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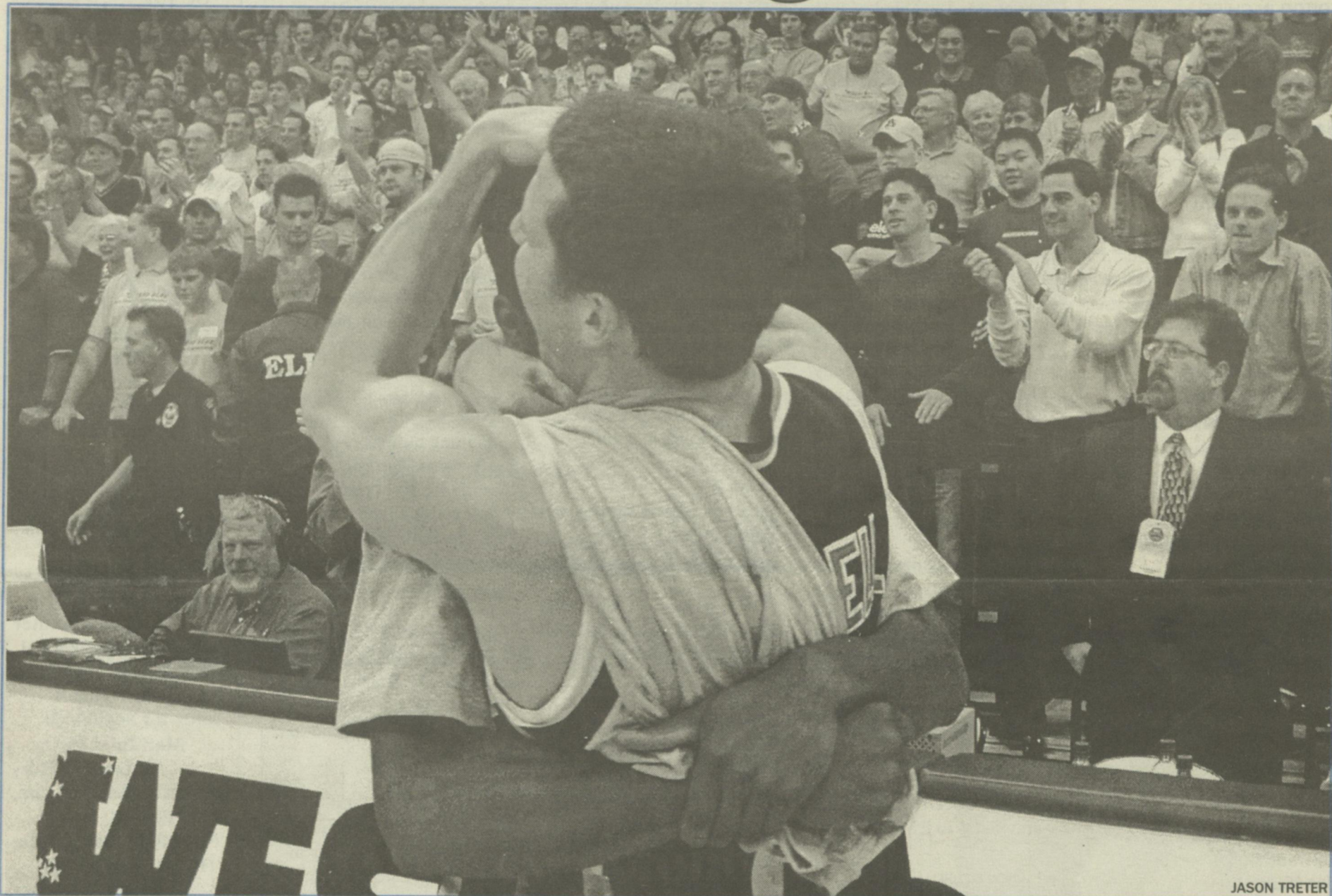
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Toreros dancing in March



JASON TRETER

"Me and Del have been through the worst here and through all the hard work over the years, all we said to each other was, 'it paid off, it paid off,'" Roy Morris said.

By Jason Treter
SPORTS EDITOR

As the final minute of the WCC Championship game wound down the great Torero fans began to chant the recurrent crowd favorite: "USD . . . Gonzaga sucks, USD . . . Gonzaga sucks," and the words never sounded so beautiful. At that point the saber was pushed to the hilt into the Gonzaga dream as it died before the standing room only assembly of over 5,300 at the JCP. The Gonzaga bench looked as though they were at dismal funeral. And perhaps they were—their own. The Zags players that could

still martial enough strength to look to the scoreboard were in dismay over the inevitable. Several players hung their heads in sorrow and could not bear to watch the clock run. The fiendish Coach Few bitterly tried to resuscitate the dream, but it was dying sweetly before him. Coach Few turned gray and sad.

Before the final buzzer could sound the USD fans entered a hysterical pandemonium and cheered a deafening roar. Once the game ended Matt Delzell launched the basketball toward the ceiling and collapsed on the floor from sheer joy. He would form the foundation

for the dog pile that ensued. Jason Keep jumped on with other USD students. The victory was unbelievable, and San Diego savored every second of it. Everyone was hugging or

First Round NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament
San Diego vs. Stanford
Today, 2:15 p.m.
Spokane, Washington

shaking hands with the person nearest them. The euphoria that saturated the court and the Torero stands was electric. Once Delzell was pulled from bottom of the pile he found Roy Morris and they hugged out of ecstasy like true friends. "Me

and Del have been through the worst here and been through all the hard work over the years, all we said to each other was, 'it paid off, it paid off,'" Morris said. The emotion in the arena was surreal. It was difficult to believe that the game was over and the Toreros were the champions.

It is one thing for Gonzaga to have won the championship in the past two years at the JCP. But for them to have played USD at San Diego in the final, and to have won would have required a most unholy alliance, one so wicked that even Coach Few could not have arranged it. Coach Few, his arrogant band

of players, and their fans were dished what they deserved. The entire lot was served a fat slice of humble pie, dripping bitterly with defeat. As if losing in San Diego was not punishment enough, the Gonzaga horde had to trek back to Spokane, which must be the worst punishment. To leave America's finest city where it was a pleasant 70 degrees, and to return to a cold and snowy Spokane was surely awful. Perhaps Coach Few felt better to return to the biting cold. Spokane has become his own personal fiefdom, one where he reigns supreme.

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Public Safety Report

Mar. 10

Missions A – Officers responded to a noise complaint and advised all those involved to keep the noise down.

Missions A – Two students reported that their wallets were stolen.

JCP – Public Safety removed a combative intoxicated non-student from a basketball game. The subject was arrested and booked into jail.

JCP – An intoxicated combative non-student was removed and booked into jail.

JCP – A female non-student at a basketball game was determined to be unable to care for herself and was transported to detox.

Mar. 11

Mission's A – A student reported that his laptop, Sony Playstation, video games and DVDs were stolen. Subject(s) apparently entered through a window. In addition his roommate's computer was also stolen.

Alcala Vista East Lot – An intoxicated female USD student was determined to be unable to care for herself and was transported to detox.

UTAs – A resident reported a male and female arguing. After determining that there was no threat to either individual, officers requested both individuals to leave the area.

Cuyamaca – Officers cited

students for MIP.

Serra – Public Safety received a report that someone had forced their way into room 209 and stole a Sharp video projector.

Manchester Village – A resident's cooking activated the fire alarm system.

Mar. 12

Manchester Village – The fire alarm was activated by cooking.

Mar. 13

A student reported receiving a harassing telephone call.

Mar. 14

Cuyamaca – A student reported two suspicious male banging on her bedroom window. One male was reported to have been wearing a beanie type cap and the other had blonde hair. The individuals fled the area.

Missions Crossroads – Three US Navy sailors were arrested for being drunk in public.

Mar. 15

JCP – A female's wallet was reported stolen.

UTAs – Public Safety received a report of a loud party and confiscated a keg. All individuals were over 21.

Marian Way at Maher – An intoxicated male was found walking across campus. The individual was determined to be unable to care for himself and was transported to detox.

Maher – Five individuals

were found to be MIP. Two were found to be unable to care for themselves and were transported to detox. Two other individuals were determined to be juveniles and were turned over to their parents.

Mar. 16

Manchester Village – Officers responded to a noise complaint. All individuals who appeared to have been drinking were over 21 and were able to care for themselves.

Parking Structure – A vehicle was broken into over spring break. The rear driver's side window was smashed and a camera, case and tripod were stolen.

Maher – A student reported that his residence hall door was kicked in and two laptop computers were stolen.

Mar. 17

Parking Structure – A vehicle was broken into through the front passenger window. A black leather case with the student's insurance papers and vehicle registration were stolen.

Manchester Village – A vehicle was entered during spring break. The face plate to the stereo was stolen and all the doors were found in the unlocked position.

San Rafael – Four students and three non-students were found to be minors in possession of alcohol.

Calendar of Events

Mar. 20

– MRB Board Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

– ISO Coffee Hours, 12:15 p.m.

– SD New Music NOISE Ensemble, 12:15 p.m., French Parlor, Founders Hall

– Women's Center, Is God a Girl? 6:30 p.m., UC 107

Mar. 21

– Campus Hate Crime Wkshp, 8:30 a.m.

– AS Concert, 8 p.m., UC Forum AB

Mar. 22

– AS Disneyland Trip, 10 a.m.

Mar. 24

– Adventures in Service, Community Service-Learning, 12 p.m.

– Women's History Month Concert, 6 p.m., UC Forum AB

Mar. 25

– AS General Elections, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., UC Foyer

– Interviewing Workshop, 12:30 p.m.

– Women's Center Keynote Speaker III, Magdalene Hsu-Li, 6 p.m., UC Forum B

Mar. 26

– AS General Elections, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., UC Foyer

– Crochet Circle, 12:30 p.m., UC 104

– Women's Center Concert Series II, 6 p.m.

– Concert at Aromas, Lisa Loeb, 8 p.m.

Mar. 27

– Career Day

– Senior Resume Workshop, 12:30 p.m.

– ISO Coffee Hours, 12:15 p.m.

– Women's Center Concert Series III, 6 p.m.

Presidential candidates narrowed down

By Danielle Hashem
NEWS EDITOR

For the past few weeks, there have been five candidates interviewing on campus for the presidential position due to the retirement of current university president, Alice B. Hayes.

These candidates included Dr. Paul Zingg, Dr. Frank Lazarus, Monsignor Daniel Dillabough, Dr. Mary Lyons and Dr. Daniel Carey.

According to Robert Hoehn, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee and Board of

Trustee member, the candidates have been narrowed down to Lyons and Dillabough. With presentations to the Board of Trustees and negotiations taking place this week, USD's new president will be named in the coming weeks.

Words from the desk
Chad's love for chicken nuggets

I have always been a fan of chicken nuggets. Even now when I go to the grocery store I will buy a frozen package of them to cook at home.

My favorite chicken nuggets would have to be from McDonald's. I like them not because of the way they taste

but because of the sauce.

A lot of people like dipping their nuggets in barbeque sauce or the honey, but I have always been a fan of sweet and sour.

The other fast food joints have yet to master the art of sweet and sour sauce like McDonald's has.

I mean, I love the stuff so much that when I was little, I didn't need nuggets, I just licked it off my fingers.

My only complaint is about this new policy of charging for extra packages of sauce. You know, how they charge you another 39 cents for another one.

You don't see any restaurants charging for extra ketchup do you? No. They why do you charge for the sauce. It's just another tasty condiment.

Although I don't think I have eaten a whole 20 piece chicken nugget, I have eaten 20 fish sticks at one sitting.

Academic Assembly denounces war with Iraq

By Denis Grasska
STAFF WRITER

The Academic Assembly of the College of Arts and Sciences passed a resolution on Feb. 18 that denounced a U.S.-led war with Iraq.

The assembly, comprised of the full-time faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, traditionally meets to discuss issues of direct relevance to the university, such as the creation of a new major.

According to Dr. Daniel Sheehan, the author of the resolution's first draft, the Academic Assembly has never taken such an overtly political position on any other issue. The vote represented a "break from tradition" because the assembly's only previous political involvement had come in the form of an uncontroversial statement condemning "hate crimes," Sheehan said.

The resolution reads: "In accord with the values espoused by the University of San Diego, the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences opposes military action in Iraq and endorses continuing efforts toward a peaceful resolution to this conflict."

No faculty members were completely comfortable with the final wording of the resolution, Sheehan said. But, despite any feelings of discomfort among the faculty, the resolution passed with a vote of 63-9. Twelve faculty members abstained.

According to Sheehan, the faculty's vote on the resolution probably ran "counter to" the views held by the majority of USD students. He "was surprised it passed" and anticipates that students will be equally surprised.

The Academic Assembly's vote was "largely motivated by our concern for our students" and was intended as "a starting point for a conversation" between students and faculty, Sheehan said.

According to USD Junior Diana Sagas, those on both sides of the issue would stand to benefit from such a debate because supporters of war often forget about the inevitable loss of human life and opponents often have other motivations.

But some students consider the faculty's view paternalistic and believe that the Academic Assembly is using their well-being as an excuse to express its own political views.

"[The resolution] doesn't help me form an opinion on what's going on," said Jennifer Gilroy, a senior. "It just lets me know what some people think and that's not very helpful to me."

Members of the Academic Assembly did not intend their resolution to have any negative consequences for their students and they do not predict that there will be any.

"It's always hard to keep personal biases out of the classroom," but most professors would rather have their students think for themselves

than mimic the beliefs of their instructors, Sheehan said. While the faculty hopes that their resolution will encourage serious discussion, knowing that a large percentage of the faculty does not support war with Iraq might make some students less willing to voice their opinions in class.

Any student whose opinion differs from the faculty "would certainly want to be keeping his mouth shut," said Tim Dover, a senior.

A loss of classroom debate would deny students the opportunity to discuss the sometimes glaring differences between the viewpoints of students and faculty on the subject of war and terrorism.

According to Sheehan, biological and chemical weapons should not be considered "weapons of mass destruction." They would be more appropriately described as "weapons of mass inconvenience" because they kill less people than nuclear weapons and "are often as dangerous to the people using them as they are to the people getting hit by them."

The fact that biological and chemical weapons can be fatal to the terrorist who uses them "is really irrelevant," Gilroy said. Sept. 11 proved that terrorists are willing to take their own lives while committing acts of terror.

According to Dover, Saddam Hussein's yet unaccounted for stock-

pile of chemical weapons is much more than a potential "inconvenience." Just a thimble of VX nerve gas is capable of killing 50,000 people and 300 pounds of it are currently missing, Dover said.

The Academic Assembly felt compelled to take a stand on U.S. policy toward Iraq, in part, because of USD's status as a Catholic university. According to Sheehan, the issue of war goes beyond the scope of academics and into the realm of morality.

But some students are uneasy with the faculty's use of Catholicism to justify its voting on an anti-war resolution.

They point to the apparent contradiction between Catholicism and the academic community's traditional unwillingness to label terrorists or terrorism "evil."

According to Sheehan, labeling something "evil," often cuts off further discussion and nuance. As a result, faculty members "tend to back away" from absolute statements about good and evil.

But Gilroy believes the position held by many faculty members "sounds very much like relativism," which contradicts the university's Catholic character.

The final vote tally represents only the view of the College of Arts and Sciences, not the official view of the University.

"I'm Going to College" Day sparks involvement

By Allison St. John
COPY EDITOR

In a community where many kids are not raised in privilege, families face more obstacles in sending their kids to expensive universities. Exposing these kids to college at an early age and informing them of the financial aid available can start them on the path to college and make it a reality for them. "I'm Going to College" Day makes college "familiar and not seem so unattainable," said Susan Turner, last year's coordinator of the event.

Ninety-seven fifth graders from Kit Carson Elementary School in Linda Vista will participate in "I'm Going to College" Day on Monday, March 24. The kids will go on tours of the campus as well as college classes taught by USD faculty members Dr. Leeva Chung, Dr. Octavia Davis, Dr. Perla Myers and Dr. Beth Simon.

They will also be given a gift certificate to the bookstore that they will redeem for special backpacks obtained for the event as well as school supplies and books. Each student will have his or her very own USD identification card and will receive a diploma and dictionary at the end of the day. The goal is to give each student a true feeling of the college experience to get them to start think-

ing about their future.

College Day was "one of the best experiences I had last year," said Chung, a professor in the Communications Department. "The kids were so excited; I can't remember when kids were so smiley and willing to volunteer in class."

Last year Chung taught a 20-minute class to the kids on the six universal non-verbal expressions and is looking forward to doing it again. "They dug it," Chung said. "In college you're so protective of your opinions. The kids don't care if they're picked on to speak. If [College Day] doesn't motivate them for what college is about I don't know what will."

Since 1996, College Day was put on by the Financial Aid office under the direction of Judy Lewis Logue. Last year it moved to the Office for Community Service-Learning and Elaine Elliott, the director, is in charge of the event. "College Day is part of a state-wide program sponsored by SOAP (Student Opportunity Access Program) and they provide materials for the schools to really explain college to the kids," Elliott said.

It helps get students "who are from low income families whose parents did not necessarily go to college fired up to make the academic decisions they need to make in

middle school to be well prepared for college."

"I love kids and I think it's a great opportunity for students in this area to think about college. They see the big blue dome and many think that [USD] is inaccessible," said John Loggins, Assistant Director of the Office for Community Service-Learning Affairs.

"All the programs we do, like America Reads and Community Outreach, let kids work with college students. Every bit of support helps and [because of this program] there's a good chance that they may end up here." This is another opportunity for USD students to get involved in the community and help kids in Linda Vista see what college is like.

"The idea of college doesn't always have to come from the parents," Turner said, it can come from teachers, students, and community members who are willing to help these kids envision a college education in their future. College day "plants the seed. I can only imagine that it has an impact on their lives."

Any USD student who wants to promote the value of a college education to a student should stop by the Office for Community Service-Learning in Maher 218.



JON LEPTICH

Peace Vigil

A candlelight vigil against the war on Iraq took place Sunday, Mar. 16 at The Garden of the Sea behind the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. There were vigils like this occurring across the globe at the same time on Sunday.

AS Elections 2003-2004

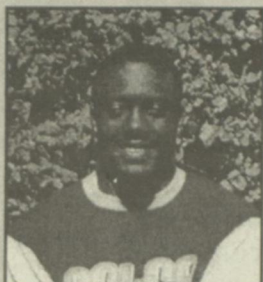
By Barbara Calantas
STAFF WRITER

General Elections will take place on Tuesday, March 25, and Wednesday, March 26, from 10 am to 5 pm in the upper foyer of the UC and the foyer of Olin Hall. Run-off elections will take place the next week, on Tuesday, April 1 and Wednesday, April 2, at the same times and same places. To encourage more students to vote for both elections, the Associated Students is sponsoring a raffle for all voters for both elections for a pair of Southwest Airlines tickets anywhere in the United States, which will take place on Thursday, April 3 in front of the UC at 12 p.m.

Also, for the positions that are currently not being run for, such as the two Senior Senator positions, one Sophomore Senator, the Secretary of Student Organizations and the Secretary of Athletics, students interested in running for these positions can still do a write-in candidacy. However, they must still fill out an elections packet and turn it in by Monday, March 24 by 12 p.m. to UC 225. These packets are available on Barbara Calantas desk (AS Director of Elections) in UC 161. For any questions, email her at calantas@sandiego.edu.

President

Marvin Banks



As the Associated Students President, I plan to assist in helping our university grow, while assuring that all students are represented equally. I am pushing for a tuition cap and student representation of the Board of Trustees. Given the chance, I would like to improve USD by putting students first. At a university that produces leaders in today's society, students are those leaders. I would like to improve student access to administrators and faculty.

Ryan Van Arnem



I plan to bring larger scale programs like major musical artists and comedians. I will push to get a student representative on the Board of Trustees. I will work to get priority registration for athletes, honor students and student leaders. I plan to work with the career services office to bring outside companies to interview on campus for jobs and internships. I want to establish the "large school" athletic mentality and provide more school spirit along with more funding for club sports. I would work with parking services to improve the parking problem and establish more spaces for students.

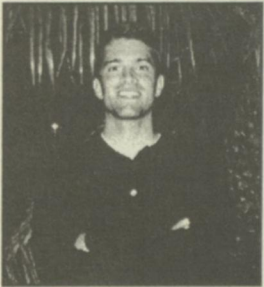
Vice President of Academics

Patrice Amon



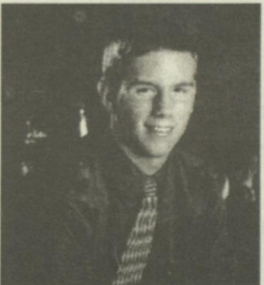
As Vice President of Academics, I plan to work hard to get things done for the students of USD. I will work with the students and administration to create an academic environment that is inclusive and engaging. I will promote and work to solve student's academic issues. Given the chance, I would like to improve USD by working to expand time between classes, to extend the add/drop fee deadline, and establish a book cap and a tuition cap. I want to promote academic integrity, and create a community of honor.

Ryan Castanos



An important part of students' grades depends on the type of professor they have. Professors have different teaching methods and students have different learning methods, so it's important for students to enroll with the right professors. As VP of Academics, I will provide the students with a stronger knowledge of our USD professors by developing a link on the UNET website which will post previous semester evaluations of the professors for the students to view before registration. This way, students will be more informed about the professors. Furthermore, I will always be available to address all academic concerns from students.

Michael Crafton



I am running for Vice President of Academics because, in this transitioning time from one University President to another, there are many opportunities to create changes here at USD. As the VP of Academics, I plan to work with the Academic Deans to extend the pass/fail option deadline, eradicate the five dollar add/drop fee, finish the development of an Honor Code, and to create a "D" requirement in the curriculum. If this university wishes to take the next step in becoming an "Ivy League" of the west, we must expand the curriculum requirements and options for all students.

Freddy Grand



Vice President of Finance

As V.P. of Finance, I plan to budget more money to the events that students attend. I also plan to find out what the students want so money is well spent. Given the chance, I would like to improve USD by getting the students more involved by budgeting more money towards events that the students want.

Vice President of Multicultural Relations

Susan Quigley



For this position, I plan to push for a Diversity General Education requirement. I also plan to strongly encourage Student Affairs to implement directors for the Women's Center and Multicultural Relations. I want to launch a huge campaign educating USD students on what hate Crimes and Bias Motivated Incidents are and how to report them as well as prevent them from happening. I would like to improve USD by increasing the retention of students from multicultural backgrounds. Also, by implementing a Diversity G.E. requirement, the campus climate towards diversity and sensitivity of issues concerning diversity will improve USD.

Vice President of Programming

Erica Lovano



As AS Vice President of Programming, I plan to coordinate programming between all AS clubs and organizations on campus by creating constantly open communication lines as well as promoting more personal interactions within these groups. Also, I plan to increase communication between the other communities on campus. In this way, I hope to reduce cross-programming as well as develop programming that is reflective of USD overall by helping these programs to be more impactful. I would like to offer a programming suggestion table in front of the UC as often as possible, probably every other Thursday in order to truly hear the voice of every student, as well as taking a more personal role by making myself a visible and approachable member.

Vice President of Student Issues

Katie McDaniel



AS Vice President of Student Issues, I plan to be a listening ear and to get the voices of the members of our student body heard. I plan to keep our student body updated as to the status of issues addressed. I will continue the work and research conducted on issues thus far including that of priority registration and the diversity requirement. Given the chance, I would like to improve USD by smoothing out and at times speeding up the process of implementing change. I would like to increase school spirit and athletic support, social awareness and the encouragement and support of diversity at USD.

Junior Senator

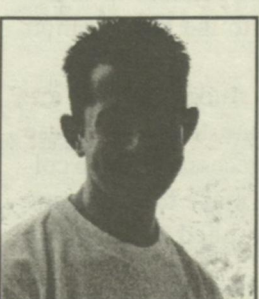
Patrick Posadas



As Junior Senator, I plan to actively address student issues regarding the junior class and student body as a whole. At AS Senate and Student Issues meetings I will represent the ideas and concerns of the Junior class as well as program activities for the promotion of class unity. Given the chance, I would like to improve USD by being the best Junior Senator I can be in making student issues known to possibly induce some compensation and unify the junior class.

Sophomore Senator

Brian Furlow



As Sophomore Senator, I plan to make our class unique by providing a wide range of events for all to participate in, events such as theme park trips, T.V. show tapings, sporting events, activities at the bay and trips downtown to the Gas Lamp district. I also want to provide our class with a chance to get their voices heard on issues that affect them daily. I would like to improve USD by making sure that the issues facing our class are handled by the right people in a timely manner so that as students we can enjoy our college experience.

Gas prices continue to rise

By Alex Meyers
STAFF WRITER

Do you recognize the statement "To provide the opportunity for anyone to travel throughout North America with safety, dignity and convenience"? If you do, then perhaps you are one of the many students that are feeling restrictions due to soaring gas prices.

The phrase mentioned above is the mission statement for the Grey Hound Bus Company, which provides bus transportation for those that are unable or unwilling to drive, a service that may become more prevalent in the weeks to come.

Retail gasoline prices continue to surge higher amid indications of soaring profits for some oil refiners and there are reports of scattered shortages at wholesale tanker terminals in Southern California. Furthermore, recent run ups on oil prices due to war worries and the shut down of Venezuelan production of crude oil are also cited as key reasons why gasoline prices are dramatically increasing.

California is especially hit hard by the volatile oil industry. During the first week of March, California's average was \$2.08,

a full 37 cents a gallon higher than the national figure of \$1.71, as reported in by the U.S. Department of Energy. North County drivers have swallowed increases of 55 cents a gallon since Christmas, a premium that costs the average two-car family and extra \$55 a month.

Senior Jonathon Black said, "I think the raise in oil per barrel is directly related to the Mid East's disapproval of Bush's handling of Iraq."

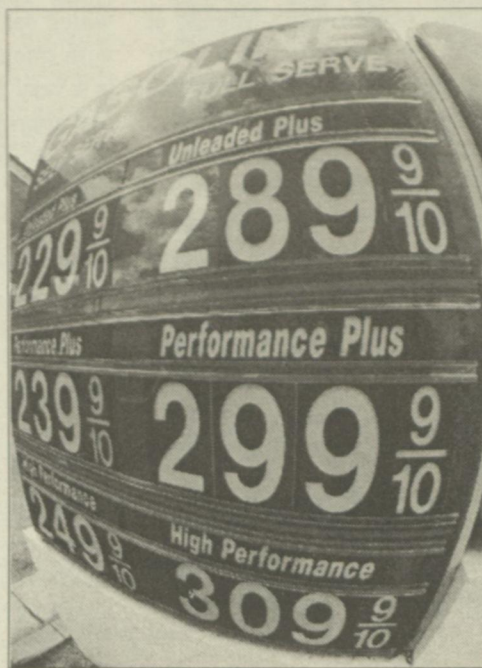
There are many other opinions circulating around campus as to why it's costing so much to just get to class. "I think prices will increase as long as they will make money," said Matthew Laurenzano, a junior.

In fact, there are several reasons that contribute to the increased prices at the pump. First, the government reported that heating oil demand has been running 20 percent higher than last year, and supplies are 33 percent lower. Secondly, the next biggest component in the price of gasoline is taxes, which varies from state to state but typically represents between 40 and 50 cents of the posted pump price. And believe it or not, due to virtually every state facing a deficit right now, those prices

are headed higher. Thirdly, Nicole Hodgson, spokeswoman for Chevron Texaco Corporation, the state's largest refiner, said, "The firm has had no supply problems and is simply charging as much as consumers will pay. Like any good business, we charge what is competitive in the marketplace."

As a result, many USD students have reacted to the increasing gas prices by limiting their time spent in their cars. "I cut out all my trips that are really unnecessary," said Michael Stratta, a junior. Many students who also live in the Mission Beach or Pacific Beach areas are utilizing the beach tram option now more than ever.

If you're not ready to break out your bike or purchase an electric car, the website <http://www.sandiegogasprices.com/> will be of use. This lists the cheapest prices and locations in the San Diego County. Also, many students who can bear the



RAY GALVAN

Californians are currently paying some of the highest gas prices in the nation.

long lines are finding relief at stores such as Costco that discount gas. Also, remember that San Diego is blessed with an extensive tram system that only costs two dollars a ride.

Given the political uncertainties, gas prices will remain volatile for the coming months at least. It seems as though students will have little choice to either bear the prices, or become more accustomed to asking "Can I have a ride?" with a smile.

Dear University Community,
As we prepare for the possibility of international conflict, it is important to remember the spirit of community we value on this campus. Please remember our university policy:

"The University is committed to and embraces the doctrine that all men and women are creatures of God. Each and all not only deserve but must be afforded the dignity that necessarily follows from acceptance of the doctrine. Anyone who chooses to become a member of or participates in any way in the University community, whether as a student, faculty member administrator, employee or guest is expected to accept this standard of conduct, both in theory and in practice.

The University will not tolerate harassment in any form by reason of the race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability or sexual orientation of any person. Violation of this policy will be dealt with by appropriate sanctions, which may include expulsion, suspension, termination or exclusion from the campus."

Let us treat one another with the respect deserved by all members of the university community.

Dr. Alice B. Hayes
President

SENIORS

MANDATORY SENIOR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003
@12:15 PM
JENNY CRAIG PAVILION



Important information will include:

- *Commencement (Tickets, Times, Parking & Events)
- *Baccalaureate Mass
- *Graduation Reception
- *Senior Banquet
- *Senior Activities

Official Class of 2003 Picture to be taken immediately following the meeting!

Join us for FREE FOOD, music, and all the info you need to graduate!

Please Bring any Photos of your experiences at USD to Be used in the Senior Banquet slide show.

SOCIETY & CULTURE

USD celebrates Saint Clare's by hosting Jubilee

By Heather Depreist
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"Studying abroad opens up your mind and heart to other cultures and ways of living," said Dr. Cynthia Caywood, the director of the study abroad at Oxford program.

The University of San Diego offers numerous places for students to study abroad, including the St. Clare's Liberal Arts Program in Oxford, England. The St. Clare's program has an illustrious 50 year history and for over half of that time has had a strong affiliation with USD. This truly speaks magnitudes to the strength and quality of this particular program. In fact, it will be celebrating its Jubilee here at USD with a special weekend, April 25-27, planned to commemorate the momentous occasion.

On this weekend alumni, their parents, friends and partners are invited to share in the celebration. On Saturday, Senator Gary Hart will speak on the theme of Global Citizenship in the 21st Century. His speech will be followed by a panel discussion and an opportunity for questions. In addition, that evening a reception will be held for the North America Friends of St. Clare's. There are fees for each of the different programs and the last day to book by mail or fax is March 28. To access the application online visit <http://www.stclares.ac.uk> and the fax number is 0044 1865 517 376.

To learn more about the St. Clare's program and the other study abroad opportunities that USD offers, one should defi-

nately check out the website at <http://www.sandiego.edu/foreignstudy> or contact the Study Abroad office, x4598.

They will give details and contact information for any of the programs that might be of interest. "Talk to students who have been," is the advice given by Paul Saville, the director of the St. Clare's Liberal Arts Program.

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Upon this advice, I spoke to Katie Hardy, a USD senior, who spent a semester at St. Clare's. She said that in doing the study abroad, "You realize what you don't know about the world. It opens up your world."

Key areas of interest in this program are: academics, travel, basic living and meeting new people.

While attending St. Clare's, students will take three or four core classes along with a tutorial. These core classes will generally consist of seven to 10 students and your tutorial will simply be one or two students. Brian Clack, a professor at St. Clare's said, "This puts a bigger emphasis on class discussion."

In addition to the normal classes that one can take at St. Clare's there is also the seminar series. This is a newer feature,

which basically is a class taught with one theme in mind. This is a very focused and informative course that can be taken instead of one of the other core courses.

Saville says that one should "choose [a class] because they are in a different country."

Another feature of the courses at St. Clare's is that the schedule of classes is going to

ful activities, but to also become a more integral part of the community in and around Oxford.

If the person involved has financial concerns about going abroad they need not worry. The tuition at the St. Clare's Liberal Arts Program is the same as what they would pay if they were attending USD. There are also several scholarships available to help people out.

One in particular deserves mention, the Jubilee scholarship, due to the fact that if one receives this particular scholarship they will be given the amazing opportunity to take courses at Oxford

University itself. Not only will this scholarship open up their academic experiences, but it also lends to their social life because they are now invited to attend numerous functions hosted by the University.

Something else that becomes a huge part of the experience abroad is the endless travel opportunities. Saville said, "[Students] must travel and not simply move from place to place." This means they need to take the time to experience all that the world, and Europe in particular, has to offer.

Not only will the school offer planned excursions fairly often, but the student also has the opportunity to plan trips of their own whenever they desire to do so. Along those lines, one of the nice features of studying abroad in the spring is that they will have a two week break at

Easter, during which time they can plan an extensive amount of travel.

One of the things that those who travel to England will be forced to deal with is the often cold and rainy weather. On the other hand, Bob Hope has been quoted as saying, "If you're in England and don't like the weather just wait ten minutes." This really speaks to the fact that the weather there is unpredictable.

Obviously, one of the big concerns with doing the study abroad right now is the terrorist threat, but Saville makes it very clear when he says, "Care and safety are of great importance."

The basic living arrangements when one is abroad are very important and critical in one's decision. In the case of St. Clare's the student has the option of living in the Logan House flats or Hampden Manor, which is a seventeenth century house that has been converted into flats. Both offer the modern luxuries of daily living such as a kitchen, bathrooms, a phone and a television.

Although meal plans are available, it is highly recommended that in order to enhance the experience students buy groceries and prepare their own meals. This has the added bonus of the students being able to eat whenever they like and not having to depend on set meal plan hours.

There are many small grocery stores located in close proximity to the different living fa-

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Dr. Leo Chavez discusses effects of immigration

By Ashley Shoemaker
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On Wednesday, March 5, the Transborder Institute hosted speaker Dr. Leo R. Chavez in Salomon Hall. Chavez, a professor in the department of Anthropology and the director of Chicano/Latino Studies at the University of California, Irvine and author of, "Shadowed Lives and Covering Immigration," came to USD to speak about his study of the way immigration has been presented to the American public from the year 1965 to the present.

Chavez discussed his comprehensive study, which included 10 nationally published, politically diverse magazines such as *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Business Week*, *New Republic*, *Nation*, and *American Heritage*. He re-

viewed the covers of those magazines that dealt with immigration and derived their reflections of the national sentiment towards immigrants, and their affect on the American culture and economy.

Chavez presented the idea that fear of immigration stems from America's linguistic, economic and cultural insecurities. Americans fear change. They fear the change of our native language, they fear economic recession, and they fear the changes that accompany multi-culturalization.

This fear is the cause of alarmist magazine covers that promote derogatory images of immigration. Such images include

article titles like, "Time Bomb



End to the Invasion by 'Illegals'" (*U.S. News and World Report*) and, "The Disappearing Border: Will Mexican Migration Create a New Nation" (*U.S. News and World Report*).

These alarmist images have increased drastically since the 1970s, while the converse affirmative images have decreased. Often times, these numbers are attributed to economic recession.

During a recession, when jobs are scarce, Americans deny immigration in order to protect their work environment. When the economy is booming, Americans happily support immigration in an attempt to fill the available jobs.

Americans have a tendency to overlook the positive aspects of immigration. Immigrants propel the

economy and account for a valuable percentage of our working class.

However, appreciation was not evidenced in 1994, when Proposition 187 was passed. Prop. 187 allowed undocumented immigrants to work in America, but denied them public education and health care. Fortunately, the proposition did not become law because immigration is a federal, not state, issue.

Dr. Chavez's presentation was thorough and interesting, and he provided exceptional relationships between our actions today and their effects on immigration. With the war on terrorism and the current recession, the effects of immigration are numerous. If you would like more information on similar topics, visit the Transborder Institute website at www.TBI.SanDiego.edu, or call x4090.

in Mexico: Why There'll Be No

Hawaiian barbeque, Best Buddies style

By Scott Yary
STAFF WRITER

Best Buddies will be holding a Hawaiian BBQ this Saturday, March 22, in the back of Missions Crossroads from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. You can take the opportunity to sing some of your favorite songs with the help of the karaoke machine. The BBQ will be a potluck and anyone is welcome to attend. Best Buddies held a car wash last month which raised about 350 dollars to go towards this Hawaiian BBQ and other upcoming events. This Hawaiian BBQ is just one of many events Best Buddies puts on.

Best Buddies International Inc. promotes enhancing the lives of the intellectually disabled by providing opportunities with one-on-one friendships and integrated employment, according to their mission statement. The USD chapter is a community service program which has a two-semester commitment that fo-

cuses on individual mentoring and large group activities. USD students get paired up with a person of the disabled community, most of them happen to be Mesa College students.

Anthony K. Shriver at Georgetown University founded Best Buddies in 1989. In the

"to create an environment of support, encouragement, motivation and inspiration." Soon after its formation, President George Bush, in 1990, signed the Americans with Disabilities Act, which was the first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities. According to Arc (formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens), the United States has more than 7.5 million people with intellectual disabilities. With these organizations and legislation, the disabled community has been receiving more equality in the United States. Because of the growing advocacy for helping the disabled, Best Buddies has expanded to over 750 college, high school and middle school campuses in its 13-year existence.

Kelsey Watters, a junior, has been involved with Best Buddies since her freshman year. She says, "I love interacting with people in general, but there is something special about this particular population." Watters is just one of many that have enjoyed their volunteer time

with this program, by making special bonds with the great



A USD student bonds with her "best buddy."

Houston Chronicle, Shriver said the premise of Best Buddies is

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people they meet. "She is a wonderful person, who has such an amazing heart. I'm so blessed that I have met her and I hope that we will stay friends for a very long time," said Watters regarding her buddy Meghan. This program not only enhances the lives of the intellectual disabled, but also gives volunteers the opportunity to grow as a people.

Because Best Buddies is a year-long commitment, people are unable to be paired up with a buddy at the moment, but

they always welcome people who want to attend their events. A few of the upcoming events include a Best Buddies Bash on March 29 in Encinitas and an Easter Egg Hunt in April. The yearly program concludes with a Best Buddies End of the Year Party, which will be held in late April or early May.

For further information or questions regarding events, email Kelsey Watters at kwatters@sandiego.edu or visit the Best Buddies website at www.bestbuddies.org.

Students help across borders

By Kate Linden
STAFF WRITER

Five a.m. on a Saturday morning is often a time when students return to San Diego from partying hard the night before in Tijuana, Mexico. However, on Saturday, Feb. 8, 50 dedicated USD students awoke in Tijuana, Mexico to begin three days of work building houses for homeless Mexican families.

The students belonging to USD Interservice Christian Fellowship built four one room houses, in three days, for four very fortunate families. For those who don't know, Interservice Christian Fellowship, referred to as IV, is an on campus religious organization consisting of "Catholic and Protestant students who...are exploring how to live a Christian life."

This year was the first year USD IV hosted a trip to Tijuana. IV Community service leader and student Kyle Larsen felt that building houses in Tijuana would be a gratifying task for young Christians to do.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 7, students took vans to Tijuana where they resided in a huge house called a Mexican Caravan Ministry hostel for three days. Although the students were in a rough city, they felt safe in the ministry house.

All that was required of the students was time and dedication. IV members raised a total of 3000 dollars for housing materials, through private fund-raising and a public car

wash. The student's built a total of four houses at 600 dollars a house.

In a three day period, the students were given a crash course on how to build a house, given a hammer and nails, and sent on their way to a specific location.

Interservice member Melanie Bullock said, "We used ply wood, 2x4s and nails with a little bit of tar. There was no insulation, no heat, no plumbing, and no appliances in the house I helped build," Bullock said.

Larsen described the house he built as a "big box with a man made hole outside used for a restroom." To give you a better picture of what they built, the "big box" was a total of 75 square feet or about half the size of a Maher dorm room.

The houses were built on little pieces of property owned by the homeless families. Each piece of property measured about 100 square feet. While the students were supervised by a professional contractor from time to time, both Bullock and Larsen admitted that the houses they built were somewhat unstable.

According to Larsen, if there was a mud slide or earth quake, the houses would definitely collapse. He explained that this is why so many die in third world countries to natural disasters. "Their form of shelter is not secure, but it does constitute a roof over their heads," Larsen said.

Bullock and about 15 others built

a house for a family of five. Larsen and his group built a house for a family of four. Take a minute and imagine a family of five living in one room half of the size of a typical dorm room. Two students can barely do it, let alone a family.

Both Larsen and Bullock met the families they built houses for. However, the father of the family Larsen's group built for was too embarrassed to confront and thank the students. As a form of gratitude, families cooked dinner for the students at a relative's house. "The families were so happy to see, to cook for us, and to live in their new house. Their gratitude was a fair trade for my work," Bullock said.

Kudos to those who went to Tijuana to build houses for the homeless.

For those interested, the Tijuana housing project operates weekly in Tijuana and is headed by Dave Burdette. This program is a godsend to those in need in Tijuana. Unfortunately, IV does not have any more events planned for building houses in Tijuana this semester.

The next charity event hosted by IV will most likely be a trip to Tijuana to visit underprivileged orphanages, but there is not a set date. You do not have to be Christian to partake in IV events. They welcome all with open arms.

If you would like more information about building houses in Tijuana, please contact Kyle Larsen at KBFA99@aol.com.

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-ilities and it is therefore not a big hassle to go out and buy food for the different meals. In addition, the food selection there is extremely similar to that of the United States. Finally, and probably of the utmost importance, is the people. When I asked Katie Hardy what the highlight of her experience was she said, "The people were the most amazing part." Not only do you meet these amazing people who you can form lifelong friendships with, but you are exposed to so many different cultures and ways of life.

One of these people who can come to be an extremely important part of the students' daily life is their advisor. Their advisor is a person who they can go to with absolutely anything. If they are experiencing homesickness, if they are struggling in their classes, or if they just need help planning a trip they have this great resource. This person truly becomes a huge part of the St. Clare's experience.

Besides your advisor, the student will have many professors with whom they form a strong bond. With the class sizes so small, especially the tutorial, it calls for a very close relationship with not only the other students in the class, but also with the professor.

Something else to be considered is just the variety of people that you will meet. There will most definitely be students from all over the world gathered together to share this common experience. The things to be learned from the people alone are enough information to greatly expand anyone's horizons. As Brian Clack said, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity." The fact is that this chance to travel and explore another culture and country with minimal responsibilities is very unique and should definitely be taken advantage of.

In accordance with the different people who I spoke to about the study abroad program the general consensus was that it is an incredible and worthwhile experience. Those who partake in this opportunity come away from it with a renewed sense of self, an increased self confidence and an amazing energy.

According to Hardy, study abroad is truly an experience that cannot be duplicated and will never be forgotten.

OPINION

Women's Center? What about USD's men?

By Michael Elliott
STAFF WRITER

A few days ago I was standing outside of our prestigious Peace and Justice Center, and while soaking in its awesome power I began to think. The first thing that came to my mind was the fact that I am a 20 year old male. What a stunning thought. Then I went on to realize that much like a 20 year old female, I too have emotional issues to quell. I further recognized the fact that although Women at USD have a Women's Center to fall on, men at USD are forced to solve their problems alone.

To make myself more clear, I would initially like to make the point that I am not a person overflowing with sappy sentiments and actually do not usually find myself searching comfort from others. But I am, of course, not the same as other guys.

If another male wanted a place to go for support in rough times, what does USD offer them? Some might claim that anybody, male or female, can go to a priest in order to clear their mind. Unfortunately, not everybody is a Christian, much less a Catholic. Other options must be made available.

The mission of the USD Women's Center is said to be "a place that supports, facilitates, inspires, promotes and believes." Don't men want all of these adjectives too? I find it preposterous that a university as modern as USD justifies the opening of a Women's Center with-

out a subsequent men's facility.

When I mentioned this apparent void in our community to a few students, I was bombarded by the idea that there is a much higher population of women at our school and thus a Women's Center is much more necessary than a Men's Center. I have never heard a worse ar-

gument to an honest problem. When I visited the Women's Center to get a "feel" for the place, the worker there informed me that if they could help just one girl at a time then their mission would be a success. One girl. That's odd. I guess since there are fewer men at USD then it would be improbable that a Men's Center would help just one guy. Should we really continue to live in the shadow of hypocrisy?

It has been proven throughout human existence that men and women do require different things to live what they feel is a happy life. Subsequently, a Men's Center should be different than a Women's Center. What should be different?

I would first like to propose that a men's center should actually be called a "Man's Center." This title has such a better ring to it and would also boost the confidence of males as it exhibits a more

doesn't this sound like a good idea?

Tragically, this dream is only that, a vision of the equality we have yet to receive. Our sexual minority has enabled the sexual majority to exploit the funds of our school by creating only a center for women and not one for men. Any female who feels under the weather has the option of a school provided sanctuary but males are left to comfort themselves in other ways. Where is the justice?

Let me make one more point here in this already redundant and masculine proposal. In a brochure I took from the Women's Center, it read that World AIDS Day is in December. It then went on to state that "we provide information addressing the prevalence of AIDS internationally and the affect it has on women around the world." I think this is a good cause.

Of course I like the notion of combating AIDS. But why should only women have a center to educate them on STDs? How many men are affected by AIDS? How many male students would benefit from more information on AIDS that could be provided by a Men's Center?

This lack of equal resources must end now. I fully support the Women's Center but simply ask for an equal haven for males. Does this sound ridiculous? Perhaps USD feels that there isn't equal funding. Rubbish. We could take a fraction of the money we spend on our lawns and build an entirely new structure dedicated simply to the male cause. Or, more logically, we could equally fund an area where men can seek refuge. End the injustice.

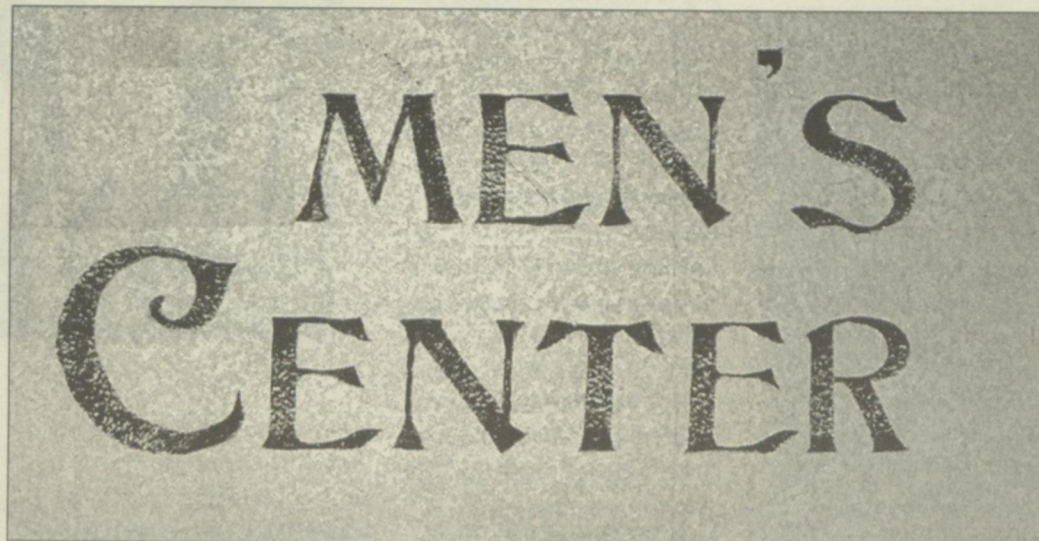


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Furthermore, this center would require some sort of gaming table (I suggest pool) so that the male patrons could release their anger or frustration through friendly rivalries. This release would allow male students to then go to class in a much more relaxed state of mind, therein increasing their ability to learn. Men,

Public too misinformed to decide policy

By Andi Peterson
U-WIRE

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - According to a 1999 Washington Post-ABC News poll regarding the 2000 presidential election, almost 25 percent of those polled did not recognize that George W. Bush and George H.W. Bush Sr. were two different people. Even more disturbing, my friend at Notre Dame who voted in the 2000 election did not recognize that difference until after the election. What is going on here?

The Founding Fathers are probably looking down through their half-moon spectacles, shaking their heads, and reprimanding us with ever-so-elocuent versions of "I told you so."

The framers of the United States government did not have confidence in the quality of political contribution from the American masses. They outlined and adopted political institutions, such as the Electoral College and the indirect election of senators (later amended to direct election in 1913), to create distance between the workings of the government and the extent of the public's participation.

But wait a minute. Isn't this country, a model of liberty and modernity, based on the unfailing ideals of democracy? Isn't democracy, by definition, a government ruled by the people?

Yes it is, but the United States was formed as a republic, not a pure democracy; republics do not entail the use of pure democracy and in many ways expunge it. The Founding Fathers, wary of everyday Joe Shmoe, enacted safeguards against direct democracy, tyrannies of the majority and demagoguery: essentially against the whimsical and often incorrect nature of public opinion.

Throughout the past century, however, these safeguards have eroded. The importance placed on public opinion and its constant use as a litmus test for everything under the D.C. sun has spiraled out of control and must be stopped.

Why? Because the American public, as the Founders understood and predicted, is ill-informed regarding government issues. We have shirked our civic responsibility to remain knowledgeable about current events and policy issues. Why, then, do network news companies and Washington insiders continue to report on and make policy decisions influenced by these ill-formed opinions?

A few years ago, CNN launched "TalkBack Live," a daily interactive program where a live studio audience and thousands of viewers voice their opinions concerning current events via phone, fax, live comments and the Internet. The show's host, Arthel Neville, began the show by introducing a current topic in the news and then allowed experts or

pundits to take the soapbox for a few minutes concerning the issue at hand.

Following these artful examples of the intellectual put-down comes the crux of the program -- members of the American public get to speak their mind.

This aspect of the show is a perfect illustration of how the public's opinions are taken seriously, in addition to being for the most part, inaccurate.

For example, "Bush does not need permission to ask anyone to go to war. He's the president."

This enlightening comment was given by a viewer via e-mail on the Feb. 14 show entitled "Showdown Iraq: More Inspections Needed or War Time Imminent?" I sincerely hope that you recognize the absurdity of this comment, but if not: The president of the United States does need the permission of Congress before he can take any steps toward war. Furthermore, only Congress can formally declare war, although the United States has not actually done so since World War II. Regardless of partisanship, a president cannot simply do what he pleases.


After this comment appeared on the show, there was no discussion regarding its falsity, and the comment was not treated as comical for its ridiculousness. What scares me is that some viewers of that particular show probably now believe the logic behind this comment because it was not refuted or even dis-

cussed. The problem of public inaccuracy was merely perpetuated.

Americans are not stupid; that is not my argument in the slightest. For our credit it would be impossible to know all the details about all the current events, of every single day of every single year. We have a responsibility, though, to our government and our fellow citizens to try to remain knowledgeable in as many current issues as our overworked schedules permit. Many Americans do not even make an effort and therefore do not fully understand all sides of an issue.

The Founding Fathers recognized the faults of the public and wanted to minimize their influence on the policy of the government. Today, though, there seems to be an increasing amount of authority placed on public opinion. We either need to stop this unfortunate phenomenon or instigate a mandatory current events class for every U.S. citizen. And really, who wants to organize the logistics?

Although CNN recently announced that "TalkBack Live" will be cancelled soon, I do not see an end in the near future to the influence of public opinion. The most practical solution to this problem, then, is this: We should all put in a concerted effort to remain knowledgeable about the happenings in our country. If we want politicians to respect the public's opinion, we must make public opinion worth respecting.



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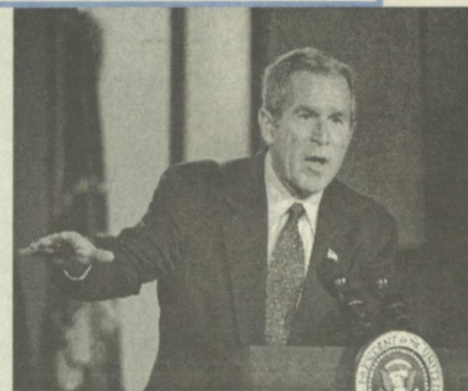
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War or Peace: The

2000

GEORGE W. BUSH ELECTED TO OFFICE. HE VOWS TO INITIATE A "GET TOUGH ON IRAQ" POLICY.



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IRAQ INVADES KUWAIT; U.N. DECLARES NEED FOR INTERVENTION. BY 1991, OPERATION DESERT STORM BEGINS.

By Sam Cheadle
STAFF WRITER

We now find ourselves preparing for a war in Iraq, and it's important to evaluate the events that led up to the current U.S. political actions.

Many of our entanglements in the Middle East originated when the Eisenhower administration brought the Shah of Iran to power to further U.S. interest in that region.

The Shah, a brutal dictator whose secret police shut down political action and free press, was overthrown by the Iranian people, putting the Mullahs into power in 1979. Because the Iranian people justifiably hated the Shah and the United States which supported him, Iran became our enemy. America then turned its support to Iran's enemy, Saddam Hussein, both militarily and politically, providing him with over five billion dollars in aid.

Our support of Saddam continued until 1990 when he invaded Kuwait. In an emergency session, the United Nations declared the need for intervention. By January 1991, operation Desert Storm begun. By late February, only 100 hours after the United States-led ground strike began, Iraq had withdrawn from Kuwait. What followed was a series of tight economic sanctions on Iraq and arms inspections with which it largely did not comply.

Towards the end of 1996, the U.N.'s "oil-for-food" program was implemented, allowing Iraq to sell oil on the international market in exchange for food and medicine.

In 1998, after Iraq refused to comply with inspectors once more, President Clinton initiated Desert Fox and sent 400 cruise missiles and over 600 bombs into Iraq, hitting 85 percent of the intended military targets, killing military leaders as well as a number of civilians.

In June 1999, inspections ended for a period of six months. When they were to be re-instated, Iraq denied their admittance, officially ending inspections. In November 2000, newly elected president George W. Bush vowed to "re-invigorate" sanctions in a new "get-tough policy" on Iraq.

In early 2002, the Bush administration began to publicly announce its intentions for regime change in Iraq.

On Sept. 12, while U.S. emotions were still running high in light of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush announced his plans for Iraq to "fully disarm, or the United States [would] lead a coalition and disarm him."

By Sept. 19 the Bush administration had provided Congress with a draft resolution authorizing the use of military force in Iraq, which was approved Oct. 11. One week later, on Oct. 18, the United States and Brit-

The U.S. had provided Iraq with 80-90% of its weapons of mass destruction. This information was immediately censored from the American media and a few days later, officially omitted by the U.N.

ain announced to the world that they would take action against Iraq regardless U.N. backing.

Earlier in October, Bush delivered a speech to the nation defending immediate action aimed at ousting Saddam. The missiles to deliver the chemical and biological weapons that he spoke of as a threat to our safety have a range limit of 93 miles. To hit American soil they would have to be shipped and launched, undetected, from a U.S. coastline. This would be impossible.

To emphasize the ruthless, tyrannical nature of Saddam, Bush informed Americans that he has already used chemical weapons to kill his own people, gassing thousands of Kurds in Halabja. Ironically, this massacre was aided and abetted by Bush Sr.'s national security team in 1989.

On Nov. 11, after several revisions, the United Nations approved the United States and British draft of resolution 1441. This stated that Iraq must comply

with inspectors, allowing them unrestricted access to all sites, and must create a declaration of all weapon programs and weapons of mass destruction within 30 days of the resolution's approval. Any weapon left out of the declaration or failure to cooperate with inspectors would be considered a material breach of the resolution.

Three weeks later, inspections began in Iraq. On Dec. 7 Iraq submitted its declaration chemical, biological and nuclear capabilities. The declaration was 12,000 pages long and included all the supplier's names that contributed the weapons.

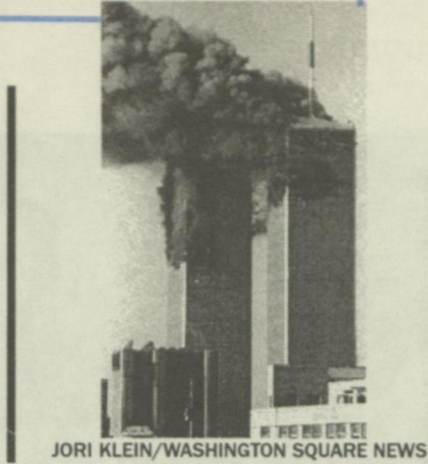
Initially, the U.N. Security Council chose not to release the declaration until after U.N. inspectors reviewed it; but through security counsel president Alfonso Valdivies (Colombian ambassador), the United States received a copy without the consensus of the other 15 members. Less than a week before, the United States promised Colombia a substantial increase in military aid. According to the declaration, the U.S. had provided Iraq with 80-90 percent of its weapons of mass destruction.

This information was immediately censored from the American media and a few days later officially omitted by the U.N. The declaration released few new details on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, prompting the U.S. to declare Saddam already in breach of resolution 1441. Bush's cry was not heard.

In the next month, the U.N. Secretary General, Kofi Annan, stated that he saw no reason to use force against Iraq. Although sanctions on Iraq were tightened, Bush still expressed impatience with Saddam and the inspection process. Finally, on Jan. 16, inspectors discovered 12 empty warheads not in the December declaration. Three days later Iraq turned four more warheads over to Hans Blix, chief weapons inspector.

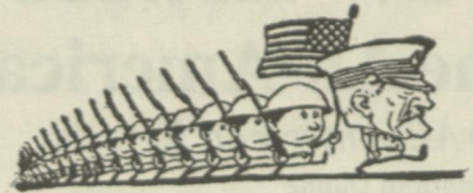
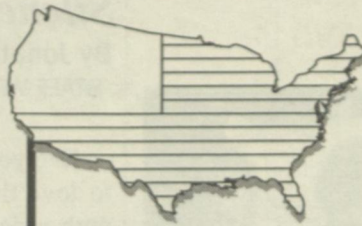
The Bush administration presented a proposal for war to the U.N., but it was quickly rejected. On Jan. 22, NATO denied the U.S. use of its facilities and equipment for war. Weapons inspectors reported to

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MARCH 17, 2003
PRESIDENT BUSH ISSUES
FINAL ULTIMATUM FOR
SADDAM TO LEAVE IRAQ
BY 8 p.m. ON MARCH 19.



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the U.N. on Jan. 27, and although Blix's report was critical, saying Saddam was not in full compliance with resolution 1441, it did not persuade American allies to support military invasion.

On Jan. 29, Bush's rhetoric was seen again, this time in the State of the Union address. He claimed that Iraq had been purchasing "high-strength aluminum tubes" used to make a nuclear missile. The tubes were made of aluminum-zinc alloy, which has many industrial applications, but is not appropriate for centrifuges in nuclear missiles as Bush implied.

"We cannot wait for the final proof-the smoking gun that could come in the form of a mushroom cloud," Bush said. It is doubtful that Saddam could resurrect his nuclear-weapons program in defiance of world opinion.

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-George W. Bush

Bush kept pressing in his speech that the "risk of doing nothing...is not a risk worth taking." Here he has finally made a claim that everyone agrees with; we cannot risk doing nothing, but the entire world is already set on doing something, namely, inspections.

Saddam Hussein is no doubt an evil tyrant, who needs to be removed from power, but the removal should not be by force and there has been no convincing argument proving otherwise. As Noam Chomsky recently put it, "You never need an argument against the use of violence, you need an argument for it."

On Feb. 5, Colin Powell attempted to make that argument in front of the U.N., using a masquerade of media-related evidence, such as phone conversations, video and pictures. The speech was ineffective, but led some nations to claim that the evidence supported further, more intensified inspections.

In his speech, Secretary of State Powell praised and

quoted Britain's Iraq Intelligence Dossier, Downing Street, on a recent report he put out that claimed to be the result of "intense work by British Intelligence Services." The next day it was reported all over the world that most of the 19-page report had been plagiarized from a U.S. grad student.

On Feb. 15, millions of protestors gathered in hundreds of cities all around the world for one of the largest anti-war protests ever. These demonstrations were intended to show that Bush lacks support not only from most of the outside world, but also within his own country. Bush, failing to grasp the irony in his own understatement, said, "Some in the world don't view Saddam Hussein as a risk to peace, I respectfully disagree."

The United States and Britain chose last month to present a second resolution to the U.N. authorizing the use of force in Iraq. In order to pass, the resolution needs nine of the Security Council's 19 votes, without a veto from any of the permanent members (which includes France and Russia, both vehemently opposed to the resolution).

Just last week, Bush remained confident that the resolution would pass, but as the decision nears and Security Council support lacks, the White House has lost almost all hope of having U.N. backing for military action. To counter this political fallout, White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer began questioning the U.N.'s morals on issues outside of Iraq last week.

Friday, Mar. 7, chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Muhamund ElBaradei reported to the U.N. Security Council. The ambiguous report stated that, although Saddam is still in material breach of resolution 1441,

Iraq is beginning to show numerous progressions towards disarmament, including the destruction of missiles and private interviews with Iraqi scientists. ElBaradei reported that after "intrusive" inspections, "we have to date found no evidence or plausible indications of the revival of a nuclear weapon program in Iraq."

If (when) we do go to war with Iraq, which given Bush's persistence seems almost inevitable, winning post war peace in Iraq will be more difficult than winning the war itself. The country is divided into three opposition groups, the Kurds, the Shi'ite Muslims and the Sunni Muslims. All three groups have conflicting interests and will undoubtedly fight for leadership in Iraq if Saddam is exiled. The task seems almost impossible without breaking the country into three pieces.

There is no way of knowing now what the outcome of the possibility for war will be. We know the series of events that led the U.S. into this position, now, our only option is to sit tight and wait. Wait to see how Saddam will react to Bush's ultimatum to leave Iraq by 8 p.m. on March 19. Wait to see what military action our administration will take, and trust that our elected leader will make the a good decision with the best interestes of our American citizens at hand.

At this point, the fate of our country is practically sealed, the war may already be being fought by the time this publication reaches your hands. Our own personal opinions at this point must come to a halt so we as a Nation can come together and support whatever decision is made. Afterall, if we can't trust our own democratically elected leader to know what's best for our country, who can we trust?

ENTERTAINMENT

New music from the up and coming

The All-American Rejects

Blindside

The All-American Rejects

By Jonathan Dunne
STAFF WRITER

Don't be fooled by a few guitars and drum fills, this is a boy band that seems to be comprised of American Idol rejects, hence the name. But to be fair, at least the Backstreet Boys can dance.

The entire album by this Oklahoma quartet seems to be one gigantic Cure rip off.

The vocals are sung with all the masculinity of Playtex and potpourri and don't offer any inspiration except for stating, "I'll find someone new." Minus the vocals, the plagiarized beats and electronic samples are surely grounds enough for The Cure to sue for character defamation.

The final straw is the fact that the album is lazily self-titled. The song "Swing Swing" is a catchy pop anthem, and a good song, that offers solace for the dumped, rejected and heartbroken.

Nonetheless, an entire album about



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The All-American Rejects' name suits the band.

lost love is too much for even the most heart broken — no one deserves that much salt in their wounds.

If the mood truly fits, this album is easy to listen to and fades into the background like decade old wallpaper, but then again, so does carbon monoxide.

The existence and popularity of this tailor-made TRL tragedy seems to prove it is far more important to be pretty and marketable in the music industry today, rather than possess innovative talent.

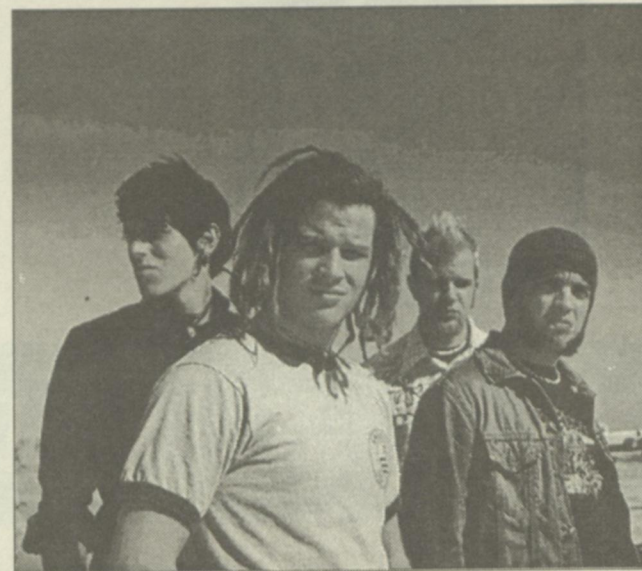
Either way, this album is selling and so are tickets to their shows.

Silence

By Jonathan Dunne
STAFF WRITER

Everyone's got to love the bands with a designated screamer; they even have them in Sweden. With Blindside's new release, *Silence*, the approach works and about four songs in you start to realize that this Swede is hitting his notes and can sing. This is hardcore music that will never find its way into mainstream America — perfectly fine with true fans of the genre.

Songs like "Pitiful" (perhaps the best song) and "Sleepwalking" are played with an unbridled intensity that shakes the cobwebs off life's monotonous routine. A number of the songs do not fail to deliver an appealing or catchy chorus — the nucleus of a good song. The album as a whole is a series of hits and misses. Excellent songs are peppered with the occasional subpar tracks. A real irony with this band is that most of the lyrics are undecipherable to the ear — while the



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Blindside from Sweden rock hard on *Silence*.

CD booklet reads as the poetry of an artistic tortured soul. The more mellow song "Painting" is an introspective ballet in which lead singer Christian Lindskog attempts to answer his own question, "Don't you think it's my time, anytime?"

The last song on the album, "Silence," is a muddled, depressing, acoustic, out of character track that sounds like a country music tune — "I believe in silence" is sung softly and the CD is over. Many of the songs break out of new music mediocrity, making *Silence* a worthy effort.

"Bringing Down the House" attains box office success

By Heather DePriest
STAFF WRITER

"Bringing Down the House" hit theaters on March 7 and managed to secure the number one spot in the box office for its opening weekend by pulling in approximately \$31.1 million. This is the third biggest opening in March ever.

"Bringing Down the House" tells the story of recently separated tax lawyer Peter, played by Steve Martin, who strikes up an email correspondence with Charlene, played by Queen Latifah.

Soon enough they meet face to face and Peter comes to the realization that he has been corresponding with a convicted felon. Charlene simply wants his help in proving that she is in fact innocent of the armed robbery that she was convicted of. What then follows is the amusing antics of Charlene trying to essentially blackmail Peter into taking her case.

Although the movie starts off slowly, it quickly gathers speed when Latifah brings the enigmatic Charlene to life on screen. From there on, the plot develops with some surprising twists along the way.

Not only does "Bringing Down the House" boasts talents such as Martin and Latifah, but it also has a very strong supporting cast with Eugene Levy, Jean Smart, Kimberly J. Brown, Angus T. Jones and Betty White.

Martin, who has had some box office flops as of late, is probably best remembered for his "Father of the Bride" movies. It would also seem that he has found his footing once again with the help of Hollywood's newest royalty, Latifah.

Martin reminds us how embarrassing it is when our parents try to talk and act cool, but he does so with such unabashed ease that you can't help but laugh. "Bringing Down the House" is really Martin at his best.

Latifah is the hottest thing in Hollywood right now with her Oscar nomination for "Chicago." It would seem that this rapper-turned-actress has definitely found her niche. Not only did she star in "Bringing Down the House," but she also helped to produce it. Latifah's presence and prowess really propel this movie to greatness.

Her snappy one-liners push this movie along during the scenes when it seems to be dragging. She will surely be around for years to come

because she really does have the charisma to be a movie star.

Levy, who is probably best known as Jim's dad in "American Pie," brings his quirky comedic talents to his role as Howie, Peter's friend at the law firm where they both work. In addition, Levy has great comedic timing and always brings very unique and intriguing characters to life. He helps in rounding out this cast of comedic gems and has surprisingly good chemistry with not only Martin, but also Latifah.

Smart plays the role of Kate, Peter's ex-wife and mother to their two children. She does so with vulnerability and compassion. She really adds a bit of sanity to an otherwise zany and insane cast of characters. She is also a very integral piece in the romance aspect of this romantic comedy.

Brown plays the rebellious daughter of Martin's character. She is probably best recognized for her roles in the Disney channel original movies "Quints" and "Halloweentown." She has definitely come a long way and adds a layer of troubled youth to this otherwise adult cast.

Jones plays Peter's adorable little boy and is probably best recognized

from his unforgettable role in "The Rookie," where he played the son of Dennis Quaid. This little boy has a charm onscreen that just makes him absolutely lovable and unforgettable. He plays the comedy with a skill and talent beyond his years and is an absolute joy to watch.

Finally, White plays the bigoted neighbor who just happens to be the sister of Peter's boss. Some of the things she says will shock and astonish those who are used to the political correctness of our society today, but White plays her stereotypical character to a tee.

Obviously, this is a cast full of diversity and many different levels of acting experience, but they come together to form a wonderful ensemble.

The movie was not as funny as anticipated, but it had enough plot twists and one-liners to keep the audience interested in the final outcome. In addition, when Latifah spoke from the hood, she kept the audience guessing as to what she was saying, but don't worry, most of the characters on screen were just as confused.

"Bringing Down the House," although not what was expected, reeled in a huge audience at the box office because people love a good laugh.

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Slightly Stoopid release *Everything You Need*

By John Piranian
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"What we tried to do with this album is incorporate every kind of music that we play, into each song," said Miles Doughty of Slightly Stoopid on the topic of his band's new album, *Everything You Need*.

Mixing reggae, punk, acoustic blues, hip hop and dub, Slightly Stoopid deliver an album that covers an expanded range of musical forms. From the pusher man ballad "Collie Man" to the Wyclef Jean cover song "Perfect Gentleman," *Everything You Need* offers a wide variety of harmonious musical fusion.

"But a Mr. Collie Man why don't you come round no more/ But a Mr. Collie Man don't you hear me trouble call/ But a Mr. Collie Man hope you didn't come to disturb/ You best not come round here unless you've got me sensi herb/ I never needed any reason for me to say/ Through all those trouble times yes me love you anyway/ And then the roughest path you know the rocky rocky road/ You know that life and love is such a heavy heavy load."

Sharing vocals and switching guitar and bass duties, Doughty and Kyle McDonald continue to keep fresh material flowing. First recognized by Bradley Nowell of Sublime and signed to Skunk records in 1995 while the duo was still in high school, Slightly Stoopid has since released three albums. In 1998, *The Longest Barrel Ride* projected Slightly Stoopid towards expanded recognition.

In recent years, the band has gained widespread acclaim all over

the west coast. Touring with talent such as Sublime, Long Beach Dub All-Stars, Pennywise and Damien "Jr. Gong" Marley as well as being

With their first studio album in four years, the Ocean Beach duo chose three excellent producers in Miguel (Sublime, No Doubt, Un-

"Love remains, love you every change/ Love you every phase, the passing of days/ It even hurts when you away/ Oh darlin darlin if you stay

my love will never change/ Feel the power when our two hearts combine/ The power is yours and the power is mine/ When lovers part you know the sky must cry/ Write you love letters till my pen run dry," sings G. Love on "Mellow Mood."

Overall, the album is quality. The vibe is continuously fun and musically, Slightly Stoopid has evolved on *Everything You Need* by expanding their musical catalogue.

For new fans, the single "Sweet Honey" is in regular rotation on 91X.

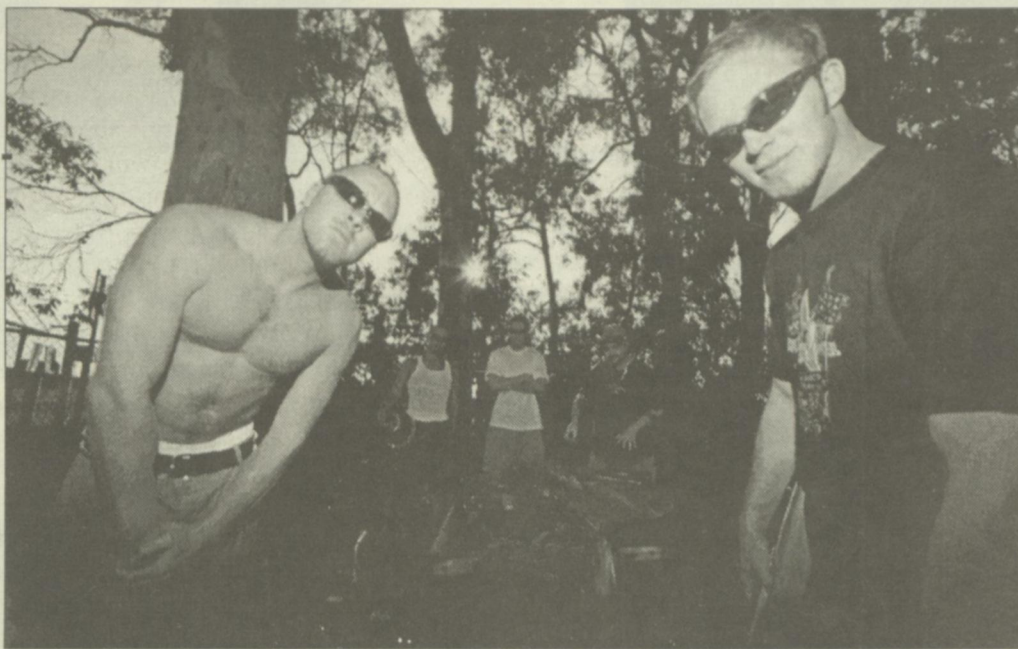
For loyal fans, the band has recorded several songs from

the *Live and Direct-Acoustic Roots* album, including "Mellow Mood," "Wiseman" and "Collie Man."

Make sure to catch Slightly Stoopid's record release party for *Everything You Need* on March 21 at 'Canes.

They will be playing an early show for the under 21 crowd with Bargain Music opening. The late night show will start at 9 p.m. and local San Diego rap/rock band D*Frost and Hawaii's Pepper will be opening for the 21+ show.

SLIGHTLY STOOPID



JONATHAN STEPHENS

Slightly Stoopid are set to play two concerts at 'Canes on Friday.

featured on the Vans Warped Tour and the Bob Marley Day Festival, the band has been relentless in spreading their creative musical vision.

Recently signing with local San Diego independent Surfdog Records, the band made the decision to complete their fourth album on their own creative terms. Rejecting three separate major label deals, the band maintains their local credibility while still signing to a label with wide reaching distribution.

written Law), dub legend The Scientist (who has recently mixed No Doubt and Ben Harper) and Chris Dibeneditto.

Dibeneditto produced five tracks of the fourteen-song album in Philadelphia, Pa. at Philadelphonic Productions. During the Philadelphonic sessions, Greg Dutton (better known as G. Love from G. Love and the Special Sauce) makes a guest appearance on the acoustic love song, "Mellow Mood."

The Sea and Cake take fans on a delicious voyage

By Kyla Lackie
PHOTO EDITOR

If I could have a soundtrack to my dreams, The Sea and Cake and Califone would be looped on repeat. The two bands played at 'Canes last Sunday to an energetic and loving crowd.

Califone could be described as a musical buffet for your ears, tempting and teasing you with samples of sound. All together, there were more musical instruments on stage than can be found in your kitchen by a two-year-old.

Just when you start to get lost in the music, they pulled out something new: a banjo, a recorder, and a variety of percussion objects. Usually with this many bells and whistles, I worry that a band is trying to compensate for something. This was certainly not the case for this Chicago-based collective, who was able to use each instrument to its fullest capacity at precisely the right moment.

Their latest album, *Quicksand*/

Cradlesnakes on the Thrill Jockey label was released on Tuesday and contains many of the songs from their

of indie favorites, Sam Prekop on vocals and guitars, Archer Prewitt on guitar, Erik Claridge on bass, and

You can relax, as if you are sipping a cup of coffee on a breezy sunny morning.

The Sea and Cake played a few favorites from their older catalog including "Jacking the Ball" from their first self-titled album and "Parasol" from *Nassau*. They played several new songs off their more electronic 2003 release, *One Bedroom* including a cover of David Bowie's "Sound and Vision."

There were moments of perfection, during which Prewitt and Prekop

welded their voices into one. A sudden explosion of drums expelled cries of overwhelming enthusiasm from the crowd.

For now, you should run out and get yourself a copy of a few of the older The Sea and Cake albums (*Oui* and self-titled) and play them continuously while you sleep- better dreams will come as a result.



The Sea and Cake's Sam Prekop (left), John McEntire (center) and Archer Prewitt (right) jam at 'Canes.

KYLA LACKIE

set. Brian Deck, Tim Hurley, Ben Massarella and Tim Rutili are all former members of Red Red Meat, another Chicago band with a similar sound.

Califone's energy left the crowd fully charged for label mates and tour-headliner, The Sea and Cake.

Going eight years strong, this 10 year-old Chicago band is comprised

John McEntire on drums. Touring in support of their sixth release, *One Bedroom* and the upcoming *Glass EP*, The Sea and Cake arrived on stage for a much anticipated set.

Their sound is best described as an experience. Closing your eyes and listening, whether alone or in an audience, you get a sensation of a perfect balance, a sense that all is well.

USDj presents a new kind of club for all types fans

With enthusiasm, USDj bumps at "The Prahda Party"

By Kristin Vela
DESIGN EDITOR

While sauntering down the walkway in front of the UC during dead hours, students find it hard to avoid the various campus organizations handing out pamphlets or brochures encouraging them to sign up. The Ambassadors Club, Greek Life or the Women's Center, just to name a few, are among the many clubs always trying to appeal to students interests.

While filling a definite place in the campus student society, what about another kind of club? The kind whose only paper trail leads the way to a very different experience. Where the "meeting" is never called a meeting, and the only requirement being that you can feel the beat. This is a club that makes bodies move and fists pump in an open celebration of culture and music.

USDj is a different kind of club. A club dedicated to "promote the electronic music culture," said Trent Evans, founder of the club and a junior at USD. Evans started the club a year ago with

the intention of getting students together who shared a common interest in the art of turntablism.

As a sophomore in high school, Evans was introduced to electronic music while attending boarding school. Now seven years later, he has developed a deep passion for house music not only as an avid listener, but also spending much time spinning his own sounds of progressive, and tribal house. Evans never gets tired of throwing the needle down on record after record and can spin for up to six hours at a time. Each record is a color and by adding more records we are adding more layers, eventually painting a picture."

He has been influenced by some of the biggest names in the business like Sasha, Digweed, and one of his favorites, Steve Lawler. He has traveled far and wide to get a glimpse of this so-called club culture at its best. This includes seeing shows in England and attending a live broadcast of famed Radio One. The station thrives on the premise of being devoted to the electronic music scene and underground club culture.

"When I go to a bar it is to see the DJ not to stand at the bar," Evans said.

After starting the club here at USD, Trent was contacted by fellow USD student, Pete Reis. Reis has been spinning for four years, mixing the sounds of funky, more soulful house. He expressed his interest to Evans in helping to provide an outlet for students to engage in the club culture on campus.

Together Evans and Reis intend on holding events where students are invited to come enjoy the deep, funky and tribal house beats and also bring about an understanding of the growing industry. Emerging through a sub-culture often dominated by unknown pop, street-level hip hop and indie rock, house music seems to have arrived.

"In the space of just over a decade, club culture has gone from being popular but marginalized to being thoroughly mainstream," says Dave Haslam, author of "Adventures on the Wheels of Steel: The Rise of Superstar DJ's."

People aren't just meeting at secret 2 a.m. venues anymore. They're coming out in the masses to immerse themselves

in the world created by the DJ.

So why not build on the ever-growing culture and establish USD's own by inviting all students either interested in the music or anyone who just likes to dance? USDj hosted its first event Thursday, March 6 in the UC forum. The "Prahda Party" as it was called was a way for students to get together and enjoy the combined DJ-ing skills of both Reis and Evans, without having to be 21 or pay a cover.

Although the turnout was not as large as they had hoped, USDj plans on hosting many more events like the Prahda Party. All students are welcome to attend the events and listen, dance, and even spin up some new sounds. If you are interested in the club or want information on the next event contact Reis at (619) 846-0854.

Those students not familiar with the music are encouraged to attend an event and see what it is all about, in the words of the remix of the song "Something's Goin On" done by Richard "Humpty" Vission, "house music is a feeling, and when you feel it you will understand."

Faces: What's the most interesting thing in your bag or pocket ?



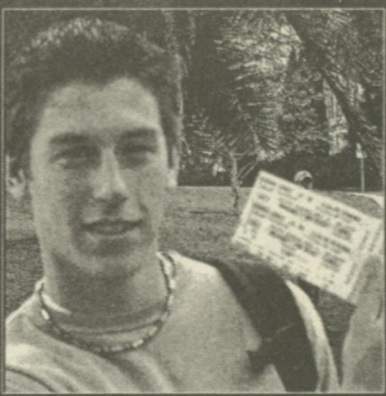
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"My colorful change purse from Barcelona!"



Diana Kudell
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Diversified Liberal Arts
"My backpack itself because it represents me...it's totally punk rock."



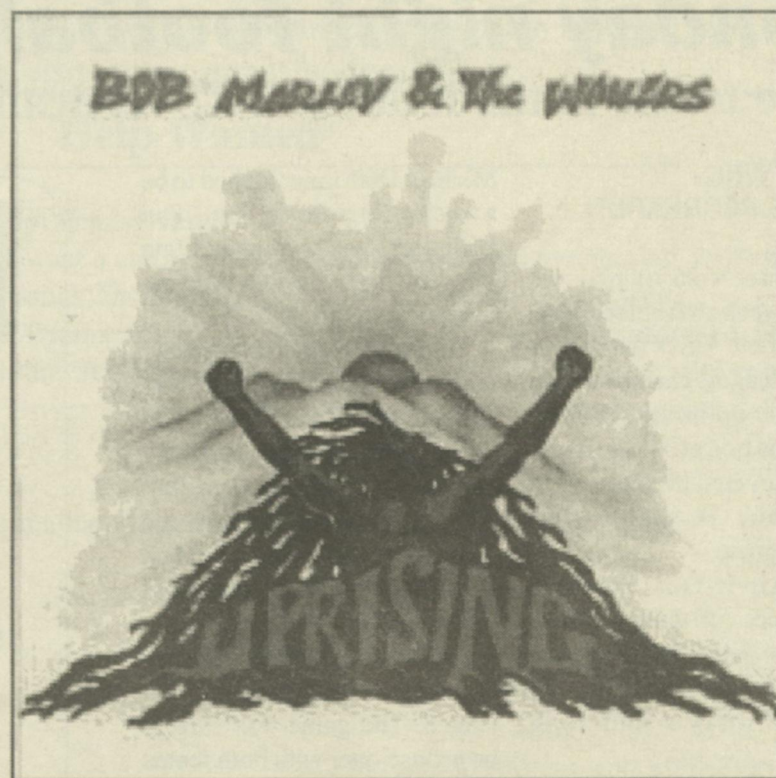
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Lyrical contemplation for a nation at war:

Bob Marley's "The Real Situation"



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Nation war against nation
Where did it all begin, when will it end
Well it seems like total destruction
The only solution
And there ain't no use
No one can stop them now
Ain't no use nobody can stop them now

Give them an inch they take a yard
Give them yard they take a mile
Once a man and twice a child
And everything is just for a while
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The only solution
And there ain't no use
No one can stop them now
Ain't no use no one can stop them now
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Check in the real situation
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The only solution
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Ain't no use can't stop them

CAMPUS RECREATION

USD bowling league throws a strike

Six teams head to the lanes to fight for bragging rights as USD's best bowlers

By Jeremy Darner
CAMPUS RECREATION

Monday night kicked off the USD Intramural Bowling league at the Sunset Bowling alley in Clairemont. In true IM (intramural) tradition, teams showed up to determined to battle it out for the cherished IM Champion t-shirt.

This spring's league puts six teams of three players head to head in three weeks of league bowling, each night the team will bowl a total of six games (two per bowling). League play will seed the teams, as all teams advance to a one night, all-out, single elimination bowling tournament.



JEREMY DARNER
USD IM Bowling league action.

IM Bowling Leader Board

Aaron Alcorn	177
Ryan Mandell	165
Bob Bell	150
Jen Gibbs	144
Kyle Botsch	143
Shawn Carr	142

While last semester's league brought out amateurs and serious bowlers alike, this semester league seems to have brought out some heavy hitters.

Bringing up the bottom of the Monday's competition were returnees 2 Tall Freaks and a Gnome with a respectable average game score of 107 (surely this was a fluke, as last semester the Freaks and Gnomes made a serious drive for the championship).

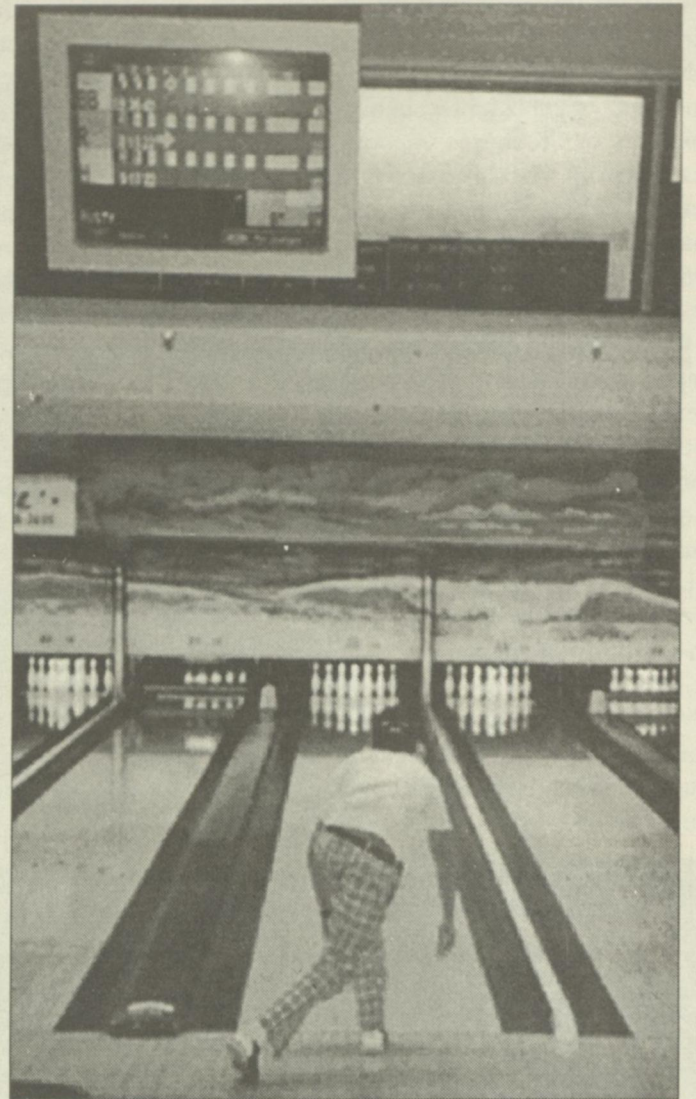
Narrowly beating out the The Freaks and Gnomes were the Rock'N'Rollers, led by Nick Litchney, with a team average 113. In the middle of the pack, the Lebowski Brothers with an average score of 114.

The Pinnacles of Human Per-

fection, led by team captain Shawn Carr, fell short of the might aspiration, coming in second place in Mondays competition with an impressive average of 118.

Taking the first nights competition were team Shifty Forties, who averaged a unprecedented 142 as a team, beating the Pinnacles by an overall 137 points in the two game competition and an average of four points per game.

Next Monday at 9 p.m. the teams face off again at the Sunset Bowl in Clairemont, as they continue there efforts for a new bowling shirt and the bragging rights at USD Intramural Champions (Okay...well maybe it's nothing to brag about.)



JEREMY DARNER
A student takes to the lanes in his quest for an IM title.

Monday night football heads into fourth week

Three teams battle it out at 2-1, Vertically Challenged lead the league in overall points

By Staff Writer
CAMPUS RECREATION

After three weeks of play and with two weeks left before play-offs, the new USD Air-It-Out Football league championship looks to be up in the air. With three teams tied at 2-1 in league play, the coveted IM championship t-shirt is still within anyone's grasp.

The Air-It-Out Football league faces off teams of four players in game that involves none of that weak hand-off stuff, only hail-mary's and long bombs.

In Monday's competition, Beautifully Unreliable took on the Hillbillies at 6 p.m. The Hillbillies, with last weeks first win behind them, came out experienced and confident in their match-up with the Unreliables. The Unreliables, led by captain

Michael DePrimio, looked to be a reckoning force, but The Hillbillies, lead by captain Lynn Shepard took the win with an overall score of 27-12.

At 7 p.m. Remember the Titans took on Game Time. Remember the Titans, led by Chris Cathey at quarterback, came out with an early touchdown, but with only three players on the field the Titans couldn't hold on as Game Time fought back and took the game 24-13.

Also at 7 p.m., The Wanna Be's took on the Vertically Challenged. The game was sure to be a close one, with both teams came into Monday night Football ready to play. The Vertically Challenged are led by captain Hunter Hawkins and The Wanna Be's are led by the defense of Brian Sullivan. The throngs of fans filling the bleacher (yes that is a singular bleacher) were a bit

USD IM AIR-IT-OUT FLAG FOOTBALL

LEAGUE STANDINGS

1. Vertically Challenged (2-1)
2. The Hillbillies (2-1)
3. Beautifully Unreliable (2-1)
4. Remember the Titans (1-2)
5. Wanna Be's (1-2)
4. Game Time (1-2)

RESULTS FROM 3-17-03

The Hillbillies defeat Beautifully Unreliable	27-12
Game Time defeat Remember the Titans	24-13
Verticall Challenged defeat Wanna Be's	44-24

disappointed as the game ended with The Vertically Challenged advancing to 2-1 with a 44-24 victory and securing the number one spot, tied in record, but leading in overall points.



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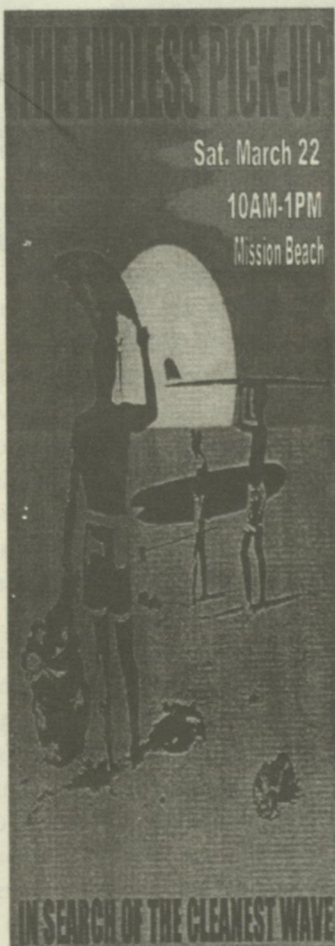
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SPORTS

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Toreros emerge Champions after stunning Gonzaga in a thrilling 72-63 win

The game began very shakily and rough for USD as the Zags enjoyed an early 15-3 run. Gonzaga was putting all their shots on the money and San Diego could not deliver a clean shot.

At that point the Gonzaga fans were exceptionally rowdy and truly believed that they had the game wrapped up. Even the doubt of victory was in the USD fans. What truly mattered was that there was not a single ounce of doubt in the minds of San Diego players or coaches. The five starters remained vigilant as Coach Holland did.

They realized that the game did not open as they had envisioned, but they could definitely mount a comeback. And they had an amazing comeback.

Corey Belser (four rebounds, two points, two steals) covered Blake Stepp (3-15, 10 points) like a spider and shut him down for the rest of the game. Belser did not allow the WCC league MVP to leave his sights.

Wherever Stepp went Belser was right there on top of him. Stepp was becoming visibly upset with Belser's performance, as it threw him off his "A" game." Belser made Stepp look like an amateur.

Except for his early shooting streak, Stepp could not make a shot for anything. Stepp played the worst game of his career and looked completely flustered by the San Diego defense.

He was so stunned by the defensive coverage provided by Belser that he only had two points in the second half, going 0-5 at the arc. This mortified Coach Few.

had. There were fans with painted faces, chests, and shirts.

And even one fellow was wearing a toga. Who can't love that? The signs that the students brought were very creative and

Toreros' leading scorer. In the second half he had a monster alleyoop that brought down the house.

There are negative people on the USD campus that promul-

dreds of USD students in attendance, thus a testament to their true devotion to Torero athletics and the basketball team. Imagine how many more USD fans would have been there had

Keep was overjoyed with the victory and knew that the team played spectacularly. "We went out and proved ourselves tonight," Keep said. The Toreros' star senior player Morris also



The 2003 WCC Tournament Champions, the University of San Diego Toreros.

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by far better than what the Gonzaga fans had designed.

One of the signs read "Keep is going to pulverize Gonzaga,"

gated a lie that students are generally apathetic. The people who falsely purvey this lie should have been at the basket-

it not been during the break. Both Nick Lewis (4-7 FG, 14 points) and Roy Morris (5-11 FG, 15 points) had exceptionally positive words about the fans.

"The fans are awesome, it got so loud in there at times, it was amazing. We played unbelievable... the fans we love you guys," Lewis said.

"The fans were great, they were the reason why we won tonight. They were helping us out, they were loud, they were the support we had, it was unbelievable," Morris said.

From the start of the basketball season, it appeared as though this was the right team to win the championship. USD had the most well balanced lineup in years along with a deep bench.

This factors were very important and contributed to the team's success and championship. Keep dominated the WCC and averaged nearly a double-double each game. Many believed that he should have been the league MVP oppose to Stepp. After watching the championship game that would be an accurate assessment.

had a strong performance, and hit several key shots to maintain the lead for San Diego.

This victory was the single athletic achievement that Morris had been waiting for since his freshman year. "It's unbelievable right now, I feel like we're on top of the world. The great thing is that I don't think it's hit me yet," Morris said.

San Diego was greatly aided by the defensive performance of Jason Blair. Blair had a very solid season and had many stellar games. The Zags limited Blair's offensive threat and only allowed him to score six points. He made up for his offensive shortcomings by playing a impressive defensive game.

"Gonzaga did a real good job of limiting my opportunities... I just figured that I should play defense a little better and make up for it. I help my teammates out and they help me out. We were patient with the ball and we got the right guys open and they made the shots at the big times," Blair said.

The Toreros played a smart game and looked exceptionally confident before the home please see "Toreros," pg. 20



USD students painted their bodies in dedication to the Tournament MVP.

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The USD students were amazing and truly gave it there all. Both USD student sections stayed on their feet the entire game and cheered with all they

and the bold red letters were arranged vertically spelling "ESPN." Quite fitting considering Jason Keep (six rebounds, 8-15 FG, 18 points) was the

ball game to see what a live and truly interested group the students are. It was spring break and yet half the JCP was USD fans. There were many hun-



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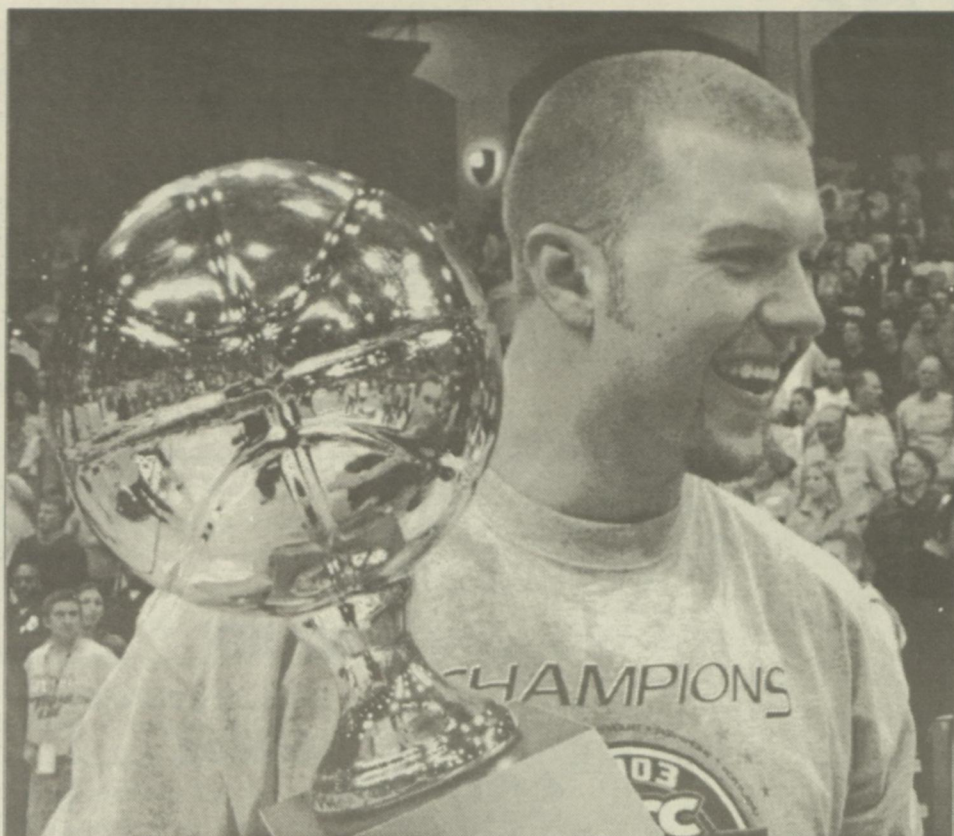
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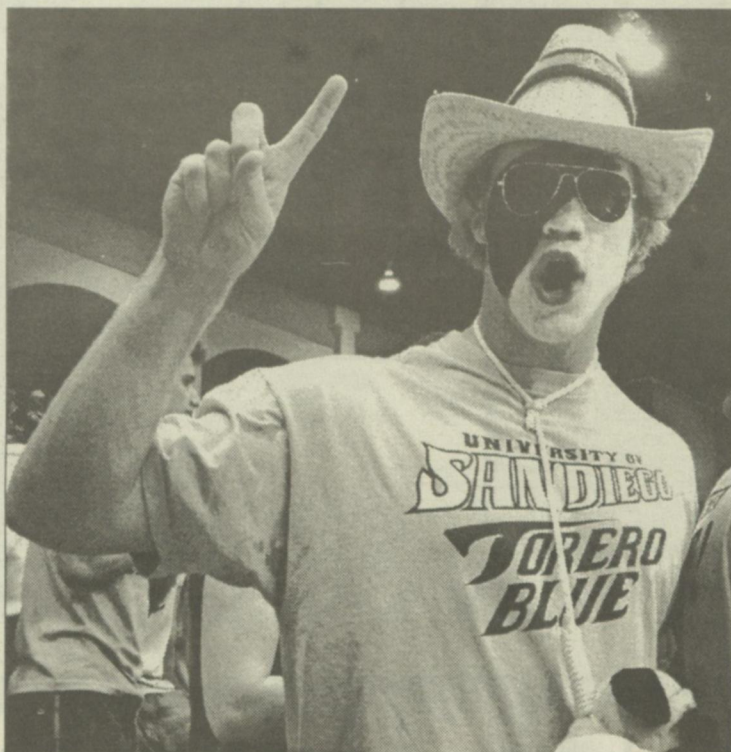
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crowd. "When this team is having fun and is emotional we are really tough to beat and I think we proved that tonight," Blair said.

USD was the first host team in the 17-year history of the WCC tournament to win the championship. With the victory the Toreros tore the WCC championship from the defending Zags and were also guaranteed an automatic trip to the NCAA Tournament.

In the Southern bracket, No. 13 San Diego is scheduled to play No. 4 Stanford in Spokane, Wash., at 2:15 p.m. today. This is the Toreros first time to the NCAA tourney since 1987. Given the Toreros size and talent they should have a strong game against the Cardinals, and hopefully it will not be their last.



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Top left: Jason Keep holds the WCC trophy after defeating Gonzaga in the WCC championship 72-63. Keep was named the tournament MVP and had 18 points in the final. He was an instrumental component to the basketball team and helped to pave the way to the championship.

Top right: Coach Holland smiles at the USD fans before he cuts down the net following the victory over the Zags. This is Coach Holland's first WCC title in his tenure at USD. The championship was a victory that he had been waiting years for.

Left: An exceptional USD fan shows his support for the basketball team. The USD fans made a terrific showing and were fantastic during the game, particularly with their chants and cheers.

Torero Results and upcoming home games

Men's Basketball (18-11 overall)

Defeated Gonzaga 72-63

No.4 Stanford at Spokane, Washington today at 2:15 PM

Women's Basketball (12-17 overall)

Lost to Pepperdine 62-53

Season over

Baseball (10-13 overall)

Lost to Cal St. Northridge 16-6

Friday-Sunday March 21-23 vs. Portland 2 PM, 1 PM, 1 PM

Softball (2-18 overall)

Defeated Eastern Kentucky 8-6

Thursday March 20 vs. Point Loma 4 PM

USD crew competes in WCC challenge

By Evan R. Helmy
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend at Redwood Shores in Redwood City, Calif., there was a two-day event that featured dual matches between six participating schools in the 1st Annual WCC challenge. The regatta was a series of head-to-head races between two schools at a time, on a 2000-meter course. At the regatta the crews that participated were Gonzaga, Loyola Marymount, Saint Mary's, University of San Diego, Sacramento State and Santa Clara. Both the men's and women's crew teams made great achievements at their races in Northern California. The women's team, coached by Leeanne Crain, raced a varsity and JV boat at the WCC challenge. Our JV boat raced two races beating Saint Mary's College but losing to Sacramento State. The varsity women's boat had a great weekend racing in four different head-to-head races. In the varsity boat there were four graduating seniors: Kim Cupini, Kirsten Davis, Kelly Vanek and Kristen Watson. Our women's varsity won three out of four

races beating Santa Clara, Saint Mary's, and Sacramento State. Our varsity women put up a good fight against the defending WCC conference champs Gonzaga, but lost the race in the end. We congratulate the women's crew team on a job well done.

The men's crew team, coached by Brooks Dagman, raced the varsity boat at the WCC Challenge. In the varsity boat there were four seniors: Nick Navarro, Tom Nelson, Jared Smith and Brian Sullivan.

The varsity had a great weekend by having their first race of the season against the defending WCC conference champs Gonzaga. Even though Gonzaga defeated them they posted the fastest time against the defending champions during the whole weekend. They had two other races, defeating Saint Mary's but losing to Sacramento State.

We wish the USD Crew Team good luck on their season and good luck on their up-coming race in Newport Beach. Both the men's and women's team will compete in Newport at the Berg Cup Regatta.