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## Bush re-elected to second term

Kerry concedes election Wednesday morning

By Erin Toohey  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR  
& Jen Rasmussen  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

President George W. Bush was officially re-elected to his second term as president yesterday morning after Sen. John Kerry telephoned Bush to concede the election.

Although some networks projected on Tuesday night that Bush would win Ohio, it was too close to determine officially whether Bush had won. Kerry's concession came after his campaign determined Wednesday morning that he was unlikely to win Ohio's electoral votes without a fight.

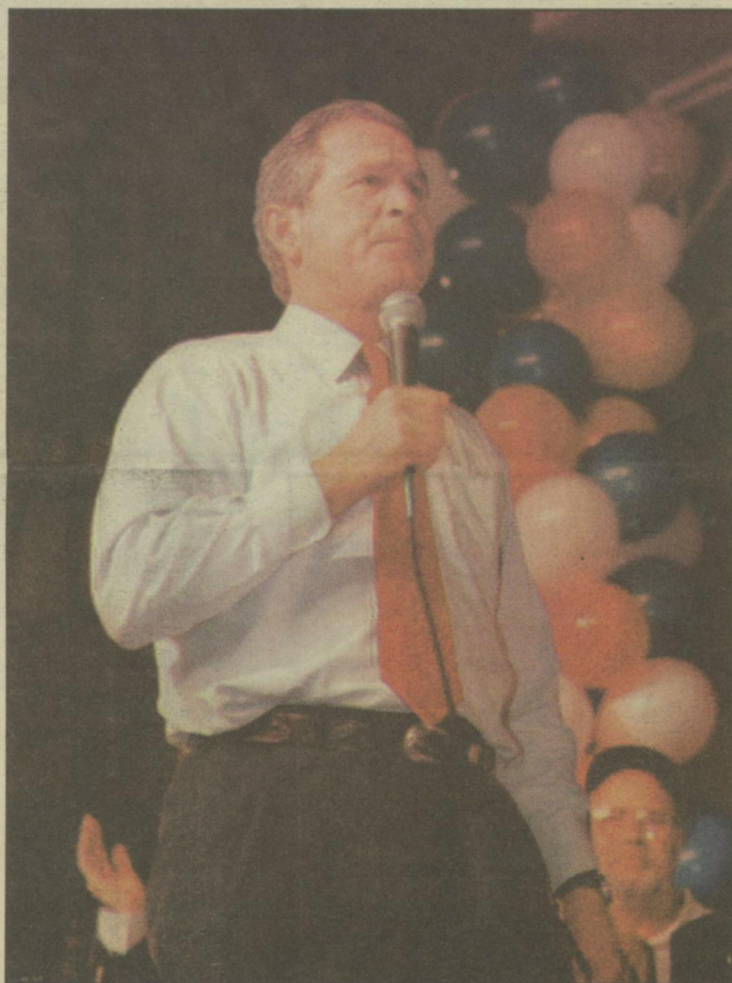
In his concession speech, Kerry emphasized the need to unite the nation and promised his followers that he has not given up hope for America.

"We [Bush and Kerry] talked about the division in our country and the need, desperate need, for unity," Kerry said. "Today, I hope we can begin the healing."

Bush was the decisive winner of the popular vote by about 3.7 million votes.

The Republicans will have full control of the legislature. The United States House of Representatives will remain in the control of the Republicans, who increased their number of seats from the last election. At deadline, Republicans are projected to have 231 representatives, the Democrats projected to have 200, one independent seat and three seats still undecided.

The Republicans also are



JASON DEPROSPERO/UWIRE

President George W. Bush was reelected to a second term on Tuesday.

projected to take a majority in the Senate with 53 seats. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (Dem.) is projected to lose his seat from the state of South Dakota, which will require that the Democrats choose a new minority leader.

This year's election was also important for states seeking to limit same-sex marriages. 11 states approved amendments to limit same-sex marriages to a man and a woman. Those states are Oregon, Ohio, Arkansas, Kentucky, Georgia, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Utah.

California's 16 propositions met with varied results. Propositions 68 and 69 which dealt with Indian gaming were decisively defeated. The

controversial Proposition 71 for public funding of stem-cell research passed with approximately 59 percent of the vote.

Proposition 66 also passed. This proposition will amend the "three strikes" law by stipulating that the third crime must be a felony, and it also redefined violent felonies. Felons in California will also now be required to submit DNA samples to the state.

Other California propositions that passed include Proposition 61 to authorize \$750 million in bonds for children's hospitals and Proposition 60A, which will attribute proceeds from the sale of surplus state property

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## Update on war in Iraq: Allawi discusses the possibility of an attack on Fallujah

By Elijah Bonde  
STAFF WRITER

Car bombings, suicide bombings, and a rising death toll are nearly a daily occurrence in Iraq. Recently, events in Iraq have followed this same pattern. This week's events are no different.

Since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom there have been 1119 deaths. Of these deaths, 860 were in combat and 259 were in non-hostile situations. These numbers are from the Department of Defense as of Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. EDT.

Eight of these deaths occurred on Saturday, Oct. 30. The eight casualties happened when a suicide car bomb was detonated in a U.S. Marine convoy. The convoy was traveling outside of the city of Fallujah when a white Suburban drove into the convoy and exploded.

The reason for the convoy's travels in the area around Fal-

lujah is the possibility of an attack on Fallujah. Fallujah has become a stronghold for the insurgents and the center for many of the recent car bombings and beheadings.

Interim Prime Minister of Iraq, Ayad Allawi, has been trying to negotiate and find a peaceful solution to the problems at Fallujah with the insurgents. Allawi's solution of a military attack on Fallujah is his last option but it is an option that is looking closer to realization.

"We have now entered the final phase of attempts to solve Fallujah without a major military confrontation. I hope we can achieve this, but if we cannot, I have no choice but to secure a military solution," Allawi said to the Associated Press.

Allawi is not completely supported in his plan for an attack on Fallujah.

The Interim President of

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## AMP class makes plans to host Volunteer Fair

By Ryan Masterson  
STAFF WRITER

Next Tuesday during dead hours, Advanced Marketing Project (AMP), will be hosting a volunteer fair, "Adventures in Service," as a way to promote volunteer work in the Linda Vista community.

The event is geared towards students who are interested in working for non-profit organizations after they graduate and those who are thinking about volunteering for such organizations as The Peace Corps, AmeriCorp, The American Heart Association, Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA.

Students who attend the event will also have a chance to win items including some cash

prizes. "Adventures in Service" will be held in the UC Forum.

AMP is a student-run course facilitated by Dr. David Light, School of Business professor. Each semester, the class selects a client who meets with the group to share their goals for the future. It is then up to the students of AMP to decide how to best achieve their client's goals through various marketing activities.

This semester, the students of AMP have created a goal to promote awareness about volunteer opportunities in the Linda Vista area. Since the Center for Community Service Learning (CSL) is the central office on campus that works directly with the Linda Vista community, the students

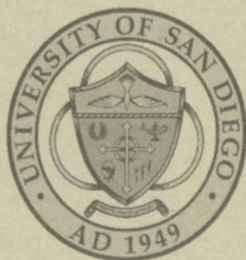
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Iraq, Ghazi Yawar, disagrees with Allawi's solution. Yawar believes that attacking Fallujah to stop the insurgents is misguided and is not going to solve the problem.

Yawar expressed his disapproval of the way in which the coalition is managing the situation.

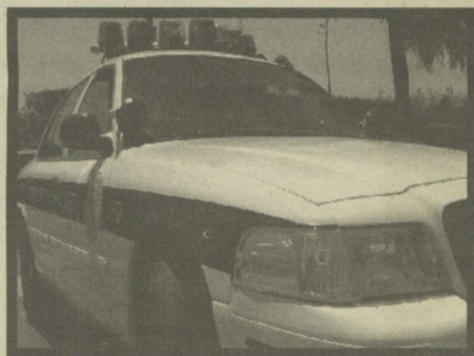
"It is as if someone shot his horse in the head to kill a fly that landed on it. The fly flies away and the horse dies," he said in an interview from the Kuwaiti daily Al-Qabas.

As a result of the need for more troops in Iraq, it has been decided that around 6500 troops will have their deployments adjusted.

The adjustments that are occurring are so that there are experienced personnel in Iraq around the time of the election in January.

It is believed an increase in violence will happen around the time of the election.

A Department of Defense official commented that being retained in Iraq for a longer time than originally thought is difficult for many of the troops, especially the troops that were scheduled to deploy in November.



## Students celebrate Halloween with local children



COURTESY OF ADRIANA GALLARDO

USD students pose for a picture before participating in the Trick-or-Treat event sponsored by CASA on Friday. The program has been held at USD for over ten years, helping children from the Linda Vista community enjoy a safe and fun Halloween. The event took place at several locations on campus, including the University Center and Maher Hall. Several volunteers helped guide children through the Halloween Carnival and the Delta Tau Delta Haunted House.

# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Oct. 25 - Oct. 31

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**Camino/ Founders Patio--**Public Safety responded to a call involving a stolen bicycle.

**Guyamaca--**Public Safety Officers received a report of vandalism involving fecal matter smeared on a wall inside a resident room.

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**Maher Hall--**Public Safety received a report of a stolen computer from Maher Hall.

**Alcala Vista West Lot--**Public Safety received a report of vandalism involving fecal matter smeared to the door handle of his vehicle.

**San Luis--**Public Safety Officers responded to a noise complaint involving 6-8 people.

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**Missions A--**While Public Safety Officers were conducting an investigation of possible Possession of Alcohol, the Officers confiscated marijuana, and drug paraphernalia.

**Soccer Field--**Public Safety received a complaint of several males creating a disturbance.

**Missions A--**A resident student was cited for knowingly providing false information to a University Official.

### 28

**Guyamaca--**While Public Safety Officers were investigating a noise complaint, the Officers observed an intoxicated student unable to care for himself, and he was transported to Detox.

**Public Safety--**Student reported a stolen wallet from inside a cubbie at the Sports Gym.

**Bahia Loma--**Resident Staff investigated an incident involving Minor In Possession of Alcohol.

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**Palomar--**While Public Safety Officers noticed alcohol beverages in a room. Officers cited three students for Minor In Possession of Alcohol.

**Laguna--**Public Safety responded to a noise complaint involving several people smoking

and playing the guitar in the courtyard.

**Jenny Craig Pavillion--**Public Safety Officer on foot patrol, he witnessed a male non student with unsteady gait, red blood shot watery eyes and spoke with a slurred speech. The Officer determined the subject was intoxicated and unable to care for himself, and was then transported to Detox.

**Off campus location--**Public Safety provided assistance to San Diego Police Department involving several USD students at a party off campus.

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**San Rafael--**Public Safety Officers responded to a complaint involving possible persons in possession of alcohol. Public Safety Officers cited one student for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

**Manchester Village--**Public Safety Officers responded to a noise complaint from a resident student of loud banging and jumping on the top floor. The residents were advised to stop the noise disturbance.

### 31

**Missions A--**Public Safety Officers responded to a report of three non USD students in Possession of Alcohol. The alcohol was confiscated, and the subjects were asked to leave the campus.

**Missions A--**While Resident Assistants were conducting a security check, they cited a Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

**Parking Structure--**While Public Safety Officers were conducting a traffic stop, they observed two students to be intoxicated. The Officers determined the students to be unable to care for themselves, and they were transported to Detox.

**Parking Structure--**While Public Safety Officers were conducting a traffic stop, the Officers confiscated drug paraphernalia.

**San Luis--**A Resident Assistant requested Public Safety Officers to assist with possible intoxicated students. Officers determined two students to be intoxicated and unable to care for themselves. The two subjects were transported to Detox.





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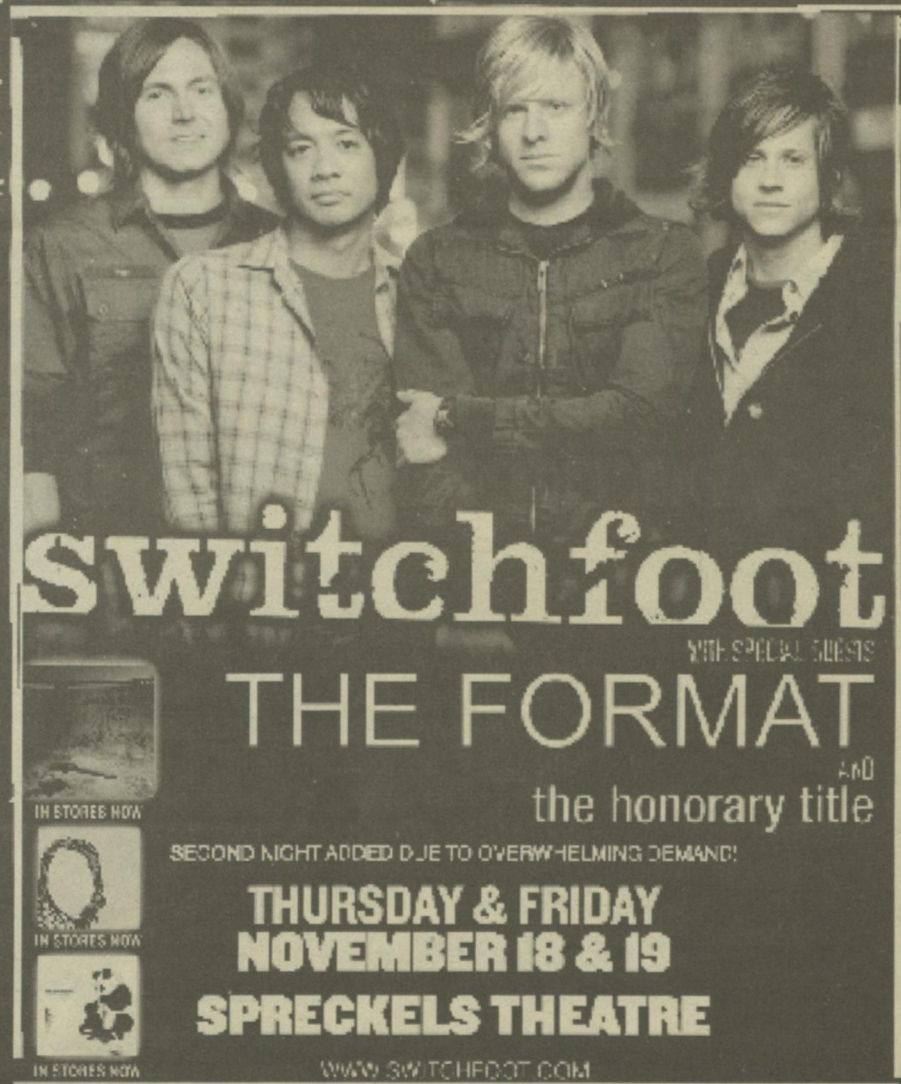
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## High voter turnout; students vote on campus

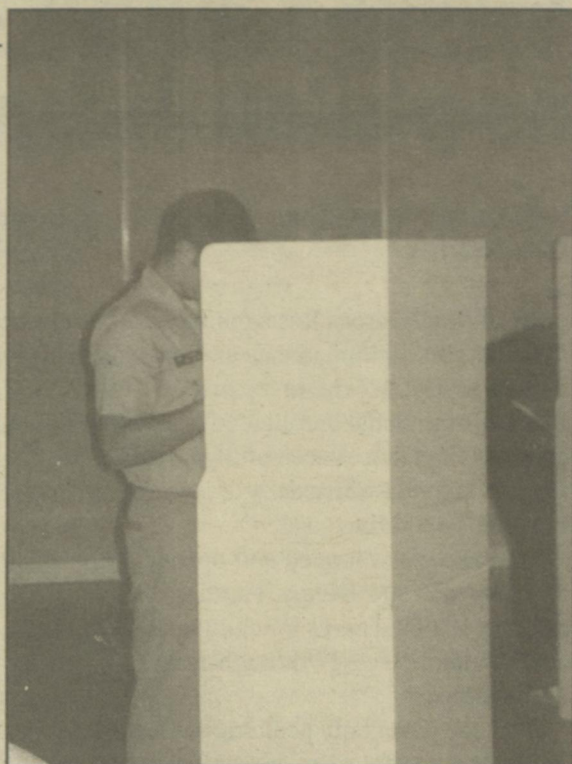
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to paying off the state deficit.

The San Diego city mayor race is still undecided, due to a near tie between incumbent Dick Murphy and write-in candidate Donna Frye. At deadline, Frye appears to have a marginal lead, although it is unlikely the winner will be determined for several more days.

San Diego's Proposition K which would have sold Mt. Soledad to a private party was defeated by local voters as well as Proposition B for the repeal of the Gregory Canyon Landfill.

This year's election reflected the highest voter turnout in more than 30 years. The Associated Press reports that 114.3 million people went to the polls on Tuesday, and by the time all of the provisional and absentee ballots are counted, that number is expected to be over 120 million. This accounts for just under 60 percent of the United States population. California set an election turnout



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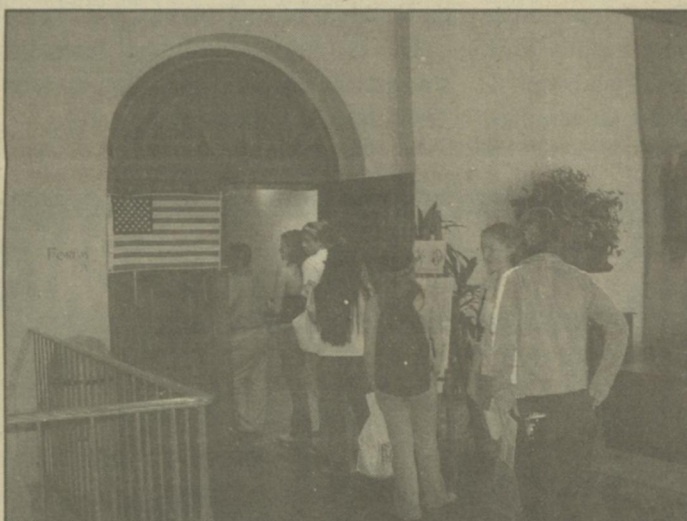
A USD student casts his vote in the UC on Tuesday. This election marked the first time there was a polling place on campus.

record with approximately 12 million voters going to the polls.

Despite efforts to increase the youth vote, early information suggests that voters under the age of 30 did not turn out in greater numbers than in previous

years. The University, however, saw large participation, especially because there was a polling place on campus.

Because of the popularity of the provisional ballot process, some voters were delayed Tuesday night at USD's polls. Because so many voters from other precincts voted at the University, around 7:30 p.m., officials ran out of



ERIN TOOHEY

Voters wait outside USD's polling station in the University Center.

ballots.

"It's very discouraging not to have ballots," said Milton Merritt, polling inspector at USD. Merritt has been a poll volunteer for 16 years.

Although the polls were supposed to close at 8 p.m., officials decided that as long as voters were inside the polling place by closing time, the polls would stay open until all voters had cast their ballots. "It's very important," Merritt said. "It's the good citizen thing to do. I've been cramming people in here for the last half hour, making sure they have time to vote."

At closing time, about 100 people were still waiting to vote in the University Center.

Although the election was over two days ago, some elections and propositions are still undecided. The widespread use of absentee and provisional ballots, along with mechanical and electronic malfunctions in some precincts and states, have caused a delay in results.

Many Americans may be relieved that the widespread campaign advertising and news coverage is ending, but as new policies and leaders take control, there are many unknowns.

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of AMP chose to work with CSL.

"I think our class can offer needed assistance to the Center at a time when resources are limited. At the same time, students can engage in a rewarding course experience," Dr. Light said.

Students in the class also seem to be happy with AMP's decision to promote non-profit work in the Linda Vista community. "This is a wonderful opportunity to not only network with our diverse community but to become working partners," says Ja Nielle Studer, a student in AMP.

"It [the class] is a great way to get real-world marketing experience," said Jenn Guess, another student currently in AMP.

While the students in AMP and several others have had the chance to learn about local non-profit organizations, there are many more USD students who remain unaware of their options to interact with people in the local community.

## The Crime Report

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## Program welcomes high school students

*"Carpe USDiem" gives future Toreros a slice of college life*

By Corrine Wang  
 STAFF WRITER

One of the many ways in which you can get involved at USD is by participating in the Overnight and Day Visitation Program. "Carpe USDiem," as it is called, is an opportunity that allows

spective students to come visit our campus. The students stay the night in our residence halls, eat at our dining facilities and shadow their host or hostess for a day of classes. They arrive on campus to a reception which takes place in Solomon Hall. After checking in, they are given a presentation about student

life on campus and are finally introduced to their respective hosts for the night.

The following day after attending a couple of classes on campus they are invited to participate in a luncheon.

Parents are invited to join as well. Representatives from the financial aid office, the office of student affairs, and the office of student

admissions are present at this event in order to answer any last questions they may have about the university.

The overnight program at USD is offered in both the fall and spring semesters. In the fall, all students are welcomed, however in the spring only admitted students are allowed to participate. There are also sessions that are offered on an invitation only basis. Students can sign up online at the USD website however, the space is limited to 50 students per session.

All current USD students are encouraged to participate in this program. To become a student host or hostess, attending an information session is not mandatory.

A training session must be attended in order to become more acquainted with the process and activities. During the fall there are usually three overnight programs held and this spring there will be four.

## New notes from an unusual instrument

By Nick Starke  
 STAFF WRITER



the note.

All five compositions were written by Adler and recorded between 1996 and early 2004. Two were performed at Duke and one with the internationally renowned UCSD Percussion Ensemble.

Adler became interested in Thai music and the Khaen about ten years ago, while he was in graduate school at Duke. The instrument intrigued him so much that he began traveling to Thailand once a year in order to study with Thai Khaen professionals.

Although Adler was taught in the Thai tradition, his approach to compositions with the Khaen are also influenced by western musical traditions.

The process of releasing his CD was painless, according to Dr. Adler. Adler sent a proposal to John Zorn, a well-known experimental composer as well as owner of independent record label Tzadik. Tzadik gave Adler complete artistic control over the album art and provided a very stable audience for Adler's CD.

It has been a year and a half since the CD's release, and so far, the feedback has been positive. Adler has promoted the CD by playing his Khaen at venues throughout San Diego. His CD is being distributed worldwide and can be found at Tower Records and Amazon.com. It is also for sale at the USD Bookstore.

Who is the only person in the world with "extensive traditional training" in composing and performing original works with the Khaen? It's USD's very own Dr. Christopher Adler, the current director of the music department.

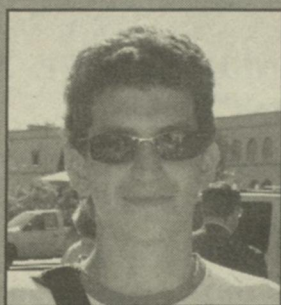
Adler, who graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in mathematics and music, is an avid Khaen player and composer.

At the end of August, Dr. Adler released his CD, *Epilogue for a Dark Day* on Tzadik Records. The CD features five works for the Khaen, a traditional Thai instrument that functions like an organ. It features nine different pipes, each with a reed inside. The player blows wind through a central mouthpiece which diverts the air to all nine pipes. Each pipe has a small hole drilled in it. When the player wants to play a note, he will cover the hole in the pipe so that the air can continue through and produce



## The word around campus...

What are you looking forward to now that the election is over?



"The end of the war in Iraq."

James Backert, freshman



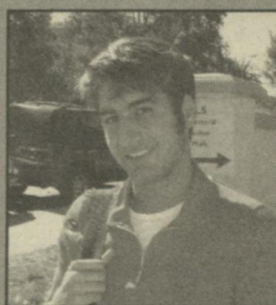
"More tax cuts for the wealthy."

Mook Clasgens, freshman



"Our dorm floor debates will end."

Townsend Majors, freshman



"A Republican victory."

Ken Christopher, sophomore



"Eating more ice cream!"

Stacey Brake, freshman



# Cooking with USD's Chef Mick

By Joe Jackson  
STAFF WRITER

James McManus, one of USD's cafeteria chefs, agreed to do an interview with me under a condition: I had to be willing to talk to him while he was working. McManus did not stop working for more than one minute (to take the picture) for the entire course of our interview during which I watched a dinner be prepared in the caf.

When I first walked in he was stirring butter with his left hand, arranging taco shells with his right hand, and not missing a beat while answering the questions I had for him.

McManus, or Mick for short, has been working in the caf for over ten years. He explained that they gave him a pin to celebrate when he was at the job for ten years a while back. Mick has lived in San Diego all of his life and has a bachelor's degree in English from San Diego State. He has spent a long time working in various kitchens and developed a healthy worth ethic about the job.

"I have it down like a science; I don't feel normal outside of kitchens. When you do something for eight hours a day you get comfortable doing it, and you better like it."

Mick described the cafeteria as a great place to work. "[I like] the people and the environment, and we put out a real fresh, nice product. We are at least a step ahead of other institutional food places and I take major pride in that," he said.

Mick proceeded to explain to me that most institutional food kitchens only use

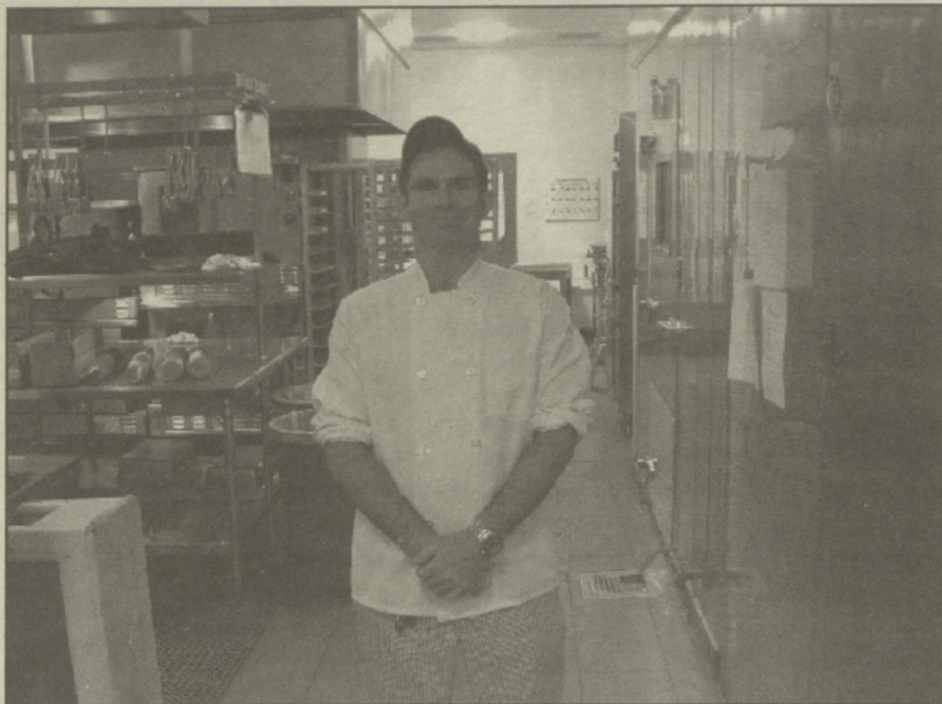
canned fruits and vegetables, whereas USD makes almost everything fresh. There are some things that are not fresh, like pre-packaged french fries, but Mick explained that there is no getting around that.

I pressed Mick further about why he enjoyed working at our caf so much and he added, "The management is really cool here, everyone cares about the food and they let us have freedom of expression when we prepare it." Mick also told me that he really enjoys being around the students at USD because they keep him in a young mindset.

Mick likes to cook everything that he serves in the caf, but explained that his favorites are Mexican and Spaghetti. I told him that Mexican night was my favorite and he was thrilled. He said that positive feedback was the best part of his job. Mick showed me around the kitchen so I could visually understand the difficulty in cooking for as many people as he does.

He first took me to the containers in which they cook sauces, which were about two feet deep and three feet in diameter. "When you mess up cooking that much food, you mess up big," he said.

Then Mick walked me over to a three by four foot tray that was covered with freshly cut vegetables. "This may be a basic kitchen compared to UCSD's, but you will never find this at a kitchen like that," he said, pointing to the vegetables. As he walked me over to the bakery, he explained that it was a really original one because the bakers at USD have creative minds. Then we headed to the frying station and Mick told me:



JOE JACKSON

Mick stops shortly to pose for the camera before quickly returning to his work.

"I have been a fry chef in past jobs so I don't mind manning this station. It gets really busy here, particularly on chicken tenders night," Mick said as he pulled out a cage of fries and began seasoning them.

Then he let me in on the finer points of seasoning large amounts of french fries and insisted that I try a "perfectly seasoned fry." I ate one and agree that it was perfectly seasoned.

After Mick brought out the fries he arranged the fish to put out for dinner and told me about his life outside of work.

"I used to have pretensions of becoming a writer," Mick said. "When I get off work I like to work on writing and do

some reading."

I asked Mick what books he likes to read and he replied: "I really love eighteenth century picaresque literature. I just got done with *The Three Musketeers* and it was a great book."

As the preparation of dinner was coming to an end, Mick and I started to wind down our conversation. One of Mick's supervisors came over and said, "This kitchen wouldn't run without Mick, he hasn't missed a day in ten years." Mick asked me not to write it, but I think that the amount of hard work that he has put into our cafeteria warrants the publication of his superior's appreciation.

## OPINION

### Not my president: Embarrassed to be an American



By Jen Rasmussen  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As the Editor of The Vista, I have received many comments this year about how liberal my editorials have been. Now that the election is over, I will put it out on the table. Yes, here it is. I am a liberal. Maybe liberal doesn't even describe it. In cold-war times, I might have been called a communist. But as I stare at the wreckage of what used to be a successful nation, I am employing my last great right as an American, before the Patriot Act jails us all. And that right is free speech. And it goes something like this:

Dear America,

Congratulations. You did it again. The village idiot has risen to the top. God bless America. Or maybe it is some kind of cruel trick? Now, don't get me wrong, I recognize that all Americans have the right to vote for whomever they choose.

If you voted for George Bush and you feel like you researched your decision well, are confident in his leadership abilities, and are well-read on current

issues, then I respect you, and I respect your choice.

But as I search the "internets" for cheap flights out of this once-great nation, I take comfort in the fact that I will be watching this circus from far, far away. However, since you will still be here, I will tell you how I see the next four years.

As President Bush continues to manifest his masculine inadequacies in a war taking place in the wrong country, there will come a time when we, our friends, maybe our little brothers and sisters, will receive a friendly piece of paper in the mail inviting young citizens to involuntarily join the armed services. Yes, that's right kids, a draft. Currently, Washington D.C. is buzzing over what will happen when we run out of troops in Iraq later this year. Hmmm. It's okay; maybe we will just start another "wag the dog" scenario. Donald Rumsfeld will spin a globe and stop on a random country. Switzerland! I heard that they...uhhh...are dangerous or something. Go America.

As our forefathers roll in their graves, President Bush will continue to grossly violate our right to privacy, and maybe blatantly disregard the Geneva Accords again.

He will probably keep using those buzz words like "terror" and "weapons of mass destruction" and make you constantly live in the shadow of fear of another terrorist attack. As long as we're on the topic of WMD's, I would like remind you that there were NO weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. I repeat, NO weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. However, according to a study at the University of Maryland, 75% of you George W. Bush supporters still believe there are weapons in Iraq.

Political talking heads are speculating that at least three Supreme Court Justices will retire in the next four years. Say goodbye to many freedoms that you know and love.

America, I am very disappointed in you. You said you want a strong leader in war-time. According to the Washington Post, George W. Bush spent 27% of his first term on vacation. Imagine if we all got more than one-fourth of work off. Sorry, kids, no newspaper next week, I'm playing golf on the ranch.

John Kerry, on the other hand, is a Vietnam hero. Despite the "Swift Boat" ads, there is no denying that Kerry, while on patrol in the Mekong Delta, landed his boat and attacked a soldier on foot, who was aiming a rocket launcher at their platoon. That is a war-time leader.

But it is too late for comparisons. Too late for could-haves and should-haves. George W. Bush has four years to try to bring together a polarized nation, using the tools of manipulation, deceit, and bad pronunciation. But hey, as Bush said, "It's hard work being President..."

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## You can tell election season is over when...

By The Vista Staff

1. Your neighbor starts talking to you again.
2. Commercials go back to beer, sex, iPods, beer and sex.
3. Students at USD resume arguing over whose jeans are cuter and stop arguing over political association.
4. The Vista hotline is free from callers complaining that Jen has a liberal agenda.
5. Weekend party conversation ceases being drunken banter about politics.
6. Arnold goes back to making movies not TV commercials sponsoring propositions.
7. National news services suddenly remember there is news in other countries.
8. Puffy searches for a new reason you should die.
9. Musicians no longer interrupt our MTV programming and people stop caring whether or not who they listen to endorses their candidate.
10. Smaller states no longer receive visits from high power political figures.
11. The nation is once again enraptured with Britney's marriage and Lindsay's breasts.
12. The recount begins.

## Race-based medicine

Will new developments in bio-medicine perpetuate old stereotypes or be revolutionary in their precision?

By Kenneth Creech  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine a world where a trip to the doctor's office would allow you to walk out with medication tailor-made for you. It would cut down the risk of possible side effects. No more worrying about what might go wrong or if the medication will even work.

Sounds great, but now imagine the implications of this same medication being custom made for people of your race. Suddenly this bright new world

nitric-oxide deficiency which is more common in heart failure among blacks than non blacks. Suddenly, the pill that was ineffective in treating the general population is the miracle cure for many blacks with heart disease everywhere.

What does this mean for people who are biracial or merely a quarter black? Will it be as effective among those groups, or will their lack of racial "purity" cause problems for them?

Furthermore, to effectively design pharmaceuticals for different races it is necessary

Muscular Dystrophy can be caused by alterations in a small group or even a single nucleotide according to an article published by Hoover Institution, a school at Stanford University.

Understandably, the possible benefits of a medication tailor made for an individual is an amazing thought for the future of biomedicine and pharmacogenomics.

But the reality of the situation now is that a treatment like that is many years in the making. Pharmacologists have a responsibility to provide the



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New bio-medical technology is researching medication tailor-made for specific races despite studies that have shown genetic makeup differs more among races than between them.

of biomedicine is looking a little darker and more segregated.

A New York Times Magazine article by Robin Marantz Henig discussed these implications, as well as the negative repercussions something like this could have.

"Research scientists are increasingly studying the genetic basis of race. It could lead to better medicine, or new kinds of stereotypes," Henig said.

BiDil is the first prescription drug in America to be prescribed to patients based on race. This comes at the leading edge of a new wave of race-based pharmacogenomics. According to Henig's article, BiDil was rejected by the FDA five years ago for being ineffective at treating heart disease (which it was created to treat).

It was later tested among blacks due to its effect on

to first say that each race is genetically different and that statement has severe negative connotations.

According to the results published from the Human Genome Project, it has become recently understood that on a genetic level humans are 99 percent identical. The only race that exists is the human race, claims the writer of a New York Times article "Do Races Differ? Not Really, DNA Shows."

In opposition to this, is the field of thought that says in the 0.1 percent there is the very real potential for a vast degree of genetic variance. Nucleotides, which are the basis of all human genes, play a large role in what our genes, cells and tissues are capable of doing.

Many diseases such as Tay Sachs, Cystic Fibrosis and

best possible medicine for the population at large, but when that population sometimes holds on to old stereotypes it is a dangerous game to play.

Racism, sexism, bigotry and heterosexism are notions instilled in our society, while many people agree they are wrong, simply recognizing this affirms the fact that they still exist.

In order to further investigate the possibilities of race-based bio-medicine we must accept as reality the idea that our 0.1 percent difference in genetic makeup is significant enough to focus on.

If this notion proves to be more helpful and harmful the big question becomes: can American society play nice if the races are proven to be genetically different? I sure hope so.

## Students see both sides of 9/11

By Stephen Britt  
STAFF WRITER

In the days that led up to the presidential election it seemed as if political organizations pulled out all the stops in order to motivate people to get out to the polls and cast their vote. The USD Young Democrats and USD College Republicans were no exception to this. Both clubs held free viewings of openly biased documentaries in order to present their point of view and encourage campus discussion.

Last Tuesday, Oct. 26, the Young Democrats held a screening of "Fahrenheit 9/11," the controversial Michael Moore documentary. This film is a harsh criticism of the Bush administration and their actions since Sept. 11, 2001.

The screening was followed by a panel discussion of selected professors of history, political science and communication studies. The panel analyzed the documentary and its validity as a work. The panel also discussed the fairness of the film, the inherent bias in documentary making and the impact this type of film has on society. The screening was open to everyone to see and a few College Republicans joined the discussion giving the discussion more dimension.

According to Young Democrats President, Victor Salcido, the purpose of the viewing was "to promote political dialogue on campus and motivate the student body to get politically active no matter which way they lean." This goal has been one both the College Republicans and Young Democrats have advocated this election season and is evident in both the showing of "Fahrenheit 9/11," "Faren-HYPE 9/11" and the recent debate between the two clubs.

The panel provided an academic lens for the discussion following "Fahrenheit 9/11." Students participated and asked questions about the validity of



## Political vandalism out of control

By Jared Martin  
STAFF WRITER

The 2004 Presidential Election is one of the closest and fiercest political races in US history. Tensions are running high across the county and seem to be fueling some disturbing signs of political hostility.

All over America, yard signs supporting political candidates were ripped up or stolen. Some yard signs were even burned. Many political banners across towns and cities were being defaced by spray paint and other means. Some have even been labeled by the word "Nazi" and with a swastika.

There are reports of a hatchet being left in a Kerry yard sign and a swastika being burned in the yard of a Bush supporter. Two Ohio men were reportedly caught on videotape urinating on one yard sign. Many of these signs were replaced two or three times, only to be defaced or stolen again. Some people have resorted to bringing their yard signs inside at night or doing sign "stake-outs" to try and catch someone in a vandalistic act.

Storefront windows and lawns displaying signs in favor of a political candidate are being peppered by paintballs. I myself experienced this sort of vandalism first-hand when my car was vandalized last Saturday night. The Bush-Cheney '04 bumper sticker I had placed on my bumper, along with a good portion of the bumper itself, was covered in black spray paint by someone with obvious disregard for my beliefs as well as my personal property. Freedom of speech? Forget about it!

Democracy is about expressing your point of view no matter what your point of view happens to be. This vandalism undermines the Constitutional rights of countless Americans every day. Such action cannot only dampen the spirits of the American people, but can discour-

age their involvement in free political discourse. These vandals, whoever they may be, cannot be allowed to dictate to our citizenry what political views they can and cannot express.

Such vandalism also gets to be expensive. Advertising for political campaigns can cost up to millions of dollars. By defacing or removing signs supporting political candidates, these vandals are stealing and defacing someone else's property, thus breaking the law.

Some political groups have even begun to offer reward money for information leading to the prosecution of anyone damaging or taking down signs. Some public officials have described this current situation as a "climate of hate" brewing in cities nationwide.

Some people may blame members of the opposite political party. But it should be clear to everyone that the vandals committing these acts have not been encouraged by either side of the political spectrum, but are simply people who do not care about anybody or anything.

It is absurd to even entertain the thought that these illicit actions could be supported by either political party. The fact is that those committing these acts do more to help the reputation of the candidate they oppose by their vandalism than to help their own cause. The responsible thing to do is to remain above these ridiculous crimes. If you retaliate, all you succeed in doing is escalating the situation.

As far as my own personal experience with these vandals is concerned, I am leaving the spray painted bumper sticker on my car, with a new one placed right next to it, so that people can see how low some individuals will go to restrict freedom of speech. These individuals have total disregard for the American political process. This problem should concern all of us, no matter which political candidate we support.

## Boston fans officially wicked crazy

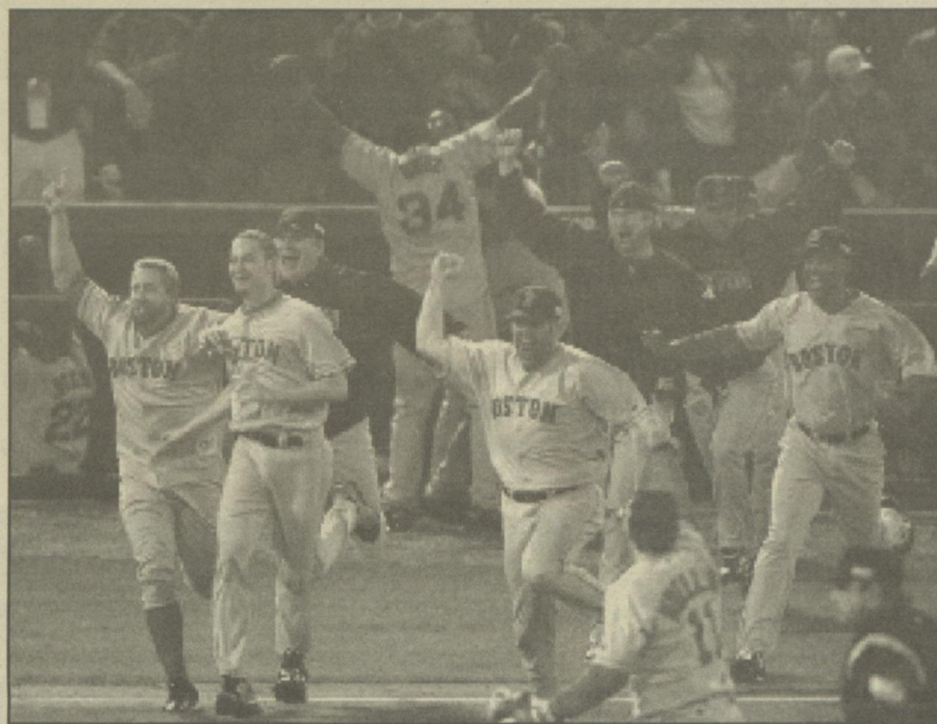
By Melissa Parelli  
STAFF WRITER

"Idiots rule" – that's for sure in Red Sox Nation. Compared to the riots and celebratory parades that are overtaking the streets of Boston, San Diego is like a ghost town in an old western film. There is something missing in California for native Bostonians like myself, and that is being surrounded by hard-core sports enthusiasts.

You may not be able to count on warm

Winning is a big thrill in Boston, especially against the toffee-nosed Yankees. However, the excitement of even watching "my men" (the Red Sox) sweep the series was lost in the midst of surfer boys and spoiled daughters. I didn't expect a huge crowd of supporters for the Sox in southern California, but I at least expected people to be more into the Padres and Chargers.

I have been eager to attend a Chargers game just to once again be part of the



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Boston Red Sox players and fans celebrate after their victory in the final game of the World Series. The victory marked the end of the "curse of the Bambino."

weather and sunshine year-round in Boston, but one thing you can always count on is finding a wild, devoted sports fan. Whether it's for the Patriots (regardless of the recent break in their 21-game winning streak) or the Red Sox, Bean-town residents have always been there 120 percent, ready and raring to go at game time. The raging crowd wears red and white body paint, authentic homemade apparel and wave wild signs.

zealous mob of sports fans that I miss so dearly, but it's like pulling teeth trying to even find someone willing to go with me. Oh, and forget about going to Padres games because it is like watching paint dry.

After attending a game, I conclude that I have witnessed more energetic

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## Catholic spirit strong at USD



By Erin Toohey  
ASSOCIATE  
EDITOR

The Catholicity of USD comes under frequent attack by members of the San Diego community and even by some of our own students, faculty and staff. But the truth is that the University of San Diego is Catholic and lives its Catholic values.

This university was founded on the great educational, Catholic and ethical values of Mother Rosalie Hill and Bishop Charles F. Buddy and these values are carried on today. This is a Catholic university, and a great one at that.

Pope John Paul II identified four key elements to Catholic higher education in his encyclical *Ex Corde ecclesiae*. These are to provide Christian inspiration to individuals and the community, commitment to service of others, dedication to research and reflect on knowledge in

light of the Catholic faith, and fidelity to the Christian faith as proclaimed by the church. These are all elements which the University of San Diego fulfills.

USD's Catholic identity is explicit in its mission statement and implicit in the actions of the students. It is from the University's foundations in Catholicism that all other values of USD are derived: "The University of San Diego expresses its Catholic identity by witnessing and probing the Christian message as proclaimed by the Roman Catholic Church. The university promotes the intellectual exploration of religious faith, recruits persons and develops programs supporting the university's mission, and cultivates an active faith community. It is committed to the dignity and fullest development of the whole person. The Catholic tradition of the university provides the foundation upon which the core values listed below support the mission."

It is evident from this piece of the mission statement that we are a university

founded on Catholic values. But I know that this is not what people are attacking. USD is accused of not practicing the Catholic values it proclaims. I challenge this community to look around and see the amazing outpouring of faith, love and service being performed by Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Maybe those people who attack the University do not attend mass at Founder's Chapel, where hundreds of USD students gather on Sunday nights and celebrate their faith. Or there is XALT on Tuesday nights, an opportunity to worship through music, speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. There are numerous opportunities to practice faith in action through the service opportunities provided on this campus; the Oscar Romero Center for Faith in Action is just one example of these. University Ministry also provides many opportunities throughout the year for retreats and personal spiritual growth.

Some students choose the Residential Living Option (RLO) which allows on-

campus residents to live in community with other people in faith. These RLOs meet to share in faith, discuss issues of belief and spiritual life and to perform community service.

USD is obviously committed to service and nurturing faith as described by Pope John Paul II. And USD fulfills his vision for knowledge which is reflected upon in light of the Catholic faith. In fact, all of the Pope's visions for a Catholic university are realized in the University of San Diego.

I believe that the attacks against our Catholicity come from people who fail to make themselves part of the USD community. All a person needs to do is get involved with a campus organization to discover that our Catholicity is everywhere. And beyond involvement, it is our attitudes that make us Catholic. When we practice love and service in our daily lives, we are living the Catholic faith and being a true Catholic university.



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people at a funeral. What is worse than the lack of enthusiasm here in San Diego, however, are the "fake" fans across the nation that have been in support of the Red Sox during the playoffs because they felt that the team was the underdog.

That is a bunch of baloney, because no team that makes the playoffs year after year and puts up such passionate fights can be considered mediocre. Losing the playoffs in the past is not a failure in my book; it is merely a black cloud that has lingered over the team for 86 years.

You're probably thinking that compared to the Yankees, the Red Sox are second-rate and just had a stroke of luck this season, but that is not true.

The future of major league baseball will be forever influenced by the Boston Red Sox because of the "curse of the Bambino" has been lifted.

The thousands of faithful fans that have believed in the Sox over the years (myself included) have been waiting for a moment like this.

It has seemed like an eternity, but the vicious cycle of Yankee domination and playoff defeat has finally come to an end, relieving a heavy weight from our shoulders.

No more Bill Buckner tragedies will take place because the baseball gods from above have become sick of the monotonous and stereotypical team statures that have continued year after year and they have begun writing a new chapter in America's favorite national pastime.

This chapter will stray away from the cold-hearted Yankee era and instead define the importance of believing and having team spirit. Jumping on the bandwagon at the last minute gives no so-called reason to celebrate.

Only those worthy individuals that have believed year after year and have kept the excitement within their hearts to relive the mania season after season should proudly wear a B on their hat.

Seeing people swing from trees, chant obscenities (about the Yankees) and dive into the freezing Charles River with no clothes on (following the boats carrying the Sox players during the parade celebration) is part of the joy of living in Boston. Boston's true fans are part of the city's unique charm.

There is nowhere else like it on Earth.

# Kerry reacts too quickly

By Catherine Crahan  
STAFF WRITER

In order to further his campaign by using scare tactics Sen. John Kerry manipulated story about 380 tons of missing munitions in Iraq as the campaign trail drew to a close.

The Pentagon has said there is a six-week period after the fall of Baghdad when the stockpile of weapons could have been stolen. They believe that it is more likely, however, the explosives went missing before the war began on March 19, 2003.

The Al Qaqaa facility was not completely secure between April 10 and April 27, 2003, admit some Pentagon officials. However, US troops were in the general vicinity. It is difficult to imagine that during this time period the US troops would fail to notice the trucks necessary to move 380 tons of munitions from the facility.

The International Atomic Energy Agency reported that before hostilities had started in Iraq, they tagged the explosives in Al Qaqaa and then left the site. On May 27, 2003 experts from the 75<sup>th</sup> Exploitation Task Force confirmed the IAEA-sealed explosives were missing.

Department of Defense spokesman Larry Di Rita pointed out that even if 380 tons of explosives were missing, that

only represents a fraction of the total munitions coalition forces have destroyed in Iraq or marked for destruction to date.

The Pentagon reported that the explosives missing from the facility in Al Qaqaa have been used in past terrorist attacks overseas. The Pentagon also said, to date, the coalition forces have destroyed 243,000 tons of weapons and secured 163,000 tons awaiting destruction.

The information from the IAEA stating there were missing munitions in Al Qaqaa was released to the White House in early October. However, the news was not made public until recently. Dan Bartlett, the White House communications director, said the information was not made public because the White House wanted to make sure they had all the evidence.

The New York Times broke the story to the public on Monday October 25, 2004 when they reported the Iraqi letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog organization. The letter was dated October 10 and the interim government blamed "the theft and looting of the governmental installations due to a lack of security."

A day after the New York Times front page story about the missing explosives in Iraq, Kerry and his campaign aired its first political advertisement pointing his finger at Bush and

his administration for their ineffectiveness in Iraq.

The quick reaction by the Kerry Campaign to create an ad and air it in swing states so close to the end of the campaign can surely only be representative of Kerry's intent to manipulate this news story to benefit him in the voting booth.

In the ad Kerry says that it is the obligation of the commander in chief to keep America safe and directly blames Bush for failing to secure 380 tons of "deadly explosives." Kerry continues to say how Bush has put our soldiers and homeland security at risk and claims that he offers a fresh start.

Kerry claimed Bush's actions in Iraq were negligent and futile based off of the assumption that the weapons were looted from the base after the military had established control over the area. However, the ambiguity of the time frame when the weapons went missing does not allow for such a correlation to be made.

Clearly Kerry has failed to take into account some key pieces of evidence regarding the missing munitions in Iraq that would put the Bush Administration at fault for the theft. For example, credentialed eye-witness testimony saying they did not see explosives in the facility, Pentagon reports as well as a time frame analysis that has

not yet been concluded point to failed logic on Kerry's part.

Ironically, as Kerry and his supporters were accusing Bush of playing on the people's fears to gain support in the voting booths, it seems as though Kerry is pushing this fear factor a little harder himself.

In Philadelphia, Kerry spoke to thousands of supporters with former president Clinton focusing on topics of national security.

Kerry in Philadelphia said "Today America has learned that those stockpiles are missing, are unaccounted for and could be in the hands of terrorists (who) can use this material to blow up our airplanes, blow up our buildings, kill American troops."

Clinton, in support of Kerry, encouraged the voters to choose hope over the fear Bush and Cheney are pushing. "The other side, they're trying to scare the undecided voters about Senator Kerry," he said. Sen. John Edwards used similar rhetoric on the campaign trail in Ohio.

Kerry mocked Bush for refusing to comment about the missing explosives until all the evidence was presented before him, however maybe Kerry should have done the same.

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the term "documentary" and the fairness of Moore's facts. Discussion of the inherent bias in documentary making just by selection of certain shots and facts to present helped guide the discussion deeper and students were able to conclude that despite the fact that Michael Moore's documentary is biased, it is simply one viewpoint on the issues that have faced the U.S. in the past 4 years.

Many of the facts and images in "Fahrenheit 9/11" are not very prevalent in the news today, they are not issues most Americans are aware of and this documentary brings them to light and illustrates that there is more to war and recent American activity than what meets the eye.

Not to be outdone, the College Republicans also showed a controversial film in order to present opposition to Moore's film. "Fahren-HYPE 9/11" was created after "Fahrenheit 9/11" as a rebuttal to Moore's work

hopefully debunking many of the "facts" presented in Moore's documentary.

This film argues that Moore blows circumstances out of proportion and even claims his "facts" are actually "blatant lies." However, the response loses much credibility because although it claims Moore lied in his film, it does nothing to dispel the lie by exposing the truth. A strong argument in "Faren-HYPE 9/11" is that Moore takes facts and interviews out of context, however it does the same thing by twisting speeches made by Moore and taking them out of context to make him look bad. Additionally, credibility is lost when the film personally attacks Moore on issues ranging from his weight to his allegiance to his country.

At the close of the screening of "Fahren-HYPE 9/11," Brandon Bowe, the president of College Republicans said, "The screening of this movie was not meant to convince you who to vote for but simply to show you the other side of the story."

In this way, the screening did what it was supposed to. Sim-

ply accepting either side of this argument without hearing the other is completely ignorant and dangerous. In order to get a proper view of the events of today, one must consider every angle before deciding what exactly is true and what is simply biased propaganda.

During this election season, it was very important to think for yourself because of the high stakes of the election. It seemed like this was something people did too little of and simply relied on their own biased source of information to slant things one way.

As this country polarizes more and more, it seems as if the source of our information does too. The way people rely on information that is obviously biased has only created an even bigger divide between the left and right.

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## Tuition jackpot: where is your money going?

By Misa Maruyama  
STAFF WRITER

Coughing up University of San Diego's present undergraduate tuition cost of \$24,680 is the academic equivalent of betting on a team in the Super Bowl. Students are hoping that their \$24,680 bet better pay off big – an unknown jackpot glittering in the future.

University of San Diego, like most other universities in the nation, has its fair share of flashy promises. It espouses good Catholic values, a resort like campus, and somehow draws students to register in small, personal classes for \$24,680 in gambling currency.

But there is one difference between gambling and the academic institution on Linda Vista: students expect their ears to ring with “ka-ching” every time they throw down a bet. They are strangely assured that their exorbitant investment will reveal a profit in the end.

Despite such firm expectations, many University of San Diego students have no clue how their tuition dollars are spent.

“My friends and I were just debating about where our tuition goes last week. We all assumed the money went to different areas,” said junior Kim Harrison, a University of San Diego business major.

How do student tuition and fees flow through the educational machine to process cold hard cash into a warm and fuzzy college experience, and later, into a profitable and psychologically rewarding career?

First, the house asks for a higher entry fee. Next year, tuition costs will rise for all students. Incoming freshmen and sophomores will pay a greater tuition increase than juniors and seniors. The exact numerical increases weren't released at a recent budget meeting, but all students should expect to pay at least six percent more next year to allow for inflation and other factors.

Hold on, it gets better. For those of you who pay for tuition with a credit card, keep in mind that you will be paying 2.75% more next year, or about \$680. The school can no longer afford to pay the processing fee for credit card payments, so either chuck the plastic or tack that additional cost onto the mounting bill.

The additional revenue from the tuition increase will total \$10.5 million, said budget and finance director Jim Pehl in a budget meeting on Oct. 12. That will bring total tuition revenue to \$172.9 million.

Before shooting an accusatory eye to the perfectly mowed (and season-appropriate) emerald green lawn outside your classroom window, consider that none of the money from the tuition increase was budgeted to grounds maintenance.

In fact, right now only \$1.54 million – just less than 1 percent of total tuition revenue – is dedicated to grounds maintenance on campus. That number translates to about \$8500 per acre each year, or under \$24 per acre each day.

This expense shrivels in comparison to the \$4.5 million the university currently spends on utilities alone.

Actually, nearly half of the extra tuition dollars – about \$4.7 million – will go to increasing existing employee salaries to compensate for inflation. The salary increase is budgeted to be about four percent per division.

In the past, annual increases per division have been about 4.75 percent, said Assistant Director of Budget and Treasury Erin Brown. This means employees will be receiving a smaller salary increase than they generally receive each year.

For those who were wondering what employee salaries are like, you'll have to ask the employees themselves. The department of Budget and Treasury refused to release any employee salaries whatsoever, as they are confidential.

However, the Provost Office did disclose that professors' salaries are around the middle of the pack. Faculty salaries are about average compared to universities of its size and type.

“Our goal is to keep instructors' salaries at the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile of the Doctoral 1 as defined by the American Association of University Professors,” said Dr. Thomas R. Herrinton, assistant provost.

Student aid has risen in direct correlation to escalating tuition costs and devoured nearly a quarter of the additional tuition revenue – about \$2.4 million – bringing the total to approximately \$40.8 million. According to the Office of Finance Administration, USD generally maintains a 20 percent tuition discount rate, which is percentage of tuition money returned to students in the form of financial aid.

In recent years, student aid was handed out more liberally and the tuition rate rose above 20 percent. University of San Diego was able to stay in the black, but it teetered dangerously close to tipping into a deficit.

To suck in the fat after the revenue belt was tightened, some offices had to postpone projects. For example, the Provost Office had to delay a renovation of Serra Hall for a year, Herrinton said.

Balancing the need to increase tuition revenue and attract quality students with student aid packages is a challenging task.

Paul E. Bissonnette, vice president of finance and administration, closed a recent budget meeting with an apologetic explanation of budget limitations to faculty and staff.

“We are recognized as being in the top 100 or 200 nationally,” Bissonnette said. “With that comes a lot of challenges because we are competing with other institutions for top students, and with that comes financial aid expenses.”

“We know you are all working very hard . . . However, there's a limit to what students can pay for tuition.”

Despite efforts to make tuition feasible for superior students at the University of San Diego, tuition, fees, and room and board costs can still sum up to monstrous proportions. When students pay such exorbitant costs for an education here, the question arises: How are we benefiting?

Perhaps Academic Affairs has the answer. “Some universities, like UCSD have missions of promoting scholarship through research. University of San Diego emphasizes teaching,” Herrinton said.

Academic Affairs was budgeted about \$1 million of the tuition increase. The Provost Office handles all academic affairs, including teachers' salaries, student services, libraries and other academic support. It will have to divvy up the money amongst \$3.5 million in requests, Herrinton said.

“Our goal is to raise University of San Diego's reputation not only through [research] but through the quality of our students,” Herrinton said. “We ask ourselves, have we prepared students for the next level?”

Therefore, students have an active part in their \$24,680 annual wager for a reward of life's fortunes. Unlike a typical Super Bowl gamble or a slot machine pull, students may step beyond the role of a helpless spectator.

Students can play up or play down the status of their diplomas, through their own undertakings. If all goes according to plan, University of San Diego will gain esteem as its students earn awards, attend reputable graduate schools, and have successful careers.

Under such a strategy, the bet on this university is not such a gamble after all.



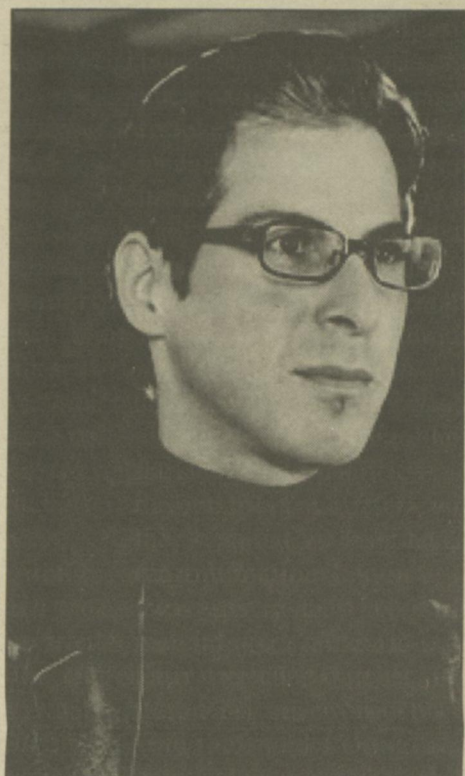


# Reality TV reaches new low

## A brief overview of this season's reality television show favorites

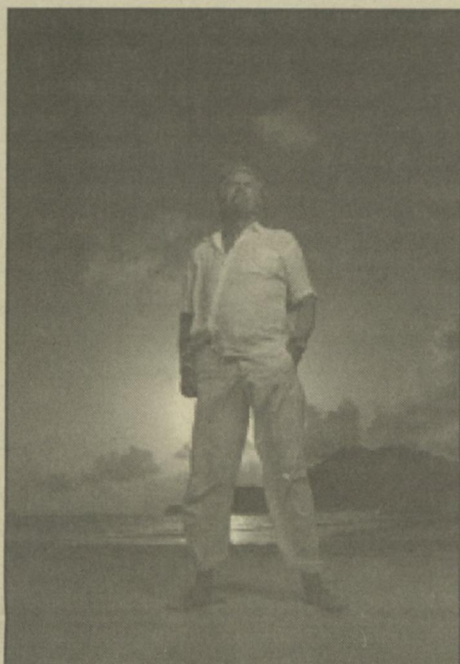
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 STAFF WRITER

If you have had access to a TV in the last few years then you've probably seen them. The last couple of weeks have seen



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their ads and promotional propaganda with a near choke hold on the media. No, not John Kerry and George Bush, but so-called reality television. The past few years have seen them rise to now, when literally hundreds of different reality shows dominate our television screens, with the culprits ranging from the truly



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loathsome Fox network to the lets-ride-this-fad-into-the-ground WB. Each premise tends to get dumber by the day, from midgets marrying washed-up celebrities to MC Hammer getting a fashion makeover show. It seems as if producers have simply given up trying and are now just engaged in some cruel joke. I only hope that if just one thing survives from our culture by some archaeologist a 1000 years from now, just please don't let it be an episode of "Who Wants to Marry My Dad?"

Despite reality TV's continual race-to-the-bottom in culture, millions of people continue to tune in to these brain-cell destroying programs. So with this in mind, I decided to watch and critique this cultural phenomenon firsthand -- so you don't have to.

### The Rebel Billionaire

If producer Jerry Bruckheimer and a reality show hooked up after a few too many peppermint schnapps at the company Christmas party, this would be their love child. Featuring "rebel" Virgin CEO Richard Branson, the show promises us plenty of death-defying stunts with the ultimate goal of taking Branson's job -- a perfectly reasonable method of determining the president of a multi-million dollar entertainment company that is sure to go over real well with Virgin's stockholders.

### The Anna Nicole Show

In this glimpse at what life would be like handicapped with the mental capacity of a seven year-old, the viewer is treated to the spectacle of former Playboy centerfold-turned-gold-digger-turned-drug-addict Anna Nicole Smith's daily battle with, well, not dying. I couldn't think of a less-appealing premise for a show (although "Mad About You" is pretty close), watching this show is a lot like punching yourself in the face, but a bit more painful.

### Laguna Beach: The Real O.C.

Billed as the first "reality drama" and the latest attempt to market Orange County as the epitome of "cool," this show follows the wholly uninteresting lives of seven uninteresting but photogenic high school kids as they face the troubles and tribulations of being extremely wealthy in Southern California. The unfortunate viewer witnesses the torment of figuring out what to do on Friday night and the gripping, emotional decision as to which model BMW to drive. The most remarkable thing about the show is that it is perhaps the first time that the terms "O.C." and "real" have been used in the same sentence (zing!).

### Cheaters

Of all the reality shows, I dislike this one the least. It utilizes the latest in high-tech gadgetry, from wiretaps to night-vision cameras, in a massive invasion of privacy for a somewhat moral reason -- to catch lowlifes cheating.

The greatest part is the wonderful confrontations at the end of every show, complete with the antagonizing host getting in the cheater's face with the digital evidence -- good for entertainment, but it occasionally gets the host stabbed. All in all, a slight step above its mediocre competition.

After several excruciating hours of focused reality television viewing I could actually feel the brain cells popping. However, I did walk away with further confirmation that in the end, future historians will probably point to the popularity of reality programming as the point when television officially outlived its usefulness. But as bad as things may seem, at home when the best things on television are the episodes of "According to Jim" and an exciting garden hose infomercial, just be content that, at the very least, "Dharma and Greg" is still canceled.



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Reality TV shows remain popular in the new fall season.

Photos clockwise from top left:

"Cheaters" host Joe Blow

"Rebel Billionaire" host Richard Branson,

"Laguna Beach" cast:

Morgan, Steven, Kristin, Christina,

Trey, Lo, Deter and LC,

Anna Nicole Smith from the

"Anna Nicole Show" on E!



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## What's your favorite reality TV show?



"The Real World because it's the original."

Christie Osborne, sophomore



"Oh man, I would say ESPN's Dream Job. I don't like all of the other ones."

Kyle Barboza, junior



"I don't have one. I don't watch T.V."

Jeni Gerber, freshman



"I like the Real World, it's the original reality T.V. show."

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## New York band plays West Coast

### Interpol entertains at SOMA

By Brendan Ready  
STAFF WRITER

New York indie rockers Interpol played a show last Friday in support of their new album, *Antics*. The concert sold out well in advance and attendees couldn't help but feel claustrophobic in the sea of black-clad audience members. One needs only to look at the immaculate clothing of Interpol to realize its aesthetic appeal. They all wear black

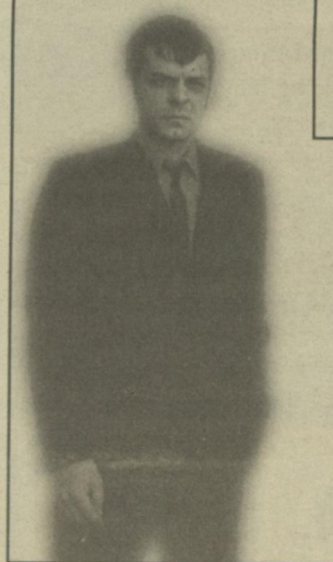
Indeed, these band members are true hipsters. Banks and Dengler both smoke cigarettes as they play, and the keyboardist looks like a cynical mobster.

As expected, Interpol put on an excellent concert that had the right mix of self-composure and insanity. Bank's deep baritone came through loud and distinct. The baseline during "Obstacle 1" sounded like depth charges were exploding throughout the building. Pulsating red and white lights kept blinding the audience.

Interpol, an up-and-coming New York City rock band, is known for their signature attire and rock-star attitude. Pictured at the left, the band is notorious for wearing all black Armani and Gucci suits when they play shows, such as they did last Friday.



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Armani and Gucci suits.

Singer Paul Banks wears a gray fedora. Bassist Carlos Dengler wears a gun holster over his white dress shirt. Recently, a Rolling Stone interviewer asked him why he wears a holster, Carlos responded, "because it's f-ing bad-ass." This statement symbolizes the rock-star attitude of this NYC band.

The guitar, drums, and bass stylistically meshed together during the band's new material. Elements of dance-punk were present in such songs as "Slow Hands" and "NARC." The concert's high points occurred with their most serious and introspective songs like "Hands Away" and "Leif Erickson." Paul Banks seemed to be reliving some emotional tension when he sang, "She says my sentimental side should be held with kid's gloves/she doesn't know I left my urge in the icebox."

During the encore, some fans were disappointed that Interpol didn't play "Take You On A Cruise," their most lyrically complex song to date. Instead, they played a song about a "friend who's a butcher and carries 16 knives." Once again, Interpol chose to show just how bad-ass they really are.

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# Don't wait to see classic thriller

Audrey Hepburn plays a blind heroine in the black-and-white film "Wait Until Dark"

By Erin Toohey  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In a departure from her more traditional image as an iconic beauty, "Wait Until Dark" portrays Audrey Hepburn as an unlikely heroine in her own home.

In this 1967 thriller, Hepburn plays a blind woman, Susy, who must defend herself and her home against the men who seek something she didn't know she had in her house. Susy's husband receives a doll at the beginning of the film from a woman named Lisa. Lisa is trying to keep the drugs from the evil character Harry Roat, played by Alan Arkin.

Unbeknownst to Susy and her husband, a bag of drugs was hidden inside the doll. A group of men trying to find the drugs come into her home to try and find Lisa and the doll. Lisa is killed, but not before the drugs are found or before Susy returns home. The men must buy time in the house until they can locate the drugs in Susy's home. The men searching for the drugs first pose as businessmen, but they get frustrated as time passes without finding any sign of the drugs.

The men attempt to deceive Susy through fake telephone calls

and signaling with the blinds, assuming her lack of sight makes her ignorant to her surroundings. But although Hepburn's character is the epitome of innocence, she is far from unaware.

The suspense in the film builds with the setting of the sun. Susy soon recognizes that she is in danger. As darkness falls in the home, Susy evens the playing field by breaking all the lights in the house. The movie's climax taps into the fears that many people have about being attacked in their homes—about feeling lost and blind in the darkness of a home which should be safe.

This black and white classic depicts the characters in stark contrast; Arkin's cruel, deceiving character is the antithesis to the beauty and incorruptibility of Hepburn. Hepburn is fantastic and convincing in her role as a blind woman, a performance for which she earned her a Golden Globe nomination and her fifth Oscar nomination.

Hepburn embraced her role as Susy; she attended a school for the blind to prepare for the role and wore contact lenses to change the way her eyes appeared on camera.

The film was adapted from a play of the same name by playwright Frederick Knott.



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Audrey Hepburn plays the role of a blind woman defending her home in the 1967 movie, "Wait Until Dark." Her character Susy is trapped in her home as men search for drugs (above).



The refrigerator plays a large part in the film's lighting (left) after Susy smashes all the lights in the house.

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## A quirky twist on two Shakespearian classics

By Ali Jarvis  
FEATURE EDITOR

Canadian born playwright Ann-Marie Macdonald adds a strange twist of events to two timeless Shakespearian classics, *Othello* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Performed at Shiley Theater last weekend, *Goodnight Desdemona* proved that asking the timeless hypothetical question "what if?" is not always without merit.

Constance Ledbelly, a quizzical assistant professor embodied marvelously by senior Nicole Solas, is plagued by the thought that Desdemona and Juliet could have easily saved themselves from their timeless deaths. She finds herself inside the world of Shakespeare after deciphering an ancient cryptic manuscript believed to hold ancient Shakespearian knowledge and manages to change the tragic outcomes

in both plays. Ironically this causes all of the principal characters to fall in love with her.

Constance's hilarious journey of self-discovery kept the entire theater on the edge of its seat for the whole duration of the play. Filled with quirky characters, sexual innuendos, cross-dressing and action packed sword-fighting scenes, *Goodnight Desdemona* was one of the most exciting and innovative plays I have seen at USD.

The cast also featured the talent of Lutherson

Louis, Joan Baumgardner, Camelia Poespowidjojo and Andrew Miles, who, among others, all delivered exceptional comedic performances. Since its premier in 1988, *Goodnight Desdemona* has been performed repeatedly in Japan, Great Britain, the United States and Canada by many theater groups.



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## "Daily Show" releases book

By Chaley Zachmeier  
U-WIRE/SDSU

As the most trusted name in fake news, Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" has made current events cool again. With nightly "Mess-O-Potamia" updates on the war in Iraq and in-depth coverage of "Indecision 2004," Jon Stewart and company let no issue go unscathed.

Setting their comic sights on the publishing world, the comedic crew has made its first foray into fake text books with "America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction." From the school board-issue stamp on the inside cover, to the "Were You Aware?" boxes on each page, "America" explains the evolution and structure of government in sardonic "Daily Show" form.

Dedicated to the "huddled masses," the book includes a forward penned by one of history's most revered statesmen, Thomas "TJ" Jefferson. Throughout the nine chapters, which span from pre-American democracy to "The Rest of the World," critical essays and "Were You Aware?" boxes keep readers educated. Consider Stephen Colbert's poignant "Warren G. Harding: Our Worst President" and Samantha Bee's insightful "Would You Mind if I Told You How We Do It in Canada?" sidebars.

As in a standard textbook, thought-provoking classroom activities and discussion questions accompany each chapter. For example, at the end of Chapter 4 ("Congress: Quagmire of Freedom"), readers are asked if Chancellor Palpatine's abuse of

emergency powers in "Star Wars: Episode II" could happen here. They are also given a gerrymandering exercise to complete.

Clearly geared toward The Daily Show's predominantly young target audience, "America" has its share of unacademic language and snicker-inducing diagrams. It recently joined the ranks of "Catcher in the Rye" and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by becoming a banned book -- Wal-Mart has refused to sell "America" because of an illustration capturing Supreme Court justices in the buff.

Jokes aside, "America" includes its share of spot-on commentary concerning our country. In his introduction, "T.J." argues, concerning the Constitution, "We created a blueprint for a system that would endure ... And we expect our descendents to work as hard as we did on keeping what we think is a profoundly excellent form of government supple, evolving and relevant."

Like its cable news counterpart, the written incarnation of "Daily Show" comedy generates insight as well as laughs. "America" pokes fun at democracy's short-comings yet inevitably brings those who would never think of cracking a history book into the politically aware fold.

The freedom to laugh at ourselves and our often convoluted system of government is arguably inherent in our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. "America: (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction" is a celebration of that freedom and the system that serves to protect it, blemishes and all.

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## Sports Clubs prep for 04-05 season

While most teams have yet to start their seasons, preseason action is gearing up

By Chris Groth  
SPORTS CLUB STAFF

Although most of our USD club sports teams are currently in their off season, there have been quite a few exciting things going on with our program. Here is a quick update on some of our teams.

Our USD men's club soccer team is in its first semester of existence, but they have gotten off to a strong start. They began their season with a strong 1-1 tie against Utah Valley State, which was the number two ranked club team in the nation last season. USD's goal came on a beautiful place kick by Chicho Macklis that curled into the corner of the goal giving the UVSC goalkeeper no chance to get a hand on it. Although the men suffered a 4-2 setback last week against a strong UC Berkeley squad, USD did jump out to an early lead in the game, and Captain Dan Battaglia was proud of the team's solid effort.

The USD Men's Lacrosse team began their season with an impressive victory at the Laxtoberfest Lacrosse tournament hosted by UC Irvine. The team went undefeated at the

tournament, with victories over Cal Lutheran, 7-2, Occidental, 11-2, and a strong shutout victory over Biola 13-0. The men compete this Saturday against some of the strongest competition in southern California at the Norm Webb Remembrance Tournament on the campus of UCSD.

The USD Men's Rugby team, although currently in their off season, also has some exciting events on the horizon. The men got off to a strong start by defeating both Point Loma Nazarene and Cal State Fullerton in non-league, exhibition matches. Rugby team member Shaun Shuck noted that the Rugby team's incoming freshman class is one of the largest and most talented in years, which should lead to a strong squad come the spring league season. Although the team has over 20 freshmen competing this fall, the coaching staff commented that their fall practices and exhibitions have provided an excellent opportunity for these young players to gain experience before heading into a tough league schedule.

Although our USD Women's Club Volleyball team has yet to compete this fall, they have been impressive in practice, and team



The USD Men's Volleyball team lines up to receive a serve during the 2004 season. (above).

The USD Women's Lacrosse team faces off in a spring 2004 game (right).



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captain Roki Prunali is excited about the upcoming season. The women open their 2004-05 campaign later this month with a tournament at San Diego State.

The USD Men's Volleyball team had unprecedented interest

this year, growing the squad to nearly twenty players. With a starting line up that currently consists of four upperclassmen, the team is finally starting to grow up. While their season doesn't start until spring, the

team is set to scrimmage cross-town rivals SDSU on Nov. 17 at the SDSU ARC Arena. Preseason action kicks off for the team Feb. 2 versus Orange Coast College at the USD Sports Center.

## CoRec Basketball bridges gender gap

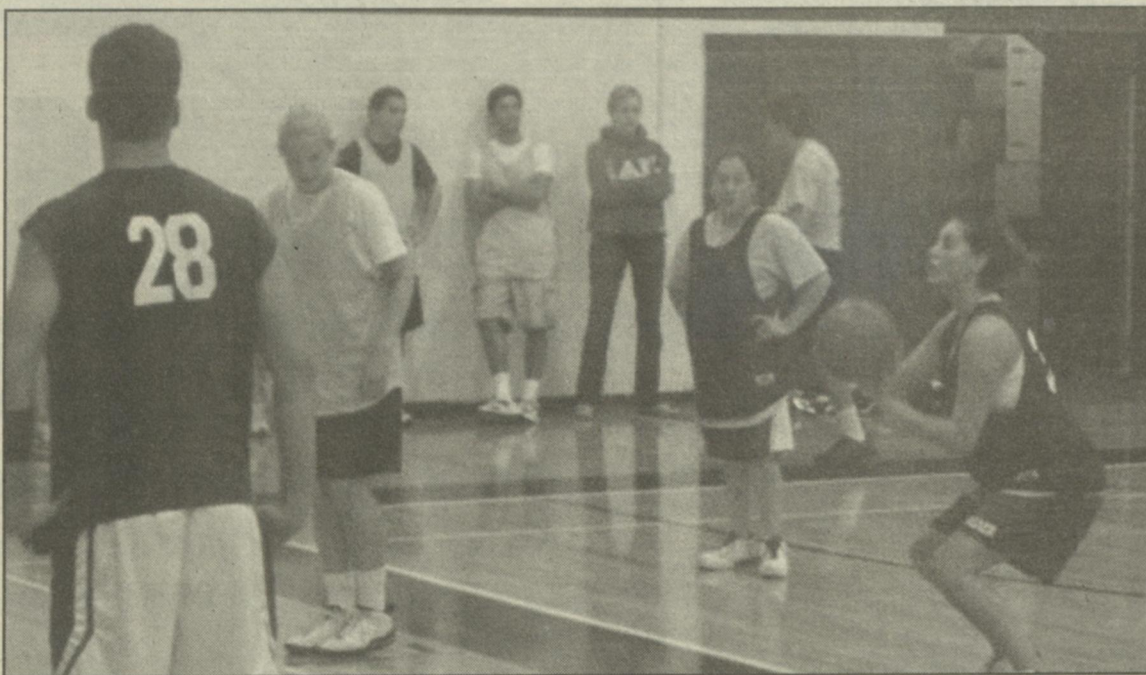
League battles gear up as the Beirut Ballers and Old N Slow fight for the top playoff seed

By Conor Muirhead  
IM STAFF WRITER

Another season of 5x5 CoRec Basketball is under way. Ten teams lined up to take the court on the first night, Oct. 20. The initial teams to take the court were the Beirut Ballers and Pure Flo. Even though their name gives the impression of a bunch of scrappy players that may have too much time on their hands for drinking games, the Beirut Ballers gave an amazing performance that shocked everyone, including me. They routed Pure Flo by a score of 41-30. At the 8 p.m. time slot, four teams faced off: A.R.K.P.Z.B. vs. Short and Fat and Greek Gods and Goddesses vs. Team RamRod. Short and Fat easily stomped their opponents by a score of 37-12 while Team RamRod squeaked out a victory against the Greek Gods and Goddesses. At 9 p.m., Old

N Slow showed that they are still young and quick by beating MIA by a score of 36-17. MIA was really "missing in action." The final game of the night was between East Coast and the Chinchillas. I guess East Coast thought they signed up for Men's 5x5 Basketball because there were no girls in sight. Hence, the Chinchillas got their first win of the season without even playing

The Beirut Ballers started off the second week like they had the first. They romped the Greek Gods and Goddesses 47 to 21. Look for the Beirut Ballers to make a push for the championship. In the second game, Pure Flo made a strong showing and beat A.R.K.P.Z.B. by a score of 57-24. In the other 8 p.m. game, East Coast rounded up some girls and won their first game of the season 33-22. At the 9 p.m. slot, MIA rebounded from a devastating loss the first



JEREMY DARNER

Melanie Durian shoots a free throw to lead the Beirut Ballers to an 2-0 overall record this fall.

week to beat Team RamRod in a low scoring event, 26-18. The last game of the evening was between the Chinchillas, victorious in week one, versus Old N Slow, also victorious in

week one. It was a tough game and both teams battled it out until the last minute. With a chance to win the game, the Chinchillas missed a free throw to send the game into overtime.

In extra minutes, Old N Slow proved to be too much for their opponents and walked away with the victory, 34-31. Look out for exciting weeks to follow when the playoffs begin.

**Annoucements: Sign-ups close today for this Saturday's IM 4x4 Beach Volleyball Tournament**



# Surf team talks strategy

## University's top surfers prepare for competition

By Lisa Gharib  
STAFF WRITER

Competitive surfing is a completely different kind of sport for those who challenge the relentless ocean every day.

When you eat, sleep, and breathe salt water for fun, it makes sense that you would want to be the best. USD team surfers strive to be the best, and they love every second.

"Competitive surfing makes you push your own skills past your comfort zone and strive to get to that next level," said Kaley Swift, longboard alternate. Female captain and shortboarder Erin Rietow agrees.

"There is a larger drive to be a better surfer when you compete than if you are a soul surfer," she said. Surfers have to be at the top level at USD because the team is highly selective. Only the best 14 surfers at the school are on it.

There must be a different type of drive in these competitors than in leisure surfers, also known as "soul surfers."

In competition, some people just have it in their blood, like captain and longboarder Tommy Ostendorf.

"I used to be competitive in other sports, but I quit all that to just surf. I missed competing, so I decided to

start doing contests," Ostendorf said. He has competed with two of the top long-boarders in the world, and he even snapped his board at a team practice that I had the privilege to attend. Shortboarder Douglas Sangillo likes to "see where I measure up, contests challenge me to push my own boundaries," he said. "Surfing with the team was intimidating for a simple soul surfer like me; I can only imagine what their competitors must feel like."

There is a distinct feeling that surrounds every competition, when the skills of a team surfer are put to the test. Even the toughest surfer can get jittery while they wait, digging their toes into the sand.

"I get butterflies I'm so nervous," Rietow said. "You are on the beach with the other surfers, and none of you talk." All that tension is shattered by the long-awaited blast of a horn, and they're off! It's unanimous, the best strategy is to win the paddle battle and be the first one out to pick the best waves.

"It's almost a race to get out there, I always make sure I'm first or second. It's a determining factor I think," Rietow said. Alex Zimmerman, team bodyboarder, agrees that being the first one gives him "an advantage over other competitors."

The competition just gets more

intense as the appropriately named heats proceed. Each surfer gets fifteen minutes in the water with one or more other surfers.

Those minutes are nothing short of adrenaline-driven intensity, especially if the waves are big.

Competitive surfers have to be aggressive while at the top to stay there. Rietow remembers being in awe during one of her more brutal heats,

"It was amazing to surf with girls that were so competitive that we cut each other off, it was heavy!" she said.

It's not enough to be at the mercy of the sea, these guys and girls take the thrill to a whole new level by charging the craziest waves to get more points.

When the team isn't shredding up the waves for sport, they are still all about having fun. Trevor Pike (short board) got hoots from the rest of the guys when he came flying off the lip of one off the biggest waves of the day.

Then there's the classic moment where everyone sees another big wave coming and they all whistle and paddle fast to get over it, or to catch it and test the fury of the ocean once again. This is just practice.

Their next competition is Saturday, Nov. 6 at Black's Beach in La Jolla. The team encourages spectators to come watch.

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defeating the Cardinals, the team with the best record in the majors, was a monumental task. But in the first inning of game one, Ortiz hit a three-run home run and that was that. The Red Sox were going to win it. They still had that same carefree energy that allowed them come back against the Yankees. Boston needed a two-run homer by second baseman Mark Bellhorn in the bottom of the eighth inning to win game one, reemphasizing the prevailing feeling that this was the year of the Red Sox.

In the game two, Schilling pitched brilliantly once again and Boston won 6-2. In game three, Martinez pitched a three-hitter over seven innings and the Cardinals made some absolutely idiotic mistakes. The Sox won the game 4-1. There was no way St. Louis could overcome the flurry of media coverage and national attention regarding the possibility of a Red Sox World Series victory. St. Louis looked absolutely deflated in game four and was shut out 3-0. Somehow, the Red Sox, the team that seemingly would never win a championship, won the World Series.

St. Louis is the forgotten team in the midst of the fervor over Boston winning it all. The Cardinals talented roster could not overcome the abundance of karma the Red Sox had. It seemed, after the first game of the World Series, that there was absolutely no way the Red Sox were going to lose and St. Louis was the team that happened to be there. In 20 years, people will probably not remember who was defeated to break the curse. The victory transcends sports.



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# President of Sports: a tale about the election that never happened



By Chris Ferraro  
SPORTS EDITOR

For too long the unification of the professional sports world has been put off. We need leadership in the form of a federal democracy, one whose leaders represent the athletes, management, and fans in a way most positive to the development of athletics and sport in the United States.

This governing body will protect sports from the tainting of performance enhancing drugs, computer-ranking systems and bad press for spoiled athletes. The President of Sports must be strong, flexible, and downright powerful. Here are your candidates:



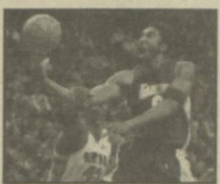
Terry Francona – Peace Party. The most beloved man in New England right now would be a strong and silent leader for sports.

He has proved his leadership skills by managing the Boston Red Sox to their first World Series title since 1918 in his first season. Imagine what a turnaround like that could be if Francona sat in an oval office and not a dugout. He has already saved a city from mass suicide, imagine with some power what he could do for the rest of the nation.



George Steinbrenner – Republican Party. “The Boss” would lead with an iron fist. His take no prisoners attitude would allow for endless spending

for all management and no salary cap in any sports, creating an upper and lower class of teams.



Kobe Bryant – Independent. He claims he has always been the leader and primary focus in Los Angeles, the

only larger stage would be a national one with a real spotlight on him.



Shaquille O'Neal – Diesel Party. The heralded savior of Miami has already carried two teams to the NBA Finals, and looks to try

with a third. He is the most dominant force in any sport, and such a power in charge would do wonders for the athletic world.



Chris Berman – Wig Party. He revolutionized the way sports-casters interacted with their audience. He hosts ESPN specials, NFL

PrimeTime, and is always involved with important events like the World Series and Super Bowl. There is no more recognizable voice in SportsCenter highlights, and no more charismatic candidate for

the role of President of Sports.

So what would you look for in a candidate for this position? Is it charisma to excite a nation full of viewers as a defensive back takes an interception back “all the way?” Do you look for someone who can save an entire city from over 80 years of despair and defeat? Many people will argue the President of Sports should be a young, brash athlete who best represents the superstars. Others say a lovable giant who dominates his sport then buys hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of toys for underprivileged children at Christmas time. Or finally, a loud owner who changed the role of management over the past 25 years.

In order for this President to truly represent the constituents of the athletic world, he must be knowledgeable not only on our nation's three major sports (yes, three), but also NASCAR, extreme sports, and hockey. The President must be willing to increase fan interaction with athletes and make ticket prices more affordable for the average fan. Most importantly, he must capture the passion of Dick Butkus, the drive of Pete Maravich and the immortality of Babe Ruth. Anything else would be unacceptable.

The entire premise is to stop the major problems in sports today. Stop drug use and athletes being such poor examples. I say let democracy reign once again this November, and give the people a voice one more time. Allow the fans to elect the finest leader for sports in this early millenium. Vote or Die!

## Toreros push for NCAA tourney

By Amy Clogher  
STAFF WRITER

The University of San Diego women's soccer team has made a terrific comeback from the beginning of their season and hopes to make the NCAA playoffs after their decisive game this weekend against Loyola Marymount University. “Focus, passion, and unity is what this team needs to get into the NCAA play-offs,” said Head Coach Ada Greenwood. This team has shown that determination and teamwork are vital to success. The USD women's soccer team has many skillful players, but if it wasn't for their ability to form such a tight bond as a team they would not be the 23<sup>rd</sup> nationally ranked team.

USD (10-7-2; 4-1-1) tied Pepperdine (8-5-3; 1-3-2) 0-0 last Friday afternoon, in Malibu, CA on Pepperdine's Tari Frahm Rokus Field. Coming into the game, Pepperdine led the WCC in the lowest points allowed (28), lowest points allowed per game (1.87), lowest goals allowed (10) and lowest goals allowed per game (0.67). Pepperdine's junior goalkeeper, Anna Picarelli has 8 shut-outs this year. Offensively, juniors Jenna Fodor and Megan Wood each have scored 9 points coming into last Friday's match. USD's freshman

forward Amy Epsten has totaled 10 goals this year. Pepperdine came into the game having won 5 out of 6 games played at their home field.

The game started off slow with USD attempting to score 5 shots unsuccessfully. Freshman goalkeeper, Karen Cook, had 9 saves during the game even though Pepperdine out-shot San Diego 15-5. They also had a 9-3 shot advantage on goal. In the 2nd overtime, freshman Amy Epsten had a promising shot on goal, but it was defended by Pepperdine's junior goalkeeper Anna Picarelli. Coach Ada Greenwood said that Pepperdine was a tough environment to play on. The field was small and it was hard to get plays going. Pepperdine has been to the NCAA tournament for the past few years so there was a lot of pressure built into this game. “Since Pepperdine has a very strong team this year it is good that USD tied last weekend” says Greenwood.

USD has come a long way from the beginning of the season when they were 4-6-1 at the end of September. The team started turning its game around with their victory over Washington in early October. “We were losing every game until we upset Washington, and after that we started an amazing winning streak!” said Williams. However, this amazing winning streak was broken when they were defeated by #4 nation-

ally ranked University of Portland in the last 16 seconds of the game on October 21st.

Now the team is 10-7-2 heading into their last game of the season which will determine whether or not they make it into the WCC play-offs. Coach Ada Greenwood says, “They have consistently read the opposition throughout the season. Seniors Marie-Claude Henry and Kaitlyn Pruett have done an excellent job being leaders for the team.” In practice they have been working on possession of the ball and the ability to match-up with different opponents. Greenwood says that his team needs to approach the game against LMU knowing they need to make the NCAA tournament. If the team continues to focus and doesn't change much of what they have been doing they have a good shot at making and even winning play-offs. “This year, the team has a very good opportunity to do something really special” says Greenwood.

To get into the NCAA tournament the soccer teams who are in first place in their division automatically get in. Next, there are 36 “at large” spots for the teams who did well in their pre-division games. If the University of Santa Clara and the University of Portland do poorly in their next games, USD could be bumped to first place and have an automatic spot in the conference.

## "Dream Job" A true fan's desire

By Chris Pearce  
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How would you like to win your own “Dream Job?” That time has come and every sports fan has the opportunity of winning a competition that would reward them with any fans “Dream Job!”

The sports world has finally caught on with the current rise of reality TV shows and has come up with a reality show that gives sports fan a chance at their ultimate “Dream Job.” ESPN came up with this new reality TV show idea just a year ago and it is already steam-rolling through its second season. The show is called “Dream Job” and it gives sports fans across the world a once in a lifetime opportunity.

There are 12 finalists who compete against each other for a 1-year contract with ESPN as a SportsCenter anchor. The SportsCenter anchor position is perceived by many as the best job any sports fan could dream of having. Andrew Croal, a USD student said, “there is no other job that can compare to being on SportsCenter. All you do is cover sports and what could be better than that”. SportsCenter anchors are similar to news anchors with the only exception being that they only cover things that pertain to the sporting world.

ESPN's “Dream Job” is in its second season and the show regularly appears on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. on ESPN. Each week a contestant is cut based on their performance on the tasks they perform on each show. The tasks are identical to what the contestants would have to perform if they were given the job as a SportsCenter anchor. Each week a contestant is cut based on the amount of votes they receive from both the judges and the viewing audience. Last week's show eliminated 23 year-old Jason Ashworth and the show is now down to 4 remaining finalists. The finalists are 22 year-old Anish Shroff from New Jersey, 28 year-old Grant Thompson from Los Angeles, 21 year-old Jason Horowitz from Michigan and 22 year-old David Holmes from Ohio.

One of these final four contestants will be awarded with the ultimate prize of becoming a SportsCenter anchor. All of them have demonstrated that they can be successful SportsCenter anchors. They range in age from 21 to 28 and all come from different backgrounds from different parts of the United States. The show is successful because it provides sports fans with a job opportunity that otherwise would be unattainable.

Through the show, ESPN has brought sports fans behind the scenes and has shown all the hard work and skill that a SportsCenter anchor must have. Now will one of their dreams come true.



# Eagles remain only unbeaten team

By Anthony Gentile  
STAFF WRITER

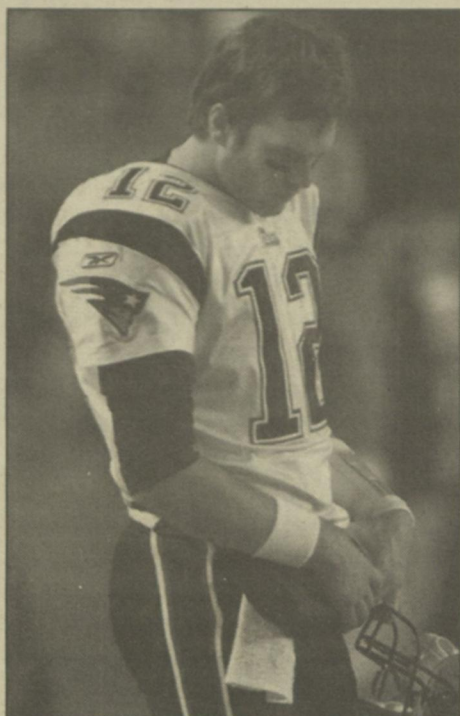
Entering week eight of a tumultuous NFL season, only two unbeaten teams remained: the New England Patriots, and the Philadelphia Eagles. Although boasting identical records midway through the 2004 season, these two clubs differ almost completely.

New England, winners of two of the last three Super Bowls, including last year's title game, have remained very formulaic under head coach Bill Belichick, playing virtually flawless football every week. Not wanting to tinker with a well-oiled machine, the Patriots' front office basically kept their championship team of a year ago intact. The Patriots did make one big off-season move, signing free agent running back Corey Dillon in hopes of bolstering their ground game. The move has paid off thus far, as Dillon is averaging over 100 yards per game this season.

The refurbished ground game compliments quarterback Tom Brady who, in only five years in the professional ranks, has asserted himself as one of the NFL's best. The Brady-led offense, coupled with a stingy defense featuring defensive back Ty Law and linebacker Willie McGinest, helps the Pats always find a way to win, en route to a league record 21 straight victories (18 straight regular season contests) dating back to last year.

The Eagles, on the other hand, saw change necessary after losing their third consecutive NFC Championship game in 2003. Falling one game short of professional football's pinnacle, Philadelphia did all possible to put them over the top for their 2004 campaign. In the off-season,

they acquired big name (and big mouth) free agents Terrell Owens and Jevon Kearse. TO and The Freak give the Eagles a star-studded lineup, one that has not disappointed the pessimistic Philly fans this season. Owens has quickly become



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Tom Brady shows his disappointment.

quarterback Donovan McNabb's favorite target, and Kearse strengthens an already tough defensive unit.

Both teams looked strong heading into tough challenges on Sunday, aiming to stay perfect. However, only one would emerge with a victory on Halloween.

Donning their black uniforms, Philadelphia hosted Ray Lewis and the scary Baltimore Raven defense in early action Sunday at Lincoln Financial Field. Accustomed to rolling over opponents, with an average margin of victory over 12 points

per game, the high-flying Eagles were grounded for a good portion of the contest, only ahead 6-3 through 3 quarters, thanks in part to two of David Akers' three field goals on the day.

Leading 9-3 early in the fourth quarter, the Eagles finally landed in the end zone, as McNabb hit Owens from 11 yards out to put them up 15-3 with 9:12 remaining in the game. That lead proved enough, as the Eagle defense hung on to preserve the 15-10 win, stifling late comeback attempts by quarterback Kyle Boller and the quiet Baltimore offense.

Owens finished the day with 8 catches for 101 yards and a touchdown, helping the Eagles to win a very even contest. The win kept the dream of perfection alive, improving Philadelphia to 7-0 on the season, their best start in franchise history.

New England was not so fortunate in their exploits on Sunday in the Keystone State, as they played the Pittsburgh Steelers at Heinz Field. The Steeler fans, hoping to see New England's streak die, came out in full force; incidentally, so did the Steelers themselves.

Pittsburgh dominated the defending champs in the first half, but a late New England score put the Patriots behind by only 14 at halftime, 24-10. For the Patriots, it was a first half marred by turnovers and uncharacteristic sloppy play. With the late first half score, it looked as if the Pats would turn things around in the second half. However, on their opening possession of the third quarter, running back Kevin Faulk fumbled setting up a Jerome Bettis 2-yard touchdown run, which put the Steelers up 31-10, which would be more than enough to take down the defending champs.

As Pittsburgh fans insisted, it was in-

deed "21 and done" for the Patriots in the Steel City, as the host Steelers prevailed 34-20. Rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger played like a veteran, continuing his unbeaten streak (5-0) as a starter in the NFL. He completed 18 of 24 passes for 196 yards and two touchdowns, both thrown to wide receiver Plaxico Burress. Drawing comparisons to both Dan Marino and his idol John Elway, Big Ben showed poise and charisma in leading his team another victory. Duce Staley added 125 yards on 25 carries for the consistent Pittsburgh offense.

The offensive performance by the Steelers was only to be outdone by their defense, which forced four turnovers on the day from a usually error-free Patriots offense. Deshaea Townsend took a second quarter interception 39 yards to the house, and the other New England turnovers set up easy Steeler scores. Amazingly, the stingy unit only allowed the Dillon-less Patriots five yards rushing on six attempts, not allowing anything on the ground, as both teams left the contest with 6-1 records.

Ironically, Philadelphia travels to Pittsburgh this weekend, giving Bill Cowher's club the opportunity to knock off the NFL's last unbeaten in consecutive weeks. After seeing this past weekend's action, the Pennsylvania contest should be a thriller, played this time around for much more than in-state bragging rights. Meanwhile, New England looks to get back on track against St. Louis in a rematch of Super Bowl XXXVI.

As this weekend illustrated, the only true winner in the NFL is parity. In professional football, anything can happen once the teams hit the gridiron, a great yet disheartening aspect of the game.

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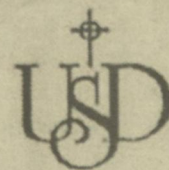
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## NBA kicks off season

By Charlie Farra  
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Nov. 2 marked the NBA start of the regular season openers. Here is a look at some of the teams that fans might want to look out for.

Last year's punishment in the finals made optimists out of even the most cynical spectators when the Detroit Pistons trounced the Lakers four games to one. While this hard working bunch of guys had a great last season, the franchise had an even better summer resigning Rasheed Wallace, Lindsey Hunter and signing the once high flying, acrobatic Antonio McDyess.



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Tracy McGrady will make a huge impact on the Western Conference this season. He and Yao Ming are poised to be the new 1-2 punch since the separation of Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal.

With injuries holding him back over the last three years a healthy McDyess could be the key to this team's repeated success. These three, if healthy, will make up the strongest set of forwards in the NBA.

The Houston Rockets are working to be the powerhouse in the West and are led by a 7'5" giant who has broadened basketball's western borders. Yao Ming has taken the United States by storm leading his team with 17.5 points and 9 rebounds per game last year. He also led his team in free-throw percentage, which is not an easy thing to do when your hand covers half the ball-- just look at Shaq.

While Steve Francis was a

beloved Rocket through and through, getting rid of him in exchange for Tracy McGrady could prove to be a very smart move. This 6'8" phenomenon has the scoring presence of Kobe Bryant and the leaping ability of Vince Carter, which seems appropriate since they come from the same stock. This addition should help the Rockets become a more powerful rebounding team, and take scoring pressure off of Yao.

Another addition to the Rockets is the 7'1" center, Dikembe Mutumbo who will bring a veteran like attitude to the team that will be essential in helping Yao progress. If that weren't enough, Juwan Howard is another addi-

gets, will be working along side young gun Carmelo Anthony who graduated from his rookie year with an unprecedented twenty-one points and six rebounds a game. Carmelo as a freshman in college led Syracuse to a national title, and will be looking to continue his success in the NBA. Often compared with LeBron James, Carmelo can prove himself this year by leading his team on a very realistic playoff run.

Re-signing center Marcus Camby will give them much needed power in the paint. Camby came off a season averaging 10.1 rebounds and 2.6 blocks a game. If Camby, who was always considered a more defensive player, can become a greater scoring threat it would take stress off Martin and Carmelo allowing them more open shots. Either way, this is a team with enormous growth potential and should be one to keep an eye on throughout the season.

The Minnesota Timberwolves have little to worry about from their big man. Kevin Garnett, League MVP last year who averaged a double-double every game, which included 24.2 points and 14 rebounds a game is back for another playoff run. A definite favorite in the Western Conference, Minnesota proved last year that they truly are a team to reckon with. In last year's Western Conference Finals they lost to L.A. in six games. That loss was partly due to the injured Sam Cassell who could barely play due to a hip and back injury.

With the countdown to the regular season growing closer the real question is whether the two all-star guards, Sam Cassell and Latrell Sprewell can stay healthy for an entire season. With their questionable health, Wally Szczerbiak, who was injured himself last season, has made it very clear that he wants a bigger role on the team. If all goes well for Minnesota, the western conference finals might not be the end of the road in the 2005 playoffs.

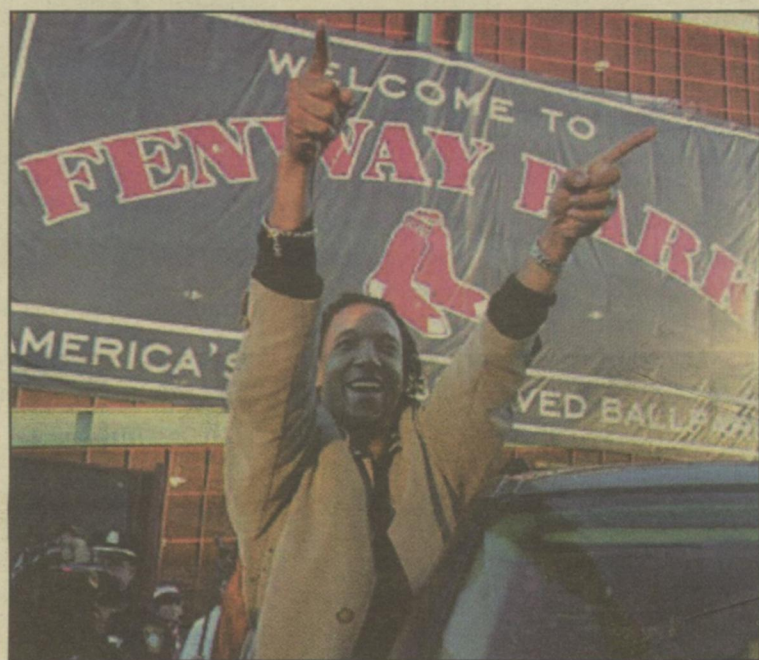
The off-season had some interesting trades this year. New faces in around the country are going to make some games very controversial. The most controversial will be L.A. at Miami. Kobe and Shaq have both been bickering back and forth with each other over the entire off-season so their homecoming should be a very interesting one to say the least. Nov. 2 marked the start of a new season and fans everywhere should be excited to see what happens.

## The curse has been reversed

By Mark Anderson  
STAFF WRITER

The Boston Red Sox not only ended 86 years of futility by winning the 2004 World Series, but they did it in the most emphatic fashion possible. In the American League Championship Series, the Sox came back to win four straight games to defeat

Jackson Jheri curl going on. First baseman Kevin Millar opts for an Abraham Lincoln beard and leftfielder Manny Ramirez has grown dreadlocks. The point is that it only seems appropriate that this group of unshaven, politically incorrect guys were the Red Sox team to finally defeat the clean-shaven, buttoned-down Yankees.



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Pedro Martinez has been a huge player in the development of the Red Sox the last few seasons. His leadership and pitching helped the Red Sox break an 86 year drought of championships, dating back to the war shortened season of 1918.

the New York Yankees in seven games and then ambushed the St. Louis Cardinals in four straight to capture World Series. It is as if the Red Sox took out nearly a century's worth of frustration in the matter of several weeks.

If ever there was an appropriate Red Sox team to win it all, it is the 2004 edition. In reality, Boston's run through the playoffs was as much about beating the Yankees as it was winning the Series. That said Boston could not have picked a better year to stick it to New York.

The 2004 Red Sox could be mistaken for a group of bums if they walked down the street. Centerfielder Johnny Damon has received quite a bit of attention this year for his long hair and full beard. Damon sports the kind of beard that, if he worked a regular job, would probably get him fired. But as a member of the Red Sox, his beard represents the free-spirited mentality that lead the team to victory for the first time since 1918.

Damon's shaggy look is just the beginning. Starting pitcher Pedro Martinez has the early remnants of the 1980s Michael

Many Yankee fans are probably still recovering from the final four games of the ALCS. After falling behind three games to none, the Red Sox were basically left for dead. No team in the history of Major League Baseball had ever come back from a 3-0 deficit. But the Red Sox won both games four and five in extra innings thanks to game-winning hits by designated hitter David Ortiz. The Red Sox won game 6 in New York on the strength of starting pitcher Curt Schilling's remarkable performance while battling an ankle injury. In the seventh game, the Sox demolished the Yankees 10-3 to advance.

It was strange seeing the Yankees standing on the steps of the dugout, watching the Red Sox celebrate. I expected to see the Red Sox lose the game somehow, in some bizarre way, but they didn't. The Yankees, for once, were the team that was a national punchline.

It seemed as if they exhausted themselves coming back against New York and the prospect of

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