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Vote defeats alcohol beach ban proposal



JEN SCHIFF

A controversial proposition aimed at banning alcohol from area beaches did not pass March 5. Current rules ban alcohol from 8 p.m to noon from all beaches in San Diego County.

**By Joseph Titus
and Elizabeth Tarloski**
STAFF WRITERS

Over a recent three year period, police recorded 17,393 arrests and citations for alcohol-related incidents on Mission Beach and Pacific Beach. For now, the arrests and citations for alcohol related incidents will continue.

On March 5, Proposition G, a recent ballot initiative aimed at banning alcohol on all of Mission Beach and specified areas of Pacific Beach failed to pass.

The controversial initiative was aimed at reducing alcohol related incidents and arrests on the beach as it did when alcohol was banned from La Jolla beaches in 1991. The proposition was proposed by San Diego Councilman Byron Wear.

In 1991, when La Jolla Shores Beach was made alcohol free, reported crimes dropped 80 percent and arrests dropped 43 percent, ac-

cording to the San Diego Police Department.

Proponents of Proposition G were attempting to have the same success in the Mission Beach and Pacific Beach areas of San Diego.

The proposed ban on booze for beach-goers reached the core of what some area beach residents consider to be right or wrong.

"I'm very happy it didn't pass," said Sam Hurmiz, of Harry's Market in the boardwalk area of Pacific Beach.

"Most of the people I know feel the same way. Some of the people that live on the boardwalk may have wanted the ban because of alcohol, but this is a freedom issue not an alcohol issue. People take it very personally when you want to take that away."

San Diego police reported 1,741 alcohol violations on Mission Beach and Pacific Beach in the year 2000. San Diego Lifeguards estimated 20,523,424 beach visitors in the same time period.

Although one-third of San Diego's alcohol related crimes from 1998-2000 occurred in Pacific and Mission Beaches, it remains undetermined how many of these crimes actually originated at the beaches.

Some residents and visitors to the area feel that the City Council is trying to punish the law-abiding citizens instead of the .00008 percent of the people committing the violations.

"Drinking is allowed on the beach and that's just the way it is," said Rocky Sheehan, manager of the Sandbar Bar & Grill. "What really makes this problem bad is there are only a select few causing the problems and I think they should be punished."

"You can't just ban booze for everyone and throw the baby out with the bathwater," Sheehan said.

Proposition G failed to pass

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Students swarm to Mexico for spring break

By Amy Williams
STAFF WRITER

This year Mexico will be a popular destination for students on Spring Break. Although many students are familiar with the tourism laws and potential dangers, others will be traveling to Mexico for the first time.

The laws involving identification needed to travel in Mexico can be somewhat confusing. According to the Mexican consulate, the laws differ in the "Border Zone," an area extending approximately 20 miles beyond the Mexican Border, and also includes the Baja Peninsula from Tijuana to Los Cabos. Only photo identification is required for American visitors to this area if they plan to stay for less than 72 hours or three days. If visitors plan to stay longer than three days, a tourist permit is required. The permit can be obtained at the border, or through the Mexican consulate in San Diego. Both photo identification and proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or U.S. passport, are required to obtain the tourist permit.

According to a sophomore girl, who chose to remain anonymous, some students have had trouble crossing back into the United States with only a California driver's license. "Because they were of Mexican descent they were harassed and asked to show other proof of citizenship," she said. "Even though they spoke perfect English they were stopped just because they looked Mexican." She added that the students' families had to bring the proper identification to the border before they were allowed in.

Many of the students traveling to Mexico may consider driving their cars across the border. According to the Mexican consulate, cars are allowed to travel in the Border Zone for tourism. However, visitors who plan to leave the Border Zone must obtain a Temporary Import Permit. To obtain this permit, which allows visitors to travel anywhere in Mexico, visitors must present an ownership certificate and registration, or proof of permission to drive a rental or leased car into Mexico.

Auto insurance in Mexico is optional but according to the

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Words from the Desk



A smorgasbord of thoughts

It was a crazy day in the Vista office today. But the Vista office is a wonderful place full of jovial laughs and heartfelt cinnamon roll hugs. You know you want to come and write for us. Don't you want to see your work in print and become a celebrity? Your teachers will give you automatic "A's" in your classes and you will be 33.87 percent more likely to get a hot date for this weekend.*

(*Blatant lies.)

Wonderful musicians grace

many venues in San Diego leaving me to wish I was 21. But alas, I must wait until June... of 2003. I don't even care to drink, I just wish I could listen, for example Clem Snide came and played on Tuesday and I missed it.

Random must be the most overused adjective in the young adult's slang repertoire. May I suggest alternatives to the often misused term such as: eclectic, bizarre, out of the blue, unlikely, strange, haphazard, accidental, and my personal favorite, fortu-

itous.

This week Dr. David Sullivan's advanced journalism class tackled health in the college scene and wrote the feature. You can find the six-page salubrious section inside.

It's about this point in the semester I utilize the snooze button on my alarm. After oversleeping for two of my classes last week, I am ready for a trip to dreamland. Finally spring break is upon us. Are you going anywhere fun or exciting? Or

maybe you are staying here to enjoy the sunny days that so often must be spent in the classroom/workplace/library.

What did the voicemail message on the girl's carphone/cell phone/wireless phone say? "Hi, I'm home right now so I can't take your call."

Well my friends, recycle, smile at a stranger, and have a marvelous spring break.

Until next issue...

Emily Palm, Associate Editor

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consulate, is highly recommended. This is because without adequate liability insurance, visitors who are in an auto accident can be prevented from leaving Mexico until financial compensation is received.

U.S. insurance policies are not valid in Mexico, but valid policies for Mexico can be obtained on both sides of the border.

Auto insurance in Mexico is considered invalid if a driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Criminal assaults have occurred on roads in Mexico. It is generally best, when available, to use the *cuota* (toll) roads.

Safety is one of the most important issues when traveling to Mexico, especially when drinking is involved. Tijuana is one of the more dangerous destinations, but crime in Cancun and Acapulco is also on the rise.

Bars and nightclubs, especially in tourist cities, can be a haven for crimes. There have been cases where travelers' drinks have been drugged and travelers have been robbed, especially travelers who are alone.

Students should exercise caution. Students should also be aware that pickpocketing can easily take place — especially on crowded public places such as streets, buses and in nightclubs.

"It all depends on where you go," said a freshman male who wished to remain anonymous. "I wouldn't go to a hole-in-the-wall restaurant or somewhere where they make tacos on the corner of the street."

For someone who's just visiting Mexico — If you're not too sure about eating something, don't do it."

He also added, make sure you know the rate of currency exchange.

"I've never been ripped off and neither have any of my friends and family. Banks typically offer the best rates of currency exchange," he said.

Getting into trouble with authorities is something that most students want to avoid on spring break. Contrary to popular belief, U.S. citizens are not immune to prosecution in Mexico and other foreign countries.

Approximately half of the 2,500 Americans arrested abroad annually were arrested for possession of drugs, including small amounts.

Illegal activities in Mexico include use and possession of drugs, disturbing the peace, lewd or indecent behavior, littering, driving under the influence, drinking on the street, making obscene or insulting remarks, and public drunkenness.

Contrary to popular belief, police in Mexico cannot always be bribed.

Sentences for possession of drugs can last up to 25 years, and Mexican law does not differentiate between different narcotics. Marijuana possession and heroin possession would carry similar punishments.

Other measures students should take to ensure a safe trip include leaving a detailed itinerary with family members, keeping a photocopy of airline tickets, carrying photo identification and an emergency contact phone number, using caution at ATM machines, using traveler's checks instead of cash, and leaving unnecessary valuables at home.

Students should also check with their medical insurance company and find out if the policy covers overseas emergency expenses.

Some plans require the purchase of supplemental coverage. In Mexico, most doctors and hospitals expect immediate cash payment for their services.

For more on Mexican travel laws and information, the Mexican consulate in San Diego can be contacted at (619) 231-8414.



IAN HUGHES

Many students in Southern California choose Mexico as their Spring Break destination.

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by 1.7 percent — 2,986 votes short of becoming law.

Some residents of the Pacific Beach boardwalk area, such as Donna Young, felt strongly that the passing of Proposition G would greatly increase the standard of living for area residents.

"I wanted some change down here because quite frankly, nothing else seems to work," Young said.

"The people who commit offenses down here aren't getting punished so they continue to take advantage of the rules concerning alcohol."

Some students agree as well. "It just wouldn't be cost effective to enforce such a law," said Troy Atkinson, a student at USD Law School and resident of Mission Beach.

But with the discussion on civil liberties and freedom also came implications of something on a much wider scale.

Sheehan stated that banning alcohol on the beaches probably wouldn't damage business for the area but would have affected tourism for San Diego.

Art Lujan, a lifetime area resident and a security

guard in Pacific Beach for 12 years feels the problem of alcohol related incidents at the beach stems from offenders not getting caught or punished.

"A small number of people are screwing it up for the majority," Lujan said. Lujan also knows that people are stealing alcohol and food from stores; incidents which add to the problems at the beach.

"Too many out-of-towners come to drink with no concern for anyone else who actually lives here," Young said. "Civil liberties and freedom is one thing, but respect for the people who live here is another. Their behavior is out of control."

Curtis Brewer, an area resident, says that Proposition G is a civil liberties issue. "Not only can I say I'm here because of the ability to drink on the beach, but I'll go you one further than that," Brewer said. "Like it or not, after Sept. 11, we have had many of our freedoms reduced in this country."

"I think it's absolutely necessary that we preserve the ones we still have, and this is one of them."

For now, beach-goers can still bring alcohol on the beaches. The alcohol ban between 8 p.m. and noon is still in effect, however.

Despite the opposition of the Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and Ocean Beach Town Councils, the San Diego City Council may succeed in getting this proposition on the ballot again.

WEIRD NEWS

On-campus porn proves provocative

UWIRE

As the lights dimmed and the movie projector clicked on, students sat back and stared anxiously at the screen, not sure of what images their eyes would see next. They knew what they were there to see, but still were unsure of exactly what was in store.

When the low-budget commercials ended, the soft music began and students cheered when their entertainment for the evening finally unraveled on the 20-foot screen before them.

It was porn.

Students gathered at the William Pitt Union on Monday for "Feminism and Porn," a discussion forum sponsored by the Campus Women's Organization as part of Sextravaganza Week 2002. The event was initially postponed when its guest speaker canceled for personal reasons, according to Alison Bodenhemier, the secretary of CWO, but student response urged the organization to hold the forum anyway.

Bodenhemier said the goal of

the discussion was to ponder the differences between porn marketed to women and porn marketed to men. She said that since most of the pornography industry is run by male producers and financed by male consumers, there is a bias in how sex is portrayed.

After watching the first sex scene from each movie, students discussed what they saw and compared it to contemporary porn. Bodenhemier said a major difference is that porn for women tends to focus more on the romantic aspects of sex instead of the physical aspects.

Attendees also pointed out differences, such as dialogue between the actors during intercourse, very little oral sex and a lack of visual penetration.

"Women want romance, but not that much," said Helene Krothe. "Men and women target things differently, but a sexual fantasy is a sexual fantasy and it doesn't have to be targeted to one or the other."

Campus Watch

3/11 - 3/18

Tuesday, March 12 Thursday, March 14 Sunday, March 17

Santa Paula Dr. Facilities Services Shops -- Ketchup and other substances were squirted on the walls of the maintenance shops.

Wednesday, March 13

Print Shop -- Two males, one wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, khaki pants and sandals, the other wearing a black shirt and white hat were seen attaching a wrench cable that was located on the front of a red Toyota truck to a tree in front of the truck.

Bookstore -- A student was reported to have stolen a Bible from the bookstore for a religion class. The individual was located and cited for petty theft.

West Hill Parking Lot -- A 1990 Jeep Wrangler was tampered with in the Lower West Lot. The ignition switch was tampered with and damaged.

Palomar -- Open containers of alcohol were found in a resident's room.

Friday, March 15

University Center -- Officer contacted with five male students at the University Center. All were found to have open containers of alcohol in their possession. Additionally, a 12-pack of beer was also found in a backpack.

Founders -- The same five males contacted earlier in front of the University Center were found in Founders Hall and again in possession of alcohol.

Saturday, March 16

University Terrace Apts. -- Approximately 30-40 individuals were ejected from a party.

Palomar -- The fire alarm was activated due to someone smoking in the hallway.

Laguna -- Public Safety was contacted regarding two males who were involved in a loud verbal altercation. While investigating the disturbance, officers discovered alcohol and false identification.

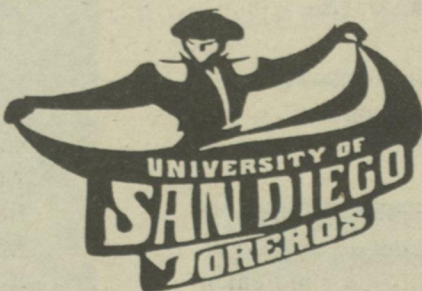
Maher -- A male student was reported to have fallen off the roof of Maher Hall. Public Safety provided initial emergency first aid to the student prior to the arrival of paramedics who then treated and transported the student to the hospital.

Maher -- Drug paraphernalia was confiscated from a student.

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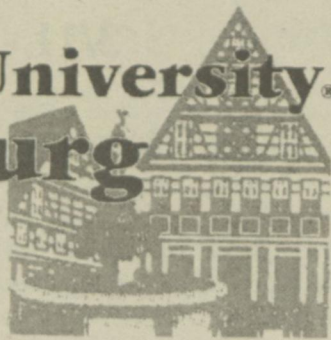
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OPINION

Limited recycling on campus raises concern

By Elizabeth Tarloski
STAFF WRITER

Where did all the bins go?" This is the question that The Environmental Action Group members are in the process of answering.

A taskforce headed by Ryan Okon is being put together to affirm that the school has placed all of the proper mixed paper and recycling bins in their assigned places.

As of now, the report is in the process of being completed.

Through simple observation though, and possibly due to a lack of bins, some believe we don't even have a recycling program.

"It's horrible and pathetic," said Mike Galvez, sophomore and resident of Missions A. "The school has the money to blow on building projects, but they don't have a decent recycling program."

Many students when questioned about the recycling program at USD respond by saying "We have a recycling program?"

But perhaps it all depends on location. Living in Camino/Founders, there are always available bins on the bridge and in Maher as well as outside the entrance.

"It's obvious we need more bins," Okon said.

But Okon also stressed the fact that even if the bins are in the proper locations, these places might not be conducive to students recycling. Once the consensus is taken on the bins and locations, it will be figured where the best places are to place the bins, he said.

Whether or not students will make the effort to recycle is an issue often brought up in the argument against recycling. People have to care to begin with in order to have a result. But according to students such as Galvez, students would make the effort as long as the school made it convenient.

So one of the questions that has to be answered is, if the bins are put into "convenient locations," will there actually be a conscience effort made?

I have been a witness numerous times to simple ignorance among students. One too many times I have seen a plastic bottle thrown into a trash can adjacent to a bright blue container clearly marked for plastics.

Is it really that hard to make that one more step?

And again it's common to hear the "this one can doesn't matter" line. Rarely does the speaker realize that this one line is repeated by everyone

else. So that one bottle that doesn't get recycled is actually thousands, maybe millions of bottles getting thrown away.

It's the mentality that one person doesn't matter that has spread so much that everyone is stressing their individuality to the point that they forget they are part of a greater whole.

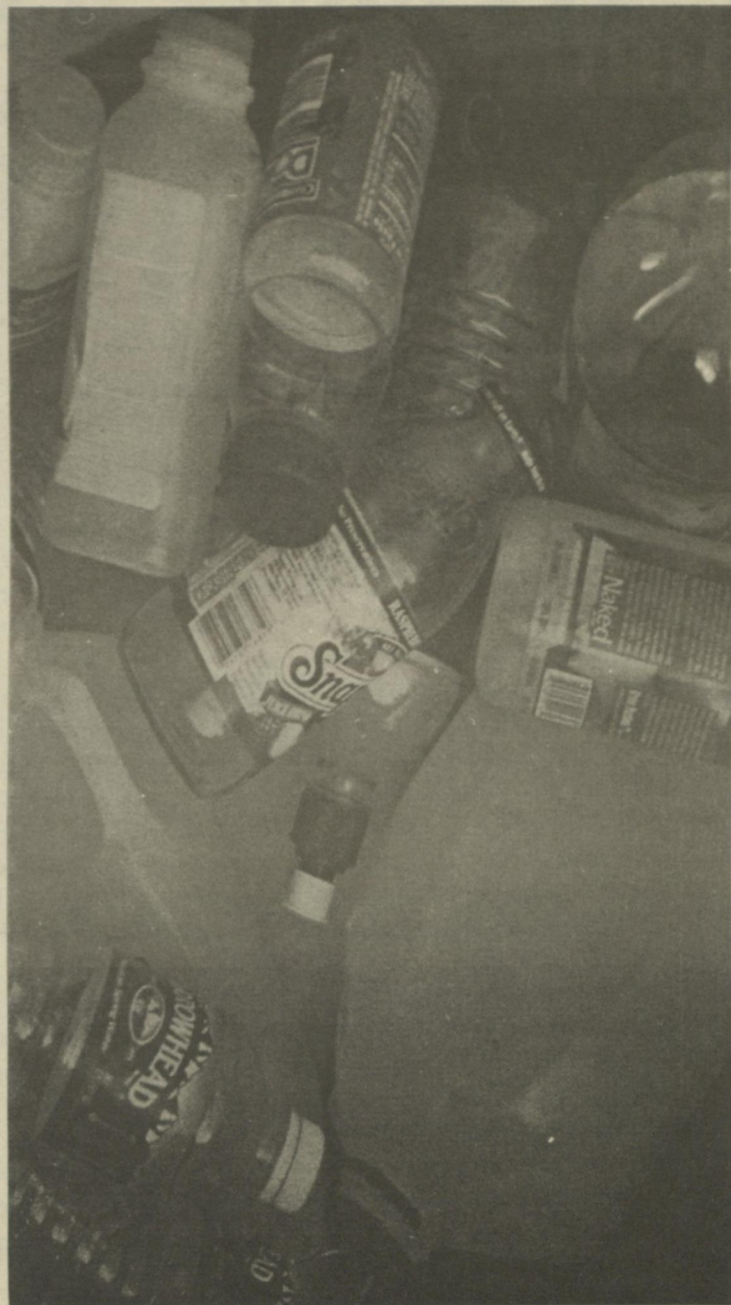
Originally from the East Coast, it was always my impression that not only was California a mystical far off place, but everyone was a hippie, and therefore environmentally conscious. However stereotypical and naïve that sounded, I've found myself proved wrong. But at USD, students are still making an effort and the goal is within reach.

It's true that we're all trained in a way so as not to go too out of our way.

It's rare for most people, myself included, to carry recyclable items until there is a visible bin.

Hopefully, with a combination of an increased awareness of the importance of recycling and convenience, we as a school can set an example, and at the same time fulfill my expectations of California as the far-off, environmentally-conscious place I had hoped for.

Perhaps that's too Utopian - just recycle.



KYLA LACKIE

If there were more recycling bins placed in "convenient locations" around campus, then it is likely that more students would recycle.

Make your mug make a difference



KYLA LACKIE

Garbage cans fill daily with coffee cups thrown out by students. If students made efforts to bring their own mugs, an abundance of waste would be prevented.

By Emily Palm
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Our addiction doesn't have to harm the environment. Unfortunately, we live in a very disposable society, and excess packaging pervades the supermarket shelves. The urge to run in and grab a mocha to help get through class is ever so tempting.

One little coffee cup may not seem like a big deal when you throw it away. Think about it this way though, if just 30 people patronize Aroma's five days a week for their coffee addiction, then by the end of one month 4,500 coffee cups will be thrown away. Factor in those "java jackets" that protect your hand from the hot beverage, and it's a whole lotta' waste.

I have a hunch that Aroma's and La Paloma serve a few more people each day. Compare that rubbish to one portable mug.

Some may argue that it is a pain to carry around a mug when they only want to drink a cup of coffee or tea in the morning. But if you normally buy a beverage five days a week, using your own mug will save 150 throwaway cups a month. That equals out to 1,800 cups a year, just from one person.

It's easy not to think about this, after all, you put the cup into the garbage can and it is gone and out of your life forever. Just remember that there are a limited number of resources on the planet and it is important to use them wisely. Next week bringing a portable mug to get your coffee at least one morning is a great way to start.



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USD lacks a sense of community

By Chris Daniell and
Ryan Keller
Staff Writers

When you look at the University of San Diego, what type of overall culture do you see? Is it a welcoming culture where everyone is open to one another, or do you notice an individualistic driven atmosphere that could be labeled "clicky"?

The culture and characteristics of a university have a significant bearing on its reputation, success, admissions and overall quality of life for those who make up the university — the students.

"There's no sense of community at USD. There's no school spirit. The students can't even fill the brand new Jenny Craig Pavilion to represent their school," said Eric Wiefert, a junior.

But USD is a Catholic institution, doesn't there exist a strong sense of community? Based on the experiences of some students, such a question would not receive a positive response.

"USD, in my opinion, is an individualistic society," said Jason Dent, a junior. "People seem to be more concerned with themselves and what benefits them more than anything."

These student reactions introduce a degree of irony. Many Christian ethics

theorists believe that community is essential to living the ideal Christian life. Scholars, Russell Connors, Jr. and Patrick McCormick, authors of *Character, Choices, and Community*, maintain a view that although people are unique, they are to be social. They believe that one fulfills the dimensions of being human through the combination of both individuality and community.

It is ironic that some USD students may not exemplify the Christian idea of community?

It is thought provoking that a university which aims at representing the Catholic tradition, even in its physical landscape, may not create a strong sense of community, but possibly act as a home to a variety of subcultures.

"Our school is definitely an individual scene," said Meredith Lebeck, a freshman. "There are groups that hang out but most of the time they are of the same ethnic origin, socioeconomic status, fraternity or sorority, or on sports teams."

Generally speaking, from observing on campus, people of the same ethnicity and culture hang out together. African-Americans hang out with African-Americans, Hispanics hang out with Hispanics, Caucasians with Caucasians, athletes with athletes and fraternities and sororities keep to one another.

In no way are these affiliations a bad thing. It can be only natural that we are drawn to those with whom we have something in common. The question lies in how strong the community really is.

Does the USD student body fulfill the ideal community that is portrayed in the University's mission statement?

There are a number of students who would argue that a strong sense of community does, in fact, exist.

Nick Hellbusch, a recent graduate, expressed his thoughts on the University as a communal society where there are many things provided to create a community spirit. He referred to the masses, retreats and other groups like intervarsity to bring students together.

Every year, the University creates a forum for a wide range of expressions and beliefs in its All-Faith service. It encourages students of all ethnic groups and religious backgrounds to join in hopes of unifying the USD community. For that, the administration should be accredited.

Furthermore, President Alice B. Hayes says she recognizes a community all around her whether it be among the residence halls, when alumni come back and reflect on all their great memories or especially through the Associated Students and their sponsoring of different events, including multicultural events.

"The administration is trying to create a community atmosphere," said Abby Chandler, a junior. "It's evident in the school's mission statement."

In regard to the question of whether community at USD is a reality or simply an illusion, Chandler said, "I see it more as a goal of the administration. I'm not sure how much it is put into action."

Pinpointing the USD culture is not an easy thing to do. With the various responses from students, both an individualistic and strong community have been revealed.

Yet isn't it a problem that a certain number of students feel an individualistic culture around them and feel no community spirit at all?

You could say that it is just the way it is. But by accepting the problem, aren't you indirectly contributing to it?

A possible solution could be that it really starts with one person.

Maybe you could make a conscious effort to interact with others from a different group or simply say hello to someone new today. Try it, you just might make a new friend.

People can still be individualistic while having a genuine concern for others. This is a positive approach towards life. Imagine acting in this way and improving the sense of community, making USD greater than it already is.



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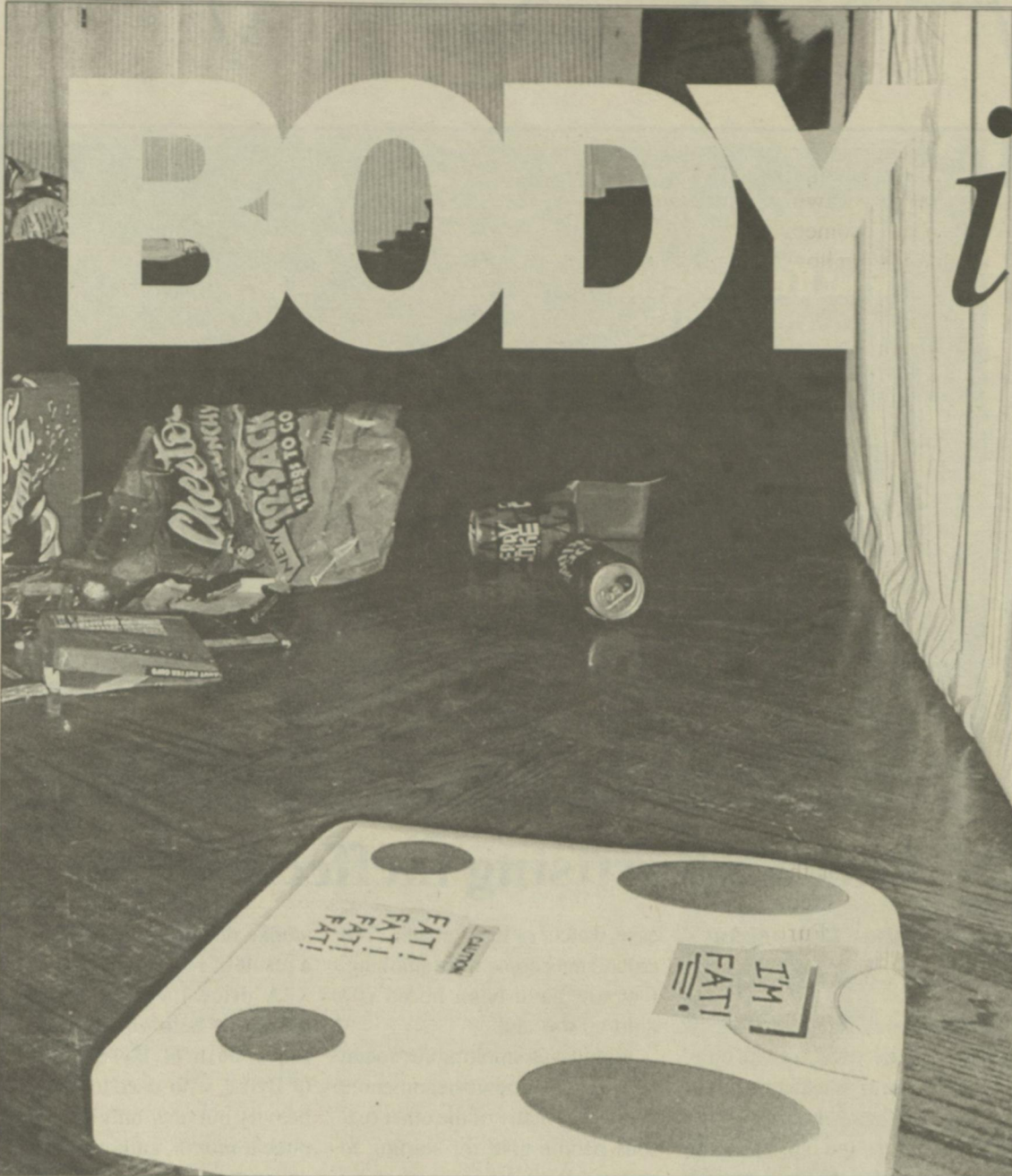
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SOCIETY AND CULTURE



IAN HUGHES

Personal struggle with body image is often manifested in unhealthy and dangerous ways. Many people attribute this to magazines and other forms of media that bombard young men and women with body image ideals.

By Danielle Hashem
STAFF WRITER

Looks aren't deceiving. A University study reveals that body image is a problem and a USD task force will try to help the students who suffer from the body image disease.

In today's society, the slender figure and rock hard body with glamorous perfect looks are an important aspect of life. With so much emphasis placed on one's appearance, many are led down the road of eating disorders and body image problems. USD is not an exception.

A study conducted at USD in 1999 with a sample of 190 female undergraduate students, several distinctions were made. In the study, 81 percent of the students had restricted the amount of food they ate; 78 percent had previously dieted; 44 percent admitted to binge eating; 62 percent forced vomiting; and 36 percent reported using diet pills.

With such high statistics, the Counseling Center formed the Body Image Task Force last semester to better inform students about the dangers and precautions of eating disorders and the importance of staying healthy.

According to a report printed by the Counseling Center, the Task Force mission includes promoting a positive body image, bringing awareness, preventing the development of eating disorders and providing appropriate and effective assistance to those with body image problems.

The group includes representatives from the Athletic Department, Greek Life, the Multicultural Center, Residence Life,

Dining Services, Intramurals, University Ministry, Parent Relations, Hahn School of Nursing and Associated Students in order to reach all aspects and areas of the University.

"The key issue is to raise awareness. We have to recognize that USD is embedded in a community that promotes ideas about looks and body image," said Moises Barón, director of the Counseling Center.

The Task Force has three concerns: primary prevention, secondary prevention and tertiary prevention. Primary prevention involves informing those about body image issues and eating disorders who are not affected as a form of raising awareness. Secondary prevention includes taking care of those who may show early signs of eating problems as well as training the appropriate people for intervention. Lastly, tertiary prevention emphasizes treatment for those consumed by eating disorders and body image problems.

"We are not just targeting women, but both men and women because both are impacted," said Adriana Molina, Senior Staff Psychologist and Outreach Coordinator for the Counseling Center.

"It is important that the Task Force not only focus on those who are obsessed with body image," said Meredith Eowell, a USD graduate from 2001. "They must also pay attention to those who don't care enough about body image and therefore don't take care of their bodies."

Students have mixed feelings about whether or not the Task Force is a necessity and if it will work. Some students think that a task force takes away the fo-

cus that should be spent on an individual. "I wish that the focus was more on an individual's health and quality of life," said Elaine Richards, a junior. "It shouldn't just be about a negative or positive body image."

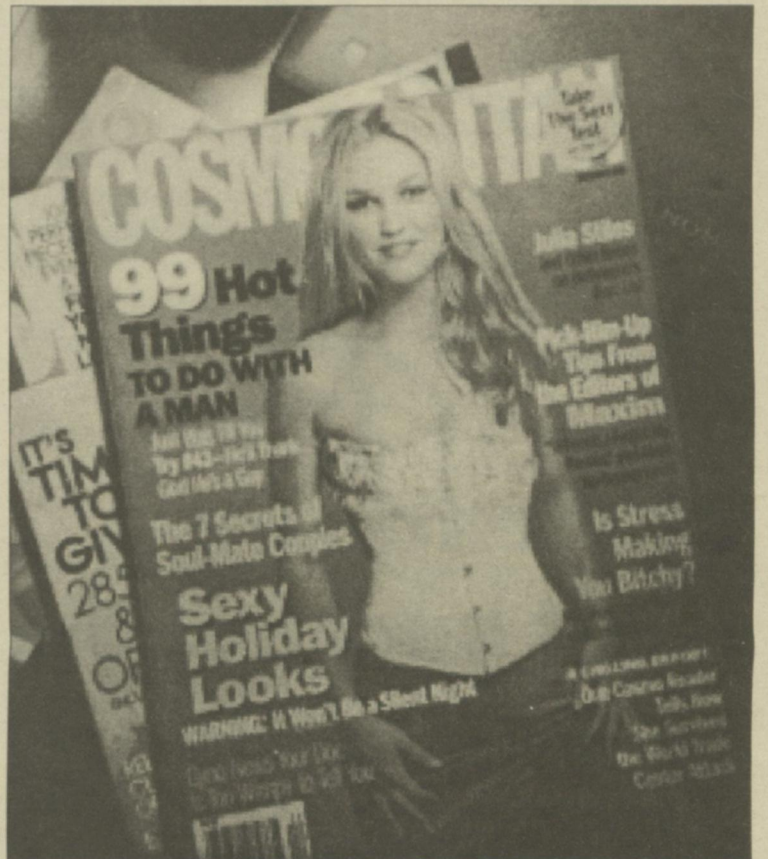
To achieve its goals, the Task Force will host a Body Image Awareness Week in April with each day focusing on a different topic relating to the larger issue. During the dead hours of April 9, 10 and 11, booths will be set up in front of the UC, distributing nutritional information on how to stay healthy.

In order to promote awareness about body image, a health fair will occur April 9. The April 10 will focus on healthy fitness and nutrition and representatives from intramural sports and the Hahn School of Nursing will be available to answer questions. Helping a friend with body image issues will be the topic of April 11. A guest speaker will be there that evening with advice on where to go and how to go get help when suffering from an eating disorder.

"Students need to be aware of how they can be of help to other students," Barón said.

Since the Task Force just formed last semester, Body Image Awareness Week occurs in the spring this year, but after April, it will continue as a standard event every fall.

University Task Force tackles personal issues



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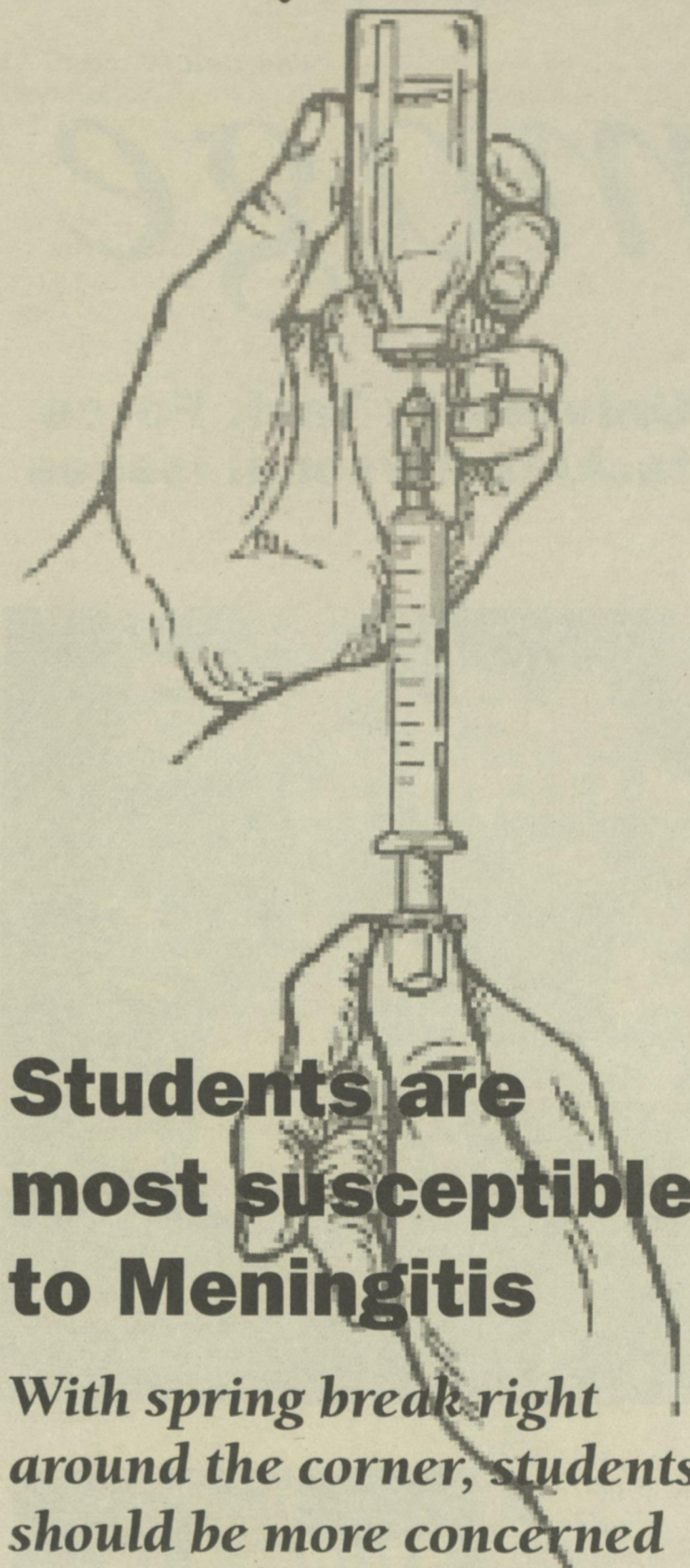
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Students are most susceptible to Meningitis

With spring break right around the corner, students should be more concerned

By Angelique Lizarde and Mark Kurzinski
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

Without a doubt, it happens practically every year. It is so certain, you could almost bet on it. It starts innocuously with the sniffles, maybe a headache, nausea and sometimes fatigue.

The symptoms are so familiar and flu-like that we may be tempted to skip calling the doc and instead, just head to bed.

But if those aches and pains develop into a stiff neck, sensitivity to light, a rash that doesn't change colors when touched, vomiting and confusion, you should get medical attention—and get it fast.

According to the American Medical Association, an hour can be the difference between life and death once bacterial meningitis sets in, the deadliest of the two most common meningitis strains.

"Bacterial meningitis is faster and potentially more dangerous than viral meningitis," said Nancy Sabin, Family Nurse Prac-

itioner at the USD Health Center. "The bacterial virus gets ahead of the body's natural immune response. However, the viral form can be just as bad."

That's what happened to USD Freshman Jennifer Holm. She was hit with a case of viral meningitis the Thursday before superbowl Sunday and felt the worst she had in her entire life.

"It all started with a headache and kept getting worse," said Holm said. "I started getting dizzy, feverish and had really bad flu-like symptoms. It got really bad in the next two to three hours."

Holm went to Urgent Care at UCSD Thorton Hospital where she was diagnosed with viral meningitis and received an IV and some vicadon. "When I woke up the next morning, I couldn't even sit up on my own. The body aches were horrible."

Holm returned to the hospital to receive three IVs and was given a spinal tap to make sure

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tobacco advertising ineffective

By Amber Dubeshter
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

Do body bags and doggy poo make effective propaganda? Anti-smoking ads that feature these and similarly edgy message appeals are hard to miss, but the nationwide media campaign to enlighten America's youth about the dangers of tobacco may not be preventing teens and young adults from lighting up.

Even in California, which boasts some of the toughest anti-smoking laws in the country — with more potentially on the way — those primarily targeted by anti-smoking ads continue to smoke. According to the American Lung Association, at least four million California adolescents smoke, and the smoking rate for young people ages 18 to 24 is 22 percent, higher than the overall California rate of 20.6 percent.

Like many USD undergrads, sophomore Kat Basolo falls somewhere within these statistics. Basolo started smoking at the age of 16. She no longer smokes, but she was well aware of the dangers of tobacco when she first lit up. For her, socializing was more important than the underlying dangers of lung dis-

ease, cancer or heart attack. "All around me people were smoking. I would have been bored if I didn't," she said.

But just as smoking for social reasons isn't a new phenomenon, neither are many of the other reasons people give for starting to smoke. With the legal smoking age set far above the average age at which adolescents first start, the excitement that comes with doing something illegal often motivates teens to start smoking.

"Age made smoking even more attractive," said Jacob Bartlett, a senior. "It's the same with (underage) drinking — it's taboo," Bartlett said. He began smoking when he was 16, knew he shouldn't continue smoking but came to enjoy it. He quit only recently for health reasons.

Quitting was difficult for Bartlett, as well as for most others who decide to. According to a report by the Center for Disease Control, of those who try to quit smoking, only 3 percent succeed. But if health issues aren't enough, a move is in the works that might make such a choice a little easier.

The California Legislature expected to raise cigarette taxes from \$.87 to \$1.52 per pack — an increase that might provide the incentive adolescent smokers need to kick the habit. Younger smokers, according to the ALA, are more likely than older smokers to reduce the amount that they

smoke or quit all together as a result of price increases.

A price increase would definitely help USD sophomore Seth O'Byrne quit. O'Byrne, who used to smoke heavily but now only does so once a month, calls smoking "a centerpiece to a moment" and is very difficult to break.

The price increase is not the only move in the works to reduce the number of young adult smokers. A bill in the Legislature slated to be introduced next session would raise the legal smoking age in California from 18 to 21, making it the highest in the nation.

Backed by the California Medical Association, the proposed bill has had trouble gaining support from the anti-tobacco lobbyists and has received mixed reviews from members of the USD community.

"If people are considered adults at the age of 18, then we should expect them to make their own decisions about what's right or wrong. It's not the government's place to do that," Bartlett said. Raising the smoking age will just make smoking more attractive, he said.

Basolo disagrees. "It's a good idea ... I think it will help in the long run, not right away, but it will take time."

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CALEY COOK

Sleep lacking in student's lives

By Lissette Martinez
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

It's 11 p.m. You've just finished watching another episode of "Blind Date" when you remember that a paper is due for your 7:30 class tomorrow morning. Immediately you get into gear. You pour yourself a cup of coffee and begin typing away, with the unbroken concentration and determination you rarely have during daylight hours.

You finish your paper by 2 a.m., leaving five hours for sleep – for you, a full night's worth.

Five hours would be about the average night's rest for college students, even among those who don't procrastinate on their homework.

Adrian Vargas knows this better than most: He's an RA in Missions A. "Sleep deprivation is an issue that college students will never avoid," Vargas said. "Nobody on campus gets eight hours of sleep a day."

What is it about students and sleep? The research on students and sleep is extensive, and experts agree on at least one thing: students simply don't get enough.

This isn't news to students, but students do seem to forget that sleep deprivation will eventually take a toll – sometimes a heavy one – on their bodies and on their performance, academic and otherwise.

Bradley University researchers found that college students are not aware of the extent to which sleep deprivation "impairs their ability to complete

cognitive tasks successfully because they ... overrate their concentration and effort as well as their estimated performance."

In other words, many times college students mentally prepare themselves to work harder during the day because they know that if they had four hours of sleep the night before, they won't be feeling their best.

But data show that although sleep-deprived students will mentally acknowledge that they have to work harder to get things done, they usually don't.

USD's Counseling Center confirmed that in order to deal with the stress that comes with being in college, students have to have sleep in order for their bodies to recover.

The Counseling Center also notes that sleep deprivation may be symptomatic of depression and anxiety.

For some students, sleep doesn't necessarily bring rest. Students often experience anxiety-provoking dreams or nightmares related to an upcoming test or project.

"Even when you sleep, you're not really resting at all because you always go over your problems and school work in your head when you lay down at night," said Matt Martinez, a junior.

Now that Spring Break is coming up, plan to take advantage of vacation to recuperate from all the lack of sleep you have had since the semester began. Put some of the "sleep" tips to use and put the rest problem to rest.

If you're one of those unlucky ones that never seems to get enough sleep, or you simply want to improve your sleeping habits, here are a few tips:

- 1) Establish a regular time for sleeping and getting up.**
- 2) Avoid evening naps.**
- 3) Skip caffeine after 3 p.m.**
- 4) Exercise before dinner, not after.**
- 5) Plan to quit smoking: nicotine can cause wakefulness.**
- 6) Avoid alcohol**
- 7) Try "decompression" activities – meditating, writing in a journal, taking a hot bath — before going to bed.**

Once in bed:

- 1) Keep your bedroom cool and well ventilated.**
- 2) Don't look at the clock, for this only makes sleep more difficult.**
- 3) And if you're not asleep in 30 minutes, get up and watch television, read a book or meditate some more.**

"Nobody on campus gets eight hours of sleep a day."

-Adrian Vargas

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that she didn't have bacterial meningitis. It took her almost ten days to fully recover.

Meningitis is a rare but potentially fatal infection that causes the tissue and fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord to become inflamed.

"Everything happens so fast once the swelling starts," said Dr. Paul Flaherty, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Chicago's Medical Department website. "The brain really has nowhere to go because it's limited by the skull. Organs start shutting down. The damage is often done before anyone even knows what's happened."

Permanent brain damage, hearing loss, learning disability, limb amputation, kidney failure or even death can result from the infection.

Meningitis strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims as many as 300 lives. Of the 100 to 125 cases occurring on college campuses, five to 15 die each year.

The disease can strike at any age, however college students, particularly those living in dormitories, are at the highest risk of catching the disease.

"People who live in close quarters such as dormitories or army barracks are at a slightly increased risk," Sabin said.

Meningococcal bacteria can enter the body two ways, through the nose or through the throat. If a student shares a drink, a cigarette or engages in other close contact such as kissing, he or she is at risk of becoming infected.

What can you do to limit your chances of catching meningitis?

The American College Health Association as well as the USD Health Center have strongly recommended that students, particularly freshmen, be vaccinated.

"The number one precaution you can take is to get the vaccine," Sabin said. "It dramatically decreases your

chances of becoming ill."

At the beginning of this semester, a student at San Diego State University died after contracting meningitis from a winter break trip to Florida. That fatality prompted a barrage of vaccinations on the SDSU campus.

However, as of yet, there have not been any meningitis fatalities on this campus.

The USD Health Center has a meningitis vaccination that you can get that costs only \$65. But if you show symptoms of high fever, rash, neck stiffness, sensitivity to light or "the worst headache of your life," a vaccination may be too late! Seek medical attention immediately.

While the vaccination isn't 100 percent effective, students and the general public can take several precautions to keep it, as well other sicknesses, at bay.

■ **Wash your hands.** "The best way to avoid catching any type of respiratory illness is to wash your hands," Sabin said. People often fall victim to illnesses when they put their hands in their mouth, nose or eyes after picking up germs from random places such as doorknobs, toilets and phone receivers. If you must touch your face, clean hands are better than dirty ones.

■ **Remember to cover your nose and mouth** when you cough or sneeze and ask others to do the same.

■ **Get enough sleep.** Even though this seems impossible for college students, it's very important. The body's natural defenses are worn down when you are worn out.

■ **Avoid using the same utensils** or sharing the same beverages with friends.

For more information contact the USD Health Center at: (619) 260-4595. For information on the web, visit www.WebMD.com, the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov or the American Medical Association at www.ama-assn.org

Confronting roommates early alleviates conflicts

By Alexa Calvarese
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

Roommate troubles? You're not alone. It seems to be a reoccurring problem for some students who live on and off campus at USD.

"It's only been two weeks since students have chosen housing and already roommate change request forms have been piling up at the housing office," said Ginger Greenspan, a sophomore student worker for the housing department.

Brandon Flores, a junior who lived in the Vista Apartments last year experienced constant problems with his roommate. "My roommate would drink beer for breakfast and eat in the shower," said Flores. "His garments would collect on the floor for weeks and I would ask him to clean it up. He would reply that he was used to his maid cleaning up after him."

It is hard to imagine such ghastly living conditions within the walls of USD but they do exist. "It is absolutely disgusting when you have a roommate with repulsive hygiene," said Ryan Mandell, a sophomore. "His diet consisted of candy corn and ice cream sandwiches! I felt that my last straw was when he replaced his toothbrush with a tongue scraper."

A number of students find that just talking to their roommate does not always guarantee that he or she will listen. "I tried talking to my roommate about a thousand times! He didn't care—he found humor in his bad hygiene," Mandell said.

Numerous students feel that it is hard to do well academically when the living environment is troublesome. "I would avoid going home as often as possible. I just did not want to be there. As soon as my roommate left my grades improved," Flores said.

"It's a constant distraction from your school work when you and the person you live with do not get along," Mandell said.

"If the rooming situation is not in place then it can strongly affect a person's

sense of well being," said Dr. Karen Lese, a senior staff clinical psychologist.

This problem affects students off-campus as well. Katie Krier, a sophomore, was forced to move off campus because of certain circumstances concerning financial aid. This did not give her the amount of time necessary to find roommates that she knew. "I like my roommates a lot. It is just hard to be assertive when you don't truly know the people

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-Ryan Mandell

you live with," Krier said. "I sometimes tiptoe around situations to avoid confrontations because I want to be a good roommate."

Some students feel that living off campus can be a little more complicated than living on because they do not have an RD that can switch their room in a few days. Students have to wait until their lease runs out which might not be until the end of the semester.

The Counseling Center suggests effective ways to handle roommate disputes. Students should approach their roommate immediately, but in a nice manner before the situation gets progressively worse.

The student and their roommate should agree on a time that is appropriate for the both of them to get together and talk. The student should not place blame but be searching for a free exchange of how they can both be better roommates towards each other.

They should list some expectations that they have from one another. Take steps such as a chore list that each roommate should follow. If this does not work then send in a mediator such as an RD or go to the Counseling Center if you're a student living on campus.

If you are a student living off campus find a third person or third roommate that is unbiased. "Remember communication is the key," Dr. Lese said.

Science course examines exercise and diet

By Chris Daniell and
Ryan Keller
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

The sweat begins to trickle down your forehead, you can feel your heart rate speeding up and the calories burn as you complete the first mile of your run. And you're earning units for your efforts.

At least, you would be if you're enrolled in Physiology of Exercise, a popular class among USD students wishing to satisfy a General Education requirement in the sciences.

"I'm really enjoying the class," said Mike Rasch, a senior taking Biology 15 this semester. "It's not only interesting, but relative to my life."

The course explores the acute and chronic effects of exercise on the various organ systems and examines the relationship between nutrition and exercise.

The course format varies according to semester. During Intersession or summer, course time is split between lecture and workouts in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Class time may be devoted largely to or entirely to lecture in Fall and Spring semesters.

The course text covers a wide range of health-related topics, including the neurological system,

energy systems, cholesterol and heart disease.

"The goal of the course is to heighten the students' awareness so that they can make healthy choices now that will benefit them later in life," said Professor Wayne Borin.

Borin, who has taught the course for 14 years, is an exercise physiologist at the Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine. He takes a "theoretical and experiential approach" to helping students learn and apply the concepts he teaches in Biology 15.

Depending upon when you take the class or who the instructor is, a portion of the course is in the classroom, becoming introduced to the theories. Another part is in the lab applying the theories and the third segment is at the fitness center. An emphasis is placed on cardiovascular exercise since so many students neglect it. Students are encouraged to use the treadmills, exercise bikes and free weights.

They are also required to set goals in regards to health whether it be to work out more, quit smoking, or eat better. Professor Borin takes a class period to conduct a "pot luck." This is where every student brings their favorite food to class and all the students feast while Professor

Borin reveals the ingredients in each item. Students usually walk away surprised.

Based upon student reactions, Professor Borin sees developing an exercise program and eating healthy as being the most important aspects of the class.

"I learned so much about how to exercise, human health, and all about the human body," said Graduate Chris Bradish, who took the course several years ago. "I would definitely recommend this class to students who don't want to take another boring biology course."

The Physiology of Exercise is an alternative to other science courses, and is a fun way to fulfill the University's science requirement. Because of this it is a tough class to get.

"Students must plan ahead in trying to get in the class," said Professor Borin.

The Physiology of Exercise is a class that's informative and actually relative to your very own life. It's a class you can apply to your life and to the real world that's just around the corner.

The class introduces the student to proper exercise technique, cholesterol and heart disease awareness, how to eat healthy, and how to set goals that will last.

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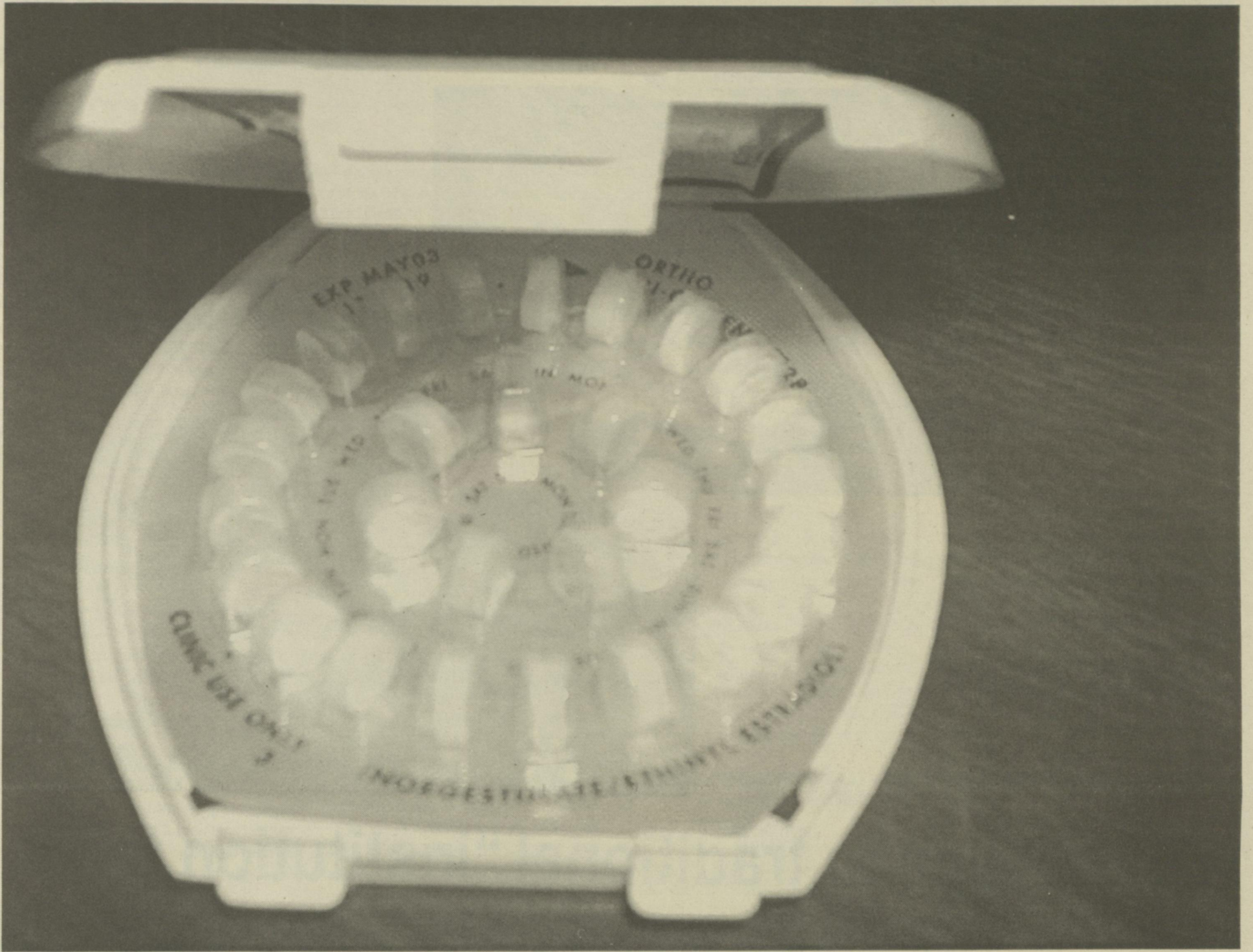
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CALEY COOK

University restricts distribution of birth control

Policy comparable to Gonzaga, Saint Mary's and other Catholic universities

**By Erin Shea,
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SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

The University of San Diego offers undergraduates pamphlets on sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS and abstinence, but students have to look off campus for contraceptives or information about them.

As a Catholic-affiliated institution, USD adheres to the moral codes of the Church, including the Church's stance against the use of contraceptives. Although USD's Health Center will prescribe contra-

ceptives, such as birth control pills, for medical purposes, the University does not provide contraceptives, such as condoms, for sexual activity.

Other Catholic-affiliated universities such as Saint Mary's and Gonzaga follow the same guidelines when it comes to contraceptives.

When asked why Gonzaga does not provide condoms to its students, Health Center Director Mary Jo Leveque responded, "Well, you don't have to supply toothpaste and toothbrushes, do you?"

"Students come in and ask for condoms, but we say we are a Catholic school and don't provide them," Leveque said.

"We then refer them out to the community."

USD's Housing and Residence Life takes a different approach to these sensitive issues. Resident Directors and Resident Assistants don't formally address the issue of sex on campus. They do enforce housing codes which restrict intervisitation.

Resident rules prohibit behaviors, including sex, by a resident or guest that "ignore the access and privacy rights or infringe on the sensibilities of roommates or neighboring residents."

RDs and RAs live on campus to assist students with their problems. "We deal with issues

that are real. We don't want the person to be hanging with no options," said Larry Perez, assistant director of Residence Life.

RAs are permitted to advise their residents on any issues at hand, but they are not trained to advise students about contraception.

"I would prefer they (advise students) than not deal with it at all," Perez said.

The Women's Center follows similar guidelines. "We follow the teachings of the Catholic Church so we cannot talk about that here," said Amber Picou, the graduate assistant in the Women's Center. "We tell them to go somewhere

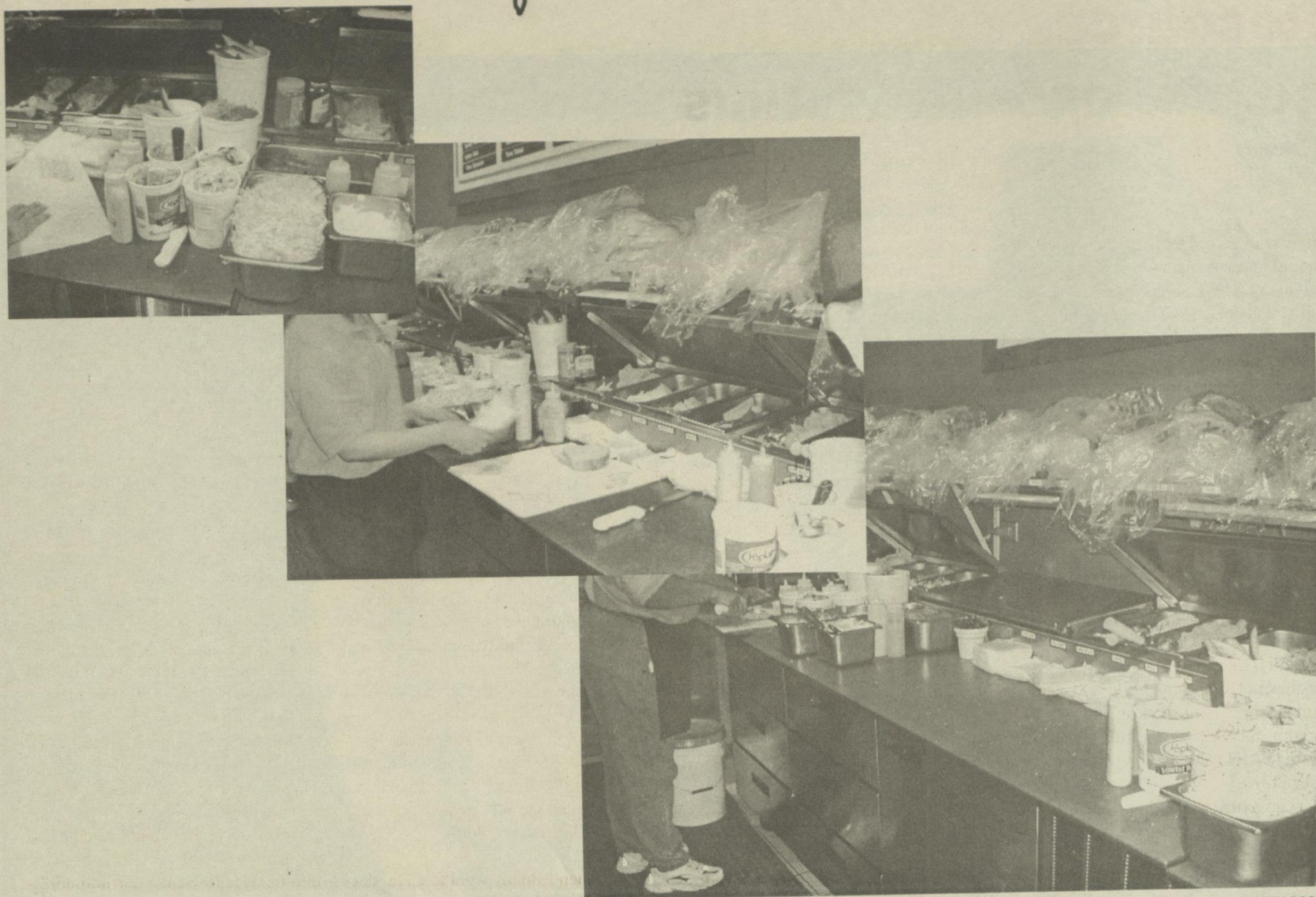
else."

Some students feel that if they pay tuition, their health needs, regardless of the circumstances, need to be taken care of. "I don't care if we go to a Catholic University or not," one student said. "If I have health issues, and I ask for help, I expect it because I pay for it."

Other students believe the Health Center should uphold the teachings of the Church. "Personally, I would never use contraception, so I don't see the need," said Sandra Medina, a senior. "This is a Catholic University with Catholic morals, so it is fair. If it weren't a Catholic University, then it wouldn't be fair."

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-Amber Picou, graduate assistant in the Women's Center



CALEY COOK

Alternatives to traditional "institution food"

By Denis Grasska
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

Years ago, when USD Director of Dining Services Rudy Spano began his career, campus dining was known as "institutional food service."

Like prisons and hospitals, university cafeterias were "institutions," places where large groups of people were served uncreative food at low cost.

Soon, students began an oral tradition about how bad campus food was and comic strips, found humor in "mystery meat" and other school-lunch shortcomings.

Since those Dark Ages of Dining Services, Spano and his counterparts at other universities have tried to shake off the "institutional" label and compete with off-campus restaurants.

"I think there's a need to understand what our students' expectations are when they come here," Spano said. "And there's the constant need to fight the idea that we are a 'school-lunch program.'"

The modeling of campus restaurants after off-campus ones has brought about its own share of problems.

The suggestion board in the Marketplace is covered with

comments from students who want healthier food and vegetarian alternatives to current fare.

But Dining Services management can only do so much and deciding which responsibilities belong to the staff and which ones belong to the students can be difficult.

According to Spano, students bring familiar eating patterns with them to USD.

These eating patterns are "established by the fact that students tend to eat a lot at fast-food restaurants" and less often in "high-end restaurants," Spano said.

The result is that chicken strips, french fries, pizza and other "things that one doesn't necessarily equate with ... a balanced plate" traditionally place highest on student surveys.

At the same time, students don't buy food items that are typically considered healthier, like fish, even though they can be easily prepared.

According to Spano, USD students have a "sort of schizophrenia about eating." They say that they want to eat healthy, but they can't resist the temptation to eat junk food.

"I think students talk a lot about it," Spano said, "but I think when push comes to

shove, they sort of revert to ... comfortable routines."

Still, eating at on-campus restaurants shouldn't be a problem for students, Spano said.

"Everything that we sell in the Deli is nutritional and balanced to the sense that, if you put lettuce and tomato on a sandwich, you have a pretty balanced meal."

Dining Services' job is to make options available to students, Spano said. After that, it's the students' responsibility to put together a healthy diet.

But some students believe that Dining Services gives so few options that wise choices are impossible.

"I did not purchase a meal plan this semester and do not eat on campus anymore due to the fact that the eateries have little to offer a vegan," said Molly Maline, a USD student.

According to Dining Services manager Roy Lubovsky, who personally responded to a comment card filled out by Maline, Dining Services has extended an offer to vegetarians and vegans: Dining services is willing to try any vegetarian or vegan recipes that faculty and students submit.

Meanwhile, health-conscious students can be glad that the

Bakery now accepts meal plans, allowing students to choose from over 24 varieties of smoothies.

Every year, increasing numbers of students have come to look upon the smoothie as "a meal replacement for those students who are on the run," Lubovsky said.

"A smoothie is probably one of the most nutritious things here on campus, being made up mostly of fresh frozen fruit and fruit juices," Lubovsky said. "It's hard to find anything else that is relatively healthy, easy and affordable."

Students who want to get more involved in deciding what types of food will be served in campus restaurants should take the time to fill out comment cards or speak with the AS Student Issues Board, Dining Services management said.

Dining Services has received a lot of input from the Student Issues Board, which designates two people as liaisons between the department and the students.

According to Spano, AS knows that Dining Services will do all it can to meet student needs, but AS also realizes that Dining Services won't be able to personalize the dining experience for everyone on campus.

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Resources offered to sexual assault victims

By Jenny Perry
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

Sexual assault victims often don't know where to go for help, but what they should know is that help is just a phone call away. The University's Sexual Assault Protocol gives a list of phone numbers and series of steps for victims of sexual assault. First, the victim should go to a safe place and tell someone what occurred. This account would be useful later in court because it would help corroborate the victim's testimony.

After confiding in someone, the victim should call Public Safety or a crisis center. To preserve evidence, the victim shouldn't shower or change his or her clothes. If the victim's clothes do get changed, each item of clothing should be placed in a separate paper bag, not plastic. "Paper doesn't allow things to dry and if they're really moist, the plastic doesn't breathe and mold will grow," said Deborah Kilgore, Education Coordinator for Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) at Villaview Community Hospital.

The victim should then seek medical attention. USD's Sexual Assault Protocol states, "Within 72 hours of an assault, a Physical Evidence Recovery Kit can be performed at the hospital. Even if more than 72 hours have elapsed, it is important to seek treatment and testing for physical injuries, pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases."

A Rape Kit is important not only to make sure that the victim is physically okay, but also because it helps in collecting evidence if the victim decides to later press charges. The victim does not have to press charges. However, "by law, health care providers are required to report it to police because rape is a felony," Kilgore said.

The San Diego Police Department has to have the victim's consent to press charges except for in special cases of serial rapists. "In certain cases, SDPD has the ability to press charges on behalf of the state but that is very rare and usually only in cases of a serial rapist," said Larry Barnett, Director of Public Safety.

Whether a victim decides to press charges or not, a Rape Kit should still be taken. Hospitals like Villaview offer a forensic/medical examination for victims in which specially trained nurse examiners and a counselor are present. The purpose of the exam is to make sure the victim is okay physically and emotionally as well as to address concerns about pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

According to Kilgore, a Rape Kit is a head-to-toe examination. The examination is conducted in a private setting across from the hospital, and it takes two to three hours to complete. Samples from different parts of the body are collected. Hair samples are taken as well as blood and urine samples. Areas where the attacker touched the victim's body are wiped with sterilized q-tips. There

is also an examination of the genital area.

"The most important thing is to not be afraid. It's to identify that a crime has occurred," Kilgore said. "We're not here to hurt them, only to help them."

The USD Counseling Center also provides assistance with victim's recovering from sexual assault and rape. "It can be retraumatizing for the person to go and get a Rape Kit. Since control was taken away from that person that night, we try to empower them to make the decision that is right for them," said Erinn Tozer, Senior Staff Psychologist for the USD Counseling Center.

The Counseling Center focuses on giving victims back their power and on teaching preventative measures. A preventative step to alleviating miscommunication is voicing one's intentions as opposed to relying on body language, which can be misinterpreted. "Be verbally clear with your partner about whether you want to have sex or not before you go out," Tozer said.

University organizations and departments such as the Women's Center, Campus Connections, Public Safety and Housing and Residence Life take sexual assault seriously. These groups are co-sponsoring Sexual Assault Awareness Week beginning on Monday, April 1.

The week will include an Open Mic Night, Self Defense class and a Take Back the Night walk. The Monday and Tuesday following this week will continue the campus discourse on sexual assault through peer discussion groups in the residence halls and University Center.

"We're focusing on the USD community, but we want to stop sexual assault and bring about awareness of what sexual assault is," said Heather Manly, co-chair of Campus Connections.

Emergency Rape Crisis Hotline (24 hours) 272-1767

Crime Victims Hotline (24 hours) 688-9200

USD Public Safety 260-2222

USD Counseling Center 260-4655 (office) or 858-494-1992 (pager)

San Diego Police Department 531-2000

Villaview Community Hospital 582-3516 (SART-Sexual Assault Response Team)

Health Center receives mixed reviews

By Courtney Weber
and Mandy Tust
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

Trying to find a new doctor while away at school can be an overwhelming task for any student. USD's Health Center can be a convenient option for students who feel under the weather. Many students have mixed feelings about the quality, accessibility and convenience of the outpatient care the Health Center offers. Kristina Sitton, a senior, says the Health Center is "useless."

"I have gone in multiple times and have been told that I merely have a virus. When I go to a real doctor I find out I have bronchitis," Sitton said. "My mom is a nurse and a lot of times she has told me over the phone that it sounds like I need a specific prescription. I go in [the Health Center] and tell them and they write it for me with no questions asked."

"It's like a joke. I have been frustrated all four years I have been here."

Katie DeHope, a junior, said she went to the Health Center twice last year when she felt sick. Each time, she said, she was told that she had allergies.

"When I finally went to a real doctor I was told I had sinusitis the whole time," DeHope said.

Kristen Sandstrom, a junior, expressed reservations about the Health Center's effectiveness.

"I think the Health Center is useless because every time I go there they give me medicines that don't work and I have been sick for a month this time," Sandstrom said.

Margie Clark, a registered nurse at the Health Center, said she does not know of any cases where students were misdiagnosed.

Ryan Huntsman, on the other hand, said he had a positive experience when he visited the Health Center with a slipped disk in his back.

"They squeezed me into their schedule and were very helpful to me," Huntsman said. "If you are a walk-in we work really hard to fit in, but scheduled appointments are first priority unless it is an emergency."

Undergraduates, graduate students, law students and paralegal students pay a flat rate in their student fees for health services. Students will be seen in the Health Center for free, but are charged for any medications and lab work.

The Health Center provides immunizations for hepatitis A, hepatitis B, tetanus and diphtheria. It also provides TB skin tests and vaccines for the flu and meningitis.

Matt Murphy, a senior, said he had a positive experience when he went into the Health Center for immunizations.

"My entire crew team had to get shots in the Health Center last year and they were pretty helpful to us," Murphy said.



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AFTER-SCHOOL SPECIALS



"Threepenny Opera": Take me back to Soho

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CALEY COOK

By Caley Cook
SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

Slick, colorful, raw and angular, the University's undergraduate theatre program's new production of "The Threepenny Opera" casts a new sarcastic light on the troubled times of Victorian England. Or was it early '90s America? No matter, the biting comedic hand of author Bertold Brecht fared well at the hands of USD's cast and crew.

Social commentary with thought behind it! The biting commentary of "Threepenny" (based on John Gay's *Beggar's Opera* and adapted by Brecht and musician Kurt Weill) is fashioned well on stage at Shiley Theatre, for a short Tues. to Sat. run. Catch a glimpse of this production before spring break and you will find a vibrant picture of a different world, with a cast busily giving its considerable all.

"The Threepenny Opera" was Brecht's first commercial success and it still remains one of his most-performed and most-adored plays. The text deftly satirizes

the bourgeois society through the wry and pessimistic love story of Polly Peachum and Mack "the Knife" MacHeath.

"Threepenny," in and of itself, is a noble endeavor for this small theatre department that lacks the resources of bigtime colleges that churn out high-budget, high-cast musicals like bunnies in springtime. The cast and crew, however, pick up their pace with a shrug of the shoulders and construct an immersive production.

Director Chris Moad hews a production that easily comes together as a collective whole. In song, costume, movement, set and acting, Moad touches the production with a bit of raw passion.

The casts' subtlety is crafty and well used in relation to the sarcasm and wry humor of the script. (It positively reeks from Brennan Taylor's "Mack the Knife.") A lack of experience can be blamed for the tepidness of some roles but outside of this

weakness, the cast shines both individually and as a whole.

The impressive presence and strong voice of Tyson Smith as the meet 'em and beat 'em father figure, Mr. J.J. Peachum, is refreshing. Smith's movement and tone would be well-suited to any big stage musical.

The mayhem causin' ladies of the streets—a grinning Thao Nguyen as Betty, a bitingly ditzy Suzanna Kennedy as Dolly, Kim Spahn as Molly and Kim Crosswell as Coaxer—have the showbiz gusto, belting out their collective song and sauntering with just the right snap and bite.

Christina Haglund turns in a monster interpretation of Jenny and lifts the character past two-dimensional with her voice, attitude and pose. Jenny Rose Hendrickson's voice is exceptional as Polly and infinitely more well-matched in opposition to the boisterousness of Jessica Beck's Lucy Brown. Beck takes her appointed stage time with

grace and beauty, holding onto the reins of Lucy with ease.

Haglund, Hendrickson and Beck lift the female voice (both literally and figuratively) past the wallows of whining jealousy and pity that are so easy to resort to in other productions in which every female character is a whore. Brecht's textual treatment of females as either 'whore or bore' material is not contemporary. And while the costume and speech concepts of this production were updated, nobody is sure why the female perception remains the same. But you can't have everything.

The costume design and concept by Michael Dondanville III is definitely ground breaking but does not help, in any way, to show any less female skin. In no recent theatre production at USD, however, have such steps been taken to further the influence of costume on the overall feeling of the production. Dondanville's choices did, at

first, border an early '90s nightmare/"Blossom" rerun, but they opt instead for Sex Pistols hysteria and attitude.

A few well-placed breaks of the Fourth Wall add to the biting character of "Threepenny's" commentary. The characters' breaks add to the good of the whole, the message, the theme of Brecht's ever-pushed socio-political commentary.

And with enough care and attention paid by the audience, the commentary works and it will send you to a place where, in the words of Mr. J.J. Peachum, "the powerful of the earth create poverty, but they can't bear to look at it." It doesn't seem so far away.

"Threepenny Opera" will run from Tues., March 19 - Sat., March 23. 8 p.m. Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall. \$8, general; \$5, students and seniors.

Quietly setting the Pace

By Jennifer Berry
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who has been fortunate enough to have Dr. Roger Pace for a professor can agree that this quiet man is passionate about student success.

He has a full schedule due to his book coming out in the fall and having the responsibility of being department chair of the Communication Studies department. While balancing multiple meetings a week and deadlines for his book, he still makes his students his first priority.

Outside of class lectures and aspiring publications, Pace maintains a steady diet of student interactions. Most days outside his office there are students sitting in the waiting room looking forward to talking with him. Some come for help with their classes, but many come simply to say a quick hello.

Both Pace and his secretary, Debbie Johnston, try to make the atmosphere incredibly warm and welcoming. As Johnston hands out cookies and sweets to students in the office, she said, "I really enjoy working for Dr. Pace. He makes everything so easy. Not only am I surrounded by great intellect, but since I am in the communication department, everyone communicates so well and articulately."

Pace has been at USD for 15 years and prior to being the department chair, he was the Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

As dean, he was in charge of the preceptorial program, issues with grants, faculty research and student affairs.

"I loved college," Pace said.

"I enjoyed the intellectual atmosphere of college. When I graduated, I wanted to find a way to stay in college—it keeps you young."

Pace began his teaching career at Penn State, where he received his doctorate.

He discovered an interest in communication in high school where he participated on his debate team, and he coached debate three years before he received his master's degree. The young professor grew even more passionate about communication during his college years.

"When I got to college, I took some communications courses, and I found them very interesting. Human communication is in just about everything we do," Pace said.

Pace decided to come to USD after teaching at Texas A&M. The appeal of a smaller campus was too strong to ignore.

"Texas had large classes, and I didn't get to know my students too well. I wanted smaller classes and a more intimate teaching environment," Pace said.

The smaller class size enables

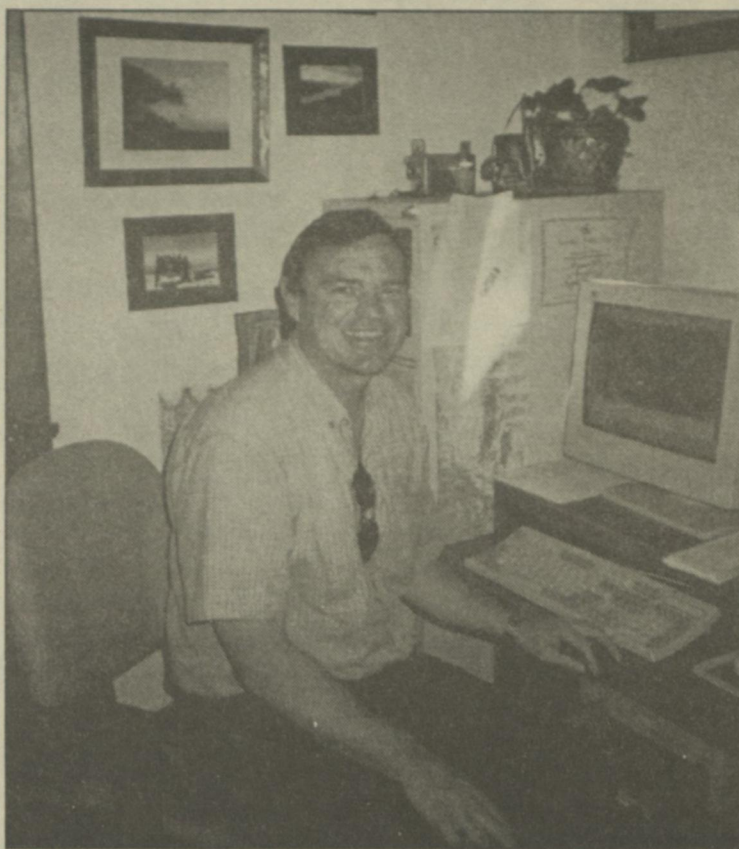
"Dr. Roger Pace is to teaching what Bob Dylan is to music."

-John Fahrendorf
sophomore

Pace to stay on top of his steady demands.

According to Johnston, Pace is always consistent with returning emails and calls. He is always fair and communicates thoroughly to those he corresponds with here at USD and beyond campus.

Students at USD have grown to love Pace. He is known



CARLA SUAREZ

Dr. Roger Pace is man of many talents. He is an expert storyteller, a mentor to students and the acting chair of the Communication Studies department.

throughout campus for his wry sense of humor and his ability to communicate well with his students and co-workers.

"He brings his lectures to life through his humor and his funny stories about his past experiences from teaching. He is able to connect well with everyone because he is so down to earth."

"He genuinely wants his students to succeed," said Carolyn Stevens, a freshman.

Pace's humor does not just add warmth to the class, but one is also able to get to know who he truly is—a very affable, well-rounded man.

John Fahrendorf, a sophomore, compares him to one of his favorite icons.

"Dr. Roger Pace is to teaching what Bob Dylan is to music," he said.

Pace is definitely an icon on campus.

When asked why he enjoys teaching, Pace smiled, leaned back in his chair and eloquently stated, "Communication is a practical skill, and by improving these skills one can solve problems. That's why I enjoy teaching the preceptorial program, so I can see student growth, and how far they have advanced in the four years they've been in the undergraduate program."

"I am so impressed with how capable our students are, and I am impressed with the quality and dedication of the faculty that come to USD."

Briefly **Roger Pace** **unplugged**

What is your favorite book?

"To Kill A Mockingbird." The coming of age story really resonated with me.

Favorite movie?

"Groundhog Day"

Favorite ice cream?

Chocolate chip cookie dough.

What would you be if you weren't a professor?

A lawyer. I gave a lot of thought to law school after my undergraduate work was done.

Who were your childhood idols?

Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris.

What is your favorite quote?

"Treat people as you would want them to treat you."

What is your secret talent?

I can juggle.

Where do you see yourself in 20 years?

Retired in San Diego. I've always loved San Diego. I don't know why anyone would ever want to leave.

-Compiled by Carla Suarez

Contemporary "Merchant" promotes tolerance

By Kara Braniff
MANAGING EDITOR

Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" is a strikingly controversial piece that addresses the roots and depths of racism.

Shakespeare's timeless classic brings itself to modern life at the Repertory Theatre in San Diego's Gaslamp district.

Where most theatres paint a sense of timelessness through costumes, flashy sets and grand props, the Repertory Theatre, led by Artistic Director, Sam Woodhouse, color a less flashy, but more symbolic picture.

The walls of the set give the audience a sense that the play takes place inside a gothic cathedral, but the floor is a mosaic of the Star of David. This symbol adorns a wall with other icons of the Jewish faith to represent the 16th Century Italian Jewish moneylender's Shylock's home.

Most of the casting choices fit within the sphere of the play, while some of the bold, directorial choices do not.

The casting of friends, Antonio and Bassanio, failed to convince.

Although each actor was convincing individually, they did not portray the closeness of

the friendship.

On the other hand, the work shown by Portia and Shylock was astounding. The show incorporated live contemporary jazz and took a modern spin on timeless issues.

Music Director Jim Mooney integrated Italian love songs, African drums, Latino folk songs and techno music.

Near the end of the performance, Shylock's daughter, Jessica, must question her faith.

She was swept away by a Christian named Lorenzo, at a time when there was an overwhelming pressure to convert to Christianity.

Her issues with intermarriage

still stained her heart.

"Some very smart people say that this play should never be produced again," Woodhouse said.

"Equally smart people sound a bugle call for freedom of discourse and thought and demand that it be seen."

According to the Repertory Theatre's media release, "All agree that William Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" is an incendiary work of art that sweeps each of us into a personal ocean of wonderings."

"This is an evening in the theatre about, no less, what it means to truly and fully love. This is a

story that asks us to confront why we humans so often thrive on hating those who are different than what we see in the mirror. This is a play like no other."

The "Merchant of Venice" runs through Mar. 31.

Tickets for those 30-years-old and under are \$10.

The show is approximately three hours long and starts at 8 p.m.

The one-man show, "Shylock," played by Ron Campbell, who is Shylock in Merchant, runs Mar. 26 through Apr. 14 at 7 p.m.

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JOSH COFFMAN

Slightly Stoopid awe crowd at sold-out show

By John Piranian
STAFF WRITER

"I'm so stoned, and I'm free, so free," crooned Slightly Stoopid singer, Miles Doughty.

The sold out show at 'Canes treated San Diegans to a night of reggae, punk, metal, hip-hop and dub.

The bill hosted local Ocean Beach band, Slightly Stoopid, punk rock group, Pepper, local San Diego rap/metal band, d*fRost and dub reggae squad, Crucial.

Crucial and Pepper stoked the crowds interests with energetic sets.

The bands were making good impressions on the crowd as the number of people filing in swelled progressively.

Crucial blazed through a short set of dub reggae as fans skanked to the pounding bass line.

Once the energy at the small venue began to rise, Pepper graced the stage. The band, on Volcom Entertainment, performed a set that was peppered with many different styles of music.

The surf rockers from Hawaii previewed new material from their upcoming full length album titled, *Kona Town*, which will be released nationwide on March 26th.

One fan from Breckenridge, CO was turned on to Pepper as a result of a local friends recommendation.

"It's always nice to see guys having fun onstage," Ben McHugh, 25, of Imperial Beach said.

Rap/metal fans were treated to a change of mood as d*fRost took the stage, inspiring rowdies to writhe in the pit. The five-man band from P.B. and O.B. played tunes off their album, *Digital Dustbowl*.

The band is one of many current acts that attempt to fuse rap, metal and turntabalism. With the use of harmonics and palm mutes, lead guitarist TJ Royer supplied sonic chords to d*fRost's moody songs.

"The album has hip-hop feel, but the live show is straight energy. When we play live, it's raw," Royer said. "This one goes out to inspiration to the greatest nation."

The song, which addressed the recent terrorist acts in the United States, provided fans with a dose of reality.

"The song's about keeping your head up and staying strong. It's an uplifting number," Royer said.

Far more uplifting was Slightly Stoopid's stoney headlining set.

As Kyle McDonald began weaving an intricate web of dub on his bass, the crowd scuttled close to the stage.

Throughout Slightly Stoopid's set, Doughty improvised lyrics to their reggae songs, allowing for a different perspective on many of the songs performed off of the 1998 album, *The Longest Barrel Ride*.

Songs such as "Mr. Music," "Castles Made of Sand," "Roots Rip" and "Hands of Time" showered positive reggae vibes down on the youthful fans.

Slightly Stoopid, who are many times compared to Sublime, were discovered by the late Bradley Nowell of Sublime and the band signed with Nowell's label, Skunk Records.

Through years of touring and writing, Slightly Stoopid has established itself as a force in the skate/surf punk genre.

"Yes, I'm a struggler, you know me never give up, and me no worry, if I ain't got much...oh yes we're moving down, to the irie trail," Doughty chanted.

Whatever your musical tastes, Slightly Stoopid's infectious laid-back style forces fans to shout, "Play on, Mr. Music."

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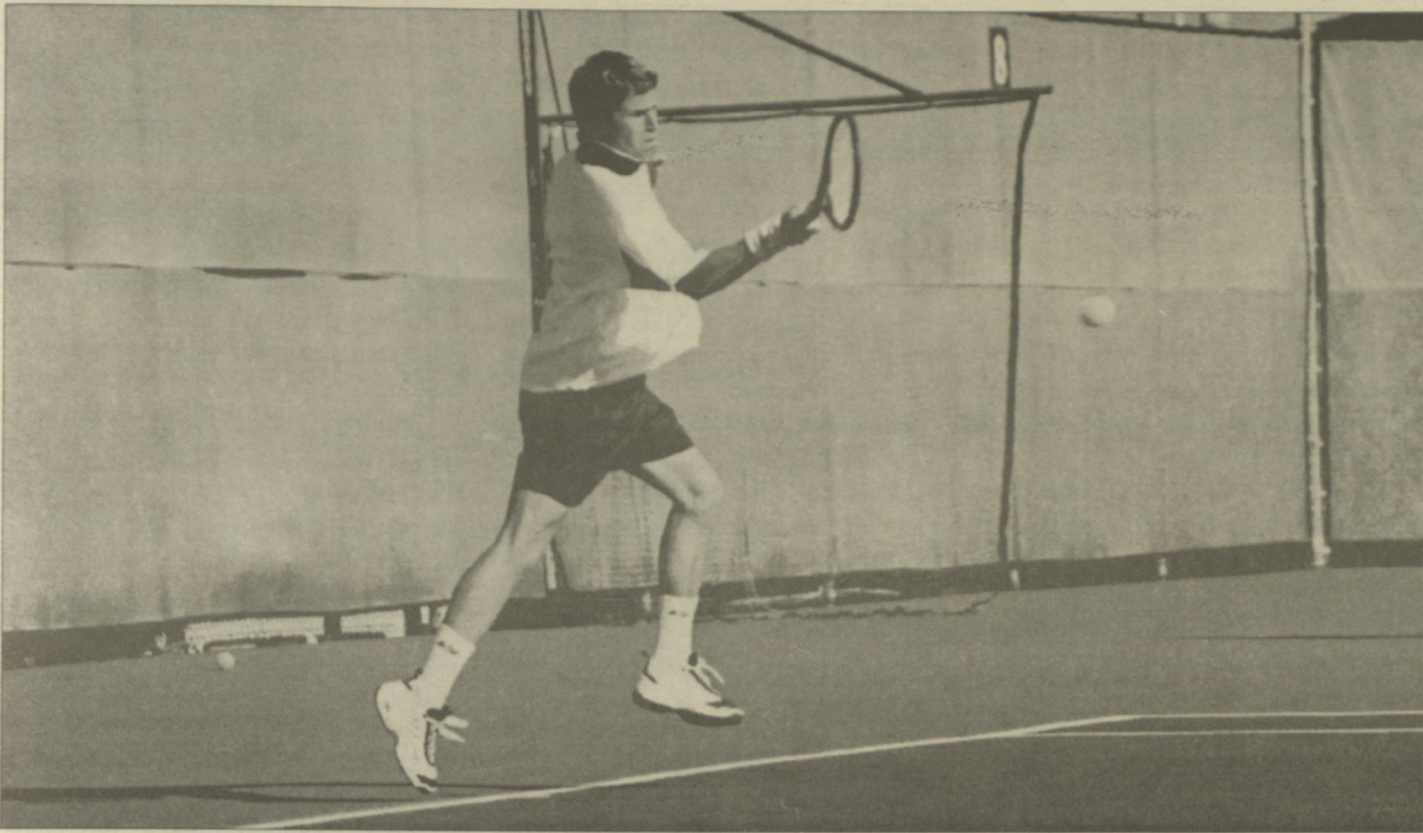
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SPORTS

DAVID DURON

Wake breaks win streak

Toreros suffer home loss versus 29th ranked Wake Forest; Rizo out for 3rd straight match

By Emily Palm
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Wake Forest, ranked 29th nationally, defeated the USD men's tennis team 6-1 last Saturday at the West Courts. The loss ended the Toreros' winning streak of home matches.

The setback put USD to 5-8 for the season while Wake Forest improved to 10-1. The Toreros, ranked 61st in the nation, played their third straight match without their number one singles player Ricardo Rizo, a senior.

Rob Blair, a freshman, defeated opponent David Bere, 7-6, 6-3 at the number two single spot. With Rizo missing in action, each player has had to play one level up, literally.

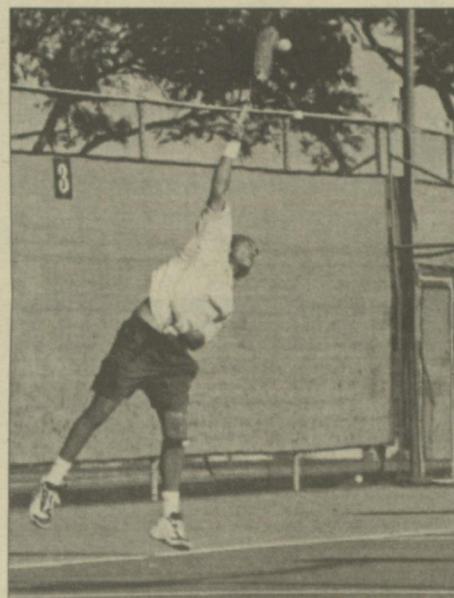
"I'm disappointed that Ricky's gone, it's a big loss," Blair said, "but I like the challenge of playing a bit higher." Blair feels he has stepped up to the challenge and last Saturday's win boosted his con-

fidence.

"With losing our number one player everyone's having to step up and play that much better for the team," said Ben Regin, a sophomore on the team, "We're doing well, going through this time until Ricky gets back. I think it's challenging for everyone to raise their level, I think it's a good motivation for a lot of the guys. There are some good aspects to it."

"Saturday's match against Wake was a little bit unlucky. Everyone in the singles lost in three sets, we really had a good chance," Blair said. "We're going to win all our matches from here on, Wake Forest is the strongest team played at home so far and the others are a bit weaker."

Tomorrow, Friday, March 22nd, USD hosts Princeton at 1:30 p.m. "I'm very confident," Blair said. "Everyone wants to win the next match, everyone's pumped."



DAVID DURON

(Far above) Martin Linusson returns the ball during a match versus Troy Havens of Purdue University. (above) Juan Cerda serves the ball in a recent match versus Scott Mayer.

Injuries plague women's tennis this season

By Emily Palm
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The women's tennis team experienced a 6-1 loss to Princeton on Tuesday. Freshman Lauren Kazarian won her match at the number five spot.

Catherine Heppell, a sophomore, at number two, Paola Arrangoiz, a senior, at number one, and Anne Seppi, a junior, at number six all had close three sets.

The women's tennis team has struggled this year after losing several key players. Heather Polumbus, senior, has been injured and is red-shirting. Belinda Kelly, a promising new player from last season fell in love with a

graduated senior and decided she could not bear life without him and left for Sweden. Anja Tragardh had one more year of eligibility left but fell ill and returned home to Sweden. Siri Fomsgaard, a junior from Denmark, has suffered an injury as well.

Because of these misfortunes the women's tennis team is struggling this year. Coach Sherri Stephens managed to recruit two new tennis players, Freshman Lauren Kazarian and Junior transfer from University of Houston, Annie Rapp. Because of them, USD is able to have a full team.

Playing number one this season is Arrangoiz and Heppell fills the number two spot. They have had a tough

schedule this year with almost all the teams they have played against in the top 30 in the nation. They have fared well considering their competition.

Their last home match is against Yale today at 1:30.

"Next year we are going to be so good, this year was rough, playing against the best in the nation has raised our level a lot," Heppell said.

The team will only lose one senior next year, Arrangoiz. They have played a high level of competition, "We're going to be really strong next year, I can't wait," Heppell said.

"We fought hard," Heppell said, "Every match was close, it just went the other way."

CORRECTION

In the "Fresh talent" article in the March 14, 2002 issue, the name of Dylan Slater's brother was mispublished as Ethan. His brother's real name is Evan.

USD SCORES

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL (8-22)

MARCH 15

VS SAN DIEGO STATE

4-2 LOSS

VS #20 TEXAS A&M

6-3 LOSS

MARCH 16

VS #20 TEXAS A&M

2-0 LOSS

VS SAN DIEGO STATE

7-1 LOSS

NEXT HOME GAME:

MONDAY 1PM VS ST MARY'S

WEDNESDAY 12PM VS UCSB

#61 MEN'S TENNIS (5-8)

MARCH 13

VS #50 PURDUE 4-3 WIN

MARCH 22

VS #29 WAKE FOREST

6-1 LOSS

NEXT HOME MATCH:

FRIDAY 1:30 PM

VS. PRINCETON

WOMEN'S TENNIS

MARCH 12 VS PRINCETON

LOSS 6-1

NEXT HOME MATCH:

TODAY 1:30 PM VS YALE

MEN'S GOLF

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DAVID DURON

(Above) Jason Marian makes the play on a Trojan runner. (Below) Sean Warlop hurls the ball in the second game against USC.

#20 MEN'S BASEBALL (21-5)(5-1 WCC)

MARCH 13 VS. USC

LOSS 15-5

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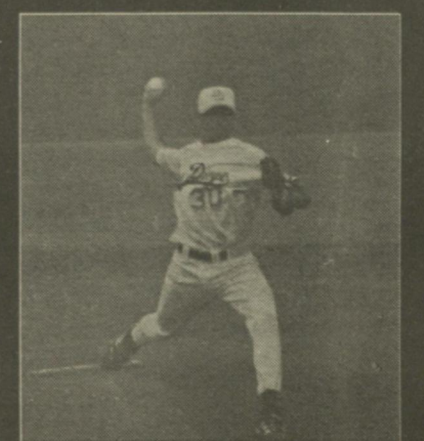
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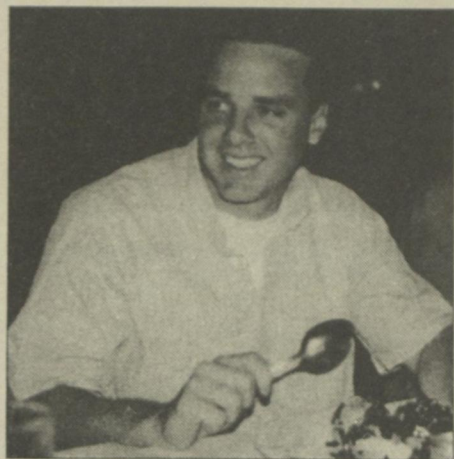
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DAVID DURON

If you like sports, or go to many games, you can write stories for this section!

NCAA Tournament really is madness with big upsets



By Jake Fabozzi
SPORTS GURU

March madness is in my opinion (since this is an opinion piece) the most exciting time of year. Such a tournament could not be at a better time.

Pro baseball is just gearing up their spring training, pro basketball is in what I call the "in between" stage; that is the time after the all star break and the time right before the playoffs, before any team is really out of the playoff hunt. Pro hockey is, well, who really knows where hockey is in their season.

So, right in the middle of this down time the NCAA holds their basketball tournament.

I can't seem to remove myself from the couch during these three weekends. How could you? Even the dog gets neglected during this time. No matter what I am doing, or where I happen to be, whether I am at my girlfriend's house or camping with the guys, I feel the urge to

have ESPN on at all times so I can be constantly updated with scores.

Who could ask for anything better? I am a basketball junkie, a true junkie, not one of those fanatics that have a favorite team and all they can do is talk about *their* team, (i.e. *every* USC fan I have ever met).

I just like a good game. Any game, from high school to the pros, I could watch them all. And this year the tournament has proven to be just as exciting as any on record. Thus, I have watched a lot of basketball lately.

Of course, there have been blowouts, such as the Duke-Winthrop game, but then there are games like #1 seeded Cincinnati's double overtime loss to #8 seed UCLA. Even lowly Notre Dame held their own against a vastly superior Duke team.

Inevitably, every year there are upsets. This year proves not to be an exception as three of the four #12 seeds upset in the first round, though only one of these, Missouri, made it past the second round.

Teams such as these, having made it past the first round, can now be said to have had a good season. Though, teams such as Georgia go home disappointed because they didn't get the job done.

Well, now that the opening two rounds have passed us by, I certainly cannot wait for the next couple of rounds (fortunately I don't depart for spring break until late Sunday evening).

The West has the one game I am looking forward to most when #8 UCLA

takes on #12 Missouri. Both are underdog teams that have tiptoed there way into the Sweet Sixteen. UCLA has the uncanny ability to play like pre-season conference champions one minute, and post-season flameout losers to Cal the next.

The Bruins have played well in the tournament so far, and I am eager to see if they are able to carry this consistency into their next game against a tough and resilient Tiger team.

Personally, I picked Duke to go all the way which is why I am most interested in the Duke-Indiana game in the South. They are the most exciting team in the tournament, and they should have no problem corralling Big Ten player of the year Jared Jeffries, but even if they don't, Duke just has too many weapons for the Hoosiers to stop.

The Hoosiers rely far too much on the three-pointer when defenses collapse on Jeffries, which Duke is sure to do.

In the East, who isn't looking forward to watching the Cinderella Saluki's of Southern Illinois take on a revamped UConn team?

The Huskies Caron Butler has played big in the tournament so far, dropping 34 on N.C. State. Though the Saluki's are a #11 seed, Butler is going to need another big game to overcome the relentless defense and banging big men of Southern Illinois.

In the Midwest, Kansas has yet to have a difficult game but Illinois has also looked dominant in their first two rounds.

This clash of powerhouses looks to be an exciting game as Drew Gooden of the Jayhawks has emerged as the best forward in the country today.

But, Kansas also has a superb group of athletes and is one of the better three-point shooting teams in the tournament. Illinois will look to counter this threat with Frank Williams (nicknamed Frank Nitti by his teammates for the stone cold assassin in the movie *Untouchables*).

Williams is one of the better guards in the tournament, and he is a legitimate all-around threat who not only scores, but also passes the ball extremely effectively.

Now, this just would not be a proper opinion article if I weren't to make some predictions for this weekend's games, so here it goes: Duke beats up on Indiana, Pitt sneaks by Kent State, UCLA runs by Missouri, Oklahoma slips past Arizona, Maryland rolls over Kentucky, Southern Illinois tiptoes by UConn, Kansas annihilates Illinois, and Oregon pushes past Texas.

My prediction for the Final Four team: Duke, UCLA, Maryland and Oregon.

That makes 12 games that I am predicting, but whatever the outcome brings, I am sure that my sojourns from the couch will be few and far between, which is exactly the way I like it.

In the meantime, I should probably walk the dog; he hasn't been out since the tournament started.

Golfers take seventh at New Mexico State

By Ryan Huntsman
STAFF WRITER

The Toreros' golf team played in its first 2002 tournament on March 1 and 2. The team placed 7th out of ten teams during the 54-hole event. The 17th annual Herb Wimberly Collegiate Classic was played at the University Golf Course at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

The Toreros turned in a three-round team total of 927 while Wichita State took the team title with a final score of 866. USD's top finisher was David Isaacson, who tied for 21 with a score of 228. He was followed by Mark Hepler,

Berry Henson, Andrew Brisbois and Brian Teaff.

The Toreros were back in action on Monday and Tuesday when they hosted the USD Invitational at the Del Mar Country Club in Rancho Santa Fe. The team competed with sixteen other teams at their home course. Their next tournament is March 25 and 26 at the UC Irvine Anteater Invitational.

The team has a new coach this year, Tim Moher. Moher replaces Frank Cates, who led the Toreros for 15 years. Coach Moher will also have the "home-course advantage" by already knowing the course, as he was a long-time teach-

ing pro at the Del Mar Country Club.

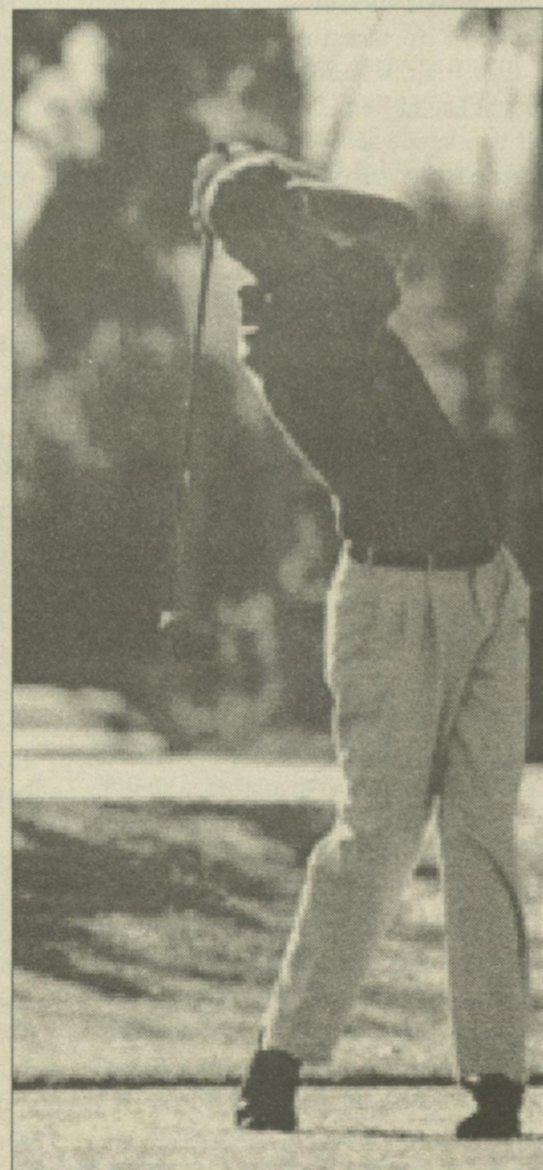
"With only one senior leaving and our constantly maturing team, we have a great chance to win it all next year," Moher said.

Another contribution to the success of the Torero golf team is the fact that they have seen every type of course. Team members come from all over the globe.

Four golfers come from all over California while Minnesota, Texas and Washington each are represented by one golfer. Yen Yi Chen, a freshman, is from Taipei, Taiwan and Michael Shell, a sophomore comes from Guam.

Each player has had a different experience growing up in the difficult, competitive junior golf world, and they've played nearly every day of their lives. Each member brings their own culture, style and composure to the course daily, which is important, especially in a sport as humbling as golf.

This year's season isn't nearly over, with tournaments up and down California's coast, so there is still a chance to pull into the top five.



SPORTS INFORMATION

The Torero golf team took to the course this weekend as it hosted the USD Invite at the Del Mar Country Club. The team finished 7th out of ten teams at the tournament.



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RECREATIONAL SPORTS

IM Basketball..... enough said

**By Rebecca Benson
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INTRAMURAL SUPERVISORS

Hoop it up sports fans. The Monday and Tuesday night IM basketball recap is underway. So, let's get started on Mondays games...

The first game started us off with two undefeated teams, but one would have to put a check in the loss column tonight. "ODB" took on "Your Team Sucks Ass" at 7:00pm and "ODB" came away with the win. "Your Team Sucks Ass" lost in part due to three unsportsman-like technical fouls. "ODB" got to claim the 64-51 win.

Then we had the match-up "Smutores" versus "Must Win." But "Must Win" just couldn't win this one. "Smutores" only sent "Must Win" to the free-throw line one time and this show of good defense helped them to a 71-55 win. On the other court, we saw "Bumble-

bees" versus "The Agents." Richard Mycues of the "Bumblebees" scored 24 of their 45 points while four guys on "The Agents" scored double figures, led by Ryan Deihl with 20 pts. "The Agents" easily walked away with the 67-45 win.

Our next games began with "Rollin' on Dubs" against "The Click." "Rollin' on Dubs" went 11 for 16 from the free throw line and went on to defeat "The Click" 74-51. Court two saw the match-up "Rip Riders" versus "Mighty Condors." Johnathan Thompson from the "Rip Riders" had a stellar game scoring 33 pts followed close behind by Damion Womack with 20 pts. This type of outstanding effort allowed a 89-48 win by the "Rip Riders."

The last games started off with "Team Shambles" taking on "202." "Team Shambles" went to shambles as they couldn't keep up with "202's" high-powered offense. "202" achieved the 53-33 win. "The

Clones" took on the "Johnnie Cochrans" on court two. This game too saw a large point spread. Grant Meyers from "The Clones" hit 7 three pointers leading his team with 30 pts. The poor "Johnnie Cochrans" only had one guy, Michael Beliz 10 pts, in double digits. The "Johnnie Cochrans" couldn't even pull this one out and were defeated 58-40.

Tuesday night's games started off a bit more exciting. This hard fought struggle for supremacy and rights to all the finest meats and cheeses in all the land had "Beantown's Ol' Guns" taking on the "Crazy Tandy's." The "Crazy Tandy's" couldn't put a silencer on the "Ol' Guns" and were defeated 97-45. But come on "Ol' Guns," still not a 100 pt game yet? What's going on? Old age? On court two, "Fat Attack" took on team "Swish" during the next hour. This was a close 44-39 "Fat Attack" win. Tad Rowe of "Fat Attack" led all scorers with 18 pts, including 3 clutch (greatest word in the English language!) three

pointers.

Next we had "Honkers" take on team "206" during the 9:00 hour. "Honkers" won 59-55 and were led by Paul Slovlin with 24 pts. "206" had an answer to "Honkers" leading scorer by the name of Peder Quello with 23 pts, including 5 three pointers. Yet this was not enough to control the win. The other game went down to the wire between "Sea Donkey Patrol" and "Free Cents." Jonathan Black led "Free Cents" with 20 pts and Michael Blackman contributed 5 pts and one hell of a slam dunk off a fast break. But this wasn't enough to hold the "Sea Donkey Patrol" down who came away with the 56-55 win.

Last games started off with the "Terrapins" against "Sig Ep II." This game was a blow out from the get go. Five of the seven "Terrapins" scored in double figures. Both Jak Thulien and Jason Plum of the

"Terrapins" scored 21 pts enroute to a 80-41 whoopin' on "Sig Ep II." Other court had the face off between "McGarry's Kids" versus the "Fighting Camels." The football players from "McGarry's Kids" proved that they knew more than just pigskin. They put up 54 points on the "Camels" who couldn't fight back and saw a 54-44 defeat for their efforts.

And so it continues till next week's games. Playoffs are just around the corner. They will be exciting to watch if the games are anything like the caliber played this week.

FREE AGENT MEETING

Today @1PM

Men's Indoor Soccer

**Women's Innertube
Water Polo**

Women's IM Basketball diaries

By Catherine Fontecha
INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR

On Wednesday, 3/13/02, 9 p.m. on court 1, we saw the Lazers v. Breezers. Breezers forfeit to the Lazers. C'mon ladies, I know it is midterm time but sacrificing one hour of your studying time will not kill you. Thanks for calling in to let us know about the forfeit.

Court 2, Jayden's Girls took on Yo Mama. Jayden's Girl handed Yo Mama their first loss of the season, leaving Tui's Tacklers the only undefeated team in the two women's leagues. Yo Mama struggled without the star player Ali Hinga. Yo Mama was down only by two points at the half, but their dry spell in the second cost them the game. Yo Mama scored only 19 points, 12 of which was provided by their center, Lindsay Tingstrom. Kristi Hamada contributed one three-pointer and Melissa Henkel scored 4 points from the charity stripe. Jayden's Girls

Joanna Mahia led them to victory by scoring 12 points. Amy Rheem scored 8 points, Marina Cervantes had 6 points, Maria Turja tallied 7 points, and Jayden's mother, Dana Neely, scored a bucket in their 35-19 victory.

On Wednesday, 3/13/02, at 10 p.m. Tui's Tacklers battled Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Tui's Tacklers almost lost their undefeated status last week. The Kappa Kappa Gamma team was responsible for this scare. Once again, I must warn all teams that this is a team to be reckoned with. They brought their "A" game and their outstanding fan base to the well-fought game. Every time Tui's Tacklers would try to pull away, Kappa Kappa Gamma would bounce right back. Unfortunately, it was not enough for them to pull off the win.

Jen Tuiolosega's three point shooting for Tui's Tacklers was the major factor in their victory. She led all scorers with a total

of 15 points. Kelly Kaiser added 11 points. For Kappa Kappa Gamma, Melissa Feldmeier's 12 points led her sisters in an attempt to dethrone Tui's Tacklers. Lauren Umbdenstock added 10 points, Elizabeth McDonald scored 4, while Jennifer Shimizu contributed 6 points in their 34-36 defeat.

In the last game of the night Lady Hoops took on Kari Mikkelsen's team.

Kari Mikkelsen's team played short (and so did the IM staff) due to her illness. Although they played one man down, they still played a strong game against Lady Hoops. Emily Pertta and her teammate Hollis combined for 28 of the 37 points scored by Kari Mikkelsen's free agents. Vanessa led all scorers in this game with 16 points that included 4 three pointers. Megan Hayward added 15 points and Tiffany Sneed scored 12 points. The final score of this game was 46 to 37 Lady Hoops.

IM Women's Soccer resumes

By Catherine Fontecha
INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR

After a one week hiatus due to lighting problems (don't ask), women's soccer resumes. The Sharks faced the Free Agent Team for the first time. The Free Agent Team were not prepared with a full squad by game time and subsequently were penalized with a two goal deficit and losing possession of both kick-offs. This was a tremendous set back for the Free Agent Team. With those two goals they could have tied the best team in the league! Liz Garcia, Emily Pertta, and their teammate Alexa each tallied one goal. The Sharks' Carisa Sampaga Verdoia ended her fancy footwork with a goal early in the first half. Goalie Liesel Streich and Lisa Saldin contributed with one goal a piece in their 5-3 victory.

The second game of the night was set for the winless Pumas and the undefeated Tacklers. The final score of this game was 8-0 in favor of the Tacklers. Lisa, Michaela, Kim, Erin, and Carla all scored in the blowout.

IM odds and ends

By Erin Bergstrom
INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR

The season is heating up with playoffs right around the corner for Ultimate Frisbee. So far Team Poop has been tearing up the field with 3 wins and no losses, beating Gone J*H Love 17-4, Team Bob 23-1, and the Trans Formers 24-4. Gone J*H Love and Trans Formers are battling for second both with 1 win, 1 loss, and tying last time they played each other. And who could forget Team Bob who have yet to win a game, but have a good time losing!

Check out this exciting competition every Wednesday

from 9:00 to 11:00 on the Valley Field!

The bowling season started off on Monday night at Sunset Lanes in Clairemont Mesa. Every night each team consisting of 3 players plays 3 games and then adds up their scores for a total score. This past week the Sixty Forties came in first with a score of 1190. Rockin Rollers in second with 1172. Matt DeBellis team next with 1075 and Fingering Balls right behind with a score of 1061.

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