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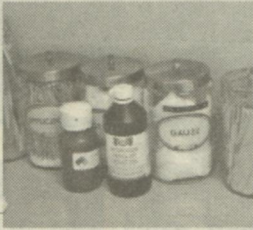
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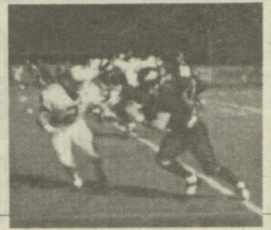
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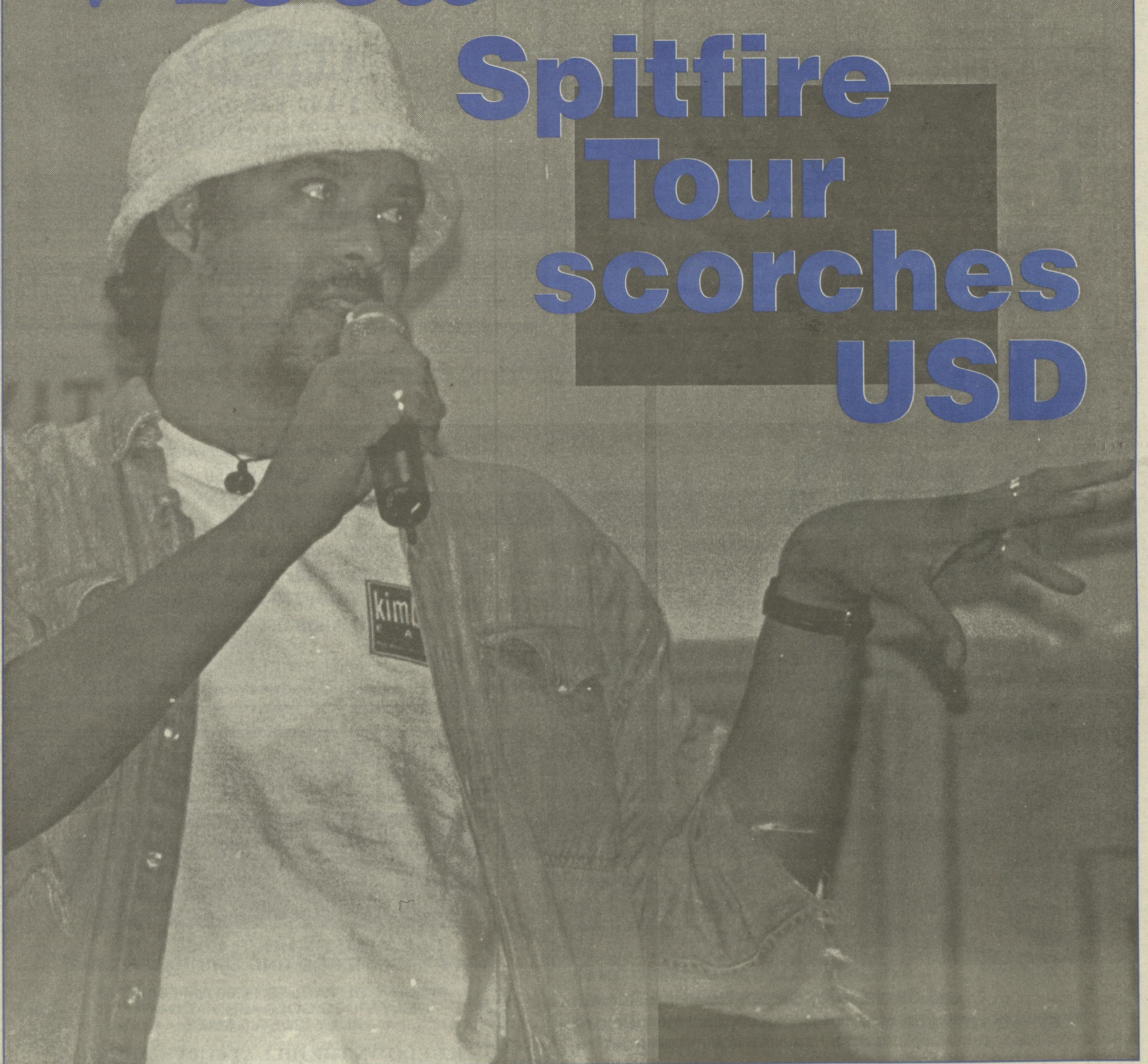
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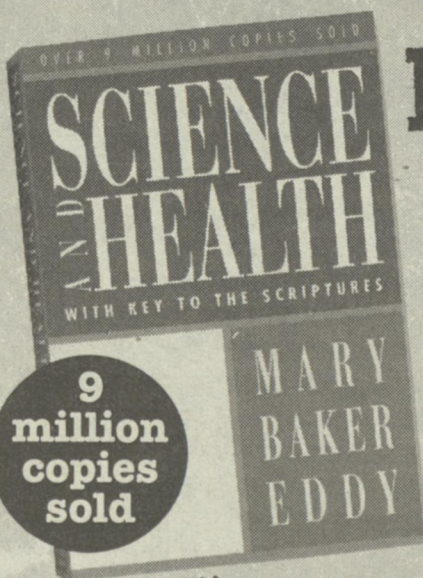
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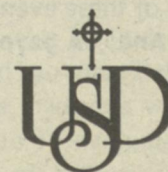
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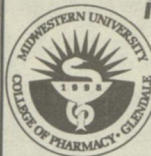
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# Meningitis vaccine available at Health Center

**Lisa Stevenson** • Staff Writer

A vaccine for meningitis, a dangerous disease that affects many college students has been made available this week in the USD Health Center. The Health Center will not require the \$60 vaccination, because of the price and rarity of the disease, although one case of meningitis has been reported at USD.

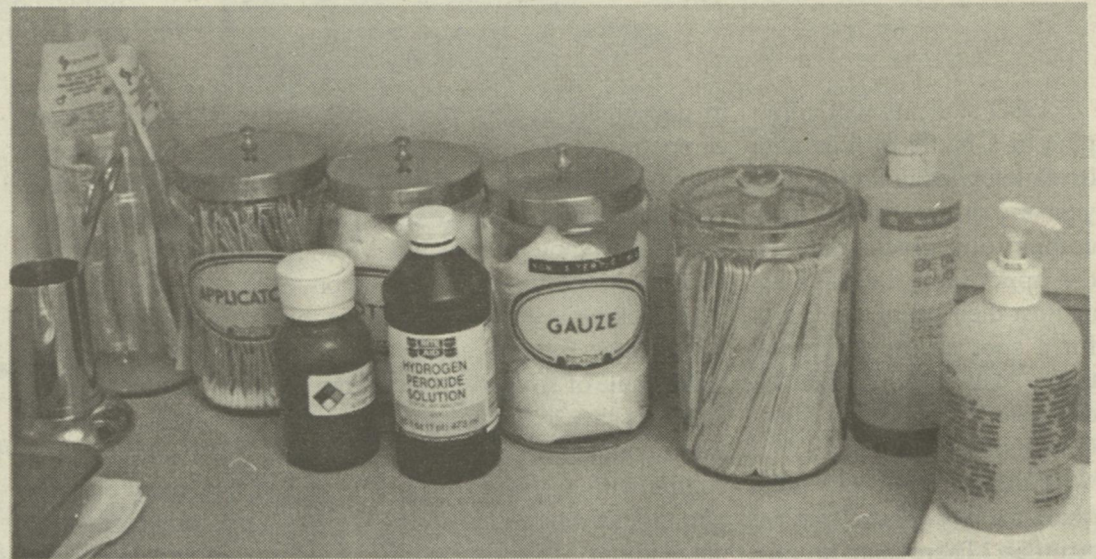
However, the center does have some suggestions on how students can keep themselves healthy without the shots, such as not sharing cigarettes, bottles or straws at parties. "Good hygiene, such as hand washing will help prevent students from being sick in general," said Margie Clark, RN.

The vaccine, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee (CDC) recommended colleges make readily available, is effective for two to five years. This recommendation comes after reports that

meningitis cases involving people ages 15 to 25 have doubled since 1991. While more than 170 colleges have added the meningitis vaccine to their health recommendations in the last two years, the USD Health Center does not mention the vaccine on its health information form for freshman and transfers as of this past year.

Meningitis, which affects the nervous system comes in both a viral form and a bacterial form. Viral meningitis is more common than bacterial and is rarely life threatening. The virus is spread through coughing, sneezing and poor hygiene. Viral meningitis does not respond to antibiotics.

Bacterial meningitis is the most dangerous of the two forms. Bacteria are spread in the same ways as viruses, but they cannot live outside the body for very long. It may be picked up from water supplies, swimming pools, and buildings. The strain of bacterial



meningitis concerning most scientists is neisseria meningitis (meningococcus, which survives in respiratory droplets and close contact and can develop in closed populations, such as college dorms. Symptoms of meningitis include fever, headache, nausea and vomiting, neck stiffness and skin rash.

"I had no idea the vaccine was out there before I entered college, and even though I got sick while at home, I'm con-

vinced that I contracted it in the dorm," said Melanie Benn, a 22-year-old, native San Diegan who lost both her arms and legs after contracting the disease four years ago. A CDC study, involving 83 reported meningitis cases in colleges from September 1998 through May 1999, indicated a rare 1.4 cases per 100,000 freshman and 3.8 cases per freshman living in dormitories.

These findings lead the CDC to conclude that fresh-

man living in dormitories were more than six times more likely than other college students to become infected. The college dorm lifestyle leaves students particularly susceptible to disease as stress, little sleep, and a bad diet display their full impact usually around Christmas Break. Those also at risk are smokers and drinkers, whose immune systems are compromised by the effects of tobacco and alcohol.

## Letter to the Editor: from the mail bag

The following is an editorial that Student Issues board would like to have printed in the Vista regarding recent student complaints about meal increases in both the Deli and Traditions.

Dear Editor,

In response to many student complaints about the increase in meal prices specifically Grab'n go meals in the Deli and combo meals in Traditions, Student Issues Board invited Rudy Spano, Director of Dining Services to our meeting on October 19. Spano offered many explanations for the increases.

Spano first explained that

Dining Services is a business. It does not receive tuition dollars to help funding but is required to contribute to the University's general fund. As a result, prices must remain competitive in order to maintain a level of contribution to the University that helps to keep tuition down.

Expenses have increased in dining areas on campus. For example, full time wages have increased 4.5% and part time wage is up almost \$1.00 from the national minimum. Food costs have increased radically, and general expenses still must be taken care of. As a result of managing all of these factors it is necessary to increase prices.

Price increases have been done at a minimal level. Meal plan prices increased this year 2%, the first increase since 1993. Sandwich prices went up \$0.09. Hamburger prices in Traditions are up 2.5%, yet compared with off campus dining alternatives, these prices are still less expensive than the competition.

In regards to grab 'n go an combo meal increases Spano explained that they eliminated the drink from the grab'n go because it was noticed that many students didn't take it. It was also necessary to do this to keep the meal price at \$4.00. In Traditions, only two combo meal prices

have gone up while two have remained the same and one actually has gone down.

Many students are upset that these prices go above the allotted \$4.00 and dip into cash plus. Spano explained that it is difficult to keep Traditions/Deli prices below meal equivalencies because these were only created only as an additional service. Meal plans are meant to be used in Main Dining.

Spano also let Student Issues Board know that Deli and Traditions managers will be meeting to re-evaluate the Combo meals and grab 'n go meals as a result of student concern.

Students with concerns over issues like meal increases or any other issues that affect you at USD can take them to Student Issues Board. We meet every Tuesday from 1-2 PM in UC103. Any other issues can be addressed by filling out a speak out form and depositing it into one of the seven speak out boxes located throughout campus. Also, on Tuesdays from 12-1 PM look for the student speak out booth in front of the UC.

Thank you,  
Jojo Crivello  
Senior Senator  
Student Issues Board  
Representative

# COLLEGE BOWL

## *Are you up for the challenge?*

Amiko Moran • Staff Writer

USD students will compete in a battle of wits and trivia knowledge during this year's College Bowl. The competition gives students the opportunity to compete against their peers and to try for a spot on the Regional team, which will go on to compete at San Diego State University.

College Bowl will take place on Nov. 9 at 7 pm in Aromas. There is not an eligibility requirement, so all students were eligible to sign up. Each team is made up of four people and one alternate. Ten teams will compete in USD's College Bowl this year. Usually, teams are made up of a group of friends, but some student organizations, such as Associated Students, Panhellenic, and the Hooligans put together teams

to participate in this year's competition. "A group of my friends and I put together a team for fun. I enjoy trivia games, so I thought it would be cool to compete," said Scott Bergen, AS president.

College Bowl is similar to the game of Trivial Pursuit. Students have to points. Two teams compete at one time. It begins with a toss-up question that anyone can answer, but without conferring with their teammates. If a competitor answers the toss-up question correctly, the team will get a bonus question. Toss-up questions are worth ten points and bonus questions are worth anywhere from ten to thirty points.

Competitors are individually scored, so only the top five scorers will go on to the regional competition in

the Spring. If the USD team were to win the Regional competition, then they would go on to compete in the National's, where one team from each state will compete for the National title.

Generally, USD students don't try to study specific subjects in order to prepare for competition, because there are too many possible topics and questions that could be covered in a given round. However, some schools, such as Stanford, have coaches and hold training sessions with the hope that their team will be better prepared and more knowledgeable than other competitors. Stanford's approach has been successful and they have won the past two years. "USD is hoping to put together practice sessions in the

future," said Karina Kirana, Director of Academic Programming.

Even though the College Bowl is very competitive, most students signed up to have fun. "I thought it would be a fun and interesting way to compete against my peers," said Tawnya Lydick, student.

There was a practice College Bowl on Nov. 2 in front of the UC, which allowed students to get an idea as to what the real College Bowl would be like. "The questions were harder than I expected because they were so specific," said Bergen.

The USD College Bowl is expected to last from 7 p.m. to midnight. This year only ten teams can compete and the sign ups are already full, but there is a waiting list. If an of the current teams with-

draw from the competition, then teams from the waiting list could have the opportunity to compete.

Sign ups are in UC 225 or during dead hours in front of the UC.

The questions will cover an array of topics, ranging from science to current events. One of the questions in last year's competition was, "A coincidence of its rotation, its year, and earth's year is that it shows the same side to earth every time it is best placed for observation. That long misled astronomers to assume it always had the same side facing the sun.

For 10 points—name this planet with an 88-day year (answer: Mercury)."

Answering a question correctly takes a lot of knowledge and a little bit of luck.

## Provost believes in USD potential

Katie McDonald • Staff Writer

Not much unlike the Wizard of Oz, the Provost of USD has long been regarded as a mysterious and powerful presence on campus.

The term "provost" is derived from French and Latin roots, meaning "someone who looks out for," which explains Dr. Lazarus' job.

As Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Lazarus is second only to Dr. Alice B. Hayes in authority.

He is responsible for not only the academic programs here at school, but also the registrar's office, library, Career Center and the recruitment and retaining of students.

When he arrived at USD in 1996, Dr. Lazarus already

had an extensive history in education.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Canisius College in upstate New York, Dr. Lazarus received his master's degree and doctorate from Cornell University.

He focused on the fields of Latin literature, the Greek language and Greek archaeology, he was able to participate in numerous fields and opportunities, including a time in which he was active in archaeological excavations in Greece and Israel.

Later, Dr. Lazarus taught English and Classics at West Point Military Academy as well as at Salem College in North Carolina.

In 1988, he traveled north to Wisconsin, where he served for almost ten years as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Marquette University.

Dr. Lazarus chose to move to the University of San Diego in 1996 because he admired the campus and the potential that it had. A longtime friend of Dr. Hayes, he wanted to work with her as well.

Dr. Lazarus said that the only thing he would change would be the "quality of intellectual dialogue between students" as well as the dialogue between students and staff.

He stressed that the cali-

ber of dialogue right now was not in a bad state, but Dr. Lazarus wishes for increased student attendance at speakers, conferences and events.

As for USD in general, Dr. Lazarus is "delighted" by the continually rising statistics of incoming classes and

pus as well as attain the best faculty possible.

By proposing such concepts as a "Teacher-Scholar Model," Dr. Lazarus strives to ensure that teaching is the primary function that teachers engage in and that there is a balance between scholarship and academia.

"USD has the ability to become anything it wants to be...as good as it cares to become," Dr. Lazarus says.

He maintains that our campus has the facilities, reputation and physical and financial resources to become one of the highest ranked schools in the nation.

His message to the student body? "To strive for excellence everyday."

**USD has the ability to become anything it wants to be.**

is eager to see how USD will grow and improve in the next fifty years.

He hopes to better the academic reputation on cam-

# Voices What was your experience with the Health Center?

Sarah Mills • Voices Editor



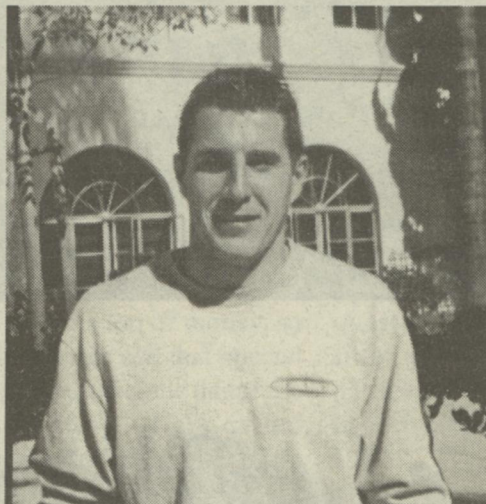
**Alex Prouty**  
**Senior**

I had a very negative experience, I was very sick and waited forever to be seen by someone even though I had an appointment. I definitely would not go back.



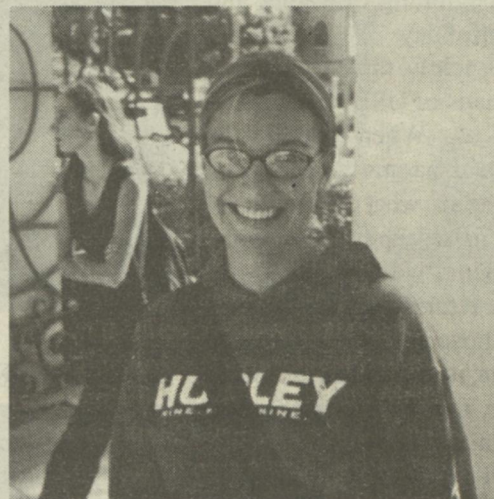
**Erica Greco**  
**Sophomore**

I have only been once and my experience was mediocre the doctors didn't do a good job. I myself haven't had that bad of an experience but I know a lot of people who have.



**Roland Weisheit**  
**Senior**

I had an ok experience. I didn't feel like they could really help me. I would go back to them, but if I had a real problem, I would go to a real doctors office.



**Courtney Cullen**  
**Freshman**

I had a really positive experience. They were really helpful and very friendly. It is very convenient. I would definitely go back again.

## USD News in Brief

Margie Pierce • News Editor

### Auditions opening for ActAnon show

USD's new theater club will be producing David Ives' Seven Menus this month. Director Jamie Varley and Assistant Director/Stage Manager will be holding auditions Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 7:15 p.m. in C102. Students can sign up on the theater arts boards in Camino and call-backs will be held Nov. 5 between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Scripts will be on reserve in the theater arts department.

### Community service heads for the border

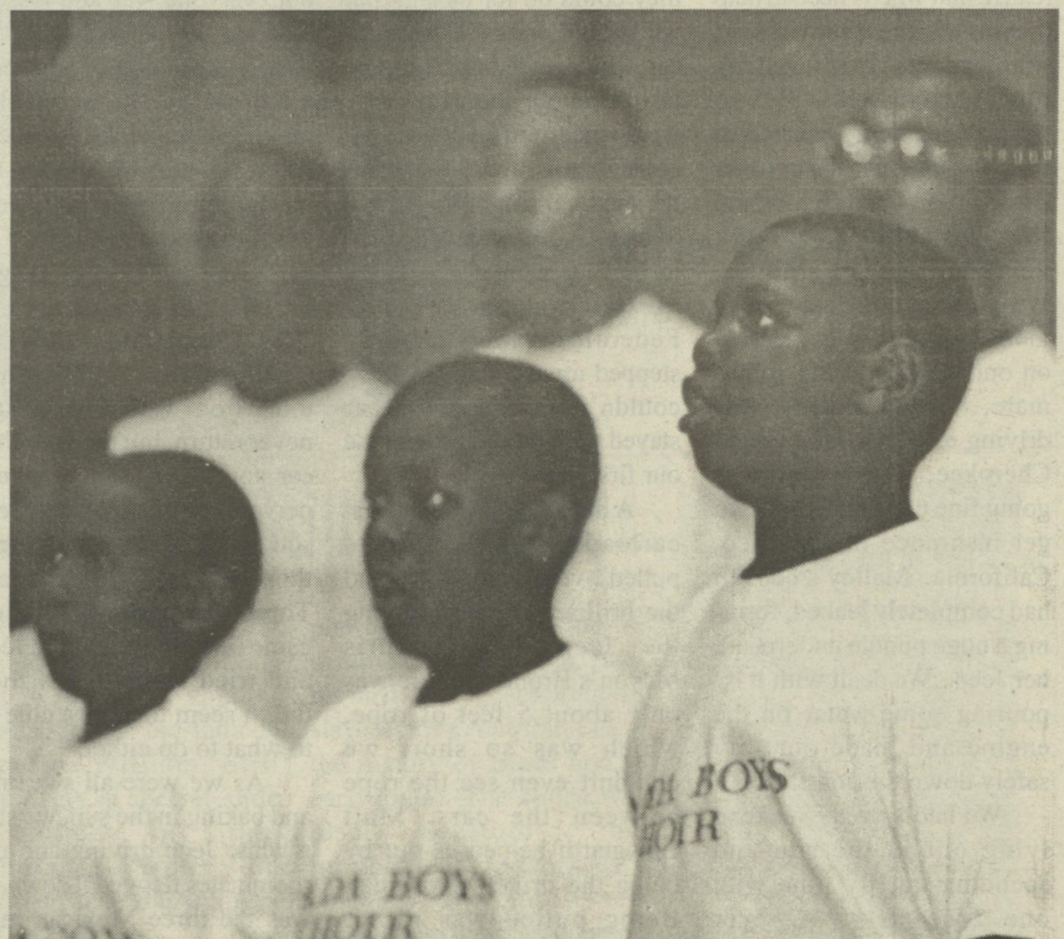
Students will be spending the night in an orphanage (casa hogar de los niños) in Tijuana on Nov. 5 as part of a community service project. Volunteers will be serving meals to the children at the orphanage and will be visiting juvenile hall on the morning of Nov. 6. Community service is also planning a trip to Tijuana on Dec. 4 to Casa de Migrantes,

a building that provides shelter to migrant workers. Questions can be directed to senior Katie Delahunty at 581-2989.

### New Director of Public Safety securing campus

Larry Barnett arrived at USD on Monday to take over his new position as Director of Public Safety. He is replacing the former Assistant Director of Public Safety, Dave Epstein, who has been Acting Director since Rana Sampson resigned over the summer. This week, Barnett has been meeting with faculty and familiarizing himself with the campus.

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# The kindness of strangers *Saved in Mexico*

Jen Mayerle ■ Staff Writer

Imagine if you saw four sweaty USD women wearing sundresses and talking on a cellular phone while stopped on the side of a dusty road in Mexico with smoke pouring out of the hood of their Jeep Grand Cherokee. What would you do if you witnessed this scene?

When you see someone pulled over on the side of the road, you may not think to stop. There are horror stories in the news about people stopping to help someone and ending up in tragic circumstances. For instance, Ennis Cosby, who was murdered while trying to change his flat tire on the side of a road. To tell you the truth, until about a week ago, I was part of the category of people who would not stop to help someone. Little did I realize that when I needed help the most, the kindness of strangers was what saved my friends and myself.

The incident occurred in this past October during Fall Break. A group of friends and I decided to spend our break traveling in Baja California. We awoke early that Friday morning eager to get started on our weekend. My roommate, Kristen Malloy, was driving us in her Jeep Grand Cherokee. Everything was going fine until we stopped to get insurance in Coloxico, California. Malloy's coolant had completely leaked, forming a huge puddle underneath her Jeep. We dealt with it by pouring some water on the engine and made our way safely down the coast.

We had a great weekend lying out in the sun and spending quality time with one another. We never thought twice about the problems with the Jeep until we had driven a half an hour toward home.

We had just passed through the military checkpoint when we noticed that the

Jeep's temperature gauge was exceptionally high, so we had to pull over. This is where the trip took a turn for the worse.

As we were stopping, we began to see smoke pouring out of the sides of the hood. When we opened the hood, smoke billowed out. This was the beginning of a long and eventful day.

Luckily, there were a few carloads of USD students behind us. When they saw us stopped, naturally they pulled over to see what they could do. When the Jeep finally stopped smoking, we took a look inside. It turned out that the biggest hose in the car had a huge rip in it and it had probably been ripped since the trip down.

The USD men decided that there was nothing that they could do for us and that we should wait for the next car, which ended up being the last car in our caravan. They were uncertain of how they could help us, and thought that the next car might have rope to help us. As we were about to be four women left alone in Mexico right next to the Federales, Marc Brady stepped up and said that they couldn't leave us. His car stayed with us and he became our first hero.

A half-hour later, the last carload of USD students pulled over to help. We had the brilliant idea of towing the Jeep behind Chris Mayon's Bronco. There was only about 5 feet of rope, which was so short we couldn't even see the rope between the cars. Matt Blangiardi helped us out by being the driver of our car. Being pulled was rather scary- every little move produced a sudden jerk and tug. About six miles later, the rope snapped and our hopes of getting home safely were dwindling. We never even realized the severity of our situation,



that we could have crashed into each other or been hit by an oncoming car.

The rope snapping ended up being a blessing in disguise, but everyone was at a loss as to what we should do. We were in the middle of nowhere, none of the three cellular phones were getting service, I wanted to put Band-Aids on the rip, and all of the guys were wishing they had listened to their dads when they taught them how to fix a car.

I was starting to feel like Gilligan on a "three hour tour" from which we would never return, but then another car stopped. At first, we were nervous for the very same reason people don't stop to help those stranded on the road. Three guys from El Cajon came over, looked at the Jeep and tried to help, but they didn't seem to have a clue as to what to do either.

As we were all sweating and baking in the sun, we saw a white Jeep driving and my roommates flagged it down. It was the three Mexican men that we had seen the previous day. From the first moment that they looked under the hood, we never heard another word from them. The started pulling pieces out of the Jeep, they took the hose out, cut off



PHOTOS BY JEN MAYERLE

**Broke down:** When the Jeep finally stopped smoking, we took a look inside. It turned out that the biggest hose in the car had a huge rip in it and it had probably been ripped since the trip

the ripped part, and made some kind of creation. The Jeep ended up having shoelaces holding it all together. It was definitely a make-shift miracle.

The amazing part is that when we tried to give them money, they would not accept it. They did not even think twice about it. It was a given that they were not as well off as us, but they helped us out of the goodness of their hearts.

We ended up making it all the way back to San Diego without any problems. What should have been a 4

hour trip turned into an 8 hour adventure. But it was only through the kindness of strangers that we did make it back safely. There is a moral to this story: Things happen when you least expect them to and the most unlikely people are those who lend a hand. In my 21 years, very few people have surprised me. This past fall break was full of surprises. This experience brought me to the realization that we should never judge but rather just sit back and let ourselves be pleasantly surprised.

## From the Director of Finance

Dear Associated Students,

Every year you pay an Associated Students fee along with your tuition. All of the fees that we receive go towards the students of this University. The Associated Students Leadership Team takes these fees and attempt to create a quality USD environment for everyone. We have programs designed to educate students on many issues like Multicultural Night. We have events where we spend a ton of money, so that you can ask that special someone and come dance the night away. It is called Homecoming. The Leadership Team works hard in creating the best possible programs and events for all of the student body.

Where I come in is paying for everything. It is the most addicting job on AS. We have a half a million dollars to spend on the students here. Over the summer, the AS Finance Committee, consisting of the AS Executive Board and Advisors budgeted money to events for the entire school year. These events are taking place everyday at USD. We, the students should take advantage of them.

I serve as the student representative to the Board of Trustees Finance Committee. I am your representative. I would love to hear what your thoughts on issues at this University. In December we will approve a tuition increase of 6.84%. The increase is aimed at improving the University. The Committee has strategic objectives. They use the teacher scholar model, which is giving a salary increase to the professors every year. We are budgeting for equipment

spending, technological spending, and credit card fees. Students will have the option to pay their bills via credit card.

I chair Budget Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to allocate funds to deserving petitioners. There are 17 finely tuned individuals that serve as committee members. We meet every other Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

As I close, I would like to ask you one question. Do you feel like you are taking advantage of all the opportunities provided at USD? The Associated Students has over 20 committees. There are over 60 clubs and organizations on campus. We only get to experience this once. Let's do it the best we can! There is so much USD offers us. We pay a lot to go here, but you can only pay so much for a class. In five years, you may not remember the grade you got in your favorite class, but you will remember the lives you touched, the memories shared, and the fun that was had. This school is an opportunity to be taken advantage of.

The possibilities are endless. Go out and find something you have a passion for, and take it to a new level! Find the one for you, make it great, and leave it better than you found it. Best of luck. The best is yet to come!

Sincerely,

Mike Milligan  
AS Vice President of Finance

# Congratulations

to the new USD class senators



**Representing the freshmen**

Derrick Eells & Aisha Taylor



**Representing the Juniors**

Kristen Buck

## William Still Grant

Come and join the USD community in the UC on Nov. 23 at 7:30 for a special presentation on the famous composer William Still Grant. This is special slide presentation of rare photographs from the William Still Grant Archives (WSG).

Judith Anne Still, the composer's daughter, will reveal the intimate details of the composer's unusual and uneventful career.

Over 100 slide

photographs will be shown dealing with Still's life, from his birth to the descendents of slaves, to his contributions to the history of Blues and to early radio. The slides will also feature his groundbreaking work as a conductor and composer of a grand opera to his association with many other noted musicians. The presentation will conclude with Still's death in Los Angeles in 1978. So mark your calendars and prepare to expand your mind.

The AS team is still looking for dedicated students to be a part of the many AS committees. Help is needed in the field of Public Relations and Special Projects. If interested please contact Grace Piraino at X4469 or stop by the AS office UC 225.

# SPITFIRE

## Grills USD

**Daniel Taff** • Staff Writer  
**Jen Ohlen** • Staff Photographer

Foul language and heated debate were just a few of the things in the air in Shiley Theater this past Monday night as the Spitfire Tour made a stop to present topics not usually contemplated by USD students.

The tour was presented by colleges.com and included several celebrity speakers including Michael Franti of Spearhead, Kennedy, (Author & ex-MTV Video Jockey), Exene Cervenka of "X" and Jello Biafra of "The Dead Kennedys."

The presentation used a wide variety of multimedia, incorporating a short film by Perry Farrell of "Jane's Addiction" and an interactive speakerphone conversation with Julia "Butterfly" Hill, an environmental activist.

The tour originated in Seattle and made its way through San Francisco and Los Angeles before arriving in San Diego.

Through the assistance of Associated Students, Panhellenic and the Inter-Fraternity Council, Spitfire opened eyes, ears and mouths at USD.

Colleges.com describes Spitfire as, "The first ever package tour of musicians, actors and activists speaking out on global affairs... [it] aims to expose, enlighten and entertain, while instigating action." It certainly met those criteria.

The event was kicked off

by Franti. Franti's expressive lyrics united topics from racism to police brutality.

Between rhymes, he interjected urban statistics about drugs and prison conditions in addition to bolstering support for the incarcerated Mumia Abu-Jamal, a man found guilty of shooting a white police officer and convicted amidst reports of tampered evidence.

"We really have to re-think the death penalty in this country as well as in Mumia's case," Franti said.

Franti then focused on the necessity of love. "Love is the shit that makes life bloom—you never know when you might step in it," Franti sang.

Kennedy, a self-proclaimed, product of the post feminist, information, computer literate, technophobe, overstimulated, macrobiotic, self-empowered age took the stage next.

During the question and answer session following the presentation, she was called a "bitch" for immaturely

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mimicking Jello Biafra during his talk time because they held opposing viewpoints on the privatization of Social Security.

Between this altercation



she said, "If you leave Social Security with the government you are leaving it in the hands of the devil."

80s punk rock legend Exene Cervenka

shared her personal vision of tax reform. "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, they [the gov't.] do everything to us," Cervenka said.

Her conclusion left the

crowd laughing. "People say I'm crazy-I just say F\*\*\* You! Because everybody's crazy and I'm not!" Cervenka said.

The last live speaker of the evening was Jello Biafra, one of the first musicians in history to be reviewed by a censorship committee for his 1986 Dead Kennedy release, *Frankenchrist*.

Since then, Biafra has been an advocate of the protection of free speech and First Amendment rights. He first focused on the media, offer-

ing the advice, "Don't hate the media, become the media."

Biafra also took a stand against the privatization of Social Security, as well as free trade agreements, HMO's, and legalizing medical marijuana.

He also spoke about homelessness, police brutality, and minimum wage.

"When wealth addicts add up on their adding machines and get to choose who lives and who dies, there is something wrong with this picture," Biafra said.

**Reform:** Kennedy, a former MTV Video Jockey, came under attack when several non-USD audience members verbally berated her alleged immaturity. Fortunately, she stood her ground and successfully defended her proposed Social Security reform.



## Musicians, actors and activists

*speaking out on global affairs.*

In between the speeches by Kennedy and Cervenka, a short film by Perry Farrell was shown, which advocated Jubilee 2000, "an organization committed to the cancellation of global debt for the world's poorest countries."

Later in the presentation Julia "Butterfly" Hill was contacted via cellular phone, as she sat atop a 180-foot redwood tree in the Ancient Forest of Northern California.

After the show, Kennedy responded to the verbal insult during that period.

"If someone has to call me a bitch to get their mind going, to open their mouth, and to voice their opinion, then so be it—that's what this is all about," Kennedy said.

Reactions to the presentation varied from student to student.

Sophomore Roni Saydek said, "I've grown up

The whole **idea** here is to bring us to our **constitutional roots**. After all, that's what **freedom** is all about.

Hill's feet haven't touched the ground in nearly two years, after she dedicated herself to saving the forest.

"I gave my word to this tree, the forest, and all the people, that my feet would not touch the ground until I had done everything in my power to make the world aware of this problem and to stop the destruction," Hill said. "Follow your love, follow your passion, follow your commitment, find your voice and live it."

In the question and answer session following the presentation, conflicting views were exchanged between audience members and the speakers.

During this time, several non-USD audience members took the opportunity to voice their own political opinions, and one even screamed his opinions after he was off the microphone.

listening to a lot of this music, so it's good to hear their opinions about issues that mean something to all of us."

Senior TJ Williams said "The whole idea here is to bring us to our constitutional roots. After all, that's what freedom is all about."

While many students were intrigued by the performance, some were left feeling a little let down.

"It seemed as if they all generalized us as Catholics with Catholic ideals because we are at a Catholic University. But we don't generalize them as celebrities or proponents of their issues—we hear them with a clear mind, like they should see us," Margaret Hogg, a junior, said.

"I applaud the Spitfire Tour for raising the levels of consciousness with young people and the university for making this available," Jeff Nugent, a freshman, said.

**Politically Correct:** Excene Cervenka (top), Michael Franti (middle) and Jello Biafra (bottom) voiced their opinions on topics ranging from police brutality and prison conditions to free trade agreements and legalizing marijuana.

## Highlights

### Volleyball

USD senior outsider **Petia Yanchulova** recorded 67 kills and 46 digs in two matches to earn her second West Coast Conference Player of the Week award this season. Yanchulova, averaged more than 7 kills and 5 digs per game last week. Her 43 kills against #10 Pepperdine were a single-match school record.

### Women's Soccer

The 17-ranked Toreros beat the WAC Conference leading and 24th-ranked Fresno St. Bulldogs last Friday night in Northern California. Senior forward, **Sufia Wali**, scored the games lone goal to lead USD.

The Toreros 2-1 win over Cal Poly SLO was USD's 15th, a new record which bettered the old mark set in 1996 (14-6-1) when the team made its only trip to the NCAA tournament. Wali came up big once again for USD as she scored her fifth game-winning goal of the season in the overtime win and in turn, earned her second WCC Conference Player of the Week.

### Men's Soccer

Soccer America ranked USD men's soccer #16 in the nation, going into their final WCC matches. USD defeated UCSD 8-2 on Fri. Oct. 29th. Sophomore **Mike Piserchio** had two goals and two assists. Senior **Mike Marvil** also added two goals to the Torero win.

### Cross Country

USD tied Santa Clara for third place, in the West Coast Conference men's and Women's Cross Country Championships, held in Belmont, Ca.

## Women's soccer wins final home game

*Eight seniors are honored at Torero Stadium*

**Nicole Grieco** - Assistant Sports Editor

The USD's women's soccer team won their final home game of the 1999 season against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The Toreros faced the Mustangs in non-conference play beating them 2-1 in overtime.

This win improved their overall record to 15-2 and their West Coast Conference record to 5-0. The Toreros are currently tied for 1st place with two matches to go in WCC competition.

"This may have been the last home game, but we are far from being done. We still have the championship to bring home," said senior midfielder Kendra Wales.

In the first minutes of play, both the USD Toreros and the Cal Poly Mustangs proved that it would be a close match to the very end.

USD got on the board ten minutes into the game when Alison Benoit found the back of the net. Freshman forward Val Strocco assisted in the play that put the Toreros in 1-0 lead.

With plenty of time to play the Toreros displayed some of their best defense to keep the Mustangs working hard. USD goalkeeper Leila Duren had 6 key saves.

Cal Poly's Michelle George scored the Mustangs sole goal of the game late in the first half.

The match was tied up 1-1 going into the second half of play. Hot weather and aggressive play was shown, as both teams looked fatigued. Cal Poly continued to threaten the Torero defense, however the second half ended scoreless.

The game was decided in 15-minute sudden death overtime.

Senior forward Sufia Wali scored the game-winning goal on a cross from Strocco, two minutes into overtime.

"It felt good to put these girls away on our home field," said Wali.

At USD it is tradition to honor the seniors before the final home game gets on its way.

Eight Torero seniors played their final career game at Torero Stadium.

Defender and midfielder Vanessa Thiele has started in 73 career matches and has tallied 5 goals and 6 assists this season. Thiele has also received All-WCC recognition all three seasons and is a three-time Torero captain.

Defender Heather Swanson started in the first 11 matches this season before missing four matches with an injury. She has appeared in 72 career matches with 68 starts as a defender. Swanson is also a two-time All-WCC pick and three-time USD team captain.

Midfielder Jessica Crothers has played all four years of her career at USD and has appeared in 77 matches including 60 starts. She ranks second on the team with 8 goals and 4 game-winners. Crothers was also named the WCC Player of the Week after scoring both game winners against Gonzaga and Portland last week.

Forward Kristina Miranda has appeared in 13 matches this season and 37 career games. Miranda had a key goal in the team's 2-1 victory over Cal Berkeley last season.

Wales is a three-year letter-winner at USD. This season Wales has scored 3 goals and has appeared in 31 career matches for



STAFF PHOTO

**Throw it to me:** Freshmen forward Val Strocco inbounds the ball and resumes the attack in last Sunday's victory against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Strocco assisted in the play that put the Toreros in 1-0 lead.

the Toreros.

Midfielder Alison Benoit transferred from the University of Florida and is a two-year member of the Torero team. This season she has scored 8 goals. Last season she earned First Team All-WCC honors and was selected to the U.S. Women's Soccer National "B" Team.

Defender Marya Young has appeared in 33 games in her two-year career as a defender, helping the USD to 26 victories and

13 shutout wins. •

Wali transferred from SDSU-this year marks her first and only season with the Toreros. Wali leads the team with 11 goals, 7 assists and 5-game winning goals.

The Toreros 15-2 record is the best in school history as is the 5-0 WCC mark. The five victories equal a USD all-time league high and they have only allowed two goals in WCC action.

# Write for the Vista. Write for sports.

# Drake football spooks USD

Kelly Odell • Staff Writer

On the eve of Halloween, the Torero football team battled the University of Drake Bulldogs to a 41-20 loss, as it was a scary and spectacular evening indeed.

Unfortunately, USD filled the first half with athletic theatrics, while the second half ignited the explosive Drake offense.

"We had a hard time with the ball in the second half," said quarterback Tom Jackson.

"Drake's defense put a stop to our offensive unit the game and season can get to be nerve-racking."

Despite the Torero's improvement this year, their record has dropped to 3-5 overall, and 1-3 in their conference.

This past Saturday night on USD's home turf, with third place in the Pioneer Football League at stake, many would have never suspected that with the USD 17-

13 lead at halftime that it would have flopped to a 41-20 Drake victory over the Toreros.

Regardless of the disheartening loss, the reality of the situation was an entertaining display of fall football many of us have grown to embrace.

Jackson and Dylan Ching proved to be nothing less than an ignitable tandem that lifted the crowd of Bulldogs and Toreros to their feet, on several occasions.

According to the statistics of this pigskin duel, Jackson completed 15-of-29 passes for a grand total of 242 yards, while Ching was on the receiving end of six spirals for 126 yards and one touchdown with six seconds to go in the second quarter. As a senior, Ching is expected to become a 1st Team All-PFL receiver for the third year in a row.

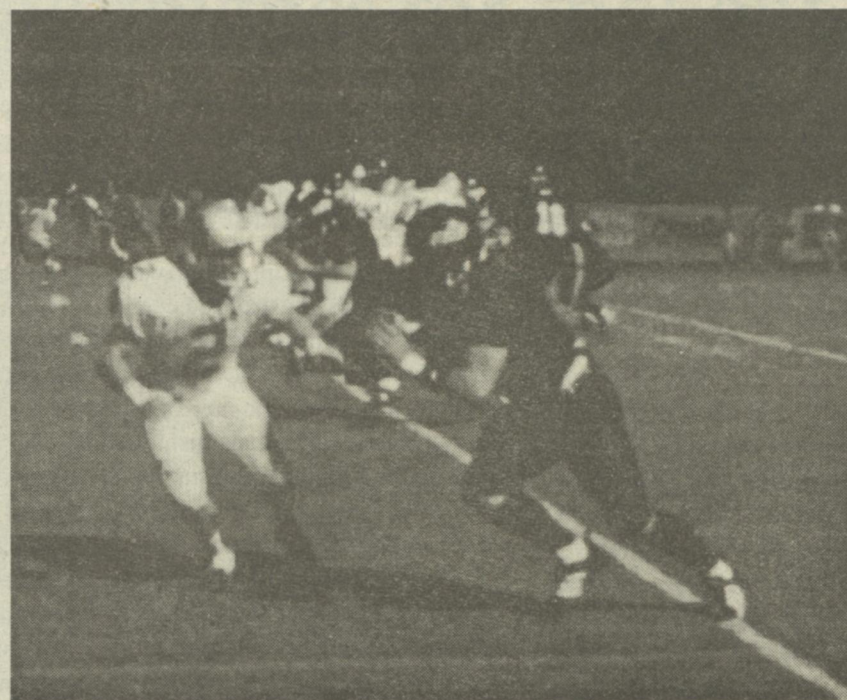
"Ching is one of the most talented players the USD football program has ever encountered," said Jackson. "This is an outstanding group of guys that makes this game a lot of fun, not

to mention a memorable season."

While contrasting the air game to the ground attack, the crowd experienced the dashing speed of Torero tailback Oscar Arzu, who ignited the offense in the second quarter off a 33-yard dash into the end zone.

Twice this season, Arzu has proven to be the offensive player of the week, and in spite of this loss and fourth quarter domination by the Bulldogs, the spectators witnessed the capabilities of this tailback.

However, this game would not have been possible without the notable Bulldog company. One standout included Phil Joseph, the running force that accumulated 110 yards on 16 carries, and one for a sixer.



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**Throw it to me:** Senior cornerback Kao Gouveia had his hands full Saturday night chasing numerous Bulldog receivers.

As the fourth quarter snuck up on this circus play of an event, Drake's quarterback, Ira Vandever, and slash-type versa-

tile player, Aaron Overton, had apparently put this game six-feet deep, along with several other ghosts

## Cross Country hangs tough at WCC Championship

Andy Marchi • Staff Writer

The triumph and hard work of a whole season was obvious this past weekend as the Torero Cross Country team set foot in San Diego on Sunday morning after the West Coast Conference Championships with ear to ear smiles on their faces. This past weekend marked the closing statement on the 1999 USD Cross-Country season.

The weekend began with the Toreros arriving at San Francisco airport, followed by a brief run-over of the course that would be their enemy the next morning.

Coach Richard Cota joined the team in the jog for about a few hundred feet before tiring out. Also running the course were a few other competitors in the next mornings race.

After the team dinner, the team listened to words of encouragement from coach Cota, as well as assistant coach ShawnDee Hartless.

However, the true passion of what this team represented came out in the words of seniors Scott Bergen, Katie Grim, and Nicole Demore. Their words were a true tribute to the team as well as USD cross country.

The next morning blessed the whole conference with a crisp, blue, morning sky. The conditions were perfect for a race of such magnitude. The men raced first, receiving great contributions from each runner. Will Kalenius and Andy Marchi both set personal bests, while Scott Bergen shaved his goatee and set his season best.

Other participants were Rob Beamer and Eric Bauer, placing

4th and 5th for the Toreros, as well as Sam Stewart who fought of his pack to help the Toreros clinch 4th place in the conference. Brennan Taylor also ran very strongly for the USD men.

"I don't think these guys could have worked any harder", said coach Cota. "They gave everything they had and I am very pleased with their performance."

The women ran a spectacular team race, led by Katie Grim. The women finished in a tie for third overall. Personal records were set by, Jane Ziegler, Kim Pace, and Karen Isitt. The incredible grouping of the women actually placed four of them in the all time Crystal Springs Top Ten. The determination of these women was incredible in their pursuit of the finish line.

Also participating were Fabian Mueri, as well as Jenni-

fer Pici and Lindsey Herf. Even though struggling to keep her feet across the finish line, Mueri finished second for the Toreros.

"These women are tough," said Cota. "We really do have a big bang as far as the top of our pack go".

Even though placing third and fourth in the conference, the spirits of the team would make one believe they won nationals. Saturday was filled with touring of Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf.

The day of team bonding was a great way to end a season full of hard work, dedication, and determination. The night was one of more bonding, including the mystical card tricks of senior Andy Marchi. Brennan Taylor, after hours of astonishment could say nothing but, "Hold me!"

Five runners decided to cap

off the season with what was originally claimed to be a 10k (6.2 mi) run from the hotel, over the Golden Gate Bridge, and back. What turned out to be at least a 20k (12+ miles) began at approximately 12:30 and ended at approximately 2:30 or 3:00 am.

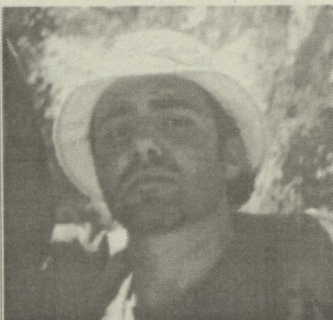
This race marks the last for Nicole Demore, Katie Grim and Scott Bergen, after four years of representing Torero athletics.

This race ended the official season for the Toreros, but eight of them will advance to NCAA regionals in Portland, Oregon. That race will take place next weekend, November 13, and will return the Toreros just in time for USD's homecoming dinner and dance.

**I said, WRITE FOR THE VISTA.**

# Walter Payton (1954-1999)

*Dignity, determination and "sweetness" personified*



**Dominic Mucciachito** • Sports Editor

For months people have been scratching their heads and searching for an explanation. How could Barry Sanders just walk away from the game with virtually every NFL rushing record within reach?

Why would he retire on the cusp of becoming the most prolific runner in history?

Sanders, who epitomized the concept of team first mentality, wouldn't just turn his back on the Detroit Lions because of a monetary issue, or because he preferred grass over Astroturf? So the question remains: why?

Football players, writers, and fans could only wonder to this point because Barry hasn't been doing much talk-

ing since he announced his decision in late July. Theories and assumptions can now be put to rest. Barry must have done it for "Sweetness."

Walter Payton is known throughout his illustrious career only as "Sweetness." is the standard by which an NFL running back is measured. He holds just about every significant rushing record the NFL has a statistic for.

It is the suggestion of these same records that brings me back to Barry Sanders and his sudden decision to abort the "Walter Payton Record-Book-Chase."

With the Lions unexpected resurgence this season it is easy to speculate that had Barry Sanders not walked away from the game then every one of Walter Payton's records would have been Barry's before the season's end.

Walter once said, "Records are like dreams. They're good when you're having them, but when you wake up, you've forgotten what you were dreaming about." *Well you can keep dreaming old friend.*

Barry Sanders is still prema-

turely retired and is still only 1,458 yards behind Walter Payton's record. Apparently, second best doesn't sound too bad if the guy ahead of you is named Walter Payton.

Walter was drafted by the Chicago Bears in January of 1975 after rushing for 3,563 yards and scoring 66 touchdowns at little-known Jackson State University. Not the greatest physical specimen at five-foot-ten and 202 pounds, Walter was set apart because of his enduring determination and durability.

In his 13-year NFL career, "Sweetness" missed only one game, which came in his rookie season due to a coach's decision.

In the modern day game of specialization, Payton was the rare exception who never had to leave the field because he simply did everything well.

When the Bears called his number he could punch through an opponents defense with all the subtlety of a sledgehammer.

When they needed an extra receiver, he would go catch, and when he was called on to block, he delivered blows that made

Linebackers wince. Payton relished the memory of locking up Lawrence Taylor on the blitz.

In his early years the Bears fielded notoriously porous offensive lines, which made his accomplishments all the more unparalleled. He ran harder in the fourth quarter than in the first and as defenses piled on to stop him he ran on undaunted.

A leader by example, "Sweetness" never let an opponent know he was beaten and he never ran out of bounds. His penchant was to give as good as he got, and for the better part of 13 professional seasons he did that and more.

In a tough city defined by tough athletes, Walter Payton was the toughest. Say what you want about Iron Mike or Dick Butkis, but it is the soft spoken Walter Payton that holds more NFL records than any other Chicago Bear.

"Sweetness" is amongst phenomenal company on the all-time rushing yards list, but Jim Brown, Marcus Allen, Eric Dickerson and O.J. Simpson will never catch Walter. "Sweetness" is the top

rusher of all-time.

On the dawn of such a historical accomplishment, Barry Sanders acted in humility and respect, unceremoniously stepping out of the spotlight so that the man who paved the way before him might die with his dignity and the record he cherished intact.

For Walter Payton, a career and life that was always measured more by heart and dignity than incentive laden contracts, ended on Monday, November 1 at the age of 45.

Payton suffered from a rare liver disease called primary sclerosing cholangitis which proceeded his eventual demise from bile-duct cancer. Before dying, Walter, in hopes of receiving a liver transplant, asked for prayers not pity.

His personal strength as a person, both on the field and off it, will always be his testament to those Walter leaves behind. Leaving people behind him is what "Sweetness" did best on the field and in the record books. If only it were that easy in life.

## Upcoming Games

### Football

Nov.6 **Stony Brook** 7 p.m.

### Volleyball

Nov.5 **Gonzaga** 7 p.m.

Nov.6 **Portland** 7 p.m.

### Men's Soccer

Nov.7 **St.Mary's** 2 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

Nov.5 **Santa Clara** 7:30 p.m.

Nov.7 **St.Mary's** 1 p.m.

### Swimming/Diving

Nov.5 **SDSU** 1 p.m.

Nov.6 **UCLA** 1 p.m.

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# Saafir hammers home some rhymes for thought

## The Hit List

Greg Pawlik • Staff Writer

*The Hit List*, Saafir Tariq Muhmoud's second full-length album, begins appropriately enough with an introduction foreshadowing the substance of the themes and rhymes to come.

"I need something to get my head right. Are you gonna share some blessings with me?" says a voice. Saafir responds, "This is my prescription. This is the truth, so help you God."

What follows is a stream of powerful messages in the form of 15 narratives from the perspective of an experienced, observant and fed-up artist who has lived his life trying to stay one step ahead of the unjust and unequal American system that he knows all too well.

The 28 year old Oakland native whose penetrating voice often resembles Guru's of Gang Starr spits out intricate rhymes and verses embedded with clever word manipulations. This illuminates a multiplicity of difficult personal experiences that have been absorbed to shape his experiences.

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Quality can only go so

far without equally superb beats, and *The Hit List* has plenty.

Saafir employs a variety of artists including Shock-G of Digital Underground to mix the different tracks, resulting in a diversification of hypnotizing, head-bobbing beats that set themselves apart from one another.

The song "Smart Bomb" is meant for those of us that have spent some significant amount of time in front of video games. Throughout the whole song a wicked beat made out of the familiar sounds of memorable games

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like "Tetris," "Defender" and "Centipede." They are manipulated and mixed while the lyrics recount the characteristics of the familiar struggles of the good old days, growing up with the gradual maturation of these gaming machines.

*The Hit List* serves up the best and worst aspects of individualism and attempts to further illuminate the structural barriers the lower socio-economic classes are faced with on a daily basis.

Saafir provides engrossing beats, catchy, yet meaningful hooks, and intelligent lyricism for his listeners on an album that is worth checking out.

To understand the album properly it must be listened to actively and intently because



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the messages and associations are quickly changing and feeding off of one another. As comprehension of what Saafir is talking about increases, so to does a respect and

enjoyment for the album.

Although it does have some moments or verses that fall into a characteristic realm of hip-hop bravado, overall *The Hit List* is a refreshing

break from the emerging routine of mediocre albums and artists putting together music to make a few easy dollars at the consumers "expense."

# Ode to Main Dining

More insights by Jane Doe on the Caf

Last week's Buffet Edition of Jane Doe received so much positive feedback (including finding that page open in an abandoned copy of the Vista in a stall in the downstairs Maher bathroom) that I decided to continue the list and finish it up with the final six points in my 12 step program for Caf appreciation.

## Point 7: Special Entertainment

Never miss a special night. Whether it is just a special menu, a band, that Italian wedding thing, music piped in or the World Series party...be there. It is much better community time. Do *not* miss Thanksgiving and do not throw the food. It is like throwing gold. There was a food-fight two years ago on Thanksgiving night and I almost cried. The fight was pathetic, because it had been planned for days and had no heart, but all that wonderful turkey and potatoes and stuffing...I still get a little choked up.

## Point 8: Menu Highlights

There are always some classics like grilled cheese, pork loin, the goodies and chicken nuggets (lightning shaped or not.) Special meals are key. As I said, the holidays rule. The pork has been exceptional this year. I am getting used to the star/lightning shaped chicken nuggets, but am still partial to the spicy ones. Grilled cheese is epic. Oscar's goodies make the world go around. Stuffed chicken is neat to play with and it's a tasty treat. The mashed potatoes are always worth getting, because they turn to plaster if you let them sit for a few minutes and you can amaze your friends with the levitating tray trick (which can only be shown but not explained.)



## Point 9: Improvisation and Ice Milk

The key to a successful career in any cafeteria dining experience (at USD or anywhere) is in imagination. In that room is a treasure trove of food stuffs and beverage possibilities that would make even the most revolting glutton blush. You can do anything in the Caf; you just need to be able to improvise. Brunches are a great time to eat. The food is the best, but you can also make an Egg McMuffin with whatever meat is being served, scrambled eggs, some toast and English muffin or some French toast and a piece of cheese from the omelet bar. Ice milk is too simple for you? Bring in some Magic Shell and have a party. Vanilla ice milk, with a hollow hole down the middle and filled with orange soda, is heaven. Root beer floats, ice milk and pie...the list goes on. Salads are a good time for improvisation as well, but the salad bar is really only a last resort in

case there is simply nothing else to eat. Never doubt the power of your own creativity, because you have so much wonderful colors to paint the picture that is you dinner with.

## Point 10: The "Caf Effect"

We've all been there. You are at the Caf with three friends. There are two open chairs and room for as many at four. You have been there for a while and your meals are all winding down a bit. Slowly but surely, the poop jokes start running out of steam and there aren't any goofy hair-dos to pick on. It is time to leave. The moment that the thought first crosses your mind, someone will invariably come up and ask if they can sit with you. Now you are stuck until they finish. The Caf Effect goes closely with the Marinade effect but they are different. The Caf effect is an involuntary entrapment; the Marinade effect is what the Caf experience is all about.

## Point 11: The "Marinade Effect"

What did God ever grant us that are better than this? I could go for a week with out sunlight if I got to spend it in this paradise. You all know what I am talking about. It could be a chemical reaction to the food that makes it hard to move. It could be that you are full. It could be you are lazy. It could be that there are just a lot of those same old stories to tell over and over, but something makes us want to stay there well after we are done eating.

Some start to bastardize the purpose of the food and make big 'ole messes on their trays but any good 19er will tell you that the purpose of the Marinade session is merely the community of it all. That is why the Caf is such a magical place-the community. You finish your meal and just sit and talk to your friends or to the people around you. You invite solos to come join you and your friends. You wait until you are hungry again and go and get more food. You think of another way to sneak food and or silverware and or plates and bowls out without "Tony Gwynn" (aka: the "ABM") killing you.

## Point 12: Miscellaneous (spills, breaks, alarmed doors, the tray wall...)

This is a very broad category, I admit, but that is why I named it Miscellaneous. I'm so smart. There are a lot of things in the Caf which all de-

serve rounds of applause. They all fall in this category. Someone drops a glass-CRASH-the whole rest of the Caf needs to clap. This is something that seems to be falling by the wayside, but for the love of Oscar, people, it is our right to laugh at people when they make mistakes. Homer said it best when he said, "it's funny because it's not me. Other people's pain is funny." That was Homer Simpson not the Greek, by the by.

The alarmed doors don't seem to be opened as often as in past years, but that is more because Tawyna Lydick doesn't do it, than it is because the general population is wiser. If and when someone does go through the alarmed doors, clap for them. When someone gets up and announces a birthday, sing with them. This is a family people! What is family without sarcastic humor and almost ceremonial embarrassment sessions?

As far as the tray wall goes, two things: make the opening bigger so you don't have to hang those "watch your head" signs every O-Week and speed it up. When I was a freshman, there was a little challenge to it but come on. I need a little bit more to get me through the day now!

I make no guarantees as to what you devoted fans will be reading next week. I understand that that "s" on "fans" makes it mean "two or more fans" and I also understand that it is only two, but that is fine-thanks Spoon and Whoolie. Egor Stravinski may come in for an interview about how it's all "ballbarings" these days in aviation for next week's Jane Doe. Stay tuned. Until then, remember that the best is always yet to come and that includes my writing.

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# Misfits to put voodoo curse on Mats!

*we break down the playoffs for you!*

**Noah Stanley and staff** • Target Flag Football

This was initially going to be an article on the women's flag football league, but seeing that they did not play a game this past weekend due to a certain Ms. Laura Rovick's team, we're going to do some playoff predicting.

## Sunday November 7th.

**12pm** - RuffRyders vs USD Old Boys: Ryders lost to the Hokies in the first week, which means they basically, collectively suck. Old Boys are one of the few "Old Boys" teams that really look old! In a surprise tactic, the Ryders play as a team, stop whining and win easily!

**1pm** - Suite 33 vs Monsignor's Misfits: Misfits have the higher power they call God on their side and Suite 33 have a 6'4 quarterback named Marko. The only thing I can come up with to help Suite 33 is that they keep the skinny pale kid from Minnesota who smokes while sitting out, on the sideline. I must admit, watching Aaron "Minnesota" Gruchow and Marko play is the most entertaining part of IM Target Football. In a battle of David and Goliath, David wins again! Misfits win in a close one.

**2pm** - Misfits/33 winner vs Mats: Mats is the #1 seed, they're not supposed to lose in the first round. They're the best team from last year's teams and they're undefeated this year. Mats by mercy rule.

**2pm** - C-Toe and P-Funk: I know what the "P" stands for, and I have a good idea of what the "C" stands for. P is closer to "V" for victory, they win after a suspended Mike Cooper somehow gets burned deep again.

**3pm** - Phi Kap I vs Huyen's Warriors: If they can't beat Phi Kap II, they're not going to beat Phi Kap I.

**3pm** - TJ Town Rats vs Crazy Pianas: Pianas lost a pickup game to the Delts, and they cuss too much which is going to get them some unsportsmanlike conduct calls. While we're here, what the heck is a Piana? They must have meant pinata, the Crazy Pinatas! So in the battle of TJ and the Pinatas, Pinatas win... they're the #2 seed and no matter how bad their name is, they're still better than TJ and the Nutz at the UC.

**4pm** - Phi Kap II vs Dirty Dozen: One of the great match-ups of the playoffs. The Dozen still do not show any teamwork and the Phi Kaps continue to win. I pick the Phi Kaps by 8.

**4pm** - Delta Tau Delta vs Team Haywood J: A match-up of two solid quarterback in Chad and Wel-Jara. Haywood has been winning of late, but I like the bond the Delts have. Delts 13-8.

**5pm** - UC Nutz vs Carebears: Carebears wanted to play early, but there just wasn't room for them. So they play their first night game. With a name like the Carebears and their starting quarterback/safety out, I don't think they're going to hold up too well against the Nutz. Roman Aja guides the Nutz and he has a history of futility in clutch IM games. This is a first round playoff game, so it's not very clutch, and the Nutz are crazy, almost as crazy as the pinatas, almost. The UC wins somehow 7-6.

## Kevin says:



I'm going bowling tomorrow just to get Dr. Oz's autograph.

## Letters to the Editor:

**PLEASE SAVE THE ERG!!!!**

My entertainment of the vista consists of picking one up, flipping to the back page and crying as i throw it to the floor. I used to laugh at the vista—namely the ERG. Now i just cry, please save me by saving the ERG.

Loyal Fan,  
David Fell

**SAVE THE ERG!!!**

The ERG is the only part of the Vista worth reading, you cannot kill him!! Bring him back, because I'm getting sick of reading Offbeat and cringing because it simply is not funny. The ERG showed true talent and creativity — how could anyone even consider suppressing him?!?!? **BRING BACK THE ERG!**

-Jessica Ederer

## special event

### Entries close tomorrow for: Midnight Bowling Contest!

Overview: Teams compete in groups of four to compete for the overall lowest team score.

Entry Fee: \$8 per player (includes shoes)

Start time 11:30pm

Location: Sunset Bowl

Prizes will be awarded to champs, but all participants will have a chance at some of the many prizes.

Special Notice: There are only 12 team spots available for this tournament so sign up early next week to reserve you spot. Signing-up includes paying for your entire squad. Sign-ups not accompanied with payment will not be reserved until payment is received.



Domino's Sportsperson of the Week is: No real stand-outs last week, so the IM department's going to have some pizza! Overall there was pretty good sportsmanship displayed, but not one supervisor nominated anyone, including myself!

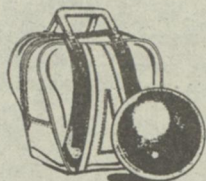
Maybe there will be a stand-out performance of sportsmanship in soccer tonight, and if there is, make sure to tell the supervisor about it! All participants in the Bowling tournament will be eligible for this honor too!

Participate in IMs and be the next sportsperson of the Week!

# Last chance for, pizza and a bowling ball

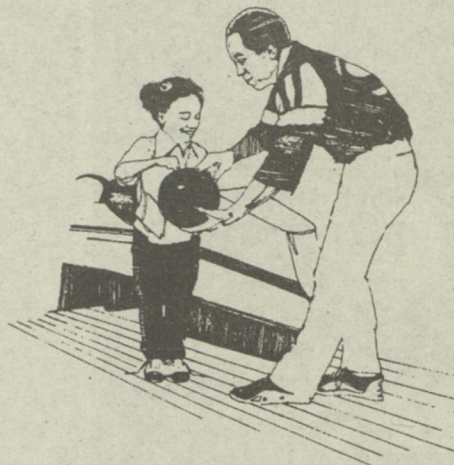
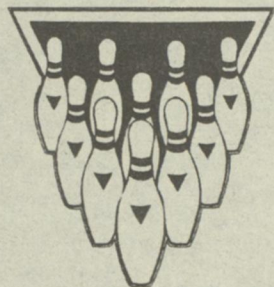
*you get to wear some cool shoes too!*

**Dean Woodward** • Special Events



The annual Midnight Bowling Bonanza takes place tomorrow night at the glamorous Sunset Bowl in beautiful Clairemont, California. This is a part of USD Intramurals' Millennium Series of Special Events. So for two hours tomorrow (Friday, November 5) you and three friends can form a team and let loose while rubbing elbows with great IM legends like Kevin Malady (of AskKevin? fame), Noah Stanley (of Noah's Ark), the Notorious ERG (not URGE) and Australia's own Dr. Oz.

At the very least, come and eat free pizza in the parking lot at least. Cost is eight bucks per person (cheap!), that includes lane fees and shoes! Check-in begins at 11:15pm at Sunset Bowl and the event will last until 1pm. Come to the IM office to sign-up, pay your fees (in CASH ONLY) and get directions to this millenniumianiacal event of the semester!



## One More... Letter to the Editor:

Dear Sir,

The ERG has helped make my life at USD a happier place. The attitude and love for competition that he shows inspires all students. He is truly a role model. The Vista should be honored to have his articles. I am honored to read them. Thank you for your time,

Concerned supporter of the ERG,

Matt Craig

To everyone that has written in concern to the ERG, we thank you. Please keep the letters coming as we continue to persuade the powers that be to let the ERG live! Send letters via email to [erg@torerofans.com](mailto:erg@torerofans.com)

## Playoffs are in sight

**Rob Humkey** • Soccer

The last full week of intramural speed soccer only saw a few games as most of the teams decided not to show. In the first game, the P-funk Traveling All-stars came out playing strong against the Tortfeasors. After getting two goals from Jack Kittinger the All-stars pulled out a 3-3 tie from one of the top seeds in the up-and-coming tournament (Tortfeasors). The P-Funk still remain favorites for best uniforms of the year, them's shirts are extrapular my man!

On the girl's side the Free Agents ended up beating the Pink Pussycats 10-6. FA has been a huge surprise this year! Since meeting for the first time just over a month ago, the ladies have pulled off some clutch wins and will go into the tourney as one of the top three women's teams.

At eight the Pink Fluffy Bunnies

won again beating Last Place in this match. They pulled off a 6-2 victory getting two goal performances from both Aaron Linis and Cory Fox. Aaron "Minnesota" Gruchow did his best imitation of Tori Spelling on the sidelines while the match played.

In another good game, the Delts finally pulled off their first victory in the match versus the UC Nutz. Despite a two-goal game from Roman Aja the Delts won big with a final score of 6-3.

In the only game of the very slow Thursday night the Speedsters pulled out a hard fought victory over the Killers 2-0.

Stay tuned to IM soccer as the fall tournament fever closes in...

## Los Gatos, los victors!

Congratulations are in order for the new 4x4 CoRec Volleyball champions, Los Gatos!

They won a marathon match against defending champs, 4 on da Floor, to earn the title. More on their exciting run to the championship and how the other teams fared next week!



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### 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 upcoming game is:

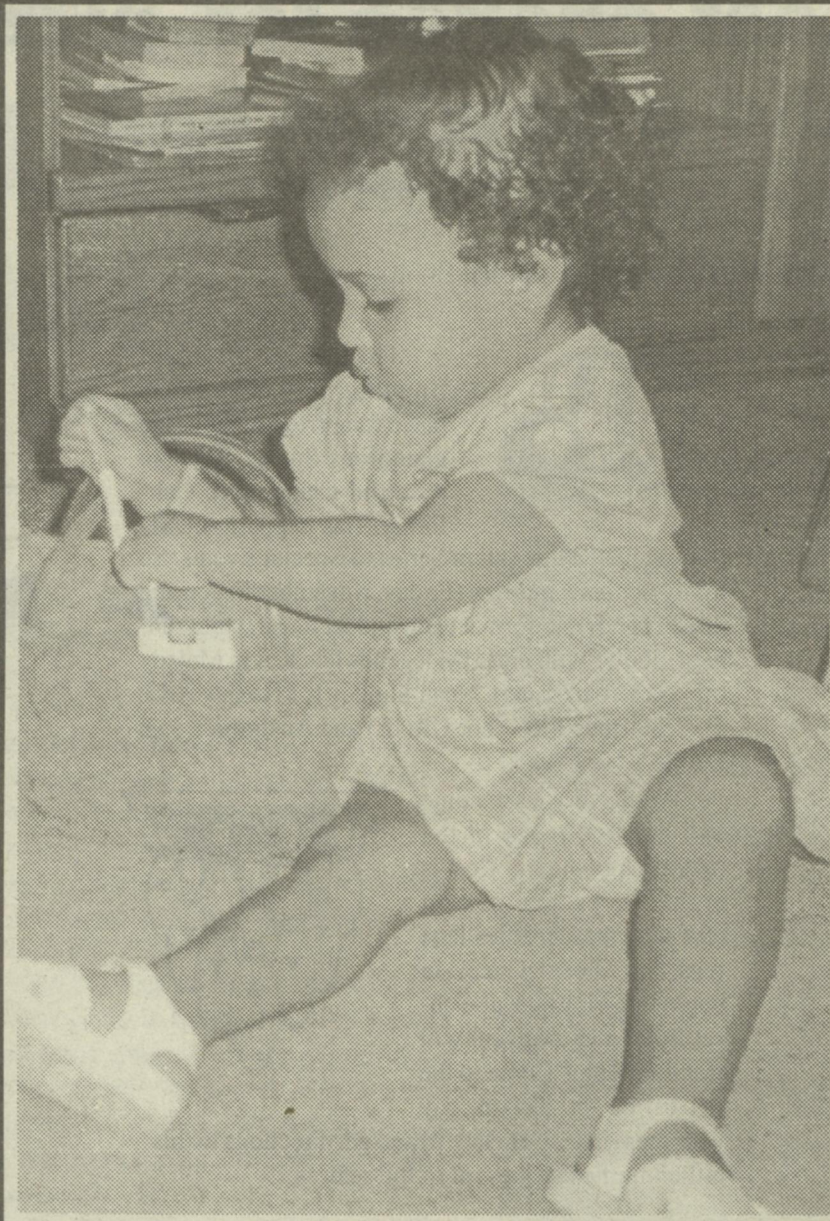
#### Midnight Bowling

Last week Brianna Barr's Tacklers get the edge because Marya Young and the Free Agents chickened out! Or, they had an intercollegiate soccer game, you make the choice.

This week we feature our very special Special Events! On Friday we're having our annual Midnight Bowling Tournament at Sunset Bowl. During the Tournament we'll raffle off several prizes, one of which will be the Subway Platter for Team of the Week! To get in on this you must sign-up for the bowling tournament ASAP because we only have 12 lanes reserved! Come bowl and win a Subway Platter too!

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