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## Campus hosts Alternative Gift Fair

### Vendors sell a variety of handmade gifts in front of the UC

By Kathleen MacNeil  
STAFF WRITER

Four on-campus groups co-sponsored the annual USD Alternative Gift Fair on Thursday, Nov. 5, providing students with an opportunity to not only get a head-start on their holiday shopping, but also to help local and international non-profit organizations.

Vendors representing nine different organizations sold a variety of handmade gifts at tables in front of the UC. The groups included the Guatemala Project, Habitat for Humanity, Hmong Needleworks, the Peace Resource Center, Second Chance, SERRV (Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation Vocation) International, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and the St. Madeline Sophie's Training Center and Inside Afghanistan.

The gift fair was put together primarily by the Social Issues



Organizations varied from the Guatemala Project to Inside Afghanistan.

KYLA LACKIE

Committee through the Office for Community Service Learning. AS Community Service and University Ministry were also involved in the effort to bring vendors to campus.

"The idea of alternative gift

buying is that the gifts you are buying are actually having a social benefit," said Elaine Elliott, director of Community Service Learning. "Instead of something sold in a regular store, all of the things we offer are made by

non-profit organizations. We brought international groups like SERRV, and we also have products from local non-profits who are looking to raise some money to use for things like job training."

The vendors were on campus from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., attracting many passersby who were looking to find some gifts for the holidays. Many people were particularly interested in the good causes that the gift fair supported.

Adair Garner, a senior and diversified liberal arts major, found herself at the table for the Guatemala Project, a church group that works with a co-operative in a poor area of Guatemala. The group offered a wide assortment of hand-stitched bags, wallets, vests and bible covers.

"This year, my sister doesn't want gifts, she wants handmade stuff," Garner said. "I thought this was a good way to get her something she would feel okay receiving. Also, it's a good way to get students here to get connections to different associations and organizations."

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## Engineering Department challenges students to Walk on Water



KYLA LACKIE

USD students challenged themselves in Walk on Water.

By Tom Davis  
STAFF WRITER

USD's Engineering Department took control of the pool on Saturday for the 12th annual Walk on Water competition. Freshmen engineering students and high school students from around San Diego competed in a walk across the pool on homemade shoes.

The Walk on Water Competition was designed to give freshmen students a feel for engineering design and to promote science and engineering to high school students. Each team designs and builds their shoes, taking buoyancy, stability, and propulsion into account in order to maximize efficiency. A pilot dons the usually very

bulky shoes and walks across the length of the pool, racing other contestants.

This year's competition was the largest since the first contest of its kind. Over 30 high school teams and a dozen college teams raced against each other for prizes and engineering clout.

High school students from all over the San Diego area competed for the coveted prizes of a \$300 gift certificate to Best Buy and a \$2000 scholarship to USD.

The winning team was the Water Bears from La Jolla High School. Pilot Joshua Shorestein revealed his team's secret to success. "Duct tape is God," Shorestein said as he walked across the water to a

solid victory.

The college competition was much smaller than the high school competition and was dominated by champion Nick Barker and his shoes "Air Force Ones" (formally the "Hydro-Runners").

Barker and his group first set the record of 16 seconds two years ago as a freshman engineering student. He returned for his third contest this year and claimed a \$300 gift certificate prize for his efforts.

"I would use my old shoes for the demolition derby if they let pilots use those big foam jousting poles. People would be as scared of me as Dolph Lundgren in Rocky IV," said Dustin Mendes, a sophomore engineering student.



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## Public Safety Report

Dec. 2

Tecolote – Received a report that a golf cart was in the canyon.

Missions A – A television was reported missing from the lounge

Dec. 3

Football Field – It was reported that two white males removed a banner from the end zone of the stadium. The area was checked and the banner could not be located.

Palomar – A female student was reported as intoxicated. Paramedics transported her to Sharp Hospital.

Dec. 4

Maher – An officer conducted a walkthrough of the hall and discovered bias motivated and offensive written material on the walls outside of five rooms.

San Luis Ray – While conducting a routine walk through, offensive fliers were displayed.

A student reported receiving an obscene phone call.

Manchester Village – A fire alarm was activated due to burnt toast.

Manchester Village – A fire alarm was activated due to steam from a shower.

Maher – A report was received about a fight between two people who were possibly involved in a previous incident.

Dec. 6

Manchester Village – While conducting a security check of a building, offensive fliers were seen on a resident's door.

Palomar – Public Safety received a report of a drunk female vomiting in the parking lot. Officers transported her to detox.

Palomar – A report of loud yelling in the Palomar parking lot was made. One drunk male was transported to detox.

Palomar – Public Safety received a prank phone call which resulted in a student being transported to detox and being cited for MIP and possession of a false ID.

Dec. 8

Manchester Village – A student was transported to detox and six students were cited for minors in possession.

Via Las Cumbres – Officers responded to a noise complaint.

Sixteen minors were cited for possession of alcohol.

Cuyamaca – Three students were cited as minors in possession.

Palomar – Students were cited for possession of marijuana and minors in possession on alcohol.

Manchester Village – A false alarm was reported.

Laguna – Public Safety received a report of a broken window in a residence's room.

Maher – Public Safety received a report of a student with a BB gun in his room that closely resembled a semi-automatic hand gun.

Dec. 9

Maher – A Public Safety dispatcher witnessed on a video camera several items being thrown from the fourth floor.

Public Safety – A dispatcher and the USD telephone operators received a call from a female who was using abusive language.

## Up 'Til Dawn proves successful

USD wins regional penny wars competition

By Leslie McHale

GUEST WRITER

During the middle of Nov., you might have seen Sparklett's jugs in laundry rooms or outside the UC for collecting change.

You might have had someone knock on your door to ask for money. If you didn't see them or just didn't know what they wanted, they were collecting change for a charity.

Nine students from USD's Residence Hall Association went to a regional conference last month at California State University, Chico.

The philanthropy for this conference was a charity called Up 'Til Dawn, a program started by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Up 'Til Dawn raises money for the children of St. Jude's Hospital along with the research and treatment provided at the hospital.

USD individually raised \$789.50, the most amount of money raised.

A total amount of \$3300 was raised by 44 schools for St. Jude's.

On behalf of the Residence Hall Association and the Up 'Til Dawn program, RHA would like to thank everyone who did their part by throwing in their pocket change.

The success of this event shows that when everyone helps a little, we can accomplish a lot.

## Correction

In the Dec. 5 issue of The Vista, the name of the writer for the Schmeling leaves USD article was incorrect.

The correct writer was Danielle Hashem, news editor.

Words from the desk  
Chad M. Wilson's final words on "Rings"

As this is my final column of the year 2002, most people would assume that I would either wrap up the year, or talk about what I want for Christmas. Sorry folks, that's not what Chad is going to do.

I have decided to write about "Lord of the Rings," perhaps because I just saw the new movie, "The Two Towers," on Monday. Another benefit of working for the paper – you get cool stuff before the world does, like press screenings of movie, CDs and Magic the Gathering cards.

"The Lord of the Rings" series is the greatest movie series ever. The books themselves are called by many to be the greatest adventure ever told. No other series compares to "Lord of the

Rings," not even "Indiana Jones," "Star Wars," that wizard kid, or even "Home Alone."

What makes this series greater than the others is the tradition behind it. The books were written many years ago, when the world was black and white. Those books about that wizard kid are probably pretty good, but the whole story of Middle Earth and its creatures is so much deeper.

J.R.R. Tolkien created an actual history of his world of Middle Earth, with real languages and cultures. Do any of these other series' have this depth? Lets see here, um no.

The filming of "The Lord of the Rings" series took a year and a half, longer than any other pro-

duction. Animation of scenes was absolutely minimal. Gigantic sets were built and used. The story seems so much more realistic and imaginable than any other.

Yes, the movies are long. Both the first and second were three hours and could have been longer. That's because there is so much to this epic.

If you say perhaps the series should have been made into more movies, all I say look to "Star Wars Episode One." What happened? After 20 years I guess George Lucas stopped focusing on making a good movie and started trying to please small children with his new character, Jar Jar Binks. That's my final words, Jar Jar Binks.

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"One of the aims of the program is to educate students about different places in the world and how skewed the world economy is," Elliott said. "For example, they can learn that over half the world earns less than two dollars a day and

1.3 billion people earn less than one dollar a day. For some people, your buying a five dollar item is has a huge impact for them."

In addition to multicultural tables, the gift fair included local service organizations.

The other service groups included Habitat for Humanity, a Christian non-profit which

builds houses with a maximum of donated labor and materials, and sells the low-mortgage housing to low-income families; Second Chance, which provides skills training to help homeless people re-enter the workforce; Peace Resource Center, which creates cards and buttons promoting peace; and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which

raises money for research of these two diseases.

"We're trying to educate people," Elliott said. "These are simple businesses just trying to raise money. The gift fair is a great way that students themselves can contribute to the international economy as well as some of the needs in their own community."

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## SOCIETY AND CULTURE

## Students from all over the country are livin' la vida loca

By Jennifer Shaeffer  
STAFF WRITER/MADRID

A strange anxiety awakes students the moment they arrive in the great metropolis of Madrid, Spain's capital city. With unanswered questions and anticipated experiences, students abroad attempt to incorporate exotic weekend trips throughout Western Europe, while learning to appreciate their home-base of Madrid.

"This place is enchanted," says Marissa Lyftogt, a SU/Madrid student. "Every time I return to Madrid after a weekend trip, it feels like I am coming home."

Although Madrid is an enormous city, as time goes by, students familiarize themselves with their initially foreign surroundings. Its constant energy and implicit urban groove are on every street corner. The excitement and chaos keeps students on their toes, as they await new adventures and authentic experiences.

Ashley Bahner, an SU/Madrid student, describes the city as having "a strange buzz in the air, as though the entire city is alive and filled with energy."

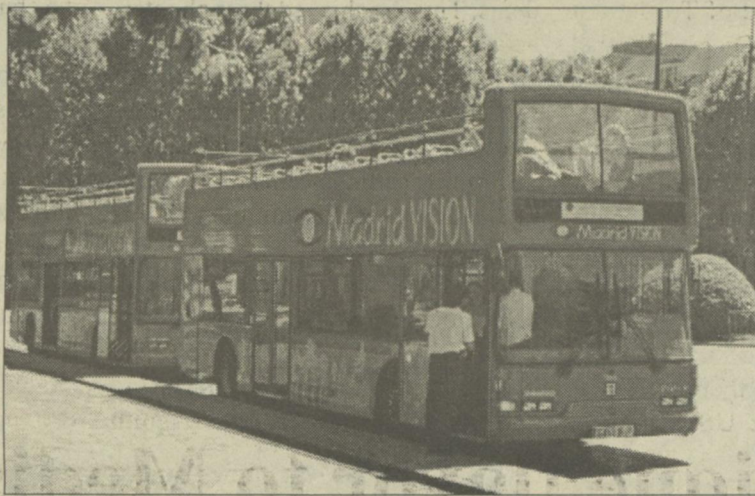
A city like Madrid presents visitors with endless activities to embrace and take part in. From shopping at the classy boutiques on C/Goya, and visiting museums, to enjoying the nightlife or people watching in Retiro Park, it's virtually impossible to be bored in Madrid.

Since becoming familiar with a big city can be overwhelming, a good recommendation is to ride the Madrid Vision double-decker bus to get an overview of the city's main attractions, monuments, and landmarks. Popular attractions on the tour include: El Palacio Real (the royal palace), El Prado, a prominent art museum, and El Parque del Buen Retiro, the central park of Madrid.

Another convenient way to explore Madrid is through the Metro. Although initially puzzling with its endless array of colored lines and stops, the

metro system is quickly memorized by students on the go. As time flies by, the once terrified and clueless student abroad has magically transformed into an independent and self-sufficient commuter.

And after a student has conquered the once problematic issue of transportation, it is time to have some fun. Shopping in Madrid is a great pastime. One of the most popular places is El Corte Inglés, a seven-story department store that sells everything from laundry detergent to Gucci watches, from asparagus to television sets.



A Vision double-decker bus cruises through Madrid.

El Corte Inglés provides a convenient way to shop, as aspects of Safeway, Wal-Mart, Nordstrom, and Circuit City unite forces to form a single super-store. Other shopping hot spots include Zara, Mango, and H&M, all featuring trendy women's apparel, and guaranteed low prices. Exhausted from a long day of shopping, students often take advantage of a siesta, a few hours each day that are dedicated to rest and relaxation at home.

But if taking the traditional mid-day

snooze doesn't appeal to you, another Spanish tradition that students have grown to love is tapas. These appetizer-like tasters

are meant to complement specific drinks at the bar. For examples, Sangria is often accompanied by jamón y queso. Rick Steves, expert on tourism, calls it "the tapa tango, a local tradition of going from one bar to the next munching and socializing."

Some favorite tapas include tortilla española,

tempura style vegetables or shellfish, green Spanish olives, stuffed mushrooms, and bocadillos. It's hoped that one day this "tapa tango" will reach the United States. Tapas bars provide a popular way to socialize, and are a great place to eat, connect and be merry!

After daily errands have been run and businesses close for the day, the masses begin to settle, but not for long, because around midnight la marcha begins. Madrid is famous for its eventful nightlife. With

clubs and nightclubs galore, the city caters to every personality. From Kapital, a seven-story dance club with different music themes on each level, to Palacio, a castle-inspired club that features Thursday night exchange parties, la marcha provides the perfect time for locals and visitors to gather at these hot spots to meet, mix, and mingle.

With all that Madrid has to offer, it doesn't take long for students to find their niche within the city.

"I was walking through the city the other day and someone asked me for directions," said Heather Johnson, an SU/Madrid student. "I never thought that something so meaningless could move me the way it did here. Not only had I appeared to know my way around the city, but I was able to tell the directions in Spanish successfully!"

"When I am here, I feel a part of something so much bigger than myself," said Claire Riccardi, an SU/Madrid student who is considering extending her stay in Madrid to an entire year. "It seems as though I belong somehow - it feels good."

Madrid provides an urban liveliness that is bustling through each one of us. It is a vivacious thriving city that offers limitless adventures and opportunities to expand personally and culturally.



El Palacio Real is just one magnificent spot among many in Madrid.

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## SD/TJ Posada Sin Fronteras unites humans at the border

### Strong cultural, religious, economic and social bonds connect SD/TJ

PRESS RELEASE  
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POSADA SIN FRONTERAS  
DECEMBER 14, 2002

The faith tradition of most religions contains a strong element of hospitality to strangers and foreigners. In the desert communities of the Middle East, where both Christianity and Judaism originated, hospitality was literally a matter of life and death. Under certain conditions, to deny food, water and shelter to travelers was tantamount to a death sentence.

Tragically, that denial occurs daily in the California/Baja California border region. Since 1994, on an average of one every three or four days,

migrants are dying while crossing the border in search of a way to feed their families - the death toll is now over 700. They are dying from dehydration in the deserts, freezing in the mountains and drowning in the canals. They are dying because they are poor and seeking hospitality.

The Posada is a re-enactment of the story of Mary and Joseph, strangers and foreigners in Bethlehem, seeking shelter and hospitality in the hours just before the birth of Jesus. It is a most venerated and joyful Christmas tradition,

both here and in Mexico.

In response to one of the most sustained nationwide attacks on immigrant rights in U.S. history, La Posada Sin Fronteras participants maintain the centuries-old posada tradition of hospitality by gathering at the border fence to celebrate the strong cultural, religious, economic and social bonds that connect the communities of San Diego and Tijuana.

We celebrate the 2002 Posada Sin Fronteras at the beginning of a millennium. In this new era let us revive the practice of offering shelter and hospitality to those who

need it.

Friends from Tijuana and San Diego will come together on either side of the border fence to celebrate Christmas with friendship, candles and song.

**When:** Saturday, December 14, 2002 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Where:** Border Field State Park (I-5 South, through National City, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach. Exit at Coronado Ave. Go straight across Coronado Ave. onto Hollister. Turn right on Monument Road.)

**How:** Transportation is available for USD students by contacting University Ministry at ext. 4987. If you plan to drive, free parking is available.

**Attire:** Warm clothing is recommended.

For more information on the SD/TJ Posada Sin Fronteras, call (619) 233-4114 or e-mail: usmexborder@igc.org.



# Dr. James Smith gains the admiration of students

**By Melanie Wehrman**  
STAFF WRITER

Eighty eyes glaring forward, pens at attention, waiting for the next word. Receiving full attention, a professor is able to impact the lives of many. USD professor, Dr. James Smith is no exception; he not only observes the impact he can make on his students—he makes it. For 10 years now Smith has been helping students develop their minds as well as their spirituality, in whatever direction that may be. Smith not only teaches the traditional lesson, but also shares an open passion with the students of USD, all the while fulfilling a detailed relationship with the Lord.

Smith was raised in a warm Christian home where his parents did their best to live their lives according to the teachings of the Bible. While it was Smith's parents that began his awareness of the bible, he continuously found its contents helpful in addressing life issues. "One is not automatically a Christian because of their family any more than a car is born into a garage," Smith said. The choice to follow a faith is a personal one.

After receiving his degree in philosophy at San Diego State, Smith married his high school sweetheart, Linda. After wanting to learn more about the church after college, Smith enrolled at Bethel Seminary in Min-

nesota while simultaneously working as a youth pastor. Based upon feeling a strong calling to learn more about the church, Smith and his wife decided to use the last of their savings and apply to Harvard and Yale to obtain a one year Master in Theology. As a God-graced sign, Smith was accepted to both, and received his Doctorate of Theology at Harvard while working as a pastor for Calvary Baptist Church.

Smith was asked to substitute for a friend on sabbatical at USD 10 years ago. With a doctorate in one hand and enthusiasm in the other, all signs

statement, the University is committed to belief in God, to the recognition of the dignity of each individual, and to the development of an active faith community. Smith's teaching style is highly exemplary of what the University strives to achieve. "My class surveys the waterfront," he explained. "There is both a historical and spiritual context. I try to make the students feel safe and comfortable, but also confronted by Christianity. I am doing what I believe I am called to do."

While his class works with stan-

doesn't require belief in God to do well in his class. Instead, he requires belief. His class is about developing your own personal beliefs and being able to support them. It's refreshing to have that kind of learning environment."

Recently, Smith left his 11 year position as Senior Pastor at the Clairemont Emmanuel Baptist Church to further his relationship with the Lord. This meant being brother's keeper for both his brother and the students of Bethel and USD. Smith's brother has experienced heart trouble,

and he knew what had to be done when his brother requested that Smith spend more time

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pointed to giving teaching a try. As time passed, Smith was asked to stay at USD and teach Religion 19, "Christianity and its Practice."

In addition to his teaching here at USD, Smith is also a teacher and a member of the Board of Trustees at Bethel West in San Diego. Bethel Seminary is committed to integrating Christian faith with learning and life. Smith teaches at both places because their different religious needs allow him to share different aspects of his faith. The students in Religion 19 are often times in the developing stages of deciding to live a life more inclusive of God, while the students at the Seminary have made their decision.

According to the USD mission

dard analytical tools, such as knowledge of the material, it also works on developing personal life values. As a professor, Smith has the opportunity to develop methods of interacting with the thoughts and the lives of his students. This is achieved through interactive essays. "It is a great way to invest themselves in the course. It is not just about the facts, but about knowing who you become," Smith said.

Smith's calling seems to be working. The midterm Smith uses for his class is an interactive essay requiring students to develop a personal creed, or list of personal beliefs, while incorporating course material to refute or support each creed. Kristina Mogannam, said, "Professor Smith

with him. At the same time, Smith received invitations to teach further at Bethel and at USD; and viewed these invitations as callings to turn his ministry to where it was most needed. "I loved the intergenerational aspect of the church, but it was time to pass the baton," Smith said. "A runner does not slow for the pass. Instead, he is going at full speed."

Previous student, Liz DiLorenzo, sums up the feelings of many. "Inside the classroom Smith's passion inspires students. Outside the classroom he counsels students, allotting time to just sit down and listen to them. He has had a strong impact on me as a person and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know him."

## Professor adds unique flavor to Media Studies

**By Marc Adams**  
STAFF WRITER

It was the first day of class. Excitement could be felt in the air as well as a slight anxiety of not knowing what to expect from the class. The students eventually took a seat as they quietly listened for their name to be called. "Ramona," the professor said while taking roll, "How ya doin' Ramona?" Very quickly, the class realized that this was no typical college professor. He looked every student in the eye and sincerely asked how they were.

There was something different about this professor. It may have been that he was a 29 year old teaching Media Studies. But it also may have been the fact that only a few short years ago, he was sitting in the same seats as his pupils, as a student of USD.

Esteban del Rio, a second year professor at USD, was born into the Linda Vista community in 1973. Linda Vista, the area which surrounds USD, is where del Rio has his family roots. Both sets of his grandparents lived in Linda Vista and attended Holy Family Church. In fact, they were actually involved in the creation of USD, as they placed money in the collection baskets that were routinely dispersed to fund the construction of our school. Del Rio's attachment to the surrounding area is reflected in his educational record. He went from kin-

dergarten through college, all within a one-mile radius. First he spent his elementary years at Holy Family, where his mother has been a P.E. teacher for the past 25 years. Then he went to USD high school and after his senior year, he made the huge college leap across the street to University of San Diego.

"I love it here," del Rio said.

After graduating from USD in 1995, he went on to the University of Massachusetts to receive his P.h.D. Eventually he returned to USD to teach in the communication department at the young age of 28. Teaching was nothing new for del Rio since he had taught at University of Massachusetts for the past four years. In fact he was a mere 23 years of age when he first started teaching college classes. To Professor del Rio, age is meaningless. He believes that a person's ideas are much more important than their age.

"You just start throwing out age," he said.

Del Rio does concede that he is still in the process of learning.

"I definitely have less experience than some of the other professors on this campus," del Rio said.

Dr. Roger Pace, a fellow communication professor at USD, said that del Rio is a mature guy. He also said that because del Rio graduated from USD, he is probably better able to relate to the experiences of his students.

The impact that del Rio has on his students is impossible to measure. Ramona Garcia, a junior at USD, signed up for the class because of a friend's recommendation. Before the year began, she had some doubts about staying enrolled in the class because it was simply an elective, and surely there were easier classes out there that she could take. However, it all changed after the first day.

"Listening to him totally made me want to stay in the class," Garcia commented. "His motivation is what kept me there."

This motivation to teach and to get his students excited about the topics covered is reflected in every one of his classes. He encourages the whole class to speak up instead of passively taking notes the entire period. To del Rio, raising critical questions is something that everyone should do throughout their lives.

The way he takes roll is indicative of his kind-hearted, enthusiastic personality.

"He cares about us being in class and he takes the time to get to know us," Garcia added.

Teaching a new generation of students is not the only way that del Rio is giving back to USD. As a senior at USD, del Rio was the vice president of Student Issues. He made his mark by being the first to establish a "hotline" and e-mail system for students to surface their personal issues.

This convenient system is still alive and well today.

The only question now is, how long will del Rio teach at USD? How long will USD students be graced with his knowledge of academics as well as of the university? These questions have yet to be answered according to Dr. Pace. Del Rio has currently been hired at USD as a temporary professor for a three-year term. Next year will be the end of his three years. Pace says that it is the collaboration between the dean, the provost and the particular department involved which makes the decisions on hiring a temporary professor for a long-term contract.

"Most of the time, a visiting professor will go elsewhere," Pace said.

Although del Rio would love to stay here if he could, he realizes that it may not be in his future. "I have to be open to change," he said. "The only thing I can do is work hard."

Regardless if the University accepts del Rio to a long-term contract, USD will always hold a special place in his heart.

USD will forever be the place that, as a kid, he would come to play with his friends. It will be the place that, as a student, he gained a college degree. It will be the place that, as a professor, he would come back in order to teach many new students.

USD will forever be a place that feels like home for Esteban Ricardo del Rio.

## OPINION

## How many U.N. resolutions will Iraq break before we act?

By Denis Grasska  
STAFF WRITER

With "Wage Peace" bumper stickers firmly affixed to hybrid cars and Bob Dylan songs blasting on car radios, the sad remnants of the once formidable anti-war movement are at it again.

Though the membership of a high school chess club would probably put their numbers to shame, the anti-war demonstrators have somehow managed to dominate the airwaves. These activists, armed only with unchecked emotions and naivete, have waged a surprisingly effective war of their own against the Bush Administration, which is armed with much more potent weapons: reason and truth.

Bush has already presented to the world a detailed list of Saddam Hussein's lies and deceptions and has forcefully argued that the Iraqi dictator is a threat to America and to world peace. For that reason, it must be unbelievably frustrating for the president when he turns on the nightly news and hears that "he has yet to make the case" for a war against Iraq.

Many of the people who are now vehemently opposing a war with Iraq are the same people who considered it necessary and unavoidable only a few, short years ago.

In Dec. 1998, former President Bill Clinton was calling for regime change in Iraq.

"The best way to end that threat once and for all is with a new Iraqi government — a government ready to live in peace with its neighbors, a government that respects the rights of its people," Clinton said.

But, apparently, the situation in Iraq, which was so dire during Clinton's impeachment, has magically become a non-issue.

In June, 2002, Clinton suggested that Iraq shouldn't be a priority for Bush. According to Reuters, "Clinton said Saddam's Iraq was a threat because of its attempts to build biological and chemical weapons, but the immediate danger to the United States was minimal."

This is a brilliant argument, that is for those Americans who want to step aside and idly watch as Iraq becomes another North Korea.

By early Sept. 2002, Clinton still believed that Bush's proposed war with Iraq was misguided, but his argument this time around completely contradicted his previous one.

According to CBS News, Clinton said that an attack on Iraq might encourage Hussein to use his biological or chemical weapons against the U.S.

"There's no question ... he has significant stocks of chemical and biological agents," Clinton said.

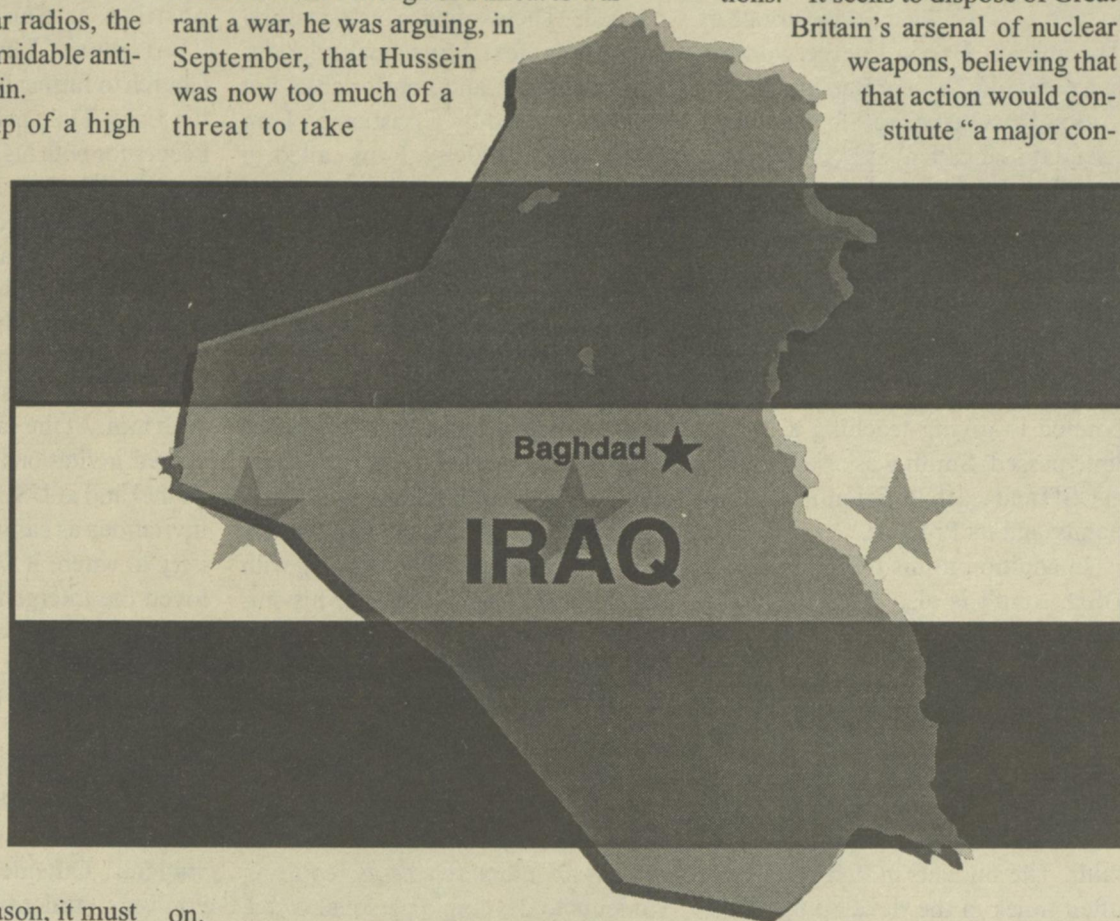
Now, wait just a minute. Only a few months before, Clinton had told Americans that they could sleep snugly in their

beds, knowing that the threat posed by Hussein's biological and chemical weapons was perhaps years away.

While Clinton had argued in June that Hussein wasn't enough of a threat to warrant a war, he was arguing, in September, that Hussein was now too much of a threat to take

"campaigns non-violently to rid the world of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction and to create genuine security for future generations." It seeks to dispose of Great

Britain's arsenal of nuclear weapons, believing that that action would constitute "a major con-



on.

But there is an even bigger problem with Clinton's logic. If "there's no question" that Hussein has weapons of mass destruction, what are we waiting for? If Hussein has reneged on the countless UN Security Council resolutions that forbid him from having such weapons, then a U.S. attack on Iraq is justified.

The argument for procrastination is only one of many flimsy arguments offered by the anti-war movement.

Another goodie is the argument that a war with Iraq will, in some way, divert us from the War on Terror. However, since the War on Terror is being waged against terrorism in general and any country that harbors terrorists, Iraq is no such diversion. It is universally recognized as a state-sponsor of terrorism and is the logical next step in the War on Terror.

According to the conspiracy-theorists in the anti-war movement, Bush wants to attack Iraq to get at its oil. However, the U.S. is becoming less dependent on the Middle East for its oil and Bush would like it to become even less dependent. America now purchases oil from Russia and West African nations. Bush even fought for oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) as a way to decrease dependence on foreign oil.

Some maintain that Bush's war is "Wag the Dog" all over again. But, unlike Clinton, who ordered a military campaign against Iraq just as Congress was about to begin debating his impeachment, Bush has little to gain and much to lose politically from an attack on Iraq. His approval numbers are already high and a war is a political risk.

The potential conflict with Iraq also gives us an opportunity to view first-hand the complete and utter hypocrisy of many organizations that claim to promote nuclear disarmament.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) is a British organization that

CND wants to disarm Great Britain, a civilized country that abides by the rule of law, it seems to have no problem with the idea of Iraq having nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.

According to CND chair, Carol Naughton, "War on Iraq is illegal. It is immoral. If war is waged in Iraq, it could kill half a million people. We must do everything we can to prevent this war."

Contrary to what Naughton says, war on Iraq is not illegal. As the losers in the Gulf War, the Iraqis were forced to agree to certain terms. In order to end the Iraqi army's embarrassment at the hands of the U.S., the Iraqis agreed to allow UN weapons inspectors to oversee the destruction of Iraq's stockpile of weapons of mass destruction.

By throwing out our inspectors, Iraq broke the terms of their surrender, which signified that the Gulf War had not yet been resolved and justified future U.S. military action in response.

Iraq has broken numerous UN resolutions, forcing the UN to beg Iraq for compliance. In addition to this refusal to cooperate, Iraq has also been openly hostile to the U.S. It has fired on U.S. planes performing routine patrols over the No-Fly Zone and even attempted to assassinate former President Bush with a car bomb in Kuwait.

Patience may be a virtue, but enough is enough.

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# San Diego is full of some of the best restaurants ever

By **Elisabeth Thordin**  
STAFF WRITER

Mmm, mmm, mmm.... Just thinking about great restaurants makes my inner child much happier. I imagine she jumps for joy and then does a little jig because I want her to enjoy the tastes that permeate throughout me. The way I see it, nourishing your body is important, nourishing your inner child is important, and great food does both exquisitely. So if you want some really delicious stuff that is gonna do great things for you (and perhaps your own inner child), here are some nearby places that serve some divine dishes:

## 1.) **Sammy's Woodfired Pizza:** Salad & Pizza

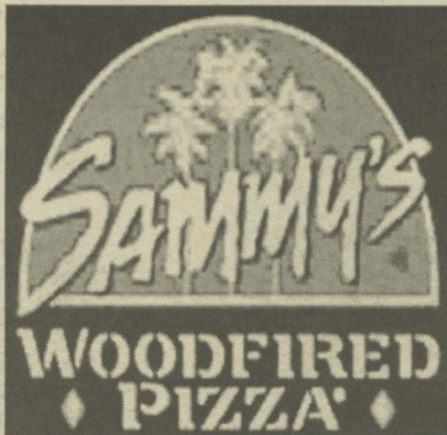
First off, the setting is beautiful - casual enough to go with a group of people and share a couple plates and yet nice enough to go to for a great date. Their new appetizer Indian Spiced Kefir Cheese has me hooked. Warm flatbread dipped in cool kefir spread (it doesn't look like cheese) with oil and tomatoes. Yum-eee! Now, the Grilled Chicken Salad is the most sumptuous creation: its balsamic basil dressing, fresh lettuce, gorgonzola cheese, walnuts, and moist chicken make me tingle all over because of that savory sensation on my taste buds, although the Chopped Chicken Salad (which may be made with pepperoni as well) is a very close second. It has tomatoes, olives and shredded mozzarella mixed amongst the lettuce and house and basil dressing that is just as thrilling to

those little pink spots all over your tongue. The individual portion (\$6.95) is a meal in itself, but the large (\$11.50) is superb for sharing. Besides the green stuff, they have awesome individual pizzas with toppings ranging from sundried tomato to peanuts (basically, everything). Fat-free mozzarella can be put on in place of any other and it really doesn't taste fat-free, which is nice. Prices for pizza are between \$8.50-\$10.50 and fat-free mozzarella is an ex-

ads do wonder.

## 2.) **Tandoor Indian Cuisine**

One word: Nan. Warm, fluffy flatbread that heats up your soul. Of course, there are the entrees also. The great thing about the entrees is that it comes with Nan. They also come with something else that is utterly enjoyable: cucumber in milky yogurt sauce. It goes great with warm spicy dishes such as Chicken Curry and Chicken Tikka Masala.



tra \$1.75. Sammy's also has a good selection of pastas, seafood, meat, calzones and wraps. I gotta say, though, those sal-

Vegetarian options are available. They have potatoes, lentils and a great appetizer that consists of peas and potatoes

inside a crispy shell. Don't worry if you don't like spice because you can request mild, medium or spicy and it's still tasty-tasty. Entrees are in the \$7-10 range, but Nan is a steal.

## 3.) **Chipotle:** Mexican/Mega Burritos

This casual spot has the freshest ingredients I've ever seen in a quick-sitdown restaurant (I can't call it fast-food because it carries none of those implications whatsoever). That in itself is reason to check it out. Vegetables, chicken and/or carne asada are put into a warm tortilla with outstanding rice (it really is different from the common stuff), black or refried beans, choice of salsa, and option of guacamole and lettuce, etc. These burrito wraps are humongo, but there is no way I'd let that make me pass one up. If you do want something lighter, they have chips and salsa and tacos, but saving the monster burrito leftovers can't be wrong -- Especially since they're only \$5.

## 4.) **B.J.'s Pizzeria:** Pizza and Dessert

Chicago-style deep dish pizza with tons of toppings to choose from. Delicious. Now, for a more important matter: the Pizookie. A large, fresh-out-of-the-oven cookie (chocolate chip, white chocolate chip and macadamia nut, peanut butter, or oatmeal raisin) with a big hunk of vanilla ice cream on top.

If you want all the flavors or just more of one, order the party platter... enough said.

Try any of these delicious treats and your tastebuds will be sure to thank you.

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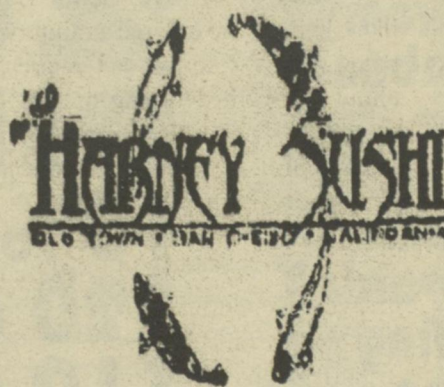
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## ENTERTAINMENT

## “Rings” adventure continues with “The Two Towers”

**By Chad Wilson**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Continuing the Lord of the Rings trilogy, “The Two Towers” presents the central film of the broken Fellowship of the Ring. The second of the three movies opens Dec. 18, in theatres across the country. The first movie grossed over \$860 million worldwide and was nominated for 13 Academy Awards.

“The Two Towers” documents the fight against the spreading evil from Orthanc Tower in Isengard, where Saruman (Christopher Lee) resides, to Sauron’s fortress at Barad-dur. The movie follows along with the second book by splitting into three stories.

The Hobbits Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin) have embarked on a perilous journey towards Mount Doom to destroy the Ring. On their journey they encounter Gollum, a former Ringbearer. As Frodo and Sam find themselves lost on the path to Mordor, Frodo uses Gollum as a guide, as he has traveled the path before.

The Hobbits Merry and Pippin are found on the back of Orcs after being captured by the Uruk-Hai warriors. On the path behind the Orcs are the human Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), the elf Legolas (Orlando Bloom), and the dwarf Gimli (John Rhys-Davies), who have tracked and chased the Orcs all day and night to rescue the Hobbits.

The movie also marks the return of the wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen). He has been reborn as Gandalf the White,



Aragorn, Gimli and Legolas continue their struggle against the forces of evil in The Two Towers.

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after a great battle.

Beware of sitting in the front rows, as the sequel has more action and faster movements over landscape than the first. Director Peter Jackson presents the landscape and locations just as beautifully in “The Two Towers.”

Perhaps one of the most fascinating elements of these movies was the production of the locations. In “The Two Towers” a real castle of Eterus, the capital of the Rohan was built, and the massive fortress at Helms Deep was actually constructed. This helped with the reality of the scene to the actors, rather than having to imagine the locations.

Animation is also an important factor in the sequel. Gollum becomes a main character in the movie, just like in the book. Jackson decided not to

have an actor play Gollum, because his description in the books is very “froglike.” The 10,000 warriors of Saruman’s army are also an amazing animation.

Perhaps another important species that fans have waited to see are the Ents. Ents are tree-like beings that are the oldest creatures in Middle Earth. Without giving too much away, the Ents are displayed accurately to the book’s description.

The role of Arwen (Liv Tyler), the elf princess, is also enhanced in this movie. Aragorn is constantly reminded throughout the movie of his love for Arwen. Jackson created more of a role for this character and also a new character, Eowyn, because the role of women in the books is very small. Miranda Otto plays the role of Eowyn,

the niece of King Theoden (Bernard Hill), in the film.

Other new characters include Faromir (David Wenham), the Gondorian brother of Boromir (Sean Bean), who was slain in the first movie. The Rohan people are also new, as Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli encounter the besieged Rohan kingdom. The Rohan King Theoden has fallen under a spell from Saruman through his spy Wormtongue (Brad Dourif).

Overall, the movie is excellent. Perhaps not as amazing as the first of the trilogy, but definitely a great film. The action scenes are incredible, especially Helm’s Deep. The return of Gandalf is truly amazing, as he comes back more powerful than ever. Jackson uses more humor as well, which helps during the darker central part of the trilogy.

## AS Concert Committee brings musical talent to USD

**By Ginny Molson**  
**and Jeremy Wright**

STAFF WRITERS

Have you ever wondered how USD books such great acts? Last year, Jack Johnson’s career was on the verge of exploding when he rocked the Jenny Craig Pavilion in October 2001. Is it coincidence, or is there someone responsible for USD’s great concerts?

Like every other aspect of our well-rounded college, there certainly is someone behind the great shows that perform at USD: the Directors of Concerts. While their official title may not sound incredibly exciting, Sergio Casa-Silva and Dan Barbey keep our campus rocking by searching for, talking to, and booking all of the potential acts that play at USD. We had a chance to sit down and talk to Casa-Silva about what his job entails and what is in store for the remainder of the year.

Casa-Silva and Barbey decide who, what, where, and when acts will come to USD.

“Dan does most of the technical work, especially the on-stage equipment. I keep all of our staff together, and make sure things run smoothly,” said Casa-Silva. According to him,

Putting a concert together is not as difficult as it seems, “there are three basic tasks we have to do: determine what students want to see, choose the specific acts, then negotiate the contract.”

The process doesn’t happen over night. The acts are usually booked at least a semester in advance. According to him, there are a few different ways to decide on a particular genre or band. Usually a survey is taken once a semester to find out what the musical interest of the majority of USD is.

“This is the best way to get started. The survey shows us exactly what bands to look for,” Casa-Silva said.

Another way decisions are made is by checking the internet for different groups. There are online services which list agents, managers, and booking information. Print-outs are also received weekly by the concert committee detailing which artists are playing in what areas. And of course the most common way to discover new bands is by talking to friends.

The next step, however, isn’t as straightforward. At this point, the members of the USD Concert Committee meet with the goal of establishing what acts, they believe, will be successful. These acts will then perform on campus. The difficult part is determining how to keep the prices low for stu-

dents, while fulfilling the necessary price tag of the performers.

“It’s hard because we charge students less to fill up the JCP, but some bands just don’t put that many butts in the seats. In that case we have to decide how much money we are going to have to charge for a smaller amount of people,” committee member, Sean Pretak said. “The Forum, for example, only holds 500 people. Here, charging more than 10 dollars per person would be ridiculous.”

The members of the concert committee tell us that there are many exciting upcoming acts for the rest of the year here at USD, most of which they are unable to discuss. There is one more show playing this semester.

Lou Sanders will be performing on Dec. 11, in Aromas. Next semester, the concert committee has planned four shows so far. A show in the JCP, which is yet to be announced, will be an artist outside of the realm of USD’s usual performers.

The concert committee plans to hype up these shows by having bands play during the day of the performance and announcing the artists then. So far it seems that our concert committee is working around the clock to keep USD entertained. Show your support and enjoy the performances.

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## Wise Words: Listen!

**By Molly McGregor**  
STAFF WRITER

### ARIES March 20-April 18

If you're leaving town soon, be sure to tie up all the loose ends in your life. After all, you wouldn't want to come home and find that your personal universe has gone into disarray.

### TAURUS April 19-May 19

Recently you may have taken a risk. If you find yourself in fear of the repercussions, remember that in life we regret what we never do.

### GEMINI May 20-June 20

You may have wanted to spice up your life by altering your character, but rest assure that your character is what makes you so unique. Change your appearance and know that your craving for the "new you" will be satiated.

### CANCER June 21-July 21

Travel somewhere exotic. Perhaps you should go now, or maybe you should go later. Your soul is itching for adventure and an escape. Why deny yourself?

### LEO July 22- August 21

Feeling alone or sad? Sometimes your excessive determination alienates you from the people you love. If you so desire to keep up your relations with other people, try letting your stubborn independence subside.

### VIRGO August 22-Sept. 21

Life may have you by the throat right now, and you may feel so much pressure that it seems as though it's getting harder to breathe. Tackle one challenge at a time. You can conquer anything if you just break it into parts.

### LIBRA Sept. 22- October 22

Don't be so selective. You may have found yourself quite smitten with a particular person, but there is no need to isolate yourself from your friends.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23- Nov. 21

Work ethic is key this week. You may have innate intelligence, but that will only get you so far. Start doing the grunt work now and you will see the payoff later.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 20

Cantankerous are we? If you're having issues with the world at large, then let your discontent be heard. No one can help you until they understand your woes.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 21-Jan. 18

Foresee your limitations. If you attempt to do too much in too small of a time frame, your efforts will fail to meet your lofty goals. Conquer smaller mountains before you go for Everest.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 19- Feb. 17

A person will be moving out from your life. This may have a positive consequence or a more negative one. Did you do everything you could to keep their friendship? Or was it not even worth the effort?

### PISCES February 18-March 19

Although you think you can read other people's emotions and thoughts, you may have misjudged a close friend. You are not as good as you think you are. Sometimes life will take its course in a new direction without consulting you first.

## San Diego hosts bay parade

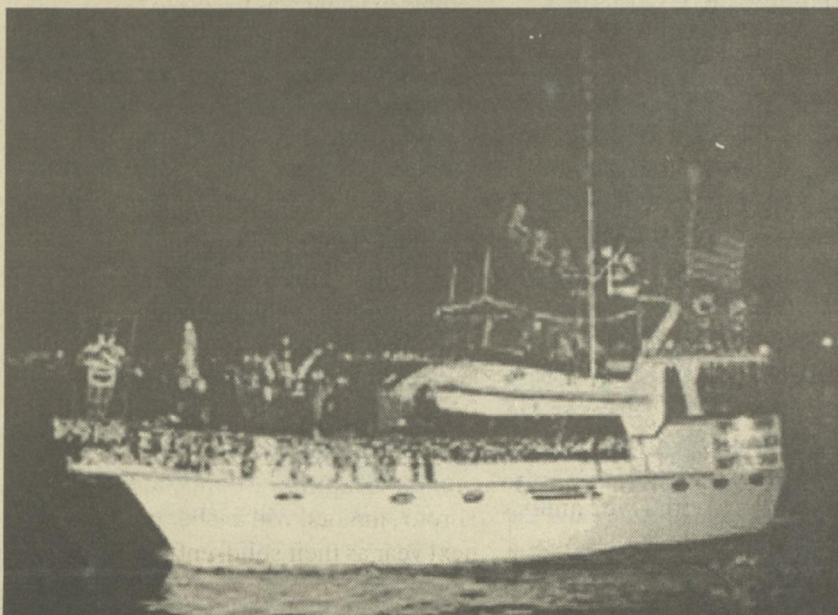
**By Alma Morales**  
STAFF WRITER

If you missed the annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights last Sunday, don't worry. There is still another chance to experience this San Diego tradition that will include a holiday festival prior to the parade, with all proceeds going to the Partners Mentorship Program.

For the past 30 years, people have gathered around the San Diego Bay to watch as many as 200 boats, yachts and kayaks decorated with multi-colored lights and wreaths slowly cruise the bay. Most owners ride their boats and proceed to toss Christmas candy into the

year, the Partners Mentorship program has been chosen and will be providing food from various restaurants around San Diego beginning at 4 p.m. along with festive music sung by Sound Unlimited, the Bonita Vista High School Choir.

The Partners Mentorship Program is a non-profit organization that consists of a "six-month program that matches adult volunteers with at-risk youths, ages 10-17," said Vanessa Matthews, Executive Director of Partners. The adolescents spend anywhere from two to four hours with the adults doing social, recreational and educational-type activities that are de-



Decorative boats grace the holiday scene.

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crowd as adults and children watch the passing boats strung with holiday lights.

"This event is fully funded by private donations and the boaters spend a significant amount of time and money preparing for this event," said Andy Gillum, president of the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights Foundation.

Every year, the Parade of Lights committee chooses a charity to feature before the parade begins. This

signed to have a positive influence in their lives and may discourage them from committing crimes, Matthews said.

The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the west end of Shelter Island. It will pass Harbor Island and Seaport Village on its way to its final destination, the turning basin for aircraft carriers.

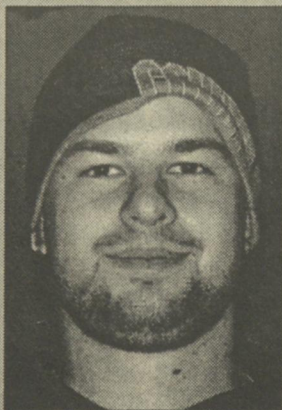
All proceeds from ticket sales to the festival will go to the Partners Program.

## Faces Across Campus: What do you want for Christmas?

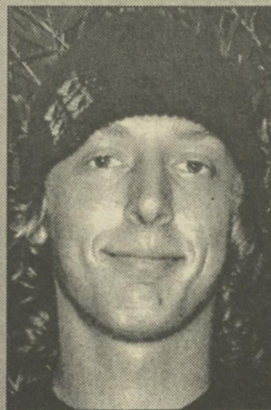
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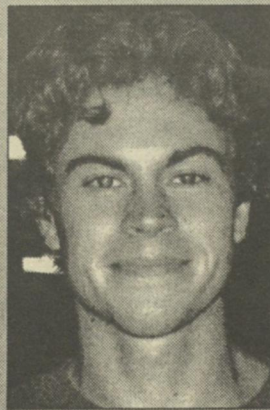
"World peace."  
- Briana Smoody, sophomore



"My car to be fixed and good snow."  
- Matt Freeman, senior



"Peace on earth and good will towards men...and women."  
-David Lighty, sophomore



"Good grades, because I didn't earn them."  
-Brad Maxfield, junior

**SPORTS****Volleyball  
loses in first  
round****By Jason Treter**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Entering the 2002 NCAA volleyball tournament, the Toreros knew they would have a very difficult first game, for they were matched against the No. 1 USC Trojans (26-1).

San Diego was defeated on Friday night 3-0 (30-27, 30-15, 30-24).

They played all three games tough, but could not manage to win. But, the lady Toreros finished the season with a very good mark of 25-8.

Senior Noel Frohman ended the match with 13 kills and 12 digs, both leading the team. Devon Forster, a sophomore, was just behind Noel, and racked up 12 kills and 11 digs. Setter Lindsey Sherburne, a freshman, had 32 assists against USC and finished the 2002 season 17 assists off from setting the all-time single season school record in the department. Look forward to her return for another strong season.

USD finished the season with 1,977 kills, 1,806 assists, 183 aces, 2,057 digs and 252.5 blocks. Sherburne delivered 1,454 assists, Frohman had kills 547, Forster was second behind her with 496, and Debra Robertson had 364.

**Men's soccer season ends early in playoffs****By Dane Mahoney**  
STAFF WRITER

The University of San Diego men's soccer team closed out the 2002 season boasting an impressive 14-6 overall record and a fifth consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. Forward Ryan Coiner was named West Coast Conference player of the year as he tallied 14 goals while collecting nine assists during the regular season. Junior Scott Burcar was also awarded the honor of WCC defender of the year for his gritty, determined play in the center midfield role for the Toreros. USD had three other players, Matt McCausland, Eric Wunderle and Garrett Turk, named WCC second team all stars, while honorable mention was given to Parker Jarvis, Tyler Conley and Kellen Hiroto. This ensemble of talent was the drive behind this year's winning season as both quality defending and precise attacking garnered the amount of praise given to the Torero players.

The back line of the Toreros led by Garrett Turk, a senior, was always a force due to tenacious tackling and superb tactical shape. Goalkeepers Parker Jarvis and Matt Kessler proved solid barriers if the ball managed to slip through the Torero defense, one such instance being the game-winning stop Jarvis made against Santa Clara in the dying moments. Stephen Adams and Kellen Hiroto, juniors, will anchor the back line next year as their solid, entertaining play

proved crucial throughout the season. Conley and Coiner, seniors, spearheaded the offense as they used their strength and tenacity to wear down the opposition and finish calmly when the opportunity presented itself. Calle Rendahl, a transfer student from Sweden, proved a useful addition to the team playing as both a midfielder and defender, similar to senior Alex Romagnolo.

The only losses suffered this season were against strong competition, most of whom went on to play in the latter stages of the NCAA Tournament. UCLA is still

playing as they face Maryland in the national semifinals after defeating Penn State 7-1. The Toreros unfortunately lost in the first round to a tough UC Santa Barbara side 2-0 after an extremely close match. As next year's season looms in the distance, USD will be looking towards their strong base of juniors to carry on the strong winning tradition as eight seniors are leaving the squad. This season displayed the talent and depth of the Torero soccer program and hopefully next year's team will continue to be a dominant presence.

**Torero Results****and upcoming home games****Men's basketball (4-2)**

lost to Purdue 95-65

Saturday, Dec. 14 vs. UCSD @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 vs. UCR @ 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 23 vs. Utah @ 7 p.m.

**Women's basketball (4-2)**

defeated University of the Pacific 53-50

Wednesday, Dec. 11 vs. SDSU @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28 vs. Nebraska @ 8 p.m.

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# Toreros record now blemished after two losses

By Jason Treter  
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team opened the season with an impressive 3-0 start, particularly impressive after defeating the then No. 14 UCLA Bruins. Their perfect streak would come to a sad end when they lost a close game 64-61 to Cal State Northridge.

At the start of the game the usual rhythm was nowhere to be seen, and the team look as though they had never practiced together. At the start of every home game the crowd stands, and remains standing until San Diego scores their first basket. At this particular game the crowd stood for a very long time, while they watched USD go down 6-0. For nearly the first three minutes of the game USD remained scoreless until Jason Blair was fouled in motion and made one shot from the line.

The Toreros could not hit the shots, and in some cases they looked apprehensive and would not take the open shots. USD finally took the lead 7-6 at 15:32 and would remain in control for most of the half. At one point they were up by 11 points and looked

strong on the court. Then a terrible scoring drought came at 6:34, when USD hit 28 points. Unfortunately, the



Corey Belser looks to pass the ball.

3:25, when Nick Lewis nailed a jumper making the score 30-27 USD. The Toreros would hold onto the lead until a tie at 2:05, and then they were down by two (33-31) at 0:51. Once they were down, they would remain as such until the latter part of the second half.

USD tried to mount the comeback in the final minute of the game, but they could not place the shots when they needed to. With 15 seconds in the game down by two (60-62), Roy Morris fired a three point bucket, could not make it, and forced Jason Keep to foul. The last chance to tie the game came at 0:08 with Matt Delzell

(1 FT, 1 A, 1 TP) at the line.

He made his first three shots to bring the score to 61-63, when Coach Holland called a time out. Delzell appeared to miss his second shot in a

textbook fashion, and remarkably recovered the ball and he missed his shot off the recovery and then Corey Belser (2-5 FG, 1-2 FT, 6 TP) shot the ball after an offensive rebound.

It was a hard fought ending, but San Diego could not pull off the victory. The Toreros were truly the better team, but managed to beat themselves in the match. Their final numbers were absolutely atrocious, so bad that it is amazing it was only a three point game.

San Diego had 27 turnovers, as did Northridge, but they shot far worse than their opponents. USD was 38.5 percent from the field, 18.8 percent from deep, and 54.5 percent at the line. These numbers will never win a game and must be improved to win more games.

Their key players for the game were Blair (5-7 FG, 1-2 3PT, 6-8 FT, 17 TP) and Lewis (9-14 FG, 1-2 3PT, 19 TP).

At the Boilermaker Invitational USD defeated IUPUI 81-74 in the first game of the tourney, but were not nearly as fortunate against Purdue, for they dealt them a 95-65 defeat. San Diego dropped to 4-2 on the season.

## Priority Registration: Who is really the priority?

By Chad Wilson  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The issue of priority registration for athletes has been an ongoing issue at USD. Currently, the issue has been presented to Associated Students as a "student" problem, thus proposing priority registration to the University administration. If this issue passes, many athletes will have the opportunity to register for classes before fellow classmates. If this issue is a "student" issue, it will affect most students, yet most students won't have a say in whether priority registration becomes a reality or not.

The relationship between athletics and academics has always been a problem. Dan Gibbens, faculty advisor representative at the University of Oklahoma, said, "There's an inherent tension between being at your best in a highly competitive sport and being the best and doing the kind of [academic] work you ought to be doing." Although the problems are different at each individual university, like USD, the problems can be linked with a causal relationship.

On Oct. 18, USA Today ran a two-page spread on the problem of academics and athletics. Articles discussed why the top athletic universities fall short off the court. The articles depict that as athletic programs get stronger, regards to academics grow weaker. The award-winning Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics decreed that low graduation rates in college football and basketball are due to the fact that "athletic departments seem to operate with little interest in scholastic matters beyond the narrow issue of individual eligibility."

Among some of the most startling

numbers mentioned in the articles were those of average SAT scores and graduation rates at the top athletic universities. For example, the average SAT score of incoming baseball recruits at Oklahoma was 957 and the average of incoming basketball recruits at the University of Maryland was 838. Graduation rates were also embarrassing, with schools such as Louisville graduating only 17 percent of senior basketball players.

Although these problems are different from the current issue at USD, the relationship can still be seen; when universities start concentrating on athletics, academics take a back seat. Priority registration is merely a stepping-stone for more serious issues in the future.

According to current USD statistics, the athletes have a greater average GPA and graduation rate than all students.

So what's the problem then? If our athletes are getting better grades, and have a higher graduation rate, then what needs to be fixed? According to the current priority registration proposal, athletes are missing classes because of practice and competition conflict. Athletes are also paying for classes that they don't need to take and some are taking summer school or intercession to graduate on time.

In a recent poll conducted in two classes, 84 percent of students have needed to schedule a certain class at a certain time due to restrictions with their daily or weekly schedule. The most common reasons were due to practice of some activity and working at a job. As registration for classes is difficult enough at USD, these many students are forced to also pay for classes not needed as well as attending summer school or winter

intersession. So why should an athlete get priority registration over a student with just as rigorous of a schedule? According to the proposal, teams have to practice at specific times. Some teams only have access to their facility during certain hours while others can only practice during the day (baseball) or when the conditions are best (crew). Likewise, students who work or practice can also have just as demanding schedules, whether it be that their employer or practice facility is only open certain hours, or perhaps they are on a deadline each week.

A common argument used is that the University benefits from the athletes. According to current USD statistics, the University gives out more scholarships to students than to athletes, even proportionate to the difference in numbers. The University gives a scholarship to an individual because USD has faith that the individual will add something to this campus in the present or the future. Therefore, the University has an investment in more regular students than athletes, and will benefit more from these scholarship recipients.

Another common argument is that priority registration needs to be put into action because nearly all of the West Coast Conference teams have implemented this strategy. First of all, everyone knows that we shouldn't do something because everyone else is doing it. Secondly, our athletic teams don't have a problem competing against the other WCC schools. This is merely a step in making the University an athletic school, rather than an academic school.

Rice University in Houston, Texas has found a solution to the athletic/academic problem. Assistant athletic director Julie Griswold created an aca-

ademic assistance program for athletes to recognize the need for flexibility and personal accountability.

Jacob Baker, an infielder at Rice, who won four conference titles and went to the College World Series two times during his four-year career, said, "Academics were always a priority at Rice, we were allowed to miss practice if we needed extra time for [school]."

Athletes at Rice understand that they are at the University for academic purposes, not just athletic. Rice bent their athletic program around their academics, rather than the academics around the athletics. Priority registration is a step in the direction of an athletic institution.

Aside from the athletic achievements that Rice has won, Rice was recently awarded the 2002 USA Today/NCAA Academic Achievement Award for highest Division I-A graduation rate with a 91 percent graduation rate. Nonetheless, here at USD the issue of registration with students seems to be the real issue, rather than registration with athletes. If the University needs to take action, it should open more classes at more times. This in itself is a much, much greater issue involving classrooms faculty, and facilities.

Students can have a say in this situation. Students can talk to the administration or work with AS about the issue of priority registration or all classes in general. Whether priority registration passes or not, many people will be disappointed. The answer simply isn't priority registration, but either a solution to the registration problem for all students, or more athletic flexibility. Students come to this University for academics, not athletics.



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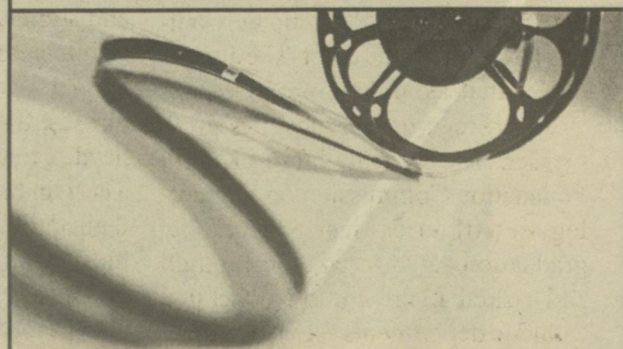
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**NOT REALLY NEWS****Hoodlum Report**

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Tecolote Village - University security responded to a report of a missing screen on a resident's window. The resident was contacted and taken to detox.

Missions A - A student was found in possession of a Chia Herb Garden. The herb garden was confiscated and the student was transported to detox.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Tecolote Village - An obscene note was found in the suggestion box. It read "you can help me shave my armpits, Billy." The note was transported to detox.

Camino-Founders - After a 2 a.m. fire alarm drill, 126 male students exited the dormitory. 126 students were taken to detox.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Fountain - University security responded to a report of a defecation in the fountain. The defecation was taken to detox.

Tecolote Village - Steam from a coffee cup set off the fire alarm. The student was contacted and taken to detox.

Friday, Dec. 6

Fountain - A resident was found swimming the breaststroke in the fountain. The student was transported to detox.

Missions A - University security heard a can opening inside a dormitory. Thirteen officers stormed the room and found a resident drinking a Red Bull energy drink. The beverage was confiscated and the resident was taken to detox.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Alcala Vistas - University security responded to a blown fuse in Palomar. The cause was found to be an excessive number of Christmas lights. All Palomar residents were taken to detox.

Maher - A stuffed monkey was found in possession of alcohol. The monkey was taken to detox.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Tecolote Village - University security responded to a report of an elaborate Lite Brite set, which appeared to be a fire hazard. The resident was contacted and taken to detox.

Marian Way - Student was stopped after not completely stopping at a stop sign. A root beer can was found in the car. The driver was taken to detox.

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tude, take it easy. You refuse to sign a lease that's worth more than your total life earnings total, but these are the decisions that change lives. Why bother attempting to endlessly search for a reliable mechanic who won't charge you an arm and a leg when you can buy a WMB and have the consistent and reliable experience of paying astronomical amounts of precious currency for your foreign parts?

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**John & Chad's 10 Best Movies Ever**

1. Last Action Hero- Arnold really did it this time. In one of the best cinematic performances ever, Schwarzenegger makes every viewer wish they could jump into the movie.
2. Blair Witch Project 2- And you thought the first movie was scary (with all those deciduous leaves and all). This sequel was nominated for an Oscar for Best Semi-Original Screenplay.
3. Glitter- Mariah, she's on fire. In this pauper turned princess tale, Mariah shows all those nay sayers who's the diva. The dialogue in this one is preternatural. The only thing separating this film from an Oscar is a nude scene from Kevin Bacon.
4. Freddy Got Fingered- Daddy, would you like some sausages? The brilliant and always classy Tom Green finally transformed his magnum opus onto the silver screen. This flick makes one wonder what hindered Green from producing such art earlier.
5. Showgirls- The wardrobe designer really made a statement in this modest tale. Jessie Spano strives to become the most respected stripper in Las Vegas and all the while frolics among the moral folk of Vegas. She is so over her and Slater.
6. Waterworld- Kevin Coster's apocalyptic action adventure appeals to the whole family. Who wouldn't want to see Coster urinating in a funnel, mixing it up in a futuristic machine and later drinking it with a grin!
7. Joe's Apartment- This top notch film makes all of us at USD miss the on-campus days. Cockroaches and cleanliness are recurring themes. The only thing missing is a song by Andrew W.K.
8. It's Pat: The Movie- Boy do I love SNL movies. In "It's Pat: The Movie," the moviegoer can't help but wonder what is underneath those clothes. Pat's a...person!
9. Junior- Once again, Arnold makes our top 10 list with this realistic plot driven classic in which a father gives birth.
10. Crossroads- Britney displays her versatility. She can act, sing, dance and chew gum at the same time. Where's Kevin Bacon's phenomenal dancing skills in this one too?

Just missing the list: Home Fries, Kung Pow, and Hollow Man.

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comes out around that same time. Forget scary Halloween music, who needs it when you have Bing singing all of his classics? You only pause briefly to ponder about the name Bing and what his parents were thinking.

I love dodging people that are in this huge hurry. You see this great sweater that your dad would just love and they grab the last one in his size, but you just have to realize that it was not meant to be. Thus,

the search continues. It is all about being faster, quicker and smarter than the other shoppers around you.

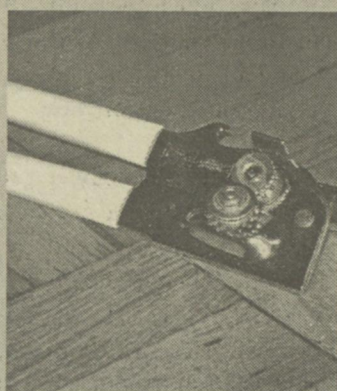
Don't forget about waiting in the extremely long lines after you have found the right size sweater. They are a good opportunity to meet other people. Seriously, the love of your life could be the person right in front of you. Moreover, the love of your life could be that person who snagged your father's sweater. Didn't you see Serendipity? Life could be like that, you never know, only

don't do the whole book and number/dollar bill thing. That was strange. You could probably have your entire checkbook balanced by the time you get up to the cash register. I suggest that people take some yarn and some knitting needles and knit some sweaters while waiting in line. If they are good maybe the store owner will hire you as a sweater knitter.

Christmas shopping is just full of opportunities to do more than just shop. What's the big rush to spend money? Enjoy those moments, truly.

**FACES Across Campus:****What do you want for Christmas?**

"I don't want to be in 'Honey I Shrunk the Kids' anymore." - Cheerios



"A date with the Tinman." -Can Opener



"I want a nose job" -Mr. Elephant



"A date with the Tinman." -WD-40 Clock Radio



"Yes!" -Mr. Teddy Bear

# USD Beruit team takes National Championship

By David Duron  
PHOTO EDITOR

Spirits were high, cups were filled, and the competition was tough at this weekend's NCAA Beruit Championship. A single team of two from each of the top Beruit schools was sent to San Di-

game requires that you must throw a ping-pong ball into a cup from across the table. These cups are arranged on each side of the table into a triangle-like configuration, and each team has two throws per turn. Now this seemed fairly simple to most

a team to win, they have to make a ball into each of the other teams cups before the other team does the same to them. Each cup is filled up with the home teams' favorite beverage, and upon each cup made on your side you have to consume the beverage inside the cup.

As for the Torero's dazzling duo, they seemed unstoppable. After their first test, two members of the U Mass Debate Team, Hawkrink and Dippler, seemed hazy, but still had many matches still in them. "These guys were pretty tough, they had great touch, and had some pretty good psych-out's," stated Hawkrink as he stumbled away from the table after an exhausting first game.

It is thought by many people that Beruit is purely a game for east-coasters, and this belief has proved to be true until this weekend. Hawkrink and Dippler have been training hard all season for this particular weekend, because they wanted to prove to the country that just because they're from California doesn't mean that they don't know how to throw the pong ball.

The duo had to fight through 10 tough teams to



DAVID DURON  
No psych-out here, this player's in the zone with a smile.

make it through the finals, and after the fourth or fifth match, Hawkrink and Dippler's vision seemed to be a bit blurry, but they pulled it together and were able to continue to the next round. In the finals, it was a sloppy and long match for both teams.

Hawkrink, Dippler and Duke's Chester Wilson and Arthur Belamy all had a rough day preceding the fi-

nals, but when the time came they had on their game faces. Hawkrink and Dippler just proved to be too strong for the Duke duo. Hawkrink came out with two quick shots and put the Blue Devils on the defense right away. It seemed there was no recovery for the Devils, for the two tremendous Toreros skunked the Devil team. It was a solid way to end this liquefied competition.



DAVID DURON  
Fans can get rowdy when the game is on the line.

ego to prove their talent, but USD's duo of Mike Hawkrink and Dennis Dippler showed up with something to prove.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this classic test of talent, Beruit is a game of pure "touch." You see, the

newcomers, but then the ancient art of "trash talking" comes into play. The combination of distractions from the opposing team and the spectators can really weigh down even the best team in competition, but that is what makes this game great. For

## Long awaited fishing season opens on campus Students unpack fishing rods and tackle in anticipation of catching some dinner

By Jason Treter  
SPORTS EDITOR

Earlier this semester the University of San Diego administration announced that the week of Dec. 9-13 would be declared as open fishing season on campus.

"We have heard many students in the past say that they wish they could fish on campus. Many believe that it would add to their college experience, and we as an administration are all about enhancing the college experience for the students," said a high paid University official.

This movement to allow fishing on campus for a week was also spearheaded by the Associated Students.

Apparently the issue has been presented in the past to the student issue board and many letters have been sent to the AS office.

"Last semester many students said that they wished they had a place on campus to go fishing. There was a thought about placing a small

lake on campus, but no one could decide where such a body of water would go on our crowded campus," said an Associated Students representative.

There were also several protests and rallies on campus last year in which the students expressed their desire for fishing on campus.

were given student funds to support our cause. After holding rallies we began to get more recognition from other campus groups, students and the administration" the SFFR president said.

The final decision was drafted in early October, and it states that this week the three fountains on campus,

The first eager students went out around at 5:30 a.m. on Monday to try their fishing prowess and get the best catch.

As the sun began to rise the first horn was signaled and the fishing began. The fountain in front of the Immaculata was stocked with shrimp, cod and trout,

and that was quite a sight to see all the shrimp shooting out

of the fountain and falling back in the water.

Some students came with plastic bags and picked up the shrimp, while several other students dove into the water and ate them on the spot.

"It was really a fun day. I skipped my classes and just kicked it by the fountain and fished all day. It was cool to relax and fish. You know what I mean. I caught about six or seven fish so I'm not gonna complain, besides it was free," one happy fisher-

"I skipped my classes, and just kicked it by the fountain and fished all day."

The president of Students For Fishing Rights (SFFR) said that a rally was needed to get the USD community aware of the issues.

"When I was a freshman at USD I quickly realized that there were no fishing facilities on campus and that greatly angered me. I come from an area with many lakes, and we enjoy fishing. I began to find other students just like me, who also believed that fishing on campus would be very fun. That is when we founded SFFR, and

the pond behind Maher Hall, along with the three pools would be stocked with fish for the students fishing enjoyment.

Smaller fish will naturally be placed in the fountains, while the larger game such as sharks and other big sport will be in the pools.

Rumor has it that the main swimming pool at the Sports Center will have several huge sharks, one that is said to be in excess of 12 feet long! Wow, what a catch that would be.

man said.

The part about it being free is not exactly true. The payment for the fish came from A.S. fees and also other student fees.

Many students believe that many events on campus are free, but that is not the case.

All the students paid for the events out of their pocket, but only those who participate actually got to enjoy their money's worth.

Public Safety only reported one major incident, but no injuries. Apparently, one student thought it would be rather funny to push his friend in the pool with the giant shark.

Luckily, the student jumped out of the water about as fast as he went in, and the shark was unable to eat him.

The school wide fishing will run through the rest of today and tomorrow, so be sure to get down to the nearest water location and enjoy the fishing.

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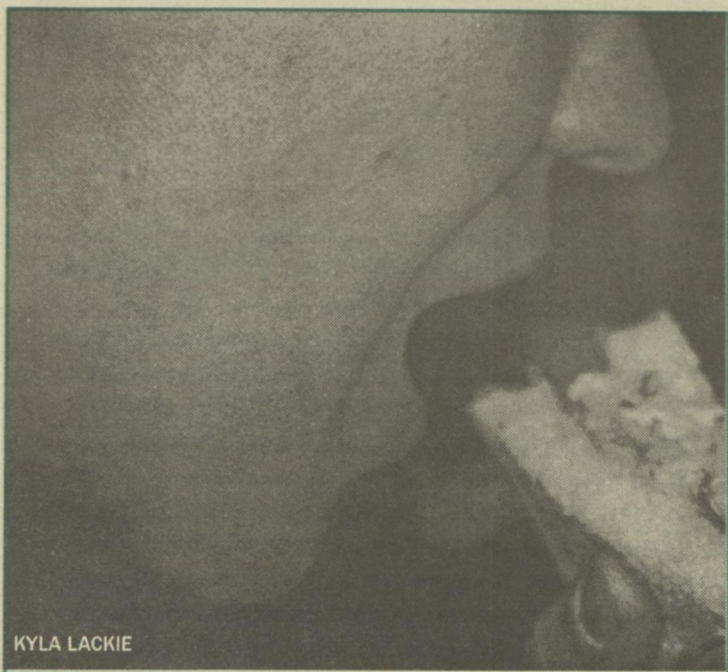
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## Grease Me Up comes to campus

### Students grease up to health with low carbohydrate, high fat diet



"Eating a greasy burger every day makes me feel healthy."

**By Mandy Tust**  
MANAGING MASTER

A new diet trend has hit campus.

La Paloma, The Deli, Aromas, and The Cafeteria are now doing only half the business that they did at the start of the

fall semester. All the students are heading to the Torero Grill, and the lines now wrap around the UC. The sale of burgers, french fries, onion rings and pizza has quadrupled.

The flood of students to The Grill came after a fast food representative came to campus

to discuss a new way to lose weight. The new fad diet that the speaker introduced to campus is called Grease Me Up.

Grease Me Up is a short term way to lose weight by only eating foods that are high in fat and grease. Fast food is essential to the diet. The greasier the foods the easier it becomes to lose weight.

The logic behind Grease Me Up is that the grease and fatty oils work as a natural laxative and keep the body freely flushed. It is not recommended to exercise while on the diet because of what might happen when a stomach full of grease gets shaken up.

Suzie Que, a junior, has been on Grease Me Up for one month and has lost 35 pounds.

"I like just love this diet," she said, "I love fast food and now I can like eat it as much I want. I no longer have to like live off of salad. It's like Christmas but better."

Sammy Bam, a freshman,

said he is seeing results even though he has only been on the diet for a week.

"The diet may not do wonders for my stomach, but I have already lost seven pounds in seven days," he said.

Even professors are getting hooked on this incredible new diet.

"I thought my students were crazy when they said they were on a fast food diet," said Professor Benny Blanket. "I figured I might as well try the diet since I eat fast food a lot anyway. The key is to only eat greasy foods and nothing else. I swear, I swear, I swear it really does work."

Burgers and french fries are the two main foods of the diet. It is also recommended to take the burger off of the bun in order to keep the diet restricted to grease. Also, double burgers are highly recommended over single burgers.

Around campus, flyers are being passed around with the

best burgers and french fries to eat for the diet.

Denny's Double Decker Burger is the number one burger on the diet. It has 80 grams of fat. The Burger King Double Whopper with cheese comes second on the diet, with 67 grams of fat.

McDonalds Big Xtra with Cheese comes in third, with 55 grams of fat; and the Carls Jr. Double Western Bacon Cheese comes in fifth, with 49 grams of fat. Taco Bell Nachos Bell-grande are also part of the diet, with 39 grams of fat.

As far as the french fries, Jack in the Box Chili Cheese Curly Fries are number one on the diet. They have 41 grams of fat. McDonalds Super Size French Fries come in second, with 29 grams of fat.

The diet is not recommended for long term use. But one must question whether students will ever go off it as long as they can eat all the grease they want and in turn take off pounds.

## Holidays proves easiest time for gift shopping

**By Elyse Rohrer**  
OPINION MASTER

Don't you just love Christmas shopping?

You drive to a mall and you cannot find a place to park. Then, somewhere from across the parking lot, way off in the distance, a parking place appears. You rush over there and just as you are throwing on your blinker, another car pulls in. You could get angry, but you do not, because 'tis the season to be jolly. This process continues for many moons until you finally decide to park a few blocks away, but the exercise and three day walk is good for you.

Alas, you are in the mall and decide to head into a department store. You are immediately barraged with perfume ladies asking you to try the newest scent and you will just love it. They say things like, "This fragrance

ensures happiness and eternal life. This fragrance is made from the same compounds that they use to make space shuttles with." I usually pretend like they aren't there, but some of them are so persistent.

They are like "I know you see me! Take this sampler or I will beat you with it!" The really good perfume ladies pop out of toasters and mailboxes demanding that you try it and then they will leave you alone. I love that kind of energy in people just trying to do a job well done.

I also love the decorations that get put up sometime before Halloween. You think, wow, Christmas is two months away. They start early. Then there is the Christmas music that

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JOHN PIRANIAN

"Sure, your car is cool this year, but what about next year!"

If you think the most reliable affordable car is made by Japanese companies like Honda and Toyota, think again. That's right kids, Mercedes Menz, WMB and Sexul have now surpassed other brands of cars in comfort, style and affordability.

If you are sick and tired of your "normal" car, step up to the financial debt plate and take out yet another loan so you can be behind the wheel of one of the finest driving

machines available in today's competitive world. Think of the edge you will have on all of those "other" drivers. Think of how cool you will look rolling down Marian Way bumping the latest Smelly track, "It's gettin' odoriferous in here."

"When I'm rolling my whip down to Power Records to pick up the latest Tustin Jemberlake album, *Tustified*, I wanna be lookin' as distinctive as Michael Jacko's nose," said respected singer/dancer/Twix

## Hummers actually used for exploration... of parking structure

**By John Piranian**  
S & C MASTER

spokesman pUsher.

In a move similar to Carl's Junior bistro's visionary mission statement, "Don't bother me, I'm eating," Bercedes has made the monumental marketing decision to change their slogan from, "Choice. Unlike any other," to, "Don't bother me. I'm driving, around you!"

For those who charge Bercedes to have an elitist atti-

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