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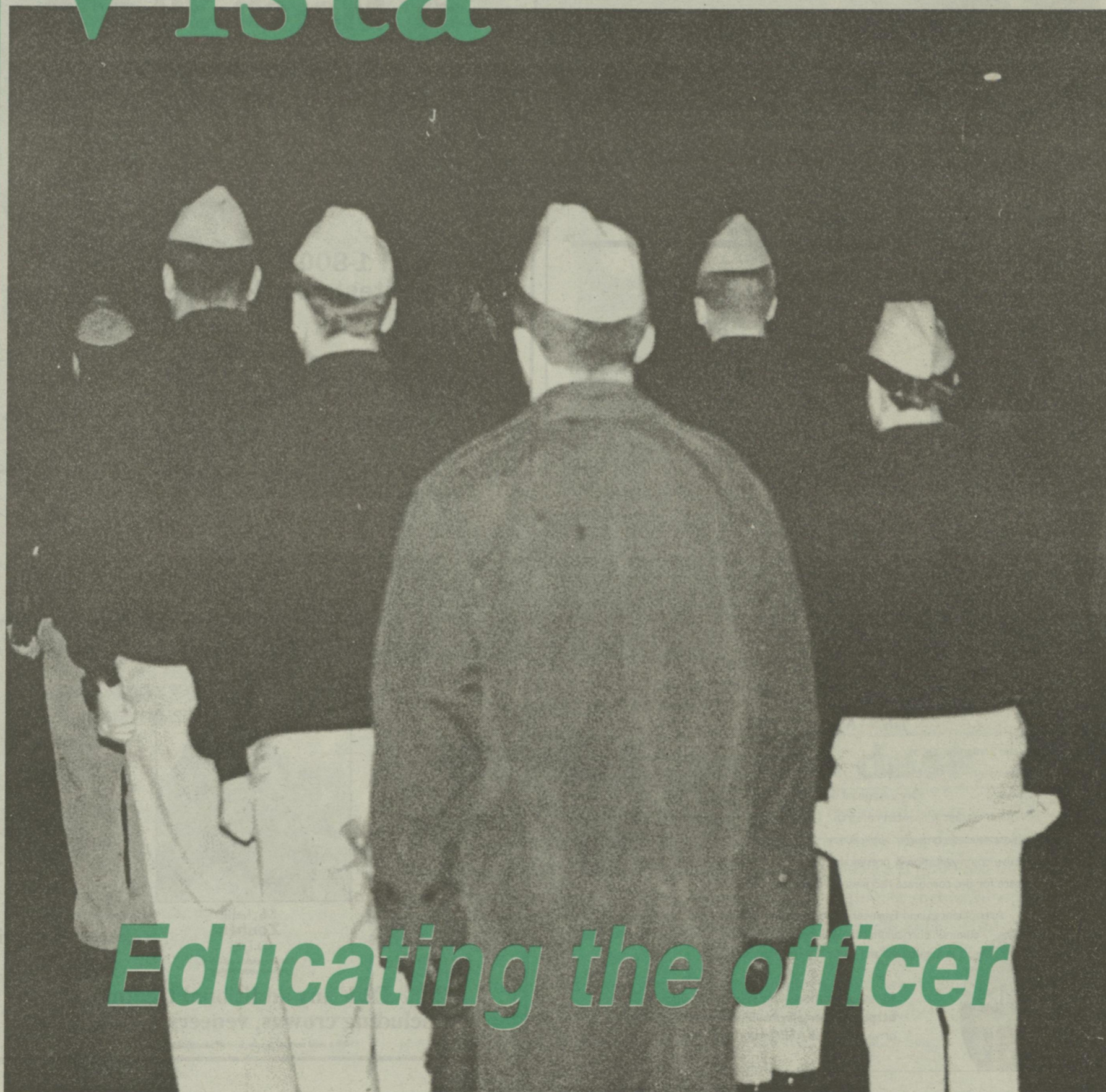


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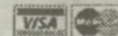
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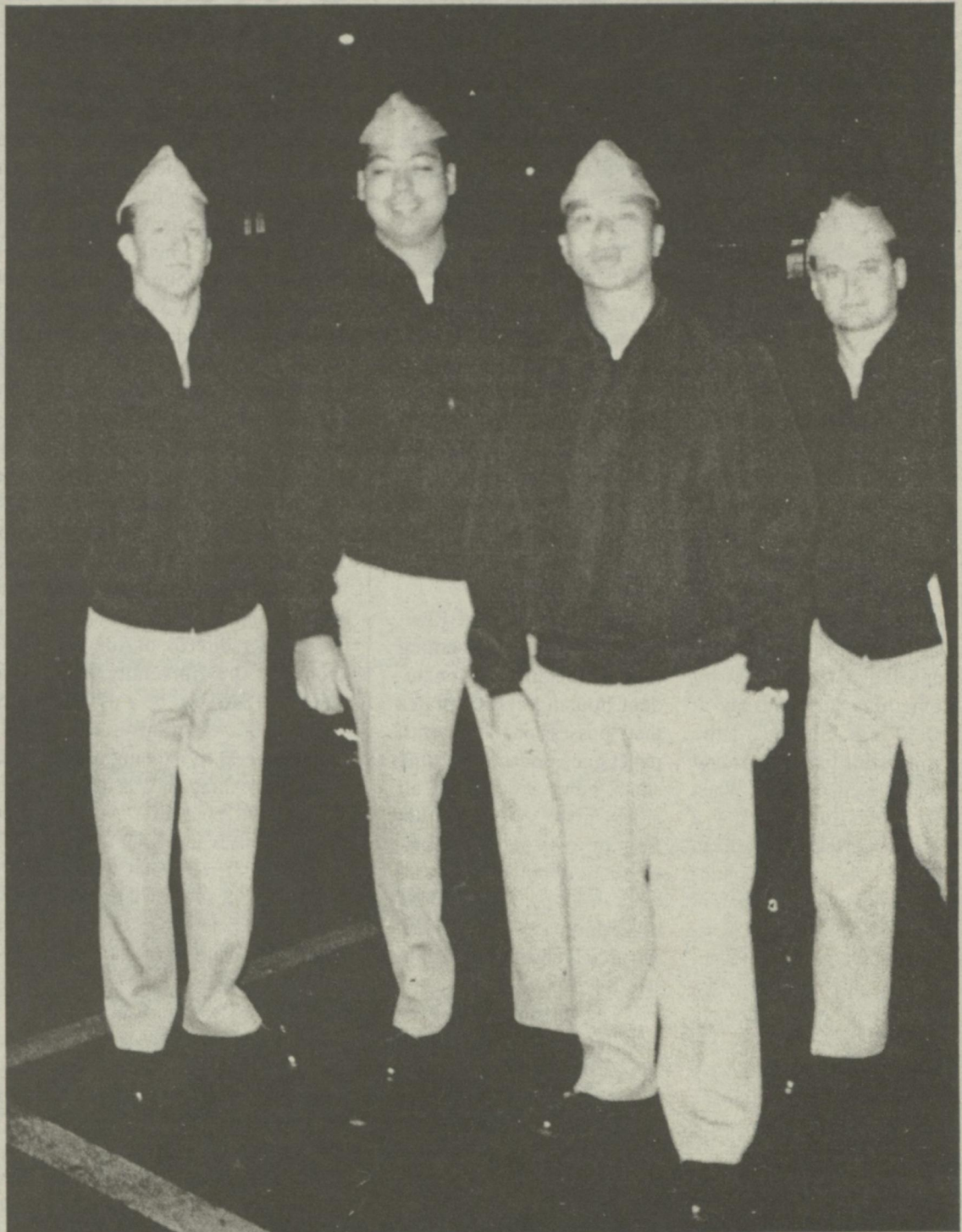
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## Words from the desk

There is a certain type of mysticism surrounding the armed forces and ROTC, especially in our generation. They have guns, they drive tanks and they wear ironed clothes. Nothing like regular college kids. Civilians rarely get a peek into the daily lives of the armed forces. Yet their inherent duty is to protect these civilians with which they have little contact. ■ For this week's issue, Elizabeth Rabel delves into the lives of ROTC students. Rabel met with three Midshipmen that strive for excellence in a stressful college environment. "These students are mature beyond their years. They really have their act together and reach for their goals," Rabel said. "They are the most loyal people I have ever met." ■ "And they run really fast."

-- Caley Cook, Associate Editor



## News USD and beyond



JASON DENT

**Life like:** A female student was shot at from the third floor of San Miguel residence hall with one of these three air powered pellet guns. The guns were confiscated by Public Safety. Any form of firearm or other weapon is prohibited in the residence halls.

### Weapons confiscated

**Michelle McMahon** • Staff Writer

A female student, walking between Crossroads and San Miguel residence hall, reported being shot at by something last Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. She heard the gunfire hitting the ground and nearby dumpsters. When she looked up, she saw a male on the third floor of San Miguel. The subject continued to fire two more shots at her as she hurried to Crossroads to report the incident.

She told resident assistants about the male shooting out of the window. Housing and Residence Life staff went into the room to question the suspect and seized two air powered pellet guns.

Investigations over the next two days identified two individuals who owned the weapons. However, neither individual admitted responsibility for the shooting.

Dr. Tom Cosgrove, associate vice president for Student Affairs, reviewed the report presented by Public Safety. The report identified the two individuals who admitted to owning the weapons. In the report, the weapon owners admitted firing the pellet guns at friends and at other students in the past but not at the victim.

Two other students admitted to firing the weapons on other occasions, but they too did not admit to firing the weapons at the victim on the

night in question.

The Housing and Residence Life policy concerning rules and regulations for student housing clearly states that "possession of firearms, pellet guns, spear guns, sling shots, bows and arrows, air rifles, pistols or any other form of weapon, sporting instrument, self defense instrument or ammunition for any other purpose within a housing area is absolutely prohibited."

The outcome of this incident is still pending because the case has yet to be reviewed by the Housing and Residence Life staff to determine the decisions which will be made concerning the individuals involved in the shooting.

If the shooting had not happened on campus and the San Diego Police Department had caught the suspect, the individual would have been arrested, booked and jailed. The particular offense would have been an assault and the judge would have made the decision as to what level of an assault it was and how much jail time would be served.

In addition, if a police officer had seen the incident occur, the officer would have had every reason to believe the weapon posed a real threat and the suspect could have easily been shot down by the police officer.

## Debate over the SAT heats up

**Melanie Stevens** • Staff Writer

The University of California school system recently resurrected the debate over the accuracy and fairness of the SAT in representing future college students. Richard Atkins, president of the University of California, announced last month of his plan to eliminate the test as a mandatory application requirement.

Atkins proposed that the submission of SAT scores be optional. As an alternative, Atkins suggests making the SAT II mandatory until California creates its own test for college admission.

"There is such a mania over getting into college," said Steve Pultz, director of Admissions for the University. "I think the SAT can be a useful tool, but it's often misused in many places. It is being used to measure things it was never designed to measure."

The SAT and SAT II are tests generated by the College Board. The SAT II focuses less on logic and reasoning and more on a variety of subjects studied in school.

Carrie Leander, a student teacher at a fourth grade classroom in San Diego, said that standardized testing begins at an early age and students are taught strategies on how to take them throughout their academic lives. Despite learning strategies at a young age, not all students will overcome test-taking obstacles.

"I have a kid in my class that is in GATE [Gifted and Talented Education]. But English is his second language, so he doesn't do as well as he could on standardized tests. But that doesn't mean he isn't smart," Leander said.

Similar obstacles that go beyond economics and the language barrier continue to pose problems for aspiring college students. This week's edition of Time magazine sites an argument against the use of the SAT, stating that black and Latino students on average score lower than white stu-

dents. Critics said that to place heavy consideration on test scores and not other factors is a form of discrimination.

Other factors, such as special talents, excellent grades and community service contribute to the value that colleges and universities place on students. Unfortunately in the past, those students who possess all of these qualities but are poor test-takers have often been overlooked by colleges and universities.

The Ayn Rand Institute is an organization that believes the SAT is the fairest way to measure how well a student will do in college. The Institute also believes that the test is not biased against minorities. In order to admit the best-qualified candidates, the Institute argues that to throw out the SAT scores is to use subjective standards such as race in selecting future students.

Time points to the original use of the SAT in determining an individual's intelligence. This is no longer the test's function when assessing a candidate for admission. Time also reported that "no one seriously argues any longer that it's an intelligence test. Not even its sponsors. The College Board stopped referring to it as the Scholastic Aptitude Test in 1994.

If the purpose of the test is no longer to measure the intellectual abilities of a candidate, then whether or not it is valuable is in question. "Going through the selection process isn't an exact science," said Pultz. "We are making a value judgment. The more information the better."

Pultz understands the SAT as a test designed, when used with other criteria, to gauge a student's performance on a national level. Pultz said that the University typically looks for a mid 50 percent range on the SAT scoring scale, which is equivalent to an 1150-1250.

University admissions counselors also place consider-

able emphasis on a student's past academic performance. The program a student takes and the high school that student attends both make a difference in the final decision. Personal leadership, talents and past obstacles are also factors the counselors look for in potential students.

Pultz said that the SATs are here to stay. "We are very comfortable when we make a decision on a candidate because, by using all of the considerations, we have gotten the big picture," Pultz said.

Some University students disagree. Mia Diaz, a graduating senior, said that SATs overlook those students who are more creative than they are analytical. "How well you do on the test all depends on so many factors: the day you take it, the time, whether you took it once or twice. I think the SATs limit the amount of quality students on campus," Diaz said.

Although the future of the SAT is uncertain, the important issue to raise is how the quality of students at colleges and universities that have made the test optional have changed, if at all.

The admissions staff at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts spends more time in getting to know a candidate from the available information and has no complaints about the students they have admitted since the test was made optional nearly 10 years ago.

When considering the abandonment of the SATs, Pultz explained that he didn't think that the atmosphere of college campuses would change dramatically. "We could make a decision on a candidate without the SATs. But could we make as good of a decision? That I'm not so sure," Pultz said.

Until the debate over the SAT and the use of standardized testing runs its course, the test will continue to play a part in students' future plans.



# Hit and run remains unsolved

**Jeremy Horn** • Assistant News Editor

A young woman was struck on Via Los Cumbres and left for dead after heading home from a favorite bar on Feb. 17 at 4 a.m.

The 27-year-old woman was discovered a half an hour later by two teenagers who mistook the grisly scene as a homicide.

Police and relatives speculate that the assailant could likely be anyone living in Linda Vista or possibly even a University student.

"I was walking down the street, and the first thing I remember is a small possibly white vehicle and being wrapped around it.

"After that, I remember an ambulance and being brought into the intensive care unit," the victim said.

The hospital staff later told the victim that the car probably rolled over her, dragged her 10 feet and then possibly rolled over her again.

Tire marks left on one of her hips and the side of

tainly have been fatal.

The injuries include a broken jaw, a ruptured eyeball, a ruptured bladder, a broken pelvis, four broken ribs, bruised kidneys and head trauma.

More recently, a collapsed lung necessitated a second surgery in the hospital.

Recovery time has been estimated to be 10 weeks.

It is unknown whether there will be any permanent physical damage from the incident.

The victim's family lives in Arizona and rushed to San Diego after being informed of the accident.

"Another of my sisters called me," the victim's sister said. "She kept repeating the same words: 'she's down,'"

"My mom called and told me she was hit and that it was critical. I hopped a flight and rushed to come over here.

"I didn't recognize her when I first saw her," the

The nurse said she was stable but the situation was serious."

"I told the nurse to tell her," the victim's mother said as tears were rolling down her face, "that we loved her and that we'd be there right away."

As the family begins the slow recovery from the physical and psychological trauma, the hospital bills will start to arrive.

The first three days in the hospital alone cost anywhere from \$50,000 to \$80,000 and that does not include the second lung surgery.

The police investigation has turned up few leads after searching the scene and talking to neighbors.

The police hope that within six to 12 months a lead or promising tip will develop that might help solve the case.

"I really think it was someone returning to a dorm," said a friend and co-worker of the victim. "They were probably just too fright-

## Calendar of events

### Thurs. 3/15

**9 a.m.** AS run-off elections in UC Foyer

**Noon** AS Directorship Informational in Serra 314

**12:15 p.m.** Financial Aid workshop in Serra 211

**1:15 p.m.** Money Management Workshop in UC 104

**7 p.m.** "A Celtic Evening" focused on Celtic Christianity in Serra 212

### Fri. 3/16

TJ Spring Break-through retreat

**1:30 p.m.** Men's tennis vs. Yale

**2 p.m.** Baseball vs. St. Mary's

**4:30 p.m.** Softball vs. SDSU at the USD softball field

**7 p.m.** Softball vs. Michigan State at the USD softball field

### Sat. 3/17

St. Patrick's Day

TJ Spring Break-through retreat

**7 a.m.** Women's crew race against UC Irvine

**10 a.m.** Softball vs. SDSU at the USD softball field

**12:30 p.m.** Softball vs. Michigan State at the USD softball field

Mon. 3/26

Senior banquet tickets go on sale for \$5 at the box office

**9 a.m.** Visual Arts Center Thesis Exhibit in Sacred Heart Hall

Tues. 3/27

**9 a.m.** Visual Arts Center Thesis Exhibit in Sacred Heart Hall

**9:30 a.m.** "Architectural History of San Diego" with Iris Engstrand in Manchester Executive Conference Center

**Noon** AS Directorship Informational in Serra 314

**5:30 p.m.** "Nathaniel L. Nathanson Lecture" in Hahn University Center Forum AB

Wed. 3/28

**9 a.m.** Visual Arts Center Thesis Exhibit in Sacred Heart Hall

**Noon** AS Directorship Informational in Serra 211

**7 p.m.** Taize Prayer Around the Cross down in the Valley next to the Bahias

**"It's hard for me to understand how someone could leave another person out there to die."**

**- victim's sister**

her face were the prime testament.

Based on tire marks, police have speculated that the vehicle was driving on the wrong side of the road, indicating that the driver was drunk.

"[The police] think it was someone drunk who didn't want to get in trouble," the victim's sister said.

The injuries sustained by the victim were numerous and if unattended, would cer-

tainly have been fatal.

"She was bruised, swollen, in a wheelchair and had an oxygen mask attached to her."

The victim's mother remembered getting the call from the nurse in ICU. "The nurse called and my mother, who is 80 years old, answered the phone.

"All of a sudden, I heard this banging on the door and when I opened it, she was crying.

ened to do or say anything."

"I just want to know how they could do something like this," Britt said.

"It's hard for me to understand how someone could leave another person out there to die."

The investigation remains open.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to call the San Diego Police Department at (619) 692-4800.

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# Living Wage Project takes on Nike

**Heather Forrester** • Staff Writer

If Jim Keady and Leslie Kretzu had their way, the "swoosh" logo that appears on the University's basketball uniforms would be covered by a large red X.

Living Wage Project directors Jim Keady and Leslie

Kretzu will visit the University on March 29 to "expose the truth about sweatshops."

Keady and Kretzu both spent this past summer living in Tangerang, Indonesia living on the same wage earned at a Nike sweatshop.

The Living Wage Project is dedicated to urging Americans to take an active role in changing the current conditions.

Keady formerly played professional soccer and coached at St. John's Univer-

sity. When Keady refused to wear Nike equipment, he was asked to resign.

Kretzu and Keady have published a number of articles about their cause.

Kretzu's research explored critical women's issues

strengthening her commitment to labor rights and social justice. Nike is one of many American companies that have taken advantage of the world's economic inequities to make a profit.

Nike buys its goods from independent contractors in underdeveloped nations where wages are low and then resells them in richer nations.

According to a Rocky Mountain News story online, "Indonesian plants employ 110,000 people whose take home pay averages \$65 a month." While this is substandard according to American standards, it is nearly double Indonesia's minimum wage of \$34 a month and comes with other benefits that include overtime and holiday bonuses, social security, free health care, free schooling, free clothing, and at least one free meal a day and sometimes free housing.

Does the "dignity of each individual" include people in Indonesia?

Does the acceptance of these conditions contradict the Catholic values that the University promotes in its mission statement?

Keady and Kretzu hope the University will stand by its mission statement and take a stance.

Exploited labor suggests a discrepancy between the mission statement and the University's endorsement contracts.

At what point is human injustice half-way across the world too obvious to ignore?

Men and women work as long as 14 hour days, six to seven days a week in the Nike factories. Nike utilizes the

Through exploiting labor in impoverished countries businesses can turn more profits. It boosts the country's economy by employing people who would otherwise be out of a job.

Supporters of the Nike factory system argue that if wages were raised any higher, it would economically offset these countries:

The competitive nature of the marketplace means that companies will always purchase their supplies from independent firms then turn around to make a high-profit resale.

At what point does the University view the people working in these factories as fellow human beings instead of third-world people who should be thankful for Nike's presence? Keady and Kretzu hope that the time is near.



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# School seeks volunteers

Stephanie King • Staff Writer

Nativity Prep Academy is opening college prep schools for children in extreme poverty and seeks University seniors or graduate students to fill volunteer teaching positions for the fall.

This unique program provides disadvantaged children with an extended school day, small classes, after-school programs, such as aquatics and theater arts, summer and seasonal camps and much needed nutrition and health care.

About one in three children are poor and child poverty has doubled over the last 20 years in San Diego said David Rivera, a member of the Nativity Prep team.

Rivera also said that underprivileged children are more likely to drop out of school, become abusive parents or criminals and live a life of welfare-dependency.

Nativity Prep intends to provide these children with newfound hope and opportunity.

Jesuit priests in New York in 1971 recognized that intervention before high school was necessary to save at-risk children from repeating the cycle of crime, drugs and poverty emanat-

ing from the streets.

The first Nativity school was opened as a solution to this problem.

The school provided educational opportunities through a very low student-to-faculty ratio, 12 hour school days and remedial and enrichment programs.

Nativity sought to counter the overwhelming pressures of urban street culture by challenging and encouraging the students to reach their full potential.

About 90 percent of the first Nativity school's at-risk children go on to college. Almost 40 schools nationwide are modeled after this successful program.

Nativity Prep's main goal as an independent Catholic organization is to address the everyday needs of at-risk children from the beginning in middle school, through high school, college and beyond.

Nativity Prep is currently working with parishes in poor communities to finalize site locations.

Special programs also include intervention and prevention classes, daily tutoring, mentoring, computer and technology training and parenting instruction.

The University is an

educational partner of Nativity Prep. Various departments on campus will provide initial training and on-going support.

The University has already provided interns, which have assisted for the last 14 months in research, planning and fundraising.

Many administrators, including Provost Dr. Lazarus and Dr. Cordeiro, Dean of the School of Education, have given much needed guidance to this program.

Volunteer teachers do not need to have credentials or past experience in education. Food, housing, transportation and a small stipend will be provided.

Colleges already involved in providing teachers for the program include Notre Dame, Boston College, Georgetown and Cornell.

If students are interested in taking a year to provide community service in the San Diego area, they can contact David Rivera or fill out an application at [www.nativityprep.org](http://www.nativityprep.org).

Selections will be made in late spring with orientation to begin in mid-August.

# Crime report

## 3/6/01 through 3/12/01

**March 6 Public Safety** received a report of a stolen vehicle license plate. The vehicle was parked south of Loma Hall at the time the license plate was reported stolen.

**March 6 Public Safety** was notified of an obscene telephone call that had been received by staff at the Copley Library.

**March 7 Public Safety** was notified of a large party at Phase A residence hall complex involving Minors in Possession of Alcohol and the use of marijuana.

**March 8 Public Safety** was notified of an incident involving a student using hate speech toward an employee in a computer lab in Serra Hall.

**March 8 Public Safety** was notified of an incident involving a Minor in Possession of Alcohol at San Rafael residence hall.

**March 9 Public Safety** was notified of an incident involving a Minor in Possession of Alcohol at Cuyamaca residence hall.

**March 9 Public Safety** was contacted regarding an incident in Phase A residence hall complex involving a Minor in Possession of Alcohol and Drug Paraphernalia.

**March 10 Public Safety** was contacted regarding an incident in Maher Hall involving a Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

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**March 10 Public Safety** was contacted regarding an incident at Laguna residence hall involving a Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

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**March 10 Public Safety** was contacted regarding an incident at Founders residence hall involving a student receiving a message that contained profanity on her answering machine.

**March 10 Public Safety** was contacted regarding a noise complaint at San Miguel residence hall.

**March 11 Public Safety** was notified of an incident at San Miguel residence hall involving a student who was passed out under the influence of alcohol. A beer bong and fake California driver's license were confiscated by Public Safety.

**March 11 Public Safety** was notified of an incident at San Miguel residence hall involving an intoxicated student who was creating a disturbance. Public Safety confiscated marijuana paraphernalia and alcohol from the student's room.

**March 12 Public Safety** received a report of a stolen wallet at the Copley Library.

The crime report appears courtesy of Public Safety. News Editor Jenny Perry contributed to this report.

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## San Diego doubting Spirit

Caley Cook • Associate Editor

In April, America's first professional women's soccer league starts its inaugural season. Who knew?

One of the Women's United Soccer Association teams, The Spirit, will be stationed in San Diego. The team's home field will be Torero Stadium. Even though the WUSA have been advertising aggressively for The Spirit, most students still don't even have a clue.

"I didn't know they started a pro [women's soccer] league in the US," Nick Hellbusch, a junior, said. "I have no interest in it...men's sports are just more fun to watch."

The average person doesn't even know that the WUSA exists, let alone the average USD student. Why should they care when male

sports figures are exalted at God-like status?

It's been emphasized—and re-emphasized—that males possess the ability to run faster, jump higher and hit harder than women and consequently draw more fans.

Women's ability to draw a crowd and keep their interest is being underutilized, and people are starting to realize it.

After the World Cup Mia Hamm, Michelle Akers and Brandi Chastain have become household names. A solid grassroots fan base may be enough to support the California teams, but other areas may not be so lucky.

"There isn't any support in areas like the Midwest, I think those teams may have trouble," Stephanie Barnier, a junior on the USD Women's Soccer

team, said.

Most of the concern about the WUSA's success focuses around the failure of other professional women's sports in America.

According to the "Sports Illustrated for Women" February issue, the Women's Professional Football League has struggled for money, fans and support since the beginning and doesn't show many signs of recovery. The Women's National Basketball Association may be headed toward the same fate.

"Soccer is different than the other sports that haven't done well," said Tom Tate, a USD assistant soccer coach that now works as The Spirit's goal-keeper coach.

"The WUSA is going to be able to compete in the market because they learned from the

problems that Major League Soccer had. The league is geared for the success of the program and aren't just out for a quick buck," Tate said.

Critics and supporters alike are questioning how long this league will last, but I believe their pessimism is unwarranted.

The WUSA will face some intimidating odds against their success, but people are prematurely counting on their demise. I would guess that most of these people have never even seen a women's soccer game.

Maybe it's time to encourage these women instead of counting them down before the match even starts.

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## Society & Culture **Life at USD**

# Student leaders examine relations

## *Recent high school violence provokes thought*

**Natasha Fernandez** • Society & Culture Editor

Members of the Santana High School community will never forget the thoughtless actions of 14 year-old Charles Andrew Williams, who took the lives of two innocent teenagers.

The repercussions of his actions will live on in the memory of Santee for years to come.

The reason for this violence will never be truly understood, but in the aftermath of it all, questions of friendship and exclusion are raised.

Williams' friends are said to have had some idea he may have been planning this shooting.

Maybe these events could have been prevented.

What conflicts was he dealing with? What could anyone have done to avoid it?

Student leaders of Greek Life and the United Front spent a weekend discussing intercultural and intergroup conflict at the third annual Greek and United Front Human Relations Workshop Re-

treat.

This retreat was created to promote communication and collaboration between these organizations and amongst their leaders.

Members of Panhellenic and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) met United Front members for the first timelast weekend at Palomar Mountain.

Their conversations dealt with issues of gender, ethnicity, identity and sexual orientation.

Students discussed how membership in their organizations has allowed them to grow as leaders.

Some retreat participants came to realize that they do have similarities, even though they may have different experiences as students at this University.

"I saw a mutual agreement between the Greeks and the United Front," said Martin Casas, a sophomore and member of the United Front.

"We both try to promote

that everyone is welcome in our organizations, and that is something most people are in the dark about," Casas said.

Casas referred to the fact that the United Front, an organization that promotes and celebrates multicultural awareness among the campus community, can be perceived as open only to students of color, which is not the case.

Greek life sometimes shares that exclusive impression, as chapters select their members from among a number of interested students.

"Both organizations [the United Front and Greek life] are organizations that provide people with a place where they feel like they belong," said Rich Williamson, a junior, and IFC President. "In both cases students have said that if it wasn't for those communities they might have dropped out or transferred."

Participants of the weekend were given the opportunity to challenge their beliefs and preconceived notions

about the United Front and Greek life.

"It's changed me by wanting to be a bridge between cultures, when I wanted to just keep to myself," Casas said.

Human relations was the focus of the weekend, discussing the way identity, cultural, gender, etc., influence the way individuals communicate with each other.

This theme also raised the discussion of the recent school shootings at Santana High School.

The concept of human relations rings loud when events like this shooting take place in a community.

Coverage of Columbine led to discussions of students feeling excluded or picked on, and the possible actions of those jaded students.

It is virtually impossible to point to one source of anger that leads any individual to such violence.

But it seems like a small

coincidence that in the two days following the shootings in Santee, 16 other kids in California were arrested or detained for threatening or taking guns to school.

Television news coverage of the shootings in Santee advised parents to spend more time talking to their children.

But it seems like parents talking to children might not be enough. Relationships among friends and classmates are often vital to individuals, especially in a high school setting, when popularity is often a prized possession.

The retreat these University students experienced allowed them to look at cultures besides their own, and the experiences of their classmates.

"You can sometimes step out of your comfort zone and find out you have things in common with people you've never met," Williamson said.

"If people had taken the time to get to know this kid (Williams), things may have turned out differently."

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## Feature Cover story

# Educating the officer

## *A day in the life of a Midshipman*

Elizabeth Rabel • Editor in Chief

Lea Dooley jumps out of bed at 5 a.m. on Tuesday to shower, braid her hair into regulation, put on her uniform, and grab a banana for breakfast. By 5:45 a.m., Dooley must be at the Olin Hall parking lot.

Dooley, a junior BioChemistry major, has been balancing a heavy academic load with NROTC throughout her college education.

"On Tuesdays, I have drill from 5:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.," Dooley said. "We form up at Olin Hall parking lot, take muster [the formation used to take role], then listen to lectures, have guided discussions, do hands on leadership or other officer training."

After drill, Dooley races home to change into her physical training gear for Semper Fi, the Marine Corp training. Semper Fi meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. to do physical training and other specialized preparation.

After a break to shower, change and do a little homework, Dooley attends a leadership and ethics course which all Midshipmen [the classification for most NROTC students] take to graduate.

"My leadership course focuses on applying the skills acquired at USD in the NROTC program," Dooley said.

Dooley continues her day in a four hour BioChemistry lab and then goes home to study. She hopes to be in bed by 10 p.m. or 11 p.m.

### To be an officer

The approximately 220 Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp Midshipmen from the University, San Diego State, University of California San Diego and Point Loma Nazarene share a common goal: to become commissioned officers in the Navy or Marine Corp. They spend hours outside of class every week to reach this goal.

"NROTC is my path to commission in the Marine Corp," said Andy Graham, a senior art major. "I want to be a Marine Officer and NROTC is the best way to get that commis-

sion."

According to Graham, NROTC provides for good leadership and ethical preparation for commission. Midshipmen are exposed to a variety of dilemmas and situations for training, as opposed to simply getting a degree.

Motivations for becoming an officer vary from one Midshipman to the next. Midshipmen receive an education in exchange for their service as officers upon graduation.

"My goal is to be commissioned as an officer because I'd like to help others and influence their lives," Dooley said. "While you don't necessarily need to be an officer to do that, it's one of the ways I can affect the most people."

Serving the country and helping others is a sentiment shared by most of these Midshipmen.

"The best part of NROTC is it gives you an opportunity to serve your country, it's exciting, you get leadership experience and it puts you above and beyond peers without leadership experience," Larson said. "Most people in NROTC realize how lucky they are to get a funded education at a great university," Larson said.

"You get to be in the military without the rigor," Larson said. "We realize how lucky we are compared to the active duty who spend Christmas overseas or away from their families."

### The daily grind

NROTC requires a lot of preparation outside of scheduled training times and classes. Midshipmen on the Drill Team have to learn to clean their weapons and practice often. The Color Guard performs at the San Diego State football and basketball games. All candidates also are involved in leadership within the NROTC unit.

"I prepare my uniform for drill the night before," Dooley said. "I iron my uniform, put on all my ribbons and make sure everything is in proper distance, shine my shoes and

put on edge dressing."

While tuition and books are paid for by the NROTC program, as well as a monthly stipend, many students work for their room and board and other expenses.

Larson is a Resident Security Advisor in exchange for his room and board. He works in the Camino Founders residence hall from 11:45 p.m. to 2 a.m. three to four nights a week as security and to support the Resident Assistants.

"The hardest part of NROTC is the long periods with little or no sleep," Larson said. "then you have intense periods of activity and classwork and then nothing."

Academics is the most challenging aspect of NROTC for Graham. The students in NROTC are the best in their high schools, making for an extremely competitive climate.

"Unless you're getting a 3.0 or 3.5, you're not succeeding," Graham said.

The students preparing to be Naval Officers are required to take physics and calculus. Marine Corp students do not have the same academic requirements at the University but do attend Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. OCS is a rigorous summer training program comprised of physical training and academic courses.

NROTC is an active part of a Midshipman's summer, in addition to the school year. In the summer after freshman year, Midshipmen attend Career Orientation Training for Midshipmen for four weeks. There they experience a week of surface warfare, submarine, aviation and Marine Corp.

Between their sophomore and junior years, they have an enlisted cruise experience on a ship. During their final summer of college, students planning to into the Navy go on an officer training experience on a ship while the Marine options attend OCS. Upon graduation, Midshipmen are commissioned as officers and go to their first school which is based on whatever job they have

been assigned.

Midshipmen have to keep their lives in balance to maintain their heavy loads and dedication to the program.

"I thought about quitting a couple times," Graham said. "You get to the bottom of the roller coaster and have to decide how much it means to you."

"I've had my doubts, it's a tough road. There is a lot of stuff to do as a regular college student, especially as a science major," Dooley said. "With NROTC on top of that, it's hard, but I'll be better for it."

According to Dooley, NROTC has made her mature faster than a traditional college student.

"I think very few people have a real idea of what we go through in our training and how much time we put into it," Dooley said. "It's not an extra-curricular activity. NROTC is all the time."

"Leadership is 24-7; the learning is constantly taking place."

### In the real world

Upon graduation, Midshipmen attend training for their specialized military careers. They can be assigned anything from infantry to logistics.

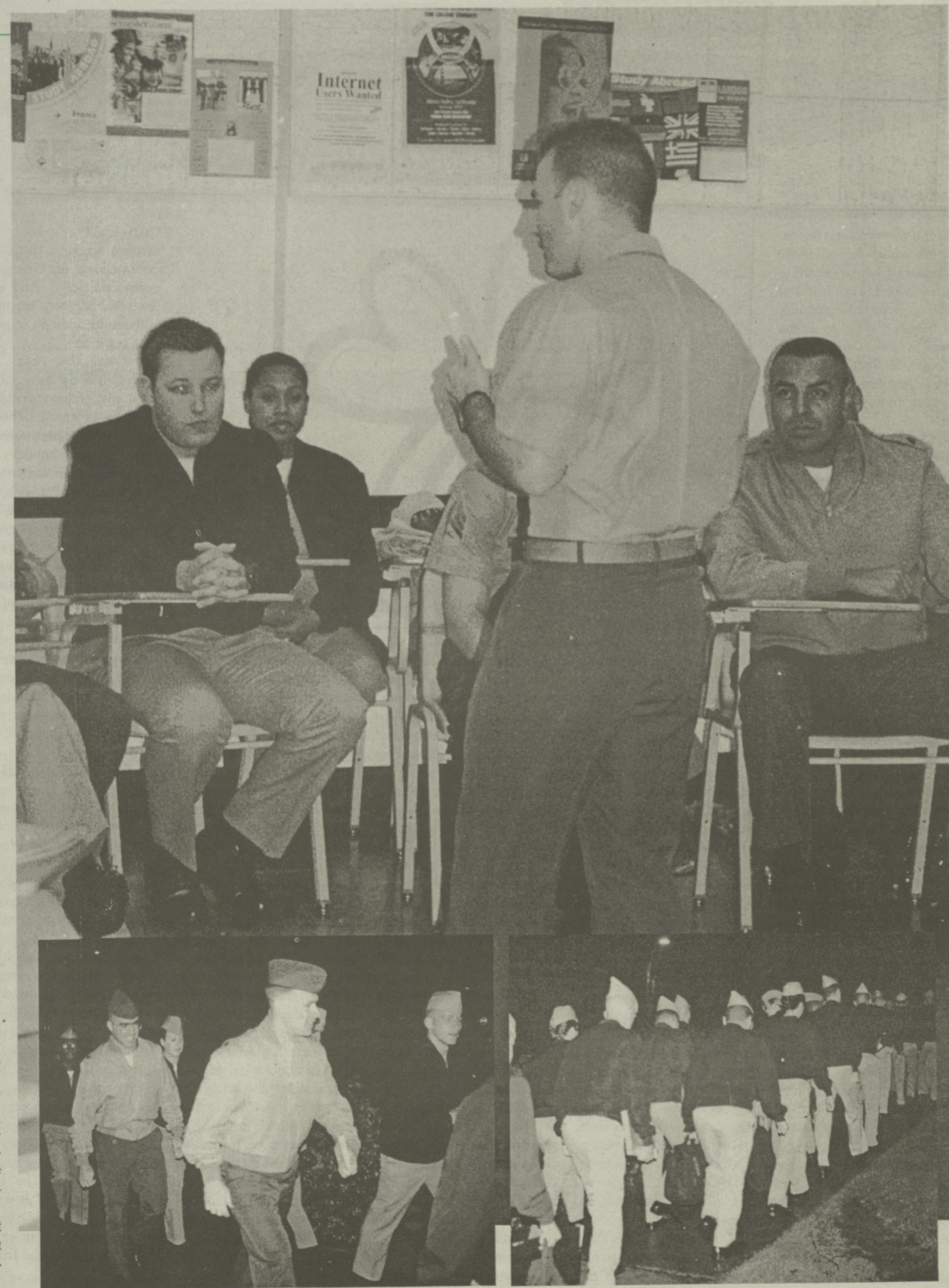
After Graham graduates, he would like to become an infantry officer, which serve as the first line of defense for the Marine Corp. He is also considering a career flying Cobra helicopters. These helicopters support the infantry by "laying down suppressive fire."

Larson plans to graduate in May and then attend OCS. Upon graduation from, he will continue into The Basic School [a school in Quantico to train Marine] for six months. His ultimate goal in the Marines is to work either as a combat engineer or



**The Drill:** NROTC Midshipmen are required to take courses to prepare them as officers. They meet every Tuesday at 5:45 a.m. to drill and attend lectures, discussions, and leadership exercise.

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# The Scoop Entertainment

## Why do the Irish get their own holiday?

### *The truth about St. Patrick*

**Katie Dyer** • Staff Writer

So who exactly is this St. Patrick whom we celebrate each year by dying everything from our food to our hair and clothing green, and pinching our friends that fail to do the same? A resounding, "I don't know," and, "Some Irish guy," were among the most common answers given by USD students.

A handful of students were actually aware that St. Patrick lived some years ago in Ireland working to convert the country to Christianity, while others were not so sure St. Patrick was anything more than a fictional character! Well, believe it or not, there is a lot more to St. Patrick's Day than green food coloring and four leaf clovers.

Around the year 385 A.D., the man who was to become St. Patrick was born with the given name Maewyn, in Wales. Until the age of 16, Maewyn was far from becoming a saint, as he lived his life as a pagan.

Maewyn's life, however, took an abrupt turn as he was kidnapped and sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. It was during this captivity that Maewyn became much closer to God.

After six years in slavery, Maewyn escaped to Gaul, where he studied in the monastery under Germain, the bishop of Auxerre.

This period lasted 12 years. It was also at this time that Maewyn came to believe it was his calling to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to his home country and convert the pagans that had overrun Ireland. His superiors, however, appointed St. Palladius.

After just two years, St. Palladius transferred to Scot-

land, and Patrick, having earlier adopted the Christian name, was appointed as a second bishop to Ireland.

For the next 30 years, Patrick traveled throughout Ireland establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up churches and schools, which would assist him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

Patrick was extremely successful in his pursuits. So successful that angry Celtic Druids arrested him many times, all of which he managed to escape.

After devoting over three decades to converting the people of Ireland to Christianity, Patrick retired to County Down. On Mar. 17, 461 A.D. Patrick died. The day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

There is a great deal of folklore that surrounds St. Patrick's Day, although very little of it is actually substantiated.

Some of these tales claim that St. Patrick once gave a sermon from a hilltop that

drove all the snakes from Ireland. He is also said to have raised people from the dead.

Leprechauns have also grown to be closely associated with this day. Leprechauns are Irish fairies that are generally described as people who dislike being in the company of others and have a generally sour disposition.

However, if one is fortunate enough to spot one of these Irish fairies, he or she should follow them because it is said that these lucky, solitary creatures will lead you to a pot of gold.

While these particular tales cannot be any more supported than their legends allow, a few elements of St. Patrick's Day can be more accurately accounted for.

One traditional icon of St. Patrick's Day is the ever-popular shamrock. This tradition stems from a more bonafide Irish tale that tells of how St. Patrick used the three-leafed clover to explain the Holy Trinity.

In his sermons, he used it to demonstrate how the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. It is for this reason that his followers adopted the practice of wearing a shamrock on his day of celebration.

The color green has become known as the representative color of St. Patrick's Day for the simple reason that green is the color of spring, the shamrock and the official color of Ireland.

It was not until 1737 that the St. Patrick's Day celebrations and customs came to America. Boston became home to this country's first public celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

America has since adopted a great deal of traditions dedicated to celebrating St. Patrick's Day. And among these traditions, a number of Irish inspired meals meet the tables and mouths who embrace and celebrate this holiday.

Many families sit down to meals of corned beef and cabbage, accompanied with Irish soda bread. Few St.

Patrick's Day parties are thrown without the usual cream cheese dip covered in green mint jelly. And even fewer baked goods are made without the addition of green food coloring.

Over the years, St. Patrick's Day has gained popularity across the country. The day is now celebrated with as much enthusiasm and activity as most holidays.

Cities across the country now honor St. Patrick's Day with parades, festivals and concerts.

San Diego, of course, is no exception. On Saturday, Mar. 17, the gaslamp district in downtown San Diego will host ShamROCK 2001.

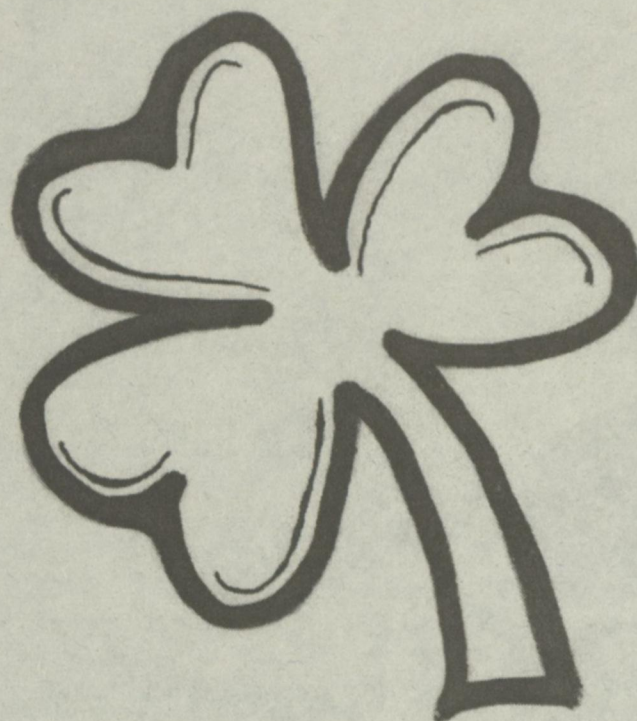
An entire section of the gaslamp will be dedicated to a block party honoring St. Patrick's Day. This block party will cover the area between 5th and 7th Street on F Street.

Starting at 3 p.m. and lasting until midnight, ShamROCK 2001 offers the St. Patrick's Day supporter plenty of options of how to celebrate the day away.

Seven bands will be playing on a grand stage throughout the course of the afternoon. There will be an endless amount of food and drinks, along with face painters and other entertaining attractions.

This event cost \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information on this event, call (619) 233-5008.

Whether you spend the day passing out green cupcakes, wearing a "Kiss me, I'm Irish" pin, pinching your friends for not wearing green or chasing a "could be" leprechaun in hopes of striking it rich, may you honor the life and work of St. Patrick, and may the luck of the Irish be with you!



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## Brad and Julia are a winning duo

**Katie Dyer** • Staff Writer

"The Mexican" is a two-hour movie fueled by talent, humor and dusty El Caminos. Director Gore Verbinski, whose credits include "Mouse Hunt," does a surprisingly good job of juggling this film's various features to lead the audience to a happy and satisfying conclusion.

This movie includes a healthy mixture of south of the border road trip adventures (hence the El Caminos), Las Vegas retreats, screwball comedy and tainted romantic relationships. In the midst of all these elements, "The Mexican" manages to weave a fairly strong and entertaining story line throughout the film.

Samantha, played by Julia Roberts, and Jerry, played by Brad Pitt, are a young, troubled and yet madly in love Los Angeles couple. Despite their passionate feelings for each other, these two just can't seem to get it together.

They face both typical and extraordinary relational problems and take part in a therapy group for couples. This explains much of the psychoanalytical jargon they use during their constant arguments. These endless arguments are not unjustified.

Jerry, a hopelessly clumsy, and ill-fated, individual gets wound up in a less than desirable situation with a handful of angry mobsters and hit men. Out of responsibility to a debt he owes these men, and a wish to stay alive, Jerry is sent

off to Mexico in search of a legendary pistol.

Sam, knowing her boyfriend is completely incapable of pulling off any job successfully loses all patience for the situation. The scene quickly turns into an, "It's either me, or Mexico" ultimatum.

Faced by an angry girlfriend, and large angry gangsters, Jerry heads for the border and Samantha goes to Vegas.

Here is where the movie really takes off. Sam is in Vegas no more than a day before she becomes a hostage to Leroy, a sensitive cold-blooded killer, played by James Gandolfini. This is perhaps the most dynamically paired duo in the movie.

When asked by Samantha if he intends to kill her. Leroy's classic response is, "I'm just here to regulate funkiness."

Meanwhile, the hapless and careless Jerry is tracing all over Mexico looking for the infamous, and reportedly cursed pistol. It doesn't take Jerry long to find the pistol, but hanging on to it and getting it safely back to the states turns out to be a much harder task. A pattern of finding and losing the pistol quickly takes on a large part of the plot.

Along the way a number of excellent encounters with crooked cops, dusty small town Mexican bars, thieving locals and ferocious, yet loyal stray dogs, bring to the movie a pleasing variety of comic situ-

ations.

As the story and hilarious mishaps continue, the legend of the pistol begins to develop its own role in the film.

A recurring and constantly changing flashback to the making of the pistol and the intriguing yet disputed source of its curse, brings to the film something of a Romeo and Juliet element. This is an interesting twist and an amusing touch to an otherwise typical plot.

Although this movie relies on its quick and consistent twists and turns in its story line, it does take some time to fully develop the characters.

But given some time, the film succeeds in bringing the full capacity of its characters to light.

The burdened and overemotional Sam goes ballistic without provocation, a selfish and narrow-minded Jerry has moments of clarity and even Leroy has a brief bout with self-realization.

Despite their slow development, the well-rounded and slightly unbelievable characters turn out to be the very elements that move this along its windy path to a guilt free and hopelessly romantic ending.

The admirable element of this movie lies in its ability to combine complicated and diverse characters, multiple mishaps and unique relationships, into a delightful mixture of action-packed, suspenseful scenes and romantic rendezvous and reunions.

## CD CRITIQUES

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### Two new must-haves

**Grant Meyers** • Staff Writer

#### *Everyday* is a hit for Dave Matthews

The Dave Matthews Band has come out with a new album titled *Everyday*. The new album came out on Feb. 27. After listening to this album, I now know why it took so long for the band to come out with a new one. *Everyday* is the band's best album to date and it is going to sell millions of copies, guaranteed.

The Dave Matthews Band has come out with yet another new sound on this album. Each of the band members has a stronger influence in the songs, and the actual sound is much sharper and more distinct.

The band also uses different musical instruments on this album to produce this new rhythm. Dave Matthews uses an electric guitar for the first time on this album. Stefan Lessard, the bassist, uses a new bass made of wood from a sunken ship and Boyd Tinsley, violin player, uses a wah-wah pedal which gives the violin a new unrecognizable sound.

All of these new sounds that the band has created and produced have turned this album into something that is extremely easy and enjoyable to listen to. Once again, the Dave Matthews Band has proven they are true musicians and deserve the utmost respect from any fellow musician. Even if you do not like their music, you can't help but respect the band's musical ability.

#### Shea Seger brings new sound

Shea Seger has produced a new sound for her premiere album *The May Street Project*. The sound in this album is a soul sound with rhythm pops included, which she calls a "mutt dog with bluesy pop beats". Seger is from Fort Worth, Texas but has been in London for the past two years writing and working on her premiere album.

This album includes many different types of sounds from guitar to light rock, and even a little rap is included in one of the songs. The songs in this album tell stories of her life, even though she is only twenty-one.

This story-telling theme goes straight to the title of the album, *The May Street Project*, because May Street is the street Seger grew up on when she was a child in Texas. Many of her life experiences are told about in her music and these experiences can be felt and heard because she sings her songs with such a great passion.

Shea Seger has come out with a very interesting album of new sounds that I have heard individually before, but not all together in one album. This is a great album to just sit and listen to if you want to relax a little and hang out with friends.

It also provokes you to think about life. It is a funky CD, but if you enjoy a different sound and if you're interested in hearing new types of music, then I suggest you go out and get this album.



## Random thoughts: Life in the Valley

Dave Randall • Staff Writer

Spring break is almost upon us. In two days, we get to kiss this two-bit shack goodbye for a week, in search of a three-bit shack somewhere else.

I sure am glad that I am deemed worthy of a driver's license by the state of California and get to reap the freedom it entails.

Gone are the days of living vicariously through MTV, imagining that I too was shaking my moneymaker on the perfect beaches of Panama City Beach, Florida.

But then I realized Panama City is where my grandparents live, and there is an unspoken law about proximity to your grandparents in relation to shaking your moneymaker.

I don't want to violate that law, lest fate deal me something really bad that only that wacky fate would dream up.

I read about what fate did to Oedipus; I don't want anything like that to happen to me.

This Spring Break I'll probably be going on a road trip up north with my roommate. We'll be off to view the splendor of the Pacific Coast Highway, appreciating nature from the safe confines of my car.

Driving around for a week, I'm going to have a lot of time on my hands.

One can only stare at the ocean for so long before A) one decides that he needs to actually be in the ocean B) one falls asleep C) one suddenly thinks going to Red Lobster is a really good idea or D) one starts

reading a book.

I'm happy to say that I am somewhat caught up on the readings for my classes, so I'll have time to read whatever I damn well choose, instead of the literature my professors assigned.

Professors have an exorbitant amount of power when it comes to shaping opinion.

If one has a particular political mindset or agenda that he wishes to get across, the best way to do so is to become a professor and make literature that supports your opinion the required reading list.

I'm not saying that is a particularly bad thing; the best way to get a realistic view of the world is to rationally study differing opinions.

That way, even if you totally disagree, you are now armed with page and line number of exactly why you think an opinion is wrong.

I think that I want to be a professor down the line somewhere, just so that I can teach a class devoted to what I want to talk about.

I think I'll get a head start on my professorship and give the readers of the *Vista* my required reading list. This way, I get the benefits of being a professor, without the pesky years of postgraduate work.

These are books that contributed in a large part to shaping my view of the world. I will warn you that these books have what can be called a more liberal or radical slant than something George F. Will would as-

sign you: I voted for Nader because Gore just wasn't enough for me.

If you disagree with any of these choices, feel free to write a letter to the editor and give me your own list of books.

Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States* gives a history of this country that is typically glossed over in American History courses.

Zinn's work chronicles the history of the people in American history who have been oppressed, whether by social or economic means, and gives a realistic view of what needs to be taken to make democratic socialism a reality.

John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* is one of the greatest American novels in the twentieth century, and shows the failures of capitalism during the Great Depression.

Steinbeck foils the beauty and abundance of the land with the ugliness of the social system in which many suffer in the

name of artificially maintained prices.

Anzia Yezierska's *Salome of the Tenements* examines the issue of whiteness and assimilation of culture in the United States, using a romance between a wealthy philanthropist and a Jewish seamstress as a dissection of the short comings of WASP culture.

David Korten's *When Corporations Rule the World*, the book that Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu called "a 'must read' book—a searing indictment of an unjust international economic order, not by a wild-eyed idealistic left-winger, but by a sober scion of the establishment with impeccable credentials."

It left me devastated but also very hopeful. Something can be done to create a more just economic order."

In the book, Korten assaults the myths of the economy, and shows how we must change current economic

trends in order to create a just world.

Al Franken's *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot, and Other Political Observations* is just a really funny book, showing the absurdity of the modern political spectrum in America.

And there you have it, my list of books that I would read if I hadn't already.

I see this list of books as a suggestion. If you don't agree with my political views, that's fine. But now you have books to read to examine what my opinion is based upon.

People see the world in different ways, and it pays to read the literature that expresses a particular view of the world.

Most any view of the world has its merits. I'm glad that we live in a time in which the free expression of opinion is granted.

I'd just be happy if someone took me up on the offer to read a different opinion.

### Alpha Phi Congratulates Their New Pledges



Alpha phi would like to welcome their new pledges....Lacey Alderson, Ashley Allen, Aynsley Andrews, Melissa Babitzke, Kelly Blagof, Kristin Blomsterberg, Beth Bransford, Jennie Cofield, Rhea Coulter, Danielle Czapla, Jessica Edwards, Chrissy Farley, Jessica Fennell, Vica Furman, Tiffany Gustin, Natalie Gutilla, Julie Hamill, Kathy Hamor, Liz Harris, Erin Hinz, Leigh Holst, Kristen Krausfeldt, Lauren Lantgen, Meredith Lebeck, Lauren Lombardi, Jessica Luchesi, Natalia Lugliani, Molly Maline, Heidi Melton, Kristen Mikus, Tracy Mitchell, Hedy Motschenbacher, Alexis Obeji, Ashley Patricio, Jaclyn Petrie, Melissa Phillips, Maggie Qunilan, Claire Riccardi, Ali Rodberg, Annemarie Scalzo, Erika Siegmund, Courtney Smith, Katie Steffy, Jessica Szerszen, Caroline Taylor, Lindsey Thompson, Amanda Thurston, Corrie Underhill, Kelly White, Kyra Wilson, & Cara Zamora. We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year with them.

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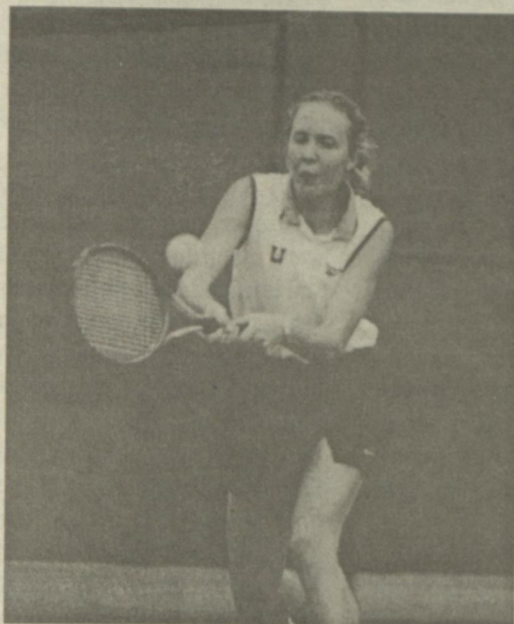




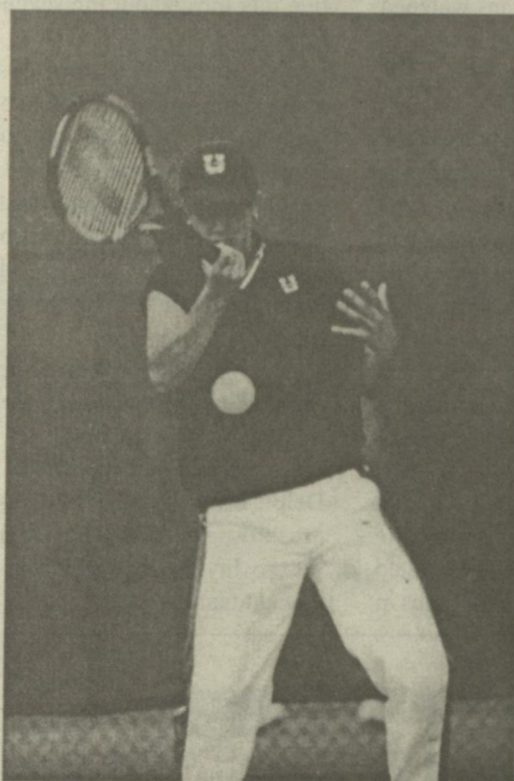
# Sports Intercollegiate Athletics

## Lady Torero tennis place third over weekend

Emily Palm • Sports Editor



STAN LIU  
Anja Tragardh slams the ball back to the other side.



STAN LIU  
Paola Arrangoiz hits the ball across the court.

Winning two out of the three matches, USD's women's tennis team took third place in the tenth annual Women's Tennis Classic. Portland, Santa Clara, TXAM, Temple, Boston College, Yale and Fresno State all competed in the invitational.

The USD women's tennis team secured their placing on Sunday with a 5-2 victory over Boston College.

Belinda Kelly won her single in a straight set of 6-2 and 6-3. Krista Manning triumphed with a straight set at 6-1 and 6-1. Catherine Heppell finished the single set with a straight win of 6-0 and 6-1.

Heather Polumbus and Manning teamed up to defeat Boston College in the first set of doubles with a score of 9-7. Anja Tragardh and Kelly dominated their double

at 8-0. Paola Arrangoiz and Heppell closed the final doubles set with a win of 8-6.

The Toreros did not fair well against 28 ranked Fresno State last Saturday, losing 7-0.

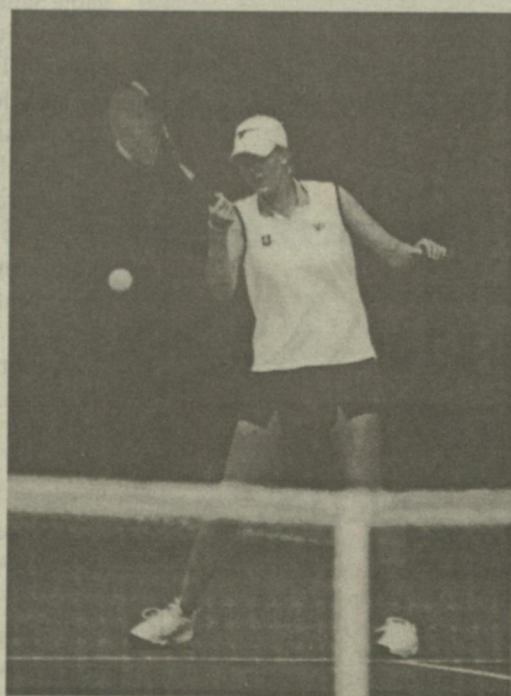
Starting out well in the semi-finals, USD beat Temple 4-3 last Friday. The win improved the Toreros to 6-4 on the season.

Out of the six single matches on Friday, Manning and Heppell succeeded. Manning at 6-2 and 6-1 and Heppell by default.

The Toreros fared well in the doubles sets. Polumbus and Manning championed in their doubles with 8-0. Kelly and Tragardh teamed up to win 8-4 and the Toreros concluded Friday with a doubles win by default.

The tennis classic improved the Toreros to 7-5 on the season. 25 ranked Texas A&M defeated 28 ranked Fresno State, 4-3 to claim the tournament title. Yale finished fifth after defeating Santa Clara, 7-0 and Portland placed seventh with a 4-2 victory over Temple.

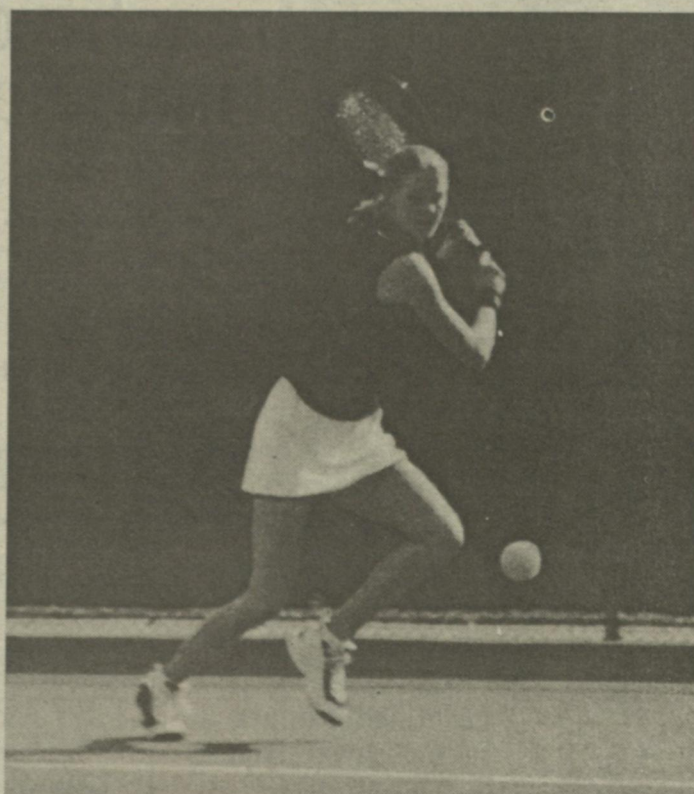
The 57th ranked Toreros will host No. 48 Washington State on Wednesday, March 14th. The 10:00 a.m. match will be played at the USD West Tennis Courts.



STAN LIU  
Heather Polumbus lobs the ball in her set against Temple University.



EMILY PALM  
Katarina Valkyova sends a powerful serve on Friday.



EMILY PALM  
Katarina Valkyova runs across the court on Saturday against Fresno State.

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# Women's Softball loses invitational classic

**Athina Singer** • Sports Editor



The softball team won one out of five games this past weekend. They triumphed 12-5 against Tulsa University but struggled against Brigham Young, Boston College, Portland State and Northern Iowa.

The Lady Torero softball players had a rough weekend, winning only one of five games in tournament play. The USD players see each game as a learning experience, and the women definitely learned a lot this weekend from their pairings with Tulsa, Brigham Young, Boston College, Portland State and Northern Iowa.

Most exciting for the team was the game in which they emerged triumphant—a 12-5 win against Tulsa Uni-

versity on Friday afternoon. Momentum was certainly swinging in favor of the Torero's in the second and fourth innings, in which five runs were scored. The fifth inning saw two more USD players cross the coveted plate.

The Torero win came in the first game of the tournament, and much credit is due to freshman pitcher Allison Williams. She threw for the entire game, allowing only eight hits and five runs.

Her efforts made certain that only five of Tulsa's players made it across home plate.

Unfortunately, the rest of the tournament didn't produce any more wins for the Lady Toreros.

Excited fans watched an amazingly exciting game Saturday when USD battled with BYU for eight innings. The Toreros took the early lead when freshman Jennifer Delpit's bat made contact with the ball and allowed for three USD players to run home. The score remained 3-0 until the seventh inning, when the BYU Cougars tied it up by scoring three runs of their own.

The eighth inning was the demise of the Toreros—BYU managed to score ten more times in

that single inning and drove the final score up to 3-13.

Later Friday afternoon USD was shutout by Boston College with a score of 0-14. USD allowed fourteen hits for fourteen runs and wasn't able to come up with any runs of their own.

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> saw two more shutouts, but these were much less brutal. USD and Portland State saw a scoreless game all the way through to the seventh inning, when Portland managed to score a single run. Toreros Anne Skidmore, Lora McBay and Stephanie Bisera smacked the only three USD hits of the game, and the Toreros fell to the Vikings, 0-1, in their first game of the day. Freshman pitcher Jennifer Delpit allowed only five hits throughout the seven innings.

Sunday's second attempt to pull out a win was also unsuccessful, as USD lost to Northern Iowa in another 0-1 upset. The game remained scoreless until Panther pinch runner Melissa Larson scored in the fifth, due to a Torero error.

While USD didn't see many wins this weekend, the efforts of outstanding individual players were recognized. Delpit and junior Nicky Geis are now a part of the 2001 Torero Invitational All-Tournament team.



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## Surf report

**Emily Palm** • Sports Editor

### Southern California Forecast Summary

**Thursday, March 15:** 3-4 ft. - waist to shoulder high with occasional 6 ft. and fair conditions.

**Friday, March 16:** 3-4 ft. - waist to shoulder high and poor-fair conditions.

**Saturday, March 17:** 2-3 ft. knee to waist high with occasional 4 ft. and fair conditions.

**Sunday, March 18:** 2-3 ft. - knee to waist high with occasional 4 ft. and fair conditions.



# Toreros win better part of series

Jason Treter • Staff Writer

Last weekend the Toreros took on the Portland Pilots at home for the first game of league play. USD entered the series 11-6 overall with a six game winning streak that they hoped to continue. The threatening sky looked quite inauspicious, and not ideal for baseball play, but the Toreros were not phased by the atypical San Diego weather.

After the first inning and a half, the game was tied at zero, but the Toreros came out with authority. With two outs and two men on base, Tom Caple drilled a double out to center field to bring in two players, making the score 2-0 USD. Then S. C. Assael singled to center field which brought Caple in to score, bringing the San Diego lead to 3-0.

The next innings would remain scoreless, but marked with excellent defense by USD along with superb pitching. Then in the bottom of the fifth, USD's Greg Sain dinged a homer over the left-field fence

to raise the score to 4-0. San Diego's last run came in the eighth inning, when Joe Lima belted a pitch over the right center fence to improve the lead to 5-0. It looked like USD was going to shut Portland out until the top of the ninth, when Portland brought in a run with two outs and two men on base. The final score was 5-1 USD, a game which was established by consistent fast pitching by the Toreros Ricky Barrett.

Barrett pitched a complete six-hit game, with only one unearned run, and seven K's which brought his personal record to 3-1, and gave the team their first league win (1-0 WCC, 12-6 overall). The victory was the Toreros' seventh consecutive, and Barrett's second straight complete game. During the past week, he was titled WCC Pitcher of the Week after his one-hit, 10-strikeout slaughter of Eastern Michigan, which resulted in the

team's 15-0 shutout. After the game Coach Hill felt that it was a rather close game despite the score, but was very satisfied with Barrett's pitching. "No game is really decisive with ty-

ing runs on base. . . . Pitching over 100 pitches, Rick was awesome," Coach Hill said with a smile.

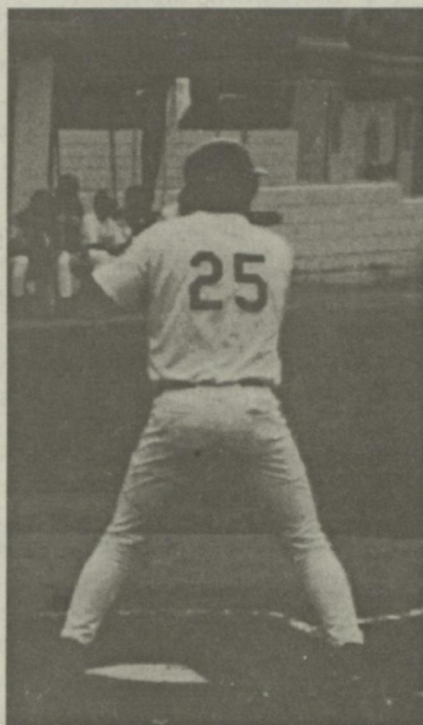
Barrett was quite happy after the game, and was pleased with his success and league-opening victory. Last year did not go so well for him, partially due to an injured elbow. "A lot was going on outside of baseball. I'm just trying to find my old self," Barrett said. It appeared as if he liked the cold weather of the game. His pitches were on the money and he was throwing fast balls at 88 mph. "I like to pitch in this kind of weather, I'm not sweating a lot," Barrett said.

The Toreros were kept together offensively by Caple who went three for four at the plate, with one run and one RBI, and Sain, who was two for five and also had one run and one RBI.

Then on Saturday

USD won their seventh straight game to improve their record to 2-0 in league and 13-6 overall. The Toreros thriller of an inning was the third, when they scored five times. Key hits were made by Sain, who had an RBI triple, and Lima, who had RBI double. Starting pitcher Aaron Wilson did not allow any hits during the first three innings, but surrendered five hits and four runs in the fourth. Later, freshman Lucas Wennersten drilled his first home run of the season to deep right center off the Pilots, and gave USD a slight, but comfortable, lead. Tom Caple finished the game by pitching the final two innings, getting five strikeouts and his second save of the season.

On Sunday, the "Baseball Gods" were not as benevolent, and USD had their first league loss to break their spectacular winning streak. USD would fall 8-2 on the last game of the series. USD's next home game is against Long Beach State, Tuesday, Mar. 20 at 2:30 p.m.



ATHINA SINGER

Lucas Wennersten brings it to the front as he steps up to bat.

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## IMRec Intramurals & Recreation

# A record setting week

**Rob Humkey • 5x5 Basketball**

In this week's IM hardcourt action, the sports center was lit up by the superb play of a few — fueled by the sorry play of many.

In the first game of the week the **Fighting Camels** spit all over **Mo Thugs** as they pull out the win 41-33. In the "Stone Cold Stunner" of the week the **Return of the Nutz** barley beat the worst team in the league, the **Delts**, 48-47, finally pulling away in the last few seconds with free throws. **The Cleveland Steamers** lost another one, as they got beat 42-48

by the **Ta Town Hustlas**. The official suggestion from the IM scouting desk is that the **Cleveland Steamers** are in desperate need of an alternative power source — too bad we're in California. The **Rainmakers** got another win beating a skidding team in **ODB** by the final score of 53-48.

After an impressive win the week before, the **Irish Car Bombs** were looking very beatable as they just nipped **Return of the Scrubs** 50-46. The **Sea Donkey Patrol** beat the **Big Ballerz** by

a score of 47-34.

**Remember Noah** got a huge win after last week's close loss as they destroyed **Da Bricks**, who are reportedly all signed up for next week's Habitat for Humanity outing, 79-49. **Afghany** pulled away in the end of the game to get a win over **Maxim** 55-43.

In the **Subway** game of the week, **Free Cent** put **STDefense** on **Jared Whatshisname's** diet as the defense over whelmed them in their first loss of the season by a final score of 62-50.

**STOffense** (winners of the **ERG's** Uncreative Team Name award) beat **Fat Attack** in a boring game 50-31. In the highest scoring game of the season **Team Hoop** scored an amazing 112 points beating the **Free Agents** 112-64.

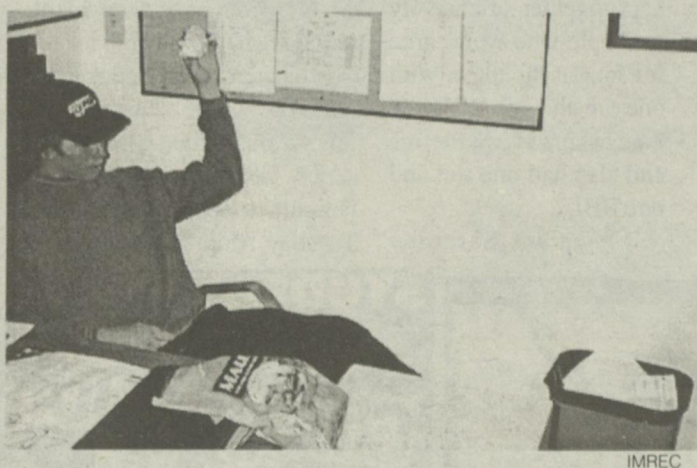
**The Honkers** got a win over the less than impressive **Sig Ep I** team 44-23. **MLJ** had a bye-week, wait I'm sorry they played **Sig Ep II**, hold on let me try this one more time.....**MLJ** play **Sig Ep II** which is the same thing as a bye-week and

killed them 65-24, but almost had to forfeit as they let their younger brothers finish the beating of the **Sig Ep** team.

In the last game to report **Pinchee Strikes Back** won a tight game over **Dylan's Creek** 56-50.

The next addition of the **VISTA** will have an "able to be cut-out" copy of this year's IM basketball playoff bracket for anyone that is eager to get those annual office/dormroom pools up and running so be ready for the rootin' tootinest March Madness west of the Rockies!

## Don't wait 'til Friday to sign up!



Hard-working Punky doesn't take pleasure in trashing late sign-up forms, but does what he has to.

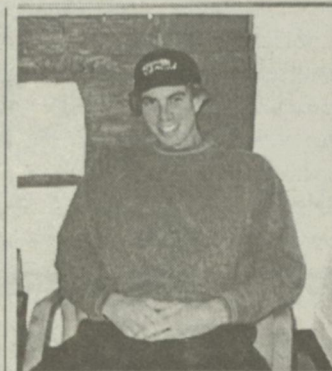
Teams that do not sign-up and pay before the entry deadline become the victim of another Punky "trash" session. Most of our league space is limited, so those who register in the last second are left out as well.

As many of the loyal readers of this splendid publication may note, there was an initial article about Volleyball in last week's stellar issue. However, it has come to our attention that it may not have reached the readership that we hoped for. So it follows that we tell you once again so that you can "not read" this week's piece of information.

Volleyball will be a 4x4 League. Divisions include Co-Rec, Men's and Women's. That means that you can have an all guys team, an all girls team, or even a team chock full of guys and girls.

It's gonna set you back a whopping \$20 per team, so start making phone calls to the grandparents and get them to send you some cash flow for this league.

If you wait til tomorrow to sign up, you will have to deal with cranky IM office workers, because Friday is supposed to be a chill day. Hurry up there now!



IMREC

Even though Punky doesn't work for us anymore, we still invite him up to the IM office to trash the late entry forms. This is what he looks like after he throws away the abundance of late forms. He gets a kick out of it, as you may be able to tell from the smile on his face.

With entries for the Volleyball league closing this Friday, it's in your best inter-

est to make sure you get your entry and payment in to the IM office early!

## SUBWAY Game of the Week

### Co-Rec Soccer

**Bev's Crew**

vs.

**Clancy's Team**

**Tuesday**

**8pm**

This game is a battle of egos. **Bev's Crew** is a talented up-and-coming team, while **Clancy's Team** is a mainstay club made up of a few previously disbanded teams.

**Bev's Crew** thrives on their inside joke of a team name, while **Clancy's Team** is

a bit more concerned with having their cigarette break at half-time.

Since the soccer league has had its fair share of rain outs this season, it is hard to say who is the favored team in this game of the week, but we must make predictions in this crazy

world of Intramurals.

With that said, the IM scouting desk predicts that **Clancy's Team** will emerge the victor in this battle. The reason for this prediction is because the IM team has spotted members of **Clancy's Team** practicing on the beach, while still other scouts

have personally witnessed members of **Bev's Crew** boozing it up and lounging around all day.

Both **Bev** and **Clancy** will be battling it out for bragging rights and a Subway platter chock full of four footlong Subs of their choice.

If this game ends up as a blowout, the **ERG** may even throw in a free large pizza from our other sponsor, **Dominoes**!

You should've come down to the Canyon field two days ago to witness these teams play each other for more than just a notch in the 'W' column!



# The ultimate ultimate frisbee week in review

**Gabe Guzman** • Special to the IM Section

After only two games of league play team **Student Computing** maintains it's near flawless record of never being feated. Allow me to explain myself: When someone beats you, you are defeated. So we have never been feated because we've never won, which is quite an accomplishment for such a young team.

"This game was really a milestone for us since we drafted **Chris Simmons** just the other day," **Coach McIntosh** commented on the

team's stunning progress.

"I really think he will add a level of dynamism we've reached for but never quite attained."

Also joining the line up this week was **Juan Villegas** AKA "**The QTVR Man**" who showed off some of his killer "D."

Team captain **Dillon Mills** recruited Juan after seeing some of his QTVR work on campus

"We could use someone with your eye for detail" he told Juan

moments before the game.

Long time veteran **Katrina "Get yo Frisbee outta my house" Stichman**, one of the cogs of this well oiled machine, laid the "smack down" in the endzone preventing the other team from scoring.

Tag team **Tyler "I'm with the coach" McIntosh** and **Andy "I go to UNI" Burke** showed off their talent in the short game. "I've seen short passes before," **Coach McIntosh** said, "but those two re-

define the phrase." No article about this team would be complete without mentioning **Tim "The Tool Man" Marconi**, the very glue that keeps us together.

"Without Tim's encouragement and yelling most of those guys would just sit down on the grass and cry."

Of course, team captain **Dillon "I made Gabe play and now he's having fun" Mills** brought his mastery of Physics and The Force to bear against the other team, which held them down to a sheer 23

points.

"I wonder what would have happened without him there tonight" **Coach McIntosh** thought to herself later that night. In a coup de grace the Coach even took a turn on the field in an attempt to "show you youngins how to flip the disc in the game of Ultimate."

**Coach McIntosh** and family also brought nourishment for the post-game celebration. All in all it was quite a night for team **Student Computing**.

In other news, the

rest of the frisbee league went off without a hitch last Thursday, and will probably go off without a hitch tonight as well.

Sport supervisor **Josh Brown** has severely lagged in getting any articles in to the editor for any sort of objective frisbee news, so let's all get on his rear end tonight and tell him to get those articles in to his boss. Also tell him to put a bunch of people's names in the article. People like to see their names in print.

## From humble beginnings

### *The story of the making of USD IM champions*

**Matt Drudge** • IM Muckraking

To protect the innocent, we have changed the names of the following recognizable faces.

This is the story of **Will Witherspoon** and **Carlos Tringale**. Two great kids from two different backgrounds.

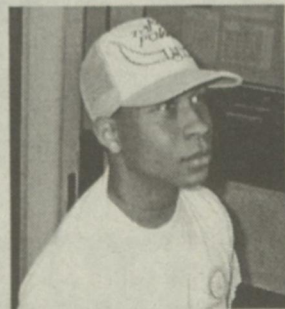
**Will** grew up on the unforgiving streets of Riverside, CA. Riverside is the home of some railroad tracks and tum-

USD when the freight train he hopped landed him here. He thought he was going to Las Vegas, but he got the train schedule messed up.

**Carlos** hails from the mean streets of Los Angeles, CA. Carlos represents the LBC, Compton, Hawthorne, Dominguez Hills, South Pasadena, and Beverly Hills. He too never had much sports exposure in his life until the **witness protection program** landed him at USD.

That is when the **ERG** came in to their lives. He saw their athletic inexperience as a way to mentor them in the ways of Intramural sports. (The **ERG** has won the **ERG Humanitarian Award** in three of the last seven years for his mentoring work.)

Where was I? Oh, yes, **Carlos** and **Will**. As illustrated in the accompanying photos, **Carlos** ran into difficulties early on at USD. One day, he



Will beams with pride when he puts on the Champ hat.

almost had a breakdown because he couldn't inflate a dead tennis ball. That was when the **ERG** put his mentoring in to high gear.

Countless hours of rigorous training made **Carlos** a force to be reckoned with. The **ERG** made Carlos shoot hoops using that flat tennis ball, and a homemade basketball hoop. (The **ERG** has also won **Bob Villa's "This Old House Award for Handymen"** two years running.) The practice was paying off nicely. To augment **Carlos'** rise to superstardom, the **ERG** introduced **Will** to

**Carlos**.

The two became a team. With the **ERG** as their coach, personal trainer, mother, father, and stepson, the duo reached the goals that were previously thought unattainable. Will's stern determination (see photo) and **Carlos'** sponge-like ability to soak in knowledge made them unstoppable.

Then it happened. After months of training, the duo won their first Intramural championship. In what was to be known as the "**Infamous Table Tennis Tournament of '01**," the pair slaughtered three-time soapbox derby champion **Ronny Beck** in straight sets. "**Dolomite Power**" became the most feared team name in IM sports history.

Soon, "**Dolomite Power**" was raking in the championship t-shirts. We even had to invent hats and visors to give them because, frankly, t-

shirts were getting kinda old. In the end, **Dolomite Power** had won 17 consecutive titles – the most in IM History.

"I truly owe it all to the **ERG**," said Carlos, "because if it weren't for him, I would probably have ended up as a crack

where. Dead. The **ERG** taught me about life's lessons. He bought me this book, *Life's Little Instruction Book*."

And so let it be known that Intramural sports can save lives. When it doesn't rain, IM Sports are great outlet to



Carlo tries to inflate a tennis ball. He didn't get to USD for his SAT scores...

bleweed. **Will** didn't have much sports exposure growing up, and he tells us he ended up at



**DOLOMITE POWER:** Thanks to the mentoring from the **ERG**, Will and Carlos are IM Champions for life, with awards they can show their kids' kids.

dealer in LA."

When asked where he would be without the **ERG**, Will quickly replied, "Dead. I would be on a freight train to no-

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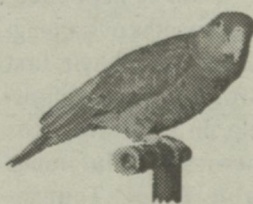
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