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## Gore urges involvement in government

■ **MEETING:** Vice president visits UCI to commemorate the establishment of a Social Ecology chair.

By Melissa Richardson  
Staff Writer

Vice President Al Gore appeared at UCI's Bren Events Center, joking with the audience and smiling for the cameras. Then he got down to the business at hand - honoring his friends Roger and Janice Johnson, who have donated \$500,000 to the School of Social Ecology to fund the Roger W. and Janice M. Johnson Endowed Chair in Civic Governance and the Social Ecology of Public Management.

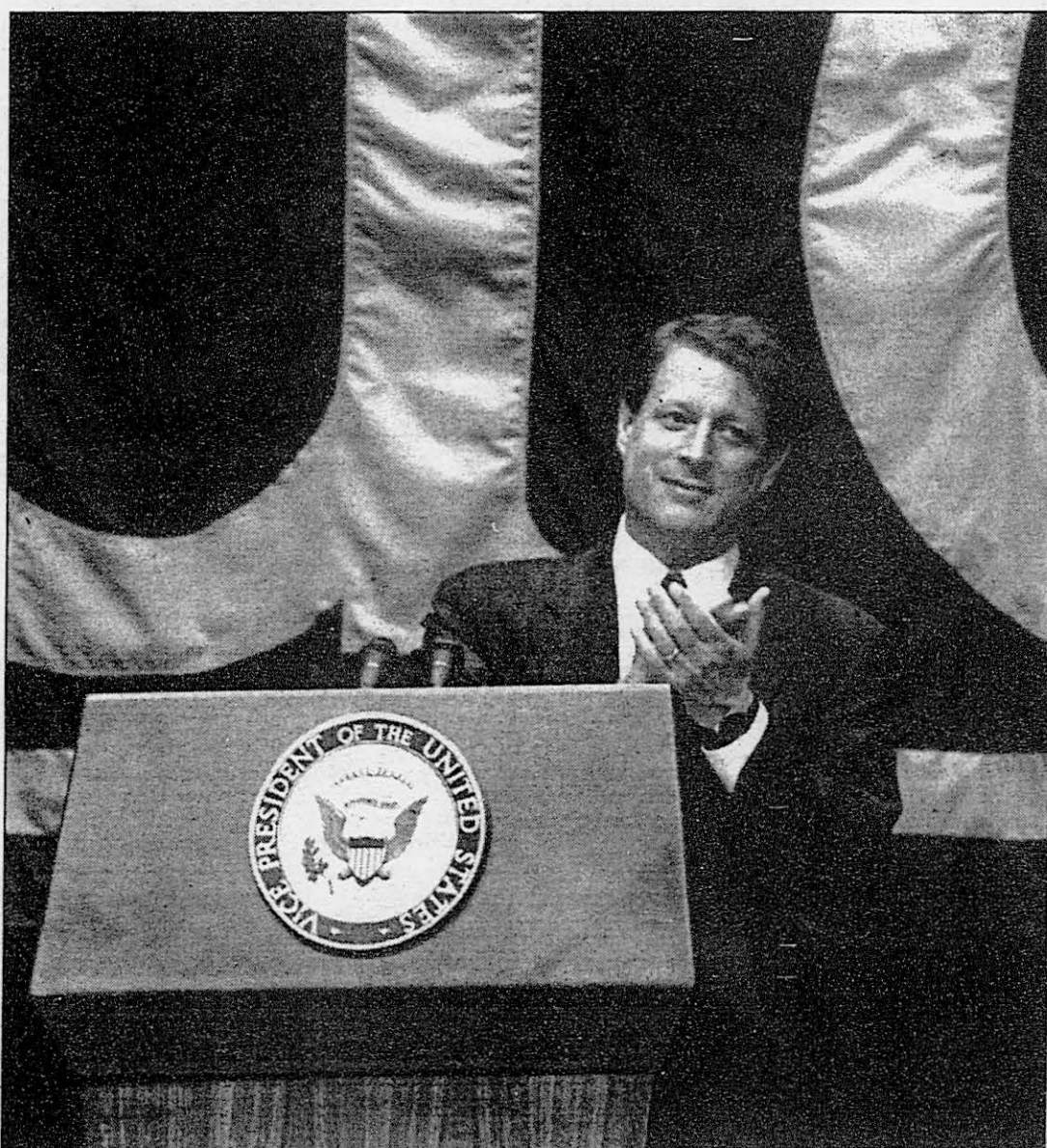
The Vice President made his speech at a town hall meeting, on March 20, which started the discussion that the Johnsons hope to continue through their new chair.

Joking with the audience, Gore told attendees that if they closed their left eye and tilted their head just a bit, the Seal of the Vice President on the podium in front of him almost looked like it said "President of the United States."

After Gore joked that the town hall attendees combined to form the largest audience for a speech on reinventing the government, he quickly became serious about the issue at hand. He told the crowd that they need to bring "the critical issue of public management [to] the forefront of our national agenda."

In his speech, Gore discussed the public opinion survey that analyzes the trust the American people have in the government. Addressing the audience, Gore focussed upon the main question in the survey, "Do you trust the federal government to do the right thing most of the time?"

According to Gore, there was a 77 percent



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At the March 20 meeting, Gore said that the public's involvement in government reflects in public approval of the government.

approval rating for the government in 1962. In the last 30 years, however, the number has fallen to 17 percent. Although the percentage has

increased in recent years, the Vice President

See **ECOLOGY**, page 7

## UCI to offer Humanities scholarship in fall 1998

■ **PROGRAM:** Three incoming freshmen will receive the new scholarship that covers all school expenses for their four-year collegiate term.

By Hyo Kwan

The spring season brings much anticipation to college-bound high school seniors, not only because they have to choose which school they will attend for the next four years, but will also have to decide how to pay for their tuition.

Oftentimes, high-achieving students will find they are not able to attend the college of their choice due to financial reasons. However, an anonymous donation will attempt to alleviate this problem with a \$1 million gift to UC Irvine.

This endowment will establish the Distinguished Honors Scholars Program, which awards students who have achieved outstanding academic distinction and demonstrate financial need.

The first scholarships to be given by the program - covering all college costs for four years - will be received by three incoming freshmen this fall.

"The generosity of this endowment will advance many people measurably over the course of their entire lives," said Roger

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## UC system experiences a major decrease in minority applications

■ **FRESHMEN:** In the first set admissions following the end of affirmative action, UCI admits the most academically qualified incoming class.

By Frank Morales  
Staff Writer

Receiving a record number of applications for fall 1998, UCI has sent out 11,700 acceptance letters to the most academically qualified group of freshman applicants UCI has ever admitted.

According to Manuel Gómez, vice chancellor of Student Services, the incoming fall 1998 class represents the increasing academic stature of

UCI.

"I am very pleased that we were one of the campuses selected as one in the highly selected mode," Gómez said. "It reflects the stature that UCI has received through academics."

Gómez explained that the academically motivated incoming class set new records in GPA and SAT score standings. In comparison to last year's average GPA of 3.84, the admitted students for fall 1998 have reached an average of 3.87. In addition, their average SAT score jumped from 1,189 compared at 1,177 in 1997.

"The average GPA and SAT score usually drop when more students are admitted, but, with a 12.4 percent increase in applications, we were able to select the most accomplished class ever."

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### UC Systems Admissions 1997 and 1998 Comparisons

|                  | Applicants |        | Admits |        | Change  |
|------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|                  | 1998       | 1997   | 1998   | 1997   |         |
| American Indian  | 461        | 405    | 318    | 338    | -5.36%  |
| African American | 2,302      | 2,219  | 1,243  | 1,509  | -17.63% |
| Chicano          | 5,670      | 5,142  | 3,969  | 4,165  | -4.94%  |
| Latino           | 1,948      | 2,000  | 1,325  | 1,520  | -6.88%  |
| Asian American   | 18,983     | 18,975 | 14,427 | 14,421 | 0.0%    |
| White            | 21,769     | 23,263 | 16,109 | 17,680 | -8.89%  |
| Other            | 965        | 1,480  | 656    | 1,051  | -37.58% |
| Decline to State | 8,814      | 2,693  | 6,346  | 2,181  | +191.0% |
| Total            | 60,912     | 56,177 | 44,393 | 42,863 | -3.57%  |

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Seventh annual Zot Trot raises funds for athletics at UCI

With proceeds supporting the UCI Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship/Fellowship Fund and UCI Athletics, UCI's 7th Annual Zot Trot will feature various races for all ages on Apr. 19.

The trot will feature a 5K run/walk, a 10K run and a "Tiny Tot 1K" on campus. The registration fee for the men's and women's 5K run/walk is \$20 per person and the Tiny Tot 1K is \$12 per child.

The top three male and female division winners in the 5K will receive cash prizes and the top three walkers will also receive awards.

Race-day registrations begin at 6:30 a.m. The 5K run/walk will begin at 7:30, followed by the 10K run at 8:30 and the Tiny Tot 1K at

9:30. For more information call Jaime Jaquez at the UCI Alumni Association, (714) 824-3460.

-Frank Morales

## Assemblywoman announces political science scholarship

Assemblywoman Marilyn Brewer announced the availability of 1998 National Conference of State Legislators-Sprint Women's Network scholarship on March 6.

Scholarship applications are available for first-year graduate students pursuing an advanced degree in political science, public policy, or a related field.

The scholarship will be given to four outstanding students at \$2,250 each.

To qualify for the scholarship,

applicants must be a first-year graduate student with a minimum GPA of 3.5 in undergraduate study and must begin their graduate study fall 1998.

For more information regarding the scholarship or to obtain an application, contact Sprint at (800) 796-3464. The deadline for submitting applications is June 23, 1998.

-Frank Morales

## Regents visits future UC Merced campus site

The University of California Board of Regents will visit the site of the planned UC Merced campus on Apr. 15.

The visit will be open to the public and news media. Although this visit is not a business meeting, this visit is unique because it is the first

time the Regents will travel as a group to see the site of the planned campus in the San Joaquin Valley. The visit will begin with a public comment period scheduled for 9:45 a.m. at the Merced College Leshar Library.

Those who wish to participate are encouraged to register in advance by calling the Secretary of the Regents office at (510) 987-9220.

-Frank Morales

## Women's foundation helps welfare dependents gain employment

The Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Foundation will be accepting applications for its Avon Products Foundation Career Empowerment Scholarship for

Adult Women through April 30. This scholarship was designed to help women on welfare or public assistance get jobs.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must be women residents/students of Los Angeles County who are 25 years or older and U.S. citizens who are currently on welfare or have been removed from work in the last 24 months. Among the requirements, they must have plans to enter the workforce after they receive their degree or certificate and be acquiring marketable skills that will increase their economic security.

Application requests must be received by April 10. Forty \$500-\$1,500 scholarships have been created to help women living or going to school in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area who are looking to end their dependence on welfare through a college education.

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## Scientists use chicken eggs for cancer research

**TREATMENT:**  
Beckman Laser Institute scientists hope to reach a drug and laser combination that will treat cancer.

By Frank Morales  
Staff Writer

Currently using the chicken chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) model as a tool for developing cancer treatments, researchers at the Beckman Laser Institute (BLI) are investigating the effects of laser and drug combinations to help treat ovarian and other cancers.

Using the cancerous cells from patients, researchers have developed a way to grow malignant tumors on eggs. Grown on the eggs' membrane and nourished by the eggs' own blood vessels, the tumors are providing researchers with a controlled environment for testing drug therapies and a process called photodynamic therapy, a noninvasive procedure that combines laser treatment with light-sensitive drugs.

"We are trying to use this chicken CAM model as a way to take cancerous tissue from a biopsy of a patient," said Institute Director Michael Burns. "We can then grow this cancerous tissue in an environment where the cancer will continue to grow so we can then try to develop both new diagnostic and treatment approaches to the cancer."

According to Burns, although the process of growing the tumor

on the CAM model is a simple process, determining patterns of drug effects and developing a treatment is a difficult task.

"We can take the tissue from the patient, grow it on this chicken egg model and be able to see what types of treatments with lasers and drugs we could use to kill that cancer."

According to Burns, the CAM model has played a critical role in cancer treatment. At the BLI, with further investigation using the CAM model, researchers are now able to treat human cancer cells.

"I think that, in addition to using this model to develop new treatments with cancer, in the most extrapolated sense, we may actually be able to individualize the treatment for people's tumors," Burns said.

Burns also feels that the CAM model will be an effective tool, enabling doctors to prescribe accurate treatments to patients with cancer.

"We may be able to take some tissue from a particular location, put it on the CAM model and then actually try different combinations of things to see what kills the tumor most effectively," Burns said. "What we discover on that particular tumor gives us a clue as to what we can do with that specific patient."

Although there has been a lot of research done on determining how to use the CAM model to the researchers advantage, Burns claims that the only way to deter-

mine whether or not the treatment will be effective, is to work with human subjects.

Currently receiving approval from the FDA to allow the use of human subjects, Burns said that researchers are now looking at situations where they can actually attain and grow the cancerous tissue from the patient to the egg.

"We finally got the approval and we'll be looking to have certain situations where we can actually get the tissue," Burns said. "Now we have to work out a way of handling the tissue from the human patients and putting it on the CAM model to grow."

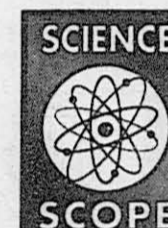
The initial treatments will be done to those patients with cervical cancer only. With this ongoing development, Burns has set goals to be initiated.

"My goals would be, number one, to really develop a good series of methods to be able to get individual biopsies to grow on the CAM model consistently."

"My second objective is to show that we can now effectively treat these individual cancers with some combination of lasers and drugs on the CAM."

"The third objective would be, once we get those results, to go back to the FDA to get approval to be able to treat patients."

According to Burns, there are many advantages to using the CAM model for investigating cancer treatments. He said that even



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## New Humanities theme house to open in fall '98

The 16-person house will group students from different majors in the School of Humanities, giving them an opportunity to interact with classmates of different disciplines.

By Dino E. Buenviaje  
Staff Writer

Residents of Arroyo Vista will be gaining new neighbors in the fall of 1998, as the new Humanities House prepares to open its doors to UCI students.

Sponsored by the School of Humanities, the Humanities House is a 16-person theme house, which will provide students with an intellectual and social environment to share their

experiences as humanities students.

Gail Hart, associate dean of Humanities, and Cathy Smith, senior academic advisor, were responsible for the creation of the Humanities House.

"We always hoped that someone would create the Humanities House, but no one else got around to it," Smith said.

The theme house will offer a spectrum of activities such as

dinner with faculty, discussions,

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**Cathy Smith**  
senior academic advisor

symposia and films throughout the year. Workshops will center on academic success in the various disciplines of the Humanities, career options for Humanities students and preparations for graduate and professional schools.

Symposia will be given by members of faculty and/or graduate students to introduce students to some of the research projects being conducted at UCI or outside the campus. Seniors

in the Humanities Honors Program will also be presenting their senior theses to the residents.

The residents of the Humanities House will hold an annual Coffee Hour for the Humanities Associates, a group of community members who support the Humanities at UCI.

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## Facilities Management tries to prepare UCI for its next bout with El Niño

### CAMPUS:

Officials estimate that the last storm period could cost UCI about \$390,000 in repairs.

By Jennifer Michael  
Staff Writer

As El Niño's last deluge approaches its end, tallies are already being made to assess the damage caused by the infamous visitor. UCI was struck harder than expected and, although the damage was not terrible, it was wide-spread.

According to Bob Curry, director of maintenance and operations in facilities management, the Dec. 6, 1997 flood, the worst of all of the storms, was caused by forces beyond their control. The water

level of the San Diego Creek rose above the level of the outlets for UCI's storm drains. The result was nearly disastrous.

The rise in the water level caused the storm drains to back up and water came out of the drains instead of draining into the creek as it should have. The force of the water was so intense it even lifted the lids off of several manholes. The damage caused by that storm and the other bouts with El Niño was spread throughout the entire campus.

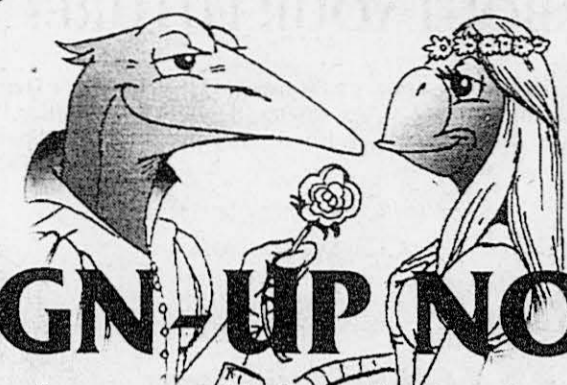
Many buildings were flooded on the first floor and backed up roof drains caused flooding on the second and third stories of several buildings. The water also caused some erosion of UCI's landscape. The most severe damage was done to the wooden basketball court inside the Bren Events Center,

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## Donations support autism research in children at UCI

**RESEARCH:**  
Scientists will work with  
150 children to study  
their behavior and  
make conclusions about  
the cause of autism.

By Jessica Logan

UCI's College of Medicine and School of Social Ecology are currently working together with the support of \$5.8 million total donations in grants from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH) and the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke (NINDS) to study the underlying causes of autism.

Dr. M. Anne Spence, geneticist and professor in the department of pediatrics, will direct three interrelated portions of the study in cooperation with the 10 other institutions to uncover the underlying causes of autism and to define the diagnosis into subcategories.

"The focus of the grant is to understand what happens to the brain, what happens to the behavior and what happens to the genes," said Dr. Moyra Smith, a molecular geneticist and professor of pediatrics.

"We'll study formally 150 children. We'll look at 250 children and select those who fit into the project," Spence said.

"There are certain chromosome regions that could possibly play a role in autism."

According to Smith, she will conduct a genetic test that will expand on a small project attempting to find a specific gene that causes autism. With this project, Smith hopes to distinguish whether or not autism can be inherited.

"There's clear evidence where more than one sibling with different birth histories have autism," Smith said.

"Since the disorder is considered to have several undefined sub-classes, the detection of a signal gene is difficult. The new developments in gene mapping will help to focus the search."

During their studies, Smith said that the research group will investigate and focus on locating certain genes which may carry the disorder. This will determine which family member the disorder is from, eliminating unnecessary testing.

"Which parent may carry the gene seems to be important," Smith said.

In order to understand autism, behavior tests will be given to children to access the specific physical and behavioral manifestations of the disorder.

One test will be a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan of the child's brain. This part of the experiment will be performed and overseen by Dr. Pauline Filipek, a pediatric neurologist and assistant professor in the departments of

pediatrics and neurology. According to Spence, the brain contains two types of matter that send messages allowing the body to function. Currently, research is being conducted to determine the effects of the amount of white and grey matter in the brain.

"These children have more white matter in their brains," said Spence. "But not in really young children, it develops as they age. It seems we're interested how much their brains change as they're going through puberty. Already published studies show differences in their brain. That is what will be established."

The results of this research will determine the onset of puberty improving the symptoms of some people or worsening the effects of the disorder.

According to Dr. Wendy Goldberg, associate professor of psychology and social behavior, while some children never develop the ability to socialize and speak, other children develop normally until pre-school age and then stop their development in a process called regression.

To study this portion of children, Goldberg will study the home videos which captures the children's early development. This study will help recognize the earliest symptoms of regression.

"With some children, [autism is] apparent early on because the child doesn't respond to their environment," Goldberg said. "With regression, they had typical early development, but later lost the verbal and social skill they had. This may be a subtype of autism."

"In the regression study we'll look at how the children differ in behavior from children without autism," Spence said.

"Beyond the scope of the initial study we may help people and their families," Smith said.

According to Smith, autism devastates hundreds of thousands of people and their families every year.

"Autistic children differ in language and social abilities," Spence said.

As an effect, Spence said that the children can not interact with people and do not use toys in conventional ways. Spence also noticed that the children don't make eye contact.

In addition, Spence has also observed that the children have difficulty with language. She also noted that some autistic children are unable to speak. While some children could speak they could often only repeat words without understanding their function.

According to Spence, because so many characteristics fall under the title of autism subcategories, the disorder must be located and be defined in order to fully understand how to treat it.

"There is a wide panorama of autistic disorder," said Dr. Wendy

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## ECOLOGY

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According to sophomore Christina Rahn, president of the Social Ecology Student Association, the new endowed chair will open up opportunities for students in the School of Social Ecology that were previously only available to political science majors.

The Johnsons have been interested in civic governance and public management since Roger Johnson went to Washington, D.C. in 1993 to serve as the administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for President Bill Clinton, where he worked with Vice President Gore.

During his tenure as administrator, Johnson cut \$11 billion from spending controlled by GSA, pared 17 percent from the GSA budget and decreased the staff to 16,000 from 20,000. Yet, as he told the people present at the town hall meeting, professional management for government was not politically important.

"There was no political interest in changing that situation," Johnson said.

He resigned in 1996 due to "frustration and anger," wanting to find different ways to reform all levels of government. According to the two

panels present at the town meeting, no progress can be made until the American population has more confidence in their government.

When asked why the couple chose UCI as the recipient of the donation, Johnson praised the academic promise of the School of Social Ecology.

"We wanted an atmosphere where people such as I by the hundreds would come, not because they were business people, but because they were interested in government," Roger Johnson said.

An endowed chair is an honorary title rather than an administrative one. According to Dan Stokols, School of Social Ecology dean, the individual who becomes the chair will be a regular faculty member who will receive extra money every year to do added research. The principal amount that is donated by the Johnsons is set aside and allowed to accrue interest. Each year the interest is given to the endowed chair to use in their research in the fields specified by the Johnsons.

The chair is expected to be filled during the 1998-99 school year. The Executive Vice Chancellor's Office is in charge of the candidate review process. Their recommendation will be made to the Executive Vice Chair who will then appoint the new endowed chair.

According to Stokols, an official job description will be determined when the committee starts the search for the new chair.

"The endowment really provides a way to recruit a distinguished scholar by offering this research support above and beyond their salary," Stokols said.

Stokols maintains that there are not many endowed chairs because they require a major funding commitment by an outside donor. There is currently only one other endowed chair in the School of Social Ecology.

"The beauty of having a management program in the School of Social Ecology is that, whether students major in management or an area such as criminology or urban planning, they will be exposed to a variety of policy issues as they learn management techniques," Johnson

said. "They won't have to wait until they're in government jobs to find out

how to apply their knowledge about management to the process of implementing policy."

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## ADMISSIONS

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Gómez said. "UCI is in the big leagues now—we're attracting more of the highest achieving students than ever before."

With 19,288 students attempting to receive admissions at UCI in fall 1998, the selected 11,700 admitted students have until May 1 to make a decision. Students must indicate their "intent to register" to only one university they plan to attend in 1998.

Gómez said that out of this large group, UCI expects only 3,000 freshmen to enroll marking an increase of 300 over last year.

"Our admissions staff will be working very hard over the next six weeks to make contact with our admitted students and their families to encourage them to further explore the academic opportunities available at UCI."

Setting a precedent, the selected incoming freshmen for fall 1998 are the first undergraduates admitted under UC Regents' Resolution SP-1 and the voter-approved Proposition 209, which eliminated the use of race, ethnicity and gender as considerations for admissions.

At a first look at UC admissions in the post-affirmative action era, three

campuses reported up to 45 percent drops in the number of Blacks and Latinos admitted as freshman for fall 1998.

UCI, UC San Diego and UC Davis showed dramatic declines in minority acceptances. Gómez said although the number of minority student applications increased this year, the fall-off in admissions ranged from an 8.6 percent drop among Latinos at UCI to a 45 percent drop in the number of African Americans admitted to UC San Diego.

"This is not the final picture," Gómez said. "These are admission numbers, not enrollment."

Latino admissions declined by 20 percent at Davis and 31 percent at San Diego. The number of African Americans students admitted declined 36 percent at Davis and 19 percent at Irvine.

At a first look at UC admissions in the post-affirmative action era, three

In addition, Gómez explained that many of the applicants did not check the ethnicity box, leaving an unclear picture as to the numbers on ethnic identity and the diversity of the next class.

"We have no way of knowing how the statistics on ethnicity would change if more students had answered this question."

According to Gómez, UCI has implemented a more comprehensive

admissions process this year to help the university maintain its diverse population while also preserving high academic standards.

"We're taking a more insightful look at individual characteristics of applicants," Gómez said. "Academic achievement is as important as ever, but now we're giving essays more attention and taking a closer look at personal accomplishments and hardships students may have overcome."

### UC Admissions

|                   | Irvine |       |         | Berkeley |       |         | Los Angeles |       |         |
|-------------------|--------|-------|---------|----------|-------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|
|                   | 1997   | 1998  | Change  | 1997     | 1998  | Change  | 1997        | 1998  | Change  |
| African American  | 303    | 246   | -19.0%  | 488      | 280   | -42.6%  | 562         | 191   | -66.0%  |
| American Indian   | 66     | 57    | -14.0%  | 81       | 46    | -43.2%  | 69          | 27    | -60.8%  |
| Latino            | 1,412  | 1,291 | -8.6%   | 1,497    | 1,001 | -33.1%  | 1,266       | 600   | -52.6%  |
| Asian American    | 5,389  | 5,309 | -1.5%   | 4,154    | 4,187 | +0.8%   | 2,925       | 2,998 | +2.4%   |
| White             | 3,770  | 3,375 | -10.0%  | 3,383    | 3,209 | -5.1%   | 2,725       | 2,674 | -1.8%   |
| Declined to State | 442    | 1,423 | +222.0% | 569      | 1,463 | +157.1% | 496         | 1,237 | +149.4% |

## AUTISM

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Goldberg, associate professor of psychology and social behavior.

"We're looking to put them into slightly more defined packages," Spence said.

The nationally funded push to discover the causes of autism comes after tests were recently developed to access autism and recent advancements in gene mapping.

"The initiative from NIH was to fund different institutions to make sure they cooperate and collaborate to proceed as quickly as possible," Spence said.

"Our hope is that if we can understand a defect, we can find a solution," Smith said.

## HONORS

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McWilliams, professor of physics and astronomy and director of UCI's Campuswide Honors Program (CHP).

The scholarship will not only cover tuition costs, but also student fees, books, materials, room and board and transportation. This will allow high-achieving students the opportunity to further their education without any financial obligations.

This scholarship differs from others given by UCI not only by the completeness of its financial award, but also because it does not have an application process. This will limit the tremendous amount of paper work incoming freshmen already have to deal with.

"The donor's dedication helps students come to college and pursue a university education," said Audrey Devore, director of the scholarship opportunity program, and associate director of CHP.

"[The donor] has faith that a public university will produce exceptional students who will give back to UCI."

This program will not only award incoming freshmen, but will also consider undergraduates currently enrolled at UCI who scored within the top two percentile on their SATs within the last five years. The student, however, must also demonstrate need for complete financial aid.

Scholarship recipients must maintain a high standard of academic performance each quarter in order to remain eligible.

In an era where top colleges have engaged in sweeping financial aid reform in order to attract the best possible students, McWilliams maintains this donation should help keep UCI competitive.

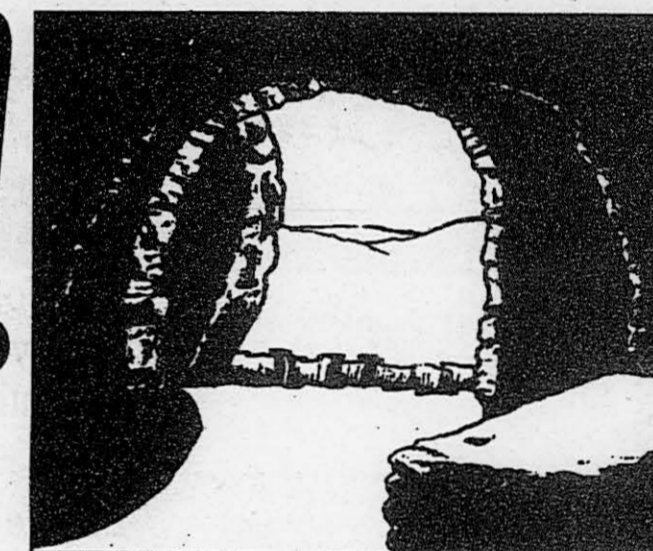
"This endowment will be tremendously beneficial for outstanding students who could not afford to attend UCI without financial assistance," McWilliams said.

Students who qualify for this scholarship will be notified before the May 1 Statement of Intent deadline; however the specific notification date has not yet been determined. Students will then have a period to decide whether they would like to accept the scholarship and attend UCI.

"This gift represents philanthropy at its very best," Chancellor Laurel L. Wilkening said.

"Although the donors will remain anonymous, their heartfelt generosity will touch the lives of students in a very visible and positive way for many years to come."

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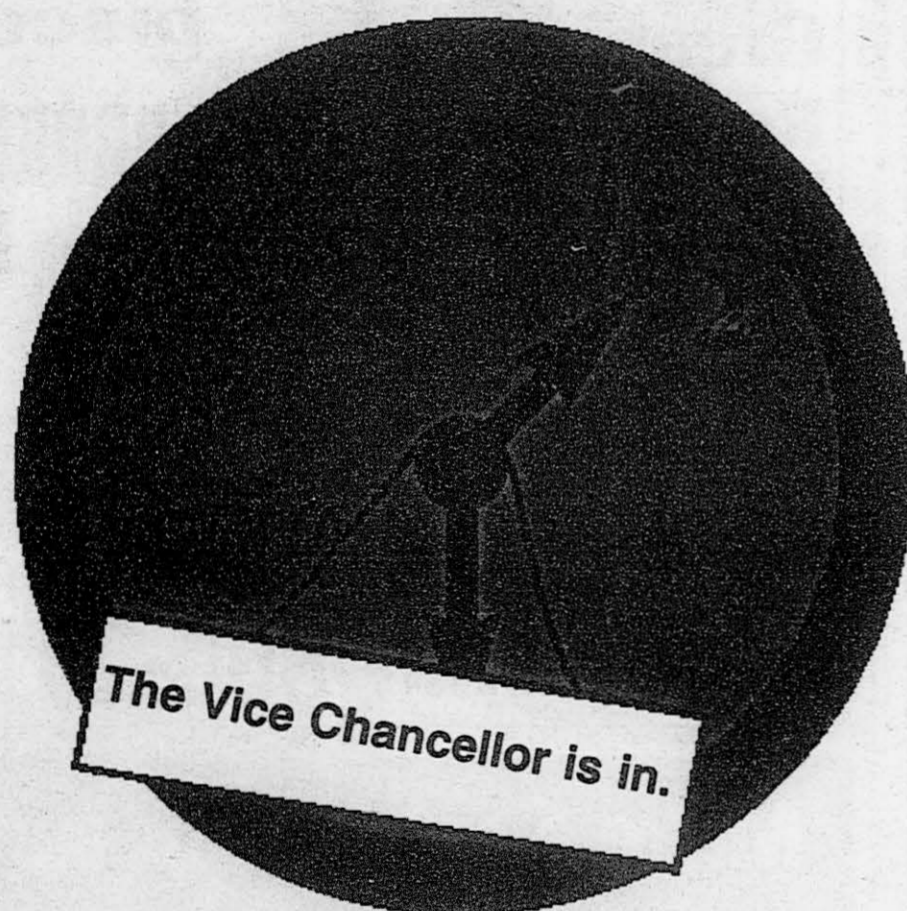
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## Wednesday, April 15

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|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| EngiTech '98 Career Fair | Ring Road     | 9:00 - 3:00  |
| Egg Drop                 | Eng. Plaza    | 10:00-11:00  |
| Pinewood Derby           | Eng. Plaza    | 11:00-12:00  |
| Popsicle Bridge          | Gateway Plaza | 11:00 - 1:00 |
| Tight Rope Walker        | Ring Road     | 12:00 - 1:00 |
| Rube Goldberg            | Eng. Plaza    | 1:00 - 2:00  |
| Nerd Contest             | Eng. Plaza    | 1:00 - 2:00  |

## Thursday, April 16

|           |         |             |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Car Rally | Lot 18c | 5:00 - 7:00 |
|-----------|---------|-------------|

## Friday, April 17

|                |                 |              |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| E-Week Banquet | University Club | 6:00 pm      |
| Broomball      | Ice Chalet      | 11 pm - 1 am |

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## CANCER

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though the CAM model is a very inexpensive tool, the important key is to recognize the use of chicken eggs rather than live animal testing.

"It is a very nice model that does not require testing on live animals and is very inexpensive," Burns said.

"This CAM model provides a very big tool for cancer research. We don't need very expensive animal models to perform clinical research," said BLI assistant researcher Zhongping Chen.

Even though the CAM model was discovered 10 years ago, Burns said that there are very few institutions using it in cancer research.

Burns explains that the BLI is the only institute that is attempting to individualize the treatment.

"There are other places that are looking at lasers and drugs to treat cancer," Burns said. "There are probably only one or two other institutions in the world that are using the CAM model like we are; I mean trying to individualize the treatment."

According to Burns, the institute intends to continue pursuing such research on both basic and clinical levels.

"The Institute's cancer treatment and detection program has made major advances over the past two years particularly because of the close clinical researchers."

## EL NIÑO

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which could potentially cost thousands of dollars to replace.

Even after the fury of these storms swept through the campus and after the raging waters drained away, UCI was lucky. Soaked carpets were cleaned up and dried out and the mud and debris around campus was removed. Ceiling tiles

in some buildings had to be replaced but, all together, damage was minimal compared to what it potentially could have been.

Some of the buildings flooded in these storm were the Student Center, the Gateway Commons, the Graduate School of Management, Humanities Hall, the Main Library, the Science Library and the Bren Events Center.

According to Robert Ameele, the associate director of housing for undergraduate resident life, a number of on-campus houses were also flooded. Arroyo Vista, Middle Earth and Mesa Court experienced some amount of flooding, affecting residents on the first floors of some buildings.

"We got wonderful help from the students," Ameele said. "The best comes out in a lot of people in situa-

tions like this."

Ameele said that there is some disaster training for residents, but it is typically for earthquakes and wildfires, events that UCI has been no stranger to. Floods are somewhat of a foreign visitor to UCI.

Carolyn Starow, the associate director of Environmental Health and Safety, agreed with Ameele.

"It was a very unusual event," Starow said.

According to Mark Tuchman,

the director of the Student Center, erosion areas were sandbagged and drains were cleaned out, but it still was not enough.

"A lot of the preventative measures that they took were good and would have worked if we had not had extensive flooding," Starow said.

According to Starow, the damage from these storms can cost UCI up to \$390,000, depending on the status of the wood floor in the

Bren Events Center, which will not be known for a couple of months.

The University has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an independent agency of the federal government, to be reimbursed for all the costs relating to the damage caused by the storms.

"Considering how much rain we've had, I think we've done very well," Tuchman said.



The Dec. 6 storm caused the flooding of drains on West Peltason, between Mesa and Campus.

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# NEW UNIVERSITY FEATURES

April 6, 1998

## Where the spring breakers roam...

thoughts of school far from their minds, students head to Mexico in search of sunshine, parties and a way to fully experience their time away from classes

**M**ade popular by its reputation for warm weather and its laid-back atmosphere, Rosarito, Mexico serves as an ideal spring break spot for college kids who wish to relax and forget the woes of school.

With fun as our only goal, my friends and I headed south during the first week of spring break to join the party-seeking multitudes. The result of our sojourn went something like this:

There were 11 people in my group — Breigh Decker, Peter Osterkamp and I came from UCI, seven guys came from the University of Oregon and my boyfriend, Jory Wolf, was the loner from Berkeley.

We caravaned down to Mexico from San Diego on the morning of March 23 to begin the party that lasted three sunny days and two wild nights. Rosarito provided the perfect atmosphere to leave school and finals behind for awhile.

We took it nice and easy during the day by the pool and partied hard every night. I stayed at the Rosarito Beach Hotel, along with about a million

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## Tugging on the bra straps of adulthood

I got my first training bra when I was in the fifth grade.

I was probably one of the first girls in my class to actually need a bra. I remember going to a pool party at my friend Karen's house. I was decked out in a brand-new bathing suit and excited to see my girlfriends.

"Wow, cute bathing suit," they said. "You have big boobs."

I wanted to die.

Puberty was one of the single most traumatic experiences of my life. I cursed my "early bloomer" genes and the embarrassment they brought me.

And I did what any good little Catholic girl would do when forced

to deal with unpleasant situations.

"God, please don't let me grow up. I don't want to grow anymore. I don't want to grow up," I whispered every night before I went to bed.

As a result, I am now 5'1", with what may seem to be the same chest size I had in junior high; my manicurist was shocked when she found out that I'm actually old enough to have my driver's license; GAP employees have suggested I shop at GAP Kids and my guy friends often use my head as an armrest.

Be careful what you wish for, right?

The funny thing is I believe I was

### In This Chamber

MICHAELA  
BALASAR

very careful. The wish I made in the fifth grade was probably the most earnest, sincere plea I ever uttered.

Growing up scares me. I'm beginning to realize I don't have much time left before I start to tune my car radio to easy listening stations, go to bed before 10 p.m. and put money aside in increments so I can play golf in Florida one day.

Time moves at a surprising rate and would almost escape perception if it weren't for one thing:

Spring quarter.

Spring quarter is one big reality check. Not only does it leave you trying to figure out where the past year went and why it sped by so

quickly, but you also find yourself saying good-bye as friends move on — graduating, going home or getting older. You find yourself listening to stories about people you went to high school with, people your age who are now engaged and having children.

And you find yourself thinking about your own future and where you are heading, if you feel you are going anywhere at all.

I don't believe anyone really knows where they will end up. They may have an idea, they may have a goal, but there is no absolute certainty until they actually reach that place.

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## Essay contest honors humanities professor

Howard Babb is remembered for his commitment to the teaching of literature

By Jennifer Michael  
Staff Writer

Spring time is a time of rebirth, but it is also a time for remembrance of a passionate man who dedicated his life to the little details. As the deadline for the Howard Babb Memorial Essay Contest approaches, people still remember Babb with respect.

According to Edgar Schell, a professor in the Department of English and Comparative Literature and Babb's close friend, Howard Babb was one of the original members of the department. He also served as its chair from 1968 through 1971 and from 1975 through 1977. Schell also remembers Babb's passion.

"I remember him best in full explosion over some act of carelessness or inattention because he was passionately concerned about literature, about writing and about teaching," Schell recalled.

Schell pointed out that Babb's outbursts were loud and profane, although maybe not by contemporary standards. They were, however, without malice or pettiness, and they were quickly forgotten by both Babb and those at whom his anger was directed.

Details were the focus of Babb's

passion. Technical mistakes such as maintaining the distinction between restrictive and non-restrictive clauses, avoiding comma splice, reading clearly and accurately and avoiding pretentiousness were all things that mattered to Babb because they were manifestations of responsible and mature behavior, or its absence.

Schell recalled that Babb was especially interested in fiction and stylistics. He published books on Jane Austen, William Golding and on the Prague School of Literary Theorists.

When Howard Babb died of a heart attack while swimming at Newport Beach in 1978, he was at work on a book about first-person narration.

Since then, the Department of English and Comparative Literature has created an essay contest in his name and also kept the writing center in the Humanities Office Building to keep his memory alive, even after many of those who knew him have gone on to retire.

Essays can be submitted to the Department of English and Comparative Literature and the topic should relate in some way to literature. Essays can also be written in a foreign language, but an English translation must also be provided. There are no length requirements and the essays will be evaluated based on the quality of writing.

The deadline for the contest is Tuesday, April 14, by 4 p.m. The winner will be announced May 1 and will be awarded \$100.

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1. Outstanding Faculty/Staff
2. Student Humanitarian
3. Student Service Organization

Deadline for Nominations: Friday, April 10, 1998  
Recipients will be awarded recognition during the In Pursuit of Peace Symposium dinner to be held on Wednesday evening April 22.

Acknowledge a special Ant eater by completing a nomination form.  
Pick up your form at the front desk of ASUCI or at the information desk in the lobby of Administration.



Award Recipients will be recognized at the  
**In Pursuit of Peace Symposium**  
April 22, 1998

## ROSARITO

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other spring breakers.

"Time doesn't matter when you're on vacation in Mexico," Peter said, as he gladly took off his watch.

We headed over to Rock & Roll Taco, a popular bar with an outdoor pool and deck area located next to our hotel, and spent our first afternoon lounging outside, munching on nachos and sipping strawberry margaritas.

"This is a cute place," Breigh said. "It's nice and relaxing."

It seemed like most everyone vacationing in Rosarito was completely at ease and ready to have a good time. The majority of the tourists were college-aged people enjoying their spring break in a place custom-tailored to our definition of fun.

Every day, there was lots of drinking, eating and swimming as we relaxed and enjoyed the sun. We took afternoon siestas each day around 4 p.m. so that we would be fresh for the night life.

The night life — it was all about a bar called Papas & Beer.

Papas was jam-packed with partiers both nights we were there.

Finding room on the dance floor was nearly as impossible as getting close to the bar.

Jory sent me to the bar to buy the drinks.

"You'll have better luck getting the bartender's attention," Jory said.

He was right.

When I finally came up for air at the bar's edge after squeezing

**It seemed like most everyone vacationing in Rosarito was completely at ease and ready to have a good time.**

through the crowd, I waved a 10 dollar bill high above my head to flag down one of the bartenders. I ordered a strawberry margarita and a screaming orgasm.

The bartender reached out and held my chin.

"Anything for you *mi amor*," the bartender said.

The bar crowd swelled behind me.

The scene was alive with

motion. Bodies bounced and swayed together to heart-thumping R & B and techno beats. Under the glow of the stars and the heat of the tiki torches that were part of Papas & Beer's tropical outdoor atmosphere, people danced, drank and got down.

We danced until 2 a.m., mingling with people from UC Santa Barbara, UCLA, UC Davis, Santa Clara, Stanford, Berkeley and Chico State.

Some took breaks from the dance floor or the bar to go sit at one of the many "makeout" fire pits, as my friends and I appropriately dubbed them. By 1 a.m., there were people getting to know each other all over the place.

Wild nights seek no dawns, as

we soon learned.

During our last night in Mexico, Jory, Breigh, Peter and I took a 15-minute drive to Puerto

Nuevo — a town famous for its inexpensive but tasty lobster — to have dinner before heading back to Papas & Beer for the evening.

The dinner we had in Puerto Nuevo was my favorite. The slightly greasy tortillas, rice, beans and fresh lobster were delicious. After we finished eating, I was anxious to return to Papas & Beer to dance off my dinner.

After all, vacations are all about indulgence.

"I want to make this an annual thing," Jory said. "Same time, same place, next year."

His suggestion on the dance floor at Papas & Beer sounded like a good idea to me, both then and now.

I'm ready to go back.



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In the tradition of other spring breakers, Breigh, Peter, Deanne and Jory take advantage of Rosarito's night life at one of the town's local clubs.

## Get the FACTS!

### 1998-99 On-Campus Housing

#### Campus Village

**April 13\*** Campus Village Year Round and Academic Year contracts will be available in the Campus Village Housing Office for current Campus Village residents only.†

*\*This will be the only day that current CV residents are guaranteed to receive a Campus Village contract.*

**April 15** Deadline for returning contracts from current Campus Village residents. \*\*

**April 18** Contracts for the remaining spaces in Campus Village will be available, beginning at 3:00 p.m., in the Campus Village Housing Office for all currently enrolled UCI undergraduates under the age of 25. Year Round and Academic Year contracts will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.†

**April 24** Deadline for returning contracts for Campus Village's remaining spaces. \*\*



#### Arroyo Vista

**April 13** Arroyo Vista will begin issuing contracts to students whose applications have been approved by the academic committee.†

**April 24** Deadline for returning Arroyo Vista contracts. \*\*



#### Middle Earth and Mesa Court Residence Halls (450 spaces available for Continuing UCI Students)

**April 6** Residence Hall lottery forms will be available in all complex housing offices, the Housing Office in 209 Administration and Housing Administrative Services. Students must complete a lottery form if interested in living in the Residence Halls.

**April 8** Deadline for Residence Hall lottery forms to Housing Administrative Services by 5:00pm.

**April 13** Lottery results will be posted in all complex housing offices, the Housing Office in 209 Administration, and Housing Administrative Services by 9:00 a.m. Lottery winners pick up a Residence Hall contract in Housing Administrative Services.†

**April 20** Deadline for returning all Residence Hall contracts.\*\*

† Each student must pick up and return his/her own contract.

\*\* Return your completed contract, occupancy form, personal information form, room selection card, and reservation fee to Housing Administrative Services. All contract materials must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on the date stamped in the upper right corner of the contract. You must submit your housing contract in person and will be required to show a valid UCI student ID card.

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That damned cat. I'm sorry Ken, he's a regular Jacques Cousteau. I just can't seem to keep him away from the water this time of year.

Perhaps you misunderstand. Your cat, along with a large rock, and about three and a half feet of duct tape, are in my swimming pool.

Hmm. I don't recall using that much duct tape... are you sure it's my cat?

#### Angus & Flossie's

## Horrible Scope

**Aries (March 20 - April 19):**  
It's birthday time and Mercury has a present for you — a fat-ass retrograde that will make you even more fidgety and noncommittal than you already are! Oh, joy! This week, you will flake on all your friends, insult your boss and kick your dog. As a result, you will have to buy Head & Shoulders, your friends will torch your house, your boss will lose your paycheck and your dog will poop on your favorite pair of jeans. Happy Easter!

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20):**  
Venus has you feeling very inspired and enlightened as you ease your way out of spring break with grace, precision and a disgustingly happy look on your face. Perhaps you are still fantasizing about a mysterious stranger who recently passed through your life (and maybe through a few other things as well). This month is all about positive energy, so keep ingesting St. John's Wort, listening to Enya and lighting prayer candles. It's a good thing.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20):**  
You want answers and you want them now. Buy a Magic Eightball. They make them in key-chain size. How convenient.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22):**  
You have been a sailor on stormy seas during the last few days. This week will bring you calmer waters, but it looks as though it will be awhile before you can drop your anchor again. In fact, the voyage you have chosen to undertake is so long that you may run out of rations and find yourself eyeing a shipmate's thigh. Take heart: anything tastes good with salt. (Don't you love metaphors — especially the extended ones?)

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22):**  
As of late, your love-life has become comparable to a week-old, open can of flat diet RC Cola that no one but really drunk people who need something to chase Tequila shots can stomach. In other words, romance is stale and only the incoherent, funky-smelling people who laugh at their own jokes are hitting on you. Focus on intellectual pursuits and ignore the unintellectual pursuants.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):**  
Someone in each of your classes will pass gas. And it will be SBD-style — silent but deadly. This is going to suck. Are you surprised? Why should you expect any less?

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):**  
This past weekend has been both physically and emotionally draining. Guess what? The source of your fatigue isn't going to go away. In fact, it doesn't look like you're going to get any relief for several months. In the meantime, try a high-fiber diet and stick post-it notes with encouraging quotes on your bathroom mirror. Don't worry — fiber doesn't cause diarrhea... in most people.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):**  
Does the phrase "spring cleaning" mean anything to you? We know it's not your mess, but you need to initiate the action. Threaten to lock a filth-building roommate in a tiny closet with 12 super-bouncy balls pelling him/her full force from all directions. And then make the slob watch the new Barney movie. Show no mercy.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):**  
With Mercury in retrograde, emphasis lies on your history — past ideas, past friendships, past lovers. You find yourself getting sentimental. What the hell is wrong with you? You're acting like your fighting spirit and carefree attitude has been sucked away by huge green leeches that spontaneously appear in puddles

of acid rain left in the wake of El Niño. Quit being such a pansy-ass and do something. We suggest cross-stitching.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 22):**  
Here's a fun idea: see if you can find a single human being who likes the Oscar Meyer hot dogs with the cheese in the middle. Good luck.

**Aquarius (Jan. 23 - Feb. 18):**  
Easter is your time of the year, and we find you frolicking with chicks and bunnies. You have quite an affection for small, random animals that look cuddly but actually poop a lot and eat paper. Be careful, though — your little backyard friends may grow jealous when a potential soulmate enters your life at the end of this week.

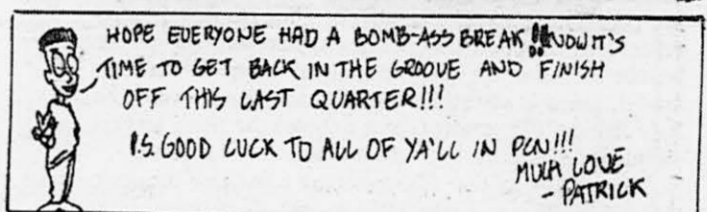
**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19):**  
Perhaps you are not quite as single as you were one or two weeks ago. You have either (1) discovered the joys of obsessing over an object of lust you know you will never get close to but plan to devote your entire existence to anyway; or (3) discovered the joys of growing an extra limb. Whatever the case, have fun.

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#### FISH OUT OF WATER by Patrick Ballesteros



#### SPRING BREAK WEEK 2 (FISH OUT OF WATER STYLE)



## Affirmative action programs should remain banned



Recently released admissions figures from throughout the UC system threaten to once again reignite the debate over affirmative action. Last week, UC officials announced significantly fewer African Americans, Latinos and American Indian high school seniors were admitted to the UC system this year.

UCLA and UC Berkeley reported a sharp decline, with 66 percent fewer African Americans admitted to Berkeley and 43 percent fewer to UCLA. Similar declines in admissions exist for both Latinos and American Indians at Berkeley and UCLA.

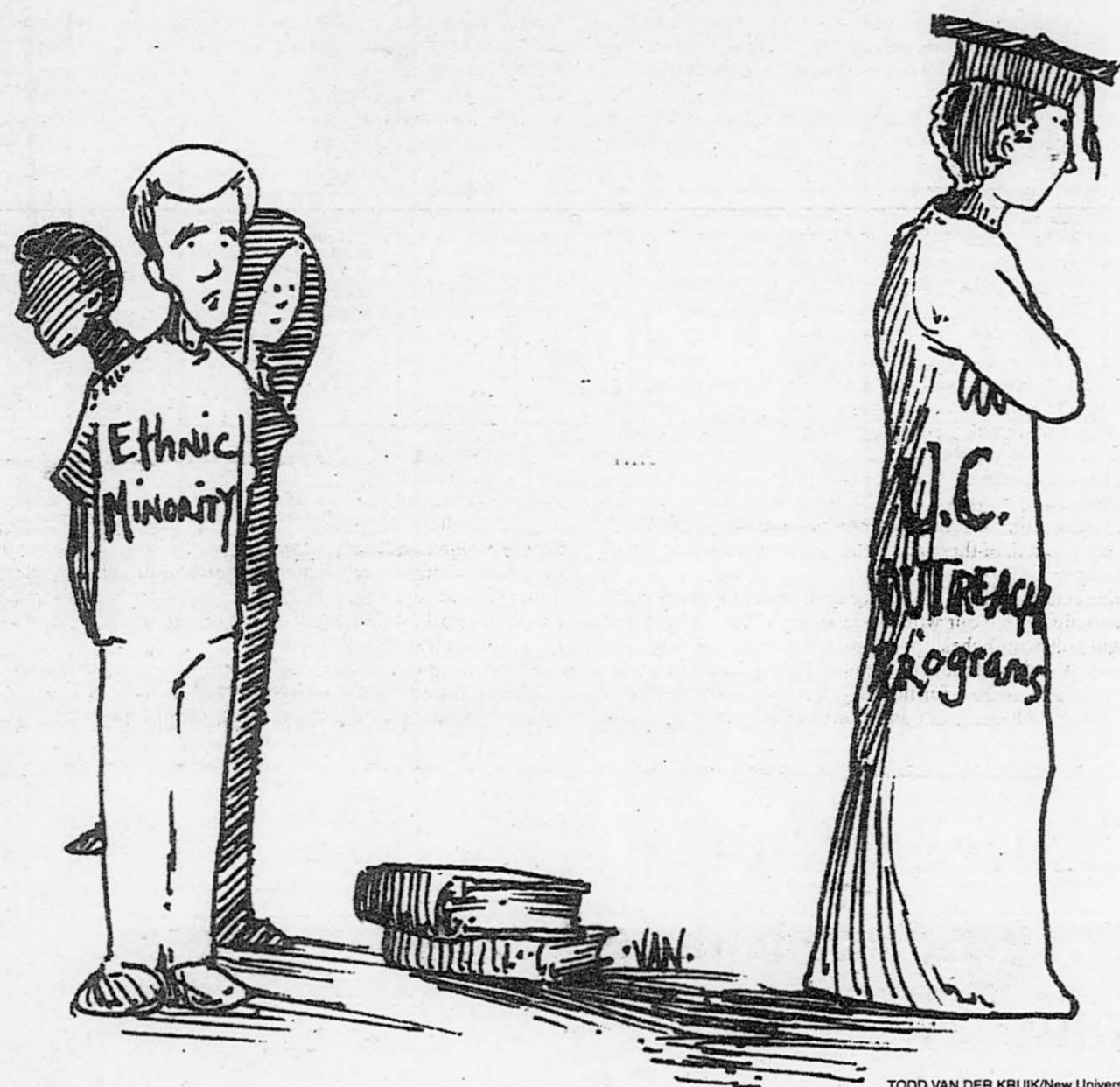
Smaller but comparable decreases occurred at UC San Diego, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, and even at UCI, where 8.6 percent fewer African American and 19 percent fewer Latino applicants were accepted.

Proponents of affirmative action claim these numbers prove the necessity of affirmative action programs, which give special admissions privileges to "underrepresented" minorities. These programs were eliminated by the UC Regents in 1995 and by the passage of Proposition 209 in 1996.

These numbers are only preliminary, however. While the drop of minority admissions is very high at the UC's most prestigious schools, the decline is much less drastic system-wide. UC schools admitted 17.63 percent fewer African Americans this year than last. The drop for Latino and American Indian students was even smaller: 6.88 and 5.36 percent, respectively.

Furthermore, the students who took the place of these underrepresented minorities turned out to be not white and Asian students. The number of white students accepted actually dropped 8.89 percent system-wide, while the number of Asian applicants remained the same. Students who declined to state their ethnicity actually increased an astonishing 191 percent, and became the third largest "ethnicity" category, behind white and Asian students.

What ethnicity these students are remains a mystery. At UCLA, officials suggest that roughly 80 percent of students who failed to check off any ethnicity box on the UC application are actually white and Asian students. Some UC Regents are unsure, and have proposed further study. It should also be pointed out that these figures only represent the total number of students who were accepted into UC schools; the majority of next year's potential freshmen have more than one school to which they were accepted. Most high school seniors who apply to the UC system on average apply to at least three UC campuses. This does not even account for other private and public universities across the nation.



TODD VAN DER KRIJK/New University

It must be stressed that affirmative action programs allowed minority students to be accepted at Berkeley and

UCLA, while white and Asian students with the same grades and SAT scores were rejected. Whether the "underrepresented" students were from poorer areas was not considered. Consequently, African American, Latino and American Indian students were granted admission at the most prestigious UC campuses based significantly on race.

The new criteria for admissions is fairer for all students. Fifty percent of all students admitted are accepted based solely on academic performance. Other students are accepted on a combination of academic ability and socioeconomic conditions. This allows students, from all races, who

come from high schools with few academic resources a chance at admission. We understand the built-in advantages students from richer areas have in getting into the best UC schools: better high schools, more money for SAT preparation classes and more AP tests, to name a few reasons.

We reject the argument, though, that race should be a factor for admission. It should be pointed out that minority admission rates increased at both UC Riverside and UC Santa Cruz. The end of affirmative action has not stopped minorities from coming to the UC system, it just places students at schools better suited to their academic ability.

At the same time, we know that something should be done about the drop in minority admissions. Outreach programs are not the only solution, but will focus resources on communities that have often sent very few students to the UCs. Financial support should be spread more evenly throughout the various school districts in California. This will allow more money to be spent to poorer schools. While these two potential solutions will take time, they will help to increase minority admission.

Change of any kind often produces very strong reactions. Those who support affirmative action will try very hard to convince the California people that the drop of minority admissions proves affirmative action is necessary.

Do not be fooled, however. Allowing race to play a significant role in choosing students for admission is wrong, and should remain absent from academic institutions.

### UC Undergraduate Admission for all Eight Campuses

|                  | 1997   | 1998   | % Change |
|------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| American Indian  | 336    | 318    | -5.36%   |
| African American | 1,509  | 1,243  | -17.63%  |
| Latino           | 5,685  | 5,294  | -6.88%   |
| Asian American   | 14,421 | 14,427 | 0.00%    |
| White            | 17,680 | 16,109 | -8.89%   |
| Decline to State | 2,181  | 6,346  | +191%    |
| Other            | 1,051  | 656    | -37.58%  |
| Total            | 42,863 | 44,393 | 3.57%    |

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

### Letters to the Editor

#### Summer Bridge participants worked hard for their early enrollment

It's time to free my mind on Traum's comments about priority registration. Traum stated [in the March 2 issue of the *New University*] that the "exclusive nature of the list" bothers him and went on to sarcastically ask why Greeks, performing arts students, and *New U* staff members do not receive priority as well.

ty as well.

I was a Summer Bridge participant. I don't think Traum even realizes what we Summer Bridge students had to go through to get priority enrollment.

Here's what I recommend to Traum: have him go through the same regimen we went through. His regimen might include the following: intensive studying under a fixed daily schedule, restriction to freely moving around campus with a buddy while making sure he checks out with his Residential Advisor, staying out of the park, and being in his room before curfew. If he can survive five FULL weeks of all of that, then

he should see the light on why we deserve priority registration.

Now you've got to ask yourself something: has everyone else mentioned by Traum ever had the same regimen we were put through? We had to go through the "five weeks of hell" to obtain the same status as Campuswide Honors Program. I don't think rushing and parties will cut it.

J.P. Almeida  
Undergraduate, Biology

### Non Compos Mentis

## Working-class whore: an employee for Big Brother

"Arbeit macht frei"  
—inscribed on the gates of Dachau, Nazi  
Germany's first concentration camp

The ironic thing is, I had never given any thought to the virtues of a socialist state before I was confronted with capitalism in its purest form.

This past summer, I walked into a local bank to begin my first serious employment as a part-time teller. Half a year later, I walk out of that same bank four days a week, past security cameras and through double-doors, secretly plotting to overthrow America's network of private financial institutions. Customer service has made a socialist of me.

To those unfamiliar with the inner-workings of the retail banking industry, allow me a moment to explain some of the basics of operating a successful bank. First off, all human interactions that occur within a bank are driven by money, and although this may seem an obvious and immaterial observation, it must be kept in mind at all times that, where greed is involved, the human capacity for empathy and compassion is completely destroyed. The teller must face two facets of human interaction: serving customers, and obeying management, and in both of these areas the maxim of monetary cruelty holds true.

In any retail industry, the customer is the entity responsible for the majority of your workplace misery. This is the person who will pull no punches, spare no insult, reserve no degree of self-respect and politeness to achieve their primary monetary end: getting something for nothing. The customer will threaten, degrade, debase, insult and thoroughly browbeat anyone

in a position of service if it furthers their cause, or reinforces their twisted psychological need for superiority. For some reason, this person feels that because you and he are on opposite sides of the computer terminal, his every wish automatically becomes your command...and anything to the contrary is utter blasphemy.

Ask customers for identification when cashing checks, charge them fees for bank services, hold them up for a few seconds while verifying their deposits and prepare to reap the whirlwind. Observing the American public through the eyes of a service-level employee, one can begin to understand why this nation was the last to outlaw slavery.

And then, of course, there is management, that universal scapegoat of the starving class. There is a good reason, however, for the stereotype of the supervisor as an irritating, thoroughly stupid tyrant: it's true. However virtuous and decent your boss may be outside of the workplace, within the office the beast of capitalist greed takes over. The manager, ideally a perfunctory supervisor and mentor, has been bred by our vain corporate culture into something of a plantation slave driver. Failure to think and act at all times with the profit of the company in mind draws such vehement, scathing attacks from the manager that one begins to long for the customer service aspects of work. After all, when they're done with you, customers will at least leave the bank.

Modern capitalism and a culture of corporate greed have made the American workplace a veritable Oceania of sorts, where innovation and independence are the enemies of the

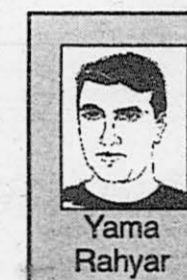
state, indoctrination occurs daily at the most subtle levels, and the signs warning that "Big Brother is Watching You" have been replaced by posters proclaiming the latest commercial gimmick that the company is using, as a blindfold to hide the truth of their fascism. The expectations demanded of employees are no longer simply that they perform efficiently and work well with others. Today's workers are blatantly exploited and abused, forced to whore their services for their management pimps. "Free Checking! No Service Charges," the current banners declare at my personal Orwellian Nightmare Job. Checking may be free, but it's the only thing.

Speaking of signs: "Work Makes You Free," is the engraving in German read on the gates of Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War. Work makes you free...in a place where those who did not meet death in a steam-filled poison shower faced it broken and

destroyed from months of hard labor and starvation. The slave labor camps of Nazi Germany were the most extreme examples of what all service employment, at best, amounts to: mindless drudgery whose sole end is the prolonged motion of the various cogs and wheels of society's corporate machinery. Heave and tug and strain and lift and sweat mindlessly. Keep the tyranny of capital-based economy rolling along smoothly. Find solace in your irrelevance.

Work makes you free.

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## Chancellor should recognize graduate students' union

On Feb. 19, Chancellor Laurel Wilkening's office refused to speak with SWU/UAW, the union of teaching assistants, readers and tutors here on campus. Wilkening's failure to recognize the union and her failure to even meet with union representatives sends a strong message to every student academic worker on this campus: the long hours of labor you spend teaching hundreds of undergraduates is not valued by this university.

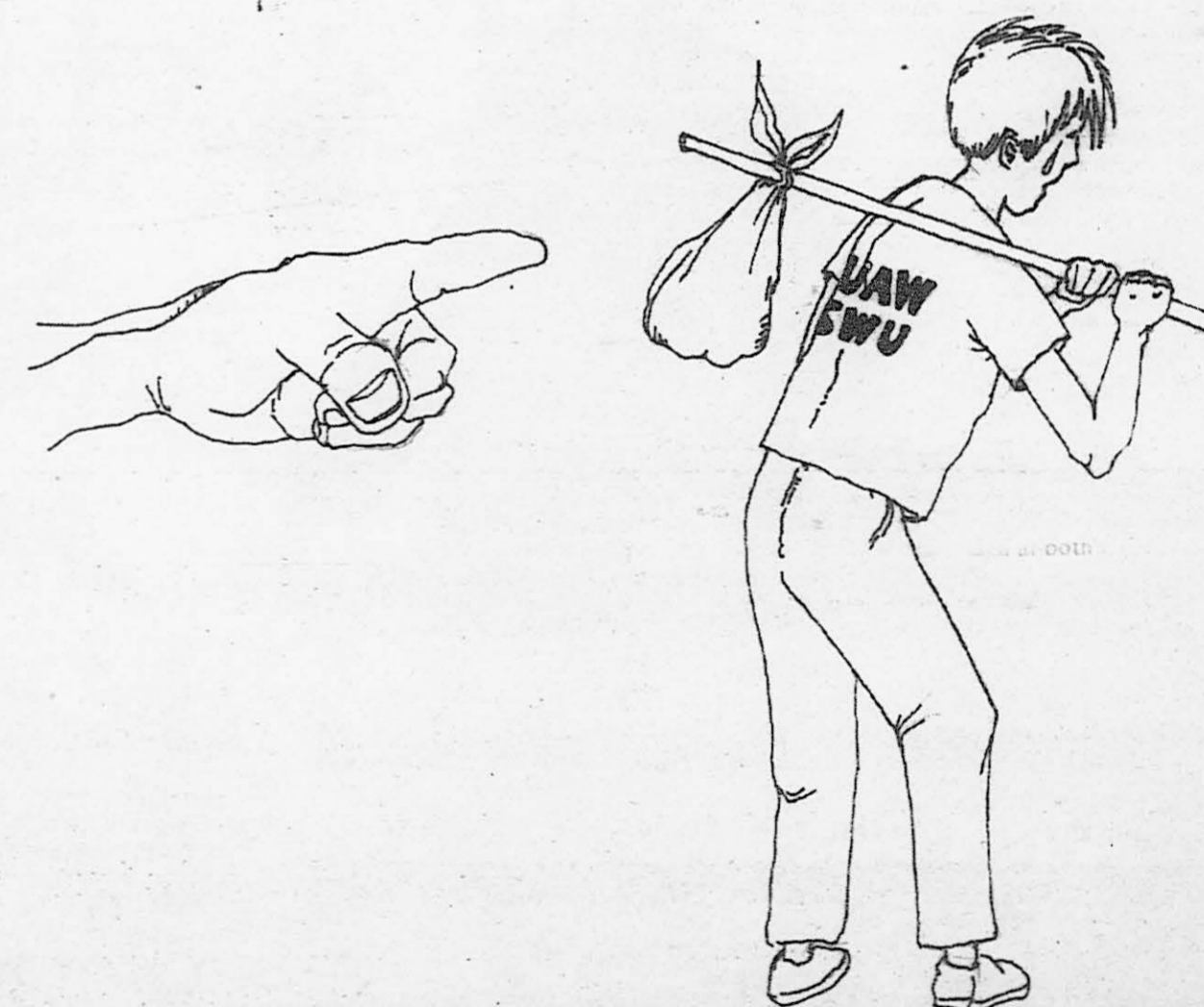
During the past few years, the chancellor's office has worked hard to marry public education to corporate America. The result seems to be more money for applied science, a "public/private" research park next to the new toll road, increased use of part-time labor, and the application of corporate union busting tactics against university employees.

When we grade hundreds of papers, exams and lab reports, when we spend hundreds of hours advising our students, we are told by UC administrators that our labor is not really work but rather a valuable educational experience critical to our graduate training. Because the university refuses to recognize us as workers, they refuse to recognize our union.

The fact of the matter is that teaching assistants, readers, and tutors do more than an estimated 60 percent of the teaching and grading on this campus. Everyone knows that without our labor, UC Irvine would literally be out of business.

If you are a faculty member who has worked with academic student employees or if you are an undergraduate who has received help from TAs, readers and tutors, then contact Chancellor Wilkening's office (824-5111 or LAURELW@UCI.EDU) and urge her to do the right thing and recognize SWU/UAW.

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## Nicolas Cage: Winging his way to the top

Cage discusses his powerful new film, *City of Angels*

By Tina Sustarsic  
Staff Writer



As if his piercing blue eyes weren't enough, Nicolas Cage has the kind of talent and presence that make him successful in every type of movie he stars in.

In his newest film, Warner Brothers' *City of Angels*, Cage uses all three attributes to portray Seth, an angel who longs for human experiences.

A remake of Wim Wenders' *Wings of Desire*, the premise of *City of Angels* is that true angels have never been human and are merely observers and protectors on Earth.

While waiting to meet a man about to pass on, Seth encounters Dr. Maggie Rice (Meg Ryan), a beautiful heart surgeon fighting an invisible force for the man's life.

Seth's purpose quickly alters as he realizes that he must give his attention to Maggie's loss of confidence in her own abilities as a doctor.

Seth eventually appears to her, feeling a love that he has never known before. We realize that Maggie feels it too, but does not completely understand that Seth is really an angel.

He faces a painful dilemma: is his love for Maggie so strong that he would become human for her?

In an interview with the *New University*, Nicolas Cage discusses his role in *City of Angels*, his influences and motivations.

*New University:* What is your message about love from this movie?

Cage: I think, at least, the movie's message of love is that you have to sacrifice something to true love, you have to be ready to give up eternity if it's that deep a love.

Seth, because he's an angel, has so much love for people in general. My interpretation of angels is that they think people are God's greatest creation. They love us because we have flesh and light, whereas they're

only light.

Then when [Seth] feels like he's being looked back at by Meg's character, then he's feeling like "she looked at me, maybe like I was a man" and then he got this fantasy going that he *could* be a man. So, he's a very brave angel, he believes he can be human.

*New U:* Did you draw on some of your experiences with your children to get a child-like wonderment?

Cage: Yeah, absolutely. That was what was important to me, that Seth have the eyes of a child, the awe, the love and the excitement of something that we would all sort of ignore like the texture of a leaf. I wanted to have that expression on my face, that blissful, child-like expression.

*New U:* What about the idea of remaking a modern classic like *Wings of Desire*, were you apprehensive?

Cage: I knew we were borrowing from the movie, but I think *City of Angels* is much more a love story and examines...a little deeper the notion of passing away and really amplifies the notion of celebrating life a little more. So, it's a different movie.

*New U:* Do you believe in celestial beings?

Cage: I believe in energy. I believe that energy continues. I believe that things don't just stop. I'm not going to be so narrow-minded as to say that angels don't exist, but I don't think they have wings and blow bugs.

*New U:* Did you have any hesitation about taking a part that was so different from what

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## Records provide Hipness' Moment of Truth

Hipness Files

By Raymond Lie  
Staff Writer

It was a good spring break. First, the long awaited Hieroglyphics and Gang Starr albums came out, then I finally threw my weight around the office (basically begged) and got Ryan the editor to put me on every other week again (just like the good ol' days). That means more hip hop headz with smiles on campus and some extra jack for me (no mo' small fries at Micki D's for me, we Soopa Sizin'!).

Anywayz before I start (the Hiero review) I've gotta give props to some local peeps who've been putting it down of late for O.C. hip hop culture.

On the programming front, I gotta give it up to KUCI 88.9 FM (they play Hiero) for keeping it's three exciting hip hop shows (The Next Level, The Arena and The Usual Suspects) and, from what I hear, adding a couple more into the mix.

On the fashion front, O.C. sports clothing line Menace To The Game (nothing to do with Hiero) gets props for not only sponsoring The Next Level, but more importantly, its sponsorship of various track and field meets (showing love for my two favorite past times). Don't sleep on the gear though (imagine Above the Rim with hip hop colors).

And this might be getting tired but, I once again have to give a shout out to Emanon (he likes Hiero too) for headlining a show at Koo's over the break and for

expanding their fan base up and down the coast (I've got friends up north asking me, "Yo, you heard that Emanon track?").

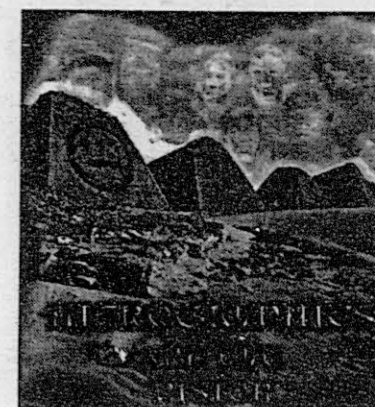
Alright, enough rambling...time to talk Hiero (and some other albums too).

**Hieroglyphics**  
**THIRD EYE VISION**  
Hiero Imperium

You'll like it if: you like 93 Til Infinity or No Need For Alarm

The wait is over! After three years another Hieroglyphics album has blessed the underground. In case you've never read the column, Hiero is by far my favorite group so don't be alarmed by my gushing (my first listening had me spilling sea men like Titanic).

For the first time the nine man



crew has dropped an album as one collective instead of in their respective side projects (Souls of Mischief, Del, Casual, The Prose) and for the first time they've done it on the independent tip (after being dropped by their labels). Other than the delays that came with going the

indie route, the detachment from music's corporate side has provided this album with a truly underground sound (basement bred beats).

The production on the album is the best by the crew since 93 Til Infinity with just about every member of the group laying down a track. But anyone who knows anything about Hiero knows that it's their lyrical firepower that makes the group what it is (my religion). They don't disappoint at all on this verbal concerto.

Basically directed at anyone who doubted their talents during their sabbatical, every verse twists diction like a Chinese contortionist. I could speak on this all day but this sample says more than I ever could: "My kinetic, energetic, poetic motion subizes your pathetic

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## Moore's *Big One* tackles a corrupted corporate America



By Ananda Nandi  
Staff Writer

Michael Moore, author of the best-selling book *Downsize This!* and director of the 1989 feature *Roger and Me*, takes on Corporate America in Miramax's documentary-film, *The Big One*.

This is a movie that depicts Moore in his cross-country odyssey to find an answer to the

following question: at a time when corporations are posting record profits, why are so many everyday working Americans still in danger of losing their jobs?

In the film, Moore sets out on a city-to-city tour to promote his book, *Downsize This: Random Threats of an Unarmed American*, a Random House publication.

As Moore wanders around the American heartland, visiting the Pay Day candy bar factory in Illinois, attending secret union meetings with bookstore employ-

ees in Iowa, posting a note for the CEO of Pillsbury, he addresses the corporate welfare of America.

In the process he interviews laid-off workers, laborers on strike and CEOs desperately trying to avoid him as he searches for an answer to his elusive question.

Although the film means well in trying to convey an important message to its viewing audience, and at times even stirs an occasional laugh or two, *The Big One* comes off for the most part as a

dry, uninspiring film perhaps more suited for older viewers.

Unquestionably, Moore does bring up an issue that must be addressed: how corporations continue to post record profits in a nation in which 20 percent of all its children live in poverty.

The film, however, comes across as repetitious in many ways, and unfortunately suffers from the banality of the American public when Moore comes across many of them in his cross-country book tour.

Despite all of the film's drawbacks, one of the more interesting segments shows Moore finally coming across an executive willing to talk—Nike Chairman Phil Knight, head of one of America's most successful companies.

Knight, whose company produces 99 percent of its shoes outside of the U.S. is put on the spot with a series of imposing questions dished out by Moore.

While Moore conducts many of

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## Space is *Lost* in translation



By Wesley Hussey  
Staff Writer

"Danger, danger, Will Robinson!" Campy '60s television show made into an effects-driven movie!

Compared to the corny sorts and laughable aliens of the '60s, however, *Lost in Space* the movie seems modern, sleek and very fresh. Compared to the 1990s, though, the movie is just another typical high-budget action movie. While the actors do a superb job with what they are given, do not expect any Academy Award-winning work.

Just like the television show, *Lost in Space* stars the Robinson family (the TV show was originally called *Space Family Robinson*) 50 years in our future. Earth is slowly dying, so the government is trying to find new planets to colonize. Professor John Robinson (William Hurt) is chosen to lead a mission that will send him and his family to a new planet, preparing it for eventual migration by the rest of Earth.

While a brilliant scientist, John Robinson is a poor family man. His wife and fellow scientist Maureen (Mimi Rogers), is always covering for him, telling the children their father is just too busy to spend time with the family. Their eldest daughter Judy (Heather Graham), a doctor, has already written off the family completely. Teenage daughter Penny (Lacey Chabert from *Party of Five*) dreads the space mis-



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Actors succeed despite weak script in revamped *Lost in Space*.

sion, and the work that goes along with it, claiming "If there's no time for fun, what are we saving the planet for?" John's boy genius son, Will, is excited about the trip but wishes his father would spend more time with him.

Just when you think the family could not get any more dysfunctional, the original pilot for the spaceship is mysteriously killed, and Major John West (Matt LeBlanc of *Friends*) is assigned to pilot Jupiter 2. West at first protests, until he meets and gets rejected by Judy Robinson and utters, "That's one cold fish I'd like to thaw."

Also along for the ride is sinister and evil Dr. Zachary Smith (Gary Oldman who is officially typecast for all villain parts now). Dr. Smith originally plans to destroy the ship,

but accidentally becomes an unwilling passenger. The crew saves the ship, but becomes, big surprise, lost in space.

If that sounds confusing, the rest of the plot is even worse, involving angry metal spiders, time travel and just a bit of family bickering.

The plot or even the characters are not the real selling point for the movie; the special effects are. With over 750 digitized monsters, space crashes and time bubbles, the *Lost in Space* special effects department did an outstanding job. Add to that some superior acting (considering the average script) by Hurt, LeBlanc and Oldman, and *Lost in Space* succeeds in being a fairly good action movie. Be warned, though, if the movie is successful, you can look forward to a *Lost in Space 2*.

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It's not very often you can attend a theatrical event and have all of your sensory faculties stimulated and challenged to this degree. George C. Wolfe has exceeded all of his previous accomplishments with this extraordinary work. *Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk* can only be described as nothing less than pure genius. Mr. Wolfe has succeeded in bringing us an intelligent and informative piece of African American History, told through the medium of tap dance, the genesis of "da Beat." Everything about this show sparkles from beginning to end. Within minutes you are captivated by the sheer energy of the talented performers in this ensemble.

Mr. Wolfe has assembled a dream production team that treats you to a multifarious display of superb visual effects. The awesome lighting design by Jules Fisher and Peggy Eisenhaur melds beautifully with Riccardo Hernandez' extremely clever scenic design, to allow us to glide effortlessly through many decades of history, titillating the senses throughout the journey.

The eight charismatic performers will energize you right down to the core of your soul as you begin to understand the depth of meaning for this production. Thomas Silcott ('da beat) keeps things moving with his hip hop rhyme and verse. When we land in any given decade, the scene is instantly brought to life with the considerable vocal talents of Vicklyn Reynolds. What a voice! Dennis J. Dove and Marc Durham keep 'da beat moving with their incredible drumming skills. The piece de resistance is the tap dancing choreographed by boy wonder, Savion Glover. Dominique Kelly, Derrick K. Grant, Christopher A. Scott and Jason Young will absolutely thrill you as they express a historical view of powerful emotions and insight through their dance routines.

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## HIPNESS

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notions of being the best." It just flows.

Alright, as much as I might be on their nuts, I do have a job to do, which forces me to take an objective view of the album... so here are some flaws. The lyrics are dope, but they do lack the story rhymes that made their previous joints that dope. Instead they tended to focus solely on skills, which is cool, but it made for a rather one-dimensional whole (it's a damn good dimension to be in though). And I have to admit that their sound isn't for everyone. For some reason, headz who are into that dark Wu-Tang/DJ Muggs sound don't get the rise out of Hiero that I do. But if you wanna be cool like me you'll get your own copy (leave you with a little peer pressure).

**Rocketship Records Comp.**  
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Rocketship Records

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folks might be out of the loop on this one unless you get a bootleg copy. Little Rocketship Records (in Santa Barbara?) has this limited edition gem floating around record stores in the Southland.

Most of the cats on the compilation are relatively unknown in the mainstream and probably a lot of undergrounders unless you've really got an ear for the newest stuff. O.C.'s Dream Sequences Crew is well represented, though, with two dope tracks putting it down for the area. DJs Cheapshot and Xile open up ears with a ridiculously dope production/scratch track and Emanon is as obese as ever on "Assume Not."

The compilation puts Rocketship on the map with other up-and-coming indie labels (Rawkus) that hopefully will push hip hop into another Renaissance (like '93).

**Gangstarr**  
MOMENT OF TRUTH  
Noo Trybe

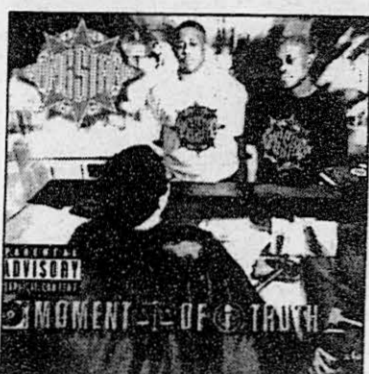
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Another album that took too damn long to drop. I give props for Noo Trybe Records for not hanging up on me every time I called asking

for a promo copy. While it's not a classic in the mold of *Step In The Arena* or *Hard To Earn* it's well worth the wait.

Well, maybe my assessment might be a little hasty. Gangstarr's (GURU and DJ Premier) albums have always been the low key, mellow production that become more flavorful after marinating in your head for a few listenings. It's the same combination of smooth (think silk) Premier tracks and GURU's slick (think KY Lotion) voice that drives this release past the countless status quo acts that try to displace them from the upper echelon.

Peep out "JFK To LAX," and the title track both of which display



GURU's ability to drop plot lines without losing his verbal edge. And I don't care if KC and Jo-Jo are on the hook, I think "Royalty" is one of the most bangin' tracks this year regardless of the pop influence (there, I've said my piece).

**For Argument's Sake**  
Dream Battles

**Method Man vs. Redman**—I know they're collaborators, but they're styles would be just as dope clashing.

**Cappadonna vs. Masta Killa**—They both speak gibberish, so it'd be fun watching them confuse each other.

**Ras Kass, Cannibus, OC and Kurupt** in a battle royal—Free dictionary for the first 500 through the door.

**Masta P vs. E-40**—Afterward they can stack all their albums together and build a lighthouse.

**Invisible Scratch Picklz vs. Xecutioners**—Advanced education of turntablists.

**Saafir vs. KRS-1**—Maybe then, KRS-1 would stop calling himself "The God of Rap".

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## BIG ONE

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his interviews with the American public, the victims of corporate downsizing that he speaks to provide little or no insight when asked to address their plight.

Also, it seems as if far too often, *The Big One* comes across as one of those films that in order to fully appreciate it you have to experience in some way the phenomenon it describes, namely, corporate downsizing, which is hardly the case for most Anteaters.

In addition, judging from the manner in which the film goes about depicting corporate downsizing, one does not get a clear picture of how damaging its effects are on American society.

Aside from scenes depicting the occasional tearful laid-off employee or homeless person looking for a job, *The Big One* fails to deliver in that respect.

## ANGELS

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you've done recently?

Cage: No, it was exciting to me. I feel like I never want to get comfortable with what I'm doing. I don't think I can grow if I'm comfortable and so I want to push myself a little bit further.

I believe that I really wanted to convey the joy of life and the simple things in life: sunlight on your face, the wind, the way the ocean feels on your skin; these little things that we all take for granted.

Those of us who live long enough to go through pain and grief, we need to remind ourselves of the simple pleasures that bring us back.

That's what *City of Angels* is about. I hope people go to this movie and walk out feeling uplifted, some sense of solace, that maybe death isn't that bad, but stick around because life is really a miracle.

Cage's passion for the role of Seth comes through in a very real, touching way. His chemistry with co-star Meg Ryan is electric and carries the film.

The role of Maggie Rice is perhaps Ryan's most poignant performance. She is more human and relatable in this film than at perhaps any other in her career.

*City of Angels* also features André Braugher (*Homicide*) as Cassiel, an angel friend of Seth's. His role doesn't seem to have the strong impact that the others' do, but serves as an example of angels' detachment from people.

Dennis Franz's (*NYPD Blue*) Nathan Messinger provides the opposite function. His character epitomizes living life to its fullest, the joy of being human.

Brad Silberling's *City of Angels* showcases not only the talents of these actors, but utilizes every cinematic aspect to drive home its powerful message about the value of life. Cinematographer John Seale captures Los Angeles in a way that makes it look as if it's brimming with life and energy.

The soundtrack is particularly intense, including tracks such as Alanis Morissette's emotional "Uninvited," "Iris" by the Goo Goo Dolls, Sarah McLachlan's "Angel" and a powerful new song by Peter Gabriel, "I Grieve," his first solo recording since 1994.

*City of Angels* is unique in that it brings together all these elements to make not only love, but every aspect of life look valuable and remarkable.

April

## CALENDAR

| MONDAY 6   | TUESDAY 7   | WEDNESDAY 8  | THURSDAY 9  | FRIDAY 10  | SATURDAY 11  | SUNDAY 12  |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Music</b><br>The Don Miller Orchestra plays big band swing at Birraporetti's at South Coast Plaza. 3333 Bristol. 8 p.m. 850-9090. Free. | <b>Film</b><br>The Port Theatre presents <i>The Gold Rush</i> at 5:45 and 9:55 and <i>Limelight</i> at 7:15. 673-6260.        | <b>New U!</b><br>The New University will hold its first staff meeting of the quarter at third floor Gateway Commons. 5 p.m. x4286. | <b>Job Fair</b><br>The Career Center hosts the annual career and summer job fair today. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ring Road.                        | <b>Film</b><br>The UCI Film Society screens <i>The City of Last Children</i> at the CCA. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. \$2.50 for UCI students. x5588. | <b>Film</b><br>The Mexican Cinema of the '90s series will begin tonight with <i>Cintra y perejil / Recipes to Stay Together</i> (1997) and a short film, <i>El árbol de la música / The Music Tree</i> (1994). 7 p.m. HIB 100. \$4 for students, faculty and staff. x7418. | <b>Music</b><br>Superstar DJ Keoki plays the House of Blues in Hollywood. 9 p.m. \$15. 21+ 740-2000 for tickets and more information.                                      |
| <b>Comedy</b><br>Hogue Barmichael's in Newport Beach hosts "Comedy Night." Call 261-6270 for more information.                             | <b>Dance</b><br>Balletto di Toscana presents <i>Mediterranea</i> at Segerstrom Hall at the OCPAC. 8 p.m. \$28-\$10. 556-2787. | <b>Show</b><br>Cirque Éloize begins a four-day run at the Irvine Barclay. 8 p.m. \$28, \$23 adults, \$17 children. 854-4646.       | <b>Lecture</b><br>UCI's Japanese Noh Theatre presents a lecture and demonstration from Honma Hidetaka in the Village Theatre. 3 p.m. x2787. | <b>Theatre</b><br>Arcadia opens tonight at the SCR and runs through May 10. 8 p.m. \$43-\$28. 708-5555.                                    |  | <b>New U!</b><br>What better way to start off a quarter than to write for the <i>New University!</i> Call today for information on how to appear in our next issue. x4286. |

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—Newsletter of  
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Admission Council,  
March/April 1997

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—The Wall Street Journal,  
July 1, 1997

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—The New York Times,  
August 14, 1997

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## Sports in Brief

### Women's volleyball signs two high school recruits

Merja Connolly, the UC Irvine women's volleyball head coach, recently announced the signing of two high school recruits to national letters of intent.

Carmen Schmidt, a 6'3" outside hitter from Eugene, Oregon, will bring the Anteaters much-needed size and power on the offensive end.

Schmidt was a first-team Midwestern league selection on a Sheldon H.S. team that went undefeated. She was also named KMTR TV Prep Athlete of the Week.

Michelle Wong is a 5'11" outside hitter from Harvard Westlake H.S. She was a first-team All-CIF selection and MVP of the Mission League.

-Charlie Chareon

### Douglass renews contract and commitment to UCI

Ending all speculation of taking other head coaching offers, UC Irvine men's basketball Head Coach Pat Douglass announced that he will remain with the Anteater basketball program.

After San Jose State officials expressed a strong interest in Douglass, UCI renegotiated his contract, which includes incentives. Douglass's current base salary is a little more than \$100,000.

Douglass resurrected an Anteater basketball team in his first season leading them to a 9-18 overall record, a considerable improvement from a 1-25 record in the 1996-97 season.

After spending 10 years at Cal State Bakersfield where he won three NCAA Division II titles, Douglass came to UCI last year. His 17-year coaching record is 386-136.

-Charlie Chareon

## WEBER

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and the playoffs for basketball would always interfere with volleyball so I couldn't do both."

Luckily for the UCI men's volleyball team, he decided to give volleyball a try his senior year.

"I used to go out to the gym and watch my mom play volleyball on recreational teams," Weber said.

After playing volleyball his senior year of high school, Weber discovered that not only did he like it, but he was also pretty good at it.

"It's like any sport, I found that I was good at it and wanted to get better," Weber said. "I see guys much better than myself and I try to raise the level that I play at."

It is this mentality that has helped the 6'7" senior middle blocker become the dominant player that he is today. UCI's first conference game of the season was against UC Santa Barbara, a team that the Anteaters had never beaten before.

In the game, Weber started out red-hot and eventually burned the eighth ranked Gauchos in straight sets. Weber was named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation player of the week and recorded 15 kills, while hitting .480 in the victory.

Since the victory Weber has been consistently surprising opponents with his ability to score.

"He's a good offensive weapon," said junior outside hitter Donnie Rafter. "He can hit with the best of them."

Weber currently leads the team with a little over five kills per game by hitting with a team-high .364 attack percentage.

"Most coaches in the league would agree that Cory's one of the top attackers in the nation," Brande said. "He's a pretty solid player, and his attacks allow us to score points."

Though Weber's numbers have been steady throughout the season, the Anteaters currently find themselves in a slump. After winning 10 of their first 12 matches, which earned them a 14th place ranking, they have suddenly lost nine of their last 10.

"It's no one person's fault, but we're not playing as well as we should," Weber said. "There's no turmoil, but we're not doing what we need to do. Coach has told us that right now we're not listening to him and losing fundamentals."

With so many demands being put on Weber to perform at his best in volleyball and school, does the pressure ever get to him?

"Off the court he's a real easy-going guy," Rafter said. "He's one of those frat guys out to have fun."

Along with the demands of volleyball, Weber has also held the position of treasurer of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

"I really enjoy being in the fraternity," Weber said. "I pledged my freshman year, and everyone in the fraternity is like a second family to me."

When Weber's not out frustrating defenses or balancing budgets, he loves to spend time in the great outdoors.

"I enjoy going backpacking at Yosemite," Weber said. "I also like to snowboard and rock climb. I love anything outdoors."

At the end of this quarter, Weber will graduate UCI under the school of Social Ecology under Environmental Analysis and Design.

"This summer I'm gonna be a counselor," Weber said. "After that I'll be substitute teaching unless I can possibly get a job playing volleyball in Europe on the national team."

### Men's Tennis

Mar. 24 UCI defeated Charleston Southern U., 4-3  
Mar. 26-28 19th Annual UCI-Sheraton Newport Beach Classic:  
Fifth Place  
3/28 UCI defeated Depaul, 3-1  
Mar. 29 UCI defeated Drake State University, 6-1

### Women's Tennis

Mar. 21 UCI lost to Arkansas, 9-0  
Mar. 23 UCI defeated Weber State University, 8-1  
Mar. 24 UCI defeated San Jose State, 5-4  
Mar. UCI lost to Depaul, 5-2  
Mar. 27 UCI lost to Nebraska, 7-2

### Men's Volleyball

Mar. 28 UCI lost to Long Beach State 3-0  
April 2 UCI vs. Outrigger Canoe Club N/A  
April 3 UCI lost to Hawaii 3-0

## Players of the Week

### Name

Donnie Rafter  
Sport

Men's Volleyball

### Position

Outside hitter

### Statistics

7 kills, 11 digs

### Result

Loss

### Name

Women's Track & Field Team  
Sport

Track & Field

### Position

### Statistics

186 points

### Result

First place finish in the Big West Challenge Cup

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## FIELD

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The Fritchel brothers finished one-two in the 1500-meter race as Robert finished first with a time of 3:54.74 while Doug finished right behind him. Robert Fritchel also won the 800-meter race with a time of 1:55.23 with Karpman second.

In the end, the men's team finished with 158 points behind Long Beach's 191 points. UC Santa Barbara finished third (148) and Cal State Fullerton fourth (138).

Both the UCI men's and women's Track and Field teams have seemingly

improved with each meet.

"We have such a great group of freshman and transfer students that came in, and the depth we have now is incredible," Nekota said. "Their enthusiasm to run has really rubbed off on the older people and in the years to come, it will be exciting to watch them grow."

In his 14th year as head coach, 16th with the UCI program, O'Boyle has continued to help his athletes improve through his commitment and dedication that has made the track and field program respectable throughout his career.

"He becomes your friend and you forget he is your coach," Frack said. "People have always tried to lure him out

of UCI and he has always stuck around. The dedication that he displays and the commitment to excellence as he likes to say, makes it easier for athletes to get pumped up and take a little pride, especially when the coach has more pride than anybody."

This year O'Boyle has surrounded himself with an excellent group of assistants in Jum Van Hootegem, Larry Knuth, Jerome Anello, Doug Sparks, John Gambler and Len Blutrech.

With such an enthusiastic team, they continue to train hard for the love of the sport. Hopefully their hard work will be acknowledged at the Big West Championships next month.



**HAND-OFF:** The men's relay team prepares for the last leg. MICHAEL PFEIL/New University

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Then I had to think about it for a minute because I had a 12-page paper due on Friday that I probably wouldn't be able to start until Thursday night.

The doubt lasted about two seconds before I stated the obvious answer.

It was chance of a lifetime that I just couldn't pass up. It was my destiny.

When we got there, I was in awe of the masses of people who flocked to the arena.

I couldn't believe that I was actually experiencing March Madness up close and personal.

So as we nestled into our seats in the nosebleed section, a sweet old lady in front of us warned us that she was going to be obnoxious because she is a diehard Arizona fan. But then she told us she was actually rooting for both sides because she went to Arizona as an undergraduate and Maryland as a graduate and they just happen to be playing each other.

Coincidence or madness?

I'll let you decide. Just being right there in the thick of things with all the fans from the respective schools going berserk was simply awesome.

For any of those who watched the tournament, you probably realized that this was one of the most dramatic in recent history.

In a year when No. 1 seeds Duke, North Carolina, Kansas, and Arizona, teams which were mainstays in the top five all year, were overwhelming favorites to make the Final Four, only the Tar Heels lived up to their seeding.

Who would've ever guessed that Kentucky, Utah and Stanford would get to San Antonio, the site of the Final Four?

Remember Connecticut's Richard Hamilton's game-winning shot to beat Washington? After four

or five failed shot attempts by Connecticut players in the waning seconds of the game, Hamilton finally sank a fadeaway jumper at the buzzer to win the game.

And who can forget Valparaiso's Bryce Drew hitting the game-winning three-pointer at the end of regulation to beat Mississippi in the first round? This shot will probably go down as one of the most dramatic endings in NCAA history.

What about the Cinderella teams like Rhode Island knocking off Kansas and advancing to the Elite Eight before blowing a lead and losing to another Cinderella team (Stanford)?

Although they weren't a Cinderella team, Kentucky earned their second NCAA championship in three years by staging second-half comebacks in their last three games against the likes of Duke, North Carolina and Utah.

Aside from the actual game itself, the thing I enjoy most is the raw emotion that the players display in their quest for glory.

I'll never forget Stanford's Mike Madsen swaying from side to side after he dunked and got fouled off Arthur Lee's steal to give the Cardinals the lead for good over Rhode Island.

How about North Carolina's Antawn Jamison kissing the Final Four emblem in the middle of the floor after his Tar Heels fell to Utah?

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Perhaps the true madness lies not in the drama of the tournament, but in the fact that the NCAA Tournament is one of few remaining sporting events that is played purely in the spirit of competition.

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Friday 1:30 p.m., April 10 at UC Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)

Saturday 10:00 p.m., April 11 at Cal Poly SLO (San Luis Obispo, CA)

### Track & Field

Saturday TBA., April 11 at UC San Diego (San Diego, CA)

### Men's Volleyball

Tuesday 7:00 p.m., April 7  
Pepperdine (Crawford Hall)  
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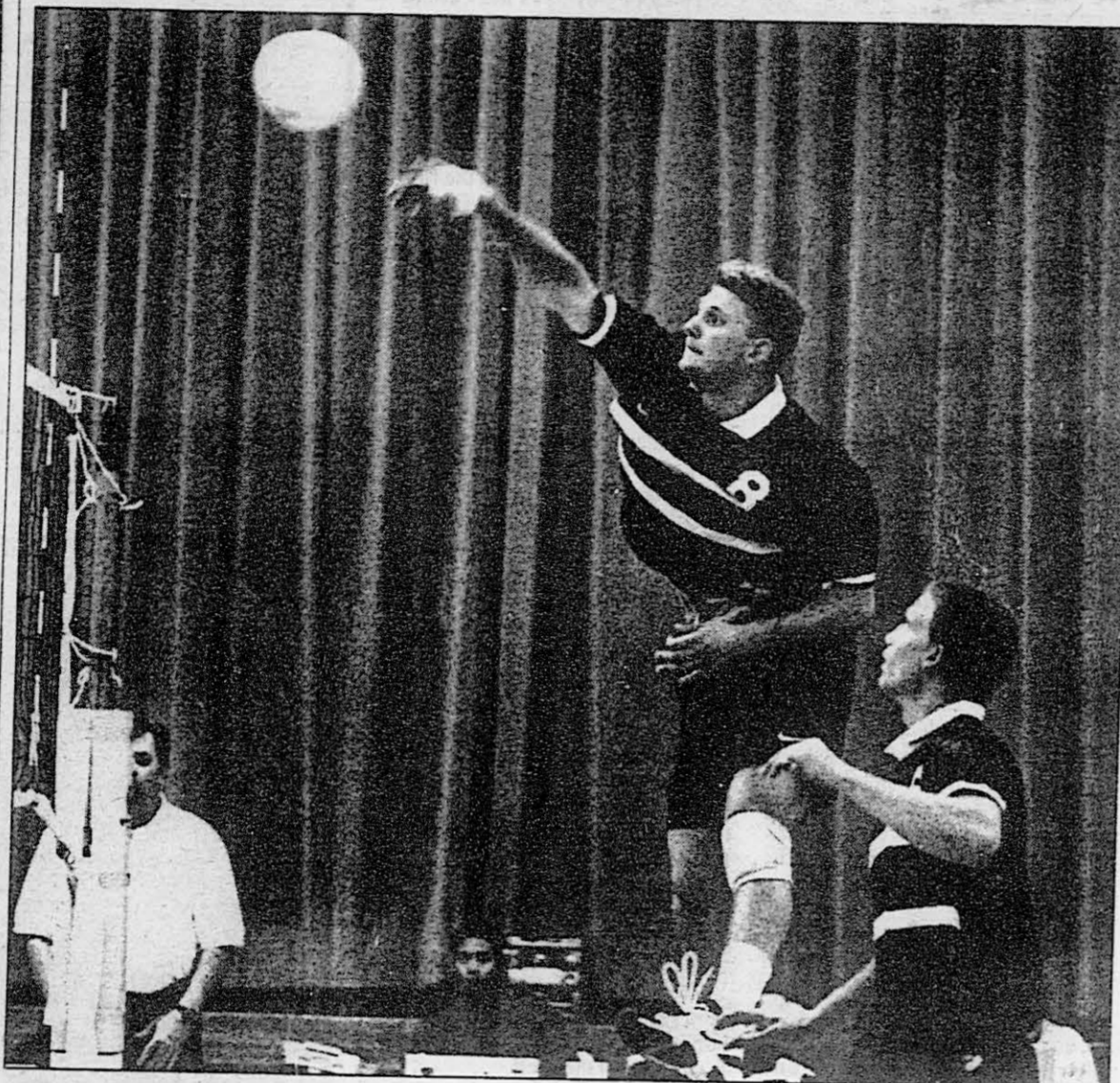


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**BOMBS AWAY:** Senior captain Cory Weber leads the men's volleyball team in kills per game this season.

**PROFILE:** After three years as a reserve, senior middle blocker Cory Weber has matured into one of the team's leaders this season.

By Dave Gomez  
Staff Writer

Five years ago Cory Weber red-shirted his first year on the UCI men's volleyball team. During this time he played in the 1994 Olympic Festivals where he won a gold medal competing against international teams. Weber thought that this was

all he needed to gain a starting position at UCI.

He was wrong. "[Then] Coach Andy Reed pulled me aside and told me that this would not be enough to get me a starting job," Weber said. "It was frustrating at times; I knew that I was good enough to be out there, but I didn't work hard enough my first couple of years and I had to sit on the bench."

After a coaching and attitude change, Weber now finds himself as the captain of a team that he once thought about quitting.

"When he gets fired up, he can bring a lot of his teammates up to his level of enthusiasm," said Head Coach Charlie Brande. "For us to compete with the best teams he has

to play well."

Weber sees Brande as an inspirational coach and a reason for his success.

"[Coach Charlie Brande] is a great guy," Weber said. "He's an excellent communicator who knows what he's doing. I respect him for that."

Weber was born in Champagne, Illinois, but later moved to Escondido, near San Diego. While attending San Pasqual High School, Weber excelled in soccer, basketball and volleyball.

"I started playing volleyball my senior year of high school," Weber said. "I wanted to play earlier on, but our basketball team was really good

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## Chappell has freshman formula for success

**PROFILE:** First-year phenom Darian Chappell has wasted no time in making her presence felt on the UCI women's tennis team.

By Dave Gomez  
Staff Writer

In the 18 years that Mike Edles has been coaching tennis, he has never had a freshman at the number one position. That all changed this year, however, once he saw the pure talent that freshman sensation Darian Chappell possessed.

"On paper, the freshman year is the toughest year that a player goes through," said Edles, current head coach of the UCI women's tennis team. "Darian is very mature for a freshman, however. She has come through for us remarkably well."

In her first year at UCI, Chappell has been lighting up opponents and has helped contribute to UCI's current 10-8 record. Though the Anteaters are on a two-game slump, they have recorded victories in seven of their last 11 games.

"Darian is vital to our success," Edles said. "She's mentally tough and it's made a world of difference for her. The good thing about her being a freshman is that we have three more years with her."

Chappell, whose parents are both tennis instructors, has been playing the sport of tennis since she was five and started playing competitively at the early age of 12.

Before coming to UCI, Chappell was ranked ninth in singles and first in doubles in Southern California juniors in her home town of Camarillo.

Along with being named MVP of her tennis team, Chappell won the Ojai Junior doubles title.

When it came time for Chappell to choose a college, UCI was one of her top choices. Not only was Chappell fond of UCI's athletic and academic program, but this was also the school where her parents played

year. More surprising than the fact that she won, however, was that this was her first collegiate tournament.

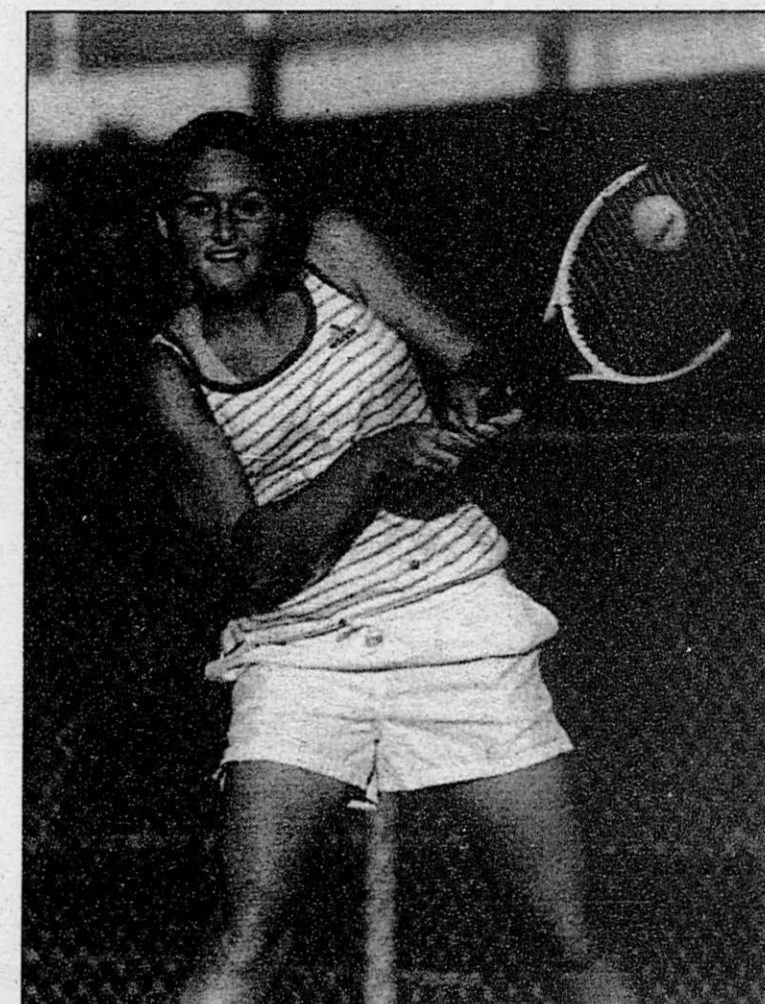
It is her mental toughness that has helped Chappell excel as the leader of the team.

"At the beginning I felt pressure playing at the number one position, but I've gotten used to it," Chappell said.

This year Chappell has improved nearly every aspect of her game and with the Big West Tournament coming up she is peaking at just the right time.

"I love playing at UCI," Chappell said. "I love team competition, and this is the most fun I've ever had playing tennis."

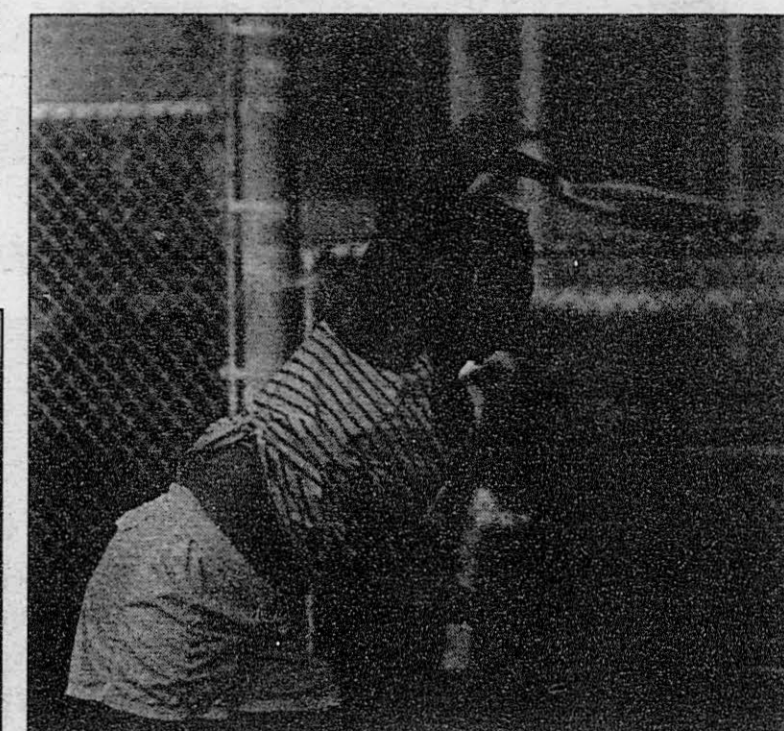
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**OVERACHIEVER:** Chappell has excelled on the court as well as in the classroom maintaining a 3.9 GPA as a Social Ecology major.

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**FRESHMAN SENSATION:** Chappell has made an immediate impact as a freshman playing at the No. 1 spot.

sion, Chappell also likes to travel, ski and read.

"I love to travel and tennis has allowed me to travel a lot," Chappell said.

Along with playing the number one singles position, Chappell also plays the number one position in doubles along with sophomore Liz Yim.

"She's very focused and disciplined on the court," Yim said. "In competition, she's pretty competitive and knows exactly what to do in every situation."

Despite her aggressiveness and pure physical strength, Chappell feels that her serving and volleying continue to be aspects of her game

that she still needs to work on.

As co-captain of such a young and inexperienced team Chappell feels optimistic about the team's success this season.

"We're a very young team with four freshmen playing in the top six positions," Chappell said. "The team has played exceptionally well. We've been playing beyond people's expectations."

Along with her success on the court, Chappell also excels in the classroom. This Anteater majors in general Social Ecology and has an impressive 3.9 GPA.

With so much potential for success riding on this freshman she has no where to go but up.

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tennis.

Annette Burrows, a former number one player at UCI started dating husband-to-be Bob Chappell, also a former number one player for the Anteaters and a former NCAA Champion in singles and doubles in 1973-74, while both were still in school.

Chappell and her father are currently ranked number one nationally in father/daughter competition. The duo has won two national titles. "My parents knew each other from junior tennis leagues, but they didn't start going out until my mom transferred to UCI," Chappell said. "They were a factor in my decision to come here, but they didn't push me."

Chappell proved that she can play the number one position with a win in the singles championship at the Blue/Gold Invitational earlier this



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**FULL FORCE:** UCI's Dedra Butler launches a javelin with all her might at the Big West Challenge Cup last Saturday.

## TRACK

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die for a fifth-place finish. "We tend to rally around each other because we are short handed," Lie said. "When Steve went down in the 400 hurdles, we were not down about it, but rather motivated that Steve was going all out because he wanted to get us the points."

That strong bond has really helped the team come closer together and support one another during competition.

Kentara McKinney defines just how much dedication these men

have for the program. McKinney competed in a total of five events, including the shot put, which he had never competed in.

McKinney, who also ran the fastest lap in the 4 X 400-meter race after his first four events, joined Lie, Brian Karpman and Peter Cifelli in a second-place finish.

Cifelli finished third in the 400-meter dash while Frack finished second in the 3000-meter race.

"Every meet, everyone seems to be getting faster and faster," Frack said. "It's all kind of a stepping stone getting ready for the conference."

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**PLAYER PROFILE:** Only a freshman, Darian Chappell has already earned the No. 1 spot on the UCI women's tennis team and the respect of her teammates and coaches. See story, page 29.

## UCI in mid-

The track and field team made a strong showing at the Big West Challenge Cup with the women's team finishing in first place and the men's team in second.

By Albert Lin  
Staff Writer

Not even El Niño could stop the UCI track and field team last Saturday as the women won the Big West Challenge Cup for the second straight year, while the men finished in second place at Long Beach Stadium on a rainy day.

"Both (men's and women's) programs are continuing to improve every week," said Head Coach Vince O'Boyle. "Every week we seem to have other people step up and have lifetime bests."

The team is led by its five captains Khara Covington, Kay Nekota, Florence Sterni, Jason Smith and Shawn Frack.

"The leadership has been awesome," said junior Christy Villa. "They are more like silent leaders that lead by example, but when you really look at the team, they are the backbone that supports the team."

Villa finished first with a strong run of 4:33.82 in the 1500 meter race while Carrie Quinn finished right behind her.

Sterni won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes to lead the women with times of 12.05 seconds and 25.05 seconds as the women's team won every race on the track, except the 3000 meter. Sterni also won both events two weeks ago at the UCI Spring Break Invitational.

Junior Kristine Bostick also was a double winner, placing first in the 100-meter hurdles (14.77 seconds) and the 400-meter hurdles (62.67 seconds). With the graduation of Skye Green last year, who holds the school record in both events, O'Boyle has turned to Bostick to continue UCI's trend of excellent hurdlers.

Christie Engesser, a transfer from the



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**OVER THE TOP:** The Anteaters' Brett Updyke just clears the bar in the pole vault competition.

University of Oregon, won the 800-meter race with a time of 2:12.06 with Quinn finishing right behind her. Two years ago, as a sophomore, Engesser was a finalist in the Pac Ten Tournament.

Covington also won the long jump with a mark of 17' 9". Two weeks ago at the UCI Spring Break Invitational, she broke her personal record with a jump of 19' 6" inch, third best in UCI history.

Heather Perrin won the 400-meter race with a time of 57.23 seconds and also finished third in the 200-meter dash.

Perrin, along with Covington, Sterni and Bostick teamed up to win the 400-meter relay race with a time of 47.35 seconds.

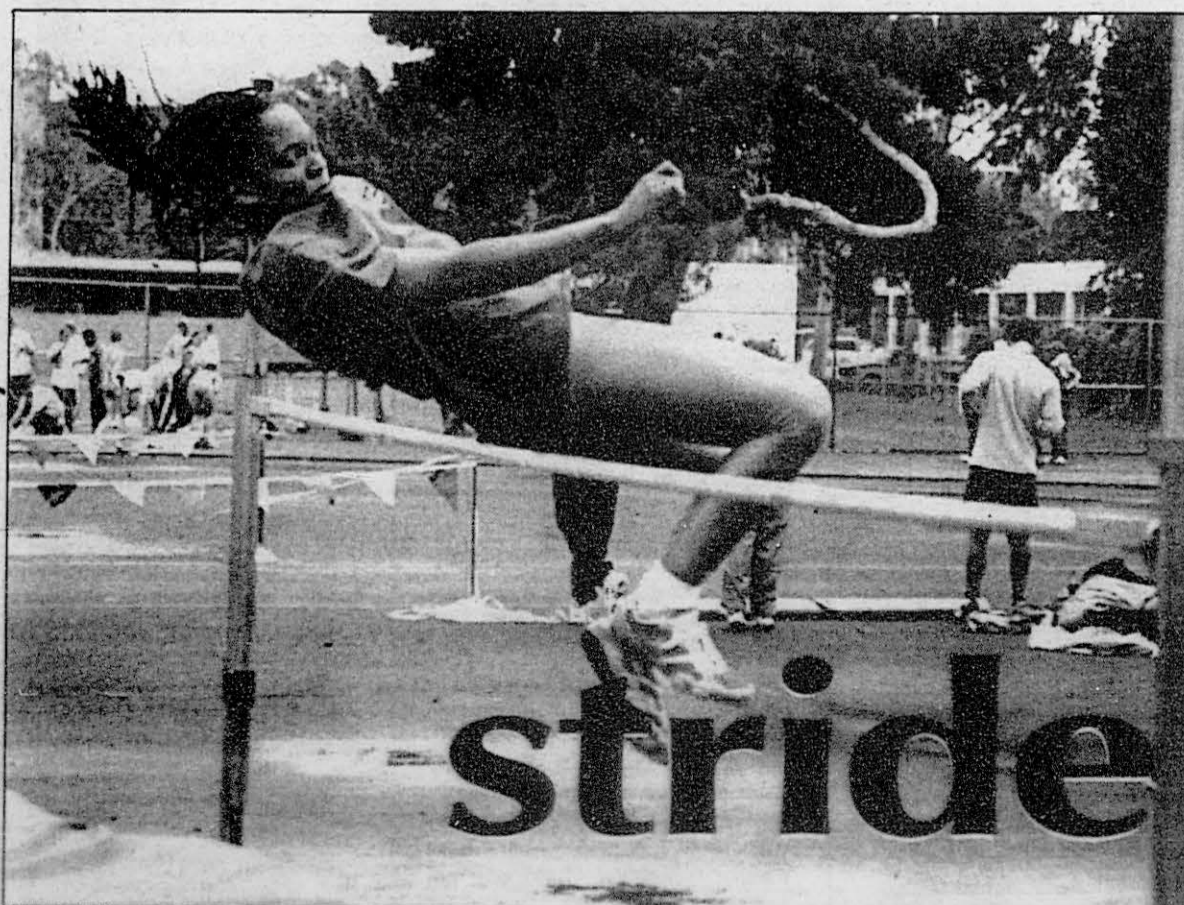
Bostick, Perrin, Engesser and Kansas transfer Tiffany Boykin also won the 4X400-meter race with a time of 3:54.97.

The women finished with 186 points followed by UC Santa Barbara (170), Long Beach State (151), and Cal State Fullerton (95).

The men have also made many improvements, despite injuries. Smith, who is a major contributor in both the long jump and the high jump, tore a hamstring recently and was not able to compete in those events. Despite the injury, Smith did compete in the javelin throw, finishing third.

Junior Raymond Lie finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.95 seconds.

Steven Chinn also had a strong showing in the 110-meter hurdles finishing third. He also led for the first 300-meters of the 400-meter hurdles, giving all he had before knocking down a late hur-



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**BENDING OVER BACKWARDS:** UCI's Dedra Butler competes in the high jump competition last Saturday.

## Temporary insanity in the month of March

So the NCAA Tournament has come and gone once again.

And once again what is better known as March Madness has left yet another indelible mark upon the world of sports.

Year after year, the tournament generates drama like no other sporting event can. Anything and everything can happen. And it usually does.

You hardcore college basketball fanatics know what I'm talking about.

The miraculous buzzer-beater finishes, the last-second heroics, the inspirational Cinderella teams, etc. Oh yeah, and those neat little behind-the-scenes profiles that CBS does on how those small colleges like Davidson or Radford, which come from cities with a population of 3,000 or so, made their way to the big dance.

This is perhaps the only sporting venue in which the best team almost



never wins and yet, ironically enough, that is the beauty of it all.

Ah yes, the madness.

Nevermind rankings and records, throw out any sense of logic for they are of no use in this vortex of absurdity and irrationality.

And if you think about it, March Madness is kind of like watching *The Jerry Springer Show*. You know the fights are coming, but yet they never cease to shock and amaze you when they do occur. In the tournament, you know the upsets are going to happen because they happen every year, but still it doesn't depreciate the disbelief and awe that is produced as a result.

Perhaps the single greatest event in all of sports the NCAA Tournament never seems to fail to live up to its billing and this year proved to be no exception to the rule.

I have been watching the tournament for 13 years, but I've never had the opportunity to actually witness a game. Until this year.

So it's finals week of winter quarter and my buddy Jason calls me up and tells me he scored tickets for the Western Regionals on Thursday at the Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim. We would be able to watch two games, Arizona vs. Maryland and Utah vs. West Virginia.

I was speechless.

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