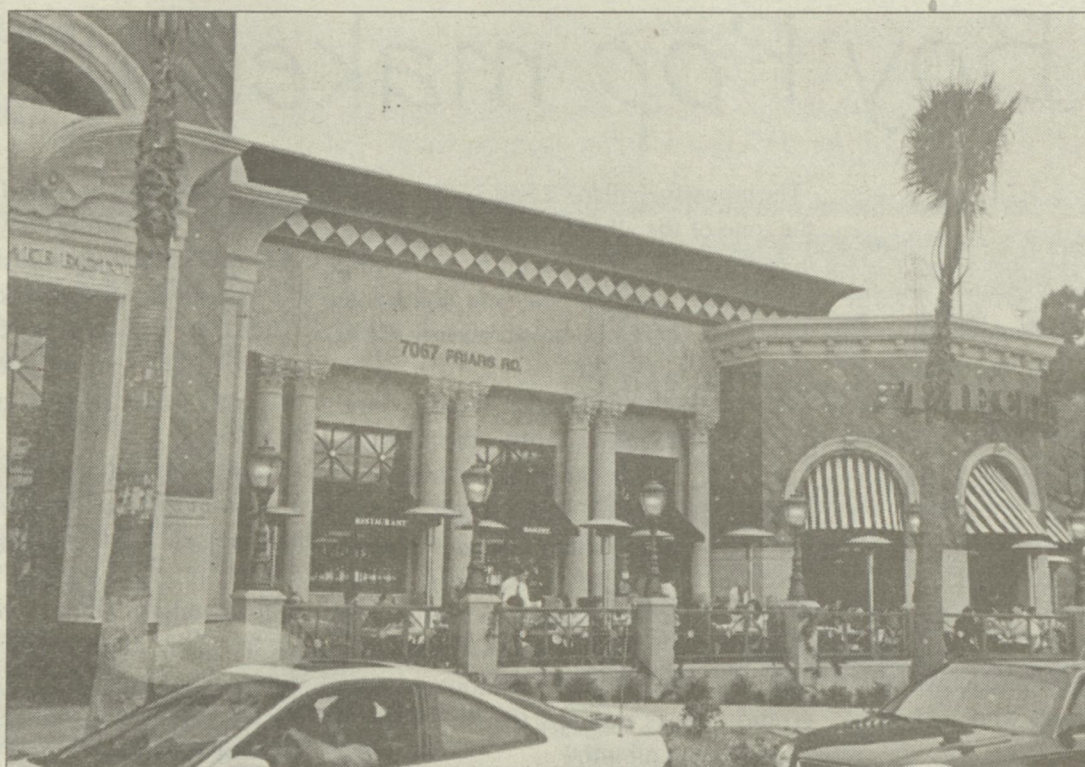
of the correct amount to order at every meal. In any case, having Bang-Bang Chicken and Shrimp for breakfast the next morning was not a bad thing. You may end up doing the same thing if you go to the Cheesecake Factory and try to order items from more than one section on the menu.

Finally, we ordered Craig's Crazy Carrot Cake Cheesecake for \$6.50. That was just one of the thirty-six kinds of cheesecakes that they offer and it was delicious. They even have Lite Cheesecake, with half of the fat and a third of the calories. As you can see, the Cheesecake Factory has so many varieties of plates, that it can please even the most demanding taste-buds. It can be a bit expensive, depending on what you order, but I believe that the food, ambiance and service are so good that it is worth it to go.

The biggest problem I found with the Cheesecake Factory is their

waiting time. One and a half hours just seems like an excessive amount of time to wait for even the best food in town. That is how much time my party and I had to wait for a table. We were seriously considering going elsewhere or perhaps going across the street to the Crocodile Cafe. Nevertheless, we decided to stay so that I would be able to bring you this restaurant review.

If you don't like long waits at restaurants, I recommend that you wait until the excitement about this new restaurant quiets down a bit. That should take about a year, probably. Of course, if they start allowing reservations to be made, you could go much sooner. On the other hand, if you don't mind waiting, I really recommend the Cheesecake Factory.



Paulina Westerlind

**Lots 'o' cheese:** The Cheesecake Factory is a popular destination for people with opposable thumbs

enough since the leaves were determined to remain solidly bound to the core of the artichoke. It was even hard to cut them off with a steak knife. We considered saying something to the waitress, but we figured that it might be an exotic foreign recipe and we just didn't want to make trouble.

When the time came to decide what my main dish would be, I was involved in a deep and excruciatingly difficult debate about what to order with yours truly. On the one hand, The Incredible Grilled Eggplant Sandwich (\$8.95) sounded too good to be true. On the other hand, the Bang-Bang Chicken and Shrimp, inspired from Thai cuisine, just made my mouth water irresistibly for curry. Still, the latter did not win the gastrointestinal argument until the waitress let me know that the egg-



# Not worth more than \$1.09

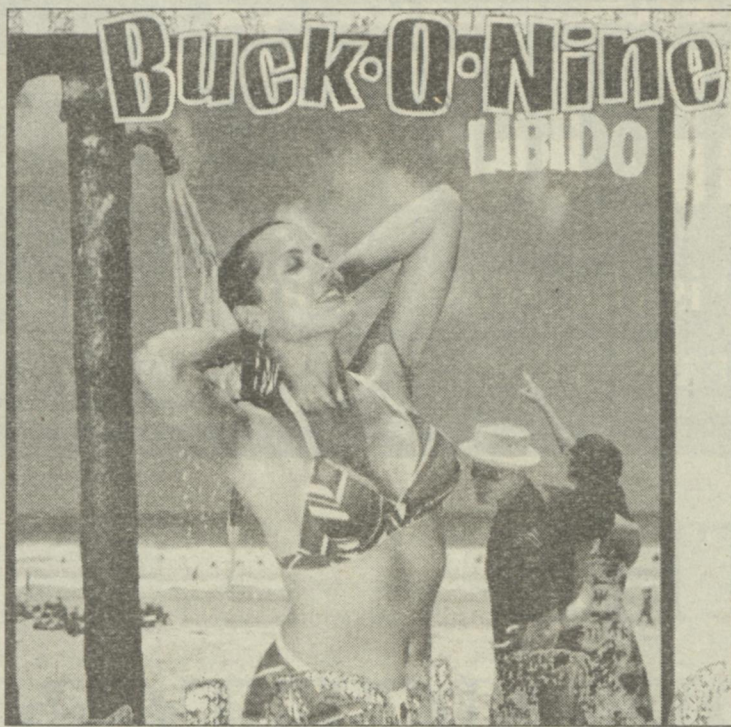
CHRIS BRANSON

Staff Writer

Four years have passed since I walked from the Valley to that mecca of high school sophomores perpetually jingling due to excessive metallic studs in their black garb and body piercings that would make circus personnel feel at home. The place is Soma, illuminated by black lights and decorated with contorted murals and security guards that I still see grazing at West Point Field sometimes.

The ambiance was tense: eyes trembled around making certain that everyone else's nose ring was attached in the same place as their own and that no one would notice that their black boots were really Timberlands. The band we were prepared to see was local to San Diego. I listened with an open mind. I must admit that I mainly recall the small teenagers being tossed into walls and the ceiling as they crowd surfed close to the stage and learned how sober men react to indigestion.

I also remember the music, but only to the rhythm of soaring bodies that would inspire any trapeze artist or those fortunate enough to be propelled out of a cannon and get paid for it. The music was unique. It sounded like punk: fast drums, five notes perfected by a rhythm guitar and a bass that tried to keep up. What was different was the blaring of horns: a trumpet, saxophone and trombone to be exact. I wonder to this day why no one thought of this before.



Maybe grunge rock would still be viable if they added a trumpet to their guitar driven repertoire. The mixture of reggae, punk, and big band ruffled my ears right, proving me a fan of this new scene referred to as Ska.

Buck O' Nine's latest release, *Libido*, is another reason why my love for their music genre has run dry four years after my first taste of California culture. Something can stay unique only once. Unfortunately, the

members of Buck O' Nine do not understand the concepts of change and development. Track eleven, "All Alone," chimes: "Is it me or is your mind getting hollow?/ In need of leading and you need to be my follow/ How we were that summer/ Instead you seem much older now/ Instead you treat me colder now." I guess it's not bad but the song sounds like every other number on the disc as well as all of their prior songs in their career. I actually caught myself singing "My Town," that radio friendly ditty that gave Buck O' Nine the notoriety they have today, at the intro of eight of their thirteen songs. The other five songs brought expectations of Gwen Stefani's wail, but Jon, the lead singer, does not have her voice; the difference between No Doubt and Buck O' Nine.

*Libido* is very well produced, having the packaging of a monster hit. Many will buy the album just for the cover art or the fact that they are local. If released two or three years ago when Ska was being discovered nationally, Buck O' Nine's *Libido* would be very successful. This is not 1996, however, and in 1999 Ska has been tempered by the nostalgia of bands like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Brian Setzer Orchestra whose melodic swing music is preferred today over the loud push of horn driven punk. For the steadfast Ska enthusiast, *Libido* is worthy of a listen to. For the rest of us, I guess we have to keep our fingers on the scan button of our car radios hoping for something new.

## Petty peddles his wares

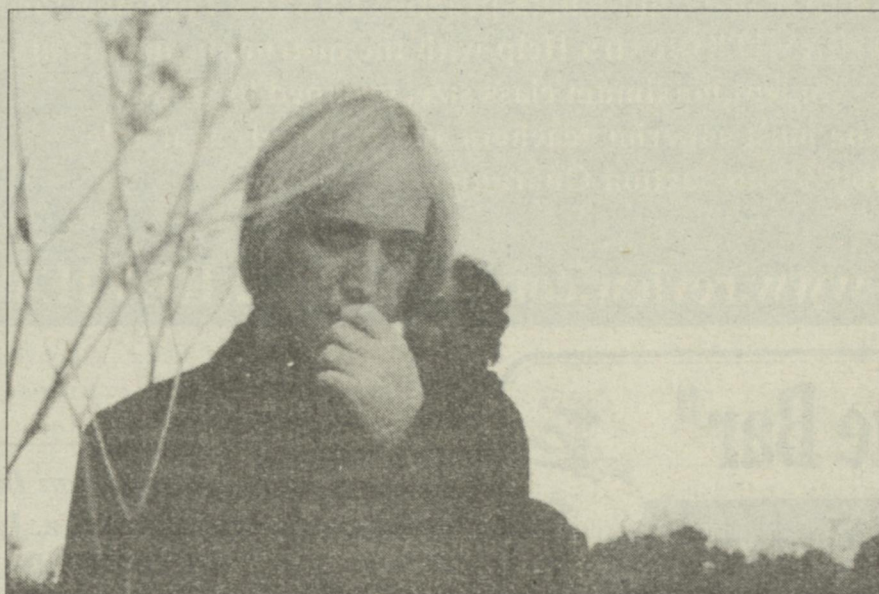
JENNA CASTRIGIOVANNI

Staff Writer

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers have the classic sound that has kept them on top of the ever-changing music scene for longer than many of us have walked the earth.

From his early hit "Don't Come Around Here No More" to the more recent "Last Dance With Mary Jane," Tom Petty's distinctive sound has transcended several decades of musical style, a feat quite rare in the music industry these days. His music has left an impression in the film industry as well. Who can listen to "American Girl" without thinking about *The Silence of the Lambs*? Even his music videos are incredibly creative.

Unfortunately, at times Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers new musical endeavor, *Echo* may be too much of a good thing. The album is aptly named with many of the tracks such as "Won't Last Long," "I Don't Wanna Fight," "This one's for Me" and "One More Day, One More Night" sound very similar and the lyrics repeat over and over. Kind of like well, an



echo. The majority of the tracks are short lived and once you get the groove the song is over. This isn't too characteristic of the Tom Petty, but it seems to be a re-occurring theme on *Echo*.

However, *Echo* is not without its positive characteristics. The first track "Room at the Top" is the best song on the album, followed by "Rhino Skin" which has

funky lyrics, a great beat and a powerful message about the need to have a tough exterior to succeed in the world. The fifth track, "Swingin'," is traditional Petty with the lazy sound of the harmonica at the start, then quickly switches to a charismatic medley of guitar and drums.

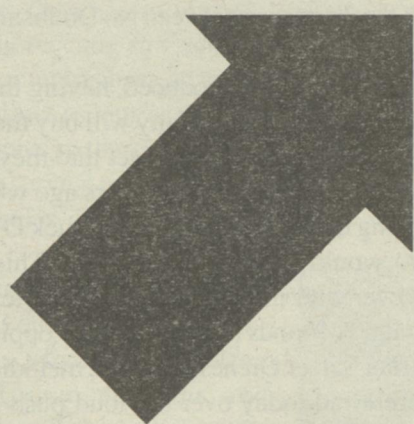
The title track, "Echo" is a sorrowful ballad that complains of love lost and compares the loneliness to the sound of an echo. "Billy the Kid" is another which deserves praise. The rhythm is constant and flows along with the lyrics with a creative Tom Petty style.

After I listened to the album for a second time, I found that the songs that I first liked sounded even better the second time. But there were several I would eliminate from the line up such as "No More," which is quite Dylanesque, and "About to Give Out." For the most part, *Echo* is worth checking out. Like most of Tom Petty's albums there is something here for music enthusiasts of all kinds and perhaps this unique style is what has kept Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers as major players on the scene.



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# small thoughts

CHRIS WEERTS  
Associate Editor

The sports world has lost three of its greatest stars within the last four months.

Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky are the best players to ever lace up the shoes (or skates for that matter) in their respective sports. John Elway is arguably the best quarterback ever in the NFL.

This is a setback that the sporting world could not have bounced back from in the past. But now sports are much different than they ever were.

Many people have criticized the vast expansion and free agency that the major sports have gone through, claiming that it significantly depletes their respective talent pools. What it has actually done is given more people a chance to showcase their talents and given more cities the opportunity to support a team.

Jordan was the first to retire, and the NBA thought that between his retirement and the lockout they would never bounce back.

They found that these two things were actually catalysts for one of the most exciting seasons in recent history. This in no way means that Jordan was bad for the league.

He has accomplished things that few in his sport ever have. He is probably the most clutch performer in the NBA's history and the one player that could completely dominate a game—not because of his size advantage, but because his skill far surpassed what anyone had ever seen.

Gretzky announced his retirement about two weeks ago. He was one of the greatest ambassadors of professional sports ever, a title shared only by legend Mohammed Ali.

He revolutionized hockey by establishing an area behind the opponent's net known as his "office." He scored more goals, points and had more hat tricks than anyone in the his-

tory of the sport.

He brought hockey to prominence on the West Coast. Once he was with the Kings, franchises popped up in Anaheim and San Jose because the NHL knew that the sport had gained enough popularity on the West Coast that these new franchises would flourish in the NHL. They were right. Both the Ducks and Sharks are in the playoffs this season.

Elway is the most recent to "hang 'em up," so to speak, and the football world is saddened by the loss of the comeback kid. He has engineered more fourth quarter comebacks in big games than most quarterbacks have ever played. He is second to only Dan Marino in career passing yards and third behind only Marino and Fran Tarkenton in total touchdown passes thrown.

He is also doing something that the majority of other great quarterbacks failed to do: he is going out while he is on top of his game.

Most other great quarterbacks stayed in the league long after their best years were behind them.

These three athletes have set standards for greatness that may never be equaled by anyone else.

They have been class acts for their entire careers, and have played major roles in moving their sports to the next level of popularity in the eyes of the fans.

They all have clean records and have been great role models that the young fans can look up to.

They carry themselves with a great deal of dignity, and know how lucky they are to have achieved the success that few will ever have a chance to experience.

As a fan, I thank them for the memories. As a man, I respect all that they have done.

Michael, Wayne and John have left their marks on the sports world and fans' hearts everywhere.

# Sports

## Pepperdine first, USD second at WCC Tennis Championships

### Toreros await word on a possible NCAA Tournament invite

JEANETTE FINETE  
Sports Editor

After three days of the West Coast Conference Championships, the University of San Diego women's and men's tennis teams lost to Pepperdine, positioning them in second place.

The women's team, currently ranked No. 24 in the nation with a record of 13-10, lost the title match to the Waves with a score of 2-7.

The victories came from freshman Katarina Valkyova and sophomore Krista Manning, who won their singles matches.

In the beginning of the season, I didn't expect our team to perform so well—we are fairly young," Valkyova said.

In doubles, both USD teams (Paola Arrangoiz and Manning; and Heather Polumbus and Millie Prior) lost.

Junior Zuzana Lesenarova and doubles partner Valkyova never took the court in the doubles final round, since the overall loss was already determined at the scheduled time of the match.

USD advanced to the championship match by defeating Saint Mary's 7-2 and Loyola Marymount 9-0.

"The first two rounds against Saint Mary's and LMU were really easy," Valkyova said.

"But Pepperdine, on the other hand, gave us challenge."

Lesenarova earned her second straight WCC Player of the Year award, and along with Valkyova was named to the All-WCC Singles Team and All-WCC Doubles Team.

The pair are ranked No. 11 nationally, and were named the ITA National Women's Doubles Team for the month of March.



Kristin Huffaker

**Way to go:** The men's and women's tennis teams both placed second in the WCC Championships last weekend.

The men's team, with a record of 11-10, also lost the title match to the Waves with a score of 1-6. USD's only point came from freshman Ricardo Rizo defeating Eni Ghidirmic (7-5, 6-2).

In doubles, all three USD teams (Rodolfo Rodriguez and Mattias Tengeford; Rizo and German Maldonado; and Sean Cooper and Ted Burghardt) lost.

This match marked the 13th consecutive year that No. 1 seed

Pepperdine and No. 2 seed USD combated for the WCC title, and USD's ninth straight year of finishing second to the Waves.

The Toreros won its tournament opener with a shut out against Gonzaga (7-0), and its semi-final match against Santa Clara (6-1).

Both the men's and women's tennis teams are awaiting word from the NCAA for a possible at large berth to the Regional Tournament.



# Making it count when it matters most

## Toreros baseball starts a winning streak just in time

**BEN KAIN**  
Staff Writer

This past weekend the Toreros traveled north to meet with their old nemesis, the Santa Clara Broncos. In the midst of a three game winning streak, the Toreros entered the three game series on a high. Game one did not turn out the way they would have liked.

Chris Kahl had a pinch hit home run in the ninth, while Chris Liosi, David Wright and Joe Lima each added two hits. The effort just wasn't quite enough as the Broncos took the first game of the series 6-3. Kahl's ninth inning home run in this losing effort was also the catalyst for Saturday's bombardment.

Junior starting pitcher Mike Amundson destroyed the Broncos with his intense pitching in the first game of the double header on Saturday. Not only did Amundson hold the Broncos to one run on a scattered eight hits, he also went the distance, pitching complete game. Amundson had three strikeouts and didn't walk a soul on his way to his third complete game of the season and improving his record to 6-3, the team's best.

The offense was clicking too, as Joe Lima had another productive day going 2-4 with two RBIs. Greg Sain also went 2-4 and had an RBI with David Wright and Alan Leuthard adding two hits each. The game seemed to be the making of a pitching duel through the first three innings with the score tied at one apiece.

USD blew the Broncos away by scoring three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings while never look-

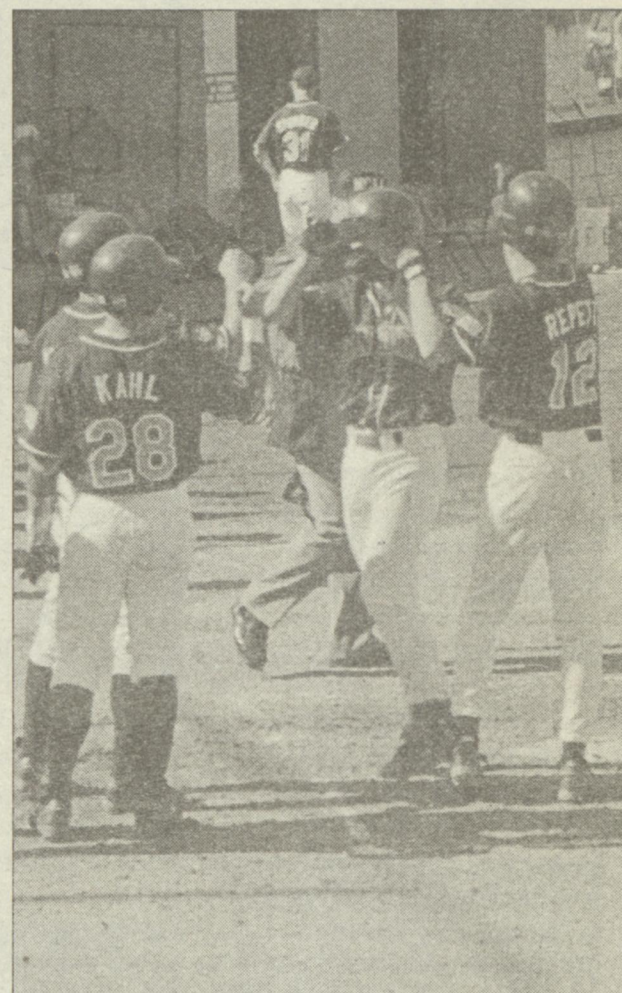
ing back.

In the third game of the series senior Mark Vallecorsa pitched another valiant game lasting seven and 2/3 innings against the Bronco offense. With the support of his offense, Vallecorsa picked up his fourth win of the season.

The offense could do no wrong as they were once again led by the mighty bat of David Wright who went 2 for 5 with two home runs and four RBIs. It was Wright's second multi-home run game of the season. Greg Sain also went 2 for 5 on the day and produced three RBIs. Alan Leuthard added a 2 for 3 evening with two RBIs and Chris Kahl added another two hits.

These victories pushed USD's overall record up to 24-19, and league record to 10-11. The Toreros have just six more games left in league play. You can see them take on the Gonzaga Bulldogs Friday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at noon. The Toreros have been an exciting team to follow all year and seem to have found a strong offense to compliment their pitching staff. Anything can happen in the WCC tournament, and to play your best baseball now is a very positive sign.

It has been a roller coaster season for the young Torero baseball team. They have struggled to combine both their strong offensive performances with their strong defensive performances throughout the year. Here we are in the last week of April and it looks as if head coach Rich Hill has found the secret ingredient for producing a contender. USD is red hot, winning five of their last six games, four of which were on the road. Things are looking up just at the right time, with the WCC tournament just four weeks away.



Kristin Huffaker

**Score:** The USD baseball team scored 24 runs in the three-game series against Portland this weekend.

## USD novice crew captures the Moore Cup

**JENNA CASTROGIOVANNI**  
Staff Writer

Sunday's 34<sup>th</sup> annual Newport Rowing Regatta got under way along the North Lindo Channel in Newport Beach, Calif.

The men's squad had a great day on the water with some strong races and some new lineups.

Two novice rowers, Doug Kilroy and

Patrick Cunningham, joined the varsity eight lineup and rowed a strong race against Orange Coast College, Santa Clara, SDSU, UCI, UCSB and UCSD.

Coach Brooks Dagman states, "This lineup is going to be picking up speed as the team prepares for the Pacific Coast Championships on May 15 and 16."

The Toreros placed fourth, two seconds behind Santa Clara, who could not catch UCSB or the victorious OCC.

OCC held everyone off with a margin

of 11 seconds. USD did manage to hold off UCSD, UCI and SDSU.

The novice eight lead UCSD all the way down the 2000 meter race course, and held them off through to the finish line.

The novice eight boat consisted of a mixed group of novice and varsity rowers.

This commingled crew had few practices together, but proved that they have enough chemistry and balance on the

water to hold the UCSD Tritons at bay by a margin of eight seconds.

Erica Costanzo, novice coxswain also drove the men's novice four to a State Championship last week in Sacramento.

With this triumph, the novice eight captured the Robert B. Moore Cup.

The Toreros will be off the race circuit until May 15 and 16, when they compete in the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

The VISTA would like to apologize for misprinting the results of the men's crew State Championships last week. The men's varsity lightweight eight won the State Championship with a time of 6:24.3 and is currently ranked No. 1 on the West coast and No. 13 in the nation. The men's novice four won the State Championship as well with a time of 7:02.9.



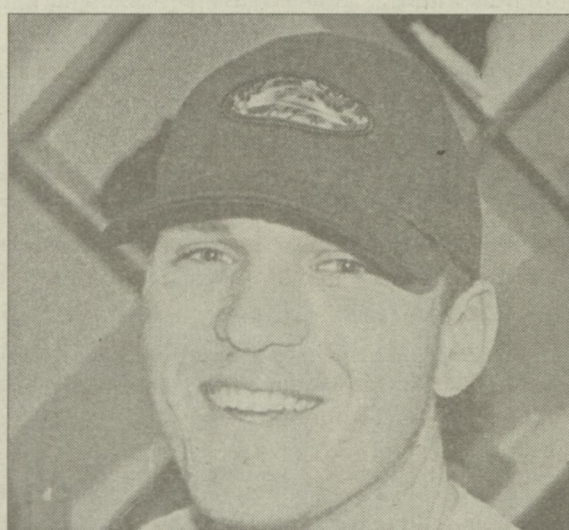
# What do you think about professional sports losing three of its greatest players within four months?

JACKIE KIM  
Staff Writer



**Somer Reynolds**  
*Freshman*

"It's sad that they're leaving but its a good decision on their part because they're leaving in their primes."



**Jason Castillo**  
*Senior*

"Elway is nowhere near as good as Jordan or Gretzky and he does not transcend the sport like Jordan and Gretzky."



**Lindsay Thomas**  
*Senior*

"There's more national heroes to come, its just a matter of time."



**Denver Lamkin**  
*Junior*

"I'll miss watching them."



**Lisa Peacock**  
*Junior*

"Its too bad they have to leave but I guess everyone has to retire at some point."



**Dan Hurley**  
*Sophomore*

"Its a damn shame."

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# Congratulations to the Fans of the Week



**These Torero  
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over Portland!**

Paulina Westerlind

## Upcoming Games

### Baseball

Apr. 30	Gonzaga	3 p.m.
May 1	Gonzaga (2)	12 p.m.
May 4	Hawaii	3 p.m.

### Softball

Apr. 30-May 3	WISL Tournament (hosted by USD)	TBA
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\*All home games are in bold letters.

## Last Week's Scores

### Baseball

Santa Clara	L	3-6
Santa Clara	W	9-1
Santa Clara	W	12-7

### Softball

UCSD	W	7-1
UCSD	W	9-1
WISL Tournament (hosted by LMU)	W	1-0
	L	1-2

### Women's Tennis

WCC Championships	2nd Place
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### Men's Tennis

WCC Championships	2nd Place
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The VISTA would like to commend all of the USD sports teams this year not only for your efforts and hard work, but for representing our school with the utmost respect and dignity. We would also like to congratulate those sports teams that won league or conference championships.

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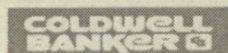
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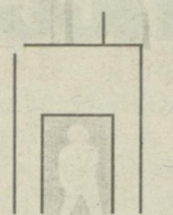
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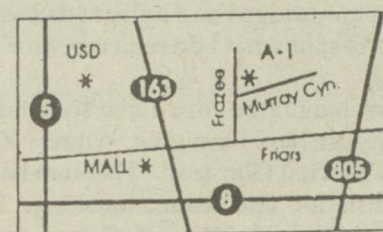
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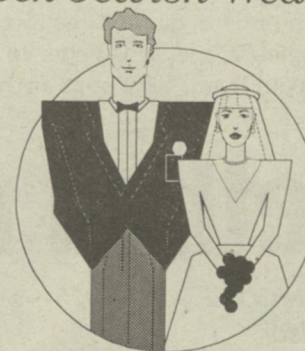
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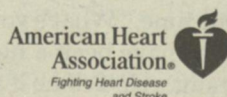
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# Intramurals & Recreation

The Playoffs Baby!!

Kevin says, "Has anyone seen my monkey? Playoffs start next week for soccer, volleyball and ultimate!"



## Play ultimate, love, learn and grow

SCOTT BERGEN

Ultimate Frisbee Supervisor

This week's Ultimate Frisbee games taught many of life's most important lessons. Each game had its own moral and I think that the fans took a lot away from it all. Unfortunately, I don't remember much of the night because I landed upright, on my head after being low bridged on a brilliant defensive play. Here's the best of what I do remember (or what I've been told)...

Game one taught the crowd that sometimes really bad players can have big nights. Witness: Zack (with a "k," like Morris) Olmstead. The man had 4 goals and 2 assists for **The Team**... amazing. The Team stomped on **Deuce** ("e" before "u," except after...poo) and a **Half**, 18-2. The Team was gunning for a certain other team's 22-spot put up each of the past two weeks. All ten of The Team's players scored at least one goal or two assists.

Game Two came with the moral that you don't need more subs to win. **Long Island Iced Tea**, with no subs out-legged **The Stumbling Drunks** 9-3. A.J. Moyer led the game with a hat trick for L.I.I.T.. This game set the stage for the aerial acrobatics that would take place later as the field started getting slippery and the bodies started flying.

There are so many morals in game three to glean, that it is difficult to choose one. It is better to land on your feet than on your head. Six **Poops** are better

than five, but five **Poops** are still better than nine **Gumby Loves**. While not making any goals or assists, some people (Angie Gilb) can influence a game more than any multiple hat trick performer. When one or more key players are gone the others star players must take up the slack. **Gumby Love** came out to a quick start, jumping up 2-1 on the high powered **Team Poop**. Shortly after regaining the lead at 3-2, a certain member of **Poop** low bridged another by accident while converging on an opponents pass. The smaller of the two **Poops** was sent spiraling head over foot and landed upside down and as we all know, an upside down poop is an unhappy poop. Andy Marchi, **Poop** founder left the game at half with two assists and a 7-2 lead. After some parting wise words, he left and Eric Bauer filled his big fat shoes like a champ. Bauer wound up with 5 goals and 4 assists as Jim Britt dished out 3 assists and pulled in a goal himself. The stiff defense of **Gumby Love** held **Poop** under 20 for the first team ever, but some fans remarked that Marchi's absence and Bergen's not being able to walk straight (in a heroic performance unparalleled since Dan Jansen's 1994 speed skating exploits) are what clogged up the drain for **Poop**.

The final game of the night taught two things. Just because it is not a concussion doesn't mean your head won't hurt and you will be able to see well. And, the sprinklers come on the softball field at 9:55pm. Before the game was called due to...um...rain, **The Persuasion** and Brian Kiffe

were up 9-6 with 7:51 remaining. Kiffe had come off of a huge performance in last week's battle with this same pesky **Whatever** team and showed his stuff again with 4 goals and 3 assists in the shortened game. Once again, John Wilkes was an embarrassment to his team, to **USD** and to mankind in general. Space filler- Matt Knott apparently scored a goal, but the tapes are being reviewed to make sure he didn't change the books.

The playoffs begin this coming Monday, May 3rd. **Deuce** and a **Half** will get a chance to avenge their 22 point, shut out loss to top seeded **Team Poop**. A highly underrated **Gumby Love** will face **Whatever**. The winless **Stumbling Drunks** will face the loss-less **Long Island Iced Tea** in a rematch of this week's battle. The game of the week will feature the **Persuasion** and a **The Team**. The Team is already looking forward to a championship match-up with **Poop** as Steve Bramucci uttered, "I think everyone on our team knows they can take **Poop**," as he left the field. A spokesperson for **Poop** had no comment, but to say that they were looking at a tough rematch with **Deuce** and no further. Come feel the drama folks. Monday at 7 at the softball field. For the record, Intramural Ultimate Frisbee has yet to suffer a forfeit as all teams have made it out each night (24 presents, 0 absents, a few tardies).

## Basketball nears finals

JOHN MATSUMOTO

Basketball Supervisor

The excitement of playoffs has metamorphosed into unleashed intensity. There is a businesslike atmosphere and attitude portrayed at the remaining games in the season. Every game matters. One loss and you're done for the year. Sometimes, though, intensity can be mistaken for intentional "rough play" which lead to heated exchanges. It often happens (and the referees would agree), where the game is tied, a couple of minutes left, and a person slashes to the basket. On the way to the basket, the defensive player commits a hard but legitimate foul. The offensive player interprets this as an "intentional foul" and gets angry with the defensive player and starts talking. The defensive player responds to the offensive player's threats and a heated argument starts. This past week, in one of the games, an incident like the above broke out. It was a silly incident, which I hope doesn't happen again. Well, enough of that.

In the other game of the night, **Four Dudes** and an employee of the **Smack-Down Hotel** played **Milk and Honey**. This game looked more like a football game than a basketball game. There were never any free baskets. Anytime someone entered "the paint", the defensive team was sure to dish out a hard foul. The highly contested game had Tom Rodriguez, of **Four Dudes** and Brother Tom Thing, dominate the game with a game high 25 points. His other teammate, Jeremy Gonzales, added another 8 points. Stan Tuupo, of **Milk and Honey**, exasperated every

measure to keep his team in the game. He contributed 18 points for a disappointing loss. **Four Dudes** and a **Taco** rolled to victory for a final score of 46-44.

Tuesday saw **Showtime** advance in the NIT playoffs with a win over **Seals** 40-35. Bayani Domingo led **Showtime** with 16 points. In the other side of the bracket, **North-ern Lights**, led by the play of Brian 'Kiosk King' Gazano, whooped **Squatting Dogs** 42-39. Eric Rissitto had 11 points in the loss, while Brad Lisotto led the lights with 12.

In the lowest possible division, **Phat Attack & 1** got there first win of the season with a 53-46 victory over **The Blue Guys**. Joe Hampton and Joel Gonzalez combined for 34 points. The big guys kept it rolling with another victory in their next match against **Maher Boys** this past Tuesday night. The team was set to take on the winner of **White Chocolate** and **Free Ballerz** in the best of the worst finals. All I can say is that the 'Maestros of the Court', Kevin Day and Tony Rosa are hands-down the best players in the league. Yeah, that's right their team hasn't won a game yet, but it's not about winning folks. These fine looking men are poetry in motion on the court. They don't play to win or lose, they play for the love of the game. I asked Kevin one time, "What's your fondest basketball memory?" Now, keep in mind this guy had to have been a high-school stand-out, or at least traveled with the Nike youth teams. He's done it all on

"It's (almost) like when Jordan had the flu in game five." -Noah commenting on Brian Gazano's 'hellish' Wednesday in which he had to drive to LA after school and then make it back for his NIT Championship game. Find out how he did next week!

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# Basketball Playoffs *continued*

the court. Do you know what his response was? He said to me, "Mister, one time I caught one of my buddy Tony's passes. This guy's passes are like silk baby, smooth. Well, it just happened to be right below the rim, so I figured 'what the heck, dunk it Kev-Dog', so I started gliding in the air and it was like everything was in slow motion, my life started to pass in front of me. Then I caught the ball and biz-am baby! Jammed it in! Right after that I guy said to me, 'That's was nice dude!' I'll never forget what happened next... he slapped me my first high-five. I get tears thinking about it now." If you didn't get a chance to see Silk and K-Dog play, you missed seeing possibly the best duo to ever step on the court.

In the Real Playoff bracket, **Johnny Ballgame** advanced as suspected by beating a determined **Dirty Birds**. This game was close the whole way, Kevin Hughes led his birds with 14 points as they took a one point lead into the final seconds. The inbound came to Matt Dunn who appeared to travel (but no call was made, and quoting Dunn "I didn't travel, and there's no way anyone makes that call in the final seconds... not even in the NBA!") and got off a last second shot that just made it in before the buzzer. Ballgame advanced with a 49-48 victory to face the Irish Assassin (who beat a Jeremy Gonzalez's **4 Dudes and a Guy Named Henry**) in the Top Bracket semifinals.

In the bottom half of the bracket, the never-gonna-win-a-legitimate-championship **NWO-New Wu Order** took on #2 seed **Later**. Somehow Later went 5-0, somehow

Later lost to **NWO**. Well not exactly somehow, Brian Rosario's 16 points had a lot to do with it. **NWO** finally woke up and decided to play a game, Later finally woke up and played at the level they should have been playing all year. Final score 45-36. **Celtics** ended **Below the Rim**'s championship hopes with a close 39-35 win. Chris, that's right Chris, scored 13 in the loss. Meanwhile, **Lock-out Champs** were putting a beating to the **Love Donkeys**. The Donksters just didn't have what it took to win A-League type games. It's surprising, and probably doesn't mean much, but Scott Bergen was not present during the defeat. Hector, that's right Hector, played the game of his life. Everything he threw up went in, and he was throwing up some crazy stuff! The Chumps faced Celtics in the quarter-finals. Again Hector threw up everything, this time it didn't go in. Luckily for him, Chris Whitacre's shots were going in. Chris, had 14 points in the first half, but his team only led by four. Troy Roble of the Celtics finished with 16 of his own, but had little support from his team as the Celtics came up short 55-48.

**NWO**'s playoff run ended when they met up with **Big Doggs**, a team of big guys who play surprisingly sportsmanlike. However, **NWO**'s co-rec team had made it to the championships and looked like the team to beat. More on these games and the rest of the championships next week.

## Middle-Man on the Totem Pole

tales of the Equipment Room Guy and people's choice for 'What's Hot at USD' no matter what (the page formerly known as) Offbeat says!

Hi. I am the Equipment Room Guy. Welcome to my column. Two things will happen to you when you read this column. 1) You will laugh. 2) You will begin to think to yourself that (the section formerly known as) Offbeat just isn't what it used to be, and you will begin to wonder why. Well, don't wonder why. Instead do the following: read, laugh, rinse, and (if necessary) repeat. Everyone is really excited about the new rankings systems I have devised. So by popular demand, here are the

### MEN'S SOFTBALL DIVISION TWO PLAYOFF RANKINGS

\*note: as if you weren't reading last weeks article, all predictions are based solely on team name. I have seen all of these teams play, and they are horrible.

1) Nick Day and 2) Reed Henderson: Probably the two most egotistical men on campus, aside from yours truly. Never have I heard of someone naming a softball team after themselves. It's conceited, it's arrogant, it's dictatorial, and I think it's really cool. Here's a good sample conversation we'd all like to overhear in the Deli.

NICK DAY or REED HENDERSON: Hi, I'm Nick Day or Reed Henderson.

GIRL: Omigod!! I have totally heard that name somewhere before!!

NICK DAY or REED HENDERSON: Yeah, that's probably because I am the number one seed in the Equipment Room Guy's article this week! (Shows her the copy of the VISTA)

GIRL: Oh wow! If the Equipment Room Guy pays attention to you, I'd be a fool not to!!! You must be all that and a bag of chips!!!

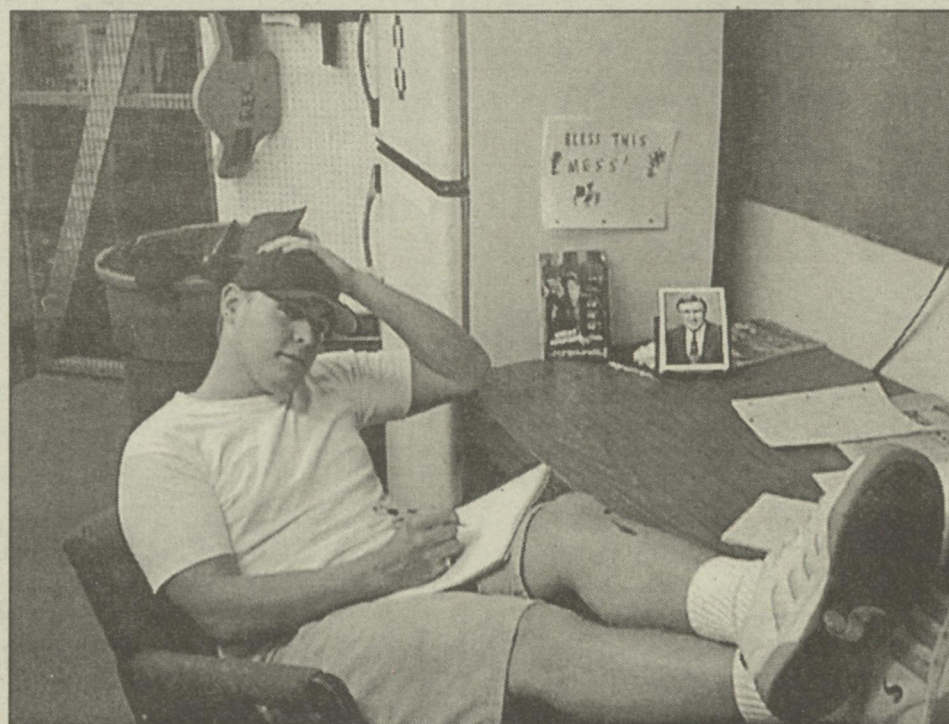
NICK DAY or REED HENDERSON: You know I am. <smiles>

Watch out next Spring for my team, called "THE EQUIPMENT ROOM GUY and his Faithful Followers."

3) The Wu Dodgers: This star-studded team features an enormously potent battery of captain Brain Rosario and some guy who looks like WWF's The Rock, who actively denounces organized baseball and softball of any kind. Whenever they walk on the field, everyone screams, "WU DODGERS in tha HIZ-OUSE! You best recognize!!" They are the only team I know with a fan base that rivals the Equipment Room Guy's concubine.

4) Who's on First?: Who really is on first? It's just a funny name, you say. Haven't you ever seen Abbott and Costello, you say. Well, no. Sorry I have grown up in a cave all my life. I don't know who is on first. (I don't know is on third!) All I know is, if it comes down to rooting for a team with a question mark in their name, what a demented and twisted world we live in. Final Score: Padres 4 Yankees? 1 Give me a break.

5) Love Donkeys II: I thought I exposed this team last week for being the club-hopping, TJ freak show connoisseurs they are, but alas, they have come back for some more. Well, I've said about all I can that censors will let me say about the



Equipment room guy returns all of his fan letters and is an active participant in several local charities.

LOVE DONKEYS, but just keep saying it...LOVE DONKEYS, LOVE DONKEYS, LOVE DONKEYS, (got the visual yet?) Nasty.

6) Delta Tau Delta: Sometimes I wish that so may people didn't read my column so that I could recycle last week's jokes about the Greek Life. However, since my readership dwarfs that of (the section formerly known as) Offbeat, and the rest of the VISTA for that matter, I cannot recycle. But I did see the Omega Mu's at last week's Delt game—they said the Tri Lamb's were 'out of our league,' so they came and found the next best thing. Good find Ladies!!

Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Inquiries as to how to join the Equipment Room Guy's Official Fan Club, "The Faithful Followers"? Send them to deanw@acusd.edu. Hate Mail? Expressions of disgust? Descriptive ways of telling me how much you don't like me? Send them (via snail mail) to: 123 Main St. Anytown, USA 12345. Please allow 6-8 weeks for a response.



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