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Tuition to rise in fall

By Danielle Hashem
STAFF WRITER

For the upcoming 2002-2003 academic year, there will be a seven percent tuition increase due to the rising operating and maintenance costs of the University.

According to Paul Bissonnette, Vice President of Finance and Administration, the purpose of the increase is to keep up with the advancement of "academic support, classrooms, teaching, student services, support programs of the institution, increased utilities and pay raises." Maintaining the appearance of the institution and keeping up with technological advancement is also an important aspect to the University.

Every time the budget increases, financial aid also increases. According to the Director of Financial Aid Services, Judith Logue, this includes merit scholarships and need-based packages.

"USD's tuition is not excessive compared to the other schools we compete with. We compete with other schools who have a higher tuition," Logue said.

A report printed by Bissonnette states that the National Association of College and University Business Officers has discovered "that at almost every participating institution, the cost of providing the programs and services that were part of undergraduate education exceeded

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KYLA LACKIE

USD Public Safety has an action plan for hostage situation possibilities at the University. Fairfield University mirrors USD in its demographics and Roman Catholic affiliation.

Hostages held at East Coast school USD Public Safety maintains an action plan

By Laura Long
STAFF WRITER

A disgruntled graduate of Fairfield University surrendered to police last Tuesday at 11 p.m. EST after holding a religious studies class hostage for almost seven hours.

The class of 23 students and one professor was released unharmed throughout the afternoon. The final hostage was released about six hours after re-

cent Fairfield graduate, Patrick Arbelo, walked into the class claiming to have a bomb. Arbelo, whom is legally blind and partially deaf, made several demands to police, one of which included an anti-Semitic message to be broadcast on a local television station.

The message was never read and Arbelo surrendered to police a few hours later. Wednesday morning, Arbelo was charged with 28 counts of

kidnapping and ordered to undergo psychiatric testing. He is currently being held on \$1 million bail.

Although geographically it is 3000 miles away, the events at Fairfield University may hit closer to home for USD students than the tragedy at Santana High School. Fairfield is a Roman

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Campaign finance reform opponents promise battle

By Jeremy Horn
NEWS EDITOR

The issue of campaign finance reform, which has been on the Congressional agenda since Sen. John McCain's unsuccessful presidential campaign in 2000, is poised for a filibuster showdown in the Senate.

The Shays-Meehan cam-

paign finance bill recently passed in the House of Representatives in a bipartisan show of support for the issue. The authors of the bill, Rep. Christopher Shays, a Republican from Connecticut and Rep. Marty Meehan, a Democrat from Massachusetts, deliberately modeled it after the stalled McCain-Feingold bill that was shelved in the Senate. With the

momentum from the House's passage of the Shays-Meehan bill, supporters of campaign finance reform hope that the Senate leadership will be pressured after having a debate.

"It is tremendously satisfying to see such a long-term effort result in such major reforms to our campaign finance system," Shays said in a statement on his website. "I am hopeful

the Senate will adopt McCain-Feingold and send it on to the President for his signature."

The key provisions of the Shays-Meehan bill, which are virtually identical to the McCain-Feingold bill, include raised limits for hard money contributions, an adjusted contribution limit for candidates facing wealthy opponents, the complete elimination of soft

money from campaigns and more tightly regulated rules concerning "issue ads."

"My experience is that students know little about campaign finance reform," said Noelle Norton, a professor in the Political Science department. "During my Congress class last semester, only a few

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Words from the Desk



Word up and down and all around

As I watched the light turn from green to yellow to red and back to green again, I thought to myself, is life nothing more than a bunch of yelling and honking? Sometimes it seems so. Deep thoughts.

One part of everyone's college experience is deep conversations with other deep thinkers contemplating why we are on this planet and what God is.

I have a feeling that we are not put on this earth to hurt ourselves or humiliate ourselves for money, yet the reality TV show fad seems to thrive on people doing just

that.

If life were a musical, what song would you be singing right now? Dr. Love is singing one on being lonely because more people need to call and ask him for his advice. It's okay, don't be afraid, call us. Call the Vista, tell us what you think about anything at all. We are here for you.

What are turtles used for? Shell if I know.

E-mail me your favorite jokes to: epalm@sandiego.edu. (Just make sure to keep them clean).

According to a newspaper article printed on Tuesday in

"The Independent," a British newspaper, since "11 September last year, up to 2,000 people in the United States have been detained without trial, charge or even legal rights." What do you think about that?

George W. Bush, the man who plans on spending a bundle of money on military, has been nominated by a Norwegian right wing member of Parliament for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, stated by Nobel himself, "shall have done the most or best work for fraternity

between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

I personally believe that Bush has been doing a terrific job in his presidential term, he has a wonderful team surrounding him and has proven himself well. I like the guy, but I'm not sure he's the best nominee for the Peace Prize.

If you are in need of procrastinating, check out this site: <http://www.colonize.com/warp>.

-Emily Palm
Associate Editor

L. Douglas Wilder speaks at Shiley

By Laura Long
STAFF WRITER

The annual Black History Celebration hosted keynote speaker L. Douglas Wilder in Shiley Theater last Thursday. Wilder noted that the fight against discrimination has made much progress, yet has many ways to further excel.

Over 100 years ago, W.E.B. Dubois said "The American problem is the problem of color." In 2002 these words still have meaning to Americans that have experienced any kind of discrimination based on their skin color.

"Everyday that you wake up, race is an issue. Rejection of minorities by the white majority is still a problem," Wilder said.

He has overcome this problem by graduating from Harvard Law School and ultimately became the first elected African-American governor in U.S. history in 1990. After leaving office as the governor of Virginia, the only state that limits governors to one term, Wilder still keeps in the middle of current events. He recently founded the National Slavery Museum in Fredericksburg, Va.

"The aim of this museum is not to create guilt complexes for other cultures. We just want Americans to know who they are," Wilder said.

He also writes a column, lectures to audiences nationwide and is associated with Virginia Commonwealth University, where he serves as distinguished professor at the Center for Public Policy and the department of political science.

"We chose him for his political prominence, especially post September 11. He was the first black governor in the U.S., ironically of a state that first se-



ALESSANDRA GUBEISSI

L. Douglas Wilder is an important voice for ethnic rights

ceded in the Civil War. He is a living piece of history," said Christopher Wilson, President of the Black Student Union.

While Wilder was the main focus of the Black History Celebration, he was not the only focus. The event was sponsored by the Black Student Union, the Ethnic Studies Student committee and AS Social Issues with student members from all the groups speaking briefly. Wilson, emceed the event, Marvin Banks Jr., Vice President of the BSU, read the Black National Anthem, Barbra Calantas, AS Vice President of Multicultural Relations, spoke of the goal for Ethnic Studies at the University and Aisha Taylor, AS Director of Social Issues, related how not learning about other cultures is a social injustice.

"This event was a step in the journey of education that is necessary to fight the injustice that occurs everyday in the U.S.," Taylor said.

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the price charged to students and families in the form of tuition and related fees."

Because the University is competing against institutions with high endowments, it is forced to compare its tuition and technology to that of other independent schools across the country.

"We hope to gain a quality academic program," said James Pehl, Director of Budget and Treasury.

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Catholic institution established in 1942 about 50 miles outside New York City in Connecticut. Fairfield is also demographically very similar to USD. The two universities have almost the same number of graduates and undergraduates. Tuition at Fairfield is only about \$500 more than USD and the class profiles at both institutions are virtually identical.

"Obviously, there are crazy people all over this world. I'm just glad everyone was released safely," said Yolanda Luna, a junior. "I guess it is possible for something like this to happen at USD, but it is not something I'm going to lose sleep over."

Hostage situations and gun violence are nothing new to the San Diego community. Seventeen-year-old Andy Williams killed two students and wounded 13 more with a gun at Santana High School in

In doing this, the Board of Trustees prepares a budget and tuition recommendation every two years. According to Bissonnette, it is an ongoing process, and the Board's reviews in October set the tuition for the following year. For the Fall 2003 semester, there will be a 5.9 percent increase.

"The cost of producing the product and quality is going up," Pehl said.

A formal announcement regarding tuition will soon be presented by President Dr. Alice Hayes.

nearby Santee on March 5, 2001.

"My high school was almost demographically the same as Columbine and to date, no one has shot anyone there," said Ryan Holmes, a sophomore. "I just don't think demographics are a good way to measure the possibility of a hostage situation occurring here."

In the event of a hostage situation arising at the University, Public Safety does have an action plan. For security reasons, Larry Barnett, Director of Public Safety, did not want to discuss the details of this plan, but he did confirm that such a plan exists.

"Fortunately, USD has not experienced a hostage situation before. However we do have an action plan to address the situation. For obvious reasons, I am not willing to discuss this plan, nor would I like our plan publicized. Situations such as this one in Connecticut can happen on any campus. Anyone who is having trouble coping with a difficult situation can receive the necessary help before they feel that their situation is helpless."

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University attendance policy raises questions

By Morgan Funke and Erin Shea
STAFF WRITERS

The University's attendance policy, penalizing students for missing a certain number of classes per semester, has some students questioning its fairness.

"Last year, my Grandpa died and I was forced to fly home for the funeral. I thought it was unfair when I returned to class and found that my grade had suffered because of my absences," said Annie Schott, a junior.

This is an example of a common practice that some teachers implement on this campus when students miss a certain number of classes. Depending on the professor and the department, the amount of absences allowed varies.

According to Dr. Roger Pace, head of the Communication Studies Department, there is no school wide attendance policy. However, each department has a suggested amount of classes one can miss before penalties are enforced.

The Undergraduate Bulletin states, "regular and prompt attendance at class is deemed essential for the optimum educational progress of the student, and for the orderly conduct of academic life."

There is no generally specified number of allowed absences. Each instructor will publish attendance regulations at the beginning of the course and will state what penalties will be imposed for excessive absences.

The debate between students and faculty is whether or not attendance policies should be enforced in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Currently, students pay out approximately \$11,000 in tuition per semester at the University. Some students say it is their own prerogative if they want to waste money and put forth the extra effort to make up the work they have missed.

Ultimately, the undergraduate is the one who decides when it is necessary to miss class. "I think the student pays for school, so they should be in charge of it," said Kati Reinke, a junior.

David Pederson, a junior who has been penalized in two classes for absences, agreed.

"I feel that the students are

paying for each class. Therefore, if they miss a class they are wasting their own money," Pederson said.

Whether students have caught the flu in their residence hall, or they are recovering from a hangover, students' actions are reflected in their grades.

"We are supposed to be adults, and as adults we should be responsible enough to make the decision to show up to class or not" said Adrienne Young, a junior.

"Students have to be responsible for whether they go to class or not. You, as an adult know you need to come to class. It is your decision," said Dr. Eric Pierson, a Communication Studies professor.

Attendance policies are set so students know what to expect from day one. That is a fair way to let the students know the expectations of the teacher and their attendance policies if they are presented in the syllabus, Pierson said.

In the Department of Foreign Languages, only three absences are allowed because that amount represents one week of learning, Dr. Jacques Wendel said.

As an accredited university, USD has had to adopt certain rules and procedures. According to the accreditation rules, students have to spend a certain amount of time in class with a teacher. If they do not enforce attendance policies and students do not attend class, then the University could get in trouble with the accrediting agency, said Mary Zetts, faculty secretary for the Department of Foreign Languages.

Classes not only teach students but they make students aware of what to expect in the real world. Dr. Dennis Clausen, an English professor, said classes set up a situation to encourage participation so that when they leave the University and are asked to contribute, they are capable.

"A few years ago, students felt that if they came to class and participated, then they should get credit for that," Clausen said.

Even today students still feel the same way

"I appreciate the credit for being in class," said Andrea Pasko, a sophomore. "I need all the points I can get."

Lecture highlights progress

Examines rising prominence of women in different cultures, different roles

By Emily Palm
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On Feb. 20, the Invisible University hosted Dee L. Aker, Ph.D for a lecture titled "Women in Peacemaking: A Global Perspective."

The event took place in the auditorium of the Joan P. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice and highlighted how the Institute will contribute to supporting women's roles in peacemaking processes around the world.

Aker discussed the progress that women have made. The Joan B. Kroc Peace and Justice Institute not only focuses on peace, but peace with justice and human rights, Aker said.

"We're quite unique both in the United States and the world in what we're doing," she said. The Institute is developing a program to help women in peacemaking create a more just and responsible world together.

In Oct. of 2000, the United Nations called for women to

be at the negotiating table. A chorus of governmental and non-governmental groups lobbied for a resolution.

With women so often caught at the intersections of conflicts, a tremendous number of women's organizations have formed.

Aker highlighted a 1995 conference in Beijing where

said, "I'm profoundly privileged to spend time abroad with women."

In one war-stricken area of Uganda, every woman Aker met had been raped, even as young as age four. Aker compared the town to Auschwitz.

"Negotiating peace is not a simple straightforward matter, there are entwining forces,"

Aker said, also noting gender and equality.

"Peace is not an event that happens, it is a process that needs to be nurtured."

She stressed

the fact that women at all levels need to be included in decision making. "It takes patience and changes at the highest level of decision makers to effect change," Aker said.

As a final note, Aker accentuated the importance of the human rights of women. Women who have their human rights respected are more apt to extend that respect to everyone. "I am moved, touched and inspired by the women around the world," Aker said.

"Peace is not an event that happens, it is a process that needs to be nurtured."

-Dee Aker

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students were really enlivened or excited about it."

The debate over campaign finance reform has been due to unfamiliar terms and rules regarding "hard money" and "soft money."

Hard money involves individual contributions, which are limited by a per candidate, per year rule. Soft money includes contributions given by individuals or political action committees (PACs) to parties or other organizations that perform 'get out the vote' campaigns, "issue ads," and general funding support for national campaigns.

Supporters for campaign finance reform argue that soft money, which is not regulated or capped, gives corporations and other non-governmental groups undue influence.

This influence in parties and campaigns, they argue, could and does ultimately translate into government policy.

A key example many reformers point to is the current lawsuit brought against Vice President Dick Cheney by the General Accounting Office.

The GAO is a Congressional accounting office responsible for tracking the spending and actions of the executive branch.

By suing Vice President Cheney, the GAO hopes to reveal the identities and turn over the minutes of the meeting of energy industry executives chaired by Cheney. The meeting involved executives who helped the administration develop a national energy policy during the presidential campaign.

Among the committee members, were executives from the Enron Corporation. Enron's record-breaking bankruptcy earlier this year has been the focus of an extensive Congressional investigation.

Campaign finance reform in the Senate, however, is gathering much more opposition than the bill passed by the House.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, a Republican from Kentucky, is currently organizing a group of 41 senators required to ensure a filibuster prevents any vote on the legislation.

A filibuster essentially blocks all voting and cannot be stopped except with a vote of cloture carried by at least 60 senators.

Even if it should pass,

McConnell has said he would be the first plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the law.

Should the bill pass and be signed into law, as part of the legislation itself, it wouldn't enter into force until Nov. 6, immediately after this year's election.

National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Rep. Thomas M. Davis III of Virginia has predicted that the timing will result in a short-term fundraising "binge." The Democrats "won't be drinking alone," Davis said in an interview with *The Washington Post*.

"We'll take whatever comes — hard money, soft money, building money, Indian gaming money," Davis said.

Sen. John McCain, one of campaign finance reform's chief supporters in the Senate, tried to be realistic about the effectiveness of any legislation in a recent public statement.

"The day this bill is passed, smart guys down on K Street [a lobbyists' quarter] — the ones who are making millions under the present system — will be figuring out loopholes to try to get around it. And they will succeed to some degree," McCain said.

WEIRD NEWS

Assassins stalk prey on Columbia U. campus

U-WIRE

Violence struck the Barnard campus Monday as Sara Geiger was shot and killed as she walked past the Barnard library, attacked by a friend and fellow Columbia University student who lay in wait after receiving a tip from the two students Geiger had shot earlier in the day.

"I'm sorry, you're dead," Geiger's assassin told his victim.

"I thought we were friends," Geiger replied.

Geiger's assassination was just one of numerous attacks on and around the Columbia campus Monday, a killing spree that has left many members of Columbia's community hiding in their rooms, steering clear of major campus hang-outs, and even avoiding long-time friends.

No, Columbia has not become the setting for the nation's latest outbreak of homicidal violence.

In fact, the killing spree is all in good fun. It is the latest version of what is fast becoming a tradition at Columbia: the game of Assassins.

Twenty-three teams of four paid \$28 apiece to play the game, where the members of each team must "kill" — spray with a water gun — all the members of a rival team before they are killed themselves. The winning team gets \$100. The rest of the money goes to charity.

The killings may not be real, but participants say the paranoia is.

"I'm cooped in, I've got enough food to last me a week, I've got a bucket in the corner and a rope out the window," said Yonina Rosenbaum. She said she was kidding — sort of.

"I'm screening my calls," Rosenbaum said. "I still go to class, but I'm not above getting to class just before the professor starts teaching and leaving the second he finishes. I sleep with one eye open."

Rosenbaum's paranoia is tame compared to some of her competitors'. Some players are taking back staircases, crossing Broadway via the 116th St. subway station, and refusing to open their doors, even for close friends.

Some players have asked friends who aren't involved in

the game to act as bodyguards. Others are refusing to return to their rooms at all.

"A friend of mine has gone incognito," said Ariel Zell, vice president of Yavneh, an Orthodox Jewish group that is part of the Hillel Undergraduate Union, who is organizing the game.

"It's sort of what you put into it," Zell said. "There are some people who are very, very intense about this."

Zell himself should have been more so. He was killed Monday morning, the first day of the game, on his way out of morning services at the Kraft Center.

Zell is not alone in his early demise. Twenty-three people had been killed as of 6 p.m. Monday, with more assassinations sure to come before the game's daily five-hour hiatus began at 2 a.m.

With the players looking over their shoulder at all times, opponents are forced to adopt similarly inventive tactics to catch their victims off-guard. Last year one team staked out an opponent's room for 10 hours, and already this year participants have used spies, ambushes, and other secretive techniques to soak their targets.

No ambush this year is likely to top Geiger's best kill from last year's game. Geiger's team killed three of the four members of their target's team, but the fourth proved "quite elusive."

When Geiger learned that her opponent had a job downtown at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, she and her teammates laid in wait in the firm's lobby, and soaked their target on the way out of the office.

Geiger said her target was so maddened by such dirty tactics that he helped the opposing team ambush her later on. But Geiger said it was worth it.

"It's still nice to know that we killed the entire team," Geiger said, though she added that some people playing this year have made her team public enemy number one, leading to Geiger's assassination Monday morning.

Organizer and Yavneh Vice President Beth Schuss explained the rules to the game. Each team has 72 hours to kill all four members of its target team, or it is disqualified. "Dead" players can still help

their teams, but they cannot actually shoot anyone.

There are safe times and areas as well. No one can be assassinated between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. or during the Friday evening and Saturday Shabbat.

Classes are off-limits as well, as is the fifth floor of the Kraft Center and various other places where religious services are held. And in response to Geiger's kill from last year, workplaces are now out as well.

But beyond those few limitations, any time, any place, and any ploy is fair game.

"There's reason to be paranoid," Geiger said.

Paranoia seems the only word to describe it. Mindy Levine saw someone planning to shoot her in a class Monday in Pupin Hall and took off, crossing into Schapiro Hall through the sky bridge and leaving the building through the 120th Street exit. She said she did not want to miss class, but "It's more important for me to stay alive."

Levine said she had to be wary of even her closest friends.

"I saw my friend today, and I started to run in the other direction," Levine said.

Strangers are even more suspect. Rosenbaum was screening her calls when contacted by a reporter for this story. Geiger demanded proof that the reporter calling her was really who he claimed to be.

Participants said that while the game can cause distrust in the short term, in the long run, new friendships are made.

"It's a good way to meet people you would never know," Zell said. "Maybe you'll shoot them this time, but hopefully next time you'll actually talk to them."

"A little game can really bring people together," Schuss said. "Everyone's working together for the common goal of charity."

The game also has a way of bringing out the inner secret agent even in its tamer players.

"I'm not going to pitch a tent in Times Square or anything," Rosenbaum said.

"Well," she added, "if it came down to the last team, I might consider it. But only then."

Campus Watch

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Sunday, February 17

Terrace Apt. — Public Safety received a report that the mail boxes had been broken into.

Missions A — Damage was discovered to a golf cart belonging to Public Safety.

Monday, February 18

Camino Hall — Public Safety investigated a report of fraternity hazing.

Tuesday, February 19

Alcala Vista North Lot — A student reported his car was broken into and a stereo stolen.

Public Safety office — A student asked to fill out a report of a stolen light bulb from his apartment in the UTAs.

Maher Hall — Public Safety received a call from an RA regarding possible Marijuana smoking and/or possession. Officers responded and found Marijuana and other related paraphernalia inside the room.

Alcala Vista East Lot — A car was broken into between February 17 and 19 in which a stereo was stolen.

Friday, February 22

Camino Hall — A student was found to be highly intoxicated in the hallway.

San Rafael — A student was found in the hallway in possession of alcohol.

Vistas — Public Safety received a report that the trunk to a student's vehicle had been defaced with obscenity.

Saturday, February 23

Maher Hall — Four students were found to be in possession of alcohol.

Founders Hall — Two students were found to be in possession of alcohol.

Sunday, February 24

San Juan — A student was found to be in possession of alcohol.

San Miguel — RAs reported a vandalism involving a large hole in the wall in the third floor residence hall.

San Dimas — While patrolling the area, Public Safety officers spotted a broken table laying in the grass area and a table leg on a car.

San Rafael — Public Safety received a report of a smoldering plastic trash can in front of the residence hall.

Legal Research Center — Public Safety received a report of a stolen Fujitsu laptop computer.

Monday, February 25

University Terrace Apt. — Public Safety received a report of a bike theft from a student's patio.

Laguna — Public Safety received a report that a vehicle was broken into while parked near the residence hall.

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OPINION



KYLA LACKIE

Reality television shows such as "Fear Factor" pay money to contestants in exchange for the infliction of pain. These shows have people eating all sort of animals and various disgusting things. Shows featuring individuals losing all dignity seem to earn the highest ratings.

Reality TV panders to morbid curiosity

New trends in television represent demise of society as we know it

By Emily Palm
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

No one can quite articulate why so many people slow down on the freeway to catch a glimpse of that horrific car accident or why an ambulance at a mall attracts such a large crowd. To satisfy that morbid curiosity, modern media has marketed and wrapped up an easy to digest package for the masses, the reality TV show.

The advent of reality TV shows represents a boom in the popularity of agony. "Fear Factor" showcases money and attention hungry individuals eating cockroaches, getting dragged by galloping horses and spending time in coffins full of rats.

Last week, according to an article in The New York Post, a Norwegian "Fear Factor" contestant needed to have a cow eyeball surgically removed after it got stuck in his esophagus. He suffered from serious chest pains after ingesting the eye, but hey, at least it provided a few minutes of brainless humor for the viewer.

When will we draw the line?

The next project to appear on the TV listings this summer or fall will be "Profiles From the Front Line." According to Reuters, a news service, the new "docudrama" will cover footage of the current war. The Pentagon has already granted permission to the producers, one of whom is the creator of the show "Cops". With plans to cover troops combating terror in Afghanistan, the Philip-

pines, and South America, the pro-military, pro-American show experienced little difficulty receiving the wide-access. The producers hope to send out film crews in the next few weeks.

In an interesting mix of high and low culture, the History Channel presented a documentary on wrestling. A gaggle of men with mullets and spandex attire trained to become professional wrestlers, saying they desired "...the fame, the fortune and everything that goes along with it," and "... just being somebody, making a name for yourself." Don't try telling these guys that wrestling is a sham. The validity of these shows is a moot point because the truth is society seems to need controlled violence to release energy.

My economics professor relayed to our class a story he once heard. One bright morning in a small town all of the citizens gathered. The atmosphere was festive. One by one the citizens drew numbers. A woman in the group drew her number and began screaming and crying frantically. The townspeople, including her son and husband, gathered round and stoned her to death. The moral of the story? Perhaps their usually peaceful and crimeless town needed the annual stoning to release aggressions.

Pain has entertained the masses for centuries, from bullfights, for which our University mascot is named after, to duels. Let me know if you have any insights as to what humans find so intriguing. In the meantime, I fear that if the trends continue, public hangings and gladiator fights will reappear by 2008.

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Olympic controversies prove entertaining

By Jim Ballew

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games were the most memorable Olympic Games in quite a long time. We Americans were playing host to the world, and as always, we had something spectacular up our sleeves. How could the Salt Lake Olympics have been anything less than mind-blowing?

We had Bob Costas sitting in front of a video loop of a roaring fire with turtleneck in full effect, ranting and raving about whatever it is that qualifies as expert analysis these days.

Costas: "It looks like all those little kids in the opening ceremonies have skates on their feet."

National television audience: "Thanks, Bob."

But, Bob aside, this Winter Olympiad will go down in history as one of the most controversial ever. The top story of the Olympics was undoubtedly the pairs figure-skating debacle. Upon hearing that the Russians were awarded the gold, the entire nation of Canada raised a collective eyebrow and mut-

tered, "Eh?" But all was taken care of by the International Skating Union who cited French judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne with wrongdoing, and awarded Canadian skaters Jaime Sale and David Pelletier the second gold.

What I would like to know is, if they're just going to be giving out gold medals in Utah like Books of Mormon. Why couldn't Michelle Kwan convince somebody that she deserved the second gold as well?

Kwan, hyped as the favorite since the last Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, failed to perform on par with 16-year-old American Sarah Hughes, who was awarded the first gold medal.

But Kwan was the favorite. Where is the stash of second gold medals we dip into on occasions like this? If the crowd favorite doesn't win, what's the fun in watching?

Just ask Apolo Anton Ohno, who after being knocked down in the men's 1,000-meter short-track speed skating event by a Korean skater, whose name was never given (probably because none of us Anglos can pronounce

anything not spelled phonetically) was awarded the first gold despite finishing in second place in the 1,500-meter race. Korean skater Kim Dong-sung crossed the finish line first, but Ohno and the referees thought it only fair to disqualify the Korean and award Ohno the first gold.

Not everything at the Olympic games was controversial, though. Take curling, my new favorite Olympic sport. It has to be the only sport in either the Winter or Summer Olympics that you can get away with eating cheeseburgers everyday and still be in prime shape for curling. Plus, you get a broom. And it just looks fun. You slide a big rock down the ice onto a target.

You're probably thinking, "Hey, I could do that." And you know what, you probably could. But there's no way you could beat the men's first gold medal winning team from Norway. Nobody slides big chunks of granite down slippery surfaces like they do.

There were also some really great stories that came out of these Olympics. Take Kelly Clark, for instance. She's just 18

years old and she won the first gold for the U.S. in the women's halfpipe snowboarding competition. The U.S. men's halfpipe team won all three medals in their event, and this year, none of the medal winners tested positive for marijuana. Way to go, team!

Of course, there was also the biathlon. Guns and skis: who's bringing the beer?

And in other extreme Olympic sports, freestyle skiing was, as always, a crowd favorite. There is something about people that ski down a hill as fast as they can, hit a 90-degree jump and spin around like a gyroscope in the air that makes me feel really, oh, what's the word. Ah, yes. Sane!

All in all, these Olympics were a successful one. It is good to see that the world can get together and celebrate sport in a time when people are a bit more guarded than usual. Despite the fact that there were a few misunderstandings, questionable rulings and boycott threats, these games will go down as one of the most successful; for Bob Costas.

Thanks, Bob.

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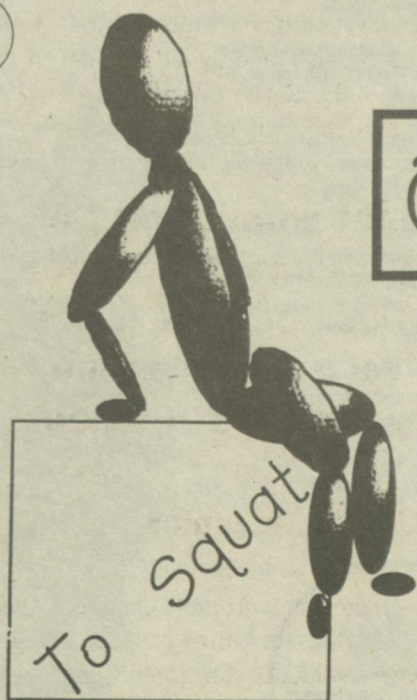
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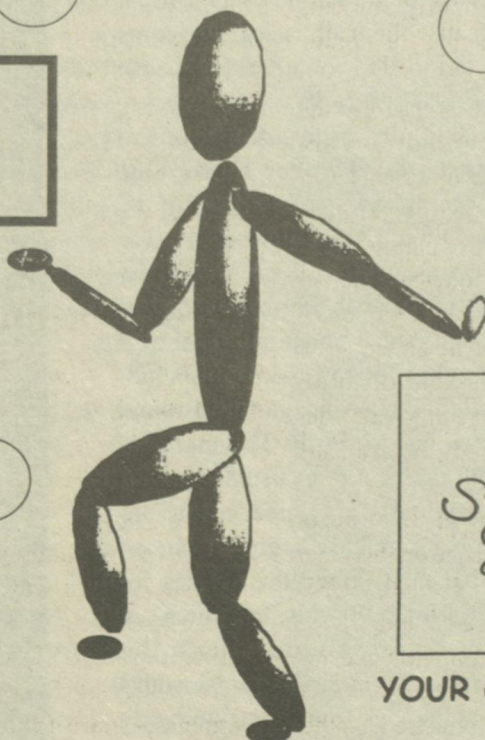
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SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Student violence and assault not widely reported

Campus climate gives students safe feeling despite constant threats of unreported crime

By **Mona Shah**
STAFF WRITER

Violence and sexual assault are constant dangers at any university, but the lack of reported assault at USD should not give students a false sense of security.

There are many forms of abuse: domestic violence, physical abuse, emotional abuse, and sexual assault. Domestic violence is abuse within a family or intimate relationship. Physical abuse includes actions like punching, hitting and kicking.

Emotional and verbal abuse is name-calling, making threats of physical or sexual abuse, denial of feelings and abilities and placing blame for the violence. Sexual assault is forced, coerced or manipulated sexual acts one does not consent to. It is a crime of violence and the form of abuse that most college students fear.

Violence and sexual assault occurs at USD, but many of the cases go unreported and the victims go untreated for the harm they have suffered.

"I have attended USD for four years and I am aware of much violence and sexual assault that has been avoided and not reported," said a 22-year-old senior. "This is not because USD has not accepted the responsibility, but because students would rather tell a friend or keep it inside themselves instead of reporting it and getting help. I believe Public Safety does their job well, but they can't help us until we ask them to be involved and actually help our friends."

The instances of violence do not appear very high at the University. But the low numbers do not lessen the importance of the violence and assault that is reported.

"Acts of violence are not very prevalent at USD," said Larry Barnett, Director of Public Safety. "Although the incidence of violence and sexual assaults reported to us and other University officials are relatively small in number, one act of violence or one sexual assault is too many."

All members of Public Safety want to offer help, but even they feel as if students on this campus hide more than what is revealed.

Students' feelings vary on whether violence and assault are problems at USD. While there are many students who believe that USD is a violence-free campus, there are other students who believe otherwise.

"Sexual assault against women on this campus will always run rampant, whether it be in the alleys of Mission Beach, the sweet and innocent rooms of Camino/Founders or in the eyes of a strung-out frat boy," said a 21-year-old junior. "It is up to women to admit that there is a problem. Respect yourself, and the people that don't respect you will slowly disappear."

"I think most people would argue that sexual assault rates at USD are lower than at other, larger schools," said Jaime Eagan, a sophomore. "However, if you consider verbal assault, the instances climb much higher. Whether it is catcalls, whistles or more serious insults, verbal sexual assault is demeaning women. It is hurtful, embarrassing, and a horrible way to objectify women."

A student can be hurt emotionally or mentally by verbal abuse, but because there is no physical violence involved that

students are more ethical and are more virtuous than the common college students. Also when I think sexual assault, I think of a man carrying the act out against a woman. Since women far outnumber men on this campus, I don't think it is feasible that sexual assault against women can be that big of a problem at USD."

Violence does not only happen to women, but also to men. The difference is how men are able to express themselves. Women in general face more abuse than men, but men's feelings are more likely to remain hidden than women's.

"Generally speaking, although men might report violence, men are more apprehensive to report sexual assault that happens to them," said one member of the USD staff. "Our culture and society views male and female roles differently and because of this view men are more apprehensive compared to women to report sexual assault."

It is hard to express sexual victimization when our own society frowns upon it. Stereotypes that men should be strong and dominant make it difficult for men to report acts against them despite evidence that they are also victims. According to Warren Farrell, author of "Why Men Are the Way They Are," 94 percent of all men have unwanted sexual encounters by the time they reach college.

"I don't believe that the reporting of violence or sexual violence at USD is discriminatory by sex," Barnett said. "I also believe strongly that not all acts of violence or sexual violence are reported to officials at USD by either sex."

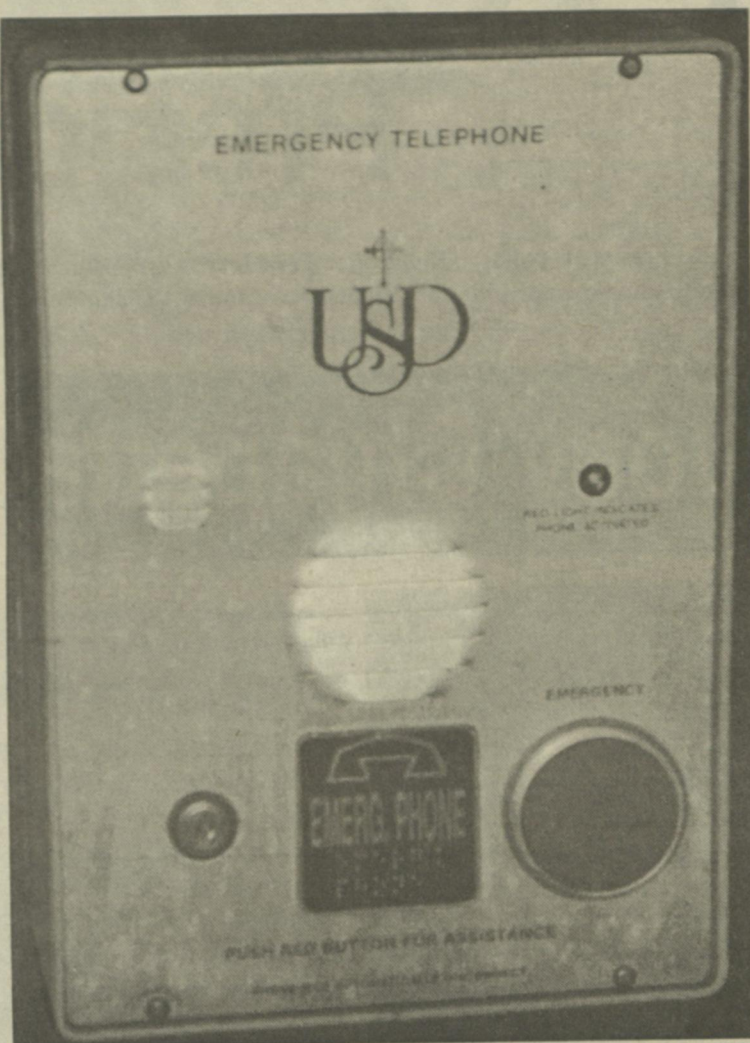
There are many things that the society and culture believes are wrong, but people still do it. There are many ways to help students who are facing violence or

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-21-year-old junior

sexual assault. Although a small university is not always an easy climate to express concerns, organizations at USD do try to make it easier for men and women to share their experiences.

The fault is never with the victim. According to research and



IAN HUGHES

Emergency call boxes are placed throughout campus so that threatened students may have immediate access to Public Safety. The boxes are marked with visible blue lights to make them easier to find.

students opinion, sexual assault can happen within an intimate relationship, on a date, with an acquaintance, with a family member or with a stranger. The effects of sexual assault or abuse do not go away. There are many issues survivors will face: confusion, shame, fear, guilt and anger. Many will try to forget this devastating experience.

Support and/or counseling for sexual assault survivors can help toward recovery. Research programs on domestic violence and sexual assault conclude that until individuals and society recognize and cease to tolerate these crimes, they will continue. It is the University's goal to bring

Safety should always be contacted in cases of assault. Students should seek out someone who they trust, including faculty and staff who are always available for students.

There are the brave who report their abuse, but reporting is not the only thing to do. After reporting any kind of violence or sexual assault, one should go for counseling and talk about the situation. "I know of a student raped recently," a 21-year-old senior said. "She reported it to Public Safety and is currently trying to get her former friend expelled, although she isn't pressing criminal charges. The incidence caused her personal and academic lives to be dramatically altered."

There are some who believe violence and sexual assault are prevalent at USD and others who don't. There are few students who believe that reporting violence and sexual assault is discriminatory by sex. There are students who are oblivious to the violence around

them, others who have acted against the violence in healthy outlet, and those who know too much, but do not speak out against the injustice.

There is no formula for safety, it requires brave individuals who are willing to fight for themselves.

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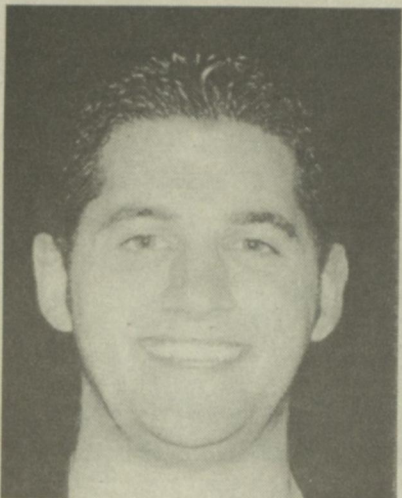
AS Election 2002-2003

President

VP of Finance

The President works with the Vice Presidents to coordinate their activities and are ultimately responsible for the welfare of the Associated Students.

Joey Chiapetta



"No new taxes!" "I did not inhale!" "I can spell pottaytow!" These are things that normal presidents would say...but I'm not your run-of-the-mill candidate for president. I am different. Am I perfect? Nah, but I'm really motivated to work for all of you students. I've been on AS this past year. I see some cool things and I see some things that I want to change for you. What would YOU like to see done better at USD? Make me your president and get ready for an awesome year. Thanks!

Laura Long



The role of good leadership is to listen to many voices while remaining mindful that the loudest ones aren't the ONLY ones. AS is the governing body for all students. We need participation by all for effective representation. If I'm elected president, a primary goal will be to encourage and solicit greater campus participation.

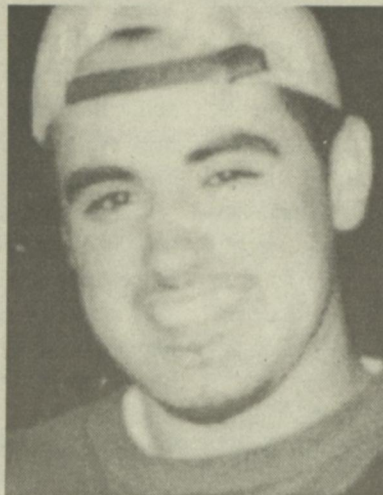
We need to broaden our outlook, explore our alternatives. As a female, I could bring AS a fresh perspective of campus concerns. Women on this campus account for 60% of students, yet AS has been largely male dominated. It's time to include new voices in our governing process; I'd like to be one of them.

Edgar Montes



As President of Associated Students, I plan to continue the ongoing quest to create a student government that is fully aware of and determined to resolve student issues, as well as to produce quality programming which is aimed at addressing the interests of the students of USD. My two years of experience in AS have given me the confidence and ability to fulfill the necessary duties for this position. In the end, I believe that my passion and commitment for AS and USD separates me from my competition and makes me the most qualified candidate.

Alfonso Sanchez

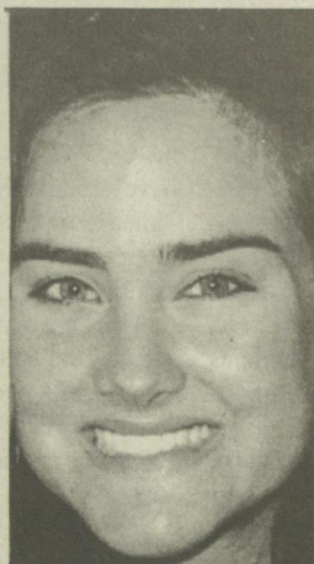


Okay, I'll admit it, I LOVE my school, but I know there is PLENTY of room for improvement. I'm ready, willing and able to step in as Vice President of Finance. Since I've been at USD, I have been involved as a Minister of Hospitality, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Resident Assistant for Maher Hall, Men's Club Volleyball team, school Ambassador, Tour guide, Freshman Retreat Leader, Emerging Leader graduate, Work-Study Student and I have experience with AS. I won't let you guys down, if given a chance. Please vote for me, Alfonso Sanchez, and remember: A VOTE FOR FONZ IS A VOTE FOR YOU!!!

VP of Student Issues

The Vice President of Student Issues acts as a liaison between students and the faculty and administration in matters of Residence Life, Dining Services, Parking, Health Services, Facilities Management, Public Safety, Academic Computing, Environmental Issues, Athletics, Multicultural Issues, the Vista, Campus Ministry, Telecommunications, Financial Aid and other departments as needed.

Ashley Bailey



I am running for Vice President of Student Issues because I would like to become the voice of our student body. My goal is to increase communication between organizations on campus and the entire student body. I plan to increase communication through such things as a weekly newsletter entailing when and where organizations meet and what projects they are working on. I am running because I want to make a difference when it comes to student involvement.

Aisha Taylor

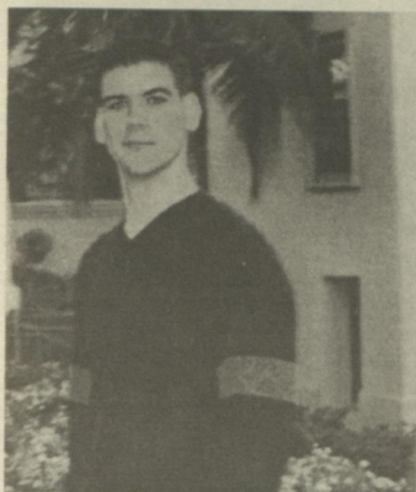


I would expand the scope of this position into one that works toward a resolution of logistical issues of university life, like parking, as well as addressing issues of social justice, like diversity and sexual assault. To make this a reality, one representative from each social justice student organization would be added to the Student Issues Board that currently meets weekly. The resources of AS can channel the passion of students into avenues that would create real change. Among other issues, I would focus on instituting a Ethnic Studies major, creating a diversity general education requirement and ameliorating the parking situation.

VP of Programming

The Vice President of Programming is the chair of the AS Program Board and oversees all AS programmers and their budgets. This person is to be responsible for coordinating activities among all AS clubs and organizations on campus. The Vice President of Programming is to act as the responsible party for all programming issues discussed in Senate and the Executive board.

Ryan Van Arnam

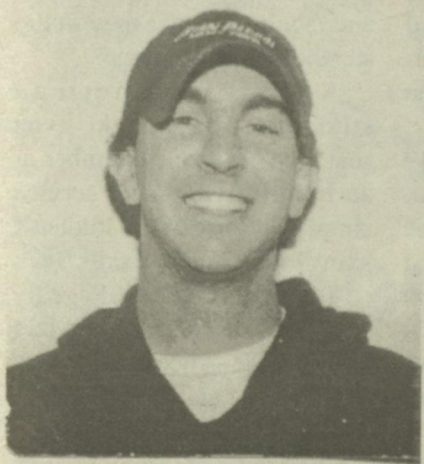


Associated Students should reflect the wants of the student body. As VP of Programming that is my main goal: to hear the students' desires and put them into action. Since the time I first came to USD, I have wanted more social outings, larger events, more trips at a lower cost, an on-campus Jacuzzi and huge discounts to local attractions, such as Disneyland and Sea World. Through my experience with AS and other on-campus organizations, I have gained the knowledge necessary to complete these objectives. Tell me what you want for USD; call me at x2778 or email at vanarnam@sandiego.edu.

Secretary of Athletics

The Secretary of Athletics is the official AS representative to all registered sports clubs on campus. He or she should promote unity among the student body that helps to surround intercollegiate and club sports.

Evan Helmy

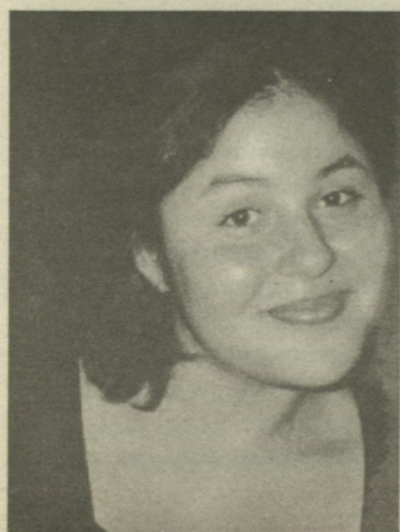


The sweat that drips down my brow each morning is symbolic for my determination, dedication and willingness to succeed. Waking to darkness knowing that these early hours will be spent in a rowers agony is not extremely inspiring yet I endure and excel as a member of the men's crew team. One cannot turn off passion for life like it is a switch on the wall. My attitude towards hard work and responsibility will continue throughout my life, I just hope that next year I can use my energy in AS to make USD a better place for all.

Senior Senator

The Senior Senators are to represent the ideas and concerns of the Senior Class to the AS Senate and Student Issues Board as well as to program activities for the promotion of class unity.

Nathalia Osorio

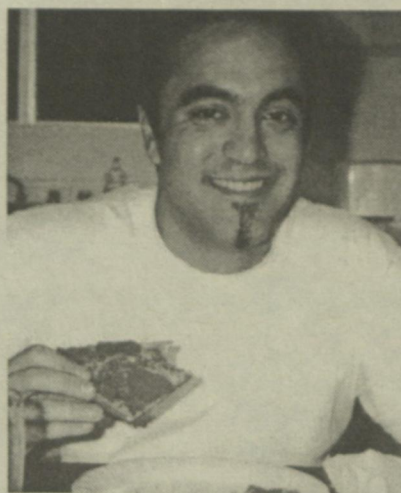


I want to run for senior senator because I want to plan fun events for seniors. I also want to address senior concerns and issues within the senate. As senior senator, I will make sure that we have an awesome senior year.

VP of Academics

The Vice President of Academics acts as a liaison between the students and the faculty/administration. He or she promotes Academic Integrity on a campus-wide basis. Students are able to raise concerns about academic policies and procedures to the faculty through the Vice President of Academics.

Kourosh Dara



Do you ever wish you could just have a couple more weeks before you had to pick the pass/fail option? Sick and tired of all these GE's? If elected, I will make sure that these and other academic related issues are taken care of. Tired of high book prices? I could probably have a word with the bookstore and see what we can do about it. All you have to do is let me know and I'll get the job done. If you want to see some real changes, just vote for Kourosh for VP of Academics.

Ibrahim El-Mezain

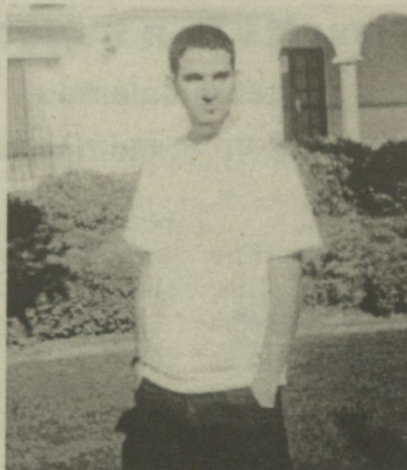


As the current Vice President of Academics, I have represented students' views regarding academic matters to the administration and faculty. Some of the accomplishments we have had include getting a second advisor for the business students and convincing the faculty to keep the Pass/Fail option for GE courses. If re-elected, I will continue serving you, the students, by representing your opinions to the faculty and administration. As the Chair of the Honors Council, I will work hard to create an Honorable University. This will allow USD to climb to the top of the charts and become a role model for other universities nationwide.

Junior Senator

The Junior Senators are to represent the ideas and concerns of the Junior Class to the AS Senate and Student Issues Board as well as to program activities for the promotion of class unity.

Craig Smith



There is no more rewarding group to serve than one's peers. They are your fellow students, your colleagues and your friends. I want to take this unique opportunity to serve you, my peers. For I know, that despite many differences, there is a common ground we all have, and a common goal we all strive for, to make our years at USD the best they can be.

Abby Jarl



As Junior Senator, I plan to create terrific programs for the junior class to participate in such as Hungry Hours, trips to shows like the Price is Right and Jay Leno. I want to get the junior class actively involved in the programs that we will offer and for a committee for those interested in creating new and exciting things for our class to do. Given the chance, I would like to improve USD by providing a better Health Center with more doctors on staff, and make USD more vegetarian friendly by offering a wide variety of fruits and vegetables.

AFTER-SCHOOL SPECIALS



SONY PICTURES

The cinema of combat: Audiences have always paid to see war on the big screen. From "The Longest Day" to "Black Hawk Down" (above) war means big box office and unbridled patriotism. The recent rash of military films were in production long before the tragic events of Sept. 11, but does a country at war really need to see more battle in the name of entertainment?

Operation enduring box office

Films preach values of valor, patriotism and sacrifice but at what cost?

By Denis Grasska and Amber Dubeshter
STAFF WRITERS

At 5:45 every Tuesday morning, long before most USD students have rolled out of bed, Melissa Feldmeier is already dressed in uniform and ready to go.

A platoon leader in the University's NROTC program, she waits in Olin Hall, ready to drill, march, listen and learn.

Although the NROTC routine and the class curriculum haven't changed since the tragedies of Sept. 11, the focus of classroom discussions and lectures has shifted ever so slightly to "that part of the world," Feldmeier said, referring to developing nations like Afghanistan and Somalia.

For NROTC students, the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon mean learning more about terrorism and foreign policy.

But the dangerous world that Feldmeier's classes prepare her for isn't exactly the same as the one she saw portrayed in "Behind Enemy Lines."

The major studios have released many war films recently and many more are on the way. Titles like "We Were Soldiers" and "Windtalkers" will join "Behind Enemy Lines," "Black Hawk Down" and "Hart's War" on theater marquees.

The sudden explosion of war-genre films has played a key part in shaping American

attitudes, inspiring patriotism as well as racism.

"These movies are in production for a couple years, so I don't know if it's a coincidence or not," Feldmeier said. "But it's

"It just goes further to strengthen and support stereotypes, which I think always results in a negative outcome,"

-Barbra Calantas

AS VP of Multicultural Relations

interesting."

According to Dr. Eric Pierson, a professor in the USD Department of Communication Studies, the production of the most recent batch of war films owes more to the success of "Saving Private Ryan" than to the recent terrorist attacks.

The films were "in the pipeline way before 9-11, some of them as many as two or three years ago," Pierson said.

But the release dates of most of the films have changed since Sept. 11.

According to Greg Dean Schmitz, of Upcomingmovies.com, MGM may have pushed back the release of "Windtalkers," starring Nicholas Cage, because of concerns that war films would be unpopular soon after September

11.

But "Behind Enemy Lines" and "Black Hawk Down" were released earlier than originally planned and Paramount Studios recently decided to move "We

dians in World War II.

"Black Hawk Down" and "We Were Soldiers" recount ill-fated engagements in Somalia and Vietnam, respectively.

Patriotism seems to be everywhere, but explaining the popularity of films like "Black Hawk Down" can still be difficult.

"The popularity of seeing us get our butts kicked? I don't know," said Feldmeier, who views the Battle of Mogadishu as a tragic military failure.

But others view "Black Hawk Down" and similar films as stories of American bravery and endurance, not defeat.

"At the end of the day, we still come out heroic," Pierson said, noting that Somali deaths in the film far exceed American casualties.

But some worry that the series of war films might divide Americans more than it unites them, a trend that Barbra Calantas, Vice President of Multicultural Relations for the Associated Students Office has seen first hand on the USD campus.

Since Sept. 11, several members of the USD campus have

been targeted by other students and faculty because they fit the stereotype of a terrorist.

A Mexican-American student's backpack was searched by a staff member at an Immaculata prayer service simply because of the student's skin color, Calantas said.

The staff member allegedly said that he checked the bag "just in case—because of Sept. 11."

According to Calantas, Hollywood's tendency of casting Middle-Easterners as terrorists capitalizes on the fear and anger felt after the terrorist attacks.

Compounding the problem, Calantas said, is the justification of American involvement in the fighting and killing of those in other countries.

Films like "Black Hawk Down" simplify complex issues, Pierson said.

"The fact that they're shooting at us makes them the bad guys."

These simplifications translate from the screen to the real world.

"It just goes further to strengthen and support stereotypes, which I think always results in a negative outcome," Calantas said, and it causes an innocent outing such as movie-going to be a contributing factor in racial difficulties.

Professor introduces innovative teaching method

By Delphine Farris
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wondered how you can possibly be expected to learn anything when you write a paper and it is handed back to you with a big red "C," and no comments in the margins and no possibility of a rewrite?

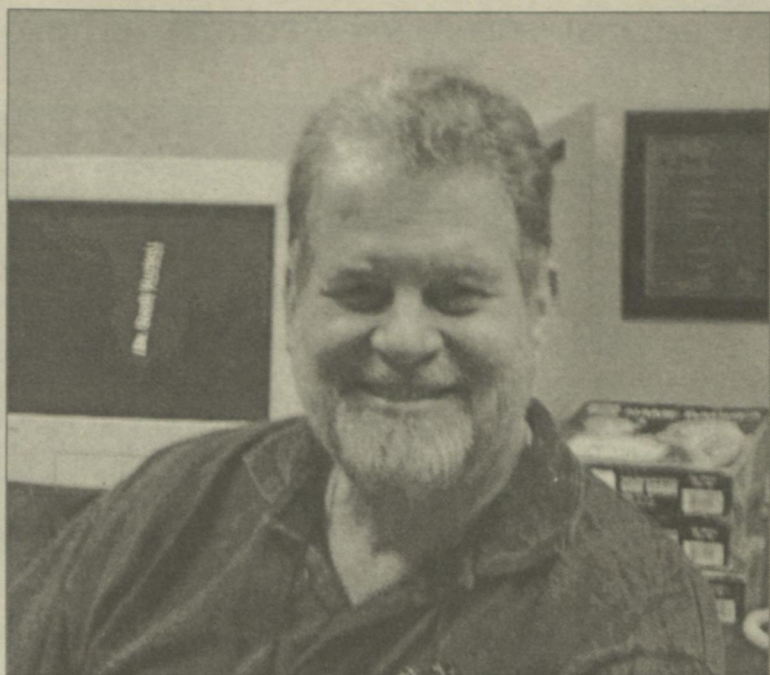
Having already mastered several of the important theories in your field, have you ever wondered why you still have no idea how to write a professional memo to a business executive?

Dr. Scott Kunkel, an admired business professor, wondered about such matters, and these queries led him to develop a unique teaching methodology, the Consultant Learning Approach, that holds a very slight resemblance to the traditional college course.

Before becoming a professor at the University in 1992, Dr. Kunkel taught at several universities across the country including Brenau University in Georgia, the University of Georgia and the University of Nevada Reno.

At these institutions, Kunkel was very pleased with the feedback he received from his students and peers. At USD, however, he did not feel he was receiving similar feedback, and decided to do something about it.

"At the other universities, I was one of the best teachers, and my teacher evaluations were always outstanding," Kunkel said.



JENN SCHIFF

Scott Kunkel, business professor, hopes to innovate grading practices and gain more publicity through word-of-mouth.

"When I came to USD, however, my teaching evaluations the first year were average, and I started thinking I need to do something if I want to be better than average."

Kunkel developed the Consultant Learning Approach designed to empower students and put them in charge of their own learning process.

In a traditional college course, students are required to do the same amount of work and are graded on the quality of that work. Kunkel's alternative teaching method, however, is based on a system in which all students are required to hand in professional-quality work. Students

are required to redo projects until they meet professional standards. Once this standard is met, the amount of professional quality work becomes the basis for students' grades.

The Consultant Learning approach has evolved and continues to evolve since its development nine years ago.

"The first semester I did it, I tried to describe to the students what I had in mind and needless to say, the students freaked," Kunkel said.

"They had no idea how this was going to work and they were all scared to death that they were going to get lousy grades."

"The first semester was kind

of a disaster, but it was trial and error. Nine years later, it is amazing the amount of positive feedback I have gotten.

"Every semester, on the last day of class, my students and I discuss what worked, what didn't work, and what could be done differently next time," Kunkel said. "Students are always bringing in great ideas for how I can improve it. The next semester I try it their way. The things that work we keep and the things that don't we throw out."

Former students liked that they were doing projects on subjects that interested them.

"The method was a great way to involve the students'

interests and help them actively learn the material," said former student, Mark Arbar. "I was allowed to choose topics that I enjoyed."

Another appealing characteristic of this approach is its tremendous flexibility. Students not only get to choose topics that interest them, but are even required to pick the due dates.

"I loved the class because I chose when to turn projects in," Arbar said. "It relieved a lot of the stress I felt in other classes."

A final characteristic that sets Consultant Learning apart from the traditional college course is that it prepares students for the real world. Students are encour-

aged to do projects such as write resumes and cover letters and develop their business-style writing. Moreover, instead of a grade system, students are "paid in dollars" for their work, and students must earn a certain amount of money to earn an "A."

"My approach is very real world," said Kunkel. "You are getting paid to do a task and success is measured in terms of how much money you earned. It is in your hands, you decide how much work you want to put in—just like any job."

Students have responded well to Consultant Learning and are always eager to offer new ideas and methods.

"What I liked about the course was that it was all up to me," said Leah Kaen, a former student. "Just like it is in real life. I chose how much work I wanted to do, and I knew exactly how much I needed to put in to get the grade I wanted."

Students are not the only ones expressing admiration for this innovative approach. Several professors, from a wide range of disciplines, are borrowing Dr. Kunkel's methodology, and integrating it into their classrooms.

"I find this method extremely flexible," Kunkel said. "You don't have to do it the same way to get creative results."

"A lot of instructors have told me they are using bits and pieces of the Consultant Learning Approach in their classes and varying it to fit their needs."

The Doctor is in

This week Dr. Love takes on the three big words and grinding in TJ

Dear Love Guru,

I've never been one to throw around the three big words, "I love you," sparingly. Now, though, I've found a girl and I tell it to her all the time. Do I cheapen them by saying it so frequently?

-Romantically Inclined

Dear Romantically Inclined, Words can lose their meaning if used carelessly. How many times do we answer the phone "Hello?" and forget that we're greeting a person as well as inquiring who is calling. Many couples end their phone conversations with "I love you", but how many actually stop and consider it before giving the automated response? If

you're a male between the ages of 18-55, and you say "I love you" honestly, without any hidden motives, then you're so far ahead of the game that you can sit this period out and wait for the halftime show.

If it comes naturally to you, then say it. But if it's more of a reply caused by guilt or avoidance, then those are the actions which cheapen those words, not the repetition itself. There are dangers in any long-term relationship of mailing those words in.

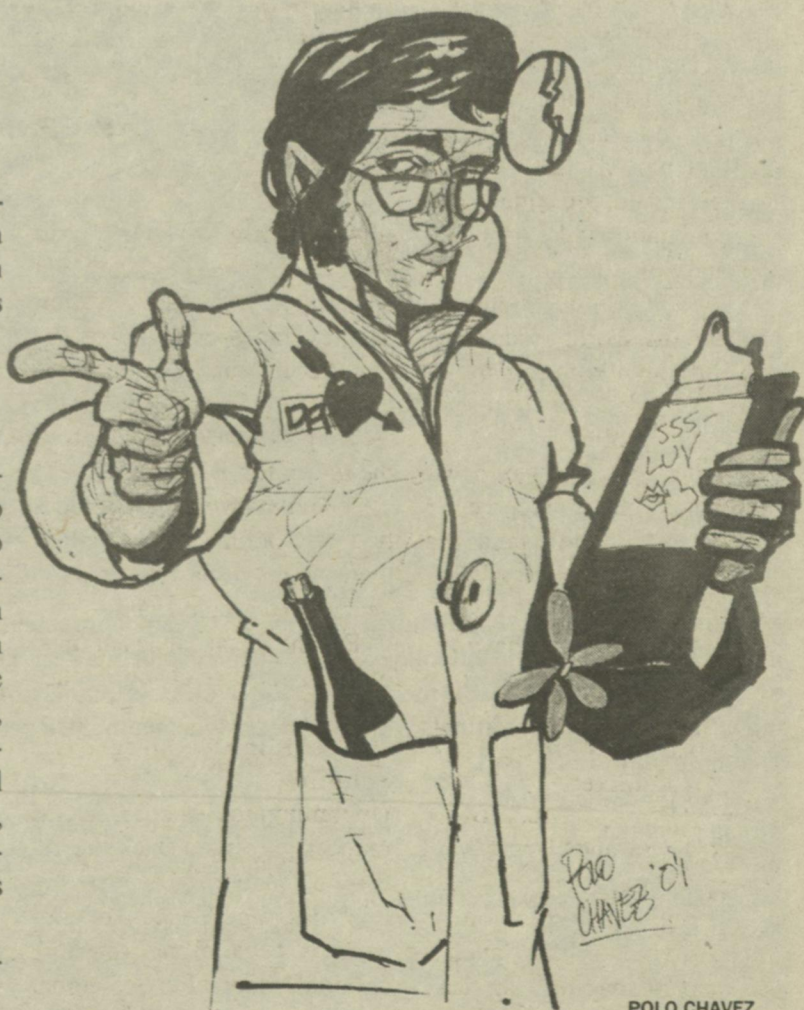
It's sad that an expression so significant can be reduced to a ritualistic expression no more meaningful than the fake sincerity of the expressionless flight attendants saying "goodbye" at the end of a flight.

Hey Doctor, Have you ever been grinding with a guy in Tijuana when you feel his erection through his pants? Is this weird? Should I be afraid?

-Disco Distress

Dear Disco Distress, First off, are you more concerned that this happened to you, or that this happened to you in TJ? From my experience, this peaking phenomenon happens from time to time in various places across the Southwest. Do not be alarmed, and in particular, such an occurrence is no reason to spill your drink. But if he spills his, watch out. South of the border, such a man is known as "Speedy."

-In memory of Chuck Jones.



POLO CHAVEZ

SPORTS

Lacrosse hopeful for winning season

USD enters season with hopes of forgetting last season's 0-8 record and proving their worth

By Alex Funk
STAFF WRITER

The 2002 USD men's lacrosse team made their debut less than two weeks ago at Arizona State University. The rag-tag look of past years is gone and a unified and well-tailored bunch of student athletes represent their school with a new sense of pride.

New helmets and uniforms have helped to transform the team to one of promise rather than problems.

After going 0-8 last year and being on probation from both the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League and USD, the team has high hopes of rebounding and winning the conference title again as they did in 1998 and 1999. The new coaching staff put together by head coach Curtis Borton includes other former lacrosse standouts from California.

"This is a different team from past years with a fresh attitude," Borton said. "We are not USD lacrosse of old but the San Diego Toreros, a team attempting to build a competitive Division I program."

To help in the development of the team, Borton brought in two defensive coaches: Woo-Jin Shim of UC Berkley and Luke Olts from UC Santa Barbara. Erik Bryan from USD gives additional support to the attack while Ken Mink

has taken over the General Manager role for the team.

The Toreros' are still looking for their first win. After a disappointing overtime loss to Arizona State, they dropped two more games to top-ranked Arizona and Utah.

"Right now I feel like we're on an 11 game losing streak and desperately looking for our first win," said Tom MacDonald, a senior co-captain. "It is sad fact but we don't have a win in this millennium."

The roster for this year's team has doubled from that of last year, including nine seniors, eight of which played

together since their freshman year. Four captains were chosen to lead the rest of the team, contributing to the "lost but not forgotten" winning traditions of the lacrosse team.

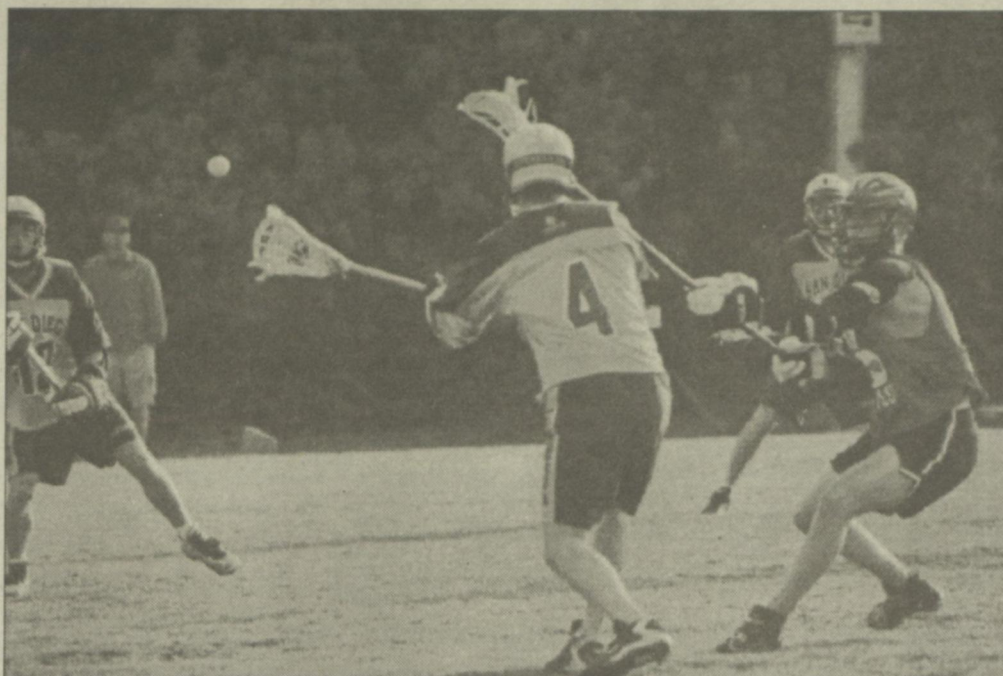
The seniors include Tom MacDonald, Mike Jutt, Luke Corbitt and Mike Mancuso. They have found new appreciation for the game after battling through a disappointing season last year.

Rich Symington, Christian Cohrah, Sean Flynn, Ryan Ariano and Kristian Lichtenfels all have returned to the team after a year hiatus and have proven to be the impact players needed to help this team succeed.

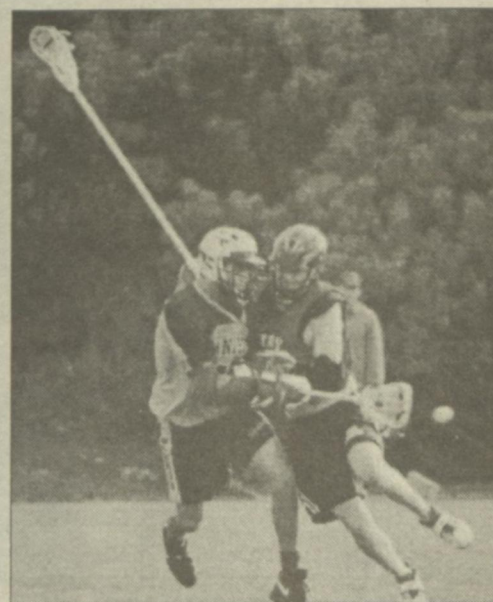
Freshman T. Ladit has all the skills needed to complete the trio on attack. Seven long-pole defensive players make other teams want to think twice about attempting to get in close and shoot on goalies Matt Buser and Chris Robinson.

This coming Sunday marks the Toreros' first WCLL conference game against rival San Diego State. The game will be played at 1 p.m. at the Canyon field below the baseball field. Last season, USD suffered its first loss to the Aztecs in eight years and will undoubtedly be playing to avenge it.

For more information visit the teams' website at www.sandiegolacrosse.com



PHOTOS BY DAVID DURON



Lacrosse battled the Utah Utes this weekend. The Toreros remain winless this season.

Home court advantage for USD basketball at WCC tourney

By Nicole Wheeler
STAFF WRITER

The Slim Gym diet must agree with the West Coast Conference because it's coming back for seconds.

Last year's conference basketball tournament was the highlight event during the JCP's first year in operation. Healthy attendance figures and favorable player and fan reactions to the facility helped USD land the tournament again this year, school officials said.

The tournament gets underway today. The first women's session will kick off with Pepperdine and Gonzaga playing at noon today. At 6 p.m. the second women's session will start with the USD women playing Santa Clara.

On Friday, the women's semifinals will begin at 6 p.m. The first men's session with Gonzaga playing Loyola Marymount will kick off on Saturday at noon. The second session will follow that evening at 6 p.m. with the USD men playing USF. The men's semifinals will begin on Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Amid the action on the court, WCC officials will meet on Friday to determine the tournament's location for the next three years, WCC spokesperson Valerie Richardson said.

USD's coaches and players hope to



VISTA FILES

Torero basketball is gearing up for this weekend's WCC Tournament, which is being held at the JCP.

top last years tournament and bring the WCC back for one year. Despite the men and women's teams differing views about whether the JCP provides a home-court advantage.

"Everyone assumes that it's an advantage to play on our home court, but that is not necessarily true," said Brad Holland, men's head coach. "It has been a very long time since a host team has won the WCC tournament. We hope it will

be to our advantage, but we can't count on it."

The women's basketball coaches and players think differently. Playing on their home court gives the Toreros an advantage, said assistant coach Dawn Baker.

"This season, their best games have been home games," Baker said.

"The home court advantage is a bonus. It's always more comfortable when you are playing on your home court, which also means there will be more fans cheering

you on," said a senior guard.

Players for both teams agree on one thing: they believe they can win. Having fans and community members in the stands cheering them on will help.

"We know we can compete with the other teams in our conference, and it's important that our boys play well and have some momentum because we can beat these teams," Holland said. "But what would help and what we really need

is our fans out in the stands, cheering us on and helping to inspire our teams."

"This season, our conference is really competitive, so our girls are capable of winning on any given night," said women's head coach Kathy Marpe. "They haven't been shooting too well, but I believe they are ready to get out of this shooting slump. We need our fans out there to motivate them."

Students and community members can purchase tickets in person at the USD box office or by calling 619-260-7550. The "all-tournament pass," good for all 14 games, is \$65.

Single session tickets are also available for students at a discounted price. Ardensen urges people to buy tickets and pack the gymnasium for tournament games.

"We know we can win as a team, and we want to go out with a bang, so come out and support us," Ardensen said.

The women's championship game will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, and will be televised on Fox Sports Net. The men's championship game will begin at 9 p.m. Monday, and will be televised on ESPN.

The winners of the WCC tournament will proceed onto the 2002 NCAA tournament. For more information on specific game times, contact the USD box office.

Womens' swimming not short on heart

Though outnumbered, womens' swimming garners a second place finish at PCSC

By **Stephanie Armstrong**
STAFF WRITER

What they did not have in size, they made up for in strength. With only 12 competitors to most teams' 18, the Torero swimmers were remarkably efficient during this year's conference championships.

Winning 11 out of 20 events, the women's swim team secured a second place finish at the Pacific Collegiate Swimming and Diving Championships, which were held from Feb. 18 to Feb. 20 at Belmont Plaza in Long Beach.

"Everybody came together and we did what we had to do," said Jamie Lobdell, a captain. During this final meet of the 2001-2002 season, the team orchestrated a solid performance with eight of their 12 members being named to the All-Conference Team.

They captured first place in four out of five relay events, with the 400 freestyle relay by Kaitlin Bourne, Marideth Rus, Carolyn Gorrick and Jamie Lobdell, setting a new conference record.

The junior class's superstars Gorrick and Bourne collected five individual first place finishes between them. Gorrick's winning 200 butterfly time was also a school record.

Seniors Jamie Lobdell and Marideth Rus, sprinted to a one-two finish in the 50 freestyle, while Kristen Isbell stroked her way to a win in the longer 1650 freestyle.

Coach Mike Keeler was impressed with his team's performance at the meet.

"This is a wonderful group of young women who competed at the highest

level possible," Keller said. "They really did a great job."

Going into the meet, the Toreros were already faced with a challenge due to their lack of depth. An unfortunate disqualification in the 400 medley relay added to the adversity the team would need to overcome. The women would not be discouraged by obstacles, however, and ended the meet less than 40 points behind first place finishers UCSD.

The Toreros produced more top finishes than any other team and had much to be happy about at the meet's end.

"We remained spirited throughout the meet, and it showed," Lobdell said.

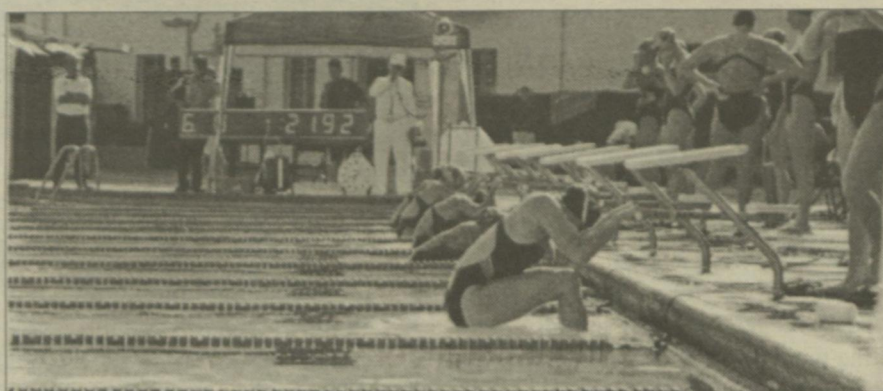
"The greatest strength of this group is they really get along well," Keller said.

Although the swim team will say goodbye to five graduating seniors this year, they have much to look forward to. The dynamic duo of Gorrick and Bourne will return next year as seniors.

All-Conference team members Ilea Dorsey and Kristin Isbell will return as juniors, and All Conference team member Jamie Jackson, a freshman, has three more years to compete for the Toreros. Moreover, the team has already signed three top prospects who will come in as freshmen.

Lobdell ended her career at the PCSC Championships, but she and the rest of her class graduate with two championship titles under their belts. "The returning team looks strong, and I think they'll be fired up to take the championship title next year," Lobdell said.

Although the season is over, the team is expected to keep practicing during the off-season. This includes both swimming and weightlifting.



VISTA FILES

Backstrokers prepare to launch during a recent meet. USD sent 12 swimmers to the conference championships this past weekend in Long Beach. Although most teams had 18 women competing, USD raced hard and placed second at the championships.

All Conference PCSC

USD Members

Swimming-

Jamie Lobdell

Senior

Marideth Rus

Senior

Kaitlin Bourne

Junior

Carolyn Gorrick

Junior

Deborah Hoyt

Junior

Ilea Dorsey

Sophomore

Kristin Isbell

Sophomore

Jamie Jackson

Freshman

Diving-

Chelsea Flemmer

Freshman

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NEXT HOME MATCH:

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WOMENS BASKETBALL (13-14, 4-10 WCC)

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NEXT HOME GAMES:

TONIGHT VS SANTA CLARA 6 PM (WCC TOURNEY)

MENS BASKETBALL (15-12, 7-7 WCC)

2/22 LOST TO PEPPERDINE 90-79

2/23 DEFEATED LOYOLA MARYMOUNT 87-71

NEXT HOME GAME:

SATURDAY VS SAN FRANCISCO 6 PM (WCC TOURNEY)

WOMENS SOFTBALL (7-15)

2/22 VS MASTERS COLLEGE

WIN GAME #1 4-3

WIN GAME #2 7-2

2/23 VS CONCORDIA

LOSS GAME #1 1-0

WIN GAME #2 7-1

NEXT HOME GAME:

MARCH 15 SAN DIEGO STATE TOURNAMENT



(Top) Kim Delpit drives the ball during a match this weekend.

(Top) USD held its opponents to only six runs this weekend. Third basemen Desi Collo holds a runner to the base.



PHOTOS BY DAVID DURON

Toreros baseball battles back into top 25

By Christiane DeSalvo
STAFF WRITER

Entering the season with a record-breaking winning streak of 10-0, the USD Toreros baseball team is turning heads with its remarkable performance. Practicing since mid-September, the USD baseball team has been putting forth many hours to contribute to their success, individually and as a team.

The "Fall Ball" program allowed them to work out individually, initially, perfecting their skills, and then they continued on to bring it together as a team. According to Mike McCoy, the leadoff batter and second baseman for the Toreros, "it was worth working hard in the off-season because it is now paying off."

They are looking forward to controlling the West Coast Conference and remaining in the competition to reach the championship.

"We want to win the West Coast Conference, reach regionals, continue to super regionals and finally go to Omaha, Nebraska to the NCAA College World Series," said Mike Oseguera, pitcher for the Toreros.

Baseball America ranked the team number 22 in the Top 25 College Baseball teams after the 10-0 winning streak, but the Toreros fell out of this position due to the three game loss to UC Riverside. This weekend they bounced back, allowing them to re-enter the rankings at number 24.

They traveled to Shreveport, Louisiana to participate in the three-day Louisiana Collegiate Classic, sweeping all



The Toreros meet at the mound during a recent game. USD won all three matches this weekend in Louisiana.

opposing teams. Opening with a 6-2 victory over the University of Delaware, starting pitcher Ricky Barrett pitched seven and two-thirds innings to hold the opponents to only two runs.

In the second game, the Toreros upset former number 22 ranked Oklahoma State with a score of 13-9, after rebounding in the eighth inning from a 9-4 deficit.

Leading the team, shortstop Ben Quinto was 4-for-5 with four RBIs and centerfielder Tony Perez was 3-for-3

opener at Irvine set the tone for the USD baseball team, allowing the Toreros to out score the Anteaters 22-12 over the three-day sweep.

This continued on to the Mustang field at Cal Poly, where the team upset the Mustangs 7-6, 6-1 and 20-12 for the weekend. Freddy Sandoval, third baseman, highlighted the weekend with two hits on Saturday and six runs with three hits on Sunday.

The first home series allowed the Toreros to prove their outstanding per-

formance as they lit up the Oregon State Beavers, 6-2, 4-2, and 8-2. These victories claimed another mark in school history, the 2002 USD baseball team's first sweep of a Pac-10 team.

Barrett was named a pre-season Collegiate Baseball third-team All-American this year, while last year he maintained a 3.19 ERA overall and an All-West Coast Conference first team nomination.

Tom Caple is anticipated to be Player of the Year in the West Coast Conference and has already been awarded WCC Pitcher of the Week. He is expected to receive this recognition again due to his outstanding performance on the mound and in the field.

WCC Freshman of the Year in the 2001 season, Joey Prast is among the leaders in doubles and RBIs. Leading the team with the highest batting average is Ben Quinto with .436 and Caple is not far behind with a .340.

Helping the Toreros with his outstanding base-running skills, Mike McCoy has already managed to steal 13 bases out of 13 attempts, allowing him to be recognized as the best base-runner in the WCC by Baseball America.

The Toreros will face Michigan this Friday at 2 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. on the newly renovated Cunningham Field. These games will determine if the dominating Toreros can uphold their position in the Collegiate Baseball standings, as well as move their position up in rank. Another big game to catch is the USC game, Wednesday, March 13 at 2 p.m., also at Cunningham Field.

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RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd

By Jason Williams
INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR

Without a cloud in the sky, another softball season got underway. After the fog and rain shortened last season, we started this season off on the right foot. Crystal clear weather and very cold, but nothing we couldn't handle. Wednesday night we had the men's softball league start play.

In the opening game, we had "You Team Sucks Ass" take on the "Giants." "Your Team Sucks Ass" had to shake off a little rust but eventually got the offense going as they doubled up the "Giants" 6-3. But watch out, the "Giants" are young and full of energy.

The second game of our triple-header was "Stab Street" verses "Sigma Phi Epsilon." However, I think "Sigma Phi Epsilon" forgot they had a game, so it was a forfeit and a quick trip to Aromas for some coffee to warm the frozen soul as we waited for a team that never showed.

After I had thawed out, we had our final game of the evening. We saw "Andy's Swingers" battling the "Ballers." "Andy's Swingers" came out in mid-season form beating "Ballers" 15-9. The game was called due to darkness with 2 outs in the bottom of the seventh. By rule, we go back to the last full inning played, which gives the "Swingers" the win.

On Thursday the Co-Rec league also got underway. But the night started off to a slow pace when "Limited Faculties" got a phone call saying that their opponent could not field a team. So they did not have to show up. Wow! Someone was at the Captain's meeting and paid attention. They called when they could not field a team... Good Job! Anyways, "Limited Faculties" got a win over "Destiny's Illegitimate Children."

The second game involved "The Members" and everyone's favorite T.V. dad, "Bob Sagat." "The Members" just could not take the stardom and lost 11-8. It was nice to see "Bob Sagat" successful again. I think I found the team I like.

But then the next teams showed up and my favorite team name changed from "Bob Sagat" to "Reach Around." Team "Reach Around" showed that they learned a lot from last semester putting the hurt to the "Free Agents." The final score was 16-3. "Reach Around" put on a hitting show, one that I haven't seen since Barry Bond's 73 last year.

Our final game of the week was "Mai Makau" and "Ballers." Pre-season scouting reports showed that these were two of the best. Well, I think it is still early. "Ballers" put up 8 late quick runs and found this was all they needed as they went on to beat "Mai

Makau" 8-1. Hopefully "Mai Makau" will find their bats for their next game.

For the first week of IM Softball, things are looking good. The players look like they have been practicing which shows each team is out to win the IM Championship T-shirt.

Free Agent Meeting

Today @ 1:00pm in the Sports Center.....

Co-Rec 3 x 3
Bowling

Co-Rec Flag
Football

Women's IM Basketball, she's got game!

By Catherine Fontecha
INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR

The sounds of swishing nets and dribbling balls continued on Wednesday night as they have been all week long. On Wednesday night however the men stepped aside to allow their female counterparts a chance to show their skills.

The women's league comprises of eight teams, perhaps the most in USD IM history. Often, quantity is replaced with quality, which is apparent at the USD cafeteria. This was not true for the level of competition in the women's league. Along with the most women's teams in USD IM history, this might prove to be the most competitive league as well. Even Kappa Kappa Gamma came out with a solid team. . . surprise, surprise!

Yo Mama returns for the 5X5 season in an attempt to steal the championship from reigning champions, Tacklers (now known as Tui's Tacklers). Yo Mama played their first game against Jayden's Girls. Rheem of Jayden's Girls had a spectacular showing for her first game scoring 24 points. Kim Kawahara, Marina Cervantes, and Mahiai topped off the scoring for the Jayden's Girls. Unfortunately, Rheem's dominant play would not be enough to

topple Yo Mama athleticism. Ali Hinga led the scoring with 17 points for Yo Mama. IM soccer star, Iris Desmini joined in the basketball action scoring 7 points. Kristy Hamada (5 points), Tingstrom (4 points), and Henkel also scored in Yo Mama's 45-38 victory against Jayden's Girls.

Breezers and the Lazers played the other game at 9 p.m. The refusal of one of the Lazer's players to remove all jewelry forced the Lazers to play short one player. The Lazers still managed to defeat the Breezers 30-22. Breezers' Perry led her team with 15 points. McLaughlin (12 points) and Ainge (11 points) carried the Lazers team to victory.

As the night progressed, the level of skill and competition increased. A reformed Lady Hoops from last semester had a strong performance Wednesday night, scoring 51 points against Kari Mikkelsen's team. Tiffany Soeed, Christina Davis, and Vanessa Ruiz all scored 14 points for Lady Hoops. Megan Hayward (7 points) and Chrislina Bertsch (2 points) also contributed.

Kari Mikkelsen's team played well despite some last minute scrambling for players. It was a good thing they picked up Emily Perttu. She was their

leading scorer in their 38-51 loss against Lady Hoops. (Team Kari Mikkelsen: Hollis Baley, 14; Jessica Waltz, 4; Kari Mikkelsen, 2)

The final game consisted of the old meeting the new. Kappa Kappa Gamma played their first game against the three time reigning champions Tacklers. Kappa Kappa Gamma held their own for the most part, only trailing Tui's Tacklers by eight at half time. Umbdenstock and Feldmeier scored 15 points and 14 points respectively to keep Kappa Kappa Gamma in the game. Shimizu also had a three-point basket and another field goal to wrap up the scoring for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Tui's Tacklers only scored 20 points in the first half but they pulled away in the second half after stepping up their defense. Jen Tuiolosega, on a slow night, led all scorers with 18 points. The lone freshmen (Larsen) on the veteran team had 14 points. Other scorers for Tui's Tacklers included Kelly Kaiser (6 points), Malia (8 points), Jessica (4 points) and Cat (2 points). Tui's Tacklers finished the game with 52 points as they handed Kappa Kappa Gamma their first loss of the season.

All women's IM basketball games are played on Wednesday nights 9-11 p.m. Don't miss the action!

Men's IM 5 x 5 B-ball week in review

By Rebecca Benson
INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR

Did you see the stars on Tuesday night? No, not those in the sky, but those in the Sports Center. Six men's teams came out to play 5x5 IM Basketball from 8:00pm till 11:00pm.

Despite a small case of indecent exposure, the 8:00pm game between "Beantown's Old Guns" and "Sensi Milla" finished with a landslide win. The "Beantown's Old Guns" scored 98 points and held "Sensi Milla" to only 35. Come on you Ol' Guns, why only 98? You surely could do better with the 40-minute game.

At the same time, we had "Swish" playing "Crazy Tandy's" on the other court. Great playing allowed "Swish" to claim a 59-38 victory over "Crazy Tandy's."

Our 9:00pm games proved to be much closer in not only points scored, but also well matched physically. Team "206" fell short to "Not Sure Yet" in a tight 51-46 game. "Not Sure Yet" looks more than sure of their playing ability and strategy to hold onto this win.

We also had the match up between "Sea Donkey Patrol" and "Honkers." The "Honkers" took control of the game and earned a 61-51 win. I just have a few questions, what is a Sea Donkey and why do they need to be patrolled? I guess we'll all have to just wait and see if these questions are ever answered on or off the court.

Finally came our 10:00pm games. "Sig Ep II" tried to take on "Geniuss" and saw nothing but defeat. This crazy game ended with a "Geniuss" win of 52-29.

On the other court, the "Fighting Camels" met with "Terrapins." This also was a close game but ended with a 58-47 "Fighting Camels" win. The only word of advice to all the teams that will meet them this season is to watch out... Camels spit!

Each team did a great job in beginning this IM Basketball season. Everyone is looking forward to watch more exciting games each week. Good luck and have fun playing!

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