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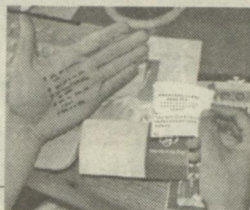
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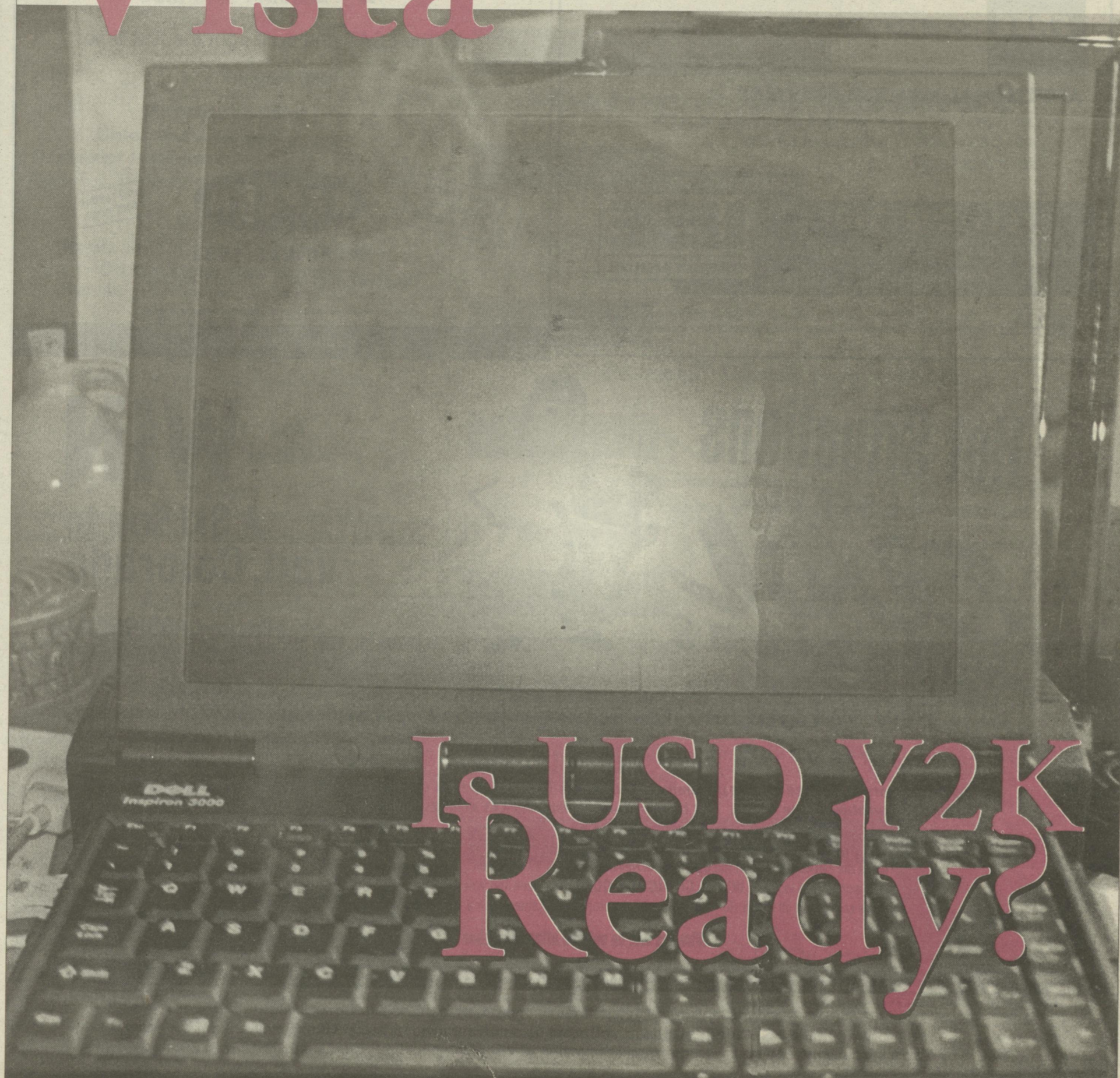
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Pledge of Integrity

Natasha Fernandez • News Editor

Over two hundred universities around the country, including our own, claim membership to the Center of Academic Integrity. This nationwide effort to enforce academic integrity works to level the classroom playing field.

USD's Academic Integrity Policy is taking the next step, with the support of the students and faculty, both wanting our graduates to be confident that they've earned their degrees on their own.

The policy itself has existed for years, but last Spring, Kenji Nishihara, Vice President of Academics took action. Academic integrity pledges were given to faculty to place on exams, to be signed by each student, pledging they "have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance on this examination."

Violations of the policy are brought to the attention of the hearing committee to determine an appropriate response. One student representative and four faculty members meet to discuss the consequences with the student on an individual basis. Consequences range from a second chance to expulsion, for any student caught in the act of academic dishonesty.

"This pledge is one mark of the progress in our effort towards helping students take more ownership" of the policies that affect them, said Jason Apolinario, AS Vice President of Academics.

"It's important to know that the implementation of this pledge stems from the desire of AS which includes the entire student body," said Apolinario.

"Some students had the impression that this policy was imposed on them from

the faculty and administration," said Andy Rogers, RHA representative.

Students have clearly supported this policy, putting their full support behind it since last Spring. In actuality, the policy gives more value to a graduate's diploma.

The policy was brought to the Student Senate last Spring, where it received a unanimous vote from twenty-four students to continue to uphold these principles of scholastic honesty. Recently, the Senate again voted unanimously to proceed with the pledges on exams.

These pledges apply to all students except those in the Law school, who follow their own honor code.

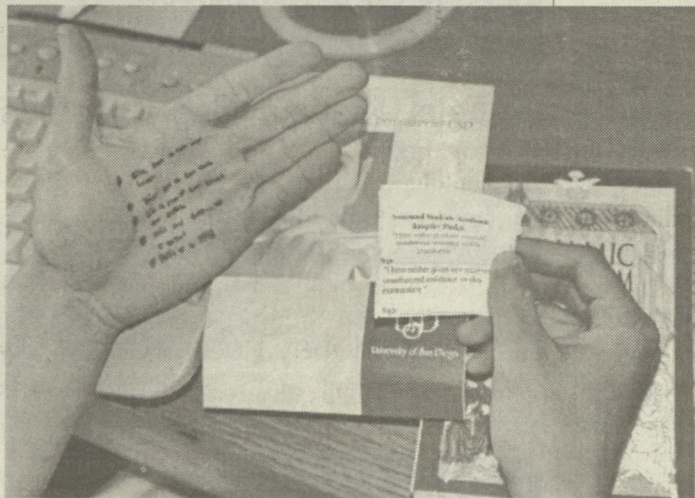
Karina Kirana, AS Director of Academic Programming, believes that if the pledge is used on a regular basis, it will improve the reputation of this university and its students.

The United Front, Panhellenic, Honors Program and Resident Housing Association are active on the academic integrity committee, and all students, not necessarily connected to an organization, are more than welcome to attend weekly meetings.

"We want students from all viewpoints on this issue to let us know what they agree or disagree with," Kirana said.

For the past two years, incoming freshmen have been led in the reading of the Academic Integrity Pledge during orientation.

The pledge states, "I pledge to demonstrate personal and academic integrity in all matters with my fellow students, the faculty and the administration here at USD. I promise to be honest and accountable for



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my actions; and to uphold the stature of scholastic honesty to better myself and those around me."

In response to skeptics who don't believe that the academic integrity pledge will prevent cheating, Jessie Merrigan, senior, believes that while it might not prevent students who come to class prepared to cheat, it reminds students who may be considering cheating of the gravity of their actions and of the responsibility they have, by virtue of being members of the university community, to uphold the integrity of their education.

The academic integrity committee meets every other Friday at 12:30 PM in UC 220, open to all students.

The committee is also preparing for the Center for Academic Integrity's Ninth Annual Convention where they will send six representatives to Duke University to attend workshops and bring new ideas and programs to USD.

University community takes a stand against hate

Jesse Garcia • Staff Writer

Hate Crimes Prevention Week has officially ended, but the possibility of a hate crime being committed here on campus still exists.

Last Thursday, former Billings, Montana, Chief of Police, Wayne Inman spoke about the importance of community involvement. Inman stressed the need to "declare war on hate groups" so that the intolerance of hate is already established within our community. He suggested that communities need to acknowledge the hate rather than ignore it, because "silence is interpreted as acceptance by hate groups."

Unfortunately, USD has experienced some hate activity over the years. According to Public Safety Officer/Field Supervisor Rigo Chavez, it exists because "our community is made up of many other communities, some of which are not as diverse as others." Chavez also suggested that to prevent hate we should "send the message to everyone that we will not tolerate it on our campus."

With new students joining the USD community every year, Chavez also suggested that we "keep reminding the community about our intolerance so that everyone can realize it time and time again." This approach has been used by USD and has reached many new and continuing students over the years. Freshman Sara George said, "Hate definitely exists here but as long as we

work together we can get by."

According to the department of Public Safety, Hate Crimes have risen at USD from none in 1995-96 to three in 1997. This is a disturbing statistic but, more importantly, it is not going unnoticed. If someone is found to have committed a hate crime on campus, that person can be faced with expulsion from the University and/or prosecution on the county level.

What if a student witnesses a hate crime or a bias-motivated incident? Students should not ignore these incidents or consider them "pranks" or "bad behavior." All hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents should be reported to the department of Public Safety or the United Front Multicultural Center, so that appropriate actions can be taken.

Students who become victims of a hate crime or bias-motivated incident should report it immediately. Reporting the incident holds the offender accountable and also helps the university collect accurate information on what goes on, in order for preventative measures to be taken in the future. All reports are taken seriously and are strictly confidential.

To file a report, contact the department of Public Safety at 260-2222 for emergencies or 260-4517 for non-emergencies. If a student prefers, he or she could also report the crime or incident to the United Front in the U.C., room 128 or at 260-2395. The United Front will immediately report the incident to the Department of Public Safety for further investigation and follow up.

Corporate partnerships impact campus life

Jennifer Hatton • Staff Writer

Students will no longer have a choice between Pepsi and Coca-Cola products when they go to the vending machines at lunch, thanks to a new partnership the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of San Diego, the AT&T Corporation and Wells Fargo. According to a university press release, students will reap the benefits from these partnership agreements by having access to more internships, scholarships, student activities and wireless satellite connections. The goods, services and financial support from all three corporations are valued at more than \$2.5 million.

"These partnerships offer enormous, long-term benefits to our students," said USD President

Alice B. Hayes.

Coreen Petti, USD Director of Corporate Relations said, "Students and faculty will benefit from opportunities for internships and collaborative research, while the companies gain increased exposure before key audiences. We see great synergy in these partnerships between USD and industry."

Wells Fargo, USD's new official financial services provider will focus most of its attention to student programs and activities. "Previously, we had a number of banking relationships here at USD," said Paul Bissonnette, USD Vice President for Finance and Administration. "There was only a small portion of business relationships," said Bissonnette.

After a thorough search, Wells Fargo proved to be the

fundamentally best bank possible. "Wells Fargo was interested in creating a bigger relationship which will ultimately bear fruit to the university," said Bissonnette. "They are willing to give all their services including good trust and checking departments."

Bissonnette went on to say that Wells Fargo bank will be helpful in giving students internships as well as giving scholarship money to students of the university.

According to the university press release, Wells Fargo is also expected to offer discounted banking packages to students and their families.

This partnership will not affect the ATM outside of the University Center provided by Mission Federal Credit Union, but Wells Fargo may establish an ATM in the Jenny

Craig Pavilion.

"Wells Fargo is honored to be associated with such a fine institution," said Thomas V. Wornham, senior Vice President and Regional Manager for Wells Fargo. "We look forward to providing the financial service needs for the USD family."

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of San Diego is focused on education and developing business-related partnerships," said Carl Leroux, Area President. "Involvement and support of USD allows our relationship as partners to reach new levels of achievement."

AT&T has become the official telecommunications provider and will establish wireless satellite uplinks for the new Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice and the

Jenny Craig Pavilion.

These satellite uplinks will allow for broadcast lectures, conferences, athletic events and entertainment events. A wireless link between campus and the University Terrace apartments will also be established, which will provide access to long distance and Internet service, along with intercampus calls for students.

"By using an integrated approach to its various telecommunication needs, USD will be able to serve its students and faculty more effectively and efficiently," said Tim MacDonald, AT&T General Manager. "We look forward to working with the University to meet its changing communication needs as they evolve."

Breaking Ground *Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice off to a prestigious beginning*

The start date for the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice is up in the air, but the ground breaking ceremony is set. The ceremony will be held on West Point field, the site for the new building, on October 6, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. There will

also be a coinciding conference from October 4 to October 7 called "Building A Culture of Peace" featuring guest speakers and professors from USD. President Alice B. Hayes, Vice President and Provost Dr. Francis M. Lazarus, and Rev. Msgr.

Daniel J. Dillabough will be participating in the opening ceremonies.

Speeches will be held in the University Center and Manchester Auditorium. The Keynote Speaker will be The Honorable Richard Riley, the U.S. Secretary of Education.

Other noteworthy guest speakers will include William B. Wood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Organizations Affairs and The RT. Rev. Samir Hanna Kafity, Retired 12th Anglican Bishop and Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

USD professors speaking at this conference are from the Schools of Education and Business, and the English, Communications, Philosophy, Political Science and Theology and Religious Studies departments. There will also be doctoral student speakers from USD, as well as officials from other universities. These speeches are geared toward emphasizing glo-

bal awareness on a local, national, and world scale, as well as various aspects of education, society, and religion.

The institute will be the second new addition to the University of San Diego, following the completion of the Jenny Craig Sports Pavilion. The Institute is intended to serve as a resource for the study of how we as a global community can find the answers to the conflicts that have created adversity in the world. Students, professors, national and world leaders will be using this facility to create a diverse atmosphere of learning and interaction.

The exact start date for construction has not been determined. The building is expected to be completed mid to late 2001. Inquires about the Institute can be answered by logging onto www.acusd.edu/admin/ap.shtml and clicking on "The Joan Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice" for the latest news.



The View: West Point Field will soon make way for the Joan Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice

Passport to success

New students get a crash course on life

Jen Mayerlee • Staff Writer

Passport to Success is a program offered to freshmen students by members of the USD faculty in accordance with the Student Resource Center. The program goal is to "provide USD freshmen assistance with academic, individual, communal and career related challenges and concerns that arise in the transition to college." The program aids students by contributing to educational, personal, social and professional development experience.

The program was started three years ago in the fall of 1997 by Merrick Marino, Director of First Year Programming. Six faculty members from different areas of study came together to aid new students in dealing with life. Marino believes they are creating a model that is very unique.

The program runs in conjunction with the preceptorial program. Preceptorial instructors are given the opportunity to have their classes involved. Each student in the preceptorials in-

volved must attend three of 28 programs devoted to academics, individuality and career selection. Examples of these sessions are study skills, learning styles, body image and relationships, choosing a major and career assessment. The student must attend one session in each of the categories.

Students must attend one session by the end of the first block, September 15-October 12, two by the end of the second block, October 13-November 12, and must have attended all three sessions by the end of the third block, November 13-December 10. Students can attend more than just three sessions, but only these three are required. The sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of people who can attend is based on the number of seats available, but this varies from session to session.

Each student involved in the *Passport to Success* program is given a passport look-a-like. They bring these passports to the sessions they attend. At the session, they receive a sticker, which acts like

a stamp, to put in their passport to show which sessions they attended. Before the student receives their sticker, they must fill out an evaluation on the session attended.

The *Passport to Success* program has come a long way just in the last two academic years. Four preceptorial classes were involved in 1997, giving the students only nine sessions to choose from. The next year, 12 preceptorials participated and 18 sessions were offered. This year there are 16 preceptorials, involving about one-third of the freshmen class.

Marino says that this program is better than having it as a whole semester class, as some schools do. This way, it is more geared toward the students, because they get to

choose the sessions that they go to; they get to choose what interests them, instead of being told which sessions to go to.

The freshmen students that are involved in the program get priority, but if there is room, anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. "Friends, Foes and Lovers" on Wednesday, November 17th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the UC Forum AB is geared toward the whole

study body. Local television personality, Dr. Ann Marshall, will discuss "ways to identify potential problem areas in relationships, how to improve the quality of relationships you have currently, and how to foster new ones."

Students interested in this session or other sessions, should visit the Student Resource Center located downstairs in the UC.



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Passport: Faculty and staff involved in *Passport to Success* provide freshmen assistance with academic, individual, communal and career related challenges and concerns that arise in the transition to college.

Former USD delinquent awarded Employee of the Year

Maggie Talboy • Staff Writer

Drenched from last week's downpour, I gave a small wave across Copley Library to an unfamiliar, yet friendly face. Bill Hall, the awarded "1999 Employee of the Year," approached me; we introduced ourselves, sat down and started my first interview for the Vista.

"I've worked here for twenty-three years and I wish I could say that I started at age three," Hall said with a light-hearted smile.

"Great," I nodded, owning up to my amateur interviewing skills. Hall helped me out.

"I actually went to USD for my undergrad. and

earned a degree in Spanish and later a graduate in Education."

"Oh, you were a student here?"

"Yeah."

Searching for a crazy college story, I asked Hall for his most memorable experience as a student.

"As Maher residents, a group of us thought it would be cool to make a launch pad and sail water balloons over the Immaculata. It was great until one balloon didn't make it. We tried to clear the evidence by throwing away pieces of the broken stain glass, but the next morning cops were knocking at our door. I wouldn't recommend it."

"So what do you recommend?" I asked.

"Traveling. I grew up traveling because my father worked in the military. We would move almost every six months. I've lived in Guam, Japan, the Phillipines...all over really. It was also a great chance for me to learn different languages. I think I can speak introductory conversations in nearly twenty-five different languages."

"Twenty...twenty-five different languages? Have you ever made use of them?"

"Right after graduating, I was a translator for travelers in Western Europe. That was a lot of fun because most of the people I worked for were

young."

"What a great job."

"Yes, it was a memorable experience. I remember getting a call from one of the young travelers, who didn't quite understand the meaning of an honor bar. In fact, he unknowingly rang up a \$600 tab, thinking the beverages were complimentary. I watched him cry as he signed his travelers checks."

"So how does that job compare to being a librarian at USD?"

"I love working at a college library. I would never want to work at a public library because students are more outgoing and friendly. Students are more interested in becoming acquainted with you

than strictly doing business. Working at USD is an even greater advantage because I have a good understanding of the University. It's nice because it is a smaller university and that makes it easier to get to know people. Unfortunately, watching clients graduate is hard, it's like losing a friend."

Hall has made a lot of friends. According to graduate assistant Leonardo Bravo, "Mr. Hall is one of the nicest guys that I've ever met. I've known him for over a year, and within that time, I have never seen him get mad or upset. He's so nice it's almost unbelievable!"

Students and faculty strive to improve literacy

Daniel Taff • Staff Writer

Adult illiteracy affects a wide variety of people throughout the United States. More specifically, it affects many adults who are currently employed at the

University of San Diego. While the majority of these adults are second-language learners, many simply have trouble reading and writing at an intermediate level.

In 1992, the National Adult Literacy Survey was conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, and involved interviews with over 26,000 adults throughout the nation. The findings of this survey were astounding—every year 2.2 million people (or 44,000 per week) are added to the adult illiterate population. By the year 2000, two out of three Americans could be illiterate.

This affects the American work force, because literacy is strongly associated with economic chances and opportunities. While there have been

many programs implemented by the government and private institutions, illiteracy is still on the rise.

USD is one of the private institutions that has implemented a Workplace Literacy Program for all employees wishing to increase their reading and writing abilities. Along with these literacy classes, they offer a US Citizenship Class for employees and their family members.

In February, USD contacted Shawna Stewart, a Workplace Consultant (and now director of the program), in order to find out if this kind of program was strongly needed for on-campus employees. It was found that there was not only a strong need for this program, there was also a strong desire for it from USD employees. Many of these employees are second-language learners, whose greatest problem is reading and writing in English. The Workplace Literacy Program offers classes during the work day, where employees can raise their own literacy capabilities, thus also raising their own quality of life.

The tutoring staff consists of faculty, staff, and student volunteers from the university who offer an hour or more of their time per week. There are currently forty employees who are involved with this program and more are likely to participate in the years to come. Sina Lehmkuhler, a student tutor, offers reasoning as to why more adults do not seek out programs like this one.

"An adult who is illiterate often feels ashamed because of their lack of reading and writing abilities; they usually will not go out and look for help because of the embarrassment they will feel. This program offers another option of student tutoring that is beneficial both for the college tutor as well as the adult student," Lehmkuhler said.

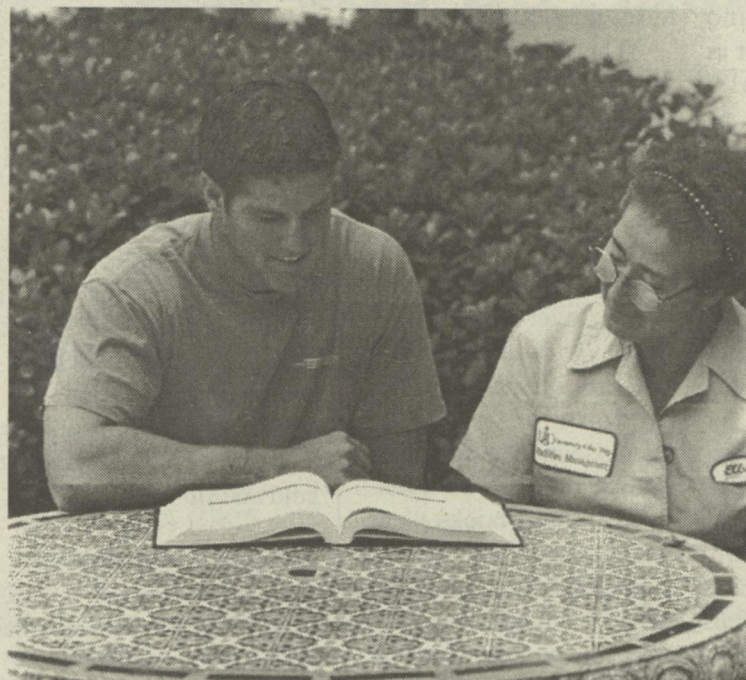
Lehmkuhler's statement correlates directly with the

1992 National Adult Literacy Survey. This survey asserts that adults with low literacy skills do not usually report that their skills present them with any difficulties. When asked if their reading skills were sufficient to meet their everyday needs, most replied overwhelmingly that they were—regardless of tested skill levels. This, in turn, is why there are certain industries with more adult illiteracy and fewer adults receiving assistance with literacy. Programs such as the one established at USD allows adults to further their employment.

Lehmkuhler agrees, "I was fortunate to be a volunteer for this program during the last year and it was an absolutely enriching experience. It is amazing the progress an adult student can make with simply the confidence of a student tutor. It takes so little to completely change one of these student's lives and give them hope to continue their English education."

The USD Workplace Literacy Program is looking for tutors capable of dedicating themselves towards helping others enrich their lives. This week is Community Service Week, and those desiring to volunteer can contact Samantha in the Community Services Learning Center (x4206) or Shawna Stewart in the Human Resources office (x4594).

Classes are held Tuesdays in the Facilities Plant lunchroom from 1:00-2:00 p.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m., or 3:30-4:30 p.m. From 12:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursdays, employees can meet with Shawna Stewart for individual tutoring sessions. An hour of your time can prove invaluable to an illiterate person and anyone who is interested is strongly urged to contact the above sources for more information.



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Working together:
The literacy program pairs students and staff.

Resident Assistants monitor the masses

Jamie Gadette • Staff Writer

If you were presented with the opportunity to have your room and board free for one year, would you take it? This perk tempts many USD students to apply for the position of Resident Assistant.

RA Deborah Strauhal spent her first year at USD living in Missions B, and enjoyed her experience, but wanted to see if she could become more involved with the University her sophomore year. After being accepted for the position, Strauhal and the other Resident Assistants were required to attend a week-long training session to prepare them for the year ahead.

Students do need to be at the sophomore level or higher in order to apply for a position as Resident Assistant. Students who want this job must be willing to accept all of the responsibilities that accompany the position.

Along with the position come a number of extra responsibilities, including

staff meetings, keeping residency hours, and staying on call on duty nights. During residency hours, an R.A. needs to be readily available to all their residents. Residents should feel comfortable enough to approach their Resident Assistants with any problems or concerns they may be having at any time. However, during resident hours, the R.A. is guaranteed to be there to offer advice or simply listen to resident concerns. This service is especially helpful for new students who may have problems adjusting to college life.

Five nights per month, RA's are on call until 7 a.m. in case any regulations need to be enforced.

Strauhal must also find time to plan floor programs, such as a night out at Cheese-cake Factory or a movie and sundae party in the lounge. Such programs help residents enjoy school and give them an opportunity to meet new people. Her staff helps her handle the workload, and of-

fer support.

"My staff is here for support. We help each other through the tough times and make the good times awesome," she says. Strauhal says that getting involved in campus life has would be difficult without the availability of Resident Assistants.

Though Resident Assistants have a lot of power and are generally seen as the enforcers, they also have to abide by a number of rules, perhaps even more so than the average student.

"Everyone is always watching your actions and how you deal with things, your attitude and performance," she said.

It's a job with many thankless duties, but it appears the long-term benefits of being an RA make it worthwhile. For more information on how to get involved with your own living community, talk to your RA or contact the Residence Hall Council.

Censorship

The first amendment on campus

Scott Bergen • Staff Writer

A decision by the Federal Appeals court made on Sept. 8 revokes college students rights to freedom of speech and press. The decision resulted from a case brought to the court by members of the Kentucky State University yearbook staff after 2,000 yearbooks were confiscated by university officials.

The U.S. Constitution's First Amendment clearly states that all citizens have the right to free speech and free press. However, by choosing to attend a private institution, students give up some of those rights. Kentucky State University is not a private institution, so how do they fit in?

Since a 1988 Supreme Court decision to allow a high school principal to censor the school's paper

(public or private), school paper censorship has increased dramatically in high schools. This is the first instance however, of that precedent graduating into college.

"This decision represents an almost 180 degree turn from the strong First Amendment protections that have traditionally been afforded public college student media," said Mark Goodham, Executive Director of the Student Press Law Center.

Two weeks ago USDtv was reborn at USD, and it has already received a lot of great response and interest from students. Among other things, the channel broadcasts popular movies to the campus community. It is not available to anyone living off campus and is very much susceptible to the University's mission

statement.

During its first week, ten movies were shown. In those movies were present a few instances of violence and other activity which is not in line with the Catholic Church's teachings.

What if the University decided to shut USDtv down until they agreed to show movies more in line with the University's mission?

"That would be a total violation of our First Amendment rights," Amy Chaffin, who helps to program for USDtv said. "We try to put on responsible programs and I think we have done a really good job. If the University had a problem with one thing or another, they could tell us ahead of time and we could work it out. Pulling the plug would not be fair at all. Some of the movies we show are

rated R and may have some violence or premarital sex in them but everyone on campus is legally allowed to see rated R movies!"

The court of appeals stated that the reason the books were lawfully confiscated is that the university "had not clearly established the yearbook as a public forum." Therefore, the school did have jurisdiction over the color of the cover (which was not the school's color), the presence of a current events section and the general quality of the book. After all, the books were being published on the school's dollar. It can be argued, though, that each "dollar" comes from the students who made the book for students who buy the book.

Student Issues Board Takes Action

Speed Bumps

The smaller yellow speed bumps that were located at both the main and west driveways were replaced with smoother speed bumps, after concern that damage was being done to vehicles that drove over the bumps.

Health Center

The Health Center is now equipped with staff that will be on call earlier in the mornings and later at night, to be more accessible to students. The center was often overloaded with students during the week, and this will allow for a greater number of people to be treated, especially during cold and flu season.

Ethernet for the Vistas

Connections for the ethernet have been completed in Palomar and are currently underway in Laguna. Complications in materials have delayed the installation process, but at the very latest, Cuyamaca is expected to be connected by January.

One-Card System

USD is currently experimenting with a system that will allow students to use their ID cards as a type of debit card for all campus costs. The plan is to be able to pay for anything on campus, from books to telephone bills, with an account separate from your dining services account. The system may be set up as early as this Spring or next Fall.

"Speak Out" Boxes

The AS Student Issues Board has provided "Speak Out" Boxes for students to voice their concerns regarding university life. The Board looks into all concerns and suggestions. The above accomplishments are the work of the Student Issues Board.

USD ranked "selective" nationally

Mika Buffington • Staff Writer

The search for the ideal college can be an arduous task. Students start out junior year, looking at colleges that have the right programs, maybe even go touring a few campuses. In addition, many parents look into their son's or daughter's first choice.

U.S. News and World Report publishes an article every year ranking colleges and universities around the country. While rankings are not the only source used to find the right college, some

of the statistics may have attracted many students to USD.

According to *U.S. News and World Report* USD is ranked nationally in the second tier of colleges. USD is considered a "Selective" school with more than 50% of incoming freshmen graduating in the top 10% of their high school classes. Most of these students had above a 3.67 grade point average, and SAT scores between 1070 and 1250.

Fifty-six percent of fresh-

men come to USD from public schools, and 42% are from out of state.

Many students are attracted to the small campus and its location. USD retains 88% of its freshmen.

Another advantage is the student to faculty ratio of sixteen to one, which allows students to relate to their professors on a more personal level.

The total undergraduate student body at USD is 4,250 with women outnumbering men 2,537 to 1,902. Seventy-

five percent of our faculty are full time and there are no classes taught by teaching assistants.

Eighty-nine percent enter the job market in the field of their major within six months of graduating from USD. Sources like the *U.S. News and World Report* article on "America's Best Colleges" can give interested students a lot of information in one quick look. However, students must be cautious of misinformation.

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Is Tijuana a thing of the past?

Nancy Grace • Society & Culture Editor
Allie Lunden • Society & Culture Editor

Wednesday night at the University of San Diego; some students spend their time in the library, others hang out in Mission Beach, and some (or so we thought) at College night in Tijuana, Mexico. USD, situated on top of the hill in the heart of San Diego, is a mere 25 minutes from the Mexican border. The campus location can be seen as a benefit for some and a hindrance to others.

For years, USD freshmen have been running toward the border on Wednesday nights to indulge in legal partying in Mexico. All that is needed to get into the bars and clubs is a form of identification declaring them eighteen years of age or older.

For many underage students, this is the lure to go South for the night. They can indulge in alcohol, dancing and partying with little complication. There is even a shuttle service in which a bus will come pick up students from campus, deliver them to the border, and then return at a specified time to bring them back to school, all for a small fee. While all this may seem carefree, there have been problems in the past.

"I've only been twice, and after the second time I won't be going back" said senior Erica Elsner. "Someone slipped something into my drink. I started to hallucinate and had to be helped home."

That "something" was most likely rohyonol more commonly known as "ruffies" or the date rape drug. This drug, infamous around the Tijuana club scene, can be slipped into drinks without detection.

This past Wednesday, we decided to head down and check out the scene. Our purpose was to interview USD students. To our surprise, none were found. Club A was the common stomping ground our freshman year, but the only students there Wednesday night were from State, Mesa, and UCSD. The only USD students in attendance were the ones we brought along for support.

The evening began after we were dropped off at the border by some friends. Once we walked across, we negotiated with a taxi which took us to Club A. The cover charge for girls was five dollars and ten for guys. Our first clue to the decrease in USD attendance should have been that there was no line outside.

The bouncer working the door reported that this has been an unusually slow fall. As we ascended the steps, four waiters eagerly approached to take our drink order. The cover charge includes all beer and well drinks; the only money being exchanged is for tips. The air was smoky and smelled of stale air while the ambiance screamed of drunkenness.

The stage was full of drunken girls all competing in the weekly Hard Body Contest. The D.J. called all females onstage to dance for the audience. The contest didn't really seem to take off because the guy to girl ratio seemed to be 4 to 1. (Kind of a switch from the usual USD ratio)

Andy Servais, senior, replied "Lovely ladies, it was definitely a flashback to my freshman year. The only difference was that we used to go down in packs. It just made me feel really old."

Yet, as we saw it he still



ALLIE LUNDEN

Dance party TJ: Tijuana used to be the social event of the week, but now USD students have other plans.

continued to dance the night away. As we sat observing the Club A scene, the drunkenness and lewdness surrounding us heightened.

We had arranged for some of our friends to pick us up on the U.S. side of the border at about 2:15 a.m. As we left Club A at this late hour, the partying inside was still going strong. We took a taxi back to the border, walked across, and met our friends putting an end to our freshman year flashback.

Even though this was the first trip back for us since the beginning of our freshman year, the scene down there has definitely changed. While it is unfair to judge just by one return trip, Tijuana does not

seem to be the same party haven as it was before. After some investigation, we were unable to come up with a reason for this.

Are Wednesday nights in TJ still a big thing for the freshman? According to Martha Villalpando, senior RA in Founders, "We haven't had any problems yet, thankfully. I've only been woken up at 3 or 4 to let girls in because they have forgotten their keys. I haven't had to take care of anyone." As a relief to the RA staff in the freshman dorms, TJ seems to be a thing of the past.

Steve DeBry, senior officer in Public Safety, agrees that TJ has not been a problem this year. Although Public Safety does not promote drink-

ing, he wants to send the message that, "Students need to stick together, use common sense, designate a driver, take the trolley, or use Martha's bus service, but overall the most important thing is safety all around."

If students do get into trouble in TJ, Public Safety will make the best attempt to help out. "We're law enforcement for the students and therefore we will make an extra effort if there is a problem. Give us a call if there is a problem."

If you do decide to go down to Tijuana for the night, take precautions. Remember that there is safety in numbers and make arrangements for safe transportation.

Comedy Sportz

A momentous event

Grace Piraino • Staff Writer

Next Thursday night you will have the once in a life time opportunity to experience one of the funniest traveling comedy groups around: Comedy Sportz! Comedy Sportz is an interactive comedy group composed of six hilarious members who will have your sides aching from laughter for 75 unforgettable minutes. And the best part is it's free.

A Comedy Sportz match begins like any other sporting event: Vendors hawking their wares (peanuts, popcorn, laugh sickness bags, autographed souvenir raw liver, dental floss or maybe even a 5 gallon pail of roofing tar.

Comedy Sportz will be just like all of our games at the "Q", ya know, there is the introduction of the teams and the referee, singing of the national anthem. Then they explain all the fouls and penalties for example, the Groaner Foul is called if a player makes the audience groan or the Brown Bag Foul, called if a player or audience member says or suggests anything off color, where upon a brown bag is placed over the head of the offender.

Next the coin is tossed, the team captain chooses to initiate or receive and the match is underway. The match is battle of wits, on astro turf, between



two teams playing a variety of improvisational games all based on suggestions from the audience.

Judges award points for the entertainment value of each exercise. It is a dazzling "put on" that is complete with team uniforms and zebra striped referees, wooden benches, water bottles, score boards and rule books.

This artful and increasingly popular form of stage entertainment has performed on Astro Turf covered stages in Boston, Milwaukee, Washington D.C. and 12 other Comedy League of America cities.

Further expansion is in the works as Comedy Sportz prepares to open their very own club in downtown San Diego.

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to all on-campus clubs
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Calendar

Events of interest

Today, September 30

"Sweat Shops: So close to home" Panel Discussion in UC Forum A 6-8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1

Freshman Family Weekend begins

Sunday, Oct. 3

A.I.D.'s walk at Balboa Park at 7:00 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 4

Campus Town Hall meeting on race in UC Forum A at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

*Web Page contest begins

*Aromas concert series featuring Teal at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Kroc Center Dedication
4:00 p.m.

I said to myself,
"Is this all there is?"



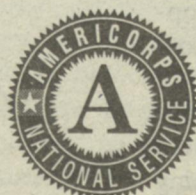
A few months into his first job after college, Gary Van Deurse needed a break

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AmeriCorps: Are you up to the challenge?

The honeymoon's over

two perspectives on roommates

Steve Sloan • Insight Editor

Okay, freshman, you've been here almost a month, and in that time, you've experienced just the beginning of all the wonders and woes that college life has to offer. You've met the core of friends you'll probably stick with for at least the next two years, wandered through the back halls of Camino looking for the ever-elusive room 153, and hopefully found that there are alternatives to the cafeteria food.

Basically though, this college stuff is all about transitioning smoothly. You go from the dependent "Our house, Our rules" dictatorship known as The Parents Place (you will definitely know what Hell feels like during that first summer back home) into the semi-dependent "My life, My rules" utopia known as USD.

But wait? Did I forget to mention the one thing that might, just might, stand in your way of bliss? Oh yeah, the not so minor details. Rewind, first day of O-week, or for some of you "other classmen," your first day back to lovely USD where the grass is green and the girls are pretty, oh wont you please never take me home. (*Ignore the tangent you three GnR fans and get back to the subject at hand.*)

Its your first day here. You walk into your country club dorm room, and there it is, the bump (or is that boulder) in your road to complete freedom. That's right, the moment you've waited for since that student-housing letter came in the mail in late July. Its time now to meet your roommate.

There you stand face-to-face, hearts beating, palms sweating. A brief moment of awkward silence comes over the room, as you both think, "I'm going to have to share my room with this (fill in your own adjective)?"

I know to some of you this notion of "sharing" may be bizarre, but you're going to have to cope with these newfangled ideas. Its so like USD to spring these overt ways of oppression on their students. Just think: you were so close to absolute autonomy, but now this blonde-haired, blue-eyed, Abercrombie-wearing, Dave Matthews fan stands in your

way. So you take one look, and you think to yourself, "Maybe this won't be so bad. I'm a blonde-haired, blue-eyed, Abercrombie-wearing, Dave Matthews fan, too." And so the school year commences free of strife because, as we all know, as long as Dave's doing his thing, its a beautiful life.

The weeks go on, classes are fine and there is more than one "object of your affection" walking around campus. This is after all, the infamous University of San Diego, haven for the beautiful. Back at your place though, you are starting to notice the subtle, yet very annoying, mannerisms of your roommate. They may snore a bit, have a small problem with cleaning up after themselves or worst of all, have a habit of forgetting to put a sock on the door handle. Damn, I hate it when that happens. So you are faced with the realization that after "#34" is over and the Dave disc stops playing, you really don't have much in common.

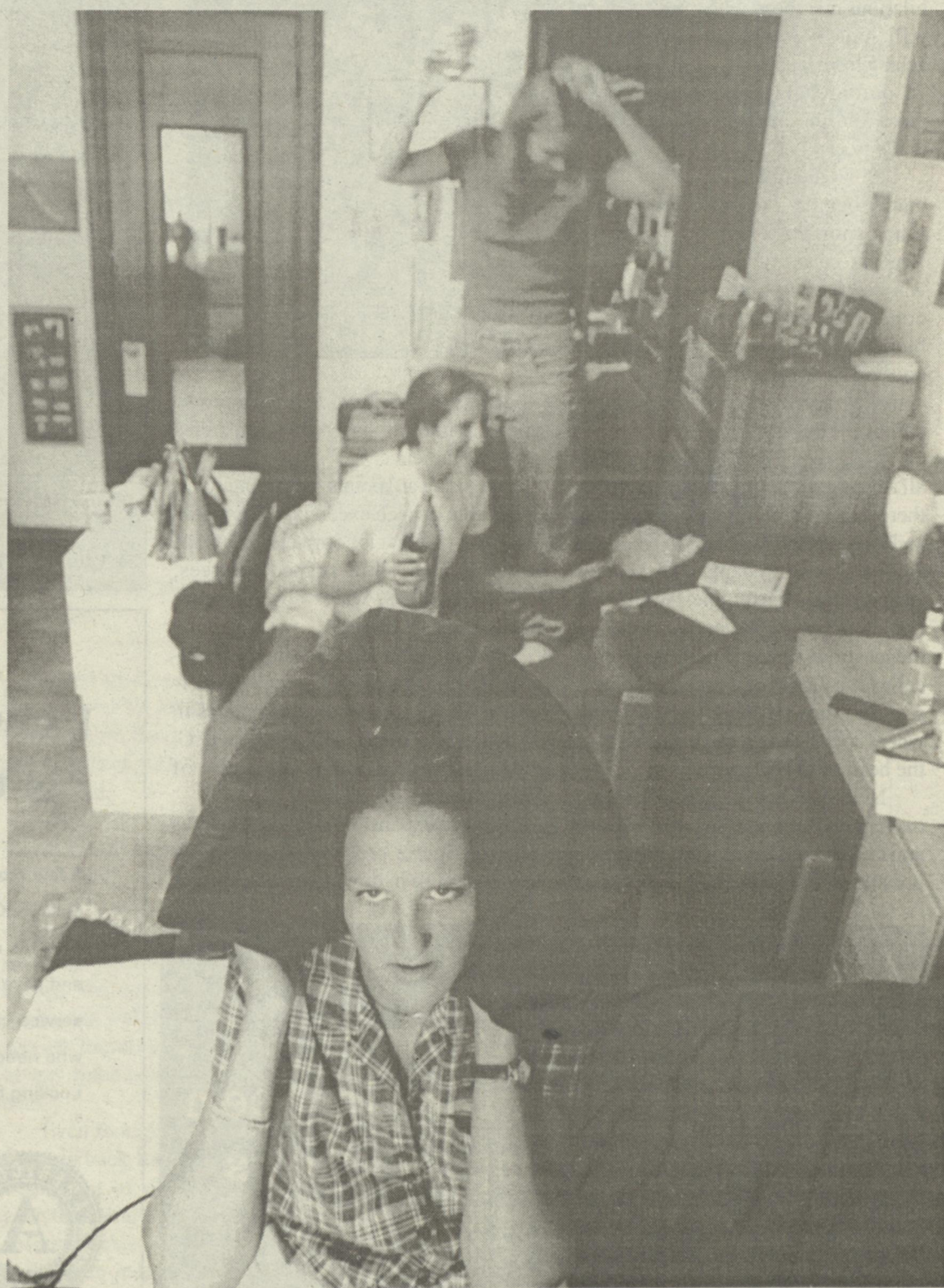
So this raises a question: Do you a) Sit back and wait for it all to just go away? b) Go postal? c) Complain to everyone BUT your roommate? d) Have a friendly chat with your roommate about what's bothering you? Or e) Go directly to your Resident Advisor?

Although I would usually advocate option b, in your case the best idea would definitely be talking to your roommate (that's option d for all those out there keeping score). Yes, this sounds cheesy and, frankly, can be a very undesirable thing

to do, but desperate times call for desperate measures. Bring your concerns up casually, and try by all means possible not to be offensive. This is where the gap can only grow wider. As I was taught by Jerry Springer in one of his final thoughts segments, use "I" statements when speaking of volatile subjects with your roommate. Statements such as, "I feel that your disgusting, yet

provocative, sexual activities are impairing my ability to sleep" are received much better than, "You're a hoochie and with all that commotion you cause, how the (censored) do you expect me to sleep." Not only is the "I" statement direct and clearly interpreted, but it opens the lines of communication.

All joking aside, roommate relations can often make or break a year. Since



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these conflicts often revolve around those who live in the particular room, do not involve outside parties, such as your RA, until absolutely necessary. Although your RA is available to discuss and council such problems, this can often make the situation more complicated than it needs to be. If conflict persists after an initial discussion between you and your roommate, then you should advise your RA. Keep in mind, though, that roommate changes are very, very rare and occur only in extreme cases. With that said, it would be wise not to burn any bridges because chances are you will be living together the remainder of the school year.

Okay, let's say you were extremely unlucky and got stuck with the roommate from Hell. They leave their dirty clothes all over the room, open and eat your care packages from home, use your computer and printer when you're not home without asking, steal your class notes when you're asleep, watch the TV at full volume while sitting two feet from the screen, and worst of all, are always home. If after you've talked with this roommate, and then your RA, there is still no improvement, then you are advised to approach the Resident Director. They will help with conflict resolution and, if necessary, arrange for a room change to take place. This is a last resort however, and should be considered only when all else fails. Above all else, remember, especially you freshman, stay optimistic because next year you get to choose your roommates. Yeeha! This is definitely a good thing.

As I reread this article, I realize that it has an underlining negative tone towards rooming with another person. I want you all to know, though, this has nothing to do with my own personal experience last year. You see, my roommate rocked the house! (Hey Joe, I miss you man.)

To all the rest of you USD students out there, enjoy your years here in paradise, even if you don't have the greatest roommate. Just think of it this way: with every bad roommate come at least five whimsical stories to tell your friends. Unfortunately, I have none at this point, but I'm hoping my current roommates will get their acts together soon so I can join the fun of roomie-bashing. Hey, I've got an idea to let the fun begin: "Hey Denny, Dave Matthews Band sucks."

Although Steve pretty much covered the anxieties of meeting and living with an unknown roommate, I wanted to add a little different perspective. Like, for example, a girl's. Move-in day last year, I figured I could handle most things thrown at me in college (tests, homesickness, wild parties, fires in my building, coyotes and mice running around), but I knew the one thing I wouldn't be able to deal with was a roommate I couldn't get along with at all. And I was betting on the odds, which indicate it would be extremely probable we would hate each other.

I mean, come on. How can you randomly throw two people together and expect them to live happily together in a 12x15 foot room? I remember having to fill out the Student Housing "roommate preferences" card during the summer, and wondering why it would matter that two people like to sleep with the window open and are both morning people if one is a sadomasochist who likes to abuse puppies, and the other a total bookworm that forbids all noise and or activity (even breathing, maybe) in the same room in which she is studying?

Fortunately, I had it all worked out that since I would be living in Missions A, at least ONE out of the eight girls would be friend material. I will never forget that move-in day when I immediately made first judgements of every girl in my suite, and then had all of those impressions smashed to pieces in about an hour. They turned out to be awesome girls who will be my best friends throughout college and probably even the rest of my life. We were stuck to each other like glue during O-Week and bonded like crazy (pardon the pun).

My actual roommate was so like me that it was the easiest thing in the world to share a room with her. She, another girl and I still live together this year, actually, and haven't even thrown each other off the balcony (yet). Now that's friendship for you.

Ok, so it worked out better than I could have ever dreamed, but I kept expecting something to go hor-

ribly, terribly wrong that first month. You know, someone would turn out to be an ax murderer, a man in a woman's body, an exhibitionist nymphomaniac or one of those people that believe showering is a special occasion to be observed only once a year. I watched and waited anxiously for one of my seven new friends to become completely freakish, but I waited in vain.

Oh sure, we had our little problems: our goldfish kept mysteriously dying which caused bouts of hilarity for some and tragic depressions from others; we couldn't ever agree on which way to arrange the furniture to allow the most people to watch a movie; some of us really liked perfume while others wanted to shoot themselves whenever it was sprayed; a few of us preferred to

pier and a lot more comfortable for everyone involved.

But maybe not. Some people just can't live together, and some can't live with anyone at all. Personalities are not always malleable, nor are our individual quirky habits always adjustable. So if situations occur where you can no longer go on in life without throwing your roommate off of the balcony or over the side of the canyon, don't just walk away and stew for days. Blow off some of the steam and then talk to them like the adults we now are (or in a manner as close as possible to that).

Another option would be to find the common ground early and put up large RESTRICTED signs over areas you would rather not have your roommate invading upon. For instance, next

Personalities are not always malleable, nor are our individual quirky habits always adjustable.

sleep naked while the other few thought that to be utterly scandalous; one girl decided to see if she could break the world record for dirty laundry piled up in a closet without it exploding toward China when the door was opened (she lost, by the way). We argued over little things, like trash and volume levels, but we had way too much fun together to ever be more than slightly frustrated or annoyed when these peccadillos bothered us. And I went by the philosophy that we should always just tell what was on our mind rather than letting the lava boil up inside and eventually overflow and badly burn someone.

One example of getting burned occurred in our suite toward the end of second semester. A pair of roommates had a "communication breakdown" as I like to put it, and basically let little things develop into an all-out, if-you-are-in-the-room-I-sure-as-hell-won't-be-war that eventually evolved into a mutually-polite relationship on thin ice until the last day. I feel that if they had sat down to thoroughly discuss these issues, life would have been a little hap-

time the Dave Matthews ends and you are both still warm and fuzzy with common Dave love, you know not to immediately eat your roommate's only remaining candy bar when she specifically asked you not to, and she knows that she needs to not be so loud on the phone because it is now time for your allotted 15 minutes of studying a day.

This sounds extremely groovy and logical as I write it, but you are probably all snickering and saying, "Yeah right, Bri." So I will get off this soapbox and end with a few pieces of simple advice you are free to either paste on your forehead and treasure for all eternity, or tear to shreds and stomp on repeatedly: life is only as good as you make it out to be. Don't sweat the small stuff and enjoy those moments where you can look around you and say, "I am truly happy right now". If it doesn't kill you, it can only make you stronger, and, luckily, the next nine months of living closely with a completely random person who can easily turn into either your best friend or worst enemy—well, it rarely kills anyone.

Is USD Ready *for Y-2k?*

Scott A. Burton • Staff Writer

There are only ninety-two days left in 1999. In just a little over 2,200 hours, the ball will drop in Times Square and Dick Clark will usher in what seems to be his 100th New Year's celebration. Are you ready for the beginning of a new millennium? Have you stored away your food rations? Have you stockpiled firearms in preparation for total and complete anarchy? Many people say the final hours of 1999 will be the last time the world, as we know it, exists. Planes will be left without guidance systems, say some believers in the Y-2K computer bug. Others say the stock market will virtually disappear. But let's just assume for a moment we make it back to USD for the spring semester of 2000. Is USD ready for the infamous Y-2K attack?

Will we return to Alcalá Park to find transcripts void of the laborious hours that constitute one little credit? Could e-mail disappear? Will USD employees lose the money they've worked so hard for? Or, on a more positive note, could the scores of parking tickets people have failed to pay be gone forever? If the Y-2K bug strikes the USD campus, these problems and a deluge of others could soon be facing USD students, faculty and staff. So are we ready?

The problem lies in the method in which a computer reads the date. Many operating systems, or the brains of computers, do not read all four numbers of any given

year. If the year were 1998, the computer would read the year as 98. But when the year changes to 2000, the computer reads the year as 00. See the problem? All of a sudden, we don't exist.

USD realized this would be a huge problem that could conceivably cripple the school if not attended to. So they began to slowly upgrade the systems throughout campus during the past months. Instead of spending millions of dollars to correct their system all at once, they used routine departmental upgrades as their plan of attack. Old computers that were not Y-2K compliant were either replaced or a "patch" was put on them.

Patches are tough to describe. But, think of them as tire patches. They cover a hole that would otherwise cause the computer to be useless. These patches are "activated" when someone starts up a computer. Immediately the machine will read all four digits of the year instead of just two. But, like any other patch, the question is...will it hold? USD officials like Karen Reed say yes. She says these patches will allow USD to proceed with the cyclical upgrades well into the year 2025. And, with over 500 computers on campus, USD was faced with the challenge of patching all of the machines that were not Y-2K compliant without spending millions of dollars.

Luckily, USD figured out a way to attack the problem and keep the numbers down at the same time. They had in-house programmers design many of the patches themselves. A team of 10-15 pro-

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grammers has been working since early January to write programs that will effectively patch the unprepared systems. And as far as they can tell, they've succeeded.

This past August, a team headed by the Director of Administrative Computing, Tom Holliday, performed a test on systems from the payroll department to the telephone class registry to see if they could handle the changing of the new year. The computers' clocks were set to December 31, 1999 and then rolled forward to January 1, 2000. Every system they tested passed. There were little glitches on the headings of documents, but the information contained in the computers remained intact. In fact, since the test, they have fixed many of those little errors as well. And the cost of all the work to correct USD's problem: just a little over \$150,000.

If the initial test performed back in August wasn't a tough enough challenge for the USD information systems, the team performed another "real life" test on the computers. An imaginary student was created to become a guinea pig. "Student X" was enrolled

at USD. The student was given classes and the hefty bills to go along with them. And upon completing those classes, Student X became one of many USD alumni with no trace of the Y-2K bug on their record.

Another question that many people have as the new year approaches is the compatibility of one Y-2K fix with another. Will USD's solution mesh with the programs of companies that we do business with? The result from a test with Bank of America and a few of other companies shows e-commerce should not be interrupted.

Tom Holliday described the experiment. "We ran a test with Bank of America and we have a certification from them that the file we sent was processable and they foresee no problems in the year 2000."

A similar test was performed with retirement companies that service accounts for employees of the university. All three major providers passed the test.

If exam scores like those of the SAT's are on the minds of students, be assured another check has verified all information included in those reports will also arrive secure and free of errors.

With all systems checked, it appears USD is ready for launch into the next millennium.

So USD now knows their computers are ready for Y-2K, but is yours? Depending on the age of your machine and the type of system you have running, your computer could become little more than a high priced and slightly damaged

typewriter as the year 1999 fades into distant memory.

If you have an Apple, you can relax and grab a drink. Apple computers can all read four-digit years. The company designed their machines with that capability from the first II-E's back in the 80's.

But if you have a PC, be aware. Students with older computers running ancient versions of windows need to look out. Their system may soon be useless when the new year arrives.

Academic Computing says they will look at your computer free of charge to see if you're ready. But Karen Reed advises you do some research of your own.

"There are certain versions of Microsoft products that are not Y-2K compliant and people do need to be aware of that and get up on their site and figure out what the right versions are and get them."

Academic computing says they will not open a computer up. But, by simply looking at the age of your computer and the programs you have running they can guess if you'll be hit by the bug.

No one truly knows what will happen as Y-2K arrives. But for those people who fear the worst, they can breathe a sigh of relief when it comes to computers on the campus of USD. As far as tests can tell, the University of San Diego will not become a victim to what many consider to be the deadliest bug of the new millennium.

Payable On Death

Returns Home with an Energetic Performance

Words by ■ Mike Flynn & Dean Woodward

After touring the East coast and Midwest for most of 1999, P.O.D. returned to San Diego on Saturday night for their highly anticipated homecoming show at Canes, Mission Beach.

As the anticipation mounted for the headliners to take the stage, the fans began packing the main floor chanting "P.O.D., P.O.D." With the excitement continuing to build, the band took the stage one at a time.

Following a quick jam between Traa (bass), Marcos (guitar) and Wuv (drums), which only teased the restless crowd of what was to come, Sonny (vocals) took the stage with a smile asking the crowd, "Where're my warriors at?" Then, ripping into "Babylon," the floor erupted into a mosh pit.

The energy that fueled the start of the set was maintained throughout the show. P.O.D.'s charisma on stage was evident as they interacted among themselves and the crowd.

The quartet kept the crowd's excitement high by playing the songs "Lie Down," "Hollywood" and a fan's re-

quest of "Selah," which included the requesting fan's chance to sing the chorus.

The defining moment of the show came when Sonny began shouting, "I'm an outcast," and the crowd responded, "But don't count me out!"

For over a minute and a half, it was only Sonny and the crowd as the chant continued in the silence of the instruments.

The mosh pit had slowed to a mild shoving-match, and just as your ears got used to the silence, the band exploded back into the song causing chaos to consume the floor once again.

What has become a trend in the hard-core music genre to go on stage and just thrash around, P.O.D. did a great job of mixing up their beats and sound. At points in the set, one

could hear hints of funk, R&B and of all things, jazz in the midst of the band's aggressive playing.

"We love jamming, and we never really planned on it getting this far," Marcos said. "We started in a garage, and we were like, 'Hey man, we'll take it one day at a time.' We're almost eight years deep now."

P.O.D. came out and gave

the crowd an energetic and emotional set even in the absence of a light show.

One of the more interesting facts about the band is that they are a Christian band. While in most cases this places the unwanted stereotype of preachy Christian-rock bands on P.O.D., they extend themselves beyond the boundaries that has limited Christian-rock in the past.

"People want realness man, and that's all we're being is real," Marcos said. "I think that's affecting a lot of people listening to our music. They know that we're not acting it out or just doing it for the stage."

Sonny adds, "There's such a stereotype on Christianity and Christian music, and we believe that music is all about expression and passion."

It's not often that a hard-core band's enthusiasm on stage continues after the show interacting with fans.

Each took the time to sign autographs, take pictures and talk with everyone who approached. P.O.D.'s return to San Diego proved the values in their music role over into their lives.



FUNDAMENTAL SOUNDS OF SOUTHTOWN

The latest release from Chula Vista's P.O.D., *The Fundamental Sounds of Southtown*, is anything but fundamental. The solid sounding 16 track album combines some of the most crushing guitar riffs with an equally eclectic mix of influences which include funk, reggae and rap.

The album starts off appropriately enough with crowd favorites "Hollywood" and "Southtown," which draw the listener in using nothing more than a straight forward approach to hard and heavy music. Sonny's rage-like vocals give way to Marcos' amazing guitar chorus that takes the

song to a higher level that would make Tom Morello (of Rage Against the Machine) ask himself why he didn't think of that.

It is a good time to take a breather when "Hollywood" ends and the calm underwater intro of "Southtown" takes over for a moment. However, the metalhead in you will be pleasantly surprised when you hear the faster catch riff that personifies "Southtown," and if you think it doesn't get any more groundbreaking than that, then you haven't listened to the next song.

"Rock the Party (Off the Hook)" is an up-tempo song that

can easily become a party anthem just as "Fight For Your Right To Party" was for the Beastie Boys way back when. Sonny's vocals have long departed from the Zack de la Rocha style, and now can only be described as his own free flowing style.

My personal favorite on the album is "Lie Down." The song begins with a middle eastern guitar sound that can be mistaken for a sitar if I didn't know any better.

After the cool intro, bassist Traa and drummer Wuv show that you should have been paying attention to their tight back-

beat rhythm section the whole time. So you can go back in the CD and realize that Traa smacks the bass around with the same ferocity as Robert Trujillo did in his heyday for Suicidal Tendencies.

One should not forget Wuv on the drums, who mixes up the timing with snare hits with such precision that you have to go back and listen to the songs to realize that four-four timing is too "fundamental" for these hardcore Christian rockers.

Another reason this CD is quality material is because of songs like "Set Your Eyes to Zion" and the U2 cover "Bullet

the Blue Sky," which are radio friendly enough to catapult P.O.D. to the next level of recognition, while allowing them to maintain their identity and not to be mistaken for anyone but themselves.

On a lot of albums, you'll hear some really cool music for about twenty-five minutes and then the CD is over. I say funk that, and apparently, so does P.O.D.

Their CD is not only fun to listen to and pick apart their various influences, but it lasts long enough that you will give up analyzing all of their talent and opt for sitting back and simply enjoying the music.

Three Kings strikes gold

Fall movie season opens with genre movie buster

Ted Donovan • L.A.M.E. Staff Writer

When I first saw the trailer for *Three Kings*, the sight of George Clooney playing a military officer brought upon nightmarish flashbacks of his role opposite Nicole Kidman in *The Peacemaker*, which was easily one of the worst action movies of the past few years. To make matters worse, two former icons of the rap world (Ice Cube and Marky-Mark Wahlberg) were cast as his co-stars. At the time, I was sure it was a recipe for disaster. However, while watching the film, I found myself completely surprised at just how good this movie actually is.

I had originally thought that *Kings* would be a poorly written, poorly acted and poorly filmed movie, filled to the brim with macho attitude and hip sarcasm (courtesy of Mr. Wahlberg and Mr. Cube). On the contrary, the film's script is relatively innovative, the cinematography is inventive and unique, and the acting is pretty darn good.

Kings is only the second major movie from director David O. Russell, who received a mountain of critical praise for his 1996 release *Flirting With Disaster* starring Ben Stiller.

Russell was joined on the set by fellow director Spike Jonze, who makes his acting debut in *Kings*. Jonze, who is known mostly for directing music videos such as the Beastie Boys' "Sabotage" and Weezer's "Buddy Holly," plays a gun toting, violence loving, hill-billy hic turned reservist soldier that provides much of the comedy in the film.

Nora Dunn (*Saturday Night Live*) also contributes a comical relief with her role as the CNN reporter willing to do anything to get an exclusive story about the troops.

Unfortunately, she spends most of the movie being driven around the desert by the incompetent Jaimie Kennedy (*Scream*), who just can't seem to keep his pants on.

There are several unique aspects that make this movie worth seeing. The most notable is that the film successfully conveys elements of comedy, action and drama.

Granted, there are plenty of action-filled, dramatic war movies such as *Braveheart* and *Saving Private Ryan* that have small elements of comedy, but most of the humor is typically produced by a character who is added for a comic relief, much like Dunn's and Jonze's characters.

But there are comical elements added to this movie that you would never expect to see in a film such as this, such the constant elusion to the infamous "ass-map" which leads them to the location of the gold.

Another aspect of *Kings* that contributes greatly to its quality is the unique cinematography. For the violent gun fighting sequences, Russell shot the scenes almost entirely from a first-person perspective, with almost no sound, and in very unusual, slow-motion movements that attempt to portray the confusion of fighting in a gun battle.

The other unique aspect of the cinematography is the way in which the blatant and graphic violence is filmed. Some of the violence, especially in the flashback scenes, are reminiscent of the slapstick dismemberment and decapitation found in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. However, there are some scenes, in particular the portrayal of a bullet passing through one's liver, kidney and pancreas, that are completely grotesque. Keep in mind that many of these ultra-violent scenes are preceded by almost a full hour of gut-busting (no pun intended) humor, which makes the violence all the more unexpected and unsettling.

However, there are many aspects of this film that have an eerie similarity to other well-known films of the past. First and foremost is the plot twist: While searching for the gold, Clooney, Wahlberg and Cube witness the torment of the helpless villagers by the Iraqi troops, but are powerless to do anything because of the cease-fire. As they are about to make a perfect escape with millions of dollars in gold, they suffer from a last-minute attack of conscience and decide to help the villagers escape from the Iraqi troops.

While watching this, I couldn't help but remember the scene from *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* when Harrison Ford, at the risk of losing his life as well as the three sacred stones he has just stolen, decides to free all of the enslaved children from the sadistic Thuggee cult. You have to admit; there is a striking resemblance.

Despite this blatant cinematic thievery, *Three Kings* is more than worthy of the price for admission. And although the trailer might make it look like a waste of celluloid, the old saying of "don't judge a book by its cover" should definitely apply here.



COURTESY OF WARNER BROTHERS

More than meets the eye: *Three Kings* Stars George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg and Ice Cube as three soldiers who venture into the desert after the Gulf War to find Saddam's stockpiles of gold. *Three Kings* delivers seamless combination of comedy, action and drama.

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Into the closet

my affair with my roommate's shoes

Margie Pierce • Offbeat Editor

So you know it's going to be a great year when you walk into your room and discover that your new roommate has seventeen pairs of assorted Converse. Yes, seventeen different colors to mix and match with my underwear. Talk

about love at first sight—me and the shoes—I'd found my sole-mates at last. (I fully acknowledge the cheesiness there.) I was actually sort of upset when my roommate showed up, because it meant I couldn't sit in her closet anymore. For those of you who

can you not love a band with a song titled, "I Wanna Be Naked." Really, what's not to love?

In addition to shoes and music we bond by stalking teachers and boys in Maher, I mean um, okay that's just me really, but I help her do "research" in coffee shops. When it comes to serious guy watching though, we both agree there's nothing like a quality trip to Home Depot. "I'm a hardware girl," my roommate admits. Stalking is actually one of our greater talents. I figure if my roommate ends up flunking the LSAT this week, she can always become a paparazzi. If she's not a lawyer, she might as well give them a reason to stay in business.

So I agreed to go to Balboa Park with her this weekend, innocently thinking that we were actually going to study, but no.... my roommate just had to get her picture taken with these poor unsuspecting tourists in hideous clothing. All I really wanted was to be alone with The Complete Works of Shakespeare, but whether I was hiding behind trees or in the port-a-potties, she always found me. To make matters worse she insisted on desecrating both nature and art by climbing trees and straddling lions. I finally told her to go fly a kite, so she did—at least until my solitary performance of *Twelfth Night* on the stage of the Organ Pavillion scared some small child and she had to give it away to make him stop crying. I do have to agree with her on one point though, I don't care what country or planet your from, a pink sports coat is not acceptable—especially when it matches your girlfriend's dress.



can't understand this fetish let me explain Converse in USD terms.

Converse are the Volkswagen Bug of shoes, the iMac of footwear, the black pants of toe-trend—except that I like to wear socks that stay out of my cracks—you know what I mean....Hug it? Wear it? Hug it? Wear it? Fortunately, with seventeen pairs we can do both. My roommate's closet is a little small though, so we have had to designate custody;

she gets to sleep with them, I get to study with them.

Did I say "great" year? Maybe interesting, er, psycho might be a better way to put it. Our commonalities don't end there however. We also like the same music. I knew my roommate was a keeper when she looked at my CD collection and eeked, "Social D!" It's a very refreshing change from the roommates of the past who just couldn't find any redeemable factors in a band called Screeching Weasel. I don't understand. How



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Scouting Yale

Jeff Seeker • Sports Editor

University of San Diego head football coach, Kevin McGarry, has been involved with the Torero program for almost twenty-five years as both a player and coach. As one can imagine, when he makes the statement, "This is the biggest name opponent we've ever faced," it should not be taken lightly.

When the Yale Bulldogs come to town this Saturday night, it is not simply another non-conference game for USD. It marks a turning point for this football program as well as the university as it tries to take its place amongst the nations elite.

"This game brings exposure and excitement, said coach McGarry "and (more than anything) a sense of legitimacy to this program."

McGarry, however, isn't the only one excited about this game. Rumor has it, additional bleachers will be brought in to provide extra seating for the anticipated crowds. (see below.)

What amounts to the biggest game in USD football history, couldn't have come at a better time. The Toreros are 2-1 on the season and coming off two dramatic come from behind wins and are well rested due to last weekend's bye. The bye week gives USD extra time to prepare for the Bulldogs attack as well as rest for some ailing players.

Starting invert Brian Luman, who left the Cal Lutheran game with an ankle injury, is expected to be back in the starting lineup. Luman is tied for the team lead with one interception to go along with 12 tackles. Coach McGarry is also optimistic that junior invert Alike Vasper, who sat out the Cal Lutheran game with a injured wrist, will play. The Toreros, however, will be without the services of junior tailback Stanford Tuupo who sustained a knee injury which

threatens to end his season. This could prove to be a major blow as Tuupo played a critical role in the Torero win over Whittier when he scored two second-half touchdowns.

Fortunately for USD, two-time Pioneer Football League Player of the Week Oscar Arzu has picked up the slack. Arzu has been unstoppable as of late, rushing for 415 yards and 7 touchdowns in the last two games. He has emerged as the Toreros game breaker

and is currently averaging a league best 143 yards rushing per game.

While Arzu has led the Torero's rushing attack, senior Dylan Ching is once again amongst the league leaders in receiving. The two-time 1st team All-PFL performer has a team best 18 catches for 200 yards. Besides being the leading receiver, Ching is also handling the kick return duties where he is currently leading the league with an average of 15 yards per punt return.

As usual, Ching, who Coach McGarry refers to as one of the best players in the conference, has been getting his hands on the ball quite a bit this year. The difference between previous years has been the manner in which he is receiving it. For each of the past two seasons, Ching and quarterback Mike Stadler have teamed up to form one of the best offensive duos in school history. Together they have shattered almost every USD passing and receiving record in the books on their way to being All Conference selections.

But Stadler has been missing in action this year. The quarterback sustained a knee injury on one of the first plays

of the season and since then, the Torero offense has been in the hands of junior Tom Jackson. Jackson, who Coach McGarry calls a "tough guy" and "leader," has handled his new role well, completing 42 of 78 passes for 414 yards and one touchdown. Jackson, who poses more of a running threat than Stadler, has also managed to rush for 110

yards and two touchdowns.

"I was excited to get the opportunity to play," said Jackson. "I knew he (Stadler) was hurt going into the season, so I kind of expected that I could get a chance. Everyone has pulled together and the guys have faith in me which is cool."

Jackson and the rest of the Toreros must find a way to improve their recent dismal first half performances if they are going to stand a chance against Yale, who is coming off a 48-2 thrashing of Pioneer League foe Valparaiso. Of his teams chances, Jackson said, "I'm pretty excited (about the game), the line is playing well and if we can put two halves together, I have no doubt we can win."

Coach Kevin McGarry, said, "the ability to keep running the ball and win field position" will be the keys to a Torero victory. He also stressed the need to play a total game on defense.

Defensively, coordinator Bob Tompson must come up with a game plan to stop All-IVY running back Rashad Bartholomew. Last year, Bartholomew had four games in which he rushed for over 100 yards. Complementing Bartholomew offensively for the Bulldogs, is quarterback Joe

Waland who is a threat both in the air and on the ground. Waland threw for 12 touchdowns last season and rushed for six more. In the season opener against Brown, Waland was 12-22 for 182 yards and 1 touchdown.

"The key will be stopping their passing game," said sophomore defensive back Will Withers. "Their running back is big and he runs hard. We just need to put together two good halves."

The Torero defense definitely has the man power to accomplish the task. They are led in the secondary by All-PFL returners Kao Gouveia and Kyle Slusser. Gouveia, who was the USD Defensive Player of the Year a season ago, has 15 tackles on the season and needs just one interception to move past John Gutmiedl into first place on the school's all-time list. Slusser, who had a magnificent game against Cal Lutheran, has one interception to go along with 21 tackles through the first three games.

Up front, sophomore line-backer Bryan Baxter has been having a banner year while leading the team with 26 tackles. It was Baxter's blocked punt against Cal Lutheran that led to a USD score that put the Toreros up for good.

Without a doubt, the key for the Toreros will be their ability to get things done on both sides of the ball. Coach McGarry has stressed the importance of everyone stepping up and doing their part to make things work. This will certainly be the case come October 2 at 7 pm. The USD football team has worked very hard to reach this point and there is a sense of excitement amongst the players as they await their toughest battle of the season.

Besides being a very critical game for the vastly improving football team, this game is something very special for the fans as well as the administrators. It is a tribute to such staff members as Coach McGarry and Athletic Director Tom Iannacone who have each been in this program for a number of years and have stuck through all the loses and hard times.

It is also for all the alumni and former Torero football players who will be in attendance, as they played a major role in bringing this program to the level it is at today. This is a game everyone can be proud of being associated with. This game, along with the new Jenny Craig Pavilion, mark a new beginning for this universities athletics, as we head towards the next millennium.

Home Field Advantage

Dominic Mucciaccito • Sports Editor

The Toreros will be hosting Ivy League power Yale this Saturday at Torero Stadium. Or will they? Athletic department officials are concerned that Yale is going to draw a bigger crowd than initially anticipated. The school has already made a thousand tickets available to Yale

and their fans, but the seats that remain could end up in Bulldog fans clutches after if USD students don't claim them. If you want to attend the game Saturday night bring your valid student ID to the UC before five o'clock on Friday. USD students may attend for free. If you are not a student you can still buy a ticket but there are no pre-game ticket sales. Limited ticket sales will be conducted the day of the game beginning at 5:30 PM.

Highlights

Golf

The Toreros finished ninth at the Falcon- Cross Creek Invitational. Notre Dame won the event after leading the field through all three rounds. Torero Patrick Hawkins placed 19th out of the 77 member field.

Soccer

The Torero winning streak ended at seven games last week against Cal Berkeley 2-1. The team opened the season with their best start ever (7-0) before falling on Sunday at the Fall Soccer Classic hosted by Saint Mary's College.

Accolades were due to Ryan Coiner, West Coast Conference Player of the Week, following his game winner against Florida International. Coiner is leading the team with five goals.

Tennis

Top ranked Zuzana Lesenarova won the Women's Singles Title at the Suburban Club of Baltimore County in Pikesville, Md. In an all USD final, Lesenarova defeated teammate Katarina Valkyova 6-3, 6-1 claiming her fourth "Grand Slam" victory of her career. The college clay court championships provided the school with the singles champion but these same two teammates were denied the doubles title when they lost to South Alabama's Martina Ondrejko and Iva Puflerova 6-4, 6-2.

Volleyball

The Toreros defeated visiting San Diego State and Fresno State to improve their record to 9-2. The Aztecs were treated rudely by their hosts and swept out of the USD Sports Center 15-5, 15-3, and 15-9. USD Volleyball has not lost a match to the Aztecs since 1997 winning the last five meetings. Fresno State did not do much better. The Bulldogs fell to another Torero offensive onslaught in losing 15-11, 15-11, and 15-9 on Saturday.

Running uphill

The Toreros begin their race to a Conference Championship

Andy Marchi • Staff Writer

Torero cross-country took a plunge into the Riverside Invitational this past weekend at Riverside Community College. Due to construction on the normal 5-mile course, the race was moved to a new 4-mile course.

A 6:15am departure placed the Toreros at the site only 45 minutes prior to the race, giving little time for warm-ups and stretching. The men finished 8th overall led by sophomore Brian Sullivan.

"We ran a good team race," said Scott Bergen, team captain. "It was a tough course and we did well against our main competition."

Scoring points for the men's team were Brian Sullivan (22:44), Brennan Taylor (22:57), Andy Marchi (23:03), Scott Bergen (23:48),

and Eric Bauer (23:57). Also for the toreros were freshmen Robbie Beamer and Will Kalenias (24:42), followed by sophomore transfer Charlie Cotton (26:40).

Katie Grim led the women to a 5th place finish, beating Pepperdine, LMU, USIU, and SDSU. "The ladies ran a very good race, possibly one of the best team races I have seen in a while," said Coach Cota of Saturdays womens race.

This years women's team is definitely off to a strong start. The Toreros scored very well despite losing Joie Pampillo to a mid-race injury. She is expected to return for next week's race.

Katie Grim (20:17) was followed with great performances by Fabian Mueri (20:35), Jenny Pici (20:56), Karen Isitt (21:01), and Lind-

say Herf (21:33). Also pushing the Toreros ahead were Kim Pace, Jen Strople, Ginger White, Melissa Morris, and Bonnie Watson.

The Toreros are definite contenders in the battle for this years conference championship. Both men and women are training hard with the prize in their eye. "We've got our sights set on conference, but the WCC is a tougher conference this year," says Brennan Taylor, a sophomore on the men's team.

In regard to the women, "We are running well, and training hard, improving as a team each race," says Jenn Strople.

The Toreros were plagued by what coach Cota said was "probably the worst course I have ever seen." The first three quarters of a mile were completely uphill. The all dirt course was very similar to that of con-

ference championships in Belmont, CA., as well as the Stanford Invitational. The course contained probably only 400 yards of flat ground for the whole 4 miles.

Many participants in the girls race were hit by fatigue due to the terrain as well as the heat, and were forced to remove themselves from the race. Despite the conditions both Torero teams stayed strong and finished well.

"I was very happy with the women, taking 5th overall," said Cota. "I was also very surprised by the men, taking 8th out of 21 teams in the field."

With the Stanford Invitational only a few days away, the USD track teams prepare for what will be the biggest non-championship race of the year.

Women's soccer scores a win in WCC opener

Nicole Grieco •

Assistant Sports Editor

The USD women's soccer team, led by Alison Bonoit's hat tricks, won its West Coast Conference opener at home on Sat., defeating the University of San Francisco, 6-0.

Benoit, a senior forward, found the back of the net two minutes into the game. Following a Vanessa Thiele indirect kick just outside penalty area. The early goal set the mood both on the field and in the stands.

Benoit scored again six minutes later, heading in defender Heather Swanson. USD maintained possession

of the ball most of the first half, controlling the play at midfield.

The Toreros went on to score two more goals, including Benoit's third, before the half was over. Swanson captured her second assist of the game on a corner kick to Kendra Wales, who was waiting patiently at the back door to head the ball into the net. Susan Spencer, a sophomore, scored her first career goal at USD just before the half.

Vanessa Thiele secured the final goal early in the second half, finishing off a corner kick from Freshman Val Strocco.

Defenders Tricia Gordon, Swanson, Gina Polt and Heather Spence helped maintain the shut-out.

The Toreros, who improved to 8-1-0 will be looking to maintain the momentum this weekend against Texas Christian and North Carolina in the 1999 USD Puma Invitational.

Upcoming Games

Football

Oct.2	Yale	7 p.m.
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Volleyball

Oct.1	LMU	7 p.m.
Oct.2	Pepperdine	7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

CS Fullerton Tournament		
Oct.1	CS Fullerton	7 p.m.
Oct.3	UC Irvine	5 p.m.

Women's Soccer

USD Tournament		
Oct.1	Texas Christian	6 p.m.
Oct.3	North Carolina	12 p.m.

Cross Country

Oct.2	Stanford Invitational	4 p.m.
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Come out to support the Women's Soccer team play in the best collegiate tournament in Southern California.

Pianas, TJ Town Rats and Carebears

The Crazy Pianas impress the pollsters

Frank Cruz • Football

There was a full slate of flag football action this past Sunday on Canyon Field. As expected, most teams looked rusty, mainly because a majority of teams were playing football together for the first time. Without further delay, lets get to the week one scoreboard.

The most intense game of the day was the opener between the Hokies and Ruffryders. The Hokies were led by Jim Ballew, who scored two touchdowns. His final touchdown reception late in the second half proved to be the difference as the Hokies won 22 to 13. In defeat the Ruffryders can lay claim as the best 0-1 team in the league.

Led by Jeff Eittreim's 5 receptions, including two for touchdowns, the P-Funk Traveling All-Stars slid past the Dirty Dozen 22-6. The Dirty Dozen led early by way of a 85 yard touchdown pass (the longest of the day) from quarterback Peter Wieghaus to receiver Chris Heim. But P-



IMREC
Phi Kaps celebrate after yet another touchdown

This Weeks Top Ten

- 1) Crazy Piana's (1-0) Raider lovers even call there QB an mini Rich Gannon.....
- 2) Phi Kappa Theta #1 (1-0) Team is loaded with athletes.
- 3) Phat Richard (1-0) If they stay focused, they could roll.
- 4) Phi Kappa Theta #2 (1-0) 54 points. Nothing more to say....
- 5) Carebears (1-0) Solid win with only six players.
- 6) Hokies (1-0) Team's strength is that they know how to play together....
- 7) Ruffryders (0-1) The best 0-1 team out there....
- 8) P-Funk Traveling All Stars (1-0) Would be ranked higher, but not even there fans took them seriously...
- 9) Huyen's Warriors (0-1) Hung tough with top team....
- 10) Tides (0-1) Teams is also full of athletes, but might like surfing better than football.

Funk lived up to there all-star billing by scoring the next 22 points on their way to the victory.

The best all-around team offensive performance was put in by Phi Kappa Theta Team #1. Jeff Richard, M. Kelly Norman, Joe Razori, Chris Laybourn and TJ Cooley each scored a touchdown in Theta's 34-14 victory over the Tides. But even more impressive was the play of Phi Kappa Theta Team #2 which exploded for 54 points in their victory over Suite 33. Theta Team #2 was led by offensive and defensive player of the week Gibran Farrah who had 4 interceptions to go along with his 7 touchdown passes.

In the final game of the afternoon, the UC Nutz held back the Tijuana Town Rats 21-7. Led by the quarterbacking of Dan Link and the pass rushing of Stelios Christophilas the UC Nutz were able to pull away late in the second half despite losing team captin Matt Enyidi to a head injury.

In women's action, Team Tacklers sped past Shannon Kelly's USD Women's Law Team. USD Law played with only six players, but even with seven players they would have been hard pressed to stop the electrifying running of Tackler receiver Catherine Fontecha.

entries update

Entries close this week for: CoRec Softball and Doubles Tennis

For the past two weeks our leagues have filled up before the Friday 5pm deadline, don't be left out! Registration must accompany the league fees for you to be officially in the league.

Co-Rec Softball

\$30 per team

Play on Wednesday or Thursday nights between 6-10pm.

4 Weeks plus playoffs

Played at the USD Softball Complex

2x2 Tennis

\$8.00 per team

Mens, Womens and Co-Rec Divisions

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The dealine for both of these popular leagues is tomorrow. If you have further questions, stop by our table in front

open recreation

Marya Young • Open Rec

For all you ladies, and the fellas, at USD the gym is the place to be. Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m its your chance to get an extra workout or work up a sweat playing pick-up volleyball. Don't worry guys, I haven't forgotten about your half of the gym which will still be available for basketball, and after 8:00 you got it all to yourselves. But don't forget that the gym closes at 10:00 p.m. For those that have forgotten the gym is also open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m to 11:20 a.m and Fridays from 9:00 a.m to 1:30 p.m. Pool hours and weight room hours are still the same. You can call extension 4601 to hear the updated hours for the week. I'll see you there!!!



Each week we'll pick one participant from our IM Leagues to be the Domino's "Good Sport" of the Week. The winner will be determined by their sportsmanship and character on the IM fields and will receive a gift certificate for a large two-topping pizza from Domino's! So show us you sportsmanship and take home a pizza tonight!

Volleyball takes off *A week of no forfeits*

Kristin Strough • Volleyball

The first week of intramural volleyball action was a great success.....which literally means no forfeits. Only half of the teams were able to play this week, but it was not by any means half the excitement. Lets take a look at some of last weeks matches.

The Untouchables and D-Rock Superstars and Lovely Ladies provided the most exciting game of the evening. D-Rock Superstars and Lovely Ladies captured the first game 15-8, but the Untouchables came back to win the next two (15-6, 15-10) behind the outstanding play of captain Michael Dondaville. In the best performance of the night, Dondaville contributed nine kills and seven aces to his team's come from behind victory. In another competitive game (which were rather hard to come by this night) 2 Guys, a Girl....and another Girl barely beat my preseason sleeper pick, The Spike Girls and Backsideout Boys in two games (15-13, 16-14). Cat Richard and Jay Bays turned in a solid performance for 2 Guys, a



Volleyball participant puts the smack down

Girl....and Another Girl, and David Piscitelli was our stand-out "Backsideout Boy" of the day!!

In other games, last year's returning

champs, 4 on the Floor, cruised to an easy victory over the 39ers. Jon Chin, Darren Baker, and Kristin Strough had five kills each and new team member, Stacey Stagner, had five aces to lead their team to victory. Our "most confused" team award goes to The Cubbies, who in about five minutes before game time found and introduced each other, warmed up, and then continued to beat their opponents, The Destroyers. Impressive....good job guys!!

This week we will see the rest of the teams who had byes last week and watch them show their stuff. They will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-11 p.m, so if you have any questions about your team's game time call the IM Office so we don't have any forfeits. Have a good week and stay tuned for this week's results.

And one final note, thanks to all the new officials who came out and worked hard in our first week! Keep up the good work!!

Subway game of the week

Each week we'll feature a different sport or division and name it the Subway Game of the Week. The winner of this match takes home a Free Ticket for a Party Platter from the 1122 Morena Blvd. Subway!

This week's games are:

Women's Soccer: Pink Panthers vs Reefers Tuesday at 7pm

Men's Football: Monsignor's Misfits vs P-Funk Traveling All-Stars Sunday at 1pm

didn't even make the traveling squad. I guess we'll just have to settle for captain Tommy Herron to give up the funk.

6.) D-Rock Superstars and Lovely Ladies - Self-righteous Derrick had better hope that the lovely ladies will cast their vote for him in the freshman senator race, because so far, the Jeanna-Nator has my vote. Woo-hoo AS!

7.) Boys and Girls Club - I sure hope that they were going for humor when they made this name, otherwise I will have to cap on them very badly next week.

The ERG *What's in a name?*

The ERG - Equipment Room Guy

These days it seems no one can live without knowing where they stand in the grand scheme of things. Being the humanitarian that I am, I've decided to remedy the situation by ranking the IM volleyball teams from best to worst. To be the best doesn't mean you have to win the most games.....instead it means that you have to have a cool name, or I have to know somebody on the team who is paying me money to rank them highly and thus, everyone's need to be judged is fulfilled. Since there are 27 teams, I will do the rankings in three tiers, the first tier containing the best nine teams, the third tier containing the worst nine teams. If you haven't figured it out, this will be a three week undertaking, so be patient, and keep reading the ERG.

Volleyball (Tier 1 Teams 1-9)

1.) The Spike Girls and Backsideout Boys - Oh, I get it.....They're using a fusion of pop culture icons and volleyball terminology to

create a team name.....clever!!! Note to self: Ask shrink about new technology to erase memory of last week's date with Scary Spike..

2.) What's in a Name? - What's in a name?!? I'll tell you what's in a name!! Your future! Your identity! You ranking from the ERG!!! Don't you realize the importance of what is in a name? What do I have to do to illustrate to you that simply by asking what's in a name you are degrading exactly that which is in the name in question? I mean, come on!

3.) The Green Monkeys - If there's a story behind this name, I don't know it, but the thought of green monkeys running around hitting volleyballs sure does make me smile!

4.) Dischargers - It's like when you take the band-aid off and instead of regular discharge, Junior Seau or Ryan Leaf seeps out of your wound.

5.) P-Funk Travelling All Stars - Such a good team that George Clinton

2x2 Scramble Golf Tournament at the beautiful Riverwalk

That's right everybody, on Friday October 8th, we will be holding our annual 2x2 Scramble Golf Tournament. For those of you who were at last year's enormously successful tournament, it's that time again! For a meager \$20.00 per person, you can involve yourself in a 9 hole round of "scramble" golf.

"Scramble" basically means that the best ball wins. You and your teammate take your first shot off the tee, and then both of you pick which ball is better, then you both take your second shot from the same place; the place that the better ball landed. For example, if player one hits their first shot into the water, and player two hits their first shot on the green, player one will take his ball out of the water and take his next shot from the green (where player two hit their first ball).

Tee times begin at 4:00pm and the \$20.00 per person fee includes 9 holes on the Riverwalk course, a golf cart, food and refreshments. We offer men's, women's and co-rec divisions. The GRAND PRIZE is a \$50 gift certificate at none other than the CHEESE-CAKE FACTORY, and the other prizes are up for grabs too, no matter how well you golfed. That's right, we're gonna raffle the prizes off so even the worst golfer has a chance to walk away with some great prizes!! Not too shabby, huh?

WHAT: 2X2 Scramble Golf Tournament

WHEN: Friday, October 8, beginning at 4:00 pm

WHERE: Riverwalk Golf Course

HOW MUCH: \$20.00 per person

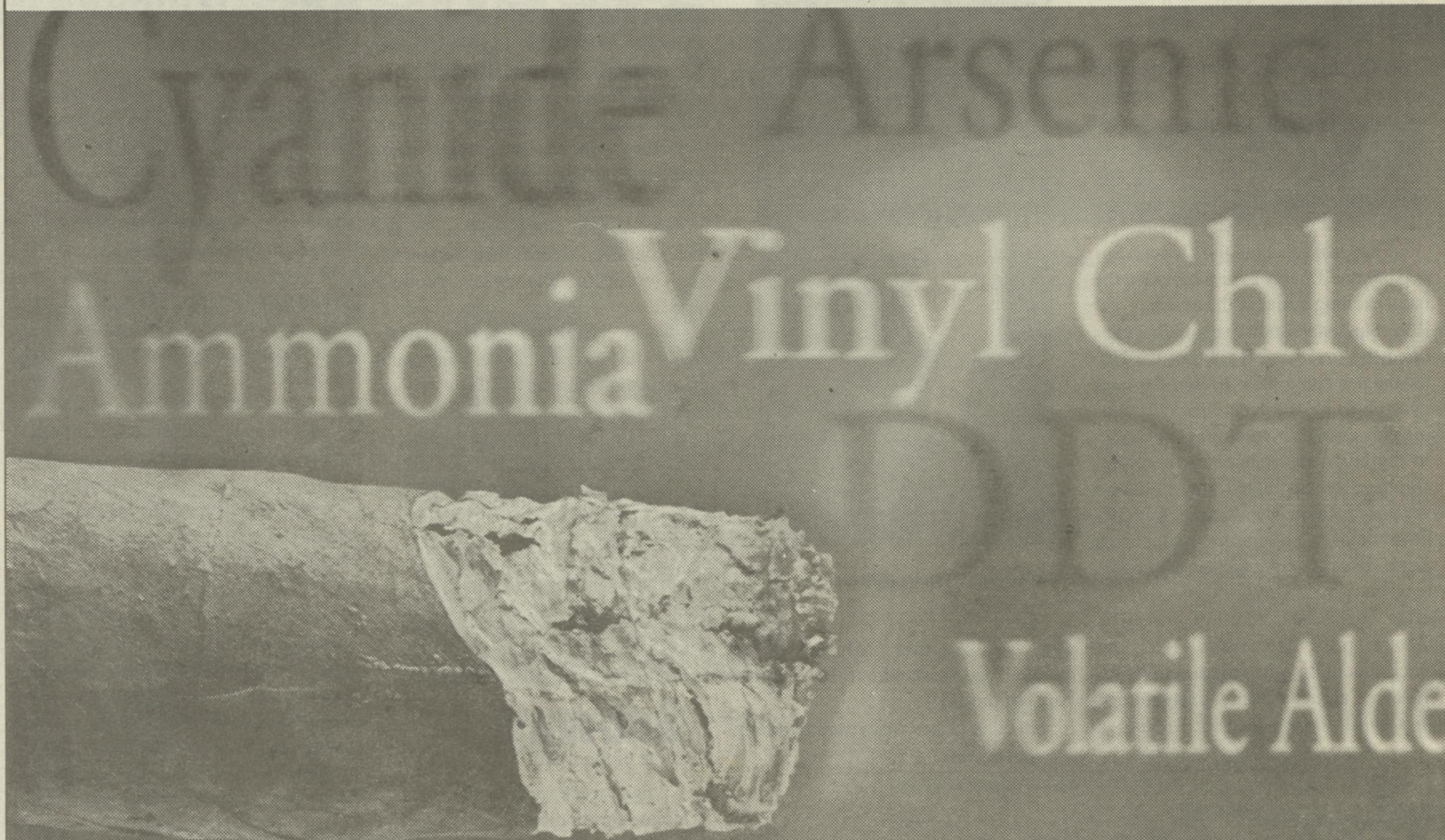
WHY: Why not?

8.) Night Moves - As opposed to day moves? O.K. then.

9.) Cubbies - I don't know how they're gonna do it, but i heard a rumor that the late Harry Caray is going to sing "Take Me Out to the Volleyball Game" at their next match. That's pretty sick, man.

Didn't see you team name in here? That's because it's not good enough!! Rest assured, you'll see it in here within the next two weeks. Until then, I am the ERG.

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