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Gym dress code stirs debate



IAN HUGHES

A September 2001 policy at the McNamara Fitness Center prohibits students from wearing tank tops for health reasons

By Delphine Fares
STAFF WRITER

A new dress code policy for the McNamara Fitness Center in the Jenny Craig Pavilion has caused a stir among students. The policy prohibits students from wearing tank tops in the Fitness Center, whether they are working out or not.

The "No Tank Tops Allowed" policy was created in September 2001, following an evaluation of possible bacteria that could be spread through sweat. According to Carl Reed, director of the Jenny Craig Pavilion, the policy was instituted to decrease the chances of infection from bacteria such as Staphylococcus aureus, more commonly called Staph, that attacks cuts and sores on the skin.

"The reason behind the policy is to cut down any spread of bac-

teria that might be spread through sweat," said Reed. "There have been reports where we have had Staph infections breaking out, not in the JCP per se, but in the old weight rooms."

Staph infections tend to be very painful, and in some cases, can be very serious.

"It [the bacteria] gets into your flesh and causes large, open sores which can be very painful," said Jimmy Goins, director of McNamara Fitness Center. "If bad enough, and it makes it to your heart, it can kill. However, maybe five people in the U.S die from it a year."

Many students are unclear about the reasons behind the policy. Some students, who are against the policy, say they think the issue is body image.

"I don't see the point of that policy," said Idriss Djibo, a student. "Are they afraid that certain girls might feel uncomfortable seeing other girls with better, more in-shape bodies? I think we should be able to work out in whatever we feel comfortable in.

Why should we hide the bodies that we have been working on for so long?"

Other students reject the claim that it is a health issue, saying they believe the issue has more to do with conservative ideals of the University.

"Personally, I don't think this is a health issue," said Ali El Moutea, a student. "I think it's more related to the conservative stance of this Catholic institution. I don't agree with this policy partly because I feel showing off our bodies is a motivating factor."

JCP and Fitness Center officials clear up the confusion surrounding the policy, saying the main area of concern here is the safety of students.

"The thing we are most concerned with is our students—their safety and their health," Reed said. "This policy is one way to help us protect these students."

The way to keep students safe, it was agreed, was to limit the spread of bacteria by cutting down contact between skin and

machine.

"We are trying to keep the contact down with the vinyl and with the machines and free weights, and the best way to do this is to have this straight T-shirt policy," Reed said.

The policy poses a problem to students who feel it should only apply to those using the weights, which entails a greater degree of contact.

"The argument they use is 'well, I am only using cardio machines,'" Goins said. "Unfortunately, you can't have rules for half the stuff, so you just go straight across."

Initially, the policy allowed for cut-off T-shirts, T-shirts that have had the sleeves removed and still provide a decent coverage area. Problems arose when students began to take advantage of the policy.

"The policy was that people could wear cut-off shirts as long as the shoulder was covered," said Goins. "However, the habit

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Pro-life feminist challenges stereotypes

By Erin Toohey
S&C Editor

Modern feminist thought was challenged and a pro-life stance was advocated in a way that breaks the modern standard last Tuesday night. Serrin Foster is a feminist and she is pro-life. In modern feminist stereotypes, this is unheard of.

Foster is the president of Feminists for Life, a group that does not believe in abortion. Last Tuesday night, she addressed a crowd of both women and men who were either pro-life or pro-choice, respecting men for not dismissing abortion as a "women's issue" and thanking the pro-choice supporters for their openness in attending. For students, this open approach was important to understanding her

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Campus Connections promotes social awareness

By Laura Long
STAFF WRITER

Veering slightly westward off the beaten path leading straight to the Deli, one can find the Drug and Alcohol Education office on the first floor of the UC. Running out of this office is a relatively small group of people responsible for some of the largest events at the University.

"It's basically a social awareness club consisting of pro-active members that gets the facts to people. We distribute information with real-life campus statistics as well as organize these awareness weeks throughout the school year," said Katie Crockett, co-

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Words from the Desk
Umm...yeah

Mankind is perhaps the greatest mystery on earth. Take each part of the word itself, man and kind. What do they really mean? I guess that is why it is such a mystery.

Have you ever noticed the trashcans at Disneyland? They say "Waste Please." I would like to say don't waste because wasting is bad. Instead you should conserve. They should change

their trashcans to "Put Garbage Here. No recyclable cans though, recycle those."

All too often students at our University do not take advantage of the benefits at our school. For example, did you know you can take your laptop to Student Computing and they will fix problems, save files and other such technical assistance for free? If you went to Computer Depot for the same service, it would

cost you \$45 just to have them look at your machine.

One could easily spend a life of vague dissatisfaction. Thinking you'll be happy when you graduate and get that degree, you'll finally be happy when you meet 'the one,' or when you know what you're going to be doing next year, then you'll be happy. There are too many things to be happy

about right now.

Well, I have probably told you to email me a joke or something interesting about a gabillion times and I have received nada. Well this is it folks, next issue is our last one of the school year so get those witticisms in to me please: epalm@sandiego.edu.

-Emily Palm
Associate Editor

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was that it kept creeping up. So we decided we had to have the sleeve policy to make it simple for everyone so there is no question about 'is this a cut-off or not?'"

Some students say they find the policy rather extreme.

"I think it's an exaggeration," said Perla Lopez, a student. They don't have those types of policies at all the other gyms I know of."

Other students support the policy and would like to see those around them do the same.

"I am a football player, and we always have to wear T-shirts," said Ryan Kennedy, USD athlete. I personally think the policy is valid, and I think it's completely acceptable that we all be asked to wear T-shirts."

The issue here is safety, which is something many students fail to see.

"When we first initiated the policy, there were complaints," Reed said. "Now, you still have students that raise questions, and we do our best to explain to them that the issue is safety—that we are concerned about our students."

Finance reform
raises questions

By Joseph Titus
STAFF WRITER

Ask anyone at USD who they voted for in November 2000 and you will likely get one of two answers—Al Gore or George W. Bush. Ask what they think of campaign finance reform and the responses aren't so cut and dry.

In the 2000 Presidential election, Vice President Al Gore received \$15 million more than George W. Bush in federal campaign funds. Yet Bush out-raised Gore in private contributions by more than \$60 million.

The outcome of that election, though known to all, sparked major debates about campaign finance reform in numerous corners of the political machine.

On March 27, President Bush signed the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) into law. This legislation is the culmination of more than six years of debate. Two primary features of the BCRA include banning soft money from national parties and federal candidates or officials and restricting soft money spending by state parties.

"If a swaying of voters is to take place, it should be done by the candidates themselves, not the special interest groups," said Debra Johnston, a Comm. Studies professor. "If a candidate hasn't 'gotten it done' by honest campaigning instead of using

special interest groups to influence votes, maybe they shouldn't be candidates at all."

"The forum that we currently have is a form of legalized bribery," said Jane Anderson, an Economics professor. "This campaign finance reform law will hopefully begin to eliminate this unfair practice and is the first step for people interested in true democracy for everyone."

As written, the BCRA prohibits the use of corporate and union treasury money for broadcast communications that mention a Federal candidate within 60 days of a general election or 30 days of a primary.

"The First Amendment protects us from such directives from the government," said NRA president Charlton Heston in a recent statement. "The First Amendment does not allow Congress to make laws which deny us the right to speak out on issues."

Heston recently stated that the BCRA will "severely restrict our ability to provide timely information, including information on lawmakers' positions on firearm related issues."

"I fully support the NRA and the First Amendment freedoms they are trying to protect," Jennifer Travaglini said. "I am just not overly eager to see another battle end with the Supreme Court making the decision."

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point of view.

"I was expecting to hear comments against men," said Brian Valenzuela, a freshman. "When you hear 'feminism', you think of bad feelings toward men, but she didn't do that. It was a positive experience."

Students and community members gathered for a variety of reasons, ranging from curiosity to searches for affirmation of their beliefs.

"I wanted to see how she could reconcile a feminist view with a pro-life stance," said Anna Rousseve, a junior. "I have never seen that before."

Foster developed her argument by explaining the relationship between feminism and abortion rights. She said that the association between them began with the second wave of feminism in the '60s and '70s. "Early feminists were anti-abortion," she said. "These women valued the worth of all human beings. In 1973, people thought of Roe v. Wade as the emancipation of women."

After a lengthy development of feminism in its relationship to an abortion stance, Foster shifted her focus to the causes and effects of abortion. Coercion is a major cause, she says, and is a byproduct of legalized abortion. Foster believes that while abortion remains legal, women will be forced into having them by boyfriends, family and friends. "Women are capable of following the law," she said. "If abortion wasn't legal, they would find another way of getting through it."

Foster also discussed threats of violence and the challenges of money, following each

problem with a logical solution. She addressed the psychological effects associated with pregnancy and abortion. "I have never heard a woman tell a happy abortion story," she said. "No woman celebrates her abortion."

Feminists for Life promotes a pro-life philosophy primarily in colleges since one out of five abortions is performed on a college woman. The group provides colleges with resources for pregnant students so that they might better understand their choices. The organization wants women to see that pregnancy does not have to ruin college or their lives.

Foster also addressed the hot issues related to abortion in ways that amazed students. She discussed sexual assault from the perspective of the child, providing real life examples of people she knew who wouldn't be alive if their mothers had had an abortion.

"Her discussion of sexual assault was powerful," said Kelsey Watters, a sophomore. "She talked about (sexual assault) with abortion in a different way than most people."

"One part that stood out was about people who were born from rape," said Steve Mikolajczak, a sophomore. "It was a bad thing that these women had happen to them, but they accepted it."

Foster's presentation was powerful and yielded amazing results for many. "It was mind blowing," said Diana Ramirez, a freshman. "I came in pro-choice and I was defensive about it, but she really made me think that maybe I am pro-life."

For others it was an experience of confirmation and strength. "It was an affirmation for me," Watters said. "I am pro-life, but she gave me new perspectives."

CORRECTIONS

In the March 21 issue of the *Vista*, the U-Wire story, "On-campus porn proves provocative" failed to include the name of the university offering this cultural program. The program took place at the University of Pennsylvania, not at USD.

WEIRD NEWS

Onion writer discusses humor in a time of crisis

UWIRE

A senior writer for the world's most widely read satirical newspaper gave a presentation of slides and headlines Wednesday night in Squires Student Center at Virginia Tech.

John Krewson, one of several writers of The Onion, "America's Finest News Source," provided the crowd with insights into the newspaper that runs humorous parody articles such as "Fun toy banned because of three stupid dead kids," and "Columbine jocks safely resume bullying."

Originally an alternative paper distributed on the University of Wisconsin at Madison's campus, The Onion has been published since 1988. It is best known for its online version but is also available in bookstores across the country and by subscription.

The paper makes points, via humor, on the issues of the day, Krewson said. The writers rarely hesitate to skewer anyone or anything, which he demonstrated when he opened with a slide of the headline "Women: Why don't they lose some weight?"

"I wanted to start with one that pissed pretty much everybody off," he joked.

The key to The Onion's humor, Krewson said, is its poignancy and that everything is written in Associated Press style — the standard for newspaper writing.

"If you say really ridiculous things in AP style, it's really funny," he said.

The one thing The Onion does shy away from, Krewson said, is satirizing intellectualism. Part of the paper's goal is to provide an alternative to corporate, commercial entertainment.

"There's too much anti-intellectual humor out there," he

said. "I hate the insinuation that everybody loves Raymond. I mean, I think he's OK."

Krewson said the newspaper has had two defining moments since it went online in 1995 — the release of its best-selling collection "Our Dumb Century" and Sept. 11.

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon left The Onion staff asking themselves if people were ready to laugh again.

"If the first World War didn't kill irony, if the horrible things that happened in the '40's didn't kill irony, if the Vietnam War didn't kill irony, then one big spike on the global radar is not going to kill it now," Kewson said.

On Sept. 26, they released a special edition of The Onion about the terrorist attacks. The issue, which received coverage in the New York Times, featured articles such as "God angrily clarifies 'don't kill' rule," and "U.S. urges bin Laden to form nation it can attack."

Most of the articles in the Attack on America issue dealt with the surreal feeling many Americans felt in the attack's aftermath and with the desire to help out.

"It wasn't that big on jokes," he said. "It was more tragic-comedy. There's no fart jokes in that issue."

One of the problems with producing a newspaper in which all articles are fake, Krewson said, is that the articles get distributed on the Internet and people think it's real.

Krewson read a few letters to the editor The Onion received about such articles, including one about the Harry Potter books causing an increase in Satanism and about how one Olsen twin is better than the other.



IAN HUGHES

Student Computing is planning upgrades to student email accounts which would alert or ban altogether junk email from piling up in inboxes.

Junk email a problem and annoyance for students

By Emily Palm
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Spam easily pervades any email account. Let one website get a hold of some fresh email accounts and the innocent receiver won't know what hit them.

A new group, however, called the Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial Email (CAUCE) is hoping to change that.

Made up entirely of volunteers with no budget and no office, the members of CAUCE dedicate themselves to "those who oppose the damaging, costly, and unfair practice of unsolicited commercial email." CAUCE's website, www.cauce.org, describes the members as "Netizens who realized that technology alone can't stop junk e-mail." CAUCE lobbies the government for more regulation against commercial spam clogging the Internet.

CAUCE proposes options on how to further legislation to prevent spam. More than 30,000 supporting members of CAUCE endorse the group from around the world.

"This is grass-roots organization at its finest," the webpage states. "The entire process that created CAUCE and the legislation proposed by CAUCE has been done over email and by phone, with virtually no face-to-face meetings until many months after CAUCE was founded — demonstrating the potential of the Internet for grass-roots activism."

Many with an email account have felt the clogging from spam.

"If I haven't checked my Hotmail account in three or four days; I'll have 20 to 30 junk emails," said Alexa Macdonald, a senior. She said that she receives more junk email at her Hotmail account than her USD account.

Graham Cease, a sophomore, claims not to have a junk email problem at all. "Just don't enter contests, that you can't win anyway, and you won't get all this junk email."

Compared to other commercial Internet Service Providers, those who use their USD account don't seem to experience much trouble with spam.

Tim Lewis, a sophomore, spends about a minute or two each day deleting the electronic garbage sent to his account. "Most of the junk mail I get on the USD account is my own fault because it's stuff that I sign up for and they put my e-mail address on the list," Lewis said, "Like for ESPN, they sent me a bunch of stuff."

According to Thor Brickman, Web, Server and Database Manager of Student Computing, the percentage of spam has gone up to about 15 percent this year from five percent last year.

Charlie Powers, a sophomore, uses a Hotmail account and tends to receive eight or nine junk emails a day. "They're terrible and a waste of space."

"Somehow I got on the Disney mailing list and despite unsubscribing, I keep [receiv-

ing emails from them]," said Margaret Kazan, a senior.

The current mail system has the ability to filter, but the user must configure it. USD webmail insulates users from much spam, but the amount is picking up, despite efforts from CAUCE.

"Companies like Amazon.com make money off of selling those addresses, a lot of money," Brickman said. "Part of my spam is from people who say, 'we will give you 650 million email addresses for twenty-five bucks.'"

"They're just getting those off of websites. Anytime you have to type your email address into a box anywhere, chances are someone just sold your email."

Gabe Guzman from Student Computing recommends reading the privacy clause before entering your email address into any website.

"There's probably a clause in there or something that says 'by the way, we're going to give your email address out to all these other companies that are affiliated with us,'" Guzman said. "There's a potential for getting spam when you put your email address down."

USD will be updating their server this summer with extra security measures: new mail server with a virus scanner and a new filter.

"Spam tends to be formulaic you can tell what it is coming from, so we'll put a filter that will do one of two things: delete it, or it will label it as spam in the subject line," Brickman said.

Hey you! Yeah, you.

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Campus Watch

4/15 - 4/21

Monday, April 15

Maher Hall - Public Safety received a report of toilet paper theft in the first floor women's restroom.

Purchasing Office - A temporary employee allegedly used a University corporate American Express card to pay for personal expenses via a computer.

Off campus - A Phi Kappa Theta member allegedly withdrew over \$2,000 from a Wells Fargo bank account. The money was reported as being the property of Phi Kappa Theta national chapter. The case is currently under investigation.

Sports Center - A reporting party indicated that the gate behind the Sports Center weight room had been vandalized.

Maher Hall - An RA called for a Public Safety officer to respond to an incident involving a fight between two room-

mates.

Cuyamaca - An RA reported vandalism on a wall.

Loma Hall - Public Safety received a report indicating that the reporting party melted candle wax and the subsequent heat charred nearby counter tops and cabinets. No flames or smoke were reported, just heat.

Tuesday, April 16

JCP West Lot - Public Safety received a report indicating that a motorcycle was missing from the parking lot.

La Paloma - Public Safety received a report that a student had shoplifted some food items.

Wednesday, April 17

Camino/Founders Hall - A student was reported to be in possession of alcohol.

San Miguel - An RA reported several students as being in possession of alcohol.

Thursday, April 18

La Paloma - Public Safety received a report that a male student shoplifted a can of juice.

Friday, April 19

Laguna Hall - An RA reported several students as being in possession of alcohol.

Saturday, April 20

San Miguel - Public Safety received a report stating that a male was trying to force his way into reporting party's room. Public Safety officers found keys in the door but no one in the area.

Terrace Apt. - Reporting party indicated that the trunk lock on his vehicle was punched out and the door kicked in. A phone jack and gold charm were

also reported stolen.

University Center - An intoxicated male student was transported to Detox.

Sunday, April 21

San Juan - An intoxicated male student was transported to Detox.

Parking Structure - A vending machine on the third level was vandalized.

Maher Hall - A student was reported to be in possession of alcohol.

Cuyamaca Hall - Students cooking food inadvertently activated the fire alarm.

Mission's B Lot - Reporting party indicated damage to the windshield of a Ford truck by a soccer ball.

Softball Field - Public Safety officers found a vehicle that had been reported stolen.

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Health Care becomes a concern for graduates

By **Melissa Holleran**
STAFF WRITER

Soon graduating seniors will transition into the work force and no longer be covered under their parent's health plans. For the first time, many will have to choose a plan for themselves.

Congress made health insurance premiums fully tax deductible for employers covering employees' health care in 1942. Since then, Americans buy less coverage on their own, while employers are encouraged to offer benefits.

Some doctors, however, feel that Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) have done more harm than good for patients. One such individual, Dr. Robert Kaplan, who has practiced medicine for 25 years, feels that people need to be informed about the consequences they may face as a patient under HMO care. Kaplan believes that the traditional indemnity health care plan in which the patient

pays a per-service-fee is the safest way to go.

"In an indemnity program, I order the test and it will usually be done within a few hours if I want it to be or at the very most within a day or two," Kaplan said.

"In an HMO environment, I can't just order the test. I have to get it approved by the HMO. That can take anywhere from a few hours to a few months. If a patient is seriously ill, they can be dead before the test is performed."

According to a study done by the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, HMO patients' death rates were eight percent higher than those in traditional per-service-fee health plans.

"These statistics speak for themselves. In the end, the high cost is life," Kaplan said.

HMOs can be extremely affordable, especially to the cash-strapped college graduate, and

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Student-professor research gives experience, inspiration

By **Diana Sagas**
STAFF WRITER

Microscopic nematode worms squirm about their manufactured homes as a USD student researcher who has been growing the worms for months tries to get them into focus under high power magnification.

This scene is a regular occurrence in the lab located downstairs in Serra Hall run by Biology professor Curtis M. Loer. Loer and five student researchers currently study *C. elegans*, a microscopic worm that normally lives in the soil and eats bacteria.

These worms might provide information about the cause of and possible treatment for several human neurological conditions.

C. elegans have a gene that regulates program cell death, the natural death rate of cells in a body. The gene is turned on when the worm has undergone distress and needs to replace injured or damaged cells. When the gene is turned off, however, its cells undergo death at a normal rate.

Humans possess a variety of genes that regulate program cell death, which are turned on when human cells have been damaged and need to be replaced quickly or to make antibodies to fight off infectious cells.

A gene in humans has been discovered that can be injected into the worm and work just like

the gene in *C. elegans* that regulates program cell death. However, if the gene in humans is turned on to make antibodies and does not get turned off at the right time, cells which should have undergone program cell death stay alive, which can lead to tumors, the build-up of cells in a particular area and immune system cancer.

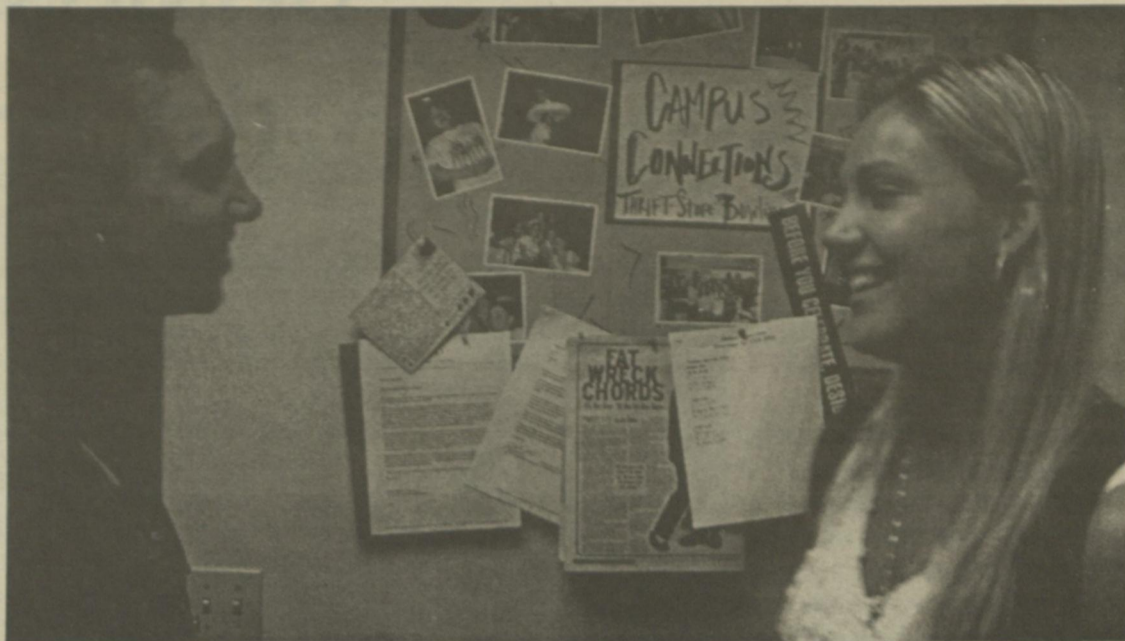
According to Loer, because there are several institutions that research *C. elegans* in hopes of finding genetic and molecular connections between them and humans, each of the experiments underway in his lab will hopefully provide small pieces to the big picture. Loer is pleased with the work done and discoveries made in his lab.

"They are better than we could have ever imagined," Loer said.

Additionally, the Center for Serotonin Disorders Research at Loyola University in Chicago reports on its web site that when serotonin neurons do not function correctly, the results can be psychiatric and neurological disorders such as aggressive behavior, anxiety, depression, premenstrual syndrome, eating disorders and obsessive compulsive disorder. The research could prove to be valuable to people living with these problems.

"When I was 12, both of my grandfathers died, one from

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MELISSA HOLLERAN

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co-chair of Campus Connections, and a senior at the University.

Campus Connections is the main social awareness group on this campus. It is made up of undergraduate students who provide a number of services including Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, Sexual Assault Awareness Week and other programs that promote making healthy choices in college.

Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week is the focus of the Campus Connections planning committee in the Fall semester of each year. During this week, the focus is primarily on different substances such as alcohol, marijuana, club drugs, and nicotine.

"On 'Club Drug' day Dr. Drew from MTV spoke in the JCP. He was just an amazing wealth of knowledge," Crockett said. "We also did a mock accident on the 'alcohol day', showed the movie 'Blow' on

'Marijuana Day' and hired a hypnotherapist to come for the 'Nicotine Day.'"

Aside from showing the negative effects of these drugs, Campus Connections distributes information with more positive statistics showing that the majority of students at this university do not partake in these substances.

In the spring, Campus Connections shifts its focus to cover Sexual Assault Awareness Week. According to the USD Sexual Assault Protocol, most cases of sexual assault occur when one or both parties are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"We used to do AIDS Awareness Week in the spring until last year when we found out one of our members was personally affected by sexual assault," said Charlie Smith, a senior. "We felt it was a growing concern on this campus that was not being addressed."

During Sexual Assault Awareness Week, Campus Connections offered a variety of activities aimed to educate students. The week began with "The Clothes Line Project" where t-shirts designed by sexual assault survivors in the San Diego area were hung throughout the UC.

During the week a self-defense workshop was held as well as an open mic night where people could share their poems, stories and songs. Concluding the week was the "Take Back the Night Walk," a tour through the campus which showed every place a sexual assault has or may occur.

"I joined Campus Connections because my roommate was involved and I just wanted to be a part of something where all the (people) were passionate about their cause. No one in Campus Connections is apathetic, that is what I like about it," Crockett said.

USD alumni helps promote multiculturalism

By **Jenny Pici**
STAFF WRITER

USD will be opening its community to overcoming cultural stereotypes and celebrating diversity with a human relations retreat. It will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. on both Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th in Manchester Conference Center.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and multicultural graduate students will participate in this cross-cultural workshop focusing on diversity. USD is honored to welcome alumni, Maryel Giron as a speaker at the workshop. She currently works for USD's Upward Bound program, helping first generation low-income students get through college. Giron was born in El Salvador and grew up dealing with is-

sues as a Latina.

Because of her experiences, Giron has undergone over 60 hours of training to become a facilitator for these workshops. "[These workshops] bring awareness to what many people at USD don't think is a problem," Giron said.

Since becoming a facilitator, Giron has been able to be open about her life and talk about things she has had to deal with over the years because she can relate to others with similar backgrounds. I want to "embrace others who are different and share my passion at the same time," Giron said.

The United Front, along with other organizations on-campus, help organize these multicultural workshops. Jennifer Lundy, a graduate assistant at the United Front said "(the retreats) are a weekend to learn about yourself

and grow."

There are challenges and difficulties when dealing with human relations. "Sometimes participants are forced to go, so that first night of the workshop can be hard to get through to them because they just don't care," Giron said.

Robert Neighbours, a sophomore, will be attending his third workshop this weekend. "It challenges me each time to look through different perspectives besides that of being a white protestant male," Neighbours said.

"It's a long process for people to overcome certain issues they withhold against other cultures or beliefs," Giron said. "This is conquered at the retreat when a person can say that, yes, someone may be different from me, but I can see where they're coming from."

OPINION

Why sex should matter to you

By **Jeremy Horn**
NEWS EDITOR

The recent movie "40 days and 40 nights" brings up an interesting, if unintended question when its main character, played by Josh Hartnett, decides to abstain from sexual activity of any kind for Lent.

Setting aside any religious issues involved, which are many, what does sex mean anymore?

Charles Taylor, the film critic from Salon.com who reviewed the film, suggests sleeping with plenty of girls is "one of the sanest and healthiest things you can do to get over a bad breakup. The girls he [Hartnett's character] beds aren't looking for a commitment so it's a win-win situation."

Taylor's view of sex is apparent. To Taylor, sex is nothing more than a convenient method of stress release. There is that unintended release of fluid from one participant which could lead to a new organism developing within the other participant, but that's just a minor inconvenience.

Clearly sex as an act means something.

Without sufficient protection or precaution, a new life could result.

For women, at least according to the stereotype, sex means the giving of oneself to another in a committed, if not loving, relationship.

For some men, particularly college-aged "boys," sex is an extracurricular activity that has more to do with alcohol intoxication than with emotional feeling of any kind.

It may be easy to divert the blame by looking at the overwhelming blitz of sex in popular culture.

Ads, movies and the Internet promote instant and completely meaningless gratification of sexual desires.

But it is ultimately the consumer of all those forms of entertainment that affirms and glorifies the concept of meaningless sex.

High school and college-themed comedies and dramas alike portray sex as a popularity symbol, not even hiding



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How movies and critics portray sex may or may not differ from how the average person views sex. The way people act and interact in regard to sexuality provides varying implications for themselves and for society. There are many varying standpoints on such a topic.

their attempts at comparing sexual partners with a hunter and his number of kills.

What is truly behind the objectification of sex is the ob-

"What is truly behind the objectification of sex is the objectification of people."

jectification of people.

Counting sexual partners the same way as hunters would count their "trophies" clearly reduces people, with their own hopes, dreams, fears and wants, to unthinking objects of pleasure.

Taken to an extreme, it is easy to see how men and women could physically, emotionally and sexually abuse their partners.

If cooperation, love or sex isn't given on demand, then it must be taken, because after all, it doesn't matter what the other person feels or wants. *MY* needs come first. Any other person simply becomes a means to an end.

After looking at all this, meaningless sex seems less and less like a mere personal choice or act of boredom and more and more like a world view based on narcissism. And narcissism certainly isn't a quality lacking in residents of either Southern California or USD in particular.

The bottom line is that

people, both men and women, have a choice. They must both balance what their own needs and wants tell them with what consequences their actions will have on others.

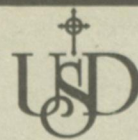
Our college years are a time for finding out who we are and

reconciling that with who we want to be.

I have no illusions as to the persuasiveness of mere words, but we must all recognize that there is a place within each of us where our actions are judged.

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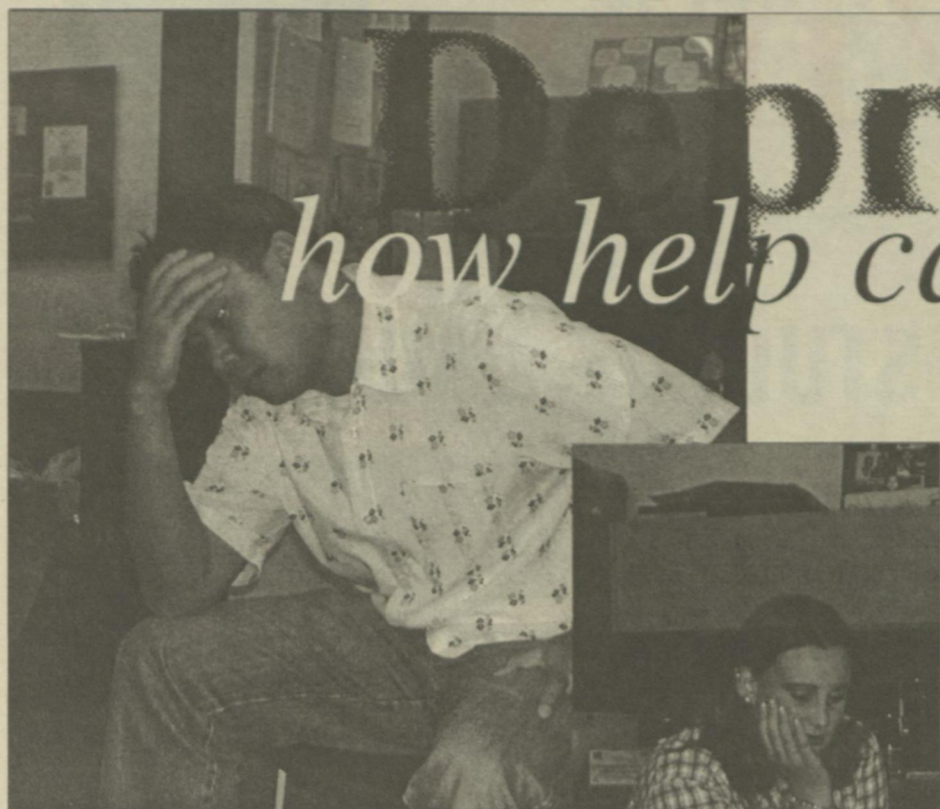
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SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Depression

how help can save your life



IAN HUGHES

Depression can manifest itself in many forms and lead to serious consequences including sleep depression and suicide.

By NeySa L. Ely, M.S.
SPECIAL TO THE VISTA

Depression plagues some and bypasses others. It differs with each person effected, but the consequences are real for everyone who is touched by it.

For some, the end of winter break and the return to school brings excitement

about new classes and seeing old friends again. For others, the feeling can be quite different. The winter season, along with stress about classes and homesickness after returning from holiday visits, can leave some people "down in the dumps." Often the feeling subsides on its own, but in some cases it doesn't.

It is believed that one in every five

adults will experience depression at some point in their lifetime. In addition to feeling sad and blue, people who are depressed also lose interest in things they used to enjoy.

They may experience feelings of emptiness, irritability and guilt, along with feeling tired, lethargic, unable to concen-

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trate and unmotivated to do things. Significant increases or decreases in appetite and sleep are also very common. In cases of severe depression, suicidal thoughts can also develop.

Suicide is a serious problem in the United States. Each year, nearly 5,000 people aged 15-24 commit suicide. In addition, suicide is the second leading cause of death (after accidents) among college students.

People who have suicidal thoughts often feel an overwhelming sense of helplessness and hopelessness; they believe things will never get better. Most important however, is the fact that nearly 80 percent of suicidal people communicate

their intentions in some way. There are many warning signs that should be taken seriously: talking or joking about suicide, making preparations for death (giving away possessions), increased alcohol/drug use, isolation from family and friends, reckless risk-taking and attitudes of hopelessness and despair.

It is believed that one in every five adults will experience depression at some point in their lifetime.

Although it may seem like there is no other way out of the despair, it is important not to lose hope--depression is not permanent. If you or someone you know is feeling like this, don't be afraid to ask for help and stop the downward spiral.

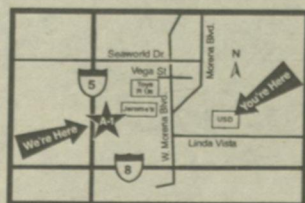
Talking with family, friends and clergy can be helpful. In addition, there are effective treatments for severe depression such as medication and psychotherapy. Depression does not have to be dealt with alone.

For more information or assistance on depression and thoughts of suicide, contact the Counseling Center in Serra 300 at ext. 4655 or call the San Diego County Crisis Hotline at 1-800-479-3339.

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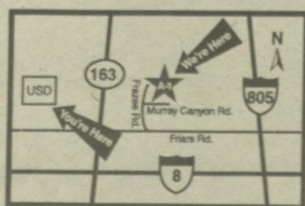


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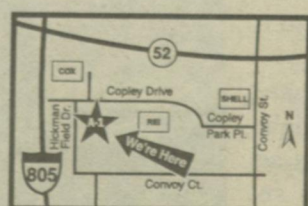
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USD LOSES PROSPECTIVE STUDENT, LAWN COLOR BLAMED

BREAKING NEWS:

Local copy editor fired in misspelling scandal

Vista copy editor jim Ballew were fired toosday evening for knowing not how to, correctly edit Text errors in the UNiveRsity of San Deigo "weakly campus paper..

After numerous coplaints from vaculty and, students; about the Number and freakwency of errrs in both gramer and punctuation.

Upon learning of his firing, the dysgrunteld ballou stormed out of the VISTas' office's in the Hon university centre while skreeming obscenities directed toward's the papers staff.

Entertainment Editor Dominik Muccicicctoo recounted the Ballews' mood during the firing as "weerd and scary."

"He May half been drunk," aded news Editor Jeremy Hornn.

--Jim Ballew

University community reacts in shock

President to call in special lawn task force

By Caley Cook
SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

When Becky Lindley walked onto campus Saturday morning, she couldn't believe her eyes. Leaving the confines of her Menlo Park home to visit the University for College Visiting Day, the 17-year-old high school senior said that she was "extremely disappointed" with the puke-green color of the grass in front of the Immaculata on Saturday.

"It's like the [gardeners] didn't even try. I mean, they must not know what real grass should look like," Lindley said. "When we visited Pepperdine, they had four gardeners whose job was to follow our group and fill in the dents our shoes left in the grass. Now that's atten-



Student Bris Kresky is horrified by the lack of attention to the USD landscape.

KYLA LACKIE

tion to detail."

Lindley's mother, Alexis, was also displeased with the overall look of the University's lawn.

"I'm going to fork out a good \$30,000 so that my daughter can trounce around a school with brown spots in their lawn? I don't think so," the elder

Lindley said. "You have to wonder where these people's priorities are."

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Roommate request forms lost, paired at random

By Emily Palm
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

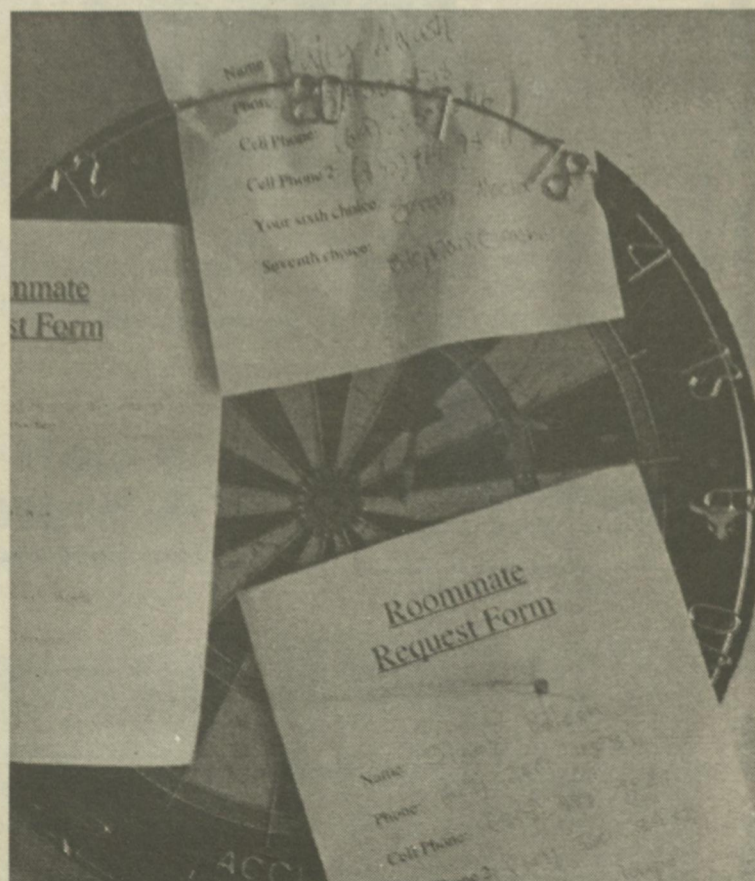
When freshman Pat Matush received her housing information, Pat and her parents found it a bit odd that her roommates' names were Chris, Scott and Andrew. "We just thought that maybe it was one of those really liberal Catholic institutions," Matush said on her being paired up with the three men.

Recent reports reveal that Housing staff members did not actually read the roommate request forms and the staff matched roommates with virtually no method to their madness. "Somehow the request forms were confused with, um,

these other documents to shred," said Jared Smith, Housing staff member, "So we mostly put the forms up on a dartboard and pair up people that way."

According to housing, the slipup involved the loss of all student information. "All we had to work with were the names," Smith said on the Matush matter.

Other cases of roommate mismatches have come to light over the past few months as well. "My roommate is so



One of the many ways Housing has chosen to pair roommates for next year.

IAN HUGHES

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messy," said Prissy Preen, a freshman, "I can't believe how she recklessly leaves her bed unmade every day. And don't even get me started on the condition of her desk, if it's still there under all her crud."

Scores of reports continue to pour in of anti-social roommates paired with drama queens, nice people with mean people, loquacious talkers with silent poetic types and the list grows longer with each passing day.

USD Housing has proposed an idea that will revolutionize the way college residence halls pair up roommates. "We plan on ditching the dartboard method and moving on to something a bit more sophisticated," said Dalia Stephens, director of University Housing. "There are talks of a digital dartboard or even one of those wheels of fortune like on that TV show, you know, the one with the wheel of fortune." Stephens hopes that the new wheel of fortune will give students positive connotations on the roommate selection process.



USD students limpwristedly battle for last pair of strappy sandals

By Jim Ballew
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Harsh words quickly turned into a laughable array of slap-fighting and name-calling last Thursday when USD sophomores Alexia McConnell and Mandy Price each grabbed for the last pair of red sandals at the Bebe store in Fashion Valley Mall.

"I can't believe she thinks those are hers," Price said. "We were standing next to the sandals and I was telling my friend Paige [Jackson] how cute they would go with the handbag I got at Banana Republic, and all of a sudden she came up and tried to take them off of the rack. I was all like, 'excuse me. What do you think you're doing?'"

McConnell had a different view of the altercation.

"She was just standing there talking about her stupid handbag which, by the way, is so last season," McConnell remarked. "So when I went up and grabbed

these totally choice sandals off the shelf, she starts getting all up in face and is like 'what are you doing' and I'm like, 'what's it look like? I'm buying these sandals' and she's all like, 'oh, yeah,' and I'm like, 'yeah.'"

The sandals in question were the last pair of strappy red sandals in the entire mall.

According to sources close to the scene, the mean-spirited logomachy between the two girls continued to ascend to unhealthy levels. The battle for legitimate sandal ownership quickly turned from a contest of harsh words into a physical melee.

Though through the course of the fight it appeared that neither of the USD students had ever thrown an actual punch during the course of their lives, the battle for the tasty footwear involved many instances of face slapping and hair-pulling.

"It was great," said Maria

Franzoia, a nearby shopper. "Watching these two girls in their J-Lo jeans and designer tops flailing their arms at each other over a stupid pair of sandals. You know they have four pairs just like them at home."

"I thought I would never stop laughing when the girl with the shorter blonde hair [Price] started screeching when the taller one [McConnell] started pulling her hair. She sounded like a cat stuck in the washing machine."

Eventually, the fracas was broken up by mall security. The sandals were taken into custody and the girls were each escorted from the mall.

"I should have just let her keep the stupid sandals," Price added. "At least they would have drawn attention away from her gross thighs."

It's not easy being ORANGE



By Orange Cone
Translated by Emily Palm

Why does everybody hate me? I didn't choose to take up parking spaces. If it were up to me there would be an abundance of parking on campus with enough room for everyone, but alas, you are forced to drive your Audis and BMWs and other such cars in circles trying to find the elusive spot. If you would only actually read what I have to say, you'd see that Kathleen Shannahan, the speaker from the birdwatchers association, doesn't arrive until 5 p.m.

Everyday as the students walk and drive by, I can feel their disgust and annoyance towards me. I wish there could be a way to solve this problem. It'd be nice if we lived in a magical world of carpooling, smaller cars, and public transportation.

It was the morning of Thursday last, there were about five of us orange cones in a row on Marian way. On days like that it's hard to get up in the morning. Imagine if you had to wake up everyday only to be hated and scorned. That would not feel very happy would it? How would you like to be hated? I bet you wouldn't, and I would like you to think about that long and hard. I know what you're thinking, why not try and be an orange cone for P.E. games like kickball? For your information those positions are quite difficult to get, and I am forced to work for Parking Services. I have a family of little orange cones myself, you know.

We orange cones from across the campus have been feeling your scorn toward us and we're here to say, "This is enough!" Sure, we're inanimate objects who can't really do anything about it, but in our own passive way, we are taking a stand. So please stop your evil stares. We mean it.

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In 2001 alone, the University had two square miles worth of grass that were not up to par, according to a survey of 400 students. 53 percent of those surveyed believed that the University needed to do something about the flowers around the fountain on Marian Way. Nearly 70 percent of those surveyed saw the dull lawn color as a detriment to the recruitment of future students.

Though the University spent the bulk of its 2000-2005 budget on spray paint for the lawns in front of the Immaculata for this year's College Visiting Day, Becky would like to see the school invest some other moneys.

"What do we need an ASB fee for? Concerts or something? If I want to see Jack Johnson in concert I'll just have my daddy



IAN HUGHES

"You call this lawn green?"

pay him to play at my birthday," Lindley, leaning against her black 2002 Jaguar, said.

Mr. Lindley was unable to respond, as he was busy checking out the passing group of Camino-Founders residents.

The University is determined to improve its appearance after comments concern-

ing its lackluster lawn color reached as high as the office of the President.

"We are really coming along on our lawn care but we realize we have a long way to go," Thomas Bayne, director of Grass and Tile Operations, said.

"Students have brought it to our attention that lawn color is a high priority on their list along with palm tree trimming and matching floor tiles. We are really trying to honor that."

Bayne also reported that his department was in charge of replacing the brand new rim of the Torero Grille outdoor fountain when students reported that the color was mismatched and patchy. The fountain had been bothersome since its inception a few weeks earlier.

"That fountain is just one example of what we are trying to do for students," Bayne said. "The color and condition of our

lawns are a logical extension of that. We are trying our best, it's just going to take a few years to get it down."

"It really just comes down to respect," Lindley continued. "If USD respected me enough to want me to come here they'd pay attention to these things."

The Lindleys plan to write a letter revoking Becky's intention to attend the University on account of the faulty aesthetics.

"I just don't think this is the place for my daughter," Lindley's mother said. "If we had known about this before, I think we could have made a more educated decision."

"I just don't want to wake up to this sort of ugliness," Lindley said. "Like I'd really go to a school that doesn't have daily maid service."

WHAT'S YOUR GRIPE?

What USD students are upset about on campus

Journalistic preponderance of the Vista makes larger news giants look bad

It's like, so unfair I have to take English as a GE. I mean, I totally know how to speak English real good

Nine units of religion?! I mean, come on, really

We should all have those golf carts

Barbie look-alikes are neither plastic nor named Barbie

Students with the gall to park non-BMWs on the street rather than shamefully hiding them in the parking structure

Mounds of prophylactics being haphazardly distributed by University Health Center

Inside of Immaculata hardly resembles "It's a Small World" ride

Under abundance of white, male professors

Dorm-wide maid service only comes twice a week

Not enough references to the Kroc Pot

Freshman's high school stories fail to impress anyone

By Jim Ballew
ASSISTANT NEWS ED

Despite his willingness to share an extremely diverse array of anecdotes about his years as a high schooler, freshman Mark Cannon has yet to impress anybody.

"Mark's a good guy and all, but I really don't care about all the 'crazy' things he and his high school friends did," said Cannon's roommate, Casey Phillips, putting his hands up and miming quotation marks with his middle and forefingers. "His stories are really lame."

Phillips is not the only USD student to voice concern regarding the soporific tendencies of Cannon's stories.

"You can't have a conversation without him telling some really long, in-depth story about how he and his high school buddies were hanging out when something 'really funny' happened," said fellow freshman Sarah Shotell, mimicking Phillips' finger gesture. "I guess it would be different if Mark's stories really were funny, but usually the 'really funny' thing isn't much more than he and his friends getting drunk off of Pabst out in the middle of the desert."

Cannon, a Maher Hall resident, has been sharing his high school stories since the day he moved into his dorm room last September.

"The first thing he said to me on the first day we moved in was that my voice sounded a lot like his friend Jocko's," said Jake Scilacci, Cannon's neighbor. "Then he started telling me about the time he and Jocko stole the helium tank from the student council. He said that he and Jocko must have been huffing gas and making munchkin voices for an hour before they passed out in his basement."

Other such stories which failed to cause laughter or gain general interest from his class mates include a harangue about stealing beer from his dad's private fridge and a tale of he and Jocko's last night at home where they allegedly stole an entire block of cheese from Ralph's supermarket.

Mood of faculty meeting interrupted by bold entrance of lean young men, shampoo

By Jeremy Horn
NEWS EDITOR

A recent faculty and administration meeting concerning the goal of furthering discussions in administration and faculty meeting environments was interrupted by the sudden and unexpected appearance of three unidentified, lean young men who caused an uproar over their choice of shampoo.

"First of all," said Col. Richard Sanders, head of the ROTC department at USD, "their interruption of the meeting was completely sudden and unexpected. Marissa [Stapleton, chair of USD's history department] was urging Pamela [Walker, a representative from Campus Connections] to see her point of view."

Upon hearing Stapleton's pleas, Walker unexpectedly began dreamily repeating the words, "urge, urge."

"That was when those three phantom hunks barged in with their fragrant, reasonably priced hair products," Sanders continued.

Added Sanders while shamefully scratching his own bald cranium; "but the worst thing about it was the totally unacceptable length to which they had let their hair grow."

Other administration officials seemed to agree on the quality and consistency of their hair.

"I have never seen hair with that level of shininess," said Felicity Rodriguez, a history professor. "I mean, there wasn't one split end in sight."

Once the men's presence was firmly acknowledged by the

meeting's attendees, they immediately began massaging Walker's scalp with the aromatic, vitamin-rich contents from their sweet-smelling bottle of hair care. Midway through the furious hair washing, which came to a climax as Walker's head was being bombarded by an amalgam of soap and fingers, Walker let out a squeal of delight as she saw the wavy shimmer of her newly rejuvenated locks.

"After their brief appearance, I have realized the gravity of the problem we have at this University regarding the lack of quality hair care products," said Roger Murahan, Assistant Provost. "This clearly requires decisive and firm action."

Nerves were calmed after the three unidentified men handed out samples of their chosen shampoo to the delight of administrators and faculty alike. Shortly afterward during the meeting's recess, some of the meeting's attendees reportedly heard moans and sighs of ecstasy and enjoyment from nearby bathrooms.

"My previous shampoo always left me dry and flaky," said George Fuller, an Economics professor. "After trying this, not only is my embarrassing dandruff gone, but my hair has a healthy shine."

"It certainly was a totally organic experience," Walker added. I just wish they would come by our meetings more often."

(Portions of this article were contributed by Jim Ballew.)

Financial Aid = last beacon of hope for University students

By Jeremy Horn
NEWS EDITOR

Financial Aid has pledged to increase awards, grants, and scholarships to cover the increase in student costs, including the rising price of alcohol, magazine subscriptions, and party snacks.

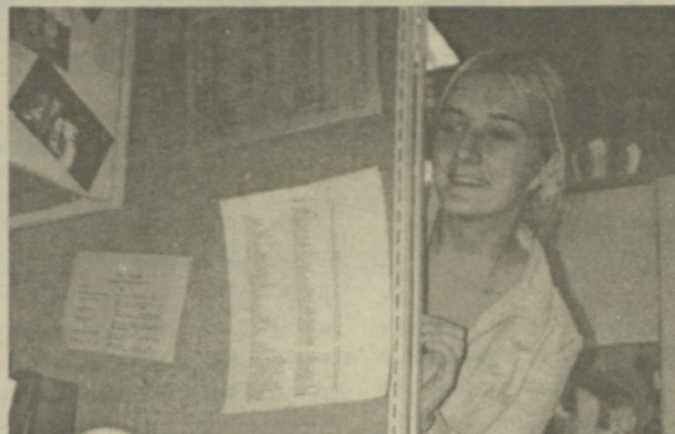
"I love Financial Aid," said Kevin Wilshire, a junior. "They have been one of the sole factors in enabling me to attend USD."

"The office of Financial Aid has given me more than I could have dreamed," said Patty Mierde, a freshman. "They have been one of the sole factors in enabling me to attend USD."

To pay for the increase in financial aid awards and scholar-

ships, the University plans to raise student parking fees and related costs. The current cost of an off-campus parking permit, \$170, will be raised to \$2,700 for Sedan-sized and compact vehicles. Sport utility vehicles, sports cars, and cars with University bumper stickers will be allowed to park for free.

"This is a win-win situation," said Jenny O'Holleran, who currently owns a BMW Z-3. "By not only raising parking fees, but also taking care of financial aid problems, USD has managed to create a commuter-friendly and cost-friendly school community."



Panic room proves safer than panic cubicle

Shocking Nobel laureates around the world, area scientist Jay Bagley, 48, proved Monday that a panic room is indeed safer than the cheaper and easier-to-assemble panic cubicle. "We've taken a look at the research and it looks like, at this time, we can come to the conclusion that Jodie Foster is right: the panic room is safer," Bagley announced at a regional press conference. "It's been a long, hard road on this project and there's so many people that have contributed their experience and data, it's phenomenal." Bagley added that the study would not have been possible without the creative imaginations of office geeks everywhere that spend way too much time in confined spaces. --Caley Cook

Professor finally tells class know-it-all to shut up

Following yet another long-winded, non-inclusive rant regarding his own self-promoting opinion, junior Tony Hamilton was told to "sit down" and "shut the hell up" by visiting professor Esteban del Rio midway through professor del Rio's Communication 100 class.

"It was great," stated Jennifer Malky, who sits directly behind Hamilton in the class, which meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:50 a.m. in Camino 117. "Tony was taking up the whole class time like he always does. This time he was trying to explain semiotics as it relates to the cast of 'Diff'rent Strokes,' when out of nowhere, del Rio was all, like, 'Hey. I appreciate participation in class discussions, but only when the rest of the class remotely gives a crap about what you have to say.'"

This isn't the first incident involving Hamilton's haphazard use of human communication theories to explain his skewed stance on pop-culture. Past instances have involved an in-depth analysis of social penetration theory in relation to Gene Hackman's role in "Hoosiers," as well as countless references to Cultural Studies theorist Stuart Hall's influence on the creators of "The Smurfs."

"I mean, give me a freakin' break," Malky continued. "There's no way that Arnold was a symbolic representation of Mr. Drummond's desire to have been born a woman. I mean, has Tony even watched the show?" --Jim Ballew

Student feels guilty, worried he's ripping off USD

University junior Alex Vanderbilt announced on Friday that he feels like he's "ripping USD off big time." This brash statement was followed by the declaration that Vanderbilt feels bad for paying so little to a learning institution that gives him so much in return.

"I pay a mere \$28,000 a year to go to school here, while USD is scraping by while waiting for the new science center and Tecelote apartments to go up. I wish there were more I could do to help. I'd gladly pay twice what I already give to USD if it would alleviate some of the construction costs."

Vanderbilt added: "I've tried finding other ways of giving USD money, like nonchalantly dropping twenties in front of administrators' offices and getting parking tickets as often as possible, but it's hard to spread the money around evenly. What I'd really like is if there were moneyboxes at the front of each classroom and the professors wouldn't start teaching until everyone had coughed up a fifty. At least then I would feel like I was paying something substantial for my education." --Jim Ballew

SPORTS

NBA Playoffs: West will dominate East

By Tom Anthony
STAFF WRITER

Everybody wants to feign competition, just because it's more exciting than bringing out the brooms for a game and waving them around in degradation of the losing team.

Remember last season in the NBA Finals, when the Philadelphia 76ers actually defeated the Lakers in Game 1, and across the nation Laker-haters geared up for an upset?

Allen Iverson scored a few baskets, and Aaron McKie, Eric Snow and George Lynch gained our sympathy by fighting through injuries to play in the games they have been striving to play in all of their lives.

But the only lasting image of that series is NBC's slow-motion shot of Shaq coming across the lane with one of his anvil elbows and rearranging the facial expressions of Dikembe Mutombo.

It would be nice to glamorize a rematch of the old Lakers-Boston Celtics series, reliving the days of the Garden rocking in Game 7 while the best front line in basketball history rivaled the Magic-led Showtime crew.

This year, the NBA Finals are going to be a rout. There is no way that any one of the eight "Leastern" Conference teams has a chance to upend its western foe, whomever that may be.

Here are the reasons defending the domination of the West. First, nobody can even figure out who the representative from the East is going to be.

Think back to 1994, when the Denver Nuggets defeated the Seattle SuperSonics in the first round, the first time a No. 8 seed beat a No. 1 seed in the playoffs. It shocked the world. Again, Mutombo is the image, lying on the floor, the ball held above his head, sheer joy etched across his face — that was pre-Shaq, when his face looked normal.

It wouldn't be a surprise to anyone if the Indiana Pacers beat the New Jersey Nets in the first round to knock off the East's top seed. Take it a step further: It also wouldn't really surprise anyone if the East's bottom four seeds — Indiana (8), Toronto (7), Philadelphia (6) or Orlando (5) — all defeated the "favorites," a loosely used term in this case if ever there was one.

OK, looking at this logically, New Jersey finished with the best record in the East at 52-30. Detroit was second at 50-32. In the West, five teams finished the season with at least 50 victories, topped by Sacramento at 61-21. Portland had 49 wins. Even Seattle, which is seeded seventh, had 45 wins, which is better than all but three teams in the East.

But here's the kicker: The East plays the majority of its games against the East, and the West plays the majority of its games against the West. Imagine if Sacramento was playing in the East.

Either one might have eclipsed the Chicago Bulls' record of 72 victories in a season. Already, with the Western Conference teams beating up on themselves, the Kings were only 11 wins behind the record.

If they could have played Chicago, Miami, Washington, New York and Atlanta two more times and eliminated the Lakers, Mavericks, Spurs, Blazers and Wolves from their schedule two more times each, the Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen legacy wouldn't be so memorable.

Spirit outplay the New York Power at Torero Stadium



DAVID DURON

(Above) Shannon Macmillan scores her second goal of the match last Saturday at Torero Stadium. Portland graduate also finished the game with one assist.

(Right) Left midfielder Amy Sauer directs a cross into the box during last weekend's match against the New York Power.



DAVID DURON

The San Diego Spirit continued their season at Torero Stadium this past Saturday as they defeated the New York Power, 6-1. Shannon Macmillan and Zhang Ouying each had two goals and one assist in the match. The next home game is Sunday, May 5 at 5 P.M. versus the Washington Freedom.

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SECOND ROUND -
DEFEATED SAINT
MARY'S 7-0

5TH PLACE MATCH-
DEFEATED SAN
FRANCISCO 7-0

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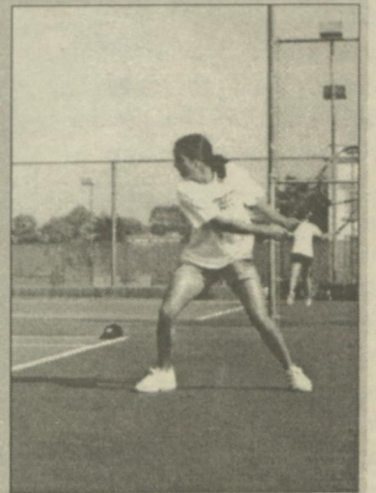
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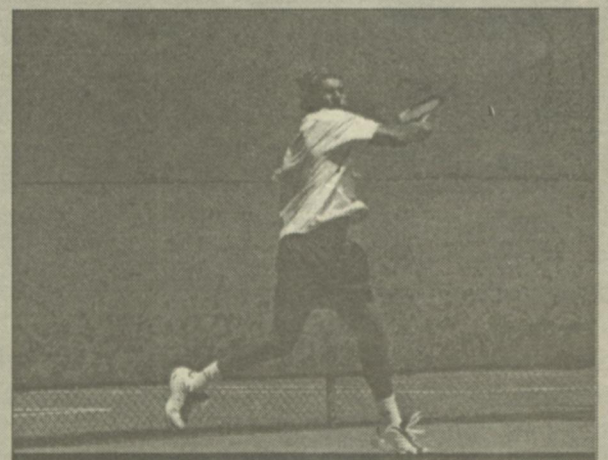
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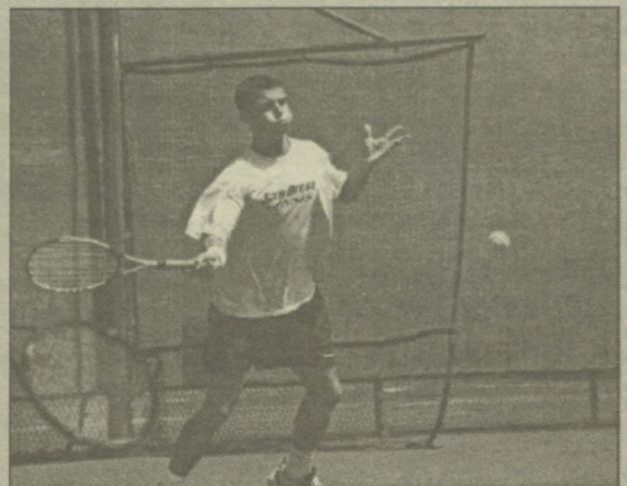
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(Above) Paola Arrangoiz defeated Carey Savage 6-0, 6-2 in her fifth place match last weekend. Arrangoiz also won her second round match.



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(Above) Juan Cerda hits a forehand against Stefan Suter in a WCC Championship game. Cerda went on to lose the match 6-4, 6-3.



DAVID DURON

(Above) Returning a serve against Johan Berg in his final match, Stephen Taylor forcefully exhales. Berg lost the close match 6-7, 6-3. Berg didn't get to finish the match because Pepperdine had secured the title.

Fifth pick goes to Chargers in NFL Draft

San Diego chooses All-American cornerback Quentin Jammer to improve the Charger's defense

By Stephanie Moreno
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps the San Diego Chargers are lucky to get the fifth pick overall in the 2002 NFL Draft, but it also reflects their dismal season. Quentin Jammer, a cornerback from Texas, was that pick and will start his NFL career this fall.

Last season with 55 stops, 24 broken passes and 2 interceptions, Jammer was a unanimous All-American and Thorpe Award finalist. Standing at 5-11 and 204lbs., Jammer plays bigger than his size. He uses his hands and arms to pin the receiver at the line of scrimmage and has the explosive hand punch needed to really shock the receiver.

As a run defender, Jammer does a good job of playing off blocks but he does not have great range and is not great in make-up speed. Jammer's problem area is when he is backed-off man coverage. He is not fluid in turning and has a tendency to stay in his backpedal too long.

Jammer will also have to watch the penalty flags. He has had problems with pass-interference calls for the first eight games of the 2000 season. A big game guy, Jammer will have to

step it up all the time, even when he is not being challenged.

David Carr's name is already written in the history books before he even takes an NFL snap. The Fresno St. quarterback was the first pick overall in the 2002 NFL Draft and the first franchise player for the expansion Houston Texans.

Looking to sign long term players, the Texans signed Carr to a seven-year contract with a signing bonus of \$11 million. Through the first three years, Carr will have a payout of \$16.25 million.

Fifth in the voting for the 2001 Heisman Trophy, Carr had better statistics than the four quarterbacks voted ahead of him. He lead Fresno St. to an 11-3 record last year with a 42-7 touchdown/interception ratio.

In his last year at Fresno St., he was honored with the Johnny Unitas Award and named the Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year and Pro Football Weekly first-team All-American. He has the potential to become one of the premier quarterbacks in the game.

However, he may have one problem in the NFL. Carr has a low release point which results in many of his passes being batted down. He throws line-drive passes with somewhat of a side

arm. Julius Peppers, a defensive end from North Carolina, was the second overall pick selected by the Carolina Panthers.

Peppers was a Freshman All-American in 1999 and was given some Atlantic Coast Conference and All-American honors in 2000. Peppers considered coming out for the NFL Draft as a third-year sophomore but decided to stay in school.

In his final season, he had 63 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, 9.5 sacks and 3 interceptions. He led the Tar Heels in tackles for loss, sacks and interceptions and was on every All-American team along with winning the Lombardi Trophy.

Peppers displayed his athleticism on the Tar Heels basketball court as well. He was the sixth man on the successful UNC basketball team but skipped this past season to prepare for the NFL Draft.

Peppers is an ideal defensive end with size, speed and agility. His mental ability will have to mature before Peppers can realize his true potential as a football player. Joey Harrington was the second quarterback and third pick overall. The Detroit Lions selected the Oregon quarterback.

The top Heisman candidate in 2001, Harrington finished

fourth overall in the voting. He was the Pac-10's Offensive Player of the Year, an Academic All-American and the MVP of the Fiesta Bowl. Harrington lead the Oregon Ducks for the past two seasons.

In 2001, he completed 186 of 322 passes for 2,415 yards and improved his touchdown/interception ratio to 23-5. Harrington is the epitome of a quarterback as he is a team leader. At 6-4 and 220 lbs. he is a good size quarterback.

He has the ability to bring his team back late in the game. He led the Ducks to 10 fourth quarter comebacks and has the best won-lost record of any Oregon quarterback, winning 25 of his last 28.

What made Harrington a third pick and Carr the first pick is arm strength. Harrington does not have a spectacular arm. In Oregon, Harrington was playing with a strong offensive system which may have made him out to be a better quarterback than he actually is. It will be interesting to see how Harrington will adjust to the inefficient offensive system in Detroit.

Texas Offensive Tackle, Mike Williams, was selected by the Buffalo Bills as the fourth pick overall. Only 21, Williams

has the potential to become one of the best lineman in the game.

At 6-5 and 375lbs., Williams is flexible, coordinated and light on his feet for a man of his size. He was the Longhorns' Co-offensive Lineman of the Year in 2000. He shared the honors with Leonard Davis who was the number two overall draft pick last year.

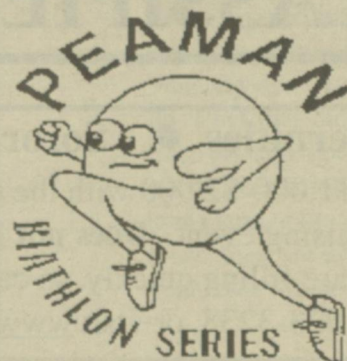
A right side tackle, Williams had Texas quarterback Chris Simm's blind side. Buffalo will try to convert Williams to a left tackle. Buffalo will have their work cut out for them as Williams tends to get lazy at times. When he is tired, he tries to use his size and lean on the defender rather than using his feet. Williams can definitely be a top tackle, but he has to watch his weight.

Here's how the rest of the top ten first round picks went. Kansas City selected North Carolina defensive tackle Ryan Sims. Minnesota picked Miami outside tackle Bryant Mount. With the eighth overall selection the Cowboys took Oklahoma strong safety Roy Williams.

Tennessee defensive tackle John Henderson was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars. The Cincinnati Bengals picked Arizona St. offensive tackle Levi Jones as the tenth pick overall.

625 yard Swim and 3 mile run Saturday, April 20 TOP 10 RESULTS

NAME	SWIM TIME	RUN TIME	TOTAL
DIHN TRAN	9:35:00	23:37:00	33:12:00
CAROLYN GORRICK	7:18:00	27:42:00	35:00:00
JAMIE JACKSON	7:18:00	27:42:00	35:00:00
LEANDRA SALLES-CUNHA	7:55:00	28:14:00	36:09:00
AARON MOTOLA	10:11:00	26:44:00	36:55:00
BOBBY LACOUR	7:48:00	31:30:00	39:18:00
RACHEL STROIK	8:40:00	31:13:00	39:53:00
KALEIGH ROBINSON	10:40:00	30:10:00	40:50:00
SUSAN SPENCER	12:28:00	29:02:00	41:30:00
ALI HINGA	11:56:00	29:35:00	41:31:00



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April 16 vs.
Long Beach State
10-9 loss
April 19-21
at Saint Mary's
Game #1 6-3 loss
Game #2 6-5 win
Game #3 13-9 loss

next home games:
Friday @ 3 PM
vs. Gonzaga
April 20-21 @ 1PM
vs. Gonzaga
April 30 @ 3 PM
vs. San Diego State

Women's Softball (8-30)

April 17
vs. San Diego State
8-0 loss
April 17
vs. San Diego State
10-0 loss

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vs. Loyola Marymount
Sunday @ 12 PM
vs Santa Clara

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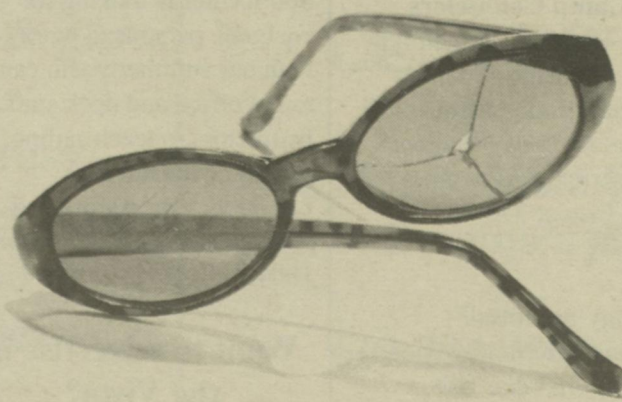


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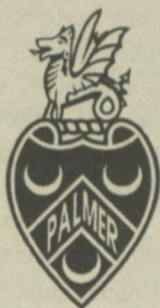
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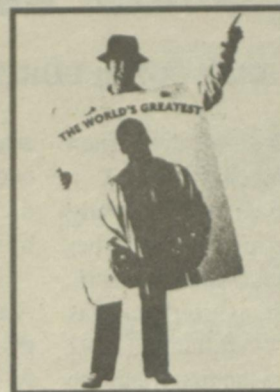
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Stacey Lee, a recent USD graduate, has no complaints about the HMO care that she receives through her job.

"I am young and healthy and rarely find myself in the hospital," Lee said. "HMO coverage is cheap for me because my employer pays half the cost per month. If I would have chosen a Private Provider (PPO), my deductible would have been higher. My employer was only willing to pay a quarter of [a PPO's cost]."

Kaplan sees things differently, however. "I think that people should be aware of what they buy when they buy health insurance. You have to make a decision about what your priorities are in life. If you're young and healthy and feel that it is not a priority, think again. You can find yourself in the emergency room, sitting on a gurney, waiting for health care in an emergency situation only to find out that your insurance company will not allow you to get it."

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Parkinson's disease and the other while suffering from Alzheimer's disease," Greta Riedesel, a sophomore working in the lab. "Both of these diseases are nervous system disorders that affect neurons using specific neurotransmitters. Not knowing or understanding the reason my grandfathers died gave me a desire to find out."

According to information published on the Loer Lab's web page, the goal of the research is to identify genes that control the expression of the neurotransmitter serotonin in specific neurons of *C. elegans*.

"I'd like to see the research that's being done here answer questions about degenerative nervous system disorders," said Jean-Paul Strong, a senior.

Loer encourages all students interested in researching to consider research on campus, even those who are planning on becoming doctors because they should have an idea of how the knowledge they use is attained.

"A large part of what we do here is to teach how research is done," Loer said.

"When you are researching in a lab, you are doing something that has never been done before," DePaul said. "It helps you develop problem-solving skills."

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

USD IM Bball final four

By Jason Williams and
Rebecca Benson
INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR

Did I miss something on Monday night that I should have known about, because there were two teams that did not show up for their first round games in the playoffs? But the rest of the games that night proved to be quite entertaining.

The "Mighty Condors" got a really quick win over their first round opponent the "Clones" when the "Clones" forgot they had a game. But for the "Condors" they had to get ready for a very difficult game against "Your Team Sucks Ass" later that night. At 8:00 we did however have our first real game as the "Rip Riders" played "Team Shambles". Conor Branfield led both teams in scoring with 26 points. He had the hot hand as the rest of the players kept feeding him the ball. By committing only 3 team fouls the entire game, defense was there thing. "Team Shambles" had a hard time getting off good shots and the final score showed that. The

"Rip Riders" beat "Team Shambles" 67 to 37.

At 9:00 the "Mighty Condors" were back to take on "Your Team Sucks Ass". The "Condors" put up a hell of a fight against "Your Team Sucks Ass". This game went down to the wire. With seconds left the "Condors" had the ball and down by one, but time ran out and they did not get off a shot and "Your Team Sucks Ass" advanced to the next round. The second game at 9:00 was "Smutores" and "Saved By Grace". Oh wait "Smutores" did not show up. Why I don't know. They just did not come to there game. "Saved By Grace" was happy they got to go home early and "study".

At 10:00 we finally had 2 games. Yeah... we all got to work! On court one the "Agents" played "202". Team "202" had a well-balanced attack as everyone was

able to get to the basket and score. The "Agents" played hard to keep up with "202" and did a pretty good job of it. But in the end they could not do enough to pull out the win. Team "202" good a huge win over the "Agents" 43 to 38. The last game of the evening was "Sig Ep I" taking on "Bumble Bees". Ok how do I put this? I will try this- Blow Out! "Sig Ep I" scored 74 points. As I think about it the only other team to score that many points is "Beantown's Old Guns". Could we have a possible Championship Game? Well we will have to wait and see. Anyways back to this game. "Sig Ep I" scored 74 points on solid efforts from the entire team. Five players score double digits points as they went on to beat (for lack of a better word) "Bumble Bees" 74 to 25.

On Tuesday night, the other half of the bracket played their games.

The first game of the evening had the "Terrapins" going up against "Beantown's Old Guns". So what would the "Old Guns" score this time 100, 150, maybe 200 points? No they only got 66 points. Man, I did not think that they would actually miss Dave Segal who was out of town, but I guess they did. Sixty-six points would be like a loss to these guys. But this time 66 points was enough as they beat the "Terrapins" 66 to 45. The second game of the hour was the "Honkers" and "McGarry's Kids". The "Honkers" were lead by Sloulin who scored 24 points and Jon Bangel who scored 14 points. Those 38 points were about all they need to beat "McGarry's Kids". The "Honkers" scored 37 points by the half and ended with 68 points as the football players could not get their game going

as they lost 68 to 38.

At 9:00 we had a game between two of the funniest team names in the league "Sea Donkey Patrol" and the "Fighting Camels". The "Camels" who scored 56 points beat the "Donkeys" 56 to 49. For the "Fighting Camels" Dupree lead the scorers with 18 points. The "Donkeys" were lead by Hreim who scored 21 points. With this win, the "Fighting Camels" will go on to the next round of the playoffs. In the final game of the evening was "Free Cents" versus "Geniuss". Diron Mobley led "Free Cents" with 16 points as Michael Blackman also put up 12 points to lead "Free Cents" to a big time win over "Geniuss" 62 to 47.

The playoffs will again continue on Monday and Tuesday night. Come and see some great Basketball and the "Quest of the Shirt". I would like to take a moment here really quick to say that some of the players in all the IM sports need to relax a little when they are playing. You like to blame everyone but yourselves when you loose. I bet you would blame your mom if you had the chance. But since she is not here, you go after the officials and staff. Listen they are out working hard and doing the best they can. I am sick and tired of hearing, "Man those officials suck." Well why don't you do what they do. I bet that most of you that bitch about the officiating could not do a better job. So in closing, stop blaming the officials if you loose, they are not out to make your team win or loose.

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