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USD selects new provost

Dr. Julie Sullivan of UCSD chosen

By Ingrid Hernandez-Monroy
NEWS EDITOR

After months of searching for a qualified person to fill the position of USD's new provost, President Mary Lyons announced this week that the position will be filled by Dr. Julie Collins Sullivan.

Sullivan is currently a professor at the University of California, San Diego in the Rady School of Management. She will begin her duties as Provost at USD in July 2005.

She previously worked at the University of North Carolina, where she assumed a variety of responsibilities, including the Ernst and Young Distinguished Professor, Co-director of

the Center for Innovation and Learning, Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research, Senior Associate Dean and Interim Dean.

Sullivan's long list of scholarly publications, presentations, and records of public service caught the attention of the search committee because her achievements reflect a desirable model for the University's aspirations as an academic community.

Dr. Bethami Dobkin, department chair of communication studies, served as a facilitator during the search committee meetings, and a coordinator for the interview processes for the provost

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Bazaar to get western makeover



JOANNE DIBONA/SAN DIEGO CVB

The Bazaar del Mundo is currently home to unique shops and Old Town treats like the store above.

By Ingrid Hernandez-Monroy
NEWS EDITOR

San Diego's Old Town Historic State Park is undergoing another change. After 183 years of substantial monetary in-

vestments made to maintain its historical façade, the newest change is one that has brought many contrasting opinions from the local community.

The much talked-about fate of the Bazaar del Mundo concession in the State park was finalized in July of this year and the renovation

process is set to begin soon. Diane Powers, owner and operator of the Bazaar for 33 years, lost the lease of the buildings currently housing the Old Town concession to Delaware North Companies Parks and Resort, Inc. The Buffalo, New York-based company also runs concessions at Petco Park, Yosemite

National Park and the Grand Canyon National Park.

While Delaware North has promised \$3.7 million in improvements and \$500,000 more in rent, not everyone is confident that the corporation will be

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U.S. Congress amends Financial aid; students to suffer changes

By Shannon Eliot
UWIRE/UC SAN DIEGO

Students depending on federal financial aid may have to find other means of paying tuition costs next year as a result of a Nov. 20 bill passed by Congress. Education advocates say it will shift a higher percentage of college costs to students and their families.

While the bill provides an overall \$1.4 billion increase in federal aid funds for a total of \$57 billion to the U.S. Department of Education, the average amount of individual student aid is expected to decrease. Due to increasing demand, the

maximum Pell Grant award will remain at \$4,050 for the third consecutive year, despite a \$458 million increase in the program's funding and rising university expenses.

As many as 1.2 million students could see their Pell Grants reduced and 85,000 of the 5.2 million currently eligible students could lose them completely under the bill, according to the American Council on Education.

By passing the federal appropriations bill H.R. 4818, Congress allows the Department of Education to adjust its formula in determining qualifications for financial aid, a move that lawmakers blocked last year. The awarding of financial aid is currently based on 1988 state income tax tables,

assessing a household's Expected Family Contribution from 17-year old data, when tax rates in many states were much higher than they are now.

In updating the tables, the Department of Education would ask families to pay more toward college than they are now because it would appear, under the formula, they are paying less in taxes.

The government's independent Advisory Committee on Financial Assistance estimated that the move will save the Pell Grant program and the Department of Education close to \$300 million per year. During debate on the bill, Sen. Jon Corzine (D-N.J.) said that he expects the new formula to harm student

financial aid. Corzine had offered an amendment to the bill forbidding the increases, but lawmakers later rejected his proposal.

"We should be expanding opportunities for college in America, not eliminating opportunities for students to seek financial aid," Corzine said. "It is now clear to me that this was a backdoor attempt to cut funding from the Pell Grant program. I call on the president to rescind the rule and ensure that no students lose their Pell Grants. ... We need to expand opportunity in this country, not relegate it to only those who can afford it."

However, Chairman of the House Education and

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Students organize EMT program

By Evan Barnes
STAFF WRITER

Public Safety has been the first to respond to an emergency medical situation on campus. Public Safety has acknowledged, however, that they would welcome the addition of a campus emergency medical technician (EMT) program.

"Because our campus is so large, it's always beneficial to have additional help," Sergeant Barbara Hughes said. Having a campus EMT would better the campus and Public Safety department, she said.

Officer Hector Zamora added that while every of-

ficer has been trained in CPR, only few have EMT training. He said that as long as students have the proper training and certification, they are welcome to help.

Nearly all major universities, including small private schools such as Santa Clara and LMU, have an EMT staff composed of students.

Several students have taken the initiative to being a campus EMT program to USD which would be affiliated with the Health Center. Like Public Safety, they believe this is a crucial campus service.

Laura Kimble, one of the three student supervisors heading the program, said there are between two

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Nov. 15 - Nov. 28

15 San Rafael- An RA requested Public Safety investigate a noise complaint. Public Safety Officers advised the residents to turn down the volume of the television.

Public Safety- An RA filed a report with Department of Public Safety of a stolen ATM/DEBIT credit card.

Laguna- Public Safety responded to a fire alarm caused by burnt food.

16 Public Safety- Public Safety received a report of a stolen vacuum cleaner from a storage unit inside a laundry room.

18 Public Safety- A student filed a report with the Department of Public Safety of vandalism to his vehicle while the vehicle was parked in the IPJ Garage.

Missions A- A resident filed a report with the Department of Public Safety involving vandalism to his kitchen window.

19 Missions A- Public Safety officers overheard loud voices talking about a cat in a residence hall. The Officers discovered open containers of alcohol, one beer bong, and a cat living in the residence hall. The residents were cited

for MIPs and violating the housing policy.

San Juan- Public Safety Officers observed a female student who was determined to be intoxicated and unable to care for herself. She was transported to Detox.

20 San Dimas- Public Safety Officers cited one student for MIP, and another student for Possession of Marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a fake identification card.

Maher- An RA requested Public Safety investigate a student who appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Officers determined the student to be intoxicated and also injured. The student had also vomited on himself and was unable to care for himself. The student was transported to the hospital for his injuries.

Vistas- Public Safety arrested a visitor for DUI after a Public Safety Officer observed the vehicle driving at an excessive speed on campus.

San Luis- Public Safety responded to a report of a noise complaint. The Officers advised the residents to keep the noise level down.

21 Laguna- Public Safety officers received a report of a noise complaint. The Officers advised the residents to keep the noise level down.

Marian Way- A Public Safety

officer witnessed several students having difficulty walking. The Officer determined one resident student and one non-student to be intoxicated and unable to care for themselves. The subjects were transported to Detox.

23 Guyamaca- An RA requested Public Safety advise residents to keep the noise level down. The residents complied with the request.

Public Safety- A student filed a report with the Department of Public Safety of her wallet being stolen from her resident. The door of her resident room had been left open.

San Miguel- While conducting an interview with a resident student regarding a fire, the officer also determined the student to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. The student was cited by SDPD for setting a fire and then he was transported to Detox.

24 Vistas- A Public Safety Officer cited a resident student for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

26 Via Las Cumbres gate- Public Safety Officers heard a loud crash coming from Linda Vista Rd and Via Las Cumbres. One vehicle had body damage and another vehicle with a flat tire. The Officers

discovered that one had been in a hit and run accident. The San Diego Police Department determined the driver to be under the influence of alcohol.

Taylor Street- A Public Safety officer returning to campus observed a vehicle driving towards him on the wrong side of the road. The Officer notified San Diego Police Department of the reckless driving.

Maher- Public Safety officers discovered three flyers with derogatory and bias related statements against sexual orientation written on them. The incident is under investigation. Anyone having information about this incident is strongly encouraged to contact Public Safety at extension 7777.

28 San Dimas- Officers discovered marijuana in the vehicle. The Officers cited the visitor for possession of marijuana.

San Rafael- An RA requested Public Safety to investigate an incident involving possible possession of marijuana. The Officers confiscated marijuana paraphernalia and cited the residents for possession of drug paraphernalia and alcohol.

Manchester Village- Public Safety responded to a noise complaint. The Officer advised the residents to keep the noise level down.

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Workforce Committee Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio) applauded the revision as a way to address the nearly \$3.7 billion deficit in the Pell Grant program. "Continuing to use this outdated information could mean shortchanging eligible students and deepening the Pell Grant budget shortfall," Boehner stated in a press release put out by the committee.

"I'm certain that untold numbers of current students may need to drop out temporarily if new rules are enacted," said Dallas Martin, president of National Association of Student Financial Aid Admin-

istrators.

In addition to Pell Grant eliminations, the bill calls for a \$100 million cut in the Perkins Loan Program, a campus-based program that provides low-interest loans to undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

Since its inception, more than 10 million students have received more than \$15 billion in loans from the Perkins program.

"There are two components to the Perkins Loan program, and one was completely eliminated for 2005," said Sang Han, assistant director for federal relations for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. "The appropriations are not a huge success. I

don't think you would begin to call them a huge win for the higher education community."

"This is a lean and clean package that adheres to the budgetary limits agreed to by the Congress and the president," Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee C.W. Bill Young (R-Fla.) said.

However, California Student Public Interest Research Group's higher education advocate Meriah Fairchild accused lawmakers of trying to balance the budget on the backs of students in a statement from the organization.

"Behind closed doors, Congress decided to pay for budget shortfalls out of the pockets of students," Fairchild stated.

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position. Long hours of intensive interviews, phone conversations and lengthy deliberations finally paid off when Sullivan was selected for the position.

"Our job was to bring her [Lyons] a slate of qualified candidates to choose from," Dobkin said about the search committee. The search committee began their work with a diverse pool of candidates from all over the country and a wide variety of institutions and ethnic backgrounds.

"I think she will do an excellent job," Dobkin said. "She's bright, energetic, talented, and I think she has a commitment to excellence."

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successful in keeping up the Bazaar. The Old Town Chamber of Commerce testified strongly against the Delaware North proposal and several Bazaar retailers wish for Powers to stay. Members of the San Diego community have been upset at the fact that no local representatives were placed on the bid review panel, since they were originally promised the opportunity to testify in any crucial decisions regarding Old Town's future. Some fear that the Bazaar will end up like Squibob Square did in 1990, when a mixture of mom-and-pop stores in the southwest corner of Old Town were turned over to two corporations that flopped.

Delaware North proposes to replace all the stores and restore several buildings in the park, build a Jolly Boy Saloon and Restaurant and change the landscape. The existing landscape will be removed and replaced with mature vegetation that is consistent with the historical period, but it will not completely reproduce the somewhat barren look of the 19th century.

"We'll have a Mexican bakery, high-quality jewelry, clothing, Western wear, pottery, in brand-new, renovated stores," Delaware North President Bruce Fears said in the spring of this year.

Some objections to the renovation process address the State's view of what a "historic" look is. The reasoning behind this argument is that the State is interested in making Old Town a Western-themed town, when historically, before 1848, Old Town was a Mexican settlement. Bruce

Bennett of Friends of Old Town argues that the State is focusing only on a period of 20 years when Old Town was under American rule. He and several others argue that there is more than one influence on Old Town's façade, including Native Americans, Mexicans and Americans.

In July 2004, Administrative Law Judge Karl Engeman ruled that Delaware North be the new leaseholder under the basis that it offered an "economically feasible" bid, after many deliberations of a Nov. 2003 lawsuit by Bazaar del Mundo, Inc. Under a mistaken assumption, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) originally stated that new leaseholders could use the registered trademark names of Casa de Bandini and Casa de Pico, two world-renowned and award-winning Bazaar restaurants, in the new concession.

Before the bidding process closed on the lease, Bazaar del Mundo, Inc. clarified that the bidders should not assume that these trademarks would be used under the new lease. The use of the trademarks would almost guarantee that revenues would remain high in the new Bazaar. According to an article by Michael Gardner of the Copley News Service, the Bazaar generates close to \$25 million per year in sales—the most of any concession inside California's state parks. However, since Delaware North is not authorized by law to use the trademarks of the Bazaar in the new set of restaurants, it is extremely unlikely that the Bazaar's success will be duplicated, said Mark Mann, an attorney for Bazaar del Mundo, Inc.

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and four medical emergencies on campus each day. A campus EMT will be the best way to determine medical actions during an emergency. The program will also allow medical help to be administered much sooner than before. Right now it can take up to ten minutes to get medical assistance. Kimble assured that an EMT program will "be able to be there in one to two minutes."

The new campus group, called the USD Emergency Medical Team, plans to have a central campus location and be available during the hours the Health Center is closed. They will have a two-person team who will have access to the same radio Public Safety uses and respond with them to emergencies. Sgt. Hughes said that Public Safety would defer to the EMTs who would take over the situation after Public Safety led them to the emergency.

The USD Emergency Medical Team is currently talking with Dr. Regina Fleming of the Health Center, Larry Barnett, chief of Public safety and Dr. Barone, assistant vice president for student wellness to further develop how their program will be run and how to fund it. Barone's approval will be the final step before the program begins operation.

Both Hughes and Zamora agreed the major obstacle is the lack of students who are available, trained and certified. The group plans to overcome this by holding an informational meeting and providing EMT classes during Intersession.

Kimble says that the group plans to run a pilot program for a few weeks in May. If everything goes according to plan, the campus EMT will be unveiled during O-Week or sometime during the 2005 fall semester.

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TEAG cleans up

Tourmaline beach benefits from student beach clean up



SHARON MACKERRAS

Lisa Gharib smiles in front of the sea urchins and sea stars she helped save at the beach clean up.

By Kenneth Creech
 STAFF WRITER

Student members of The Environmental Action Group (TEAG) work diligently to make students aware of their environmental surroundings on campus, though their efforts may go unrecognized. But on a recent clean up at San Diego's Tourmaline beach, their efforts were more clearly felt.

"Tourmaline is a popular surfing location in San Diego that often serves as a dumping site for leftover party supplies," Kelly Feidler, TEAG's president, said. This was the reason

TEAG members chose it as their clean up site.

Sadly, the beach was just as dirty as they expected. On their Nov. 20 clean up, members managed to removed fifteen bags of garbage and dig up two large plastic bags that were suffocating wildlife on the beach. They were even able to engaged in two wildlife rescues, involving sea urchins and Brittle sea stars.

"TEAG would like to have more successful clean-ups like this one, as well as heighten environmental awareness on campus," Feidler said.

On campus, most students

are unaware of TEAG's efforts, though they are prominent. Their organization not only began the recycling program at USD, but also created the Tecolote garden, which features native plant species.

"I want students to consider the effects of their actions on their community and the overall environment," Feidler, said.

TEAG meets every other Tuesday at 8p.m. in Aromas and welcomes new interest in the club. Those interested in attending a meeting or activity should contact Kelly Feidler at Kelly-05@SanDiego.edu for a calendar of events.

Survey needs student support

By Brooke McSpadden
 CAMPUS FOCUS EDITOR

USD's Wellness Division is working with the American College Health Association to conduct a campus-wide student health survey. The survey will be used to improve wellness services on campus.

As an incentive to participate, a iPod mini will be awarded to a randomly selected student who participates in the survey.

Since 2000, the National College Health Assessment survey has been used over 200 times by other colleges to help campus organizations better understand the needs of each college community.

"This survey is an important opportunity to find out more about our students, and to understand how their behaviors and perceptions affect their sense of well-being as well as their academic performance," said Gina Fleming, director of USD's student health center.

The student health center, counseling center, and alcohol and other drugs program have worked together to add several questions to the survey specific to USD.

Results of this survey will be used to design and tailor wellness activities to meet student needs as early as next semester. But student

participation is needed to insure that the survey provides a complete view of the USD population.

On Dec. 2, a final e-mail invitation to participate in the survey will be sent to students' USD e-mail accounts. To access the survey, click on the unique URL which is embedded in the e-mail. The process will typically take about 20 minutes to complete. Students who complete the survey will be entered into the iPod mini drawing. All surveys must be completed by Dec. 8.

By participating in the survey students have the opportunity to shape the way USD handles campus wide health issues. The survey gives students the chance to communicate their specific health needs to organizations that can create programs to help.

Some students may feel uncomfortable with the content of certain questions regarding illegal substance use and sexual behavior.

The wellness division wants students to know that these questions are included in the survey to help campus health organizations better understand the USD community and all answers will be kept confidential. Neither students' names nor their e-mail addresses will ever be associated with their responses. Only composite data will appear in survey reports.

The word around campus...

What was your favorite holiday gift as a child?



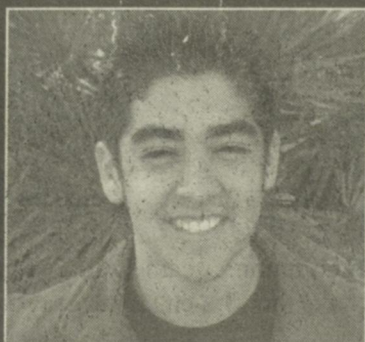
"I got the G.I. Joe mobile headquarters, it rolled."

James Greves, sophomore



"We went on a trip to Mexico."

Rachel Erlandson, junior



"I wanted a pony but I never got it."

Marcus Garcia, junior



"A hot pink Barbie car that I could drive around."

Natalie Hood, junior



"The Legos pirate ship."

Scott Chesrown, sophomore

You can tell Thanksgiving is over when...

By Kenneth Creech
STAFF WRITER

1. You have lost sensation in your fingertips from accidentally grabbing one too many hot pans.
2. All the extra calories you burned off from getting no sleep and running all over campus to meet class deadlines have come back to haunt you in the form of leftover turkey.
3. Your skinny jeans will have to go on the shelf for a few weeks.
4. The episode from "Friends" where Joey gets the "meat sweats" could have been about your life last week.
5. As a male, you sit with all your male relatives after dinner relishing in your lack of clean-up responsibilities.
6. As a female, you gather with all your female relatives in the kitchen or dining room and talk about how nice it is to get the guys out of the way for an hour.
7. Upon taking a closer look at your table, post-dinner time, you notice that not only did your guests drink all the wine they brought you, but they also drank all of your wine as well.
8. You can't wait to see your friends after being away for four whole days.
9. You put a lot of extra miles on your car because you had to dine and dash at multiple friends' and relatives' houses.
10. Your refrigerator is so full of leftovers that you have no room for anything else.
11. You go back to not keeping in touch with friends from home.
12. You woke up at four o'clock in the morning on Friday, Nov. 26, in order to get the good deals on Christmas gifts.
13. By noon, you were almost at the head of the line you had been waiting in for six hours.

College Republicans host open debate with United Front

By Kenneth Creech
STAFF WRITER

As a private Catholic university, many assume that USD students, teachers and faculty hold extremely conservative views. But, I have found in my time on this campus that "conservative" is not the word I would use in conjunction with our collective views or actions.

Although I have witnessed disrespectful behavior by certain individuals who protest the school and write inappropriate messages on posters and banners, I have also seen the openness of students who go out of their way to include everyone they meet. These people and organizations provide examples for what Catholic values are really about-- embracing everyone.

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, two campus groups met for an unlikely discussion. The College Republicans invited the United Front Multicultural Center to a panel discussion on issues such as gay civil rights, African American voters and school reform.

On the panel from the United Front was Director Guadalupe Corona, Chair Michelle Le, Kelly Feidler, and myself, a member of the executive board. Panel members from the College Republicans included President Brandon Bowe, Vice President Erin Cartaya and Secretary Krista Benn.

One of the main issues brought up by Bowe for discussion was civil rights as they apply to same-sex marriage.

"I specifically wanted gay rights issues discussed because I feel that the umbrella of the Republican Party is widening and I believe that many Republicans in the country have come to realize that the Constitution of the United States guarantees the rights of all individuals, whether homosexual or heterosexual," Bowe said.

In response to a question about the realistic goal for same-sex unions, the United Front panel agreed that many homosexuals seek varying forms of

recognition for their relationships. For some couples, nothing short of a union called "marriage" will be equal.

Other couples feel that it can be called anything the state or federal government wants to call it as long as the rights and privileges offered are the same.

And still others do not feel that marriage, a conservative institution, should be applied to their relationships. The

from the government.

The discussion continued with issues such as the No Child Left Behind Act and the controversy over political parties using racial demographics as political tools. Regardless of political background, many opinions were respectfully discussed.

As the discussion concluded, there were still a lot of questions left unanswered, but the first step to an open



NATALIE ZANZUCCHI

The United Front panel consisted of (from left to right) Guadalupe Corona, Kelly Feidler, Kenneth Creech and Michelle Le. The panel was invited to a College Republicans meeting by the president of the College Republicans, Brandon Bowe.

last viewpoint is counter-productive and hinders rather than helps equality under the law.

The more specific response was that marriage is an institution steeped in religious meaning. For most people, a marriage is seen as the religious recognition of their union and love towards one another. The perks of marriage, however, are the over 1,000-plus legal rights and privileges that it provides. In order to guarantee equality under the law, all legally binding unions between two legal and consenting adults should be called a civil union. This is a point that the United Front panel wanted to elucidate for the purposes of discussion.

This separation of church and state is precisely what the United States is founded on, and such actions would remove intolerance and discrimination

dialogue had been completed. "It has been my goal this semester to raise civil discourse on our campus," Bowe said.

I agree with that goal. USD's student body is nothing if not opinionated. We have the right to discuss our beliefs and opinions and should be able to do so in a manner conducive to understanding rather than conflict.

As the Thanksgiving holiday fades away into memories of family, I am reminded that my fellow classmates are much like the family I know and love. We may not always agree on everything, but I wouldn't trade them for anything.

If you are interested in attending a United Front event, stop into UC 128 and pick up a calendar. The College Republicans meet every Tuesday night at 7p.m., e-mail usdrepublicans@hotmail.com for more information.

Poker in moderation good, clean fun Classic card game regains popularity at universities nationwide

Staff Editorial
UWIRE/MINNESOTA

Five-Card Draw. Seven-Card Stud. High-Low Chicago. Texas Hold' Em. They all have something in common: All are poker games, and all have found a place at our fair university.

The national poker craze has spawned enough interest in the game that it seems everyone on campus has a weekly "poker night" to attend. Students even flock to off-campus locations to get in on the action.

Most students seem to have a realistic view of what a poker night should

be. Many say the \$10 or \$20 they invest is just an alternative weekend activity, and even if they lose, it was money well-spent on a good time -- and the chance to leave with more than they came with is a fair gamble. Poker is an engaging way to spend time and have fun competing with friends.

Unfortunately, too much of a good thing is usually harmful. While only 3 to 4 percent of people nationwide have serious or pathological gambling problems, most high school students gamble by the time they are seniors, and few are educated about compulsive gambling problems. Adults and children whose

parents have had gambling problems seem to be more likely to gamble and develop their own problems.

Movies such as "Rounders" and "Ocean's 11," as well as ESPN's "World Series of Poker" broadcasts and innumerable celebrity poker tournaments, have made poker fashionable again.

On college campuses nationwide, residence-hall and charity based poker tournaments have sprung up, and are an excellent outlet for college gamblers.

As long as poker gurus keep their just-for-fun attitudes, and watch out for signs of an addiction, they can keep anteing up for classic card competition.

U2 sells out to commercialism

By Charlie Davis
STAFF WRITER

I don't know where I was, but it was somewhere between the 32nd and 33rd iPod commercial on TV when two things finally hit me — "Vertigo" by U2 is perhaps the most annoying, god-awful song since Good Charlotte's last single.

Fresh from a campaign to forgive Third World debt, it seems Bono is intent on piling up the First World debt, hawking his band's stylish \$349 custom iPod. Now even this could be forgiven if the song in question actually rocked (or in the case of U2, didn't suck entirely), after all, they would be far from the first group to sellout.

But alas, it's the kind of easy-listening, ready-made pop jingle your four-year-old nephew would love, complete with meaningless lyrics and an attempt at Spanish poorer than a drunken freshman at Safari's ("uno-dos-tres-catorce?"). It also has the distinction of being the only song to sound overplayed the first time you heard it — possibly since the melody is apparently lifted from a song by Diana Ross and the Supremes.

Of course, maybe I'm being a little too hard on them. After all, corporate executives and

advertising firms have struggled for years with the problem of selling their products while finding a suitable classic rock song to desecrate in the process.

And many times those classics haven't easily lent themselves to selling Korean automobiles and household cleaning supplies, so their meanings are by necessity subverted.

Consider Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Fortunate Son," a powerful, Vietnam-era antiwar statement, or so you thought. Since its normal lyrics could potentially hurt redneck — I mean, red state — business, the folks at Wrangler Jeans edited the song so as to say the quasi-patriotic "some folks are born made to wave the flag, ooh they're red, white and blue," deleting the all-important following lines: "but it ain't me, I ain't no Senator's

son." Yay America!

So, in one sense, U2's iPod advertisement is a godsend — it at least prevented another Rolling Stones or Clash song from being forever ruined. But in the larger picture, it signifies a growing willingness amongst artists to license their music to companies in hopes of greater exposure.

It used to be that most musicians were extremely hesitant to sell their music to a company, not because they were rabid anti-capitalists, but because it was seen as diminishing the work in question — an emotional song about love lost seems to lose a little something after its been used as bumper music to lead into an NBA halftime report.

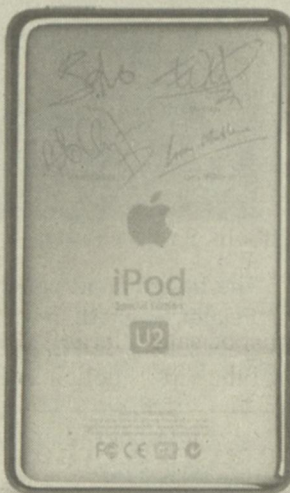
Of course, things change over time, and nowadays artists can be seen everywhere selling everything from fragrances to

something called "crunk juice" without so much as a whimper from their fan base. Bob Dylan once joked that if he ever allowed a company to use his music, it would only be for women's undergarments, and to his credit, he held firm to this. He appeared in a Victoria's Secret commercial last year.

So, is it only a matter of time before the DJ on the radio starts playing that "hot new Home Depot joint," and the Tonight Show features the "Time Warner Cable DSL-Killaz" ("yo we got what ya need, twice the download speed,") or can music be saved?

Keep in mind that bad music existed well before commercialization, and with today's technologies we are no longer slaves to the radio station and record labels. While there will always be plenty of bands content with destroying their music through an orgy of corporate whoring and bland overproduction, there will be no shortage of capable artists willing to forego the sponsorships and MTV for the sake of real, quality music.

Then again, I could be wrong, in which case, enjoy your new "Safe Driver's Save More" album, brought to you by Progressive Auto Insurance.



Apple recently released a U2 edition of its popular iPod, an example of U2's infiltration into the world of the consumer beyond music.

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Letter to the editor

So many people get the wrong impression from those of us who despise war and the U.S. military machine.

They think we are disrespecting their loved ones, which, in my case, could not be farther from the truth. My dad is a Vietnam War veteran. I lost an uncle to another war. And yet I despise our current government's belligerence and hypocrisy in explaining to the American public the reasons for going to war.

I cannot buy the argument that these people defend us. Especially since we have been the aggressors in the majority of the conflicts we have been involved during our short history as a nation.

In fact, the Department of Defense should be called the "Department of Offense" because our military more often charges than responds to an attack.

This often occurs on foreign soil, where we count only American "casualties" and never the dead on the other side.

To look the other way would be irresponsible.

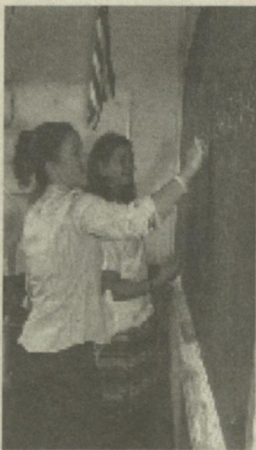
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Settling the state debate: NorCal vs. SoCal

By Brendan Foote
STAFF WRITER

As a native of Colorado, a state where the NorCal-SoCal controversy has not yet heated up, I am intrigued by this unfolding rivalry present in California.

As a student at USD, over the past three and half years, I have heard some outrageous claims of superiority from both sides.

As a neutral third party, allow me to present some of the most important areas of debate in attempt to bring some closure to the deliberation.

Starting off, food always presents an interesting cat-

egory. SoCal has strong In n' Out claims where NorCal holds true to Rice A Roni, the San Francisco treat (ding ding).

As far as dialect, SoCal has enhanced its language with the addition of "gnarly," a word that can mean something is really good, really bad, or really scary. For example, "That wave is gnarly." This could mean the wave is good, bad or scary.

From a young age, the children of NorCal have used the adjective "hella." Younger generations of NorCal families are forced to say "hecka," until they reach a reasonable age to

say "hella." An example of the usage is, "My lifted truck is hella tight," or "My video game is hecka fun to play."

One of the most commonly heard arguments resides over who has the better island. Nor-

Cal professes the fame of Alcatraz where So-

Cal supporters highlight the beauty of Catalina. This is a toss up category, as both islands have their pros and cons.

Fashion is always a good distinguisher of NorCal/SoCal arguers. NorCal residents enjoy popping collars of their Abercrombie shirts and wearing hemp necklaces, where SoCal kids love wearing multi-colored sweatbands, trucker hats, boardshorts and sunglasses that cover their entire face.

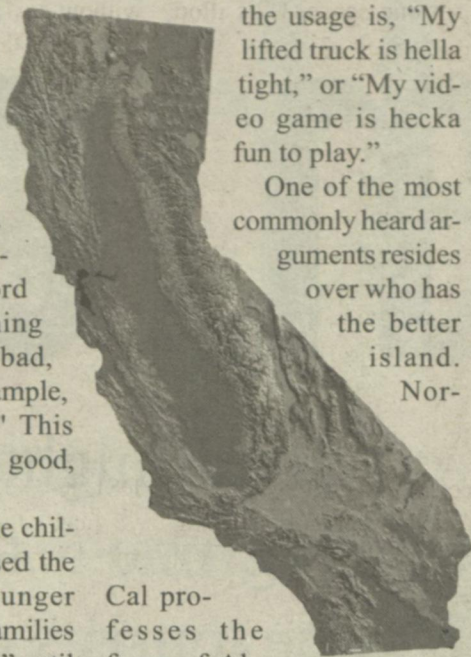
For entertainment, SoCal kids make sure they are up with all of the gossip of the "OC" or stare for hours on end at surf videos. Representatives of NorCal watch Raiders games.

Famous streets usually come

up in the debate as well. NorCal people will usually describe the diversity of Haight Street in San Francisco where you can see all walks of life, where SoCal reminisces of driving up the 101 with the top down, your favorite girl and a Jamba Juice.

Whether you have your wake board or your surf board, your buzz cut or shag, Albertsons or Ralphs, Barry Bonds or Kobe Bryant, Compton or Sacramento, NorCal and SoCal are both great places.

I know a lot of quality people from both sides of L.A. and I know some strange people too. Having presented the facts, maybe you can now be more aware of this livid debate.



Public Safety on-campus policies too strict

By Stephen Britt
STAFF WRITER

One of the greatest problems currently plaguing USD is the great hostility between Public Safety officers and students on this campus. Go down any residence hall on this campus and ask a student for their opinion of Public Safety and you will likely hear a snicker and a chain of obscenities from any student who has had experience dealing with them.

One of the biggest issues that students vent about is the fact that Public Safety acts much like a very strict police force, but never exactly informs students of their rights in the process. This can cause a very big problem, especially when such a problem occurs in a country which prides itself on having great freedoms and rights laid out in a constitutional form.

If asked whether students know what their rights are in

regard to Public Safety, I expect few, if any, even know of their right to refuse breathalization on campus. This is also a great problem when it is laid out in the very mission statement of the school that our school's goal is to "educate and work for justice." Perhaps this does not apply to the very students that attend this school.

Another major concern students have with Public Safety's presence is the ambiguity of their actual role on campus. Are they here to be our parents away from home and give us a time out (trip to detox) whenever we act out of line? Or are they here to actually "play an important part in crime prevention" as stated in Public Safety's mission statement?

Many students feel that the former is the case, due to personal interactions with Public Safety. This paradox is evident in high rate of vehicular crime and theft at this school and Public Safety's seeming ignorance

of these problems.

It could be argued that instead of preventing crimes of property damage or theft Public Safety officers are patrolling in residence halls and searching for students to write up for drinking or inter-visitation violations. It must be said however, that many of the vio-

"It could be argued that instead of preventing crimes...Public Safety officers are...searching for students to write up."

lations Public Safety discovers are indeed crimes as they are minors illegally consuming alcohol.

What kind of an impact do policies such as these have on USD as a whole? First and foremost, these policies cause many students to fear Public Safety rather than trust them.

Whether or not these policies prevent students from consum-

ing alcohol is questionable. However it does accomplish two things: the junior year flight from living on-campus and parties being held off-campus.

Very few students live on campus after their second year largely because of the strict policies of the school.

Off-campus parties force students to drive. Hopefully students can find a sober driver, but with the evidence of DUIs issued on campus to students returning for the evening, it does not appear this hope is a reality. This is another example of Public Safety's presence on campus doing exactly the opposite of keeping the public safe.

In some cases, policies

like those seen on campus even cause students to transfer schools simply to avoid them. Such is the case of Allison Z., a former USD student who transferred to the University of Delaware after her run-ins with campus police. "Public Safety made USD seem like you weren't safe going home at night. If you took a cab home, they were there to get you in trouble even if you were right in front of your dorm," she said.

Do all universities have such strict policies as our fine institution?

Edward Ceballos, a junior transfer from Gonzaga University, said, "Gonzaga's policies were nowhere near as strict as ours. I never had to worry about getting written up there."

Whatever the reason for such strict policies at USD, the growing rift between students and public safety is only further dividing with the implementation of them.

Young marriage prevalent but unrealistic



By Ali Jarvis
FEATURE EDITOR

Engagement ring sightings are on the rise, rivaling designer bags and jeans at USD. It seems that more and more students think that they are ready to tie the knot right

after finishing college. Why is that?

Some may crave the security of monogamy. They may be scared to face the world outside of the bubble alone. Or maybe, it is simply an issue of love. Love conquers all, right? In my opinion, it's not a question of being "in love," it's a question of being realistic.

Let's face the facts, 43 percent of marriages are terminated during the first years. Hasty unions sprung out of young love make up a large portion of this percentage. It is also a fact that

the average person changes his or her career five to seven times during his or her lifetime. Career changes lead to personality changes, which can spur marital discord, leading to separation, and ultimately, divorce.

Is it safe to say that we are the same now as we're going to be when we're 40? My views are largely pessimistic, coming from a family with a long history of divorce. After three and a half years of college, I've also witnessed the irreverence that many students have for healthy, traditional relationships. Casual

sex, infidelity, and disrespectful behavior seem to characterize the "typical college lifestyle." In this view, early marriage may be a way to break away from the throngs of an immoral existence.

But, how long might a union based on circumstance last? Not long at all, if you ask me. People are constantly changing. Life is too short to gamble on your own, as well as your spouse's changes. Marriage is a risky bet, but against all odds, many people seem up for the challenge. Perhaps

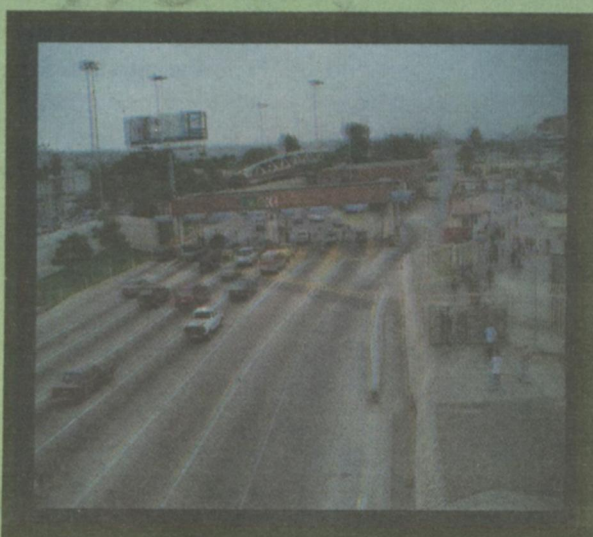
these optimistic people will become a new hope for the future. If you truly believe you will be happily married, then you will.

On the other hand, there are not many couples that get hitched thinking that they would regret it later. Sadly, marriage is becoming more and more disposable, and I'd rather not contribute to its demise.

For those who wish to beat the odds and gamble a life of marital bliss, I wish you all the luck in the world.

South of the border

By Misa Maruyama
STAFF WRITER



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An aerial view of cars crossing the US/Mexico border in Tijuana.



Every night, over 2,500 Americans pass through rotating cold, steel gates covered with grime – the dirty body grease of millions of past travelers entering Mexico. Some tourists come stumbling and yelling in a drunken stupor, and others accidentally grab the filthy metal bar in jumpy nervousness. Whether the drunken club-hopping veteran or tense, first-time border-crosser, one must be fully aware of the right and wrong ways to party in Mexico.

First of all, get Mexican insurance when driving your car south of the border. In the event of an accident, American insurance policies will help you as much as a Blockbuster card will for identification: not at all. One may call companies or visit an office in Via de San Ysidro to acquire coverage. Second, be aware of the laws and your rights.

For those traveling on foot or driving in a car: You are only allowed \$50 worth of merchandise beyond personal luggage, sporting equipment, camping gear, a camera, medications, and a musical instrument.

Those 18 years of age may carry a maximum of 3 liters of beer, wine or hard liquor – and that's a lot of heavy liquid to carry around anyway.

You may be detained and arrested if you drink in public, urinate or defecate in public, display nudity, immoral conduct or indecent exposure, or fight or disturb the peace. In other words, there is no get out of jail free card for getting into a brawl, so avoid it at all costs.

Don't let things turn south as you take your car down to Mexico. When you cross the border, a red or green light will flash. If you're lucky, a green light will flash, meaning it's safe to go. Red means you must stop for a mandatory inspection of your vehicle and luggage.

You will be arrested if you are involved in or cause an automobile accident or injure someone.

The speed limit is set in kilometers, not miles; so divide the speed limit by 1.6 (1 mile = 1.6 km) to translate to your speedometer's reading. Better yet, just drive extra slowly.

Cellular phones are prohibited while driving, and roaming charges are tremendous anyway. Let the technology go.

If ever in trouble with the Mexican police, remember that you may not be mistreated mentally or physically. You may use a telephone to contact a lawyer, family member, friend or US Consulate. You also have the right to a Spanish interpreter and a doctor. If you don't believe

you are in the wrong, you should allow yourself to be taken to the police station, Trans-Border Institute Assistant Director Stephen Elliott said. Once there, you have the right to show proof of your innocence and present witnesses in court at a later time.

"Just use the golden rule when traveling into Mexico – treat others as you would like to be treated," Elliott said.

Tijuana is not a one-night party destination for college kids to do misdeeds and return home intoxicated; beyond Revolution, the city is a window into Mexico's rich culture and unique people. Take advantage of one of your college's greatest strengths – its proximity to the United States-Mexico border. Students may contact University of San Diego's Trans-Border Institute – a university-funded effort to promote consciousness about border-related issues – for a tour of the stunning, hidden Tijuana that partiers rarely get a chance to experience at transborder@sandiego.edu.



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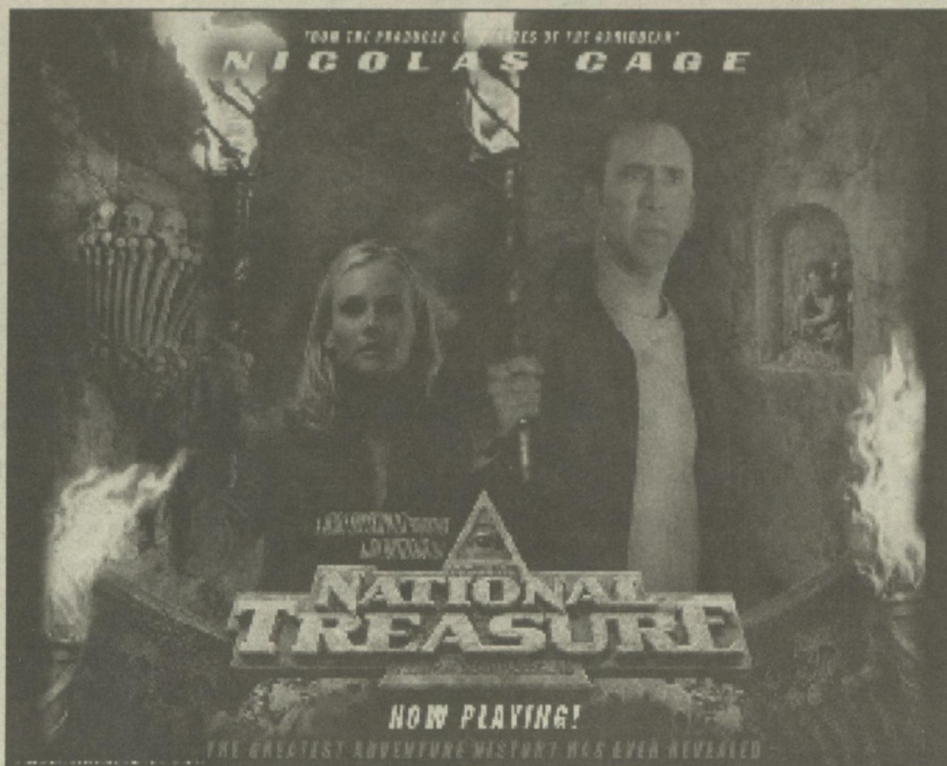
"Treasure" meets low expectations

By Adam Weisman
 STAFF WRITER

Nicolas Cage and producer Jerry Bruckheimer pair up again to bring their latest action film, "National Treasure." This time around, Cage and company are on the hunt for a long lost treasure, the map of which is hidden on the back of the Declaration of Independence. Like so many of Bruckheimer's contrived films ("Armageddon," "The Rock," "Pearl Harbor," "Gone in 60 Seconds") that teeter on mediocrity, "National Treasure" rises to meet low expectations.

The plot rests upon a single, high-concept premise that our nation's founding fathers were Free Masons who left behind an invisible treasure. The only problem for treasure hunter Benjamin Franklin Gates (how clever), played by Nicolas Cage, is obtaining the map, which happens to be the aforementioned invaluable piece of paper. It's off to the races as Gates must obtain the map before his evil counterpart gets a hold of it first.

Sounds cool, huh? Unfortunately, the film's plot is ripped off from bestselling book, "The Da Vinci Code" and is masked as an updated version of "Indiana Jones" with elements similar to "The Lord of the Rings." The story becomes diluted, circling itself as each time Cage and his treasure-hunting cohorts uncover a clue, a subsequent and tiresome chase scene ensues. This is not to say, however, that "National Treasure" is a bad movie. It simply manages to stay afloat among the mundane nature of action



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"National Treasure," produced by action movie all-star Jerry Bruckheimer, tells the story of a treasure hunter looking for a bounty printed on the back of the Declaration of Independence.

genre films.

Bruckheimer's films please in the same fashion as fast food: You know what you are going to get and accept it for what it is. All the star-studded hype, excessive special effects, trite dialogue aside, you are still left with a flimsy cheeseburger and apparently, that is all that the audiences want. "National Treasure" has firmly held the top spot at the box office for the past two weekends.

Higher frustration exists in Nicolas Cage's willingness to wallow in conven-

tion. Considered one of the finest acting talents of our generation, he shamelessly favors uninspired roles that disappoint critics but are sure to pay off monetarily. "Con Air," "Gone in 60 seconds," "The Rock" and "Windtalkers" being recent examples. The grossly underrated "Adaptation" has been the lone remembrance of the ability that won Cage an Oscar for "Leaving Las Vegas" almost 10 years ago. Perhaps I should quit my ranting and just be thankful for Coen brothers' masterpiece "Raising Arizona."

Avril Lavigne comes to SDSU

By Abbigail Brooks
 STAFF WRITER

It was a damn cold night this past Saturday, Nov. 20 at Cox Arena, but Canadian import Avril Lavigne warmed up a stadium full of shrieking skater girls at SDSU's Aztec Bowl. The venue was only about half full, but the crowd's energy was definitely at 150 percent.

Apart from her usual rockin' vocals, Lavigne excited fans with an array of unexpected musical performances, including an acoustic version of her hit "How Does It Feel," as well as a heart-felt rendition of "Slipped Away" on the piano. If that wasn't surprise enough, at one point, the pint-sized Lavigne jumped behind a drum set and hammered away while one of her bandmates took a turn at the mike.

From the neckties, striped knee socks and sweatbands that many fans associate with her first hit album, "Let Go," to a more mature look and sound for this year's "Under My Skin," Lavigne seems to be growing up a bit. However, it doesn't seem to be the same case for her fans.

Judging by the dark sea of little hands clutching tightly to their glow sticks on



Photo by James R. Minchin III

Teen pop sensation Avril Lavigne warmed up an enthusiastic crowd at SDSU's Aztec Bowl during last Saturday's chilly night. Fans feel that her new album is a departure from her first album and an attempt to make better and more meaningful music.

Saturday night, it doesn't appear as though her fans are getting much older at all. About 80 percent of the crowd was between the ages of six and fourteen, and the other 19 percent was comprised of their parents, leaving only a few more people from junior high who were brave enough to shell out \$35 and publicly admit that Avril Lavigne rocks.

She has recently gone into the studio to record a version of the Spongebob Squarepants theme song for the soundtrack to the film version of the popular TV cartoon series.

Avril Lavigne has been nominated for a 2004 People's Choice Award in the category of 'Favourite Female Singer,' facing such competition as Alicia Keys, Sarah McLachlan and Sheryl Crowe. The awards show will be broadcast on CBS on Jan. 9, 2005. Vote at the awards website.

ODB dies



Ol' Dirty Bastard died last week of an apparent heart attack.

By Charles Davis
 STAFF WRITER

There have been no somber statements from the White House. There will be no tear-filled television specials showcasing his work in the community. No libraries or parks will be dedicated in his honor, and there won't be a scholarship fund setup in his memory. But when rapper Russell Jones, better known as the Ol' Dirty Bastard (ODB), Dirt McGirt, and, briefly, as Big Baby Jesus, died of an apparent heart attack, the world lost a gifted and original hip-hop legend.

Perhaps best known for his work with the Wu-Tang Clan, it was his actions outside the studio that grabbed the most attention. ODB also had a successful solo career culminating in his 2000 hit single, "Got Your Money," an unusual pop hit featuring a pre-milkshake Kelis to accompany his slurred and bizarre rhymes. Success (otherwise known as crack cocaine) soon got the better of ODB, as he found himself a fugitive of the law when he fled a drug rehabilitation clinic in California. Always appreciative of his fans, he was picked up a month later signing autographs at a McDonald's in Philadelphia, just two days after appearing on stage at a Wu-Tang concert in New York.

Released from a three-year jail sentence in 2003, ODB was said to be getting his life and career back on track and was in the process of recording a solo album when his heart finally gave out after years of out-of-control drug use. Funeral ceremonies were held on the Nov. 17 in his native Brooklyn and drew several thousand mourners. In memory of Mr. Jones, allow me to suggest a few things: Put a copy of the classic "36 Chambers" in your stereo, turn up the bass, and pour out some of that 40 in memory of the rap innovator Dirty would have wanted it that way.

Revealing In-N-Out's secret menu

By Jordan Brant
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Just as the ancient Egyptians had desert oases strewn about the arid desert regions where they lived, places where they could rest their tired feet and refresh themselves, Californians have our own version of an oasis: In-N-Out Burger. Similar to the way migratory birds gather in lakes and streams on their journey southward, people often

mirror this primal desire by waiting in long lines at this famous California eatery, no matter which direction they are headed. For those of you who are not familiar with In-N-Out Burger, or for the damned who have never eaten there, the history of one of California's oldest and most popular fast-food burger chains is quite interesting.

According to their website, the first In-N-Out Burger was founded by Harry and Esther Snyder in Baldwin Park in 1948. Harry's idea of a drive-thru hamburger stand where customers

could order through a two-way speaker box was unique, and was the frontrunner to the modern fast-food restaurant. The Snyder's business philosophy was simple: "Give customers the freshest, highest

quality foods you can buy and provide them with friendly service in a sparkling clean environment." This principle has worked so well over the years that it is still the company's fundamental philosophy. Even today one can venture into an In-N-Out and see their core values at work. In-N-Out is famous for never saying "no" to their customers.

Though times have changed, little has changed at In-N-Out. The menu, composed of burgers, fries and drinks, still offers the same basic items customers have enjoyed since 1948. Everything is still made fresh to order. There are no microwaves or freezers. Customers may observe french fries being made from hand-diced, fresh, whole potatoes, and shakes being made from real ice cream.

Although the website claims that the menu "is still the basic menu customers have enjoyed since 1948," I am going to let you in on the menu that the website doesn't want you to know, a menu that in fact few know about, a menu that only the true In-N-Out connoisseurs have been able to ascertain-- the so-called "secret menu."

Let's start with the burgers. There is the regular and the double-double, with or without cheese. Did you know that you can get as many patties and slices of cheese that your little heart desires? It's all about the lingo. If you want three patties and three slices of cheese, you say "3 by 3." Now a little test: What would you say if you wanted eight patties and seven slices of cheese? If you answered "8 by 7" good job!

So now that you know how many patties and slices of cheese you want, how do you want it? Any old Joe knows that you can have your onions fresh or grilled (I recommend grilled), but did

you know that you can order your burger "protein" or "animal" style?

Animal style means that you get double-veggies and a pickle (pickles don't come standard at In-N-Out). Protein style, which I add has been around since before the health craze that launched "Super-Size Me," means that instead of a bun they wrap the burger in lettuce. Sounds gross? It's really not. The lettuce is fresh and handleafed, and it does taste delicious. And the "secret" sauce is called frie-sauce, and they will be more than happy to put it on the side or give you extra to dip your fries.

This brings up the french fries. Many people are upset that I am making this information public, but I can't resist it. The most volatile element of the "secret" menu, a portion of the menu that only long-time patrons of In-N-Out are accustomed to, a meal that is worthy in both its cheesiness and sheer artery-stopping cholesterol, are the "animal style fries."

These fries, which turn heads and makes mouths water, are regular french fries smothered in fry-sauce, grilled onions and yes, two-slices of melted American cheese. Hungry yet? It's probably the tastiest and best kept secret of the In-N-Out legacy.

Consider yourselves lucky that this knowledge was given to you. It took me years to interpret and fully comprehend the extent of the In-N-Out Burger menu. I am only telling you this because I care about my fellow Toreros and I want you to partake in the same gluttony that I do every time I pull up to an In-N-Out with an empty stomach and a twinkle in my eye. It is a truly euphoric experience. Visit the company's website for store locations and point-to-point driving directions.



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Local band Forensik explores the unknown

By Allison Cordova
STAFF WRITER

The greatest hard rockers were not always as we know them today. Most likely they began their music careers in local bands, playing small gigs, and trying their best to get their name known among crowds. Here at USD, if you know Mike Dooling, you know Forensik. Dooling, 20-year-old sophomore and lead guitarist of his band, has been composing music since the seventh grade with the help of his childhood friend Paul Stoughtom. Stoughtom is a 19-year-old student at Mesa College and plays bass in the band. The other members of the band are Dean Maidhof, 17-year-old drummer, and Ryan Peterson, 23-year-old lead vocalist.

Forensik is a local San Diego band. The band said that forensic science is the study of the unknown, and this is how they came up with their name. They consider their style of music to be overlooked by many and they want it to be heard. The music falls into the category of progressive hard-rock, comparable to Nothing Face, Primus and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Through a connection at Soma,

Forensik had their first show in July of 2003. "The shows are fun to play, and we do them just so people can hear the band. We don't really care about how much money we make out of them. It is about \$1 per person we get to the show, and we get 15 percent of that profit", said Stoughtom.

Dooling has been playing guitar for roughly 10 years, Stoughtom has been playing bass for about five, Dean drums for five or six years, and Ryan started singing at a very young age. The songs are written by all the members of the band, and the lead singer usually titles them.

They rehearse twice a week, they typically work on some of the old tracks and also a couple of new ones. They used to share a rehearsal studio with another band, but now they practice at the drummer's house since it allows them to have more freedom. While the band stays true to their hard-core style, they also like incorporating a little bit of hip-hop in their tracks. So far, Forensik has played four shows at Soma. They have played with other bands including Rise Against, Gutter Mouth and Pepper, among others.

The band does not have a CD out

yet, but they do have a couple of demos that they would love to share with those who are interested. "Right now we just enjoy playing music, but you never know where it can lead you. I've never been happier than when I am playing music, and I would love to make money doing something I love," Dooling said.

So to all of you who enjoy some good hard-rock and want to support a fellow USD student, check out Forensik. You are certainly in for a good hour or two of head banging, and you know we can all use that to relieve some stress. Their next show will be at Soma in February of 2005.



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Forensik, featuring USD student Mike Dooling, is shown above playing local venue Soma.

Beirut Ballers take CoRec title

Led by a staff of unstoppable ladies and dominating men, the Beirut Ballers prove unbeatable

By Conor Muirhead
IM BASKETBALL STAFF

As the days cooled down, the CoRec Intramural Basketball playoffs heated up. There were four teams left to battle for the one, the only, intramural championship t-shirt.

The undefeated Beirut Ballers started off the night against Old 'N Slow. Old 'N Slow proved to be a surprise during the regular season, and now they faced their toughest challenge. Both teams started off strong by draining almost all of their shots. However, towards the end of the first half, the Ballers created a lead for themselves.

As it turned out, the first half ended with a 22-17 lead for the Beirut Ballers. In CoRec, I have found that if a team has good women shooters on the court, then they are destined to win the game. During the second half, the girls dominated the game. They were rebounding, passing, and most importantly, making baskets. They pulled away from their older and slower opponents to take a demanding lead. The Beirut Ballers held Old 'N

Slow to only 11 points in the second half, most of them coming during garbage time at the end of the game. The final was 42-28. Now, the Ballers watched and waited for the next game to see who they would face in the finals.

The second game at 9 p.m. was just as exciting as the first game. It pitted Pure Flo against the class clowns of CoRec Basketball, the Chinchillas. The Chinchillas suited up in their usual red uniforms and waited to take the court. Both teams stayed with each other throughout the first half. There were a couple easy lay-ups missed by both teams to keep the game knotted. Just as in the previous game, one team started out strong in the second half. Pure Flo drained a number of baskets, giving them a large lead. They kept their rally going by driving into the lane and getting easy lay-ups. Needless to say, Pure Flo came out on top with a 41-31 victory.

It was time for the Finals: Beirut Ballers vs. Pure Flo. Interestingly enough, Pure Flo's only loss during the regular season came against their rivals,



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The Beirut Ballers (in black) setup on defense to defend their undefeated intramural league record.

the Beirut Ballers. There was more than just a t-shirt at stake in the Finals, there was bragging rights. Pure Flo looked a little weary from the previous game, so they started off slow. But the Ballers could not seem to get their game on track either. Both teams looked a little nervous and maybe a tad tired from the previous games. The half ended

with a close score of 18-16, in favor of the Beirut Ballers. In the second half, both teams started to heat up. I think I even saw a few no-look passes! Beirut pulled ahead with about five minutes left in the game. For Pure Flo, it was time to start shooting the three's to make up for lost points. Unfortunately, the first few would not drop.

From then on, it is a vicious cycle. If you do not make the first couple, then you fall further and further back until you just throw up three's like it's your day job. The Beirut Ballers were proudly crowned champions by a score of 40-32. Thank you to all who showed up for the games and all who made this a wonderful Intramural season.

Flyers and Shizaam face off for championship

By Joey Donnelly
IM FOOTBALL STAFF

The semifinals and final games of IM Flag Football brackets were nothing that anyone could have expected.

Had anyone said that Shizaam, who won two regular season games by forfeit, would be playing the Sticky Wolves, whose only victory came on the last regular season game also on account of forfeit, would be playing for a spot in the championship I would have laughed extremely loud in their face. But with top teams Playmakers, Dukes, and undisputed probable champs Affirmative Action being upset in the early rounds of playoffs, Shizaam took on the Sticky Wolves, and the High Flyers tackled Game Time in the endless journey for shirts.



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An intramural quarterback scrambles to avoid the rush while looking downfield for a receiver.

The High Flyers entered the game with their usual swagger and then promptly proved themselves as their overpowering offense quickly dismantled Game Time in mercy rule fashion 18-0.

On the other side of the field it was the Sticky Wolves headed by the double Jeff attack of Robinson and Haviken trying

to continue their winning streak of three games against the fast paced and completely rested Shizaam who won their last three games all due to forfeits.

Both teams obviously did not want to end their unique seasons now as they trades touchdowns throughout the game, but the Wolves did not have sticky defense as they could not handle

St. Louis-esque passing game of one Jomo Young as they lost the game 21-14 in the final minutes.

Now it was time for the championship game which undoubtedly would be a m  le of quarterbacking excellence. It would resemble Naimath/Unitas, Brady/Delhomme, and even Young/Aikman. But tonight it

would be a different Young and the most consistent and dominant quarterback this season, Joe Luciaro.

The game was heated and put on a showcase of superb offense and defense as the half ended 7-6. But big time catches by Jordan Vitale gave the edge to Shizaam and put the Flyers in a pickle that even Luciaro couldn't scramble out of. Mounting a surge of offense within the closing minutes the Flyers seemed poised to take the shirts, but could not convert on first and goal from ten yards out and took second chair to Shizaam who won the game 13-7 and took home the IM championship.

With the offseason now in full force all teams will begin training for Air it Out in the spring and another chance to bring home the shirts.

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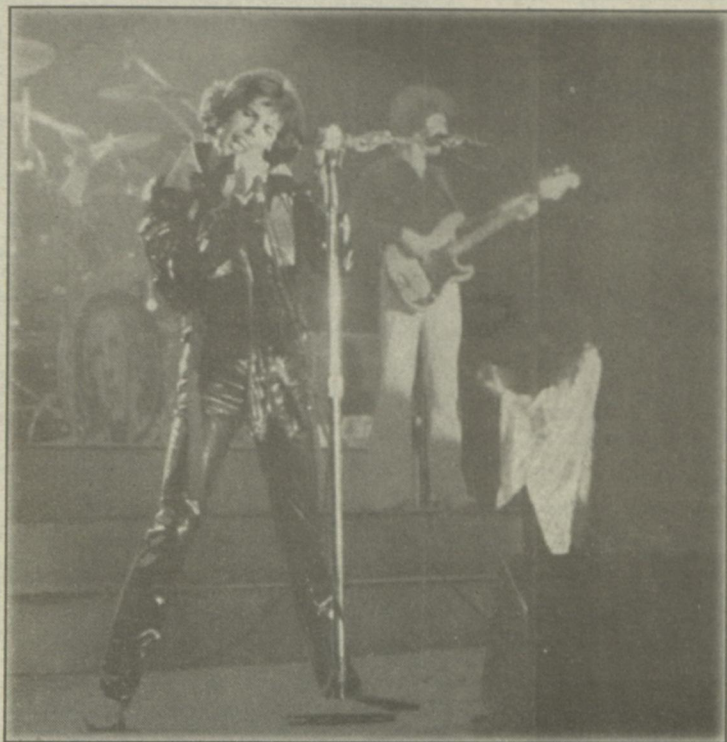
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The top ten sports anthems of all-time



By Chris Ferraro
SPORTS EDITOR

Top Ten lists just seem to be something I enjoy writing. The opportunity to impose my opinion upon unsuspecting readers is always entertaining. So here it is, for better or worse, the top ten best sports anthems.



Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of Queen, is the lone artist to write two songs in the Top Ten best sports anthems.

10 – Queen “We Are The Champions.” When you write a song that is played for every national championship in hometown bars for every sport, then you too will crack this list. The juxtaposition of Freddie Mercury’s soothing introductory verses and the proclamation of eternal greatness makes this one not only momentous for fans, but also a real pleasure to sing along with.

9 – AC/DC “Hell’s Bells.” This is perhaps the finest song to play in that truly pressure situation e.g. the bottom of the ninth, bases loaded, two outs, and up to the plate comes the hometown hero. The striking of the bells brings the crowd to their feet, and immediately the limitless drama of sports is unveiled.

8 – Will Smith “Gettin’ Jiggy With It.” One major reason I had to include the Fresh Prince is because he added a word to the average American’s vocabulary. I just love to sit at a Padres’ game and

watch 6,000 18-23 year olds jump to their feet and dance.

7 – Los Del Rios “Macarena.” Believe me I hate writing that, but when you can completely transform a nation of white men (in the sense of white guys can’t jump, and white guys can’t dance, or do anything cool for that matter) into thinking they can shake their groove thing, you definitely are on to something big. Outside of “Who Let The Dogs Out,” there is no song that changed the world and then left it in the same summer.

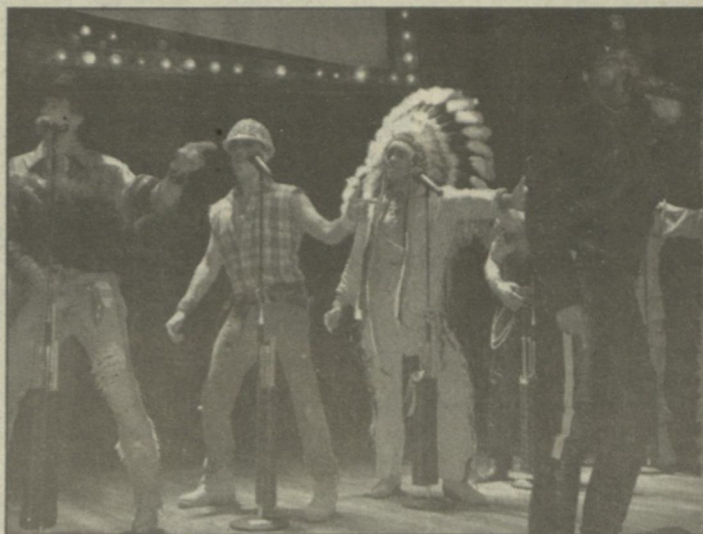
6 – Steam “Na Na Hey Hey (Kiss Him Goodbye).” There is

no better taunt to the opposing team than this track. It makes my inner five year-old want to stick out my tongue and place my fingers to my ears, shaking them as I sing along.

5 – Ozzy Osbourne “Crazy Train.” “All aboooooooard!” sends chills down my spine as I hear that and shredding guitar riff that follows. As a child this was definitely my favorite song to hear at a Los Angeles Kings’ game, and still a classic for me today. The shout from the Prince of

Darkness which comes just seconds into the song is one of the most recognizable sounds in rock today.

4 – Tag Team “Whoomp! There it is.” Words do not do justice to the most ob-



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The Village People top the list with the eternal “Y.M.C.A.” No anthem has quite reached the cult-like status of this disco sensation.

noxious hip-hop track of all-time. I hear hell is actually just listening to Tag Team live concerts for eternity (not Vanilla Ice as some may believe). Nevertheless, it will forever hold a place in the hearts of fans of a great film like “D2: The Mighty Ducks.”

3 – Gary Glitter “Rock N Roll Part 2.” You know, the song without the lyrics except for when everyone yells together

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"Hey!" at the wrong time. I will go out on a limb and say that every single college marching band has played that song at least one time in the last three years. I would also say it has been played in every professional arena or stadium

since the January of 2004. It is just epic, and no other song without words will ever compare. Thankfully.

2 – Queen "We Will Rock You." You almost thought I would forget this one and not have two songs by Queen. Well, I love the cockiness and swagger professional and collegiate sports offers, and no song

quite captivates that like "We Will Rock You." It is straight up telling you that you will lose, and there is nothing you can do about it. Where else are you told "somebody's gonna put you back into your place?" Why will this song last forever? You can play the entire thing completely without instruments. All you need is a few friends who can clap and pound their hands in rhythm, and the sky is the limit.

1 – Village People "Y.M.C.A." Everyone all at once, "Y.M.C.A." It's almost as much fun to do the dance as to actually play at the Y.M.C.A. This is forever going to be the epitome of sports anthems because of the simplicity of both the chorus, and the dance that accompanies it. It's also one of the funniest songs ever, because everyone and their mother think they know the words to the verses. There are too many comedic memories linked to this song to rank any other in front of it.

There you have it, the finest sports anthems of our time. The songs that makes 45-year old women and 12-year old children jump to their feet and dance like absolute fools.

These are also the same compelling tracks that allow for drunk fathers and husbands to stand up and pull their shirts over their heads, revealing a rather unwelcoming sight to thousands of innocent fans via the "Jumbo-Tron." God, I love sports.

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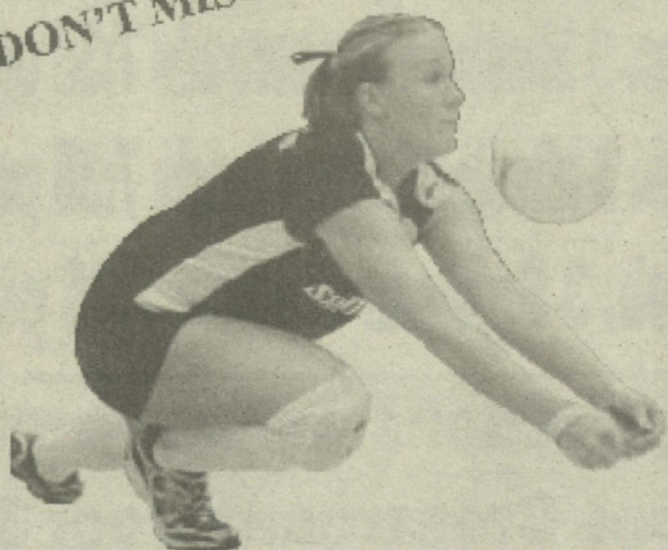
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BCS most appropriate without the C

By Anthony Gentile
STAFF WRITER

For the past six seasons, one constant has remained in Division I-A college football: the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) has major problems. The system to determine who will play for the national championship even has "mid-major" problems this year.

When the BCS was dreamed up and implemented for the 1998 season, it

six years however, it has caused nothing but chaos off the gridiron.

Essentially, the BCS is about money. Each major conference (Pac 10, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC, ACC, Big East) is guaranteed a bid for one of the four BCS bowls, with each game yielding a considerable payout to their participants, which is distributed amongst the schools in their respective conferences through revenue sharing. In addition, the price of the television contract for

ship, a big problem that the BCS looked to amend.

As a result, the system was modified in the off-season, and appeared failsafe heading into 2004. This season, the BCS comprises of the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN Coaches Polls, as well as six computer rankings, each making up one-third of the average. Computer polls were given less weight and the quality win component was removed from the formula.

Despite the changes to the system, the BCS' problems of last year are yet outnumbered by those of this season. It all starts at the worst place possible, the top of the rankings.

A nightmare for the BCS, its top three teams, USC, Oklahoma, and Auburn, enter play this weekend with one loss. As it stands now, the Tigers are on the outside looking in at the national championship picture despite having the credentials worthy of a title contender.

Yes, three at the top this time of year would have been a problem in the old system as well, but it is hard to believe that the Sooners belong any more than Bo Jackson's alma mater does.

Part of the problem lies in the two pre-season polls. Teams are ranked largely based on their performance from the previous year, which this year resulted in Oklahoma steady at the top, and Auburn climbing from unranked to #3. If next year the first polls are not put out until a month into the season, this problem could be avoided, giving teams a chance to prove themselves early without the past dictating the present.

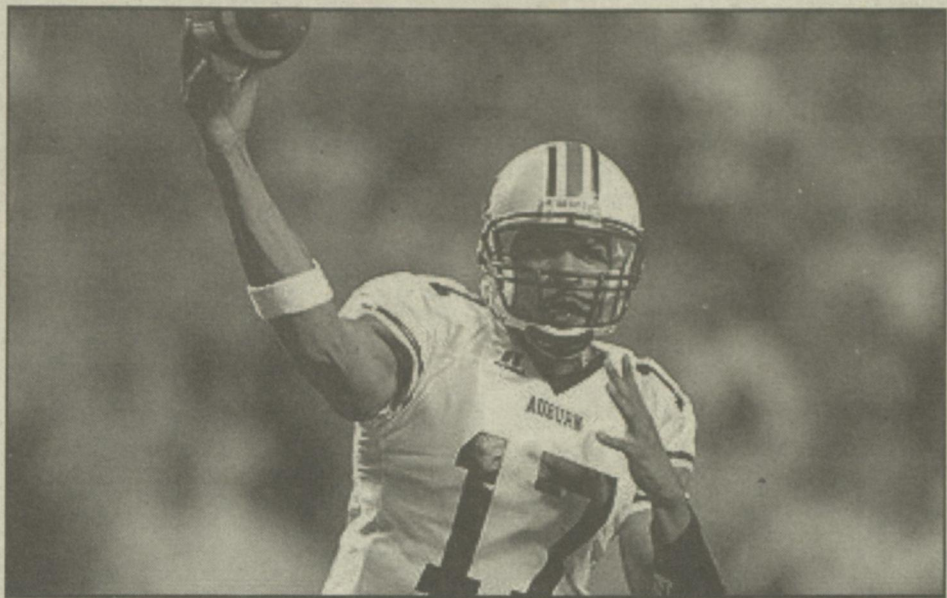
Another prob-

lem deals with mid-majors, schools from non-BCS conferences, such as the Mountain West Conference and Conference USA. This year it appears that undefeated Utah of the Mountain West will play in a BCS bowl, the first school of its kind to do so, a landmark event.

However, mid-majors Louisville and Boise State still have legitimate gripes about being left out of the picture despite both having tremendous seasons. Deserving teams from smaller conferences will watch from campus this New Year's Day, as the depleted Big East Conference sends a mediocre representative to one of the bowls, ensuring the conference about \$14 million.

With important games remaining this weekend, much is still to be decided for the BCS. After the bowl selections are made this weekend, those in the Lone Star State will most likely be discontent with the BCS.

Until an improved or better method emerges, so will be college football fans across the nation.



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Auburn quarterback Jason Campbell has led Auburn to an 11-0 record thus far in the 2004 campaign, yet he and his Tigers find themselves on the outside looking in for this year's BCS Title Game.

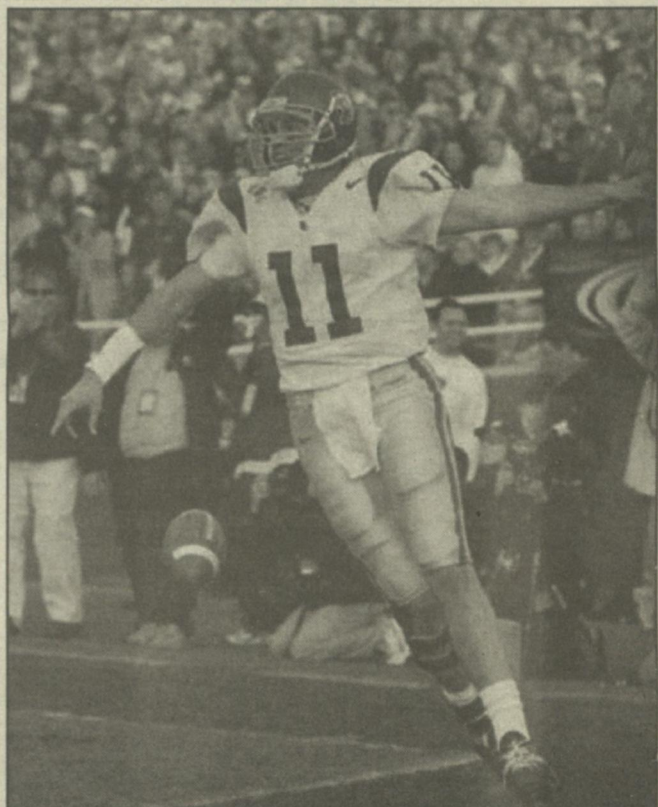
appeared a godsend. Prior to its inception, the national champion "earned" the title based only on opinions of the media and selected coaches. The result was controversy as well as a handful of split national championships over the past few decades.

Many called for a playoff system, similar to that employed in the four lower divisions of college football, which include the Toreros in Division I-AA. However, instead of a postseason tournament, the answer came in the form of the BCS. The goal of the system was to clearly determine which two teams would play for the national championship, enhancing the century-old bowl system in Division I college football, and aiming to end all controversy. In

the games, currently owned by ABC, is very steep. Schools want invitation to one of these four bowl games to boost their program as well as their budget.

Going into the 2003 season, the BCS format had withstood its share of legitimate criticism, still standing. However, it would be in that season that its flaws became most evident.

Last year, the nation saw Oklahoma, who had lost their final regular season game 35-7, as well as Louisiana State ahead of Southern California. Despite being ranked number one in both of the polls, the Trojans found themselves on the outside of the national title picture looking in, playing Michigan in the Rose Bowl. In the end, Louisiana State and USC split the national champion-



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USC Heisman hopeful Matt Leinart hopes to lead his Trojans to the BCS Title game after being left out in 2003.

Men's Basketball starts season at 2-3

By Jen Holm
STAFF WRITER

After a disappointing 2003-2004 season, the men's basketball team left us all wondering: how will this season be? Although it's still early, I feel much more optimistic about 2004-2005. Through the first five games, the Toreros two wins are already half of last seasons monstrous total of four. Both wins were solid with the Toreros stomping UCSD 74-35 and Occidental College 89-53. The three losses were against Cal Poly Pomona and Arizona in the pre-season and a one point loss to San Jose State last week (71-70).

Adding to this year's early success are three key players that sat out last year, some new players and a substantial cast of returns. The lone scholarship player is freshman Gyno Ponare. Ponare is a 6'7" forward from Oceanside, Calif.

where he made second team All State for El Camino High School. Joining him

as newcomers are juniors Michael Kirkpatrick and Michael Shepard. Kirkpatrick is a 5'11" point guard from Germany and played at the College of Eastern Utah, and Shepard is a 6'8" forward from Utah and comes to us from Odessa College. Both are expected to see a good amount of playing time this season.

A group of returners should prove to carry the team this year. They include seniors Brice Vou-

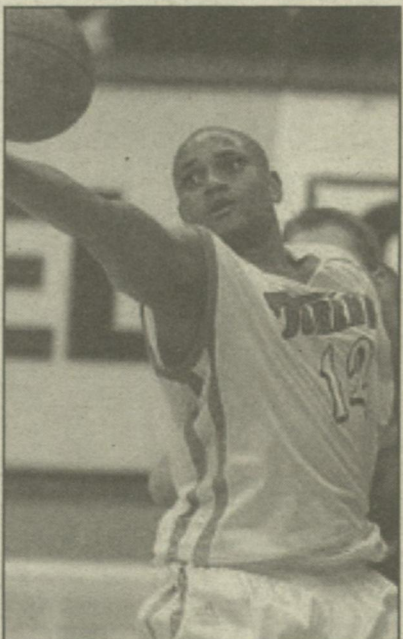
nanang and Brandon Gay. Vounang is a 6'8" center who averaged 16.9 points per game and grabbed 6.8 rebounds per game last season. He was named last year's West Coast Conference Newcomer of the Year and First Team All-WCC. Gay is a 6'8" forward who added 14.3 points and 7.0 rebounds per game last year.

In addition to these two seniors, Brett Melton and Nick Lewis are expected to add to the Toreros this season. Melton is our team's three point expert, sinking 79 last season. Lewis stands at 6'10" and should be one of

the leading rebounders this season. He averaged 5.8 rebounds per game and 11 points per game last season.

As long as the team's chemistry meshes well, they should be competitive in the growing West Coast Conference. After several years of little recognition outside of Gonzaga, the WCC was put on the map early this season when Santa Clara upset then No. 2 North Carolina. With a very competitive league schedule coming in the second half of the season, the Toreros are still optimistic.

The veterans and the newcomers seem to have come together early in the season, and will hopefully carry our team to many more victories than last season. The next games at the Jenny Craig Pavilion will be Wednesday, December 1 at 7:05 p.m. versus San Diego State University, and Monday, December 13 at 7:05 p.m. versus Eastern Washington University.



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