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## Blackouts Threaten to Leave UCI in the Dark

■ **ENERGY:** Students are encouraged to conserve energy by turning off unnecessary appliances.

**Lauren Korduner**  
Staff Writer

Hot pink flyers descended upon the humanities department last Thursday, Jan. 18, warning that facilities might be blacked out and power lost.

The flyers read, "UC Irvine campus will have a rolling blackout for approx. one hour at some time this afternoon. We do not know when it will begin. Please use all caution. For your safety please do not use the elevators."

The warning came as a result of the Stage Three Electrical Emergency, which was declared on Tuesday, Jan. 16 and continued until Friday, Jan. 19. A Stage

Three Emergency is declared when the state's power reserves dip below 1.5 percent.

"We issued the warning, though we never did have any rolling blackouts in Southern California," said George Reyes, vice chancellor of facilities and management.

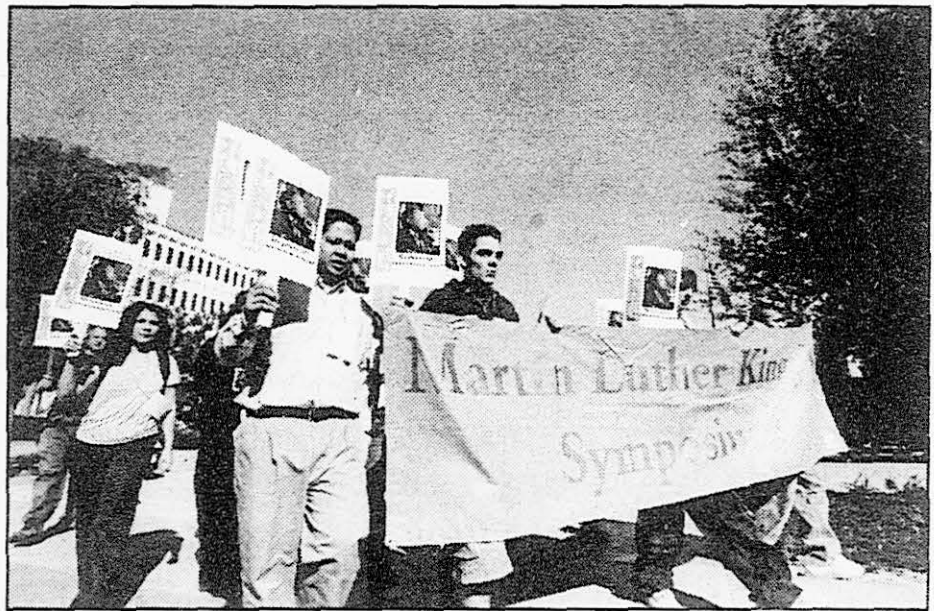
Although UC Irvine was spared from blackouts, UC Santa Cruz did not fare so well, as they were struck with rolling blackouts Jan. 17, the day before the warning was issued.

"The situation changes on a day-to-day basis," said Jim Detmers, managing director of operations at the Independent System Operator, which manages the flow of electricity along California's power grid.

In a teleconference on Friday, Jan. 19, Detmers referred to Senate Bill 7X signed by Gov. Gray Davis that morning. The

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## Old Dreams Take New Flight



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Approximately 100 Anteaters marched from the University Marketplace to a rally at the Student Center Jan. 18 in support of the Martin Luther King Symposium.

## City Forms Renter's Task Force

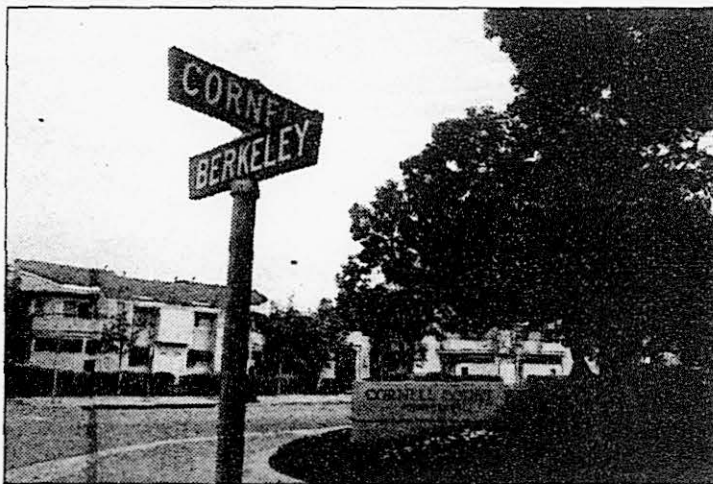
■ **HOUSING:** Irvine Apartment Communities owns 10,000 of the 13,400 apartments in Irvine.

By **Alexa Schulze**

In response to resident outcry over rent hikes, the Irvine city council voted unanimously Jan. 9 to form the Irvine Renters Advisory Task Force.

"The [task force] is going to explore high levels of apartment rents and will give voice to apartment renters, so their concerns can be heard by city officials and landlords," said Scott A. Bollens, Professor of Urban Planning and the UCI representative on the task force.

The task force is comprised of Bollens, five resident representatives as well as representatives



ANTHONY TRAN/New University

Irvine Apartment Communities operate Cornell Court apartments.

from the Irvine Company, the Irvine Apartment Communities, the Fair Housing Council of Orange County and a planning commissioner.

The Irvine Apartment

Communities own 10,000 of the 13,400 apartments in Irvine.

"The situation in Irvine is different. The city has no rent con-

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## CRIME ON CAMPUS

### No Suspects in Mesa Court Sexual Assault

■ **POLICE:** Campus resources help survivors of sexual assault pave the road to recovery.

**Melinda Sheckells**  
Staff Writer

In an effort to increase crime awareness on campus, the Office of the Dean of Students is alerting on-campus residents to an incident of

sexual assault that occurred in campus housing last year. The UCI police department released information Jan. 11 confirming that a sexual assault took place in Mesa Court last April.

"There was a rape in April 2000. It occurred in Mesa Court, specifically in Cuesta at around 0200 hours. It happened in a bathroom. The suspect was an intoxicated male with a muscular build. No weapon was used but he did use bodily force," said Linda Garrett, UCI

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## Tobacco Stocks Go Up in Smoke

■ **REGENTS:** Students credit extensive letter writing campaign for regents' quick action.

By **Melinda Sheckells**  
Staff Writer

Under fire systemwide, the UC Regents voted unanimously Jan. 17 to eliminate tobacco stock from

an index fund investment made earlier this year.

"The board adopted a policy not to purchase tobacco stock among the actively managed portfolio," said Trey Davis, regent representative, who noted the board had been considering the action since their last meeting in November 2000.

In March 2000, the regents sparked controversy across all nine campuses when they adopted a series of investments known as

the Russel 3000. The Russel 3000 invested UC employee retirement money into an index fund, which includes the top 3,000 stocks on the market. Seven of those companies were tobacco-related.

Davis said that the investment was made in an attempt to diversify the regent's portfolio.

"It is the financial version of not putting all your eggs in one basket," Davis said.

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ERIK STEIN/New University

Cancian founded the Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Wallets Stolen from Science Library

Wallets and cash were stolen on Monday, Jan. 15 from three students in the Science Library, according to Ryan Gauss, Assistant Facilities Manager of the UCI Libraries.

"Three thefts in one day definitely is a little bit out of the normal there," Gauss said. "It could be somebody that's targeting this."

One of the victims, who requested not to be identified, said that she and her friend left their study desk on the 2nd floor for about five to six minutes to go to a copy machine. When she returned, her wallet had been taken out of her backpack and her friend's cash was taken out of her wallet.

### Battson Named AVC

### of Communications

Harry Battson, associate vice president for public affairs at the University of South Florida (USF), has been named as assistant vice chancellor for communications at UC Irvine, effective Jan. 29.

Battson will oversee public relations, marketing, media relations and campus publications.

He has coordinated public relations, media relations and marketing at USF since 1995, where he developed a university-wide integrated marketing program, a graphics identity program and crisis communications strategies.

Prior to USF, Battson served for six years as director of public relations at Wright State University in Ohio.

He received a Public Relations Society of America President's

Award for crisis communications and a Council for the Advancement and Support of Education gold medal for exceptional news writing.

### Lecturer Speaks on Human Memory

On Jan. 31, neuroscientist Endel Tulving of the Rotman Research Institute in Toronto will give a lecture entitled "Why Did Episodic Memory Evolve?"

The lecture kicks off the 7th Irvine Health Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series on Brain, Learning and Memory.

The series is co-sponsored by the Irvine Health Foundation and the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory at UCI.

The lecture, free and open to the public, will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the Irvine

Barclay Theatre adjacent to UCI. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Parking is \$4.

For more information, call (949) 824-4275, or visit [www.cnlm.uci.edu](http://www.cnlm.uci.edu).

### ASUCI Hosts Town Hall Meeting

ASUCI will host a town hall meeting on Monday, Jan. 22. Students will have a chance to ask administrators questions on student issues.

The topics to be discussed are mandatory health insurance, the future of the Student Center and whether these will incur student fees.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to the meeting, which will take place from noon to 2 p.m. at Monarch Bay A and B.

### SAE and CALPIRG Host Chili Cookoff

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and CALPIRG will be co-sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, in the Arroyo Vista Recreation Center. The event, which lasts from 5:30 to 7:30pm, will benefit Emanuel Outreach Ministries, a local shelter.

All students and campus organizations are encouraged to come and participate. A panel of judges, comprised of students, faculty, and staff will determine the winning recipes of the evening.

For more information, e-mail SAE representative Brian Landau at [landau@uci.edu](mailto:landau@uci.edu).

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STAFF WRITER

## Larry Stein Named to New College of Medicine Position

**■ PROFILE:** Chief Scientific Affairs Officer will work to improve university/industry relations.

By Lillian Ku  
Staff Writer

In response to enormous growth in biotechnology and medical research, Dr. Thomas Cesario, dean of UCI College of Medicine, has created the new position of chief scientific officer for corporate affairs and initiatives.

Larry Stein, professor of pharmacology at UCI's College of Medicine

has been named to the position.

Cesario said he created the position to bridge the gap between university research and pharmaceutical/medical technology firms.

"The position will be important to the extent that the researchers use the [chief scientific officer's] counsel, advice, wisdom and contacts," said James Fallon, professor of anatomy and neurobiology. "The CSO must be respected by the faculty and the administration for his/her experience in both industry and the academy."

As chief scientific officer, Stein will work closely with the faculty from the College of Medicine as well as the UCI Office of Technology

patent arrangements between the university and private industries.

This new position also requires Stein to be in contact with many drug discovery and pharmaceutical firms, including Neotherapeutics, Cortex, Lilly, Discovery Therapeutics, Dov Pharmaceuticals and Wyeth-Ayerst.

Stein, who has been chair of the UCI pharmacology department for over 20 years, previously conducted research with Wyeth Laboratories, now Wyeth-Ayerst, in Philadelphia.

Under Stein's direction, the UCI College of Medicine is now nationally recognized for its department of pharmacology.



KRISTINA MEDINA/New University

See FACULTY, page 5 Stein has experience in both industry and academia.

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## ASSAULT

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police department crime prevention officer. "It was pitch black in the bathroom because he turned the lights out and that is why [the survivor] cannot identify him."

Garrett said that the UCIPD currently has no suspects in the case, noting that the incident was reported the week of Jan. 7, over eight months after the crime occurred.

According to Donna-Jean Loudon, director of the Campus Assault Prevention Program, most campus assault survivors do not report the crime until long after the fact, if ever.

"Most survivors on campus don't contact police," Loudon said, who coordinates care from beginning to end for UCI sexual assault survivors via the Center for Women and Gender Education.

"I have a wide range of options to offer. The police are called in to get the bad guy, but police intervention may not be in the survivor's best interest."

The recovery options that Loudon offers survivors include counseling and medical care.

However the protocol for the aftermath of a sexual assault varies on a case by case basis.

"If the crime has occurred within 72 hours and the police are notified, they urge the survivor to have physical evidence collected at Anaheim Memorial Hospital. Then the survivor and the perpe-

trator [if caught] are interviewed as well as witnesses," Loudon said. "The case is turned over to the district attorney's office and they determine whether or not to prosecute."

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**Donna-Jean Loudon**  
director of the Campus Assault Prevention Program

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If the assailant is a UCI student, the case is reported to the Office of the Dean of Students where all parties have a grievance hearing with the judicial affairs officer who would then take action which may include expul-

sion and police involvement, Loudon said.

Louden said that on average, 30 reports per academic year of sexual assault cross her desk, most of which are incidents where the assailant is a close or casual acquaintance of the survivor.

"The FBI statistic is that most rapes are classified as acquaintance-casual to close," Loudon said. "Typically, only one percent of survivors go to the police."

Francesca Cancian, professor of sociology founded the UCI sexual assault survivors support group in order to provide a complimentary or alternative option to police intervention. Cancian said recovery groups play a critical role on college campuses.

"Rape is hugely underreported. You don't want to tell anyone. That is what we want to change because that is so much of what damages survivors," Cancian said.

The UCIPD is urging anyone who has information on the Mesa Court assault to contact them at 949-824-8055 or via the confidential Silent Witness program at www.pucipd.edu.

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In protest of the investment, the UCI chapter of the American Medical Association drafted a letter on Nov. 6 requesting that the regents remove the stock from their portfolio.

Vinh Nguyen, president of the UCI chapter of the AMA, said that the extensive letter writing campaign from organizations systemwide was influential in urging

the regents to take quick action. "One reason the regents decided the way that they did was because of student pressure. A good collective measure was put forth by all the UC's and the result that occurred was one that we wanted," Nguyen said.

Davis said that the regents tried to balance the issue between what was best for the retiree's money and the student concerns.

"We are all very happy and we think that the regents did the right thing," Nguyen said.

A representative from the Irvine Company could not be reached for comment.

Jenny Martin, a fourth-year history major and Stanford Court resident, hopes the task force will alleviate student housing tension.

"I hope that students' matters will also be taken into consideration," Martin said. "I would like to concentrate on my studies instead of worrying about how to earn enough money to pay increasing rents."

The task force is tentatively scheduled to meet Feb. 20.

Larsen is encouraging UCI students to apply to be task force representatives by contacting the City Manager's office at (949) 724-6241.

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## RENTERS

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control. Rents can actually increase without limit," said Larry Larsen, city council service manager. According to Larsen, rent will be the primary concern among other issues to be addressed such as ways to meet the increasing demand for housing.

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bill gives California's Department of Water Resources temporary authority to purchase energy, as well as \$400 million to do so.

Detmers emphasized that this "short-term fix" might only occur between one to two weeks, as prices for power exceed \$600 to \$700 per megawatt.

On Friday evening, Detmers announced that power was restored to all of the interruptible service customers who requested to come back on-line. Voluntary interruptible customers are often industrial companies that require a lot of energy. In exchange for lower rates, these customers voluntarily go off-line when requested by the state in times of emergency. This is a measure undertaken to decrease electrical demand before rolling blackouts are deemed necessary.

Detmers said that the regents tried to balance the issue between what was best for the retiree's money and the student concerns.

"We are all very happy and we think that the regents did the right thing," Nguyen said.

A representative from the Irvine Company could not be reached for comment.

Jenny Martin, a fourth-year history major and Stanford Court resident, hopes the task force will alleviate student housing tension.

"I hope that students' matters will also be taken into consideration," Martin said. "I would like to concentrate on my studies instead of worrying about how to earn enough money to pay increasing rents."

The task force is tentatively scheduled to meet Feb. 20.

Larsen is encouraging UCI students to apply to be task force representatives by contacting the City Manager's office at (949) 724-6241.

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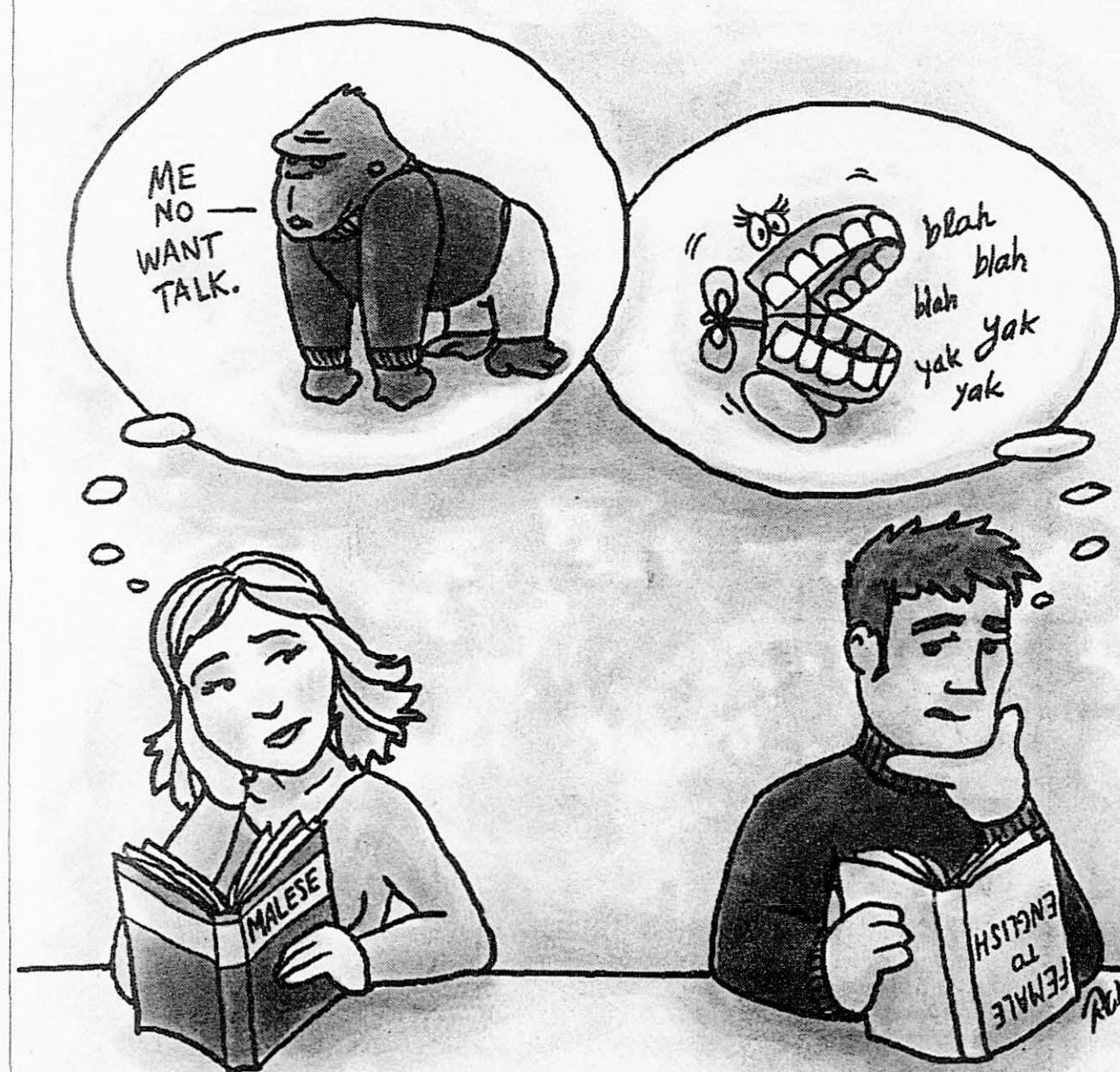
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## What Women (And Men) Want

Communication between the two sexes is often hindered by lack of trust, high expectations and an inability to carefully listen.

By Erene Mina  
Staff Writer



REBECCA WATKINS/New University

Mind reading is typically a skill reserved by mesmerizing late-night psychics to astound curious insomniacs with their apparent knack for uncovering personal information about their love lives, jobs and friendships. However, it also seems to be an ability that men and women think they possess, according to Charlene Korsgaard, Ph.D., clinical psychologist at the UCI Counseling Center.

This happens when people assume they know what the other person thinks or when they expect the other person to just know the right thing to say and do.

Since most of us have not truly mastered the art of mind reading, we must go back to the basics and find a way to actually communicate. This is probably harder than it sounds because of the generalizations both genders make about one another.

Students at UCI have their own takes on the problems that plague effective communication between the opposite sexes.

"Men say what they want and women only hint at it," said Shokry Lawandy, a fourth-year biological sciences major.

On the flip side, according to Marian Guirguis, a third-year civil engineering major, "Women assume that guys get it when they really don't."

Putting these stereotypes aside, most of the communication problems experienced by men and women can be traced back to the innate characteristics each one is essentially born with, according to Dr. Thomas Parham, assistant vice chancellor for Counseling and Health Services.

"Men typically are very systematic and logical, relying on their rationale," Parham explained. "On the other hand, women act through their hearts and emotions, exhibiting their intuition and femininity."

According to the book "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus," "Women speak in metaphors and generalizations. If men speak at all, it is very literal and they interpret women in the same literal way."

So it is evident that men and women are distinct culturally; however, this does not mean that they cannot communicate with one another.

"People that are different can communicate. There are some sweeping generalities among all of us. It's a bigger deal than just two people," Korsgaard said.

Despite our differences, we are probably more alike than we perceive ourselves to be.

According to Parham, men and women have both masculine and feminine "energies" and the challenge is to get in touch with the other side. Since men and women share certain attributes, the catch lies in knowing when and how to use them. When they fail to incorporate both their masculinity and femininity into how they commu-

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## Postcards From the Edge Foreshadow Marriage

They were sitting on a couch, close like they always are. Touching arms, touching legs. When they talk now I see bits of them in each other—bits I never noticed before.

They are very different from all of my other friends.

They are engaged to be married this summer.

In fact, they showed me the Engagement Video, wherein their parents danced with glee after the ring was placed on her finger. I got all teary and lame when the camera zoomed in on the bride-to-be's mom and dad. The emotion of happiness that welled inside me was almost unexpected. I was speechless and kept making "ooh" and "aah" noises.

"We have so much to plan," she

said after the video turned to static. Her platinum and diamond ring caught the light with every stressed motion of her hand.

"Yeah, yeah—we have to get the date so we can get the invitations and everything," he said.

I sipped my rum and coke and marveled at the whole situation. A few years ago, they were just my friends. I hung out with them at coffee shops on weekends. I went to shows with them.

Once she told me she thought he was cute.

Not much later, he told me he thought she was cute.

Now, they're a couple.

More than a couple—they're getting married this summer.

And I'm invited.

### Talking at Machines



SHAYA  
MOHAJER

I was grabbing things and running out the door with my hair wet, again. I hate mornings. As I grabbed my keys my mom handed me a postcard.

I looked at it quizzically before realizing what it was.

I ground to a complete stop as my muddled morning brain figured out what I was holding.

The postcard was extremely artsy fartsy.

It had renderings of fish and half-dissected human heads swimming all over it.

I recognized the writing as Danny's. Danny is the boy who grew through puberty and pimples alongside me.

He lived at the end of my cul-de-

sac for most of my life, before he went away to the Ivy League where he belongs. There was a time that I thought I would marry him and we'd have curly-haired babies that grew up in Laguna the way we did. Of course, I would never ever admit that to his face back then—or to myself, for that matter.

Over winter break he brought home his new girlfriend who, to her credit, has hair much curlier than mine. She's the first girlfriend of his that I've really, really liked.

The postcard I held lightly was an invitation to an art opening, for which Danny was the featured sculptor.

I looked at the date of the show

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## 15 minutes with...



Nassrin Iravani



WOK DOAN/New University

By Sue-Ann Tran  
Staff Writer

Recently, the New University had the pleasure of interviewing Nassrin Iravani, the charismatic owner of White Rose, a skin care treatment center in the University Marketplace. Iravani shared her secret to how she managed to remain the oldest merchant in the

University Center.

New U.: How long have you been working at White Rose?

Nassrin Iravani: In April, White Rose will celebrate its 13th year of success at the University Center. I am the first person to open a shop in this complex and have been here ever since.

New U.: Do you enjoy working at White Rose?

Iravani: I do it with heart and love. I love my job so much. Everyone that leaves my place feels like a millionaire. It is so rewarding because I bring self-confidence to my clients, both physically and mentally.

New U.: How have you managed to stay in the complex for so long?

Iravani: My employees have been with me for 13 years since I have opened. People who come to us come to a family and they feel like they are somebody. At other places, they will feel like a number, but we make them feel special at White Rose. This is why I have been so successful.

New U.: What does your business specialize in, exactly?

Iravani: We specialize in skin-care and I am a dermal hygienist. Our services are what I call "a day of pampering." This includes a European Facial, therapeutic body massage, a manicure, a pedicure

and lunch.

New U.: Have you had any famous clients?

Iravani: Well, in fact, Chuck Norris and his family came in for a treatment. That was an exciting experience.

New U.: Do you have any good stories to tell about White Rose?

Iravani: There was a girl that came in one day. I had told her that if I gave her a facial, shortly thereafter, she would be married. I promised her, once I gave her a facial, the boys wouldn't be able to resist. A few days later, she came back for a facial treatment. That

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The New U. Dog had a great time at the New U. Party.

Melinda throws one heck of a party: artsy fartsy Basque music, more liquor than any pup should consume and all the cocktail weiners you can eat.

The New U. dog apologizes for any puddles he might have directly contributed to. Sorry Melinda.

The New U. Dog's guide to a bomb ass party:  
1.) Refried bean dip. Yum.

2.) Cakes filled with ants. Delicious.

3.) Shaan vomit: Holy moly, good stuff.

The New U. Dog sends his love to all the puppies that showed their tails.

Oh, and special love to Heidi's boyfriend, who showed up with a basket of chocolate.

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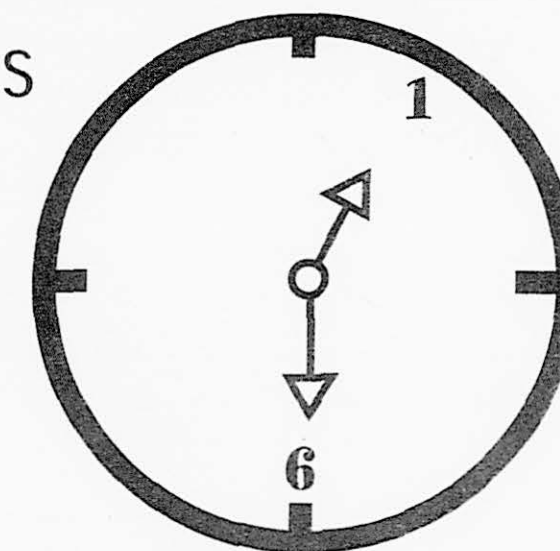
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No appointments necessary

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## PROBLEMS

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nicate, they are not being honest with themselves and with each other.

"One of the main obstacles plaguing communication between men and women is trust and honesty, and the degree to which each party is open with and trusts the other party," Parham said. "If someone has been hurt before, that hinders their ability to be trusting and honest with the person they are communicating with."

According to Korsgaard, listening goes hand in hand with trust and honesty. An elemental characteristic of communication between any two people involves actively listening.

"People don't listen to each other; they're not hearing what the other person is saying. That's the problem," Korsgaard said.

Even when men and women place trust in and listen to each other, they can still quarrel.

"Conflicts are inevitable. One's needs are usually incompatible with those of another. This happens when people get comfortable with each other in a relation-

ship," Parham said.

"Early on in relationships, the excitement is high and we are 'other-focused,' willing to inconvenience ourselves in order to meet the other person's needs. Once we get used to having the other person around, we shift from being other-centered to self-centered."

According to Korsgaard, younger couples fight more because they lack maturity and haven't learned to stop and listen.

"Young people want so bad to be in relationships that that's what they end up fighting about. At a certain point, people force the relationship, trying to make it compatible. That's why younger couples fight more," Korsgaard said.

On the other hand, Parham addresses the issue of maturity and frequency of conflicts with a slight twist.

"I don't think maturity or age contributes more or less to couples fighting. Maturity plays a bigger role in how successful two people are at resolving conflicts," said Parham. "Younger couples are more in the moment while older couples appreciate the possibility that things can get better over time."

One mistake that younger couples make is setting standards for each other that are seemingly impossible, Korsgaard said. Rather than turning to their network of friends for support, they place all the responsibility on the other party, creating conflict and tension.

"All couples need social interactions because one person cannot fulfill all your needs," Korsgaard said. "People's expectations are too high. You need girlfriends for the girly stuff and guy friends for the manly stuff."

These sorts of barriers that impede men and women from effectively communicating have been around for a long time and will probably continue to exist because of our humanness.

However, there are alternatives to walking down the same path previous generations have and falling in all the same places. Teaching ourselves how to effectively communicate is the key.

"Effective communication involves openness, honesty, and should be direct. There should also be some kind of feedback loop where you check back in with the person you've just communicated with to make sure the message sent was the message

received," Parham advised.

Furthermore, Korsgaard stressed that listening and being clear are central in communication.

"Never speak using generalities like 'you always,' but use specific examples instead. Talk about one defined situation at a time and never bring up the past," Korsgaard said.

According to Parham, in order to resolve these communication problems that exist between men and women, we also need to do a little self-discovery, not be afraid of incorporating and acknowledging that we are not purely masculine or feminine, but rather a disproportionate combination of the two.

Along with acquiring some self-knowledge, Parham also suggests that we need a new definition of trust in order for relationships to get off the ground.

"Most people externalize trust; they want the other person to jump through hoops before they can trust them. Real trust is not an external circumstance, but it's an internal virtue," Parham said. "The responsibility is on the individual to take the risk, communicate and put themselves out there."

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night, she had a date with a man. Three months later, she was engaged to that same man. I was invited to the wedding and I couldn't stop crying. It was beautiful.

New U: What a great story! I need to come in one day. Speaking of which, are students good customers here?

Iravani: I love the center just because of the wonderful students who support us. I want to make it affordable to students. They are my number one clients.

New U: How did you become a dermal hygienist?

Iravani: I trained in Germany and California. After which, I worked at Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue. By that time I was so busy that I decided to open a place that just specialized in skin care and no hair care. I have done skin care for 21 years in Irvine, 13 of which are at White Rose.

White Rose can be reached by phone at (949) 854-2033.

## SHAYA

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and looked at the date on my watch. If I wanted to see the opening night of his show, I had exactly 6 hours to catch a flight to New Haven, Connecticut.

I tucked the postcard into my pocket and smiled as I walked to my car. My insides swelled with simple happiness for my friend.

It felt good to be invited, even if we both knew I couldn't be there.

The conversation was grinding to a sort of uncomfortable end, as my boyfriend and I realized my lackadaisical work schedule meant we wouldn't be hanging out with each other, again.

"I want to see 'Snatch,'" he said. On his way home from work he'd seen that it was playing at the local theatre.

I told him I wanted to see it, too. Later it seems like I've been bad at planning him into my schedule without actually dragging him along to things I do, and I can't remember the last time we hung out alone off-campus.

We compared work schedules and decided to see it Tuesday.

I hung up the phone feeling good that I'd succeeded in planning to see my boyfriend and what looks to be like a good movie.

Sometimes, being invited is half the fun.

Talk at the machine:  
smohajer@uci.edu.

## Horoscopes for vomiting in the toilet

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
Information overload! Halt the ceaseless flow of rubric and jargon before you collapse of an aneurysm and too much jism! Ah-cho!

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)**  
Bless you, oh rock-like foundation of the universe! Thou shalt now enter upon the world and spread your disease of Peace!

**Aries (Mar. 21 - April 19)**  
Wait! Peace is not a disease! What fifth am I disseminating upon the unsuspecting world? I have become infected by the hawk-like war hunger of ripe smelly butts!

**Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)**  
Insemination is a beautiful act which ought not to be interrupted by spurious curious monkeys wearing flaming red underwear and nothing else. Bug off, buckwheat.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)**  
The telephone ringing at 3 a.m. always bodes ill. Unless you're sitting in your skivvies on the crapper contemplating lobster brain crab cakes, the Iron Chef and ultimate irony.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)**  
Vomiting in the toilet! Not good! Wearing a lamp shade on your head! Always funny! Liquor in the tum tum! Always warm and fun fun! Liquor with green bile splattered on your toilet seat? Not so fun.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**  
I have a message to spread! I have a tub full of creamy goodness to dispense! I have a piece of crispy toast and I have you! Oh, I can't believe it's not butter!

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**  
Stop the insanity! The flow o' joe is too much! Cut down caffeine intake before you explode! Oh devil dogs, oh tasty snowballs, oh lactic acid regurgitation bouts!

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)**  
The sound of released air hisses near you ear. Have you passed out again next to a flat tire, or did your professor just fart as he walked by your desk?

**Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)**  
What bastards! What lunacy! Start raving rants to passerby and see where that gets you! Maybe you should try carrying a holy text too! That always gets my attention!

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
How happy can you possibly be? Why don't you roll over and see? Eww, that was suggestive.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**  
Now what are you going to do? It's too late to be a cheerleader! Low on profanity, high on insanity. Try to speak in rhymes for a week, thou with spongy holes in thy brain.

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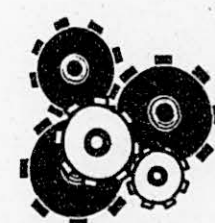
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## Ashcroft Lies Far to the Right of America



Over the past few weeks, there has been a growing uncertainty surrounding the nomination of John Ashcroft to the position of attorney general within George W. Bush's cabinet. Ashcroft has drawn fire from groups supporting gun control as well as those that back civil rights and women's issues.

Of course, the issue ultimately comes to whether or not Ashcroft can successfully put aside his deep philosophical convictions and perform his duties as attorney general. These include, apart from protecting the rights of various groups, a considerable amount of influence in the choice for federal judges, most notably the U.S. Supreme Court.

Based upon Ashcroft's actions as a Senator for Missouri, George W. Bush effectively dismissed the notion that he intends to unify the nation after such a bitter struggle to gain presidency with his nomination of Ashcroft.

Without a doubt, Bush has every right to choose an attorney general who is a conservative Republican, but not one whose personal philosophies seriously undermine his ability to be effective in his position of power. Unfortunately, in the case of Ashcroft, this may be what has happened.

In 1999, Ashcroft vigorously led a campaign to stop the rise of Missouri Judge Ronnie White to the federal level. Although White had voted for the death penalty in 41 of 59 cases brought before him, which is more than four of Ashcroft's nominees had voted, Ashcroft branded him as "pro-criminal" in his attempt to block White's nomination to federal judgeship.

It was the first time in four decades that the Senate had actually managed to block a federal district court judge's nomination.

One of the most important responsibilities of the attorney general is to ensure civil rights for minorities as well as to protect the reproductive rights of women. On both of these

issues the position that Ashcroft takes is quite extreme.

For the case of abortion, Ashcroft has stated, if given a choice, he would ban all forms of abortion, except to save the life of the mother. Those women who are victims of rape or incest are considered too fortunate to have an abortion. This idea of exclusion extends to other areas as well.

Apart from speaking at Bob Jones University (where interracial dating had only until recently been banned) and accepting an interview with the pro-Confederate magazine Southern Partisan, Ashcroft refused to sign the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, even during a time when homosexuals were being increasingly targeted.

All these incidents clearly indicate that Bush has not taken into account the extreme positions of Ashcroft compared to the rest of the United States.

There is also the issue of gun control, which Ashcroft has not supported, perhaps due to his ties to the National Rifle Association.

Some of his opposition to gun control includes opposing a ban on assault weapons, as well as required safety locks.

From these few cases, it is clear that although Ashcroft may have enough experience to be attorney general, his personal philosophy as well as views that are far outside of the American mainstream, clearly limit his ability to act effectively. This time, Bush ignored his claim as "unifier" and chose someone that even surprised many Republicans.

In the coming week, when the Senate considers the cabinet position of attorney general, Ashcroft should be rejected in favor of someone whose ideals do not raise so many questions as to whether he/she can perform the position given.

Although the nomination of Ashcroft has a high likelihood of acceptance, if the Senators performed their obligation to examine each candidate's ability to perform, they should find that Bush made the wrong decision in his choice for attorney general.

## Commentary

## The Party That Was Never Heard

By Eric Gage

So why was it that this year the holidays weren't so festive? Possibly because of the looming shadow of the most deliberate display of hypocrisy, corruption and abuse of power since Iran-Contra or Watergate.

What went wrong with Gore's bid for the presidency? Perhaps it was the personal attacks by the Gore team on candidates to the right and the left that soured the public or his poor performance on the televised debates.

In a year when the two parties weren't so similar, a 3rd party campaign would be completely ignored. As the third party had been ignored in 1996, the Nader campaign was no exception, until October.

The citizen-funded campaign drew support mainly from Independents who had previously supported Perot, believing that true reform lay outside of partisan politics. When Nader was barred from entering the debates by police, his poll numbers rose incrementally, while the name-calling began in earnest.

ABC, CNN/Time Warner, MSNBC, New York Times, Washington Post, etc. ran stories about "Nader: the spoiler".

The message sent by the corporate media was clear: If you want to be conservative, join the Republicans. But if you want to be progressive, the line is drawn. You can support only the appointed Democratic representative or you will be responsible

for the implosion of the Party. This at least would be partly true.

After 8 years of business-leaning centrism and 2 scandals, the Democrats are running on reputation. They have become a party of triangulation and image where celebrity is the only requisite to hold elected office. Everyone noticed the elitism of the Democratic campaign with Bill Clinton campaigning for Al and Al campaigning for Hillary. What are we to think of Hillary Clinton's senatorial victory and the \$8 million advance on her upcoming book?

They may have unwittingly set the tone for Bush's success in the primaries, whose main advantage against McCain was the family name.

As for inaccurate and inappropriate allegations that Nader cost Gore the election, these are dispelled by facts. The outright slander and lack of coverage of the Green campaign has been documented by Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting and can be viewed by anyone with an internet connection at [www.fair.org](http://www.fair.org).

Many other factors are being ignored: 1.) The coalition of Cuban-Americans in Florida who opposed Gore because of the poor handling of the Elian case. 2.) Buchanan functioned as "spoiler" for Bush in states with a narrow margin. 3.) The obstruction of the African-American vote in Florida. The CNN exit polls indicate that most Democrats voted for Gore, with

only 2 percent voting for Nader and 11 percent voting for Bush. This means that for every Democrat that voted for Nader, 5 voted for Bush. This trend holds for most states including Florida.

The Supreme Court, which the Democrats had declared in peril, was already populated by their opponents. The irony that Scalia and Thomas had been appointed by a Democrat-controlled Senate (Scalia unanimously so) was lost on the media.

At this juncture, it should be clear that government can be bought. *OpenSecrets.org* shows that 5 of the 10 largest corporate donors to E2000 (including Microsoft) split their multi-million dollar donation between both parties at a margin of 40 - 60 percent or less. In the coming years, our freedoms and quality of life will be best preserved by civic awareness and activism.

A dissenting intellectual community does exist in America and we would do well to join its efforts. The Internet gives us instant access to this community as well as its alternative media sources. It should also be clear that municipal and state reform will be realized regardless of federal resistance, with states like California, Oregon, Minnesota and Vermont leading the way.

The legitimacy of government is derived entirely from the consent of the governed and there is no reason why our officials shouldn't be accountable to us. The century is still fresh and history is in the making.

## A Sock Full of Chicken Fat

## No One Should Pay These Prices

By Edgar Sarmiento  
Opinion Columnist

**Quick Quiz:** In J. R. R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* (the epic fantasy that provided the inspiration for naming a sector of on campus housing Middle Earth), what is Rohan? This was the dorm that I inhabited my freshman year, along with the perpetual cynic I had for a roomie, Dave Mussoff. I'm curious to see how many people are familiar with what is possibly the greatest piece of creative fiction written this century. First one to E-mail the answer to me gets to be in the next Sock Full of Chicken Fat.

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Now, how is it the bookstore can sell a fat biology book for the respectable price of \$100, then a quarter later tell us that no matter how good the condition of

the book is, it's worth only \$25 to \$30? The funny thing is, a week later that same book is back on the shelf for a stunning \$85!

Wow, the bookstore is a magical place—they take \$30 worth of book and turn it into \$85 worth of book. Everyone! Bring stuff to the bookstore, give them a week to work their magical mojo on it and see if it comes back at twice the value! I wonder if they'll take this old sock full of chicken fat: it's got to be worth something.

Sure, the evil bookstore needs to make money, but isn't that what the marked-up merchandise on the top floor is all about? Perhaps they have chosen to exploit the students they should be servicing. Sort of like the cab driver that takes you to a dark alley and robs you instead of dropping you off at the airport. Of course, I don't place the blame on the evil bookstore alone. The publishers have to get in on the robbery too.

Sure, I understand that the publishers need to make money. I also understand that the market for academic textbooks such as ours is limited and therefore the price is higher than it would be on the free market. The question is how much higher should it be?

It's funny that when you look at the projected student expenses that the Financial Aid Office cal-

culates, it shows books as a cost that is equal to a significant fraction of tuition. Does that make sense? I think not.

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By Ava Santos

The KUCI station sits just beyond Middle Earth, blissfully secluded from the rest of the campus, save for its neighbor, the Engineering Interim Classroom.

Upon stepping through KUCI's doors, one can see the vast collection of CDs on shelves. Adjoined is a room housing countless vinyl records. Three more crates filled with CDs sit in another office, waiting to be reviewed by KUCI music critics.

"The amount of music that comes in is incredible," said David Jun, station general manager. Much of the music received by KUCI has not been released to the general public yet.

"KUCI is one of the most eclectic stations [out there]," Jun said. Unlike public radios, "there's more [of] an edge to college radio. There's no censorship and it's a do what you want kind of thing."

In addition, KUCI also serves as an emergency link to the UCI campus and surrounding communities, especially since it runs around the clock.

"KUCI is very organized," said

station DJ Diane Lee. "If you compare it to [other university stations like] KSPC and CALX, nobody has a 24-hour running program. It's hard to keep quality nonprofit radio programming."

An engineering student, Craig Will, founded KUCI in 1968, only three years after UCI opened. "It started in a dorm room," recalls Barbara DeMarco-Barrett, KUCI public affairs director. "The first song was 'Sugar, Sugar.'"

KUCI received its first official license from the FCC on Nov. 25, 1969 and transmitted at 10 watts of power at 89.9 FM. The station started broadcasting 24 hours a day in 1975 with wide coverage of the Orange County political scene.

However, the campus radio station's history has not been smooth. In 1981, public radio KCRW in Santa Monica wanted to increase its power, which would have limited KUCI's range to Irvine alone. So KUCI moved from 89.9 FM to 88.9 FM.

In 1984, Loyola Marymount University-based KXLU wanted to

move its antenna to a higher location. Since KXLU shares KUCI frequency, this would have wiped out KUCI's frequency. The solution was to increase KUCI's power to a "Class A" rating, which is 100 watts of power.

Since its inception, the public affairs programming time increased from 6 to 25 hours a week.

In 1990, KUCI separated from ASUCI and joined the development wing of the administration. University Advancement. This enabled the station to be independent of changes by ASUCI presidents and instead focus on its programming, marketing and fundraising.

Unlike a typical radio station, KUCI does not air commercials. "We mostly have donor announcements," Jun said. "Usually public service announcements, those that say 'Brought to you by,'" DeMarco-Barrett said.

In Sept. 1991, the FCC approved a power increase to 200 watts for the station, which still holds to this day. This enabled KUCI to throw a net

over a bigger audience.

The Internet cast the net even wider.

"People listen more from elsewhere," DeMarco-Barrett said. "I got an e-mail from Tasmania."

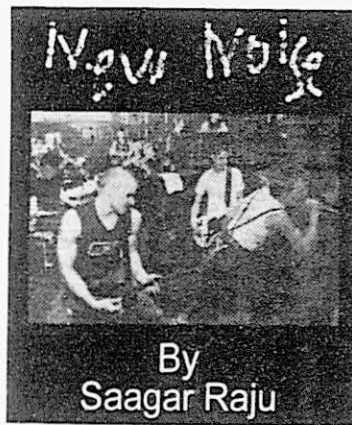
What about the future? KUCI plans to "improve the station as a whole and use our [KUCI's] energies more to bring about what KUCI needs," DeMarco-Barrett said.

Currently, the public affairs shows run from 8 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays. It might be interesting to tune in and check out shows such as "Campus Talk UCI" on Mondays from 4:30 to 5 p.m., "The Question" on Thursdays from 8 to 9 a.m. and "The Empowerment Zone" on Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. For winter, out of 18 public affairs shows, only two are hosted by UCI students while the other 16 are run by community members. That can change, since shows are evaluated every quarter.

The rest of the airtime is devoted to freemove music. A striking character

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## Grand Theft Audio Adds to a Putrid Week in Music



By Saagar Raju

It's yet another putrid week for music. I was somewhat distraught to find that Jason Newsted, Metallica's bassist for the past 14 years, has just left the band. Hopefully, Metallica will keep up the tradition of great bassists that started with the late Cliff Burton and continue with someone of comparable skill and talent.

Of course, Metallica is not the only high profile band that has had long time members leave, as long time pioneers of their own distinct breed of rap-metal, Rage Against the Machine lost their lead singer, Zach de la Rocha, when he departed.

Van Morrison saved face this past week after refusing to be part of the presidential inauguration festivities, which included the overdone, highly overplayed and boisterous Ricky Martin, who succumbed to new depths of artistic insecurity. These type of events are reserved for artists who depend on national exposure, not necessarily skill, to sell records.

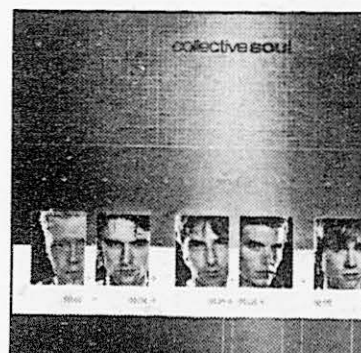
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CD, "Skin" and "Vent," have a slight similarity to '70s funk, so I guess one could call it funk-rock. Most of the guitar riffs from these two songs are similar to those of the rest of the CD, which shows a modest amount

of tiredness.

"Why pt2" is one of the best songs on the whole CD and I am not saying that just because it was played on the radio as a single. This song manages to utilize the guitar styling and tone of the rest of the album and meld them into a unique combination.

Don't worry, I didn't forget about Elton John's contribution (uh hhm, sorry, Sir Elton John) to the fifth song on the CD, "Perfect Day." I have no idea why this guy has anything to do with Collective Soul.

When I heard this guy singing, I imagined him wearing those big ass glasses he wore back in the '70s, when he would come out on stage wearing something rather extravagant. I have to admit, his piano bit was a good addition to the song, but his voice was out of place.

Of course, it can't be a Collective Soul album without a song like "You Speak My Language," which is definitely the hardest song on the album,

yet is limited to the typical Collective Soul riffs.

Overall, the album is decent, yet appears restricted in how much Collective Soul wanted to experiment with their style except for the first couple of songs and the addition of Elton John. They also interspersed a good amount of acoustic/slowed songs to make the album almost achieve good balance.

Buy this album if you like Collective Soul, early '90s pop-rock as well as anything with an appearance by Elton John.

Grade: B

Grand Theft Audio  
BLAME EVERYONE  
London Records

I have to admit, I had extreme reservations when I first popped this CD into the player. Turns out, what I

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## Get a Glimpse of Ritchie's 'Snatch'

By Nick Miller  
Staff Writer

Guy Ritchie's "Snatch" is more than just an oxymoron; it's a living, breathing, precisely vague and determinedly haphazard exercise in kitsch F-U-N.

Of course, some prefer cinema with a bit more substance—mastery of MTV aesthetics only go so far.

Regardless, "Snatch" is a swift and numbing UK import featuring a killer cast of popular celluloid bad-asses. Brad Pitt, Hollywood's very own Walt Whitman, leads the pack as the wily and rugged boxer Mickey O'Neil. An Irish Gypsy, Mickey is not the lead character of "Snatch" but he is most definitely the centerpiece of the narrative.

Ritchie starts off in London, introducing Franky Four Fingers (Benicio Del Toro), a diamond courier en route to New York to deliver a monstrous diamond to his boss Avi (Dennis Farina). Of course, this is a heist-gone-awry

film, and the film wouldn't be interesting unless Franky had a gambling compulsion and was set up by bookie con men with the motive to intercept the precious gem.

In a time of political transition, "Snatch" turns out to be surprisingly

relevant: the film's "trickle-down" narrative of deceit and shenanigans will more than likely mirror the Bush administration's reign of terror.

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Novice boxing promoter Turkish (Jason Statham, far left) discusses mobile homes with boxer Mickey (Brad Pitt, right).

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## Everything's Waiting for You Downtown

By Edmelyne Villanueva

A new hangout next to an old classic. That's exactly what Downtown Disney is, a new entertainment attraction adjacent to Disneyland.

Quite simply, this place is a mediocre excuse for Disney to capitalize on traffic between Disneyland and their new theme park, California Adventure. Disney has provided an assortment of eateries and shopping establishments, but quite frankly, few of these destinations are worthwhile of a Friday evening. Attempting to appeal to both tourists and locals, Disney has failed to provide a sufficiently entertaining experience for either.

For the tourist and Disney lovers, the World of Disney store offers something for everyone from Mickey Mouse towels,

Tigger staplers, unique collectibles and princess costumes. But really, who buys Disney items anymore? It's all too expensive, anyway.

Hoyoloi is a gallery exhibiting blown glass, metal and wood sculptures along with canvas paintings. All are for sale, but the price tags will tell you that the average college student will not be shopping in this store for apartment decorations. However, Hoyoloi is still a gallery worth looking around.

Aside from shopping, one of Downtown Disney's most appealing aspects are the clubs and restaurants.

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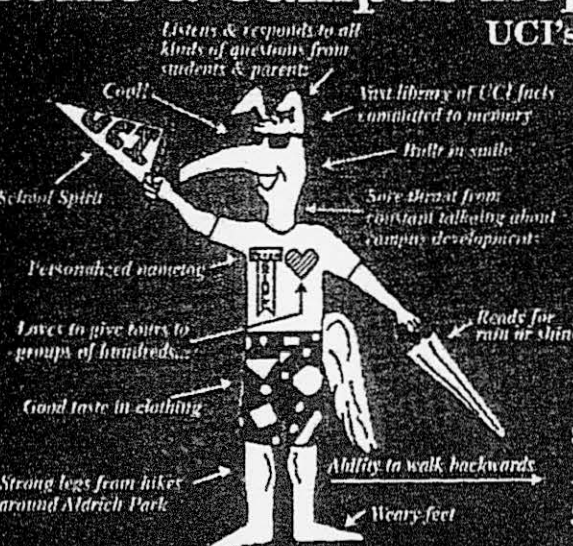
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teristic of KUCI is that it doesn't air mainstream music. "Nothing on top 40," Jun said. "It's always been like that. We're a college station for the people by the people. Mainstream songs are easily accessible [on corporate radio]. We play stuff you don't usually hear."

"It's the complete opposite [of a corporate station]," Lee said. "We have independent music and unknown artists. The more obscure, the better."

This is ideal for those who look for something new. "There's lack of rigidity found in typical songs," DeMarco-Barrett said.

So will KUCI be a perfect place for aspiring DJs who want to make it big? "We actually have some [DJs] that come out of here," DeMarco-Barrett said. "One of them is Nick Roman, who is on KRON right now."

Even amateur DJs can go for it. "It's a hobby for a lot of students," Jun said. "We have everyone from bio to theater to art. It's just really spread out."

KUCI provides an eight-week training session every quarter for those interested in becoming a DJ or hosting their own public affairs show. The training for winter quarter already started, but it's not too late to join.

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## SAAGAR

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heard was a meld of electronica, industrial, punk, hip-hop and pop in a big cacophonous mess.

Yeah, it is possible to combine all that into one.

This quartet, Grand Theft Audio, out of London, wanted to create an album that people either loved or "never wanted to hear again," according to their website.

Well, before I make any rash judgments, let's go through the

album, shall we?

"As Good as it Gets," the seventh song on the CD, stuck out because it didn't use as many electronic effects as the rest of the album.

Speak only to improve the silence.

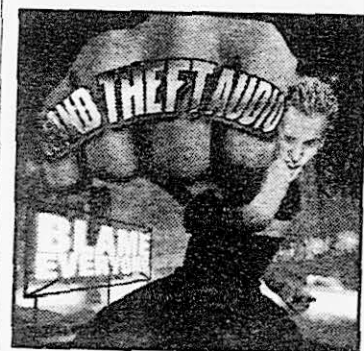
I think we should have a new unwritten law for people who attempt hip-hop. If you can't rap, please don't try it on your album. This rule would bode well for a song like "Drugs and Girls."

The rest of the album is a poor attempt at mixing genres together. "Death to the Infidels," the opening track on the album, is basically much like the rest, combining a bunch of effects and words to create music.

Buy this album if you want to annoy somebody. Also, here is your good deed for the day. If you see someone trying to pick up this CD at your local music shop, give his/her face a nice smack. They will thank you later.

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## SNATCH

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But onward—Franky gets lost in the shuffle, forcing his boss Avi to catch a flight to London (transcontinental travel was never so much fun!) and track down the diamond with his number-one thug "Bullet Tooth" Tony (Vinnie Jones, showing no mercy as usual).

All the while, two underground boxing promoters, Turkish and Tommy, set up a rigged match featuring a human-monolith boxer and the rascally Mickey. Naturally, all that could go wrong does, and when the two plots intertwine, you're left with the turbulent and messy ride that is "Snatch."

Stylistically, "Snatch" borrows heavily from Ritchie's first feature "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels,"—so much so that the former might be considered a special-edition of the latter. Jump-cut montages, warped slow-mo, Scorsese dollies—it's no surprise that a majority of the crew are Ritchie regulars.

Fortunately, the gang have seriously improved and economized their in-your-face aesthetics: "Snatch" plays to a wittier yet still testosterone-infused crowd.

One has to question whether or not Ritchie is a one-trick pony. There are, indeed, way too many similarities between "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels." That and he appears to be going soft in his ripe old age of 32. Sure, he didn't pull a Paul Thomas Anderson, but his overkill usage of Britishisms and the seemingly obligatory use of Massive Attack begs question. Is he trying too hard to become a crossover novelty in the states, or is he a naive UK visionary?

Only time will tell. Ultimately, the film is like a high-speed chase on the 405: it's a blast to watch, but eventually the felon is caught and the voyeur has to come to their senses.

However, I have to give Ritchie credit; he's turning out to be quite the pop culture icon. Like his new wife, Madonna, they both have a lot of talent, but unfortunately their ambitions are exclusively relevant in a pop culture arena of thought.

Ritchie—who also penned "Bedtime Stories."

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But then again, "Like a Virgin" sounded as if it had promise, but then what did we get?

GRADE: B-

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## DISNEY

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blues, jazz, rock and more. Social Distortion is playing from Jan. 23 to Jan. 30. If tickets are sold out, there is always the restaurant to try where Mississippi Delta-inspired entrees average \$14 to \$17.

House of Blues is the hangout destination in Downtown Disney; there's a full service bar and the music rocks. The House has a refreshing party atmosphere which Orange County needs more of.

Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen has a New Orleans theme. The restaurant is divided into two sections. The first floor is Flambeaux, where you can feast on fried Louisiana oyster platter for \$16 or grilled redfish for \$20. Upstairs is the Carnival Club. It offers a casual fine dining atmosphere. Too bad the Jazz Kitchen doesn't have the Mardi Gras party scene—that would certainly get regulars.

Another adult attraction is the ESPN Zone. The three big screen television monitors above the entrance just exude sports; it's frightening. For those who are not sports fanatics, this place is overkill.

There are various means of entertainment from big screen televisions and leather recliner chairs to video

and virtual reality games. The designers of this place know its patrons well enough that they installed television monitors in the restrooms.

There is a patio for outside dining, but don't worry: there are television monitors so no plays will be missed. Just like Disneyland is all about magic, ESPN Zone is all about games.

The restaurants all have their niche on the taste pallet. It will also make a niche, or rather, a hole in people's wallets if the restaurants become frequent destinations.

No shopping area is complete without a bookstore café. The Compass Books and Café is just across from ESPN Zone, next to AMC 12. With book and coffee in hand, one can sit at the tables outside. Despite the café section, its atmosphere is geared toward sales and it isn't a place to relax and immerse one's self into a book.

Downtown Disney offers limited activities for the party and mellow adult crowds. During daylight, this place is more conducive for families on shopping excursions, not unlike Fashion Island, but far fewer stores. At night, the kiddies go to bed and the grown-ups can play.

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## KEVIN

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wrong—but the "gamers" were even better.

The gamers are the ones that watch the games and support their teams with enthusiasm, the ones that wear funny wigs and draw an opposing player's jersey on a stand up poster of "mini-me," the ones that figure out the sorriest player on the other team and make fun of him the whole game.

I was gamin' along with them. I yelled at the refs who made some seriously blind calls and made fun of number 13, Chris Monroe, for going 2 of 10 from the field.

The final score indicated only a five-point margin. It wasn't that close.

You see, this was a UCI basketball game. It was the game that pitted our Anteaters against the Idaho Vandals on Jan. 11.

Never thought a UCI game could sound like that did you?

It's ok, neither did I—but it's true.

The team is now on a nine-game winning streak and shouldn't have too much trouble with any of their opponents until the 31st of January when they play Utah State. Go to

this game!

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### If we can beat Utah State, we will most likely hit up the NCAA Tournament

they can get an automatic bid by winning the Big West Tournament.

Go out and support for the life of you. Let's get people rushing the court like they did at the Cal game.

A victory on the 31st doesn't guarantee that they'll beat 'em again in the Big West Tourney, but it gives us a mental edge.

So go out there and Zot the Aggies back to Mormon country.

But wait, hold on. I'm not putting all the responsibility on you.

Players, I'm talking to you. You guys want us out there cheering

and getting you guys pumped up, don't you?

Act like you care. Act like you want us at the games. Make an effort to thank your fans; be personable.

Just because you register for your classes earlier than everybody else doesn't mean that your fans aren't potent.

Work the crowds when you play. We're there for you guys to watch you guys play and eat up all the other schools.

What can I say? It's fun to hear, "Jerry, Jerry, Jerry!" whenever Jerry Green makes a free throw. It's fun to try and get Adam Parada to shoot a three-pointer, and it's fun to laugh at the people during the halftime contests.

So, players, appreciate your fans—we really don't have to be there. And fans, students, support your players; without us they don't have as much fun.

So get off your lazy ant and go to the games. As much as it doesn't seem like it, this comes as a writer and not a fan.

E-mail me if you want to go to the Utah State game, kevin@uci.edu, or if you want to borrow my crazy wig, er, my friend's crazy wig, not mine.

## NEW UNIVERSITY SPORTS

### M. B-BALL

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back just as the buzzer went off and made a two-point basket, but it was not counted in the final score.

Neck to neck all the way, the Anteaters made 23 of the 25 attempted free-throws with supporting groups of fans like Sigma Alpha Epsilon filling the stands.

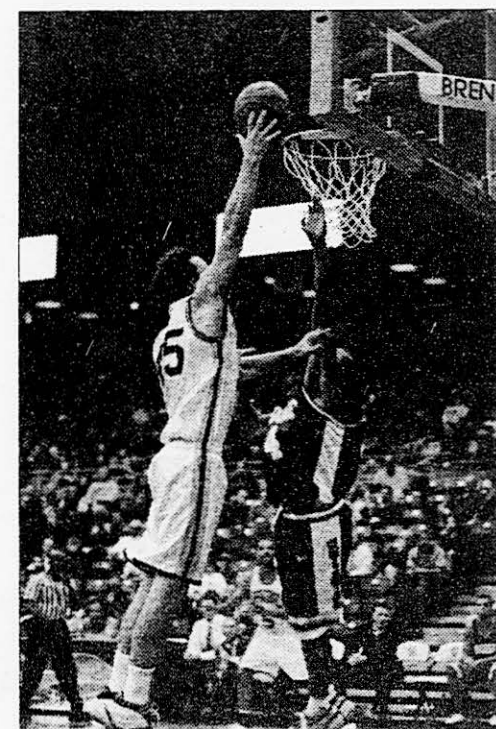
UCI, however, shot a lower percentage of field goals than the visiting Broncos, 45 compared to 49 percent during the game.

Green and senior guard Malachi Edmond scored a combined 44 points throughout the game, sharing 9 rebounds. Freshman center Adam Parada led the team with 9 rebounds.

Leading the Boise team with 27 points and 5 rebounds was forward Abe Jackson.

"They started the game by taking the center, outside the shooter," Douglass said. "Our big people had to chase their shooters, which makes scoring very difficult."

Edmond scored the most field goals of the game, including four awesome three-pointers—three made in the second half when it was most needed.



Jones (left) had five points and five rebounds.

### W. B-BALL

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of UCI to celebrate women in athletics as well as break the UCI women's basketball attendance record. The former attendance record for the team was 1,020 set last year, March 4, during the Gauchos game. The record now stands at 1,204.

During time outs throughout the game, Peter the Anteater and a UCI cheerleader escorted former UCI athletes from a variety of sports.

All the athletes still hold records at UCI.

Also, during half time, the current women athletes from soccer, volleyball, tennis and more filled the court in order to be recognized.

The game was followed by a signing with the athletes and all who attended the game got a free Carl's Jr. hamburger and a chance to win two tickets to Hawaii.

In regards to the new record in attendance Adams was pleased, but he also stated that "we need to win these games so people will come back."

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## Anteaters Buck the Broncos

**■ MEN'S B-BALL:** UC Irvine extended their winning streak with a tight victory over Boise State.

By Christina Warthen  
Staff Writer

In their last home game before going on the road with the Big West Conference, the UCI Men's Basketball team defeated Boise State University in a close game of 76-71 on Jan. 18 to extend their winning streak to eight games.

"It was a good win," said Head Coach Pat Douglass. The Anteaters had a difficult time keeping the defense going throughout the game with the Boise State Broncos always a tail behind in the scoring.

On the fifth shot of the game junior guard Jerry Green notably made his 1,000 point of his basketball career, bringing UCI into the lead.

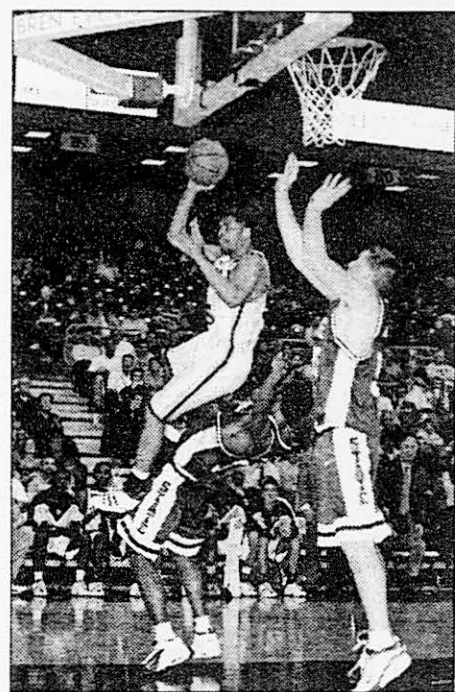
With over 2,000 in attendance, the men's basketball

team kept the crowd at the edge of their seats for two solid hours as both teams battled for the lead.

"We kept our composure down the stretch," Douglass said. "We got the lead, we lost the lead, we didn't lose our composure."

With five minutes left in the game, Green slam-dunked a basket that clearly defined UCI's lead 64-55 and sent a man down on the Boise team. BSU then grabbed the opportunity for some easy free-throws and a three-pointer, allowing them to nearly catch up 68-62.

Scoring by both teams did not end until the buzzer sound-



BRIAN WANG/Now University  
Green erupted for 25 points on Jan. 18.

ed, finalizing the score 76-71 in favor of Irvine. BSU did come

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## STREAK

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cent.

UC Irvine individual team members also hold records. Junior guard Jerry Green was named co-player of the week along with Utah State's Curtis Bobb. Green was also named player of the week the weeks of Dec. 26 and Jan. 8, making him player of the week three out of the past four weeks.

The week that Green was not player of the week, Jan. 2, UCI's senior guard Malachi Edmond was given the honor meaning for the past month, Anteaters have dominated the conference.

Green makes an average of 17.5 points per game, making him the fourth leading scorer in the league and in three league games he has averaged 26.0 points per game and leads all other Big West players.

Senior forward Ben Jones, as the physical force, averages 12.7 points per game and 5.2 rebounds. He makes 52.5 percent of his shots from the floor ranking him fifth in the league and 44 percent of his shots from the three-point range making him fourth.

Parada, meanwhile, is ranked fifth in the league in rebounding, grabbing 6.2 rebounds a game and creates a solid physical presence under the basket for Irvine.

When asked about any surprises in talent among his team, Douglass mentioned that freshman guard Aras Baskauskas, who red-shirted for the team last year, is playing unexpectedly well.

"He's been a surprise to us how he's played," Douglass said. "He's played smart."

The team is also getting a lot of senior leadership from four-year members Edmond and Jones.

"They've stepped it up," Douglass said. "[Also,] Sean Jackson's been giving up a lot of leadership especially in telling the others what to do on the court."

Parada describes the team's biggest strength as "coming together when it really counts."

Green also attributes the team's success to experience and not giving up. "Those are the big things," Green said.

The team has 12 more games before the Big West Conference Tournament starting March 7.

"If we stay healthy and keep playing the way we are, the sky's the limit," Green said.

UC Irvine's next three games are on the road, but when they come back on Jan. 31, they will face Utah State. The game figures to be a good match-up as it pins together the top two teams in the Big West Conference.

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making me feel like almost a  
queen :) You make me feel like  
almost the luckiest person in the  
world! (Notice that I say  
"almost" hehehehehe j/k. And  
oh yeah, by the time that you read  
this, it'd probably be over... But  
Happy Three-Month Anniversary  
hehehehehehe. Luv you baby :)  
Jenny

Hey Ann! How are you doing?  
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well and that you're achieving  
your highest abilities :) (and of  
course, that you're enjoying  
chemistry). Take cares, Jenny

Hi Mom! Hi Dad! Hi Alison and  
Sam! Hi Grandma and Fritz! Hi  
Family! Hi Chini, Cyn, and  
Charmis! I love you all! You win  
a prize if you see your name here!  
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News Editor, and Staff Writer!

Hey Henna! Happy Birthday,  
Girl! Get on wit' yo' Bad Self!

Anh, welcome to UCI. A fellow  
Tiller.

Happy Belated Birthday Jimmy!  
Hope you have a wonderful year!  
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the 12pm choir!!!

Happy 22nd Birthday to my former  
Rohanian fellow, Thomas  
Yoon!!! Have a great year  
because you deserve it!!!

Happy Anniversary Jenny and  
Chris! You two are so cute!  
Hi Debbie Garcia! Remeber your  
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# New University SPORTS

JANUARY 22, 2001



(From left to right) Adam Parada, Ben Jones, Sean Jackson, Jerry Green and Malachi Edmond have formed their own "Fab Five" while head coach Pat Douglass (far right) has guided them to their best start since the early '80's and has them currently on a nine-game winning streak.

The UCI Men's Basketball team is off to a hot start with a 5-0 record in the Big West Conference and 13-2 record overall. This is the fastest the team has reached double digit wins since the 1981-82 season.

"We expected this," said freshman center Adam Parada. "But it's still the beginning of a long road."

During the pre-season the 'Eaters showed their strength. They won eight out of ten games, including a big win over the University of California, Berkeley.

They have also defeated such teams as Loyola Marymount University, UC San Diego, University of Washington and St. Mary's University.

In the two games the Anteaters didn't win, they were not far behind. UCI lost to UC San Diego 60-63 and to UCLA 60-65.

"We've done well [in] pre-season," said Head Coach Pat Douglass.

Since then, the 'Eaters have continued to power through with wins. After only three weeks of Big West play, UCI is second only to Utah State University. Both teams were undefeated in conference, but Utah State had played more games than

UCI. Utah State is 5-0 in the Big West and 16-2 overall, having played three more games.

In conference UC Irvine has defeated Pacific University, University of Idaho, UC Santa Barbara, Boise State University and Cal State Fullerton. Including these conference victories, Irvine has nine consecutive wins.

Last Thursday's win over Boise State on Jan. 18, 76-71, was particularly exciting because Boise State had beaten UCI for the past two years. Another tough foe, Cal State Fullerton, had beaten UC Irvine seven out of the past eight games. However, the 'Eaters ended that drought on Jan. 20 with a 62-54 victory.

As of Jan. 16, the Anteaters are listed as the NCAA's statistical leader in scoring defense, allowing only 59.9 points per game, compared to Utah State's 60.1 points per game. In field goal percentage defense, UCI has held their opponents to an average of 37.8 percent. Offensively, Irvine's three-point field goal percentage is 40.6 percent and Utah State's is 40.2 per-

See **STREAK**, page 18

## UC Irvine Breaks the Record but Loses

### WOMEN'S

**B-BALL:** The Anteaters were unable to overcome offensive woes in loss to UC Santa Barbara.

By Emily Kastner  
Staff Writer

Despite a hard fought effort, the UCI Women's Basketball team lost to UC Santa Barbara, 70-58, in Sunday's "Break the Record" game in Irvine on Jan. 21.

"Defensively we did our best," said UCI Head Coach Mark Adams. "It was just poor shooting."

The 'Eaters made 8 of the 32 shots they took in the first half and 19 of the 59 total as opposed to the Gauchos who made 22 of their 47 shots during the game.

"We just need to start being more assertive on offense," Adams said.

The team, however, was lead by sophomore forward Wendy Gabbe who scored a total of 16 points and junior forward Brandy Hudson who scored 11 points.

The game was also characterized by fouls. Junior forward Cindy Oparah, junior guard Lisa Woznick, Gabbe and junior guard Maree Vincent all got four fouls. Hudson fouled out towards the end of the game. On Santa Barbara's



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Oparah goes for one of her two steals in the Jan. 21 loss to the Gauchos.

side, junior forward Kayte Christensen and freshman forward Jessica Combs both got four fouls.

At one point during the game, the Anteaters were only down to Santa Barbara by two points.

"We couldn't get over the hump," said Adams. "Our kids always show up to play hard; we just can't get over the hump. I have no problem with our effort."

In the series of UCI and UCSB, Santa Barbara leads 34-21. UCSB is 9-6 overall and 3-0 in the Big West. UCSB has also won nine straight games over UCI.

The Anteaters are now 9-9 overall and 1-3 in the Big West.

Despite the loss, the game was a chance for the students and community

See **W. B-BALL**, page 17

## A Sudden Rush of Adrenaline

I watched a basketball game a couple of weeks ago. A good basketball game. Well, you be the judge.

A modest crowd came out. At least, what I could see of it, but it was still early.

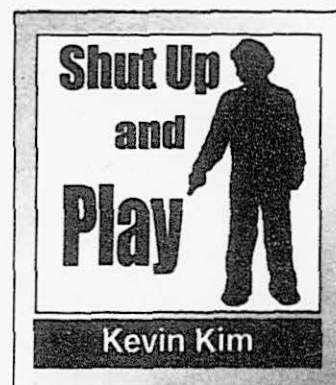
The teams were still shooting their warm-up shots and the count-down to tip off was 25 minutes away.

that I had never witnessed. Only the scent of competition could bring on an aura like this.

I sat pretty far away at first, thinking that the game wouldn't be that good, but the first five

minutes of the game caused my body to tingle and I had to move up and get a better look.

It was the first five minutes



Sadly, it was my first time in the arena—to watch a basketball game, anyway—so the constructs were familiar but the atmosphere wasn't. For once I was a fan and not a writer.

There was an edge to it

and I had already seen a nice dish for a dunk, some three-pointers and aggressive defense, but that's not what made the game.

The game was fun—don't get me

See **KEVIN**, page 16