



Ricardo Asch speaks out about the accusations, lawsuits, his life.

RICARDO ASCH: IN HIS OWN WORDS

The embattled doctor defends his actions, blames mismanagement on UCI administrators

Interview by Ivan Sciupac

During a telephone interview from Mexico City last week, Dr. Ricardo H. Asch sounded confident, at times, even poignant. But the relaxed nature of the conversation belied the monumental stakes at hand. Asch, the former director of the now-closed Center for Reproductive Health, has been at the center of an intense legal and ethical battle for over 10 months. Fending off a multitude of lawyers and the media, he has defended himself against a tirade of accusations including his alleged misappropriation of patients' embryos, pocketing of university money, tax evasion, and research fraud. He has received international attention and is the subject of seven independent investigations looking into his role in the biggest scandal in UCI history. The controversy has forced Asch to relocate to Mexico City, where he has been living since November, 1995. Now, in the first of a two-part series, Asch talks exclusively with the *New University*, regarding his involvement in the fertility furor.

New University: How has your life changed since the fertility scandal broke?

Ricardo Asch: It's changed tremendously. I used to spend all my time doing only teaching, research and some clinical practice. And now, I have to change it to be only defending myself against legal issues, trying

to avoid reporters, and trying to come out of the very strong psychological down that I had. But I'm stronger than before and ready to fight. I'm ready to fight for me, my family and all the friends and colleagues that have supported me. And also to fight for all the patients in which things were done wrong without my knowledge...hoping that I can help them to bring justice to their lives as well.



NU: How has your family handled the situation?

ASCH: My family has handled the situation the way that any very strong and cohesive family would handle it. Thank God we have a very open family in which we talk things openly. We have always told [our children] all the issues from the very beginning and my wife has been tremendous in the support she has given me and my children. [She] took me out of a strong depression that I was [experiencing]. We are very united and hope that the future is going to prove that we are right.

NU: Do you think that your life will ever return to normal?

ASCH: Yes I do. Because I think the majority of the patients that I have treated in my life (and I'm talking perhaps over 10,000), they know about my quality as a professional, my quality as a human being, as a

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UCIMC under fire for layoffs

Phat X. Chiem
STAFF WRITER

Charging that the UCI Medical Center [UCIMC] illegally laid-off over 30 employees under its jurisdiction, the University Professional and Technical Employees [UPTe] labor union has filed complaints with a state employment board.

The unfair labor practice charges filed with the Public Employee Relations Board contend that UCIMC failed to meet with UPTe employees before it announced the layoffs.

UCIMC announced Mar. 12 it was laying off 151 workers and reducing hours for another 55 in an effort to streamline operations, consolidate services and compensate for decreasing revenue.

According to Cliff Fried, vice president of UPTe Local 9119, state law requires UCIMC to notify employees in advance of their plans to layoff workers so employees can arrange for union representation. Union officials further charge that UCIMC did not give employees time to meet with their union or discuss alternatives to its "cut and slash approach."

"They call us in at the ninth hour and said here's what we're doing," Fried said last week. "It wasn't a proposal. It was a unilateral decision."

Mark Laret, executive director of the medical center, refuted these allegations.

"I met with all of the unions in advance," he said. "We told UPTe what our position is. We took the actions we had to take and remained completely within the rules under the union contract."

Fried asserted that rather than resorting to these "draconian cuts," medical center administrators could have turned to a number of alterna-

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UCI to host third genocide symposium

Dave Gomez
STAFF WRITER

Every night before we go to bed we see on the news that America could be going to war in Bosnia, but how many of us can say we truly know why or what atrocities are being committed in the war-torn nation?

Three years ago a group of concerned UCI students got together and, with the help of several faculty

and staff members, began a symposium to bring more awareness to students about what is happening in the world around them.

For the third year in a row, UCI will be kicking off its annual symposium, "From Intolerance to Genocide" on Apr. 9-10 in Emerald Bays A and B in the UCI Student Center. Food and refreshments are provided free to the public.

"One of the goals of the symposium is to educate the UCI community toward tolerance and diversity through the lessons history has taught us," said Salomon Gruenwald, student commissioner for the symposium. "We hope to bring topics to students that are interesting to them and that they probably aren't confronted with in classrooms."

One of the students who started the symposium is ASUCI Administrative Affairs Vice President Holly Jacobson who has helped organize the symposium for three years.

"This year's symposium will be different in that we'll be focusing on UCI students this year," Jacobson said. "We [also] believe that the addition of UCI professors this year will attract more students."

Participating UCI professors include Associate Professor of History Daniel Schroeter, Profes-

sor of History Robert Moeller and Associate Professor of Social Science Mark P. Petracca. UCI researcher Paula J. Garb is both a presenter and an instrumental part of this year's planning committee.

This year's symposium will differ from previous years in several ways. The symposium will be split into three different segments over

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A woman was attacked at 4:00 a.m. last Friday, by a man on the UCI Main Library loading dock. The woman was forcibly disrobed before the assailant fled the scene, police say.

The victim was delivering newspapers when she was approached by the suspect, who then dragged her to the northwest corner of the dock where she was attacked. After a partial disrobing, the assailant then fled on foot without any further contact.

The woman did not require any medical attention when the crime was reported. There was a pickup truck at the scene, but the victim is unsure of whether or not it was connected to the crime.

Impressions of the suspect were that he was outwardly nervous and unsure of what he was doing. The suspect is described as a white/hispanic male in his early 20s, standing 5'8", weighing approximately 185 pounds, with short dark brown hair and a clean shaven face. At the scene, the suspect was wearing a long-sleeve blue shirt and white shorts.

UCIPD could not release further information regarding the attack.

Anyone that has information in connection with the crime, should contact Officer Charles Chon or Assistant Chief of Police Dennis Powers at the UCI Police Department, (824-5223).

—James Carey

In honor of retired UC President and former UCI Chancellor, Jack Peltason, a scholarship endow-

ment has been established to help one or more UC students beginning next fall.

The funds come from what would have been Peltason's salary and pension funds to be received upon retirement. Peltason gave up these benefits, instead suggesting that the money go toward scholarships.

The UC Board of Regents approved the Jack W. and Susanne T. Peltason fund based on the recommendation of current President Richard C. Atkinson.

Peltason's decision to pass up these benefits in April, 1994, was made following criticism by lawmakers of financial perks approved by regents for top UC administrators.

Peltason served as UCI chancellor from 1984 until 1992, when he became president of the UC, retiring in October, 1995.

In April 1992, the agreements which would have provided Peltason with his deferred salary and pension funds, were approved and executed by the regents. The estimated value of the agreements would have been \$230,711 on Oct. 1, 1995.

Annual income from the \$230,711 endowment will be available for student scholarships at any of the nine UC campuses beginning next fall.

Atkinson will designate one campus, most likely UCI, to coordinate applications for the scholarship.

—James Carey

After a months-long investigation the L.A. Times published findings last week that state-elected officials have made hundreds of VIP requests to get special student assis-

tance at every UC campus.

The assistance ranged from student admissions to housing. More than 1,000 requests were made by 114 state lawmakers and numerous other public officials, including some regents.

Records show that one request was made to UCI in 1995.

Governor Pete Wilson's Education Advisor Maureen DiMarco made the request on behalf of a paraplegic student needing financial aid assistance. The student was having trouble getting financial aid questions answered. DiMarco called the school to make sure the student's questions were answered.

The outcome is unknown, because the request was done through a series of phone calls.

In response to the news reports, UC President Richard Atkinson asked Provost C. Judson King to determine the extent to which special requests have affected UC admissions. A report will be submitted by May 20.

—Meghan Sweeney

After the UC sought a court order to prohibit public disclosure of certain pretrial depositions regarding the UCI fertility scandal, Judge Leonard Goldstein of the OC Superior Court denied UC's motion on Mar. 8.

UC General Counsel James E. Holst argued that extensive publicity would damage the case and interfere with the effectiveness of the pretrial depositions.

But attorneys for several media organizations felt that the motion would violate the public's right to know about judicial proceedings.

—Ivan Sciupac



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"There was a great deal of communication," Mark Laret says.

UNION: 151 layoffs

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tives, including an across-the-board pay cut or requesting a loan from the UC Regents.

UCIMC officials defended their decisions, saying that changes in the medical care industry have resulted in less revenue for the center. UCI will receive, for instance, \$20 million less than last year from a government program for hospitals that treat a disproportionate share of the poor.

The growing impact of managed care has resulted in fewer payments to hospitals and doctors. "This is an industry-wide phenomenon — it's not unique to UCI," Laret said. He said the layoffs would help save the hospital \$13 million in annual operating costs.

Fried, however, blamed the

midyear losses of \$2.5 million on mismanagement at the hospital. He noted the fertility scandal and the decision to hire a new deputy director of clinical affairs with an annual salary of \$170,000 just three days after announcement of the layoffs.

"The medical center has been losing money not because of larger market forces but because of incompetency in management," Fried said.

Other union members criticized the medical center for targeting rank-and-file employees — technicians, nurses and office clerks — rather than top administrators.

"We're very upset at the university's callous approach to these layoffs," Fried said. "We demand that they rescind these layoffs."

UCI to host conference on reproductive ethics

FERTILITY SCANDAL: National conference will focus on clinical, social, ethical and legal issues of reproductive medicine.

Phat X. Chiem
STAFF WRITER

Still grappling with the ever-widening scandal at its fertility clinic, UCI will host a three-day conference later this month on the ethics of reproductive medicine.

Allegations of egg misappropriation and research fraud at the now-closed Center for Reproductive Health have brought up unprecedented ethical questions and di-

lemas for scientists. At least 10 births have reportedly resulted from stolen human eggs.

The conference, taking place Apr. 10-13, will include discussions and related workshops focusing on such clinical, social, ethical and legal issues confronting the field of assisted reproduction. Experts from universities throughout the country are expected to give lectures and hold workshops. While most of the conference will be restricted to registered attendees, several academic lectures will be open to the public.

Drs. Ricardo Asch, Jose Balmaceda and Sergio Stone have been accused of egg theft, tax evasion and other charges; they have denied any wrongdoing.

According to Thomas Cesario,

dean of the UCI College of Medicine, these allegations "have brought worldwide focus to the need to reconsider important issues in the way fertility practices are conducted." UCI remains the target of 40 lawsuits connected with the fertility scandal.

Josephina Walker, one of the lawyers representing Asch, said the doctor welcomed the conference.

"He thinks it will move forward a resolution of some of these problems and issues that have been coming up," Walker said last week.

She said she hopes the conference will create more consensus in a field where "research and findings are way ahead of ethical guidelines that can be formulated."

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E-link increases access to computers

James Carey
STAFF WRITER

In a continuing effort to keep up with technological advancement, the UCI Library, the Office of Academic Computing and Student Services have joined together to present e-link. The e-link program will provide for a number of computer terminals in the UCI Student Center where students can access their e-mail accounts, Netscape, Mervyl and Antpac.

Recently, two new computers have been added at the Information Desk in the student center.

According to Marc Tuchman, director of the UCI Student Center, e-link is an effort to make the Internet more accessible to students. Due to the heavy traffic in the student center, the Information Desk seemed an ideal location to begin.

Currently, 12 more e-link computers are being installed in the Blue and Gold Lounge, where they will be available for use sometime in the near future. Tuchman said the amount of people using the e-link terminals will most likely be

proportional to the amount of terminals available.

"I think that these machines will be used very heavily," Tuchman said.

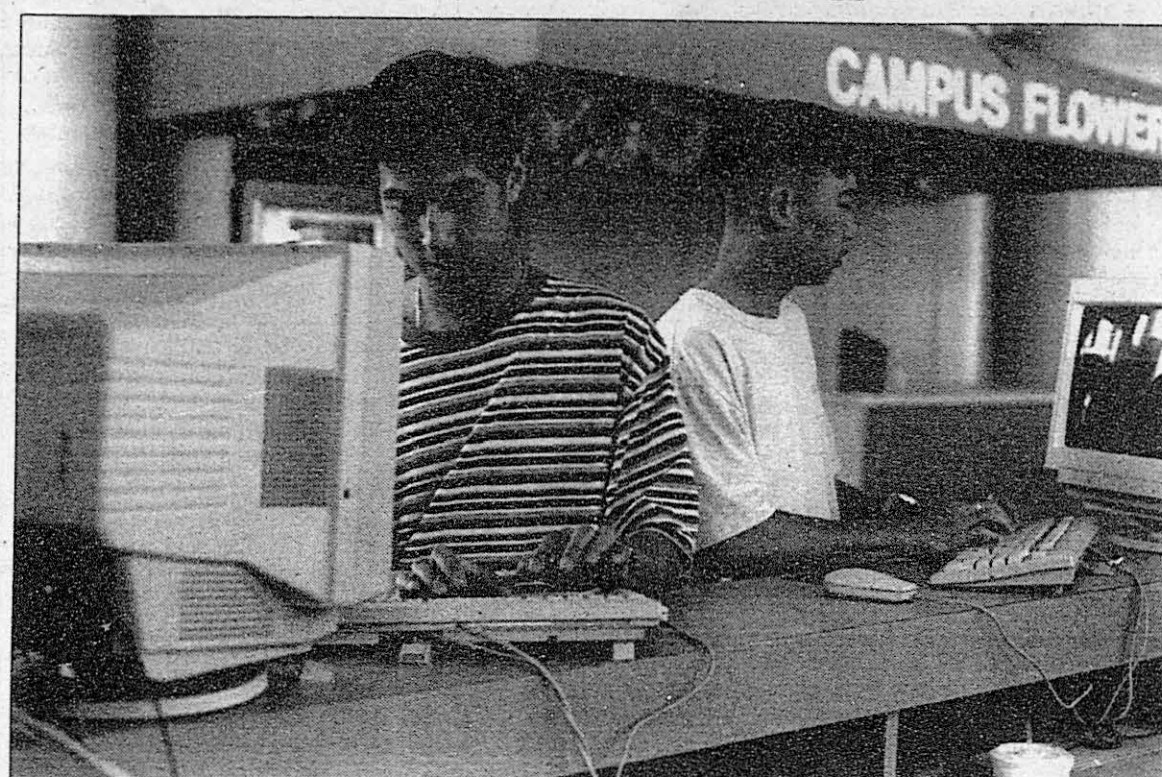
E-link not only offers students access to their e-mail accounts, it also offers access to Netscape where users can browse the World Wide Web. The desk attendant also has a terminal to access Netscape. Students may also access Antpac and Mervyl so that they can search the library catalogues on-line.

Since e-link is relatively new, Tuchman believes that the response will be very positive and more terminals may be added in the future.

Kabir Viridi, a senior social ecology major, expressed similar beliefs but did not receive a positive message when he tried to use the computers himself.

"I think they're good, but... the atmosphere doesn't seem to be too friendly," Viridi said, complaining about the desk attendants.

The desk attendant did not seem to be able to offer technical help either, Viridi said.



Kiet Tran (left) and Calvin Chiu try out the e-link computers at the UCI Student Center. As part of the program, 14 computer terminals will be scattered throughout the center for students to use.

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ASCH

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person, and also about my ethics. They have never doubted, and I know from the tremendous support that I have received from them, they still don't doubt. I know from my colleagues and very, very strong international support that people who work in my field, they know who I am and they know that not one person in a team of assisted reproductive techniques can do the things that I'm being accused of doing. I think between that support of patients, colleagues and family and friends, we'll bring me back where I was before, perhaps even at a higher level. I think that I will be able to speak louder. I think that my word is going to come out and it's going to reach many, many people, and I believe people are going to realize what is the truth.

NU: How do you think Chancellor Laurel L. Wilkening has handled the issue?

ASCH: Let me only tell you this: I felt she behaved very poorly. I think perhaps Chancellor Wilkening doesn't have enough experience in working in a university of the level of the UC system, the strongest university in the world. And I cannot blame her for that. The only thing that I can tell you is, I earned to be a level six professor in the UCI College of Medicine, again not because of a gift, not because anyone gave me anything. That profession is perhaps within the top five percent of all the medical school faculty and perhaps all the faculty of all the schools in the UC system.

NU: When did you know that eggs and embryos were being misappropriated?

ASCH: It was in September of 1994. And neither the chancellor nor the dean of the medical school ever called me to ask me for an explanation of these things. A former hospital administrator, the moment

[The university] checked all of the clinical work I did every year, all the research that I have done, all of the teaching that I have done, all the work that I have done as an assistant dean for Outreach and Minorities in the College of Medicine, year after year. I think a person at that level deserves at least, when things break down, and it appears that there is some misconduct, that either the chancellor or the dean of the medical school or the chairman of my department pick up the phone and say, "Ricardo, what's going on?" or "We're hearing some disturbing issues, we want to discuss them with you." None of those people, that are my superiors, ever, ever contacted me. I only heard from auditors, lawyers. That's the way the university has handled the issue from the beginning. Worst of all, was that before talking to me, they talked to the newspapers and the media. So asking me how Chancellor Wilkening, as the leader of that university, has handled the situation, I have to tell you, she has handled it in a nonacademic, non-ethical way. That's my opinion. And I think many colleagues will come forward and will prove [my innocence] and I can only promise you that I have a tremendous support from people within UCI. The problem is many people are so afraid to speak out because there is a lot of fear that there will be retaliation to them.

NU: What did you do when you found out?

ASCH: Well, they didn't give me any specifics. I had to wait until they contacted me with official allegations in order to be able to investigate those particular cases.

NU: What were your specific duties as Director of Center for Reproductive Health? Do you think you did a good job?

ASCH: The Director of the Center for Reproductive Health was to negotiate with the university the contracts by which the center operated, to be sure the medical procedures were done properly. I was a member of that center, in terms of doing procedures, and that's basically what my duties were. I think I was a good director. I think I saw my position as one player of a team, a team composed of many people, all of them university employees, nurses, biologists, other doctors, clerks, etc. Each one of us had to do our own roles, and my basic role was to negotiate with the university that we had the right things and that they would provide me with enough equipment and supplies. I thought everything was being performed correctly. I was wrong. So if you tell me if I was a good director in the sense of checking that everyone was doing a perfect job, perhaps not. But I didn't think that was my duty, to make sure the nurses were doing a right job, the biologists were doing a right job, every clerk was

she learned about these allegations, called me to her office. I went there, she told me about the allegations she had heard from people close to the chancellor and the dean of the medical school. That's the way that I learned about things.

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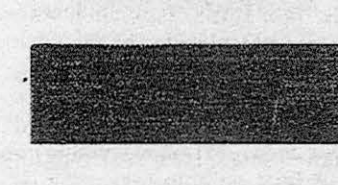
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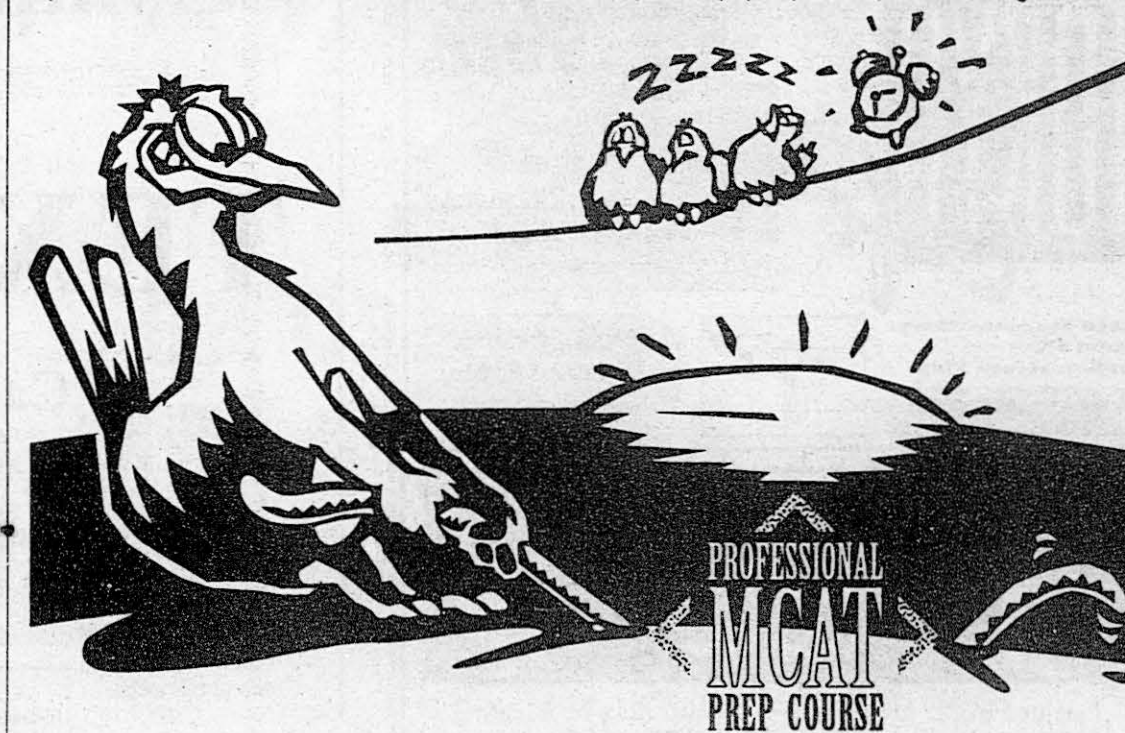
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Groundbreaking held for humanities building

CONSTRUCTION: Slated for August, 1997, the \$16.4 million Humanities Instructional Building will have two wings.

Phat X. Chiem
STAFF WRITER

In the words of Chancellor Laurel L. Wilkening, "Even humanities need space."

So humanities students who have been clamoring for a lecture hall of their own will soon have a building rivaling that of the Biological Science Lecture Hall or the new Social Sciences II. School officials broke ground Mar. 22 on the \$16.4 million Humanities Instructional Building, which will feature two wings and a bridge connecting the humanities and fine arts complexes.

"It will become one of the centers of architectural excellence on this campus, reflective of the academic excellence of the school it will ultimately house," said Spencer Olin, dean of the humanities.

Olin described the genesis of the project as a "formidable square donut" which gave way to an open-faced building which would "beckon faculty, staff and students."

The new building will expand on the existing quad bordered on each side by the Humanities Office Buildings I and II, Humanities Hall and Humanities Interim Classroom Facilities.

"We tried to create a place of interaction," said Rebekah Gladson, assistant vice chancellor for design and construction services. This "modern day agora," Gladson said, will provide an outdoor gathering space central to the humanities where students can exchange news, gossip and other information.

The building, which combines architectural elements from antiquity to the Renaissance era, will house the humanities, the art history department, ethnic and women's studies, undergraduate studies programs such as Campuswide Honors, computer labs, offices and some classrooms.

Wilkening said the 75,000 square foot complex will mean the "search for knowledge will no longer have to vie for adequate space."



RICHARD LEE, NEW UNIVERSITY
Dean of Humanities Spencer Olin says building will increase awareness of the humanities at UCI.

space."

Some faculty members expressed hope that the impressive building might foster a greater sense of the humanities for students across the campus.

"I find a lot of humanities majors forget about the arts and vice versa," said Lorraine Reed, vice chair of the English department, noting the bridge that will connect the two units.

"I'll like to see more students think of the humanities and the arts as something all students take as a matter of basic education, not just as a major," Reed said.

A fund-raising drive has been initiated to find a donor for the building, which is slated for completion in August, 1997.



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GENOCIDE: survivors to speak

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The first segment consists of lessons that can be learned from history. The second segment will be looking at where the world has gone since then. Finally, different contemporary issues that are faced in the world today will be covered.

Another new feature that has been added to the symposium will be an interactive satellite broadcast. The broadcast will feature guest speakers Ambassador Princeton Lyman, Assistant Secretary of State-designate for International Organizations and former ambassador to South Africa, and Julia Taft, president of Interaction, an organization that provides a worldwide humanitarian relief.

Both speakers will be brought to UCI via satellite through the efforts of the Global Peace and Conflict Studies department and will be addressing contemporary ethnic conflict and humanitarian intervention.

"A lot of students get caught up in their studies and tend to forget about what's going on in

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Salomon Gruenwald
Co-chair of third annual
genocide symposium

the world around them," Forums Commissioner Arthur Charchian said.

Museum of Tolerance's Rick Eaton will be delivering a keynote speech on hate groups on the Internet, an issue that directly affects many UCI students.

In past years, the symposium has had a fluctuation of attendance for each event.

Symposium organizers are hoping for capacity attendance. In the past some events tend to have large capacity audiences while others do draw not quite as many, Charchian said.

Throughout the two days of speeches the organizers of the symposium hope not to lose sight of why they worked for seven months to organize this event.

"I knew a girl a year ago who had a 3.8 average as a bio major, and yet she didn't know what the word genocide meant," Gruenwald said. "By helping out that one person, all the work that we put into the symposium will be worthwhile."

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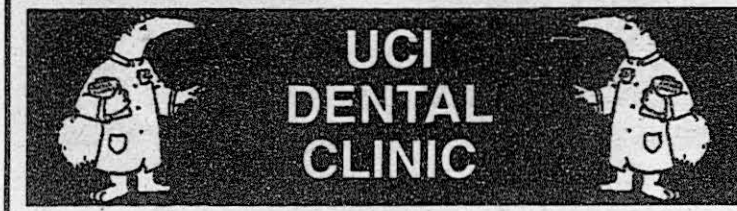
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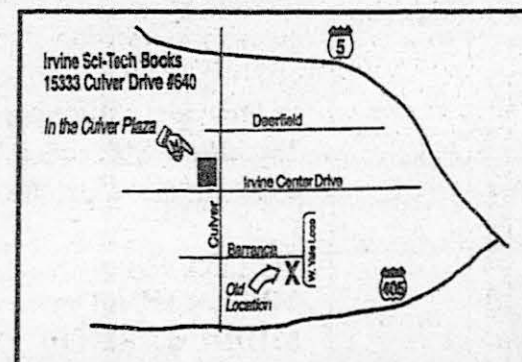
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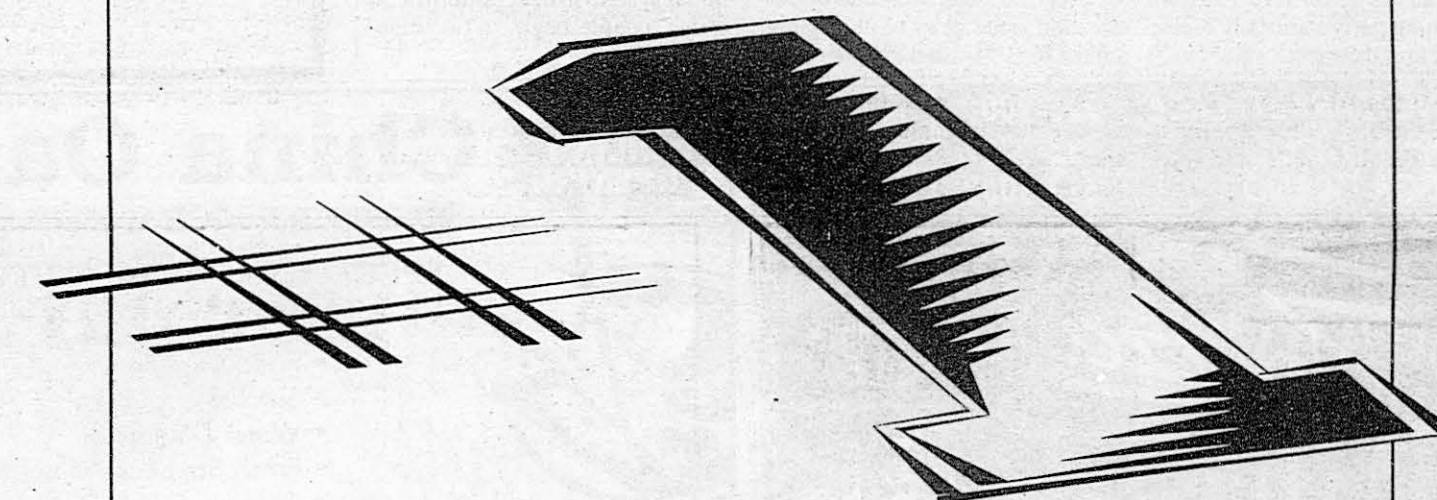
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Students make primary choices

Dino Buenviaje
STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday, UCI students let their voices be heard as they cast their ballots for the California Primary Election. Polling booths were located at the Mesa Court housing office across from the cafeteria.

Alongside the ballots for the Republican presidential candidates, various propositions were placed before the electorate.

Among the measures submitted to the vote of Californians was Prop. 203, a \$3 billion bond measure for public schools throughout California.

Voter turnout at the UCI polling booths was sporadic at times, with one person coming to three or four people at a time.

Barbara Gaines has been a voting inspector for the past 20 years at UCI, and has been a voting registrar since 1942.

"Voting here in UCI has been quite brisk," Gaines said. "A lot of them are first-time voters, and a lot don't know where to vote because they get confused about where they registered."

Students generally had an upbeat attitude about the election. Rakesh Marwah, a first-year unfiliated student, found that Proposition 201, which requires the losing party in a class-action lawsuit to pay the winning party's attorney's fees, affected him the most.

Miguel Cervantes, a junior applied ecology major, voted for the very first time. He says that it was a "good experience" and a good opportunity to practice one's "civic duties."

Wesley Hussey, a sophomore majoring in political science, said the school bonds will help UCI because they will help construction projects.

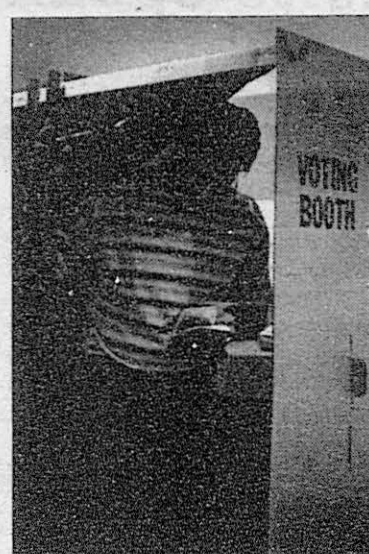
Proposition 198, the open primary initiative, was also significant to Hussey. He finds that "college students are at the peak of apathetic. The open primaries will give them a voice to vote for the best candidate instead of choosing from either party."

Perhaps the most significant consequence of the primaries for UCI was the passing of Proposition 203.

"I and everybody that worked on educating the campus and general community to the need for the passage of Prop. 203 are elated with the successful passage," said Elizabeth Toomey, assistant director of the Alumni Association and University Advancement.

As a result of Prop. 203's passage, a total of \$47.2 million — more than \$20 million for fiscal year 1996-97 and \$26 million for fiscal year 1997-98 — will be available for use at UCI.

The mood among the supporters of Prop. 203 has been that of celebration since news of its passing, unlike in 1994 when a similar mea-



RICHARD LEE, New University
Miguel Cervantes exits booth.

sure was rejected at the polls.

"We believe the bond's passage this time around reflects both increased optimism about the state's economy and the voters' understanding that investing in education is crucial to California's future," said Janet Mason, director of capital planning.

"One would hope that Prop. 203 passed because the people of California realize that education is the best investment for the future," Toomey said. "When California slips from being the number one state in a public educational system to near bottom of 50 states, people begin to do something about it."

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UC struggles to define new admissions guides

Ivan Sciupac
STAFF WRITER

With the elimination of affirmative action programs at the UC eight months ago, administrators are now grappling with the problem of amending university policies on undergraduate admissions.

Since race and gender preferences have been abandoned as criteria for admission to the UC, new guidelines have been drafted and presented to the UC Board of Regents by the Office of the President, and are awaiting final revisions that will consider comments from the Academic Senate, UC Student Association [UCSA] and all nine campuses.

Among the changes, the draft states that the university hopes to achieve diversity "through the preparation and empowerment of students... rather than through a system of artificial preferences."

In addition to academic achievement, the guidelines also spell out several supplemental factors to be considered in admissions. Under the regents' resolution, the UC campuses are required to admit 50 to 75 percent of prospective students on academic merit alone. The supplemental factors under consideration would be used to help select the remaining 25 to 50 percent of students from the application pool.

These factors include special talent and achievement in a particular field, experiences and circumstances that show a candidate's promise, and evidence of unusual persistence and determination, such as personal disabilities, disadvantaged social or educational environment, and/or difficult family situation.

One new component would give attention to students who demonstrate an "interest in other cultures," such as participating in a foreign language club or studies abroad.

The draft proposal was introduced to the regents at the Mar. 14 board meeting. Regent Ward Connerly, who spearheaded the historic vote to end affirmative action last July, voiced his concerns over making sure the guidelines did not stray from the board's intent.

"I certainly hope we are not going to limit or enhance or suppress anyone's opportunity by modeling techniques or other efforts to find surrogates for race," Connerly said at the meeting.

Other officials are also concerned with the content of the proposal, hoping that the guidelines will stay true to the July vote yet ensure diversity at the university. Stevan Allen, press secretary for Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, spoke on behalf of Davis regarding the guidelines.

"[Davis] believes that this pub-

lic university belongs to everyone and should be inclusive in that diversity is part of what has made the UC a great institution," Allen said.

UCSA Chair Kris Kohler was not content with the draft proposal. He responded by stating in a letter to UC President Richard C. Atkinson that the new criteria was "in no way sufficient substitutes for consideration of race and gender in admissions."

UCSA responded to the proposal by suggesting many of the recommendations presented by the Undergraduate Admissions Task Force, which Kohler said were "conspicuously omitted" from the draft.

Kohler said many of UCSA's suggestions are designed to alleviate the dilemma of "creating a diverse student body without the benefit of affirmative action." One suggestion would require the campuses to evaluate the quality of a student's performance relative to his/her educational opportunities, and be mandated as systemwide criteria.

Kohler acknowledged that the recommendations will not remedy the lack of affirmative action, but said that they will help increase campus admissions officers' ability to enroll a diverse student body.

"I think it will help control the damage that has already been done and will be done in the future," Kohler said.

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doing a right job in billing. I thought that each one of those people had their own supervisors as it was described in the contract with the university. If I would have to be in charge and supervise every nurse, every billing clerk, every front desk person, ever biologist and to look at every consent form and every paper that was written for each patient, I would have preferred to be in private practice.

NU: Why did you stay with the university then?

ASCH: Because I spent 20 years of my life, all my medical career, in an academic institution, doing teaching and research, and that's all I learned in my life how to do. I never learned how to do administration, nobody taught me that.

NU: Did you ever intentionally transfer eggs and embryos and implant them in other women without the donor's consent?

ASCH: Never. I never did, and I never knew anyone at the Center that has done it. I cannot imagine anyone intentionally misappropriating of eggs from one patient to another, either a biologist or another doctor and myself. I have never done that.

NU: How do you think it happened?

ASCH: Because of sloppy managerial administration of the center. Because of people that were supposed to check on consent forms and did not. They did not include the consent forms at the right time in the [medical] charts. Patients that we know still have their consent

forms in their possession today, even though their procedures were done two, three years ago. Other reasons were I do believe there were evil forces within employees of UCI that did forge consent forms, that did falsify information, both at the level of consent forms, medical charts, perhaps even laboratory charts, and I think that's the way it happened. There are some people that are acknowledging that they have seen in the charts several consent forms that say different things. And obviously that is telling you that there were people there who were trying to create this crisis, this hysteria and this situation. As you know, several employees of UCI have become very wealthy because of this problem. They were paid off. Some other people we have no doubt received very good amount of money from disclosing information from records, confidential records that they have stolen, by giving them to attorneys. So there are multiple factors how I think all of this happened.

NU: How could you as Director of the Center for Reproductive Health not have known that eggs were being misappropriated?

ASCH: Well, I didn't know. I didn't think that was my particular duty to be checking every single consent form. If you look at a consent form from that time, [it] doesn't even have a place for a signature from a doctor. There's only a signature for a witness, that in general is the nurse, and the nurse should inform the doctor or the biologist what the disposition of that patient was.

NU: Did you ever contact any patients after-the-fact and ask them to sign a retroactive consent form?

ASCH: No. I did contact two

patients after-the-fact when I learned that apparently there was misappropriation of eggs in two patients. I called them, and told them, "I'm calling you because this is what I just heard today, and I don't want any more time to pass. I want you to know from me and not from anybody else what is being alleged. I only want to know from you if you remember what you signed when you did the consent form and whether you have any documentation on any of these things because I want to know for myself what's going on." But no, I have never asked anyone to go back to consent forms and sign them when they have never signed before.

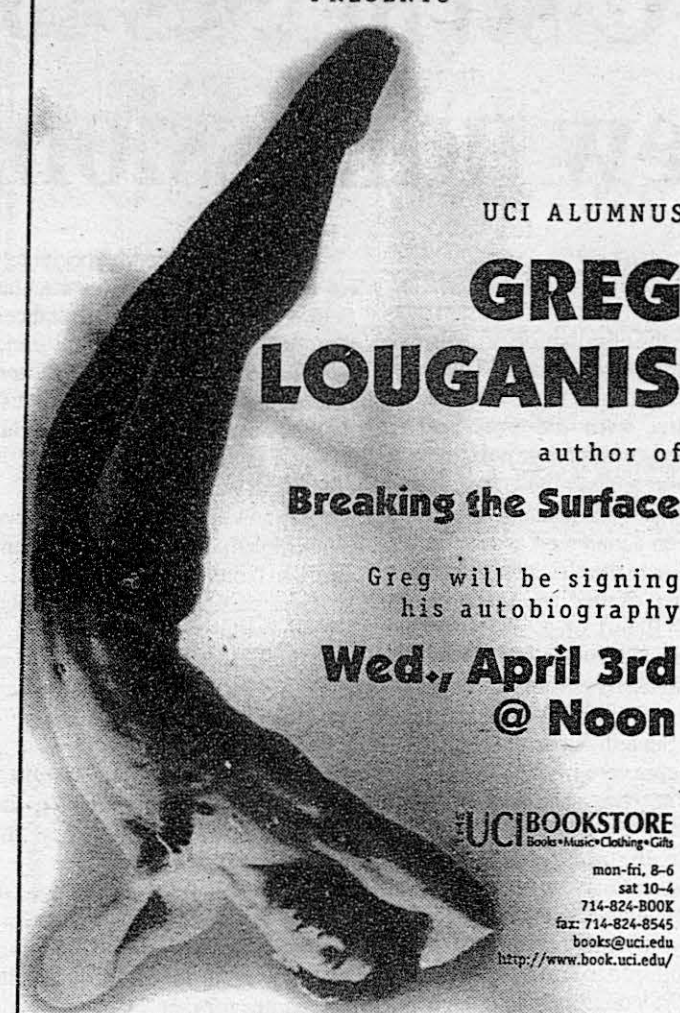
NU: UCI attorneys have publicly stated that the egg and embryo transfers could not have been an accident because the women who received the eggs had to be prepared at least two weeks before the implantation. How could these technical aspects have been overlooked?

ASCH: Unfortunately, [UCI attorney] Byron Beam has made so many errors in his appreciation of all the issues that this is not an exception. Patients who were potential recipients were cycling all the time and at any time there were people who were potential recipients for any donor that was available. His statement is completely ill-founded. Mr. Beam still doesn't understand how the techniques work. He may be a very good attorney but he's a very poor doctor.

Phat X. Chiem contributed to this story.

Next week: Asch discusses how the scandal has affected his personal life.

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Phat X. Chiem
STAFF WRITER

If Howard Babb were alive today, he would insist on reading the essays for UCI's English and Comparative Literature annual writing contest himself — with a very, very critical eye.

A big, burly man who played football in college, Babb had a reputation for becoming angry at his students if they didn't write to their potential. But this demanding style of teaching earned him respect with faculty and students alike.

"He was a man of enormous integrity and had a fierce passion for good writing," said Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature Edgar Schell, a long-time Babb friend and colleague.

This month, the department celebrates this passion with the 14th annual Howard Babb Memorial Essay Contest. A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the best essay on any literary topic by an undergraduate majoring in the School of Humanities.

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"He was very concerned that his students appreciated how wonderful a writer like Jane Austen or William Golding could be and very concerned with the quality of writing his students could produce," Schell said. "Some very good essays have been produced [from the contest] and Howard would have been happy with them."

Several years after Babb's death in 1978, the essay contest was established in his name. A committee of faculty members from the department will judge the entries.

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Features



Versatile Discs: Mike Miller tees up for a round of Frisbee golf in Aldrich Park, just one of the many games played with the favorite beach-time toy. See page 14.

Simply, pay more attention

I was going to write a "Special April Fool's Day Column!" But I figured life's enough of a joke for me to waste my column trying to make you laugh. I have something somewhat more useful to you. So...

It might surprise you to know that I already had a topic in mind for this month, but I figured that my dream of being Emperor of California wasn't an appropriate subject. I also thought about attacking some jerks I met here, like my friend Ken suggested, but that's too mean. So I went with my friend Coleen's advice, and I've decided to write about my fondest memory, hoping you might get something out of it.

It's not really a memory of an event, there are too many of those for me to pick out just one. It's a memory of a person. It's about the value of friends.

A couple of years ago I met this one person who totally changed my life. Although I didn't know it until after we left each other.

Have you ever met someone who left an impression on you that you didn't even know existed? An old girlfriend who drank tea with such affection that you found yourself loving tea? A song you used to hate, you now sing joyfully because it reminds you of an old boyfriend? The type of food you like now? The songs you listen to? That's your body and heart trying to remind you of a very special person that your mind's forgotten.

Well, I didn't think it could happen to me, but it did. Back then, my life consisted of comic books, TV, school, and my next adventure. Me and my friend were walking in the park one day and she asked me why I looked so bored. The answer was obvious. It was the park. At the time, it was no big deal. Just a park. Just a beach. Just a blue sky. Whatever.

She said something so profound that it didn't hit me until after we stopped talking. She told me to look at everything in the park, especially the small things. The trees. The flowers.

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Sea of Marmara

Looking through the fire

Remembering the Armenian genocide

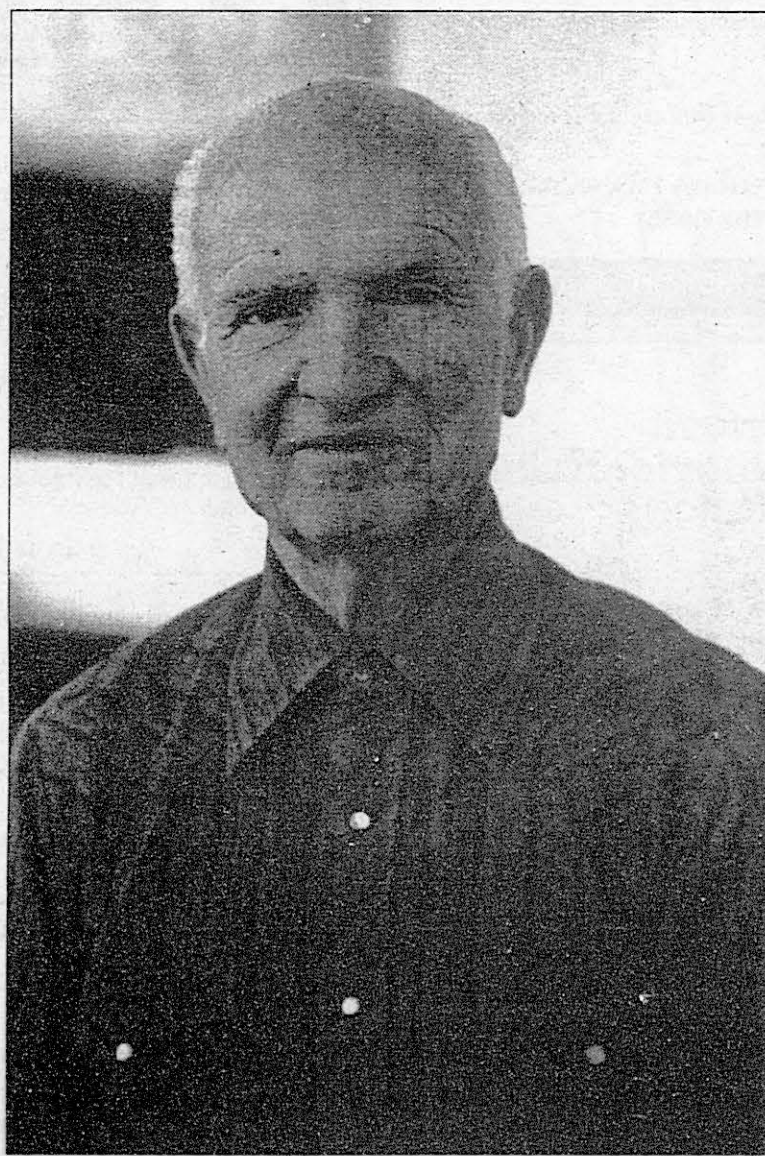
by Tracie Stittsworth, Staff Writer

While the history of man kind is a history of violence, this century may be remembered as one of the most violent of all time. Not only were there two World Wars, but genocide became a prominent political tool. In Germany, Turkey, Cambodia, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia, the mass killing of citizens has been used to purify the state of unwanted elements and to increase the strength of totalitarian governments. Many people have survived these holocausts, and there are as many stories to tell about survival as there are survivors.

One Westminster man, Nishan Nercesin, is an Armenian who survived the holocaust in Turkey earlier this century. While his life was forever changed by the genocide in Turkey, Nercesin has kept a positive attitude regarding the direction his life took after he fled Turkey with his family.

On April 9 and 10, UCI will hold its annual conference on genocide. Mr. Nercesin will be speaking on April 9 about the Armenian genocide.

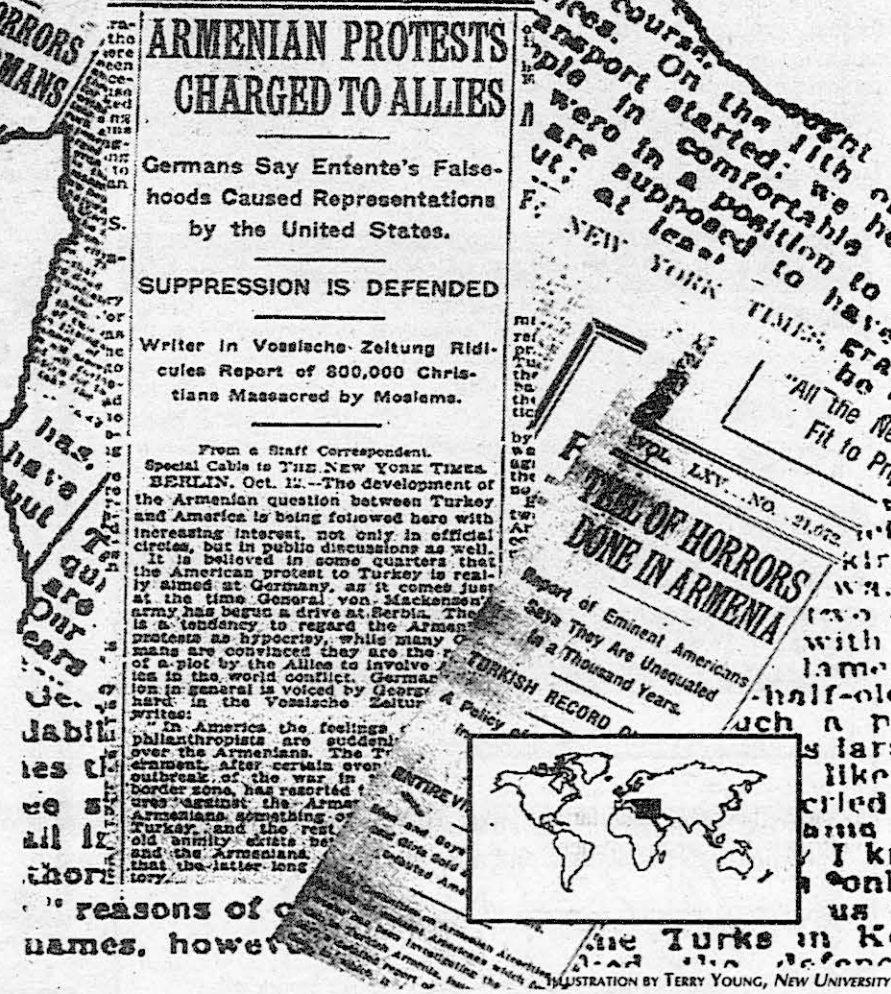
In 1909, the Turkish government began killing and deporting Armenian citizens in order to create an all Turkish nation. One and a half million Armenian citizens were killed or directly affected by violence. Nercesin's father was a pharmacist, and due to his prominence in the community his family was spared violence, but suffered oppression. Because of



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Nishan Nercesin, a survivor of the Armenian genocide, will be speaking at the annual UCI conference on genocide, Apr. 9, 10.

Black Sea



his father's occupation it was decided that Nercesin would be a doctor, but after leaving the country his father and grandfather suffered immense monetary losses. With the money, the family also lost the plans to have Nercesin become a doctor. Nercesin was 11 when his family fled Turkey for Egypt, where he lived until moving to the United States in 1946. In a recent conversation, we discussed what it means and how it feels to be a survivor of government imposed violence.

When questioned about his memories of living in Turkey during the time of violence, Nercesin only remembers the typical childhood memories that most children share, of playing with friends and memories of his family.

"Kids don't realize [what happens around them], anywhere at any age, they just play," Nercesin said. But this changed when his family left Turkey. In Egypt his family faced hard times, and he and his sister — while still children — had to work to help support their family.

The emotional scars he carries from that time are not his own, but the memories of the effects that the events in Turkey had on his father. In Turkey, most of his father's friends were killed, and coupled with the monetary loss his father suffered the events of that era destroyed his father,

NERCESIN: survivor

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Nercesin remembers him as a "nervous wreck." Nercesin himself had a normal childhood in Turkey but was not able to play like a child once the family emigrated to Egypt because he was forced to work. But, he still carries with him the memory of those who were killed.

Nercesin is an optimist with a great outlook. "I don't want to talk about it, [it is] a sad story," he said when pressed for information on the lasting effects of surviving this holocaust. While recognizing that the subject needs to be discussed, and recognizing that it is cathartic for survivors to discuss it, he would rather discuss happy subjects and memories, than the "sad subject" of the past.

Nercesin is an extremely articulate and intelligent man. Speaking with him is at times like speaking to a friendly professor; he is knowledgeable in all areas that interest him, and he has facts, statistics, and figures to support most of his statements.

When questioned about the current nationalist events in the former Yugoslavia and in Africa, he cited the murder in Guatemala of Native Americans, and the political policies of the Iraqi government, and tied these countries together with Yugoslavia in a discussion of the causes of nationalism.

"I have come to the conclusion that countries without democracy, [become] totalitarian countries with cruel governments

like Guatemala, Iraq, Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia. What is happening in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia is a shame for the entire western world, these people are educated. But the Bosnian leaders were trained to kill under communism. This is a shame. Without democracy, the leaders do whatever they want."

This is a recurring theme in the conversation with Nercesin, that the root cause of nationalism is lack of education, and democracy helps prevent the rise of nationalism.

When questioned about the rise of nationalism here in the United States, Nercesin's first comment is on the Freeman in Montana, rather than the political campaign of Pat Buchanan. He refers to the Freeman as "crazy people, Nazis with no education. When respect is not taught in elementary school, individualistic ideas with Nazi ideas and undemocratic ideas do not unite for democratic values."

The discussion then turned to education and Nercesin's thoughts that when people are able to read they can understand that all people share similar qualities, and this is the basis of toleration.

"Lack of other views can lead to intolerance out of ignorance. I think education is to blame. An education teaches people to be friendly, fair and lawful. We have to have tolerance, hating [other races] does not make a happy nation... we need to live and let live. Tolerance should be taught at home or at school."

ZALDY

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The children. Everything. Everybody's heard that you have to take pleasure in the simpler things in life. But what she made so clear, and the entire reason she was so amazing to me, was that by taking pleasure in the little things in life, the greater things seem that much more wonderful.

That's when I started paying at-

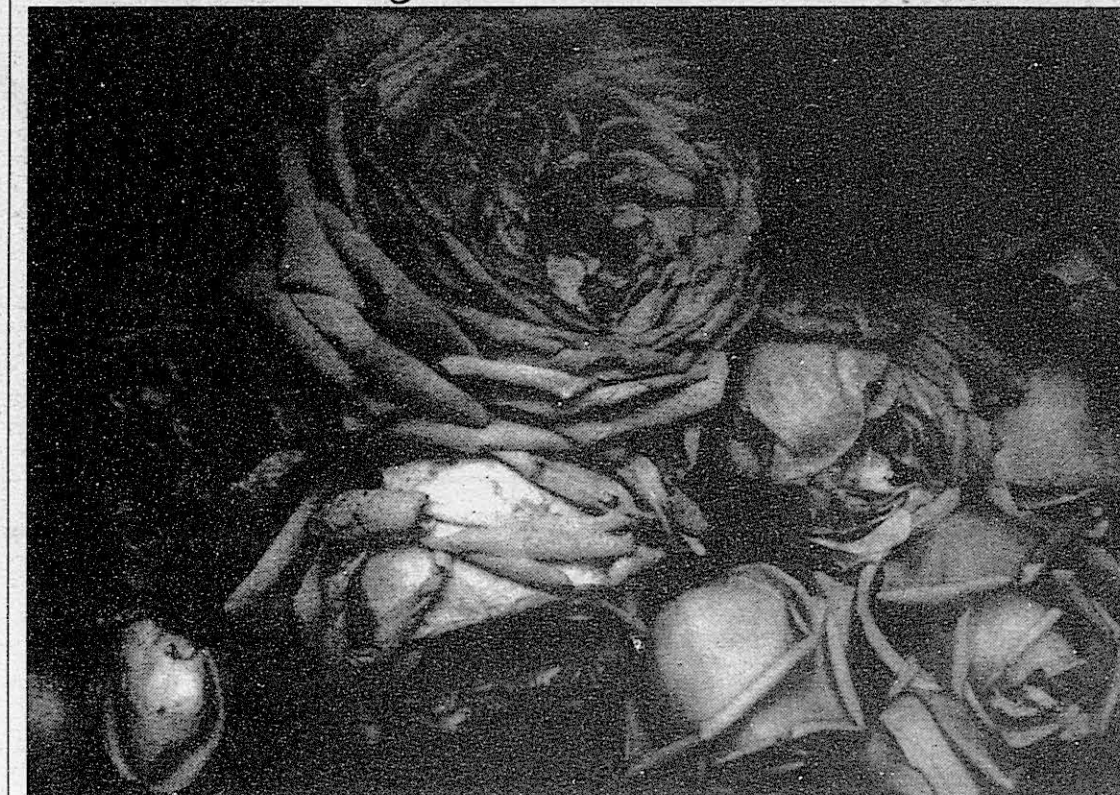
tention. That's when you start noticing that some nights, the ocean seems to glow or that there are more stars in the sky than you think, or just simply, that there's more. The flip side is that the pain of life also becomes that much more painful. But that's the risk we have to take if life is going to be worth while, innit?

Taking pleasure in the more "mundane" aspects of life allows us the chance to fall hard or fly high. I didn't realize how important that would be to my life, but my body and my heart — my soul — didn't forget,

because it's become a part of the way I see the world now. You have to take the chance to see, or you'll be blinded, shielded from the pain as well as the joy.

Go ahead. Look at the way she laughs at your jokes. Or the way she likes to play fight at work. Or the joking way she makes fun of you. Or even how they look when they're sitting around thinking. No one ever does it like anyone else, and when they're gone, they're gone. Just remember — it's all important. Every little thing.

Sight & Sense



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It's all blue skies and green grass for Frisbee sports

Dino E. Buenviaje
STAFF WRITER

Imagine standing out on the rolling green. It's a bright and sunny day, and there is a calm breeze blowing gently into the trees. You prepare for your throw. Taking care not to be distracted by your surroundings, you assess the wind's direction and speed. Take aim for the goal and throw.

This is the game of Frisbee Golf, one of the fastest-growing recreational sports today. Like golf, the main objective of the game is to complete a course making as few throws as possible.

"It's just like golf, except it's with discs," said Michael Miller, an avid frisbee golfer.

Like golf, there are 18 holes, which one must throw a disc at and hit. The holes are signified by the colored taped wrapped around poles or commercially made goals.

The disc used is not an ordinary beach Frisbee. The disc consists of a heavyweight plastic polymer.

Unlike ordinary Frisbees, these discs are more aerodynamic, flatter, denser, and have a shorter diameter. Wham-O is a popular manufacturer of tournament and game discs. Tournaments are held annually around the country. The prizes have been as large as \$10,000. Between 1974 and 1978, the Wham-o company sponsored week-long tournaments at UCI.

Frisbee Golf is a popular game among UCI students, according to Miller.

"The majority of players start playing when they get to UCI. It provides a distraction between classes," Miller said.

At UCI, Frisbee golf is played in Aldrich park. The park is what is

termed as a "natural course" because there are already poles to signify markers.

On nonnatural courses, players must set up specially-constructed "baskets" which are poles with chain nets, designed to catch

the disc. Of course these are more expensive, so players take full advantage of available natural courses.

The game began in the early 1970s in Oak Grove Park in Pasadena, adjacent to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The game was introduced to UCI by Tom Boda, who in 1976, laid out the course in Aldrich Park.

Aside from Frisbee Golf, there are sports variations involving discs. Among them is Ultimate Frisbee, which is similar to football and basketball. Teams of players must pass the disc to each other, moving down field towards the opposing team's goal. Players try to outrun their opponents to get a clear pass.

Once the disc is caught however, the player cannot move, except to pivot on one foot, before throwing the disc. Throwers

have only a few seconds to toss the disc; the time is set by players. Opponents keep track of time and try to block passes. They must stand at least one arm's length away while guarding.

"Hot Box" is an Ultimate variation that can be played by as few as four people. A single, small goal area is chosen by the players. Then a perimeter line surrounding the goal is decided upon. One team begins outside the perimeter and passes the disc between each other, working towards the goal box. Opponents try to block passes along the way. The disc must be caught within the goal box to win a point.

"Guts" is a game of "chicken" with a frisbee. One person throws the disc very hard, and another is supposed to catch it with one hand.

"Dogs" has a bit more to do with the skill of a canine than his master. Dogs run and catch the discs in midair and are given points for style.

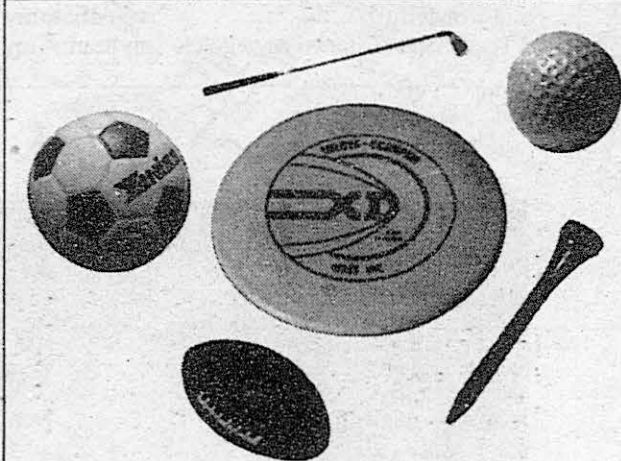
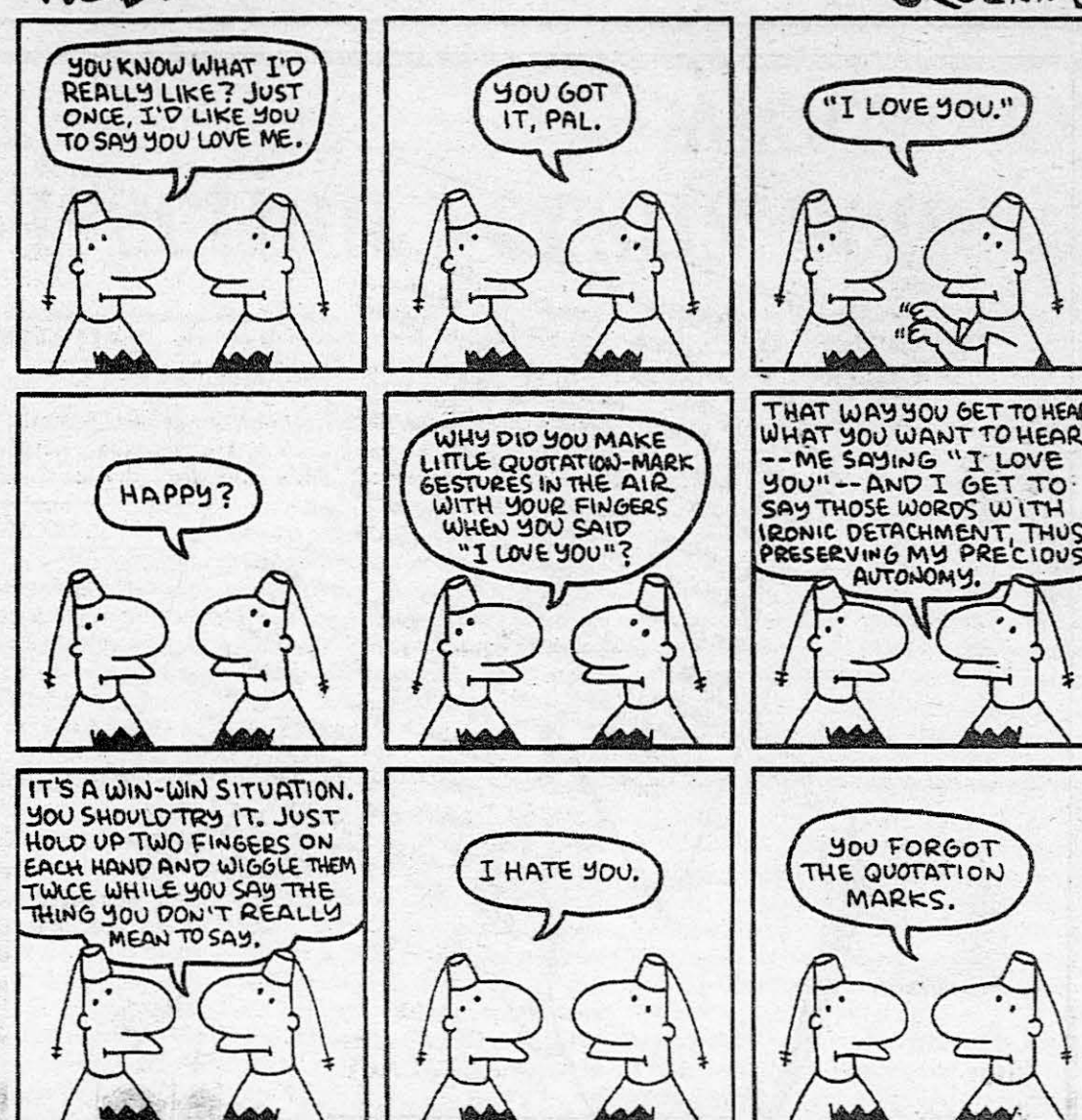


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EDITORIAL

The regents want to help us, really.

Recently, the *Los Angeles Times* ran an investigative piece revealing that regents and top level state officials had used their influence to get their own children and the children of their acquaintances into UCLA.

The article also revealed that some of the regents who used this "back door" policy of admissions were the very same ones who voted to eliminate the affirmative action process in hiring and admissions.

This revelation just proves the obvious.

The regents really do support the aggressive recruitment of underrepresented students.

UCLA is one of the most popular schools in the nation; therefore, the competition is tough and only the best and the brightest get in. By personally calling Chancellor Young and various other UCLA admissions officials to ask for reconsideration for friends that were rejected on the basis of poor academic scores, the regents and high level state officials proved they are trying to increase the enrollment of those not fortunate enough to be gifted with good grades...

... the unqualified.

Yes. The regents are being attacked for simply using their influence to get their friends into UCLA. But these friends are underrepresented. Only five percent of the country is wealthy. The rich are definitely in the minority and the regents are just doing their job to make sure that they get a fair chance at college.

Why are people so angry? If any of those complaining would have had the same opportunity, they would have surely done the same thing. This anger at the regents on behalf of these so called "ethical" people is simple hypocrisy from those who are just jealous that they don't know the Governor or a regent. It's about time that we realize the regents really are looking out for the benefit of those in the minority and we should just leave them alone. *April Fools.*

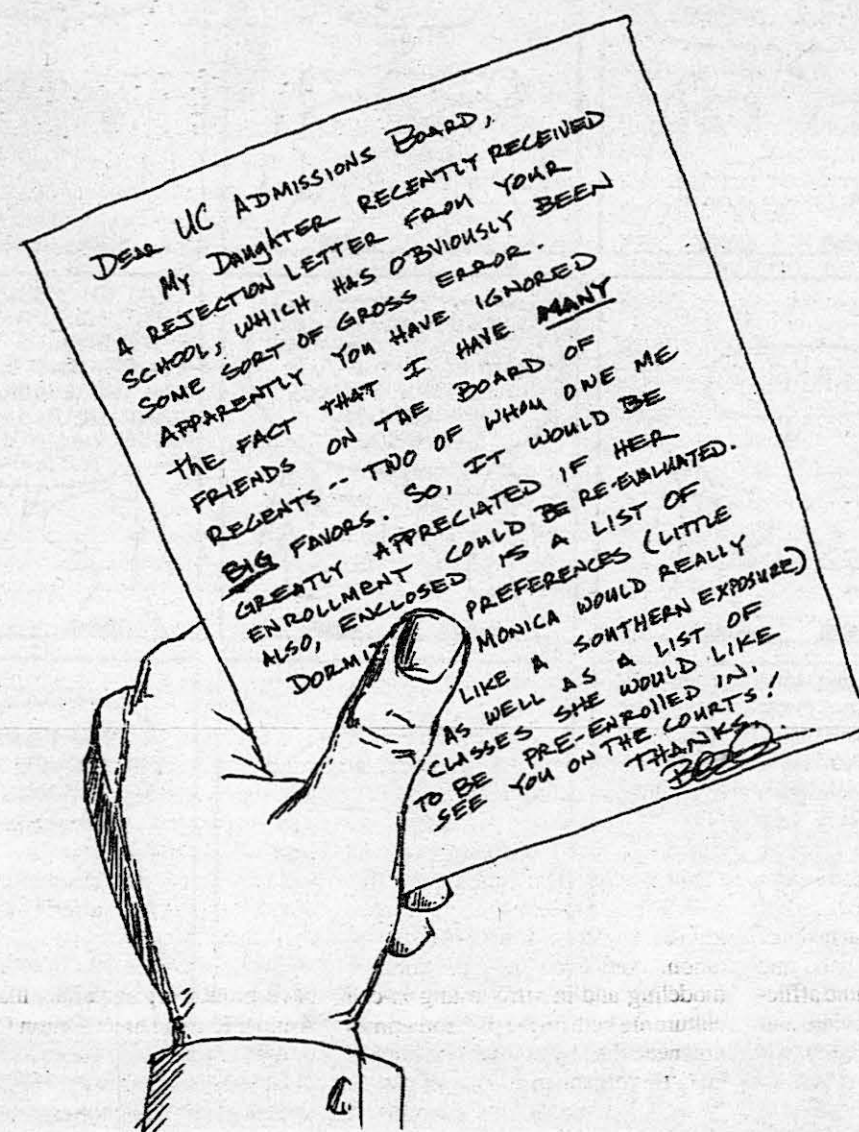
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Representatives should listen to our needs

I want to applaud the actions of the four students—Alain Dang, Debbie Davis, Lielz van Riper, and Eric Jarvina—who visited our Assembly "Representative" Marilyn Brewer last week. We in the university community need to hold our elected representatives accountable to ALL of their constituents, especially during these difficult times for the cash-strapped University of California. Though the California economy has experienced an upswing, the UC system cannot expect any dramatic increases in funding from a state Assembly dominated by a coalition of adamant opponents to public education and those like Marilyn Brewer who claim ignorance on educational issues.

Students, faculty and staff at UCI need to pay attention this election year to which candidates fail to visit our school, address us or fail even to mention education in their campaign speeches. Furthermore, residents of the assembly district and in the business community should be aware of the anti-education candidates as well. The only thing that stands between the democratic system and despotism

is a well-educated, well-informed citizenry. Because current attacks on public education in the United States represent a threat to our democracy, all of us—educators, students, business people, politicians—need to work to make education a legislative priority again. The four students who traveled to Sacramento have brought to surface at least one representative who will not be doing UCI any favors any time soon. Let us remember this on election day.

John Schwetman
Graduate, English

New bike laws don't make sense

I do not see how enforcing the new bike laws will encourage bike riding ("Committee wants to revise bicycle policy," *New University*, 3/11/96). In fact, it will only make people use their bikes even less because they cannot get around as easily. They will become more dependent on their cars and aggravate traffic and parking.

I would understand the need for "laws" if there are many accidents due to bike riding on campus, but the article did not mention this. There was no reason provided for

implementing these laws other than to "create a bike friendly atmosphere." It is a bit contradictory, no?

Tina Lai
Sophomore, undeclared

Where is the web page?

As a UCI alumnus who now attends graduate school at the University of Arizona, I was initially elated to have found the on-line link of the *New University*. I had hoped that I would be kept up-to-date on what goes on in and around the UCI campus. Enthusiasm quickly died upon my discovery that the *New University* web page had not been updated since Feb. 19! Please do something to do away with this blemish.

John Y. Ahn
Alumnus, Electrical Engineering

Editor's Note: The New University Web Page has been redesigned. We have decided on an alternative method of publishing on the net which will assure that we are able to deliver the on-line version of the paper by Monday morning each week.

Book exchange should live up to its claims



Shyam Srinivas

As on many other college campuses around the country, we have had a number of demonstrations here at UCI decrying the use of animals for laboratory testing. Unfortunately, this is a mainstay for those performing biomedical research around the world at this time.

When I was a bit younger, I was very adamant about this issue. I believed that allowing humans to tinker with the lives of animals at their whim was cruel and unjust. It is a very "homo sapien-centric" view of the universe that says that the diseases and pains which afflict man are of such high import that we can take the lives of thousands of animals, and sometimes give them the same affliction, in order to help alleviate our afflictions. In the Hindu religion, it is believed that each living organism here on the planet has a little piece of God within them, and this makes all creatures equal. This makes all animal lives sacred. There is no hierarchy set up.

■ TESTING: Protesting animal research and not the meat industry is like seeing the trees and missing the forest.

tivists complain about, is the pain and suffering that the animal must endure before it is mercifully killed. They are also concerned about the death of the animal, but it is a fact that the animal sometimes must suffer before it is put to sleep, that really bothers people.

Today, I do not see this issue as being so "black or white" anymore, in fact it is a very cloudy grey. I abhor the idea that animals need to suffer for our benefit. I do believe that we should try to advance medical science, and eliminate as much human suffering as we can. Now that I am involved with medical research, it is clear to me that there has been a lot of benefit to mankind derived from animal experimentation. And even though computer modeling and in vitro testing in cell culture are both on the rise, sometimes you need the physiologic reactions of an entire organism to see if a certain therapy is working. For example, if some researcher discovers a new chemotherapeutic drug to fight cancer, he could test it on a culture of cancerous cells. This is not adequate though,

because the drug may be toxic to the liver, bone marrow, or any of the other organs. Only a complete organism can tell you these things, be it a mouse, a chimp or a human.

So I regret to admit, that animal research is necessary for the advancement of medical science, however, this does not mean that we can do anything we like to animals. Today there are agencies and ethics committees that must review the protocols of experiments before investigators are given permission to perform the experiments. There are regulations as to how the animals have to be cared for, and we have an Animal Research Committee right here at UCI. On the protocol form, there is a section on pain inflicted to the animals as a result of the procedure and the investigator's plan to deal with this. So with these sort of organizations, I can only hope that need-less experiments that cause an undue amount of pain and suffering to animals will not be allowed to proceed. I also think that it is good that we have protest organizations like the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition which indirectly create a system of "checks and balances" on the activities of our laboratories.

Most of the time animal suffering is kept to the minimum necessary in the laboratory. I have seen firsthand a very liberal use of anesthetics in the

lab to make sure the animals feel as little discomfort as possible. So as long as researchers remain conscientious, the major tragedy committed in laboratories is the eventual destruction of the animal. However, this is done far more humanely than in our slaughterhouses. Usually animals are put to sleep with an overdose of anesthetic, so that it is a relatively painless death. Thus, it seems that the major crime in vivisection is breeding animals and killing them, but there is the potential for gained knowledge from the process.

In terms of numbers, there is a much larger offender of this type, who simply breed animals and kill them every day. I am speaking, of course, of the meat industry. Here innumerable animals are raised for the fate of death so as to appease our appetites. No knowledge is gained from the millions of chickens, cows and pigs slaughtered every day. It is well known that certain types of meat cause an undue amount of suffering to animals. For example, veal comes from a baby cow who is not permitted to walk so that the meat remains tender, so it is confined to a small box and must stay in that box until it is time to end up on somebody's plate. Not to offend anyone, but that meat which is Halal or Kosher is killed in such a way that causes maximum suffering to the animal. The animal must have its neck slit, and hang upside down until all of the blood drains out of

its body.

The number of animals used for medical research is on the order of thousands or even hundreds of thousands, whereas there are 500,000 animals killed for meat each hour in the U.S. I hope that all animal rights activists are vegetarians. If not, they are clearly hypocrites. Trying to stop animal research without also attacking the meat industry is like seeing the trees and missing the forest. For your own health, above all other reasons, we should try to change our diets.

It takes 25 gallons of water to produce one pound of wheat, and 2,500 gallons of water to produce one pound of meat. More than half of the water used for all purposes in the U.S. is for livestock production. The number of human beings who could be fed by the grain and soybeans eaten by U.S. livestock is 1,300,000,000 which is about the population of China. It is also known that the average American ingests two to three times more protein than any human being needs. Think about what happens when we eat so high on the food chain. Maybe we should focus our energies differently to end the exploitation of animals on our planet. Take a bold step in your life and change your diet. Remember all things are connected.

Shyam Srinivas is a third year MD/PhD student.

Letters

Sophomore, social ecology

Animal research is necessary and a benefit

A *New University* article ("Animal Wrongs" *New University* 2/19/96) contrasted two views on the use of animals in research. It is important that the UCI community understand the university's position on this controversial topic.

Unequivocally, animal use at UCI is proper and currently necessary for the conduct of leading-edge research in the biomedical sciences. UCI, one of California and the nation's premier research universities, conducts basic, applied and clinical research in a wide variety of disciplines. Research projects involving animals are costly and require extramural funding. Research support by outside agencies is awarded only after exhaustive merit review of the scientific contents of our proposals and of the ability of the university's research programs and infrastructure to properly complete the proposed research. Research using animals is subjected to additional reviews, as described in the article, to ensure that legitimate humane concerns are properly addressed.

There can be little judicious debate on the scientific method in-

involved in research, given the numerous examples in which biomedical research applications have benefited human health. There is, however, an active, sometimes acrimonious, debate on the ethical issues of animal use by humans. Constructive debate concerning the ethical use of animals in research, education, and testing is of great interest to many here at UCI. The university encourages this debate and the academic study of the ethical issues involved. We must distinguish rational debate, however heated it may become, from gratuitous personal attacks, vandalism, or even violence against those with differing views, which must be rejected.

Frederic Y.M. Wan
Vice Chancellor for Research

Minorities won't fail if given the chance

In responding to John Jaeger's letter ("More categories than race," *New University*, 2/19/96) I feel it would clear things up if I pointed out a few things that he "missed." The recent reports about the drop in minority applications to UCI is a very good reason to be concerned and should not be seen as a step in

the right direction. Mr. Jaeger provides statistics to support his argument that minority students are, on the average, much less academically qualified than their White or Asian counterparts. While the numbers may indicate that this is the case, UCI intelligently realizes that grades and SAT scores are not the only factors that make up a student. What happened to culture, religious beliefs and individuality? One of the main functions of the university system is to educate its students and prepare them for the "real" world. But it realizes that not only does it need to teach them about academics, it also needs to expose them to the many ethnicities and cultures that exist in our society.

Lastly, Mr. Jaeger stated that "it is a cruel hoax" to accept students who aren't as academically qualified over their "much more qualified" peers. First of all, he obviously has not considered the value of a person beyond his/her academic numbers. Like I said before, there is much more to an individual than numbers alone. Secondly, why would it be a hoax for UCI administrators to accept a qualified minority student and provide that student with a chance to be successful? I don't see that as a "cruel hoax" at all. It is that type of mentality that has

historically suppressed many minority groups by not giving them a chance and assuming that they would fail if given the chance. He wrote that only 14 to 22 percent of Blacks and Hispanics graduate from UCI compared to the average 35 to 39 percent overall. Maybe, in order to raise UCI's average, more should be done to retain them, via retention programs, and less should be done to try and keep them out.

Erick Miranda
Sophomore, biology

Sports facility desperately needed

I would like to laud you for the excellent article you put forth in the last *New University* on student sports facilities. As a student, I am very unsatisfied with the present condition of the facilities that are provided for us. They are, shall I say, very uninviting. I appreciate that someone at the *New University* has taken an interest in the necessity for new facilities. UCI needs facilities NOW! The larger student population needs to see this necessity, and you provided a very informative article for them. Thank you.

Tyler Vandenberg
Junior, mathematics

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The Journal of Art and Entertainment in the UCI Community

Greg Louganis

UCI alumnus soars in poignant autobiography

During the preliminaries to the 1988 Olympics, Greg Louganis hit his head, plummeted off the three-meter springboard in a sickening tumble and met his demons — not at the bottom of the pool where the water was clear, clear as day, but at the surface, where the crowd awaited in horror and where the question of explaining his HIV status would become a murky mess.

As it happened, Louganis didn't, couldn't reveal to anyone — not the doctor who treated his gashed head, not his parents, and certainly not the American public — that he was gay and had tested positive for the HIV virus.

"At first, I was embarrassed because this was, like, the Olympics," Louganis said, recalling the accident during an interview with the *New University*.

"When it hit me, I got angry at myself and worried at what responsibility I had at the time. With the eyes of the world on me, I was paralyzed with fear."

Louganis would not overcome his demons that day. It would be seven years, two gold medals and several abusive relationships later before Louganis could confront that murky surface and reveal his secrets. The result was an autobiography called *Breaking the Surface*, a deeply honest account of his homosexuality, his troubled childhood as a suicidal teenager, his stoic father, and the trials and travails of being an Olympic champion. Louganis even writes briefly about his two years at UCI as an undergraduate.

On tour to promote the new paperback, the four-time Olympic gold medalist is scheduled to appear at the UCI Bookstore this Wednesday at noon.

If he could repeat his actions at the 1988 prelims in Seoul, he would have decided to reveal his HIV status, Louganis said last week.

"Well, you have to understand, I knew I wasn't welcome in that

country. I had tried to get [noted AIDS victim] Ryan White to the Olympics but they didn't want him in the country because he was HIV positive."

Louganis was in denial. Not until the publication of his book last year, could he openly discuss his sexual orientation. In a new epilogue for the paperback, Louganis calls this frankness, "living free."

"Reaction [to the book] has really been very positive. Even if people don't understand my sexual orientation, they understand honesty."

For Louganis, living free has meant more than just open discussion; it's the ability to deal with having full-blown AIDS on a daily basis.

"You never forget about it. It's there. It's a part of me. Twice a day I'm reminded that I have a compromised immune system with all the drugs that I have to take. Any cough and your mind's like, 'Oh my God, is this it?'"

"But I've gotten better. I don't panic as much because I've battled flus and cold bugs and I'm still here."

Despite a low T-cell count, his good health has allowed Louganis to pursue his acting career. He recently did an off-Broadway, one-man show called *The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me*, a coming-out story.

Louganis will also play his own body double in the USA Cable version of *Breaking the Surface*. The film will premiere around the same time as the 1996 Olympic Games.

Despite the acting jobs, the quiet diver still can't seem to overcome his reticence. Withdrawn and moody since childhood, Louganis has struggled with the pressures of fame.

"Nineteen-seventy-six was tough; I was only 16 and I had to go back to high school [after having won the silver medal in the Olympics that year]. I am generally shy. I don't think that will ever go away. Unfortunately, people interpreted that shyness as, 'He thinks he's too good for us.'"

"I have a problem with role mod-



Former UCI student and world-famous Olympic diver Greg Louganis will be at the bookstore this Wednesday.

els. We're only human and we make mistakes. We can't always live up to it."

As a teenager grappling with suicidal tendencies, Louganis often retreated to the one place he knew nobody could call him a "sissy" be-

cause of his crying fits, a "nigger" because his dark hair and skin, or a "retard" because of his dyslexia. He did what was natural for him: he dove.

Louganis said he wanted to go public because he was tired of liv-

ing a life of secrets.

"I knew I wanted to do this while I was here and healthy and able to talk about it and not have to be chased into a hospital room."

And also to finally rid himself of those demons lurking at the surface.

Phat X. Chiem, Staff Writer

At The Gates gives moshing madness



Concert Review

James Carey
STAFF WRITER

Imagine a small, smoke-filled Corona theater — minus seats, that is — packed to capacity and you have an At The Gates concert.

With the release of their new album, *Slaughter of the Soul*, Swedish death-metal band At The Gates went on their first American tour, along with co-headliner Morbid Angel and Dissection.

Commanding an awesome stage presence, At The Gates delivered a very powerful performance, with Morbid Angel not far behind. In contrast, Dissection proved to be the big disappointment of the night.

At The Gates' presentation was probably one of the most solid performances of the night, with the exception of the fact that they were on stage for only about 30 minutes.

Slaughter of the Soul is an excel-

lent album, and the band did a fantastic job translating it to the stage. At The Gates lost very little between recording and performance, where a great deal of other bands lose their luster.

Unfortunately, due to conditions in the theater, At The Gates was only able to perform about half of its set when the band members were too tired to continue. The theater was quite hot and uncomfortable for anyone, be it performer or audience.

It was unfortunate that At The Gates did not give a full hour presentation as most of the other five bands on the lengthy bill did. At least the band performed more than three songs.

Morbid Angel also gave an excellent performance, including songs from its older albums as well as some of its newer albums, including the excellent *Covenant*.

Morbid Angel gave the audience the large slab of musical meat they were starving for all night long when they played "Angel of Disease."

The members of Morbid Angel were obviously accustomed to the hellish conditions of the theater and performed for a great deal longer than anyone else that night.

The audience responded as could be expected, making the pit an even more dangerous place to venture than usual.

At one point, a large section of the theater floor became a mass of people beating each other up. At least, that was the case until security stepped in and started throwing people out.

Dissection, also from Sweden, very much lacked the intensity other bands of the night had already given the audience.

This, in addition to the fact that it took Dissection 45 minutes to get on stage, made for a very un-



Swedish death metal band At The Gates cultivates that patented dark, evil, glowering look.

receptive audience, who later booed the band off stage.

It was disappointing to have one band take so much time away from the other performances only to play three songs. In fact, it just served to make the audience more hostile than before their performance.

It may have been better for the members of Dissection to not bother to show up at all.

The other three bands of the night had a challenge in trying to please the varying tastes of the audience. Basically, these groups

sounded similar to many other bands, especially to thrash-metal jokers Brujeria, only with more feedback.

At one point, it even seemed as though Brujeria had somehow snuck into the theater, but the real bands onstage were nowhere near as good. Thankfully, it can be said that at least these groups didn't take forever to get on stage.

Overall, a very solid and well done performance by all bands, minus Dissection, which should be shown the back door into a biology lab to be dissected themselves.

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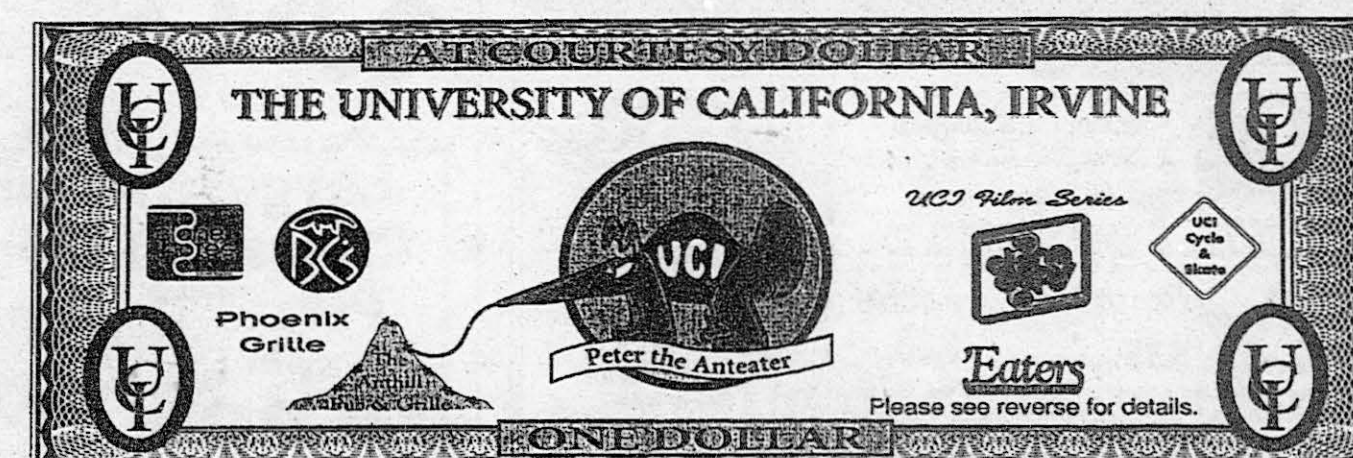
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Kick back with some Ultra-Lounge music

Joe Betance
STAFF WRITER

The Seattle scene produces music that is depressing. Hip-hop produces a thumping beat that forces the body to move. Punk makes the listener angry. Where can the average guy find music to relax — to lounge?

Well, Capitol has decided to answer that wish. The company has released a smart and sassy compilation of the lounge music originally issued by that label in the '50s and '60s. Titled *Ultra-Lounge*, the collection is divided into six different compilations.

Each category covers a different aspect of the resurging lounge music scene and each has its own strengths and weaknesses.

Mondo Exotica contains music meant to be reminiscent of the

tribal music from the deepest jungles of Africa and South America.

Of course, it has a very strong sense of lounge music to give that wonderful tiger-skin-rug feel to the music.

For instance, "Bali Ha'i" consists of tribal drums behind the sound of a woman wailing unintelligible sounds to the melody of "Bali Ha'i" from the musical *South Pacific*.

Full of grunts, chants, wails and primal screams, the music in this set is almost kind of scary.

Volume two is titled *Mambo Fever* and it consists of more lounge music but with a Latin flair. In this set, you get a wonderfully cheesy rendition of Henry Mancini's "Peter Gunn" theme set to a funky bossa nova beat.

All of the music featured here is

like a lot of the music in *Dirty Dancing* but cheesier, if that's even conceivable.

Space Capades, the next in the series, is by far one of the most charming volumes. It covers the lounge music that had to do with the '50s image of spaceflight.

The tune "Moon Moods" alone will remind you of every '60s sitcom vision of what outer space was like.

Think of it like the theme from *Bewitched* and *I Dream of Jeannie* having some kids. *Space Capades* is a collection of those children.

Bachelor Pad Royale, the fourth volume, covers your basic range of standard "lounge" music. This includes a jazzed up theme from *Route 66*. It is cheesy, but a more subdued cheese.

There are no screaming women

or hep cats. It is just music to lounge around and stretch out on your vibrating heart-shaped bed.

Volume five is the best. Titled *Wild, Cool and Swingin'*, it contains all of the crooners of the '50s and '60s who made their impact on the lounge lizard image.

While most of the music on the various other volumes is all instrumental, volume five's songs will make you laugh and snap your fingers as you take a sip of your martini.

Two standouts include Wayne Newton singing "Danke Schoen" (yes, the one in *Ferris Bueller*) and Louis Prima performing a little number called "Closer to the Bone."

It's a song about a guy who likes his girlfriends to be really skinny. Actual lyrics include such gems as "People think I'm crazy

to overlook her faults, but here's the reason I like 'em skinny instead of full of schmalz."

The final volume in the series is titled *Rhapsodies* and to be quite honest, it sounds a lot like *Bachelor Pad Royale*.

The only standout is Julie London's silky performance of "Go Slow." It's very cheesy and everything *The Fabulous Baker Boys* wanted to be.

All in all, the series is very rewarding; the fact that it is divided up into volumes affords the listener the opportunity to buy the cheese that is most appealing to each individual taste.

What makes the *Ultra-Lounge* series most appealing though is that it knows it is cheesy and doesn't care. In fact, it flaunts the cheese — good old-fashioned American cheese.

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Afghan Whigs serve up some Black Love

Ned Raggett
STAFF WRITER

Black Love
The Afghan Whigs
Elektra

For my money, the Afghan Whigs have been doing what Pearl Jam keeps trying to do but only succeed partially at. That is, this Cincinnati quartet creates astonishingly emotional, cathartic rock, blending singer Greg Dulli's wounded, soul-influenced voice with gripping, dramatic music, often with haunting strings to boot. The band's new album, *Black Love*, showcases all of this in spades.

Dulli favors relentless dissections of the evil men do, whether to themselves or to women, in day to day life. Such songs as the current single "Honky's Ladder" and "My Enemy" chill and enthrall at once.

But the band knows when to let in even just a little light, and when Satchel singer Shawn Smith lends his angelic voice to "Going to Town" and "Night by Candlelight," the end result sweeps you away.

Pop Buss
The Elevator Drops
Time Bomb

From the album's punning title [spell it backwards and reflect on



The Afghan Whigs sit around waiting for a brand new tour bus or two. Seattle's best known record label [to such stiletto-armed songtits as "Be a Lemonhead [Beautiful Junkie]," this trio isn't out to ingratiate itself with anybody. Fair enough, but is the music any good? Much to my surprise, yes. Initially I took the Drops to be another

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Comics convey vision

Ned Raggett
STAFF WRITER

It remains unfortunately true that most comic books out there seem to be written by sexually immature males for sexually immature males.

Thankfully, not only are there male comic artists that ignore that route, but a thriving number of female artists have been creating some excellent stuff over the years that portray women as more than busy window dressings.

Roberta Gregory has been writing comics for well over two decades; her series *Naughty Bits* has almost taken on a life of its own over time, having now reached its eighteenth issue.

The central story revolves around the life of Bitchy Bitch, a woman who, at this point in the series, has a job she's not thrilled about, a relationship with a man she's not really happy with, and an ability to treat most of the world with an internal monologue of contempt.

Sounds like a one-dimensional cartoon, you say? Hardly. Bitchy Bitch has been through a lot in her life over past issues — fighting discrimination in the workplace, grappling with abortion, and much more — and by portraying her as a misanthrope instead of a "perfect" role model, Gregory makes her much more real.

This issue itself examines less controversial material, as Bitchy Bitch wonders how to deal with her pseudo-love Kenney while trying not to get caught up in a weight-loss contest at work.

In the midst of all the amazingly hilarious gripes (and her amazing facial expressions — Gregory gives her a mouth that practically does contortions at points), though, she shows her more vulnerable side by worrying about male-on-female violence, an issue Gregory handles with skill and emotion.

Dame Darcy, meanwhile, has a much different and equally compelling series of stories to tell. *Meat Cake*, currently up to its fifth issue, is an anthology of various stories from the pen of the Dame.

With her fascination for the macabre a la Mary Shelley and Poe, mixed with an appreciation for late Victorian and Edwardian society, Darcy creates a marvelous alternate universe of delicious fun and chills.

Many of her stories revolve around a continuing cast of characters, including Friend the Girl, who comes to grief this time out when trying to raise bees, who live together in what seems like a New England of the mind around 1900.

All are connected by the excellent, compelling artistry of Darcy, with florid, fascinating lettering and perhaps some of the lushest, most

detailed ink work you've ever seen. Debbie Dreschler has a very serious, touching series of stories to tell in *Daddy's Girl*, possibly one of the best examinations of the horrors of incest out there.

Most of the pieces tell of Lilly, one of three children in an outwardly normal family. However, as the opening chapter "Visitors in the Night" tells right from the start, she suffers from sexual abuse at the hands of her father, almost nightly violence, an issue Gregory handles with skill and emotion.

Dreschler doesn't waste time in trying to titillate the reader; her art and plot are blunt, but she avoids didacticism by instead concentrating on the day-to-day events in Lilly's life and how that she suffers inevitably impacts that life.

At the times when the abuse is not discussed, Dreschler instead considers other facets of the family's problems, noting how love can thrive, between the siblings, at least, in the midst of torment.

It's compelling stuff, and one of many reasons why it's good to move beyond the female stereotypes available in far too many other places.

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Sisters annoys

Daisy Cain
STAFF WRITER

Between Sisters, a novel by Nina Vida, doesn't live up to its potential or its promise.

The novel makes itself out to be one of sisterly love, tracking Lela Benoit as she survives the abuse of her father, grows up, and tries to save her older sister, Joleen, from a life of drug abuse.

Amazingly, however, Vida fails to capture any sort of soul in her novel, and so it flickers and dies before even hitting the halfway mark.

Set in 1965 along the Pacific Coast Highway, *Between Sisters* starts off strongly enough, looking through the eyes of seven-year-old Lela as her mother tiptoes around her father, a physically, mentally and sexually abusive man. Meanwhile, her sister Joleen turns further inside herself, constantly in fear of her father's twisted love.

Lela's childish banter and the lightly humorous, innocent way in which she sees the events of her tumultuous life give the novel a short-lived sense of dimension. Although it sometimes gets too cute, Lela's is a strong and endearing voice, full of emotion and pleasant to read.

The reader is then taken through a series of tragic events, enough to destroy any child's spirit. Yet, chillingly, Lela chatters through every abuse, even seeing her mother killed by her father without blinking an eye or missing a beat.

Shortly afterward, however, the book should have been laid to rest. A series of short passages which span several years transform Lela into an adult who has been adopted by a loving family. Aside from a long affair with her psychiatrist and some occasional, random vomiting, she is unbelievably well-adjusted.

Vida is unable to recapture a voice for Lela and so the character turns into a boring, divorced real estate agent who remembers nothing of her sordid past, nor her true family members, when a strange man shows her a picture of Lela and Joleen together. Although Lela still doesn't even remember having a sister, she is somehow convinced by this man she doesn't know, to go searching for her.

The remainder of the book is an unclear, wandering, muddled quest to save Joleen, a drug addict with a temper, and a refusal

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it works with time.

The music itself, meanwhile, ranges from sharp, catchy numbers to quite fine instrumental explorations, my favorite being the downright beautiful "The Last Fourth of July... Ever." Don't forget these guys; they're off to a fine start.

Green Blue Fire
Huskesque
Astrelwerks

American musician Lida Husik has gained a cult reputation for a series of excellent albums showcasing her idiosyncratic music, low key and quite experimental, with her rather lovely voice on top of it all.

At the same time, she's shown she's unafraid of trying out different

musical styles, which many fellow musicians would be wise to note. *Green Blue Fire* is her second collaboration with French techno musician Beaumont Hannant, and like the first it is a wonderful, unique effort.

By taking the futurist rigor of modern electronic music and applying it to relatively more conventional song structures, Hannant creates a lovely instrumental bed for Husik to sing such intriguing songs as "Bad Head Day" and the grand album-closer "Dead Radio." Well worth your time.

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I, Sharko
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Yep, you read that name right, and I for one think it's very distinctive. This four-piece's debut album (also the debut release by No-Fi Records, run by UCI graduate student Chelsea Starr) reflects a love of the burned-out psychedelia of such legendary bands as Spacemen 3, grafted onto a somewhat more upbeat [at times, at least] lyrical outlook.

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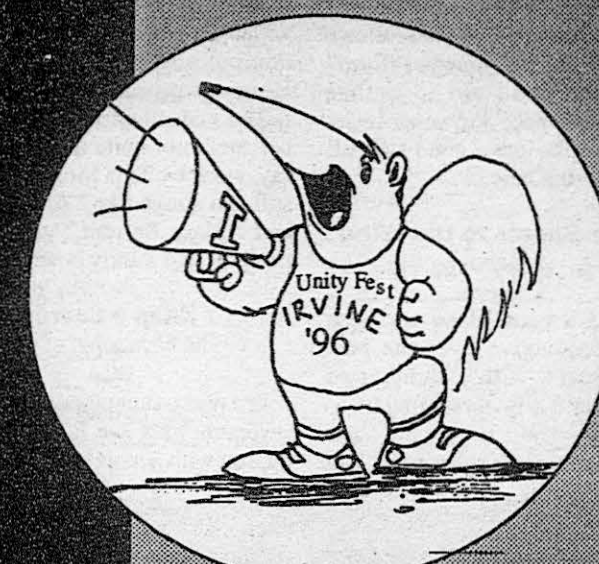
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Dustin

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The opener "Sun Comes Early" provides a fairly fine example of modern fuzz-pop, but the following track, the instrumental "Eyes" takes the band out to nether reaches of space and never looks back. Looks like a good start all around from here.

Three Sheets to the Wind

Idaho
Caroline

The LA band Idaho has been quite productive over the past three years, with a number of singles and now three albums to its credit. *Wind* shows the band isn't changing its style much, but

is doing its best to refine it.

That particular style is a minimal, melancholic approach, with bandleader Jeff Martin's husky, mournful voice blending not only with understated rock instrumentation but also such instruments as electric piano and chamberlin.

The end effect is almost chamber-rock, not quite as stunning as, say, work by This Mortal Coil, but still, on songs like "Alive Again" and "Glass Bottom," equally appealing, in a darkly beautiful way.

Keep a Secret

The Mysteries of Life
RCA

In a neat but unplanned bit of role reversal, what we have here is a quartet with a male lead singer/guitarist

and three female backing musicians. Notable enough, but what is even more so is the group's fine music.

Jake Smith and drummer/singer Freda Love came from the highly regarded, if not well known, group Antenna, which favored a gentle psychedelic/Velvet Underground approach. The *Mysteries of Life* continue in that vein, but an extra kick of its own.

The album has no one song in particular to recommend it, but should be taken as a whole, with Geraldine Hass' cello adding even more life to the record. Some fine stuff here.

Comments are welcome; write to nraggett@kuci.uci.edu.

Sisters

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The problem is that nothing about the little girl in the first part of the book can be seen in this woman. Lela, who had a funny way of looking at things, has turned deadly boring. She shops for a gun: it's boring. She kidnaps Joleen's daughter, Sandy: it's boring. Lela even makes love to Sandy's father, Ross, and it's not only boring, but it makes the reader question whether Lela really cares about her sister at all.

It is difficult to remember from moment to moment if Lela is trying to find Ross, or if she is trying to find Joleen, or if she is trying to find Sandy. It is always difficult to

remember why she is doing anything, mainly because the reader is never given any believable motivation for anything Lela does.

Ross only makes it impossible to focus on anything happening between the sisters, and a handful of flat, inconsequential characters throw the book off on countless tangents, away from what could have been a powerfully focused story of two sisters' lifelong struggles against abuses of every kind.

It seems that Vida didn't even know how she wanted the book to end, and so she left it ambiguous as to what has happened between the two, an altogether unsatisfying ending to an unclear quest which had nothing to do with sisters, or their love for each other.

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Lecture

Independent filmmaker Yvonne Rainier will speak about her work. UCI Concert Hall. 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday, 2

Theater

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Wednesday, 3

Signing

UCI Alumnus Greg Louganis signs copies of his autobiography, *Breaking the Surface*. Noon. UCI Bookstore.

Saturday, 6

Music

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- b) Listen to David's rap song.
- c) Hope for a guest appearance by Dylan.
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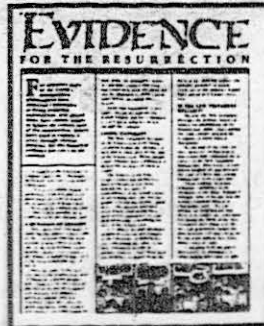
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Popi plays another tune

Ivan Sciupac
STAFF WRITER

Bo Jackson, Deion Sanders, Michael Jordan—all excellent athletes who have one thing in common: they all played two sports.

Now you can add one more name to that list: Popi Edwards.

Edwards has been playing volleyball for the UCI team since her freshman year. She has been described as a "remarkable" and "outstanding" player. She has excelled in the sport, and dreams of playing for the Italian National Team someday.

But for her, one sport is not enough.

This year, Edwards has joined the track team, which has given her a renewed enthusiasm for the sport she remembers from her high school days.

"At first I thought, 'Oh wow! I haven't done this in five years, I won't be able to run,'" says

Edwards. "But I've stayed pretty strong and so it feels really good to run."

And run she has.

Edwards is currently running the 100-meter and 200-meter sprints, as well as running second leg in the 4x100 and 4x400 relay races.

"She's done an outstanding job for us," Track and Field Head Coach Vince O'Boyle said. "She's been able to come out and be part of a very successful program."

Edwards said that she didn't join track earlier because Woman's Volleyball Head Coach Mike Puritz wanted her to play volleyball during the spring season, and



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Edwards competes in both track and volleyball.

also didn't want her to get hurt. "[Track] was something I missed and I wanted to see if I could get back into it," Edwards said.

Edwards said she instantly noticed a major difference between track and volleyball. She described

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TENNIS: going for the trophy

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"We came in more positive today," Foxon explained. "We were more aggressive."

"After we swept the doubles matches, I took the guys aside and tried to get them to refocus on what we needed to do," Clark said. "We needed to take it a point at a time."

After knocking off San Diego State's Frank Morgan, 6-0, 6-3, the day before, UCI's No. 3 singles player Steve Tallakson was the first to finish his singles match on Saturday by defeating Mantel Bufford of Colorado.

"No one is giving up points," Foxon said. "Hey, but a win's a win."

UCI faced Middle Tennessee State University in the final. However, results of the contest were not available at press time.

In Middle Tennessee's semi-final match last Saturday, they knocked off Arkansas-Little Rock.

Middle Tennessee is ranked ahead of UCI at No. 23 while UCI is ranked No. 24 in the nation.

POPI: UCI's multi-sport athlete

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running track as an instant charge, fueled by a quick sense of excitement.

Volleyball, she said, was more like a long "fight," in which you have to give all you got for a prolonged amount of time.

"They're so different," she said. "I get so much out of both of them."

Edwards hopes that her experience from running track will also benefit her in volleyball, as she will grow stronger and generate more endurance.

O'Boyle recognized Edwards' potential to excel in another sport, saying her ability as an athlete paved the way for her success.

"When you have a good athlete it's pretty hard to hold them back," said O'Boyle.

"Popi has already affected our team," he added. "She gives us a one-two punch in the 100 and the 200. She's been our answer."

Edwards said she likes the "incredible team feeling" that she has felt in a sport as individual as track.

"Everyone is out there be-

cause they want to be out there," she said. "It's all about going out there and doing your best."

Edwards plans to graduate next year, and hopes to compete in track one more year. She would like to eventually keep playing both sports, perhaps competitively, but would also like to focus her efforts on medical school.

In the meantime, Edwards will enjoy competing in track. Being done with volleyball, she said she can't imagine not doing anything. "I can't sit still... go to school, come home and do absolutely nothing," she said. "I'd go nuts."

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VOLLEYBALL: "took us out of game"

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the best this is the place to be," Read said. "Tonight we just did not play as capable as we could have."

"In the middle, Long Beach just took us out of the game," Read added.

The middle of UCI's lineup is normally dominated by Arata, the team captain. Also a usual force is the play of Harger and freshman Donnie Rafter. These were ineffective against the 49ers who rely on the play of All-Americans Hoff and Martin Wagner. For the night, the pair undid the Anteaters with 12 and 10 kills respectively.

UCI drops to 7-13 overall.



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UCI, not the 49ers, did most of the digging last Saturday night.

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

CSULB def. UCI

15-11, 15-8, 15-1

UCI (7-13)

Rafter 4-5-12, Selzer 6-3-13, Arata

3-5-17, Alexander 6-2-14, Harger 10-

9-24, Hinkle 0-0-3, Sappau 0-0-0,

Rupp 4-3-8, Cavella 0-2-5

CSULB (18-4)

Mendel 6-1-10, Wagner 10-9-24, Hoff

12-3-25, Barr 4-1-6, Walker 0-2-2,

Mariano 4-0-5, Moore 0-0-0, Cheney

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MEN'S TENNIS

Friday, March 29 results

UCI 4, SAN DIEGO STATE 3

Tardif (UCI) def. Faulk (SDSU) 6-2,

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Foxon (UCI) def. Adamson 6-2,

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Tallakson (UCI) def. Morgan

(SDSU) 6-0, 6-3

Bohun (UCI) def. Pearson

(SDSU) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4

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PATRICK & DESE: The castle looks real good. Had fun doin' it. Thanx for being so dedicated, guys. Luv, DEBBIE

BRYAN: Malling was out. Flip movies were in, and no, they weren't porns! (who us? never!). >SAMPALOC

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Hi jasmine, we miss you. Sundays are not the sme without you. Lets go swing dancing. Jough.

I love you jasmine and i miss you so so

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Sports



Popi Edwards is not only UCI's all-time kill leader in women's volleyball history, but she is also one of UCI's top track athletes. Edwards (left) competes in the 100, 200, 4 x 400 and 4 x 100 meter relays. See page 27 for story.

Lay off Chan Ho

The Los Angeles Dodgers are in the interesting situation of having every Asian major league baseball player in the United States on their roster: Korean-born Chan Ho Park and the more recognizable Japanese-born Hideo Nomo. This is the same sort of predicament

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that the Enterprise found itself in by having Data on their ship.

As a result, there have been numerous comparisons between the two. More often than not, the stories usually focus on Park's lack of maturity or his innate ability to give up a five-run inning. Also included in the stories are remarks about Nomo's genius and his unhittable forkball.

Well, I say cut Park some slack. This, by the way, has nothing to do with the fact that both he and I have a common national origin but more to do with the fact that writers are riding a 22-year-old kid.

When the Dodgers signed him three years ago, he was just 20 years old. When the Dodgers signed Nomo, he was 26 years old. Until Park joined the Dodgers, his only real competition was two years of college ball in Seoul. Nomo played four years of professional baseball in Japan before joining the Dodgers.

There's obviously some disparity between the two pitchers. However, the only reason the two are compared is the simple fact that they're both Asian. But in terms of pitching skill, it'd be like comparing Joey Eischen to Roger Clemens.

There's no doubt Park has a big league arm. Anyone with a 95m.p.h. fastball can compete in the major leagues; he just doesn't have the know-how yet. Obviously, that will come in time.

Some young pitchers do well their first year in the big leagues and others don't. The Dodger's No. 4 starter Ismael Valdes, for instance, is a mere 21 years old and the rise in his stock has been meteoric.

Cut Park some slack. It's not like he's not feeling the pressure from the 400,000 Koreans in the Southern California area. He certainly doesn't need it from some idiot sports writers who's too ignorant to realize they're comparing race with race instead of skill with skill.

UCI advances to tourney final

Soo Song
STAFF WRITER

In the large shadows cast by the Mesa Parking Structure and Crawford Hall, the defiant thump of balls against taut, plastic strings could be heard during the latter part of spring break. These sounds, in concert with the squeaking of tennis shoes as they glided across the courts, added a kind of rhythmic drama to the 17th Annual UCI/Marriott Men's Tennis Classic.

Last week, UCI played host to a tennis pajama party of 12 teams.

"We're playing for the trophy," UCI Men's Tennis Coach Steve Clark said. "And it's a nice one."

Last year, UCI fell short of winning the trophy and finished second in the tournament. The year before was the last time they were able to bring the trophy home.

For Clark, keeping his team focused was essential to garnering the elusive trophy.

"I'm concerned with momentum because that's what carries

you into the next matches," Clark said. "You don't ever want to be in a match where you're questioning yourself."

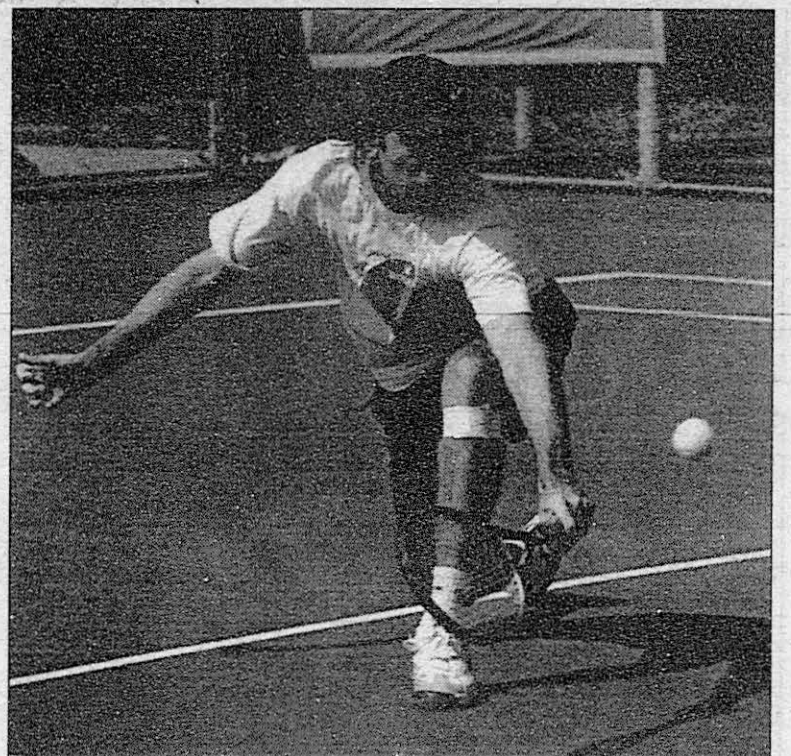
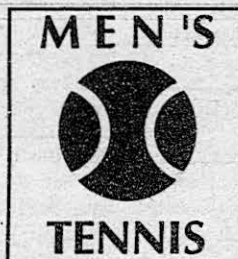
Part of the team's strategy for keeping focus in the tournament was the support that the players gave each other. Each Anteater relied heavily on the emotional support of the other in both little and big ways.

"It's a lot easier playing knowing [your teammate] is still playing his match, too," Thomas Bohun, UCI's No. 4 singles player, explained. "That helps me out."

Bohun knocked off his University of Colorado opponent, Robert Dauliska, 6-0, 3-6, 6-4, on Saturday. It marked the second day in a row that Bohun had broken his opponent after falling behind.

"Thomas said to me, 'Sorry it's been ugly,'" Clark said.

In another tightly contested match, senior Julian Foxon had trouble disposing of Colorado's Atur Rusiecki before finally knocking him off 6-3, 6-4.



TERRY YOUNG, NEW UNIVERSITY

Julian Foxon returns a shot against his San Diego State opponent.

Foxon pointed out it was wins like these that were needed in order to advance to the finals of the tournament. After having a poor day against San Diego State

on Friday, UCI needed a good, all-around performance from everyone.

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49ers bury Anteaters at Pyramid

Luis Martinez
STAFF WRITER

LONG BEACH — UCI Men's Volleyball Coach Andy Read knew that it wasn't going to be easy.

Little did he know it would be this bad.

Facing Long Beach State, the No. 3 team in the nation, Read's squad faced a struggle in the first game, faded in the second, and eventually flamed out in the third falling to the 49ers, 15-11, 15-8, 15-1. The loss drops the Anteaters to 7-13 overall and 2-12 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation [MPSF] play.

Things started out innocently enough for UCI. With Long Beach leading 12-6 in the first game, the Anteaters closed the gap, converting two points behind the serving of swinghitter Evan Alexander. Minutes later, they again inched closer when middle blocker John Arata blocked Long Beach's Tom Hoff and 49er setter Steve Walker backed into the net making it 13-11.

Things then slipped away from the Anteaters on the subsequent Long Beach side out and point. The first game ended as a routine set slipped through the hands of UCI setter Cory Hinkle.

More of the same followed in the second game as the 49ers started on a 9-2 run. Behind the serving of Ory

Selzer, UCI was able to gain some ground. Selzer's first serve-set cut the lead to 9-6 and a later set yielded another point. A glimmer hope surfaced after a Chris Harger ace cut it to 13-8. Long Beach however managed to put the game away with a pair of Ryan Mariano service aces.

UCI's lone point in the last game came on another Harger ace that made the game 8-1.

But the 49ers were soon back on track when Travis Barr and Hoff combined for a pair of thunderous kills making the score an insurmountable 10-1.

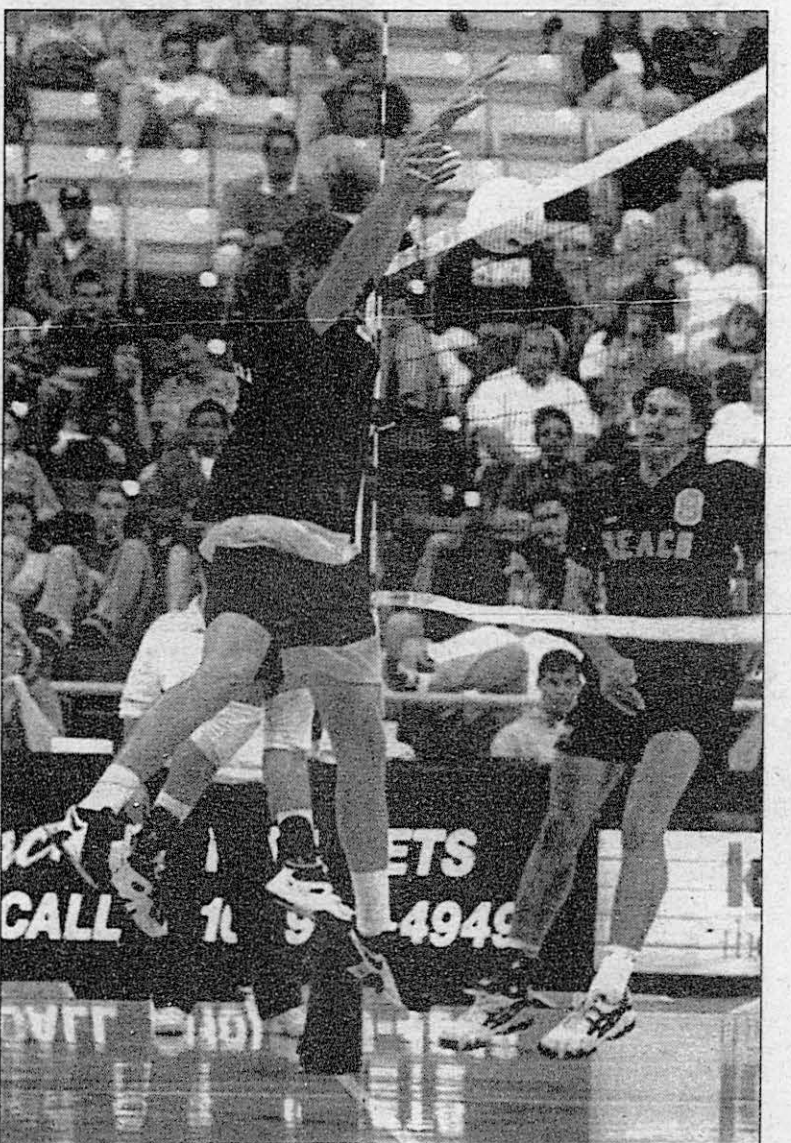
It was yet another frustrating night for Read whose squad failed to gain a measure of consistency. The first game was a prime example as the Anteaters managed to get close but just as quickly faded as the 49ers regained their stride.

UCI is faced with the unenviable task of regularly playing against the nation's top teams while competing in the MPSF. So tough is the MPSF's competition that even UCI is ranked No. 15 nationally despite its losing record.

Currently the Anteaters find themselves in sole possession of last place in the Mountain Division with the season winding down and the chance of a postseason berth all but gone now.

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Despite being ranked No. 15 in the country, the UCI men's volleyball team could not keep up with No. 3-ranked Cal State Long Beach last Saturday night at the Pyramid. UCI dropped to 7-13 overall.