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UCI receives record donations totalling \$49.5M

FUNDING: Largest total financial gift in school history enables additional growth.

By Chris Pallone
Staff Writer

Private donations from individuals and corporations have breathed new life into a number of aspects of uni-

versity life, giving campus departments new financial stability with a total of \$49.5 million contributed over the 1998-99 fiscal year.

Research programs, student activities and other campus operations will benefit from new equipment, buildings and endowments.

Since UCI receives only 25 percent of its operating budget from the state, the university must make ends meet with private donations from outside sources. This year's record amount

follows last year's strong showing regarding private contributions.

"We're on a very positive trend," said Tom Moebus, vice chancellor for University Advancement.

At the same time, the campus is growing in other ways: most significantly, the increase of incoming freshmen students for the 1999-2000 academic year.

According to Moebus, previous years' donations to the university have remained steady at the \$20 - 30 mil-

lion range.

Corporations donated the most of all contributors last year with approximately \$25.7 million in gifts.

Among other gifts of money and stock options, some companies like Northrop Grumman Corp. gave state-of-the-art equipment worth \$1.4 million to the School of Engineering.

Not to be outdone, Informix Software gave the Department of Information and Computer Science a software package valued at over one

million dollars.

"I'm excited to see the growth in corporate donations," Moebus said.

A majority of campus programs are expected to benefit from these donations. Research programs in particular will benefit from more buildings, increased funding and the potential for attracting premier researchers to UCI.

"We want to strengthen the campus' ability to attract high caliber faculty," Moebus said.

Corporation funds brain research

MEDICINE: NeoTherapeutics Inc. gives \$2M to develop new pharmaceutical drugs.

By Michaela Baltasar
Staff Writer

UCI researchers and NeoTherapeutics Inc. have signed a deal to promote the study of receptors in the brain and their relation to disease.

The Irvine-based drug development company will give UCI approximately \$2 million to fund the research team headed by Dr. Olivier Civelli, a professor of pharmacology at the College of Medicine and internationally-renowned scientist.

NeoTherapeutics, whose pharmaceuticals are geared toward neurological diseases, will receive an exclusive three-year license that allows use of the research team's findings in the development of new drugs.

"NeoTherapeutics was willing to fund basic research, license all technologies, provide a gateway to strategic partnerships with other pharmaceutical companies and they are a California company," said David Schetter, director of the UCI Office of Technology Alliances.

Civelli's team focuses on orphan receptors, or receptors for which no neurotransmitter has been identified, and their relation to physiological responses within the body.

According to Civelli, only 20 percent of the receptor-transmitter relationships have been decoded, leaving about 120 orphan receptors.

The researchers attempt to associate receptors with transmitters and pinpoint the chemical that triggers the release of neurotransmitters, which then create a physiological response.

If the right match is found, researchers may be able to determine

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Stacked, Racked and Ready to Row

Overcast skies cannot hide the gleam in the eyes, or the boats of the UCI Crew teams after receiving a much welcomed \$1.28 million donation from Henry T. Nicholas III, CEO and co-founder of the Irvine-based Broadcom electronics company.

The donation is the largest single gift in UCI Athletics history.

For the full story on the donation, see Page 4.

UCI Athletics awarded NCAA certification

SPORTS: Division I status granted to UCI after extensive review of program.

By Lillian Ku
Staff Writer

After a year of self-examination, UCI was certified recently by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee of Athletic Certification.

Ever since the NCAA passed a legislation in 1993 requiring all NCAA Division I institutions to be certified, UCI, along with many other institutions nationwide, went through a long thorough process in order to be approved.

"The purpose for such an extensive self-examination is to make sure all Division I institutions measure up against the same standards which are the operating principles," said Liz Muir, NCAA Coordinator of self-study.

For UCI, this certification process began during the fall of 1997, when Chuck Pieper headed a self-study team consisting of campus staff as well as external community. Soon after, the newly formed team devised a plan on how to strategically self-examine the athletic department, which was later submitted and approved by the NCAA.

From December of 1997 to December of 1998, the self-study team oversaw UCI's athletic department for its governance and commitment to rules, academic and fiscal integrity, and commitment to equity.

Through a series of comprehensive surveys and interviews with coaches, athletes, faculty and administration, the team was able to gather information to verify that the athletic department was in substantial conformity with the self-

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New parking structure approved

UC REGENTS: External funding granted for seven-story parking facility.

By Rachelle Gines
Staff Writer

The number of students enrolling won't be the only thing on the rise as UCI continues to grow into the new millennium: a new parking structure is planned for the land adjacent to Berkley Place and Lots 1 and 1A.

On September 16, the UC Board of Regents approved a proposal that external financing in a total not to exceed \$2.6 million will be used toward the construction of UCI's third parking structure.

According to Mike Delo, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, approximately 1,800 parking spaces will

be available in the seven-story structure.

Construction of the structure will begin June, 2000 and the structure is projected to open in the fall of 2001.

Delo is relieved that the Regents approved the proposal because issues surrounding parking, such as the number of parking spaces and where they are located, is demand-responsive to the number and needs of students.

"It [the parking structure] is a needed response to the growing student population," Delo said.

Chancellor Ralph J. Cicerone, who attended the meeting at the University of California, San Francisco, said the structure would be ideally located by the Social Sciences Plaza, which would alleviate the demand not only for commuters, but particularly for UC

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NEWS IN BRIEF

UCI Assoc. Dean named EIC of medical journal

Dr. Joseph Scherger, current chairman of the Department of Family Medicine and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs of UCI, was named as the editor-in-chief of *Hippocrates*, the primary care journal of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The Massachusetts Medical Society named Scherger as the editor-in-chief at the annual meeting of the AAFP on September 16.

Scherger is a past AAFP Family Physician of the Year and is also a former president of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.

Under Scherger's editorialship, *Hippocrates* will focus more closely on issues such as practice advice, sections on reimbursement, integrative medicine and ethical

issues.

Local organization offers seminar series

The Organizers Network of Orange County are offering a free seminar series entitled "Organizing For the Future" to the general public.

The seminars, which are offered at no cost, will be held at the Harbor View Newport Stationers store on Thursday, October 7 from noon to 3:00 p.m. In addition, the ONOC in conjunction with the Los Angeles chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers, there will be presentations at Office Depots in Orange, Huntington Beach, El Toro and Irvine on Wednesday, October 6 at

noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The seminars will include information on how to organize for both personal and professional purposes. Free tip sheets and door prizes will be given out, and professional organizers will be on hand.

For more information, call (714) 525-3678.

—Rachelle Gines

UCI offers sign language class

UCI's Office of Disability Services (ODS) will offer a beginning level class in American Sign Language (ASL). This class is offered to any student or faculty member at UCI who has minimal or no experience with ASL.

The class will give students a basic understanding of finger spelling, conversation skills and a perspective on deafness and deaf

culture. No academic credit will be given and enrollment is limited to the first 30 individuals.

Interested persons can sign up at the ODS. There is a minimal class fee of \$26.00 and students are required to purchase a \$33.00 textbook. Classes begin on October 6 and continue until December 1 on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and are located in HOB II, Room 131. The instructor is Holly Mayo, a UCI ASL interpreter. The deadline to sign up is October 15.

For more information, call ODS at 824-7494 or TDD at 824-6272.

—Rachelle Gines

UC and CSU to standardize college prep courses

The University of California and California State University,

California's two public university systems, have both approved plans that would standardize college preparatory course requirements necessary for incoming freshmen.

This allows high school students to streamline the courses they take in high school to meet one set of requirements, versus taking more courses in order to meet requirements for both public universities.

However, high school students will not be affected until the year 2003 when the new requirements will go into effect.

These new standards require that all applicants complete four years of English, three years of math, two years of social science, two years of laboratory science, two years of foreign language, one year of visual or performing arts and one year of electives.

—Rachelle Gines

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Van crashes through administration

■ **ACCIDENT:** Low-speed miscalculation injures driver, damages two vacant offices.

By Michaela Baltasar
Staff Writer

A UCI electronic communications services employee drove a van through two offices in the Administration Building at approximately 9 a.m. Wednesday morning, shattering several windows and damaging walls.

The van, a UCI vehicle, crashed headlong into rooms 120 E and 120 F. The van's speed did not exceed 10 mph at impact, said Corporal Al Hernandez, UCIPD.

No one inside the building was injured and the damaged rooms were vacant during the time of the crash.

John Iliescu, the driver of the vehicle, suffered neck and back pain. He was taken to Student Health following the accident.

"It sounded like two trucks had

collided," said Ruth Quinnan, graduate studies finance manager, whose office was two doors away from the scene of the accident.

"I looked out my window and saw nothing and then I looked out the door of my office and saw the

collapsed wall," Quinnan said.

Hernandez attributed the accident to miscalculation by the driver.

The cost of damage to the Administration Building has yet to be determined.



The driver, John Iliescu, suffered minor injuries in the accident.

Donated body parts sold for cash

By Stan Kabala
Staff Writer

The UCI School of Medicine faces another scandal with the discovery that donated human body parts may have been improperly sold for cash and cremated remains could have been returned to the wrong families, officials announced Friday.

According to officials, discrepancies found in a routine audit back in January caused Willd Body Program Christopher S. Brown's expense account to be investigated for an unknown trip to Phoenix, AZ.

During that trip, Brown sold six

spinal cords to an Arizona research facility for a \$5,000 check.

The check, made out to Health Medical Services, is not an organization UCI recognizes.

Brown was placed on administrative leave August 9, and was notified Wednesday that the university will terminate him this week.

Brown denies any misconduct in the matter.

"I've never done anything that would be deemed unethical," said Brown. "They can't prove I've done anything wrong."

Approximately 75 cadavers are donated to the program annually.

While a large number of the deceased are cremated and scattered off the Newport coast, some families request to have the ashes returned to them after the research has been completed.

Because of a virus which infected Brown's computer files, officials say most of the Willd Body Program's records have been lost.

The lost files have administrators concerned that families may not have received the correct remains of their deceased. The university has established an 800 hotline, (800) 758-4102 for families of the deceased to call with any questions regarding this matter.

UCI study finds protein in brain linked to stress

■ **SCIENCE:** Discovery may help researchers find cures to mental disorders and stress-related diseases.

By Sunita Patel
Staff Writer

Reaction to stress can now be linked to a protein that was discovered recently by a team of UCI researchers.

Researcher Rainer Reinscheid and Professor Olivier Civelli from UCI's College of Medicine discovered this protein, known as orphanin FQ nociceptin, in the amygdala and hypothalamus of the brain.

Orphanin FQ nociceptin is one example of the current study of the roles of brain chemicals and how their interactions may be able to explain some human behaviors.

Along with Hans-Peter Nothacker and colleagues from Germany and Switzerland, the team has been exploring the roles that orphanin FQ nociceptin may play in guiding our behavior in stressful situations.

"In the beginning, nothing was known about this peptide. But our overall goal is to find sitting molecules to receptor sites, explore their physiology and see what evolves of them," Nothacker said.

The researchers' latest studies have been directed toward two groups of mice: those with orphanin FQ nociceptin and those without the protein.

The study found that the mice that were unable to produce the orphanin FQ nociceptin were noticeably more anxious in stressful environments than those that were

able to produce the protein. "This experiment not only confirmed that orphanin FQ nociceptin is essential for the body to manage stress, but that it is also needed for long-term adaptation to repeated stressful situations," Reinscheid said.

The findings from the study also led researchers to conclude that the protein acts against the body's tendency to create a "fight or flight" reaction to stress.

This reaction, defined by increased activity in parts of the brain that control awareness and motor functions, gives animals an extra metabolic "boost" so they can either escape or fight off threats.

In other words, the protein stops someone from bolting or entering a panic stricken frenzy every

time he or she sees a scary movie. The same applies each time someone encounters an exam and is not quite prepared for it.

"By looking further at how mice that lack the protein fail to adapt to stress, we may be able to determine exactly how orphanin

FQ nociceptin works against stress inducing hormones," Reinscheid said.

According to Nothacker, the researchers are continuously discovering new proteins within the brain.

Urotensin 2, a peptide researchers believe may be related to heart disease, was discovered last week.

The team claims that further exploration into how orphanin FQ nociceptin interacts with other chemicals in the brain may lead to new therapies and drugs which may help alleviate stress-related mental disorders, such as anxiety disorder, depression and obsessive compulsive disorder.



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Crew receives \$1.28M gift

ATHLETICS: Private donation will revitalize overlooked crew program.

By Chris Pallone
Staff Writer

UCI's athletic department received its largest donation ever last July, when \$1.28 million was given to the crew program.

This contribution was part of the unprecedented \$49.5 million that was given to UCI over the course of the 1998-99 financial year.

"It's a dramatic gift for the program," said Ed Carroll, associate director of athletics for Financial Affairs. "It just enhances the stature of the program."

The money was donated by Dr. Henry T. Nicholas III, a UCI crew team alumnus, in the form of 10,000 shares of Broadcom stock.

Nicholas co-founded Irvine-based Broadcom in 1991. Since then, Broadcom has become a leader in producing electronics for

the networking industry.

"Crew does not receive the same level of recognition or financial support enjoyed by more glamorous and popular sports," Nicholas said in a press release issued with the donation. "I felt it was important to provide that support."

Some of the money will go to building a new boathouse on Shellmaker Island, home to UCI's crew teams.

The existing boathouse was built in the mid-1960s to house the men's team. With the addition of a women's team, and two novice teams, as well as the havoc wrought by water, salty air and time, it was obvious that a new boathouse was needed.

An endowment will be set up with the remaining funds to raise money for equipment and other necessities.

According to Carroll, the crew program will also benefit from funds generated by ASAR, and money raised by the athletes themselves in their annual "row-a-thon" fundraiser.

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chemicals that cause diseases like obesity or stress-related problems.

"We want to find those keys and develop pharmaceutical products from that," said Steve Runnels, NeoTherapeutics Executive Vice President.

The new drugs will take at least 10 years to develop, Civelli said.

The research team has had three successes since the orphan receptor strategy was integrated in 1991. The most recent was announced last Wednesday, when the scientists reported the discovery of urotensin 2, a receptor related to heart disease.

The group also discovered melanin-concentrating hormone in July, a peptide which regulates food consumption. In 1995, the scientists found a peptide that may affect anxiety and pain.

If NeoTherapeutics decides the research team's findings do not coincide with the company's focus on neurological diseases, the results may be licensed to another drug company.

Civelli said international pharmaceutical giants SmithKline Beecham, Merck and Pfizer are several of those interested in the research.

NCAA

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study guide provided by the NCAA.

UCI's athletic program is a very well-run and efficient operation," said Chuck Pieper, associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs. "It was a pleasure working with the athletic staff as well as the over 70 members of the certification committees."

After completing the self-examination process, the team compiled a report and submitted it to the NCAA.

In January of 1999, a peer review team, consisting of members from other Division I institutions, came to UCI for four days. During their visit, they re-examined the athletic department in order to confirm the validity of the information previously submitted by UCI's self-study team.

This past summer, the NCAA reviewed all the information given by UCI along with 16 other institutions.

Schools that proved to be in substantial conformity to the

operating principles adopted by the Division I membership, were approved for certification.

Schools which were generally in substantial conformity but had serious enough problems for complete certification to be withheld, were given the status "certified with conditions." Institutions given a "not certified" status showed very serious problems and were given a specified amount of time to take care of their problems.

Pleased with UCI's report, NCAA approved its athletic department for certification.

This recent approval not only acknowledges that UCI operates within the guidelines of NCAA, but identifies areas in which UCI athletics has room to improve.

"Now that the NCAA has verified that we are doing business in an appropriate manner, it's important that we maintain that same level of integrity," said Keith Shackelford, UCI's Director of Compliance.

Even though UCI has successfully completed this long process, they will have to undergo the process again in 10 years.



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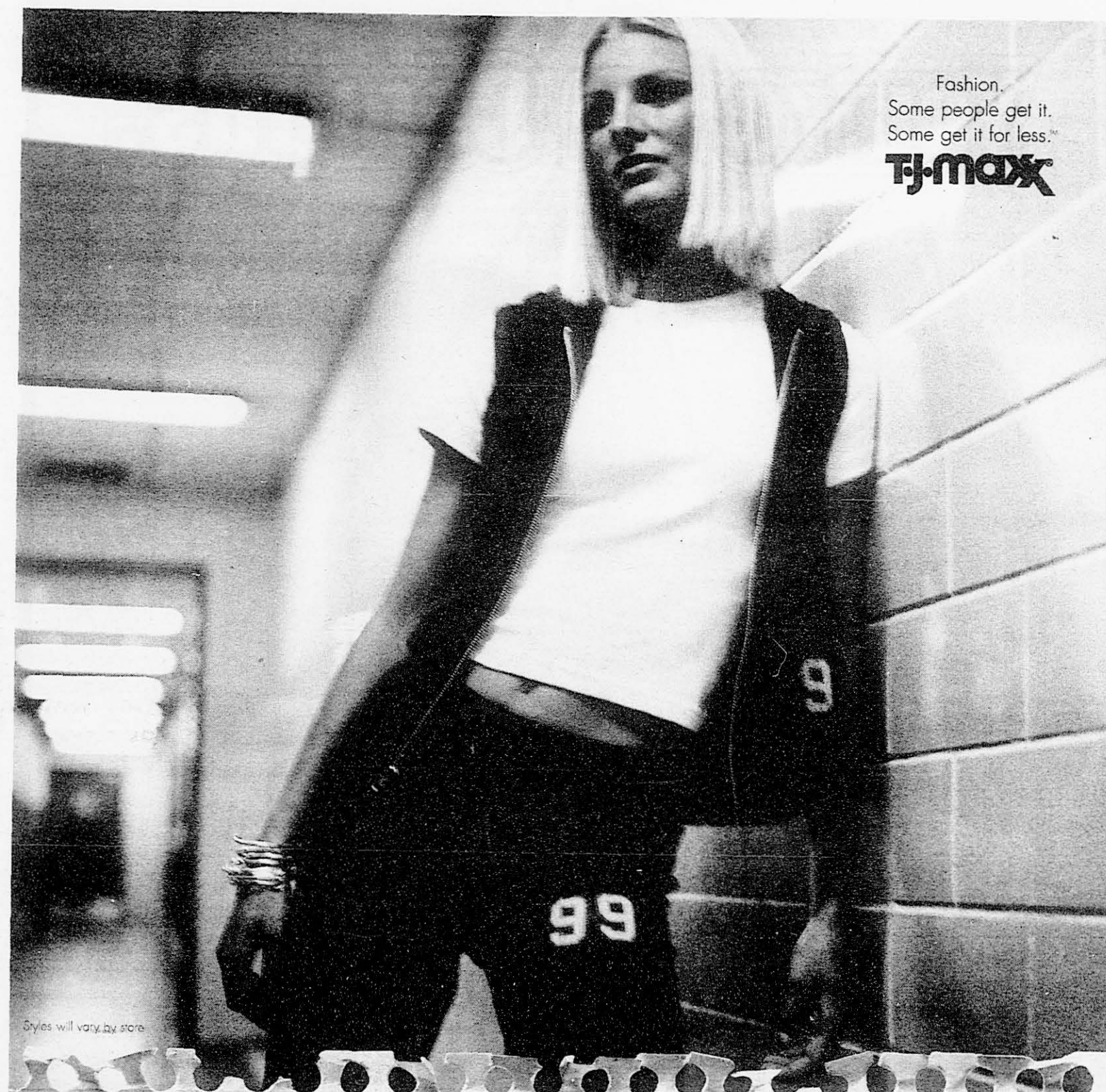


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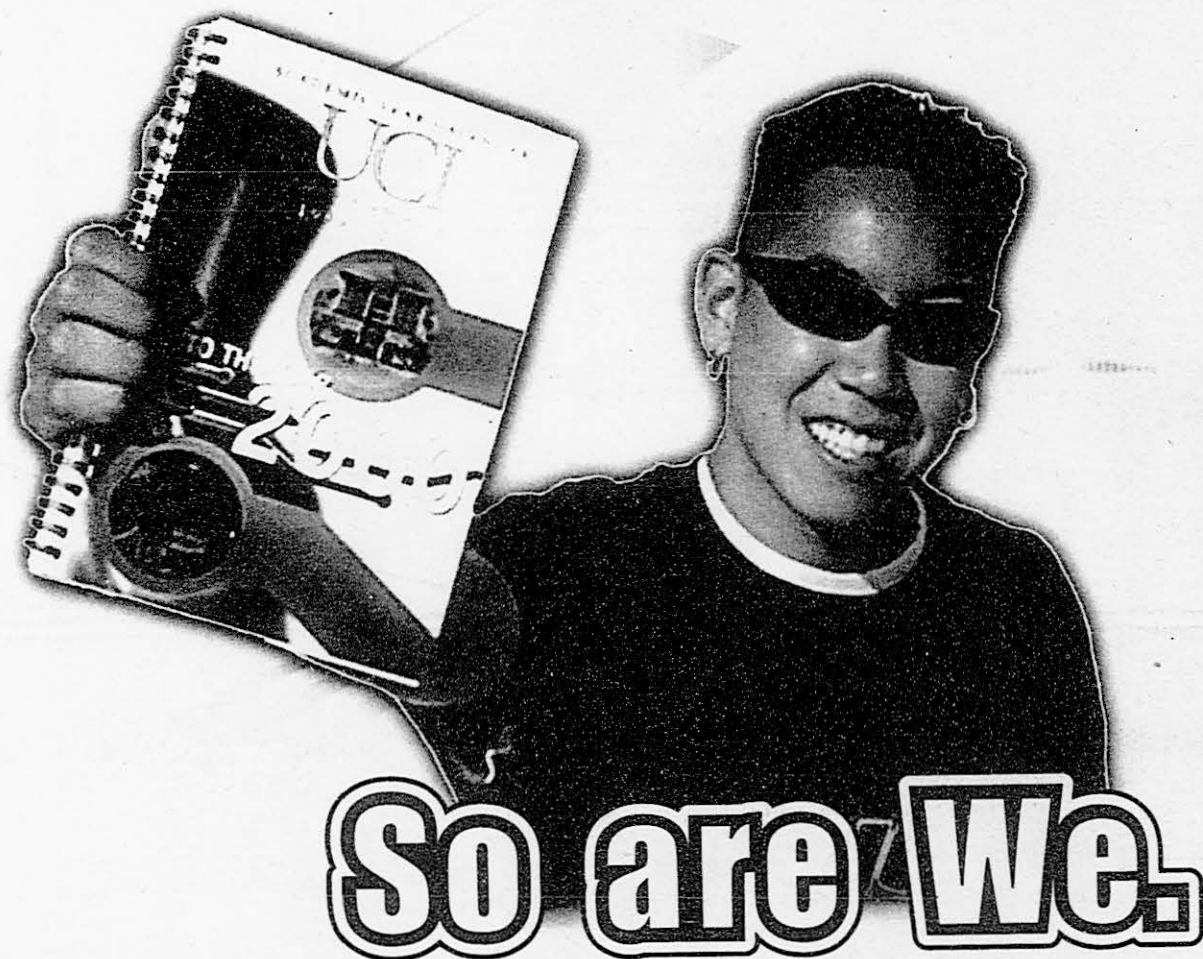
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UC Merced Chancellor appointed

■ **UC:** Established psychology professor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey takes office as campus head.

By Stan Kabala
Staff Writer

The future site of the University of California, Merced may only be a wide expanse of undeveloped land right now, but newly-appointed Chancellor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey already has ideas for the campus.

The announcement of the university's decision to appoint Tomlinson-Keasey as UC Merced's first chancellor came July 15, and Tomlinson-Keasey admitted to being a bit surprised at her nomination, much less her selection.

"I only knew I was nominated for the chancellor's position because people in the administration had told me," Tomlinson-Keasey said. "It is an unbelievable opportunity and an awesome responsibility to be able to serve a part of the state which has been historically underserved."

An alumna of UC Berkeley and a psychology professor at UC Riverside, Tomlinson-Keasey has already established herself within the UC community as a talented administrator and professional within the field of psychology.

She had her psychology book, titled *Child's Eye View* published commercially in 1980, and was the author of a developmental psychology textbook which four of the UC campuses used between 1985 and 1990.

Since taking office August 1, Tomlinson-Keasey has been immersed in the administrative planning phase of the new university, concentrating her efforts on personnel and developmental structure.

"I need to focus my attention in a few areas before we become a full service university," she said.

Of course, the campus will require a few more buildings (it currently has none) before it opens its doors to the first freshman class, scheduled for the 2005 school year.

Before that happens, however, a great deal of planning must go into UC Merced's surrounding area.

"We are working with the Sierra Nevada Research Institute to maintain the agricultural and natural resources of the area while having 10 million people move into the valley," Tomlinson-Keasey said. "Prior to any turning of the dirt, we have to get an environmental impact and

long-range developmental plan established, which should happen by the end of 2000."

Despite being recently appointed to the position, Tomlinson-Keasey said she has already received many letters of support from a wide variety of people. She said she is still adjusting to the responsibility of the position, and has bent the ears of her fellow UC chancellors for advice.

"One thing I was told to beware of is the 'Freshman 15,'" she said, laughing. "Apparently, the same thing applies to new chancellors. You go to functions and meetings all throughout the community and there is food at all of them. Everyone wants you to eat."



Tomlinson-Keasey is UC Merced's first Chancellor.

UCI falls 13 spots in USN&WR poll

■ **NATION:** Despite a substantial fall in rank, magazine officials deny fall in reputation.

By Arianne Schultheis
Staff Writer

This year's *US News and World Report* rankings of college campuses from around the nation revealed that UCI's ranking fell from 36 to 49 in the National Universities category.

The National Universities Category includes 228 National universities-147 public and 81 private. These universities offer a full range of majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees.

Often, a national university places strong emphasis on research and receives federal money to support its research.

According to the *US News and World Report* website, it is not clear as to exactly why UCI fell in the rankings.

The ranking formula used this year included the same weights and measures used as last year. One such factor was the position of a school's rank in comparison to others in the same category.

Thus, according to the *USN&WR* website, changes in a school's rank may "reflect changes in other schools' performance or changes in our methods and not just changes in the school's programs."

In other words, one should not assume that because UCI's ranking has dropped, the quality of the school has gone down.

Academic reputation scores account for 25 percent, or the most important factor of the formula to rank national universities. This is due to the fact that a diploma from a distinguished college helps graduates be competitive in the job market and in obtaining admission to top-notch graduate programs.

The quality of a college or university is largely dependent upon what the applicant has determined to be the most important elements (e.g. student/teacher ratio, academic reputation) to consider when selecting where to pursue their higher education.

The *USN&WR* rankings are meant to give applicants information on a key factor to consider when selecting a college. They serve as an objective guide by which students and their parents can compare the academic quality of each school.

ASAR approved by Regents

By Rachelle Gines
Staff Writer

The Athletics and Student Activities Referendum, which proposes to increase athletic support and school spirit through student sponsored fees is no longer a proposal. Without any deliberation, the UC Regents ratified ASAR at the UCSF-sponsored meeting on September 16.

UCI Athletic Director Dan Guerrero is pleased that the establishment of ASAR will allow athletics at UCI to grow and expand with the university.

"It's a great time to be at UCI. With the student body growing and our academic reputation, ASAR will enhance spirit and excellence in athletics and help UCI become a more rounded university," Guerrero said.

Although the \$33 quarterly student fee will not go into effect until the fall quarter of 2000, parts of the referendum are already being implemented.

Beginning this fall, admission to regularly scheduled home athletic events is free with the exception of basketball, which will be limited to the first 1,000 students per game.

In addition, Guerrero says that the athletics department is in the process of hiring a head coach for the woman's water polo team which will begin competing during the 2000-2001 school year.

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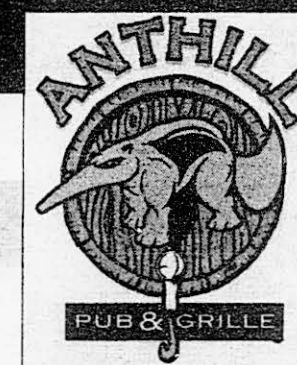
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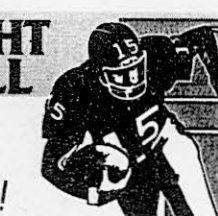


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'Mozart Effect' only temporary

■ SCIENCE:

Researchers speak out against opponents of 1993 study.

By Reena Shah

The correlation between mathematical ability and Amadeus Wolfgang Mozart's musical compositions seemed a logical one for Fran Rauscher back in 1993: the child protégé was both a math whiz and one of history's greatest composers.

So when Rauscher, a psychology professor at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh found listening to certain forms of classical music caused an increase in intelligence, she chose the young genius as the musical focus for the 1993 study which she co-

authored.

In recent weeks, a number of scientists have spoken against the study, claiming that listening to music does not have an effect on a person's mathematical ability.

Kenneth Steele, psychology professor at Appalachian State University commented on the study's results, stating that "There's no real benefit," and the same results would be seen "listening to any kind of music or none at all."

Steele claims to have "repeated the original experiment in the last couple of years" and found no effect on test performance.

Rauscher believes, however, that the researchers who spoke against her study are under the misconception that the effects are permanent.

"[Steele] studied general intelligence and not spatial ability,"

said Rauscher. "He also used a combination of methods [as opposed to] breaking it down, like what we did. The effect does not last long, about 10-15 minutes."

Gordon Shaw, UCI Physics professor and the other co-author for the 1993 study explained that the reason Steele had no effect in his study was that he did not repeat the original experiment completely.

In the original experiment, each of the three control groups had an equal amount of high, average and low scorers on a spatial test given the day before. Shaw claims that Steele did not group people together according to their capability, which could have flawed the results.

Researchers like Steele and the media tried to show the effects of Mozart on intelligence but, according to Shaw, the original

experiment never intended to prove such a claim.

"Mozart's music does not increase your intelligence, but it does increase your spatial ability and in turn improves your math skills," Shaw said.

The Music Intelligence Neural Development Institute, created by a team of scientists who discovered music can have such an effect, has put together a curriculum based on the findings. Second graders are taught math through piano keyboard training and computer training.

Research has shown, according to the MIND website, that through the addition of musical training they are able to perform math equations at the fifth grade level.

"I plan to work on the length of the effect in future experiments," said Shaw, the president of the institute.

PARKING

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Extension students and students of the Graduate School of Management who need these spaces because their classes are held in the plaza.

Cicerone also noted that the structure is not simply a matter of adding more parking spaces to UCI, but will alleviate congestion as well.

"It's more complicated than a simple parking structure. It is going to allow us to reroute traffic to alleviate congestion," Cicerone said.

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TOWNS & COUNTY

Gov. Davis to sign amusement park bill

■ CALIFORNIA:

Recent accidents have pushed a bill through the state senate regulating all theme parks.

By Sarah Lopez
Staff Writer

A California bill proposing the state regulation of all permanent amusement theme parks awaits one final signature before becoming a state law.

The bill AB 850, which was passed Sept. 13 by a wide margin in the state senate, is currently awaiting Governor Gray Davis' signature.

Although Davis has not yet signed the bill, he has until Oct. 30 to make a decision.

According to officials, Davis is inclined to sign the bill due to the string of minor and major accidents which have occurred throughout California's amusement theme parks in recent months.

The bill, sparked by the fatal accident of a Washington tourist at Disneyland's ship Columbia has received a great deal of attention in recent months. It will regulate the inspections and tests done by park officials on the rides.

In a statement Governor Davis'

spokesman, Michael Bustamante, stated that families should be able to attend amusement parks and enjoy themselves without worrying about their safety. This bill will hopefully ease any worries.

There is an existing ride safety law that excludes amusement rides that are of permanent nature. This new bill would require these permanent amusement devices to operate upon complying with the inspections and testing that non-permanent rides must abide by.

After completion, a permit from the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of the department of Industrial Relations will then be issued.

These permanent rides would include any bungee jumping apparatus, like the one that killed a 12 year old boy at Paramount's Great America in Santa Clara, along with roller coaster rides like those at Disneyland or Knott's Berry Farm.

Many of these accidents have been labeled as "freak accidents" due

to their nature.

"We had done a daily maintenance check and as far as we were concerned, the accident that happened with the GhostRider ride was not due to maintenance. This is because we found nothing on the ride that was faulty," said Knott's spokesman Bob Ochsner.

According to some amusement park officials, this new bill will not affect them since they already have rigorous maintenance and inspection regulations in place.

"As far as the bill goes, we welcome an extra set of eyes to help us inspect the rides," Ochsner said. "Just as long as it isn't bureaucratic."



Knott's Berry Farm's GhostRider was the site of one of this summer's many accidents.

Needles found in surf closes Huntington Beach

By Stan Kabala
Staff Writer

HUNTINGTON BEACH – Yet another man-made problem caused lifeguards to pull surfers and beachgoers from the water Thursday as hundreds of hypodermic needles washed onto the beach.

More than a thousand medical needles were found on the shoreline and in the water, but were determined to be sterile, Orange County Health Care Agency officials said.

Over two miles of Huntington Beach's coast was closed by lifeguards, stretching as far south as

Magnolia Street and ending just north of the pier.

Only one person was scratched by the needles, and was treated and released by lifeguards.

The city has been plagued with beach closures throughout the latter part of the summer due to sewage leaks and high bacteria counts, causing local businesses to report significant financial losses during their peak tourist season.

Health officials have yet to determine the source of the needles, and have asked the Orange County District Attorney's office to assist in the investigation.

Cal State contemplates year-round classes

By Stan Kabala
Staff Writer

FULLERTON – Continuing growth at Cal State University campuses has brought the possibility of year-round classes one step closer to implementation.

The California State University Board of Trustees ordered an administrative report Wednesday focusing on how the university will handle the influx of students during the upcoming school years.

CSU Fullerton, one of the university's more heavily populated schools is currently in the planning stages of expanding their summer program to a third semester to help

combat increasing enrollment, vice president of academic affairs Ephraim Smith said.

"Since a high percentage of our students are working students, expanding the summer program into a third semester may make it a great deal more attractive," Smith said.

The 1999-2000 school year is the fourth consecutive year that enrollment has been increased by more than 1,000 students at CSU Fullerton, and no relief appears to be in sight.

A 1995 report by the California Post-Secondary Education Commission states an additional 85,000 students will seek enrollment in the CSU system by 2005.

Irvine creates anti-airport pamphlet for homebuyers

By Stan Kabala
Staff Writer

IRVINE – Prospective homebuyers in Irvine may soon be receiving brochures warning them of possible inconveniences from the proposed international airport at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro.

Irvine City Council members were shown a draft of the brochure at a meeting Tuesday which will outline proposed flight paths for the airport, historical information on the fight against the airport and answers to frequently asked questions by homebuyers.

The brochure will initially be offered to those who call the city council asking questions about the impact of the proposed airport in Irvine housing areas. Plans for distribution throughout model homes are being considered, Irvine officials said.

"We want to get a consistent message out to everybody," said Dan Jung, Irvine senior management analyst. "We are getting a growing number of calls from prospective buyers and a lot of walk-ins asking questions as well."

One reason for the pamphlet is to inform potential buyers before they become what Jung calls "emotionally bought" into a home and put a deposit down without any type of disclosure information about the property.

Although the Irvine Co. has already published their own informational pamphlet, Jung said few offices are offering the information prior to commitment by the buyer.

The city council has sent copies of the brochure draft to local companies, including the Irvine Co. in hopes of soliciting comments on content and suggestions for distribution, Jung said. The brochure is expected to be available sometime in October.

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Ken McKay
senior,
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I'd probably invite him to a party. He sounds like he could really use a good party.



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I don't know if I'd want to talk to him. He sounds too slow, you know?



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I'd beat his ass down. He frustrates me because he acts so nice, but he's really evil.



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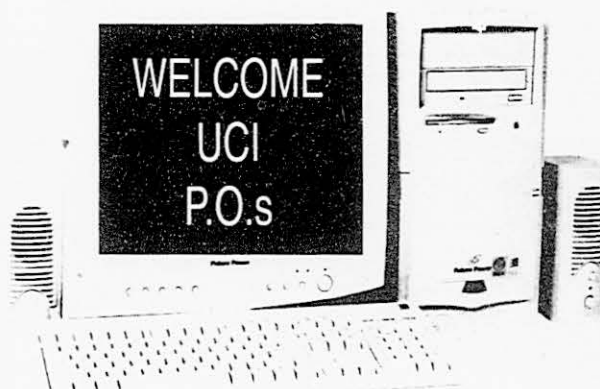
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Get un-bored

**A comprehensive guide to
what you can do instead
of studying at UCI**

By Shaya Mohajer, Sunita Patel
and Michaela Baltasar
Staff Writers

Everyone at UCI has done it at one point or another. No, I'm not talking about parking illegally in reserved spots. I'm referring to the fact that everyone complains that there is nothing to do at UCI. Well, quit your whining, we got a little somethin' somethin' to liven up your weekends, or weeknights, you animal.

One thing most of us have in common is that we come here alone in the beginning. Some of us stay alone. So why not make the best of it?

HOW TO BE A HAPPY LONER

By Shaya Mohajer

For loners who want to stay alone: Usually, when I'm in this mode, I feel like I want to talk to nature and pretend I'm a hippie. So, I don some hemp jewelry, tussle up my hair and head for the water.

Nothing really compares to the ocean, no matter what weird little mood I'm in. I don't pretend to know how or why, but the ocean's unending, elliptical clamor has served as a pacifier to tortured loner souls throughout history. And sometimes it's nice to think about the fact that while I'm letting the wind whip my hair and thoughts around, somewhere in the world someone else is on a beach being a loner, too.

Before I go on, I'd like to put out a warning to potential rapists and stalkers: I carry Mace, kick like Van Damme and run faster than snot on a kindergarten.

O.K., back to nature stuff. Good loner beaches can be found just about anywhere — if it's occupied, just keep walking. My favorites are Laguna at the tide pools and Newport near where I live, so I'm not telling where.

The great thing about beaches in O.C. is that just about any bus will get you to one. To get to Laguna's tide pools, go to Main

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Encountering mystery, mosquitos and a soulmate

I tried so many new things this summer; I'm still having trouble recognizing the taste enough to describe it right.

It's on the tip of my tongue. As it always seems to, the season started peacefully.

For the first month or so I boozed and daydreamed with my gin and tonic friend under high ceilings and warm skies in Newport. We bounced to lights and penetrating beats in front of big, black speakers with a new crew of L.A. sophisticates, and then we said goodbye to each other and the strange ties we shared.

I moved back in with my parents for a month and had long talks with them about my life and the things I

wanted to do in the future. I remembered how supportive they've always been and felt something sweet rise in me. I watched movies with my kid sister and her friends and took her out driving.

I fell in love with all my old hangout friends in Laguna again. I met a cool kid art boy and a tragic homecoming queen. It was all really pure and easy. It even stopped bothering me that someone had torn down our treehouses in the canyon while I was at school. The summer was settling and I was figuring it all out again.

I was even having nice dreams. In them I fed monkeys and got huge tribal tattoos. I almost didn't want to leave the complacent familiarity

Talking at Machines



SHAYA
MOHAJER

of O.C.

I bought a ticket to go to Peru from my computer at work without really knowing why I wanted to go, on credit I really shouldn't have abused.

But the ticket was cheaper than Costa Rica and I had been sitting still for so long. I needed an adventure.

I told myself I deserved to escape for a while. It didn't really seem like I was running away, though in hindsight I probably was. Running from my own shortcomings and a long year of experimentation, embarrassment and honest depravity. Running from someone I didn't want to be, but couldn't figure out how to stop.

Then I got a mystery message on my answering machine. It was one line from my favorite cry-along love song followed by a swift click. I stared at the blunt, black box in amazement and replayed the message again and again. It threw me off.

I left the next week out of LAX overwhelmed with desire to taste a release, my earth sis Michelle at my side and a destination. Peru. I wanted an out and I had a good one. I had a whole new hemisphere to check out.

We stepped out of the airport without so much as a second glance from customs, unprepared but ready.

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PLACES

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Beach off PCH and Broadway. Face the ocean, turn right and walk along the shore till you hit them.

For pseudo-loners: Sometimes being alone is fine, as long as there are people around to notice that you're alone by choice.

My suggestion is to hit up the ill-famed coffee house scene.

Grasshopper, formerly Rock-N-Java, in Costa Mesa is pretty hip and alternative. I usually feel out of place here if I wear anything from the GAP. It's a Dickies and hair gel kind of place, though it lacks the punk rock soul it used to have in days of old. I always run into interesting people who are dying to tell me their mal-

functions. Don't be surprised if the (usually scantily clad) girl behind the counter tells you they are out of an essential coffee shop item. Like, say, cups.

Grasshopper is at the end of the 55 S, past Triangle Square on your right, between Tower Records and Black Flies.

Diedrich's in the University Center is pretty intimidating. People go there with lap tops and get pissed at you if you laugh or make any abrupt movements, so go there if you're a turtle. Or looking to turn that B plus into an A minus. Diedrich's is in the University Center near the Edwards Theatres and Dublin's.

Alta on 31st in Newport is another independent coffee shop that draws an eclectic clientele. You'll see kids on mopeds and yuppies on cell

phones come into this java haven, so there are always people to stare at.

The high ceilings and rustic furniture make it an aesthetically pleasant place to hang out, not to mention the Christmas-lighting patio. Different artists are showcased every month, and there are poetry readings on Wednesday nights. All the servers are super nice and really know how to doctor up an Italian soda, so get a raspberry and lemon one with space for milk.

To get to Alta, take the 55 S till it ends and make a left on 31st Street. It's right past the first stop sign on the right, but park before the sign because the street becomes one way further on.

Coming out of the cocoon: Personally, I love leaving the county every opportunity I get because, let's

face it, life beyond the Orange Curtain can be a many-splendored thing. So if you're taking the big leap to emerge from Lonerdom, make it good.

Hip things to do seem to abound in Los Angeles. Just don't be put off if it seems like no one talks to anyone in this city. It's L.A.: everyone has a complex. So it's a good idea to be selective.

Head up to the Third Street Promenade one weekend for an evening of people watching. There are random street acts everywhere (I've seriously considered stealing one of the psychic cats), vendors and enough people milling

around to make you ask, "Holy cow, don't UCLA kids EVER stay home?"

Hit on some hot intellectuals in the poetry aisles (yes, plural!) at the bookstore that believes in the importance of selection, Midnight Special. The clerks in that store actually read, too, so they're a joy to talk to. Eat at one of the chic sidewalk restaurants (Once I sat next to a table with the blonde girl from *Friends*. She ate mashed potatoes.) and spend a fortune on glow-in-the-dark blow-up furniture.

Going up to the Promenade alone is pretty brave since there are a lot of cantankerous homeless folk running around yelling, but the trip is a lot of fun nonetheless.

To get to the Promenade take the 405 N, exit Wilshire West, go right on San Vicente, drive for days and then when San Vicente ends make a left. You should be able to see it on your left after a little while. If you're at the pier you've gone too far.

Another fun thing to do for the brave armed with gas money, is to hit up a few shows while you're in the city. The Troubadour is one of my favorite places to see bands and observe what other people look like singing along to all my favorite songs. It's small enough to give you the chance to stand a few feet away from the band and yet has balcony seating and two full bars.

In the past they've had an incredible variety of good bands, from Radiohead to the Locust, and this place is open to all ages, so bring the twins, or that piece of jailbait you've been trying to keep a secret from your college friends.

I'd tell you how to get there, but I'd get you lost, so call them at (310) 276-6168. I know it's on the corner of Santa Monica and Doheny if that helps any.

Okay, you should have met some people at all those neat places I sent you. So now what are you gonna do with them?

COOL PLACES TO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS

By Sunita Patel

First thing to do at UCI: Make friends with someone who has a car. Let me stress that last part. This should be done even before you buy your textbooks to ensure that you have any chance of evolving into the social monkey that's hidden within all of us, the party animal we all crave to become. (Unless of course, you enjoy becoming a hermit in your dorm room.)

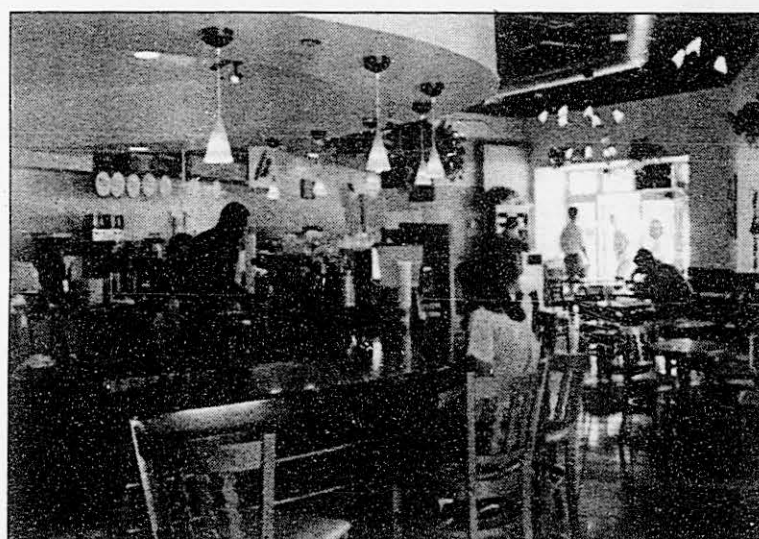
However, if you feel that this task is just too great to accomplish, then have no fear. There are places within walking distance that may be deemed "cool places to hang out," or "nifty check-out spots."

Cornerstone Café is located on Ring Road next to the Student Center. You can relax, meet some people, stake out new romantic possibilities or just watch the squirrels fight over bits of food.

It's also a nice place to meet friends for a bite to eat between classes.

If you want to shop, the University Market has Warehouse music, Urban Guerrilla and other stores that cater to college youth. There's also Dublin's, a good place to go if you're feelin' a little crazy on Thursday night (or after a hard day's work at the New U). Come on over and boogie the night away. And if that's not enough for you, there's always the rock garden in the middle of Aldrich Park. Grab a blanket and study, read

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A new voice for liberal politics speaks up

Student-organized online political magazine promises new growth of local liberal politics.

By Sunita Patel
Staff Writer

Karen Malbon wants to give traditional media a facelift.

Armed with a new tool, she feels she can succeed with this plan. Malbon has created *FRINGE*, a liberal/left wing online magazine aimed at reporting political events not normally covered by the mainstream media.

The idea for *FRINGE* bloomed in spring of '99 when a couple of friends, "media junkies," got together and decided they wanted something to "generate some talk, maybe even controversy regarding our content," Malbon said.

The basic aim of *FRINGE* is to have a wide range of writers with varied backgrounds portray an alternative view to what is typically

seen in the media regarding the many issues that are floating around in today's world. Planned topics will range from race to sex and gender to political themes. *FRINGE* will also cover foreign policy, domestic and local Orange County issues.

"*FRINGE* is getting a great response. We not only have writers at UCI, but also writers within the community. There's even one writer currently in Ireland that wants to take part in *FRINGE*," Malbon said.

One staff writer is already covering the Death Penalty and another will be analyzing the proliferation of nuclear weapons and their effects on the environment. One of Malbon's own passions lies with investigating the Anti-Doma Campaign, regarding gay/lesbian marriage laws.

With objective and not so objective pieces, essays and political cartoons, *FRINGE* is sure to spark public interest on and off campus.

"*FRINGE* is not only aimed toward creating controversy, we also want to educate the public

about matters that concern them but are not necessarily put forth into mainstream media," Malbon said.

Malbon states that one such matter includes laws or bills that may be beneficial to the public, but since only a blurb or two may be seen in current media forms, enough support for these laws is not generated. Therefore, *FRINGE* is also orienting itself toward providing knowledge about political issues, which in turn may spur public action.

Armed with funds provided by advertisers and an enthusiastic investor, *FRINGE* is scheduled to debut its first web-hosted issue on November 7. Malbon hopes *FRINGE* will later be published as a magazine twice a quarter.

If you're interested in getting involved in *FRINGE*, email Karen at fringeuci@hotmail.com.

UCI student and media activist Karen Malbon, is the creator of *FRINGE*.

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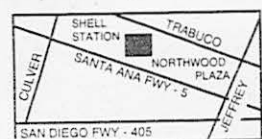
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nonetheless. We stayed in the capital for a few days with kind people, but it wasn't until we left the conversational honking and bustle of Lima that we were in our element. Under the Inca sun, we explored the cobbled streets of Cuzco and gave candy to little kids who wore tatters and slept in doorways.

Along one sidewalk a woman with a holy smile called to Michelle and me holding a case of jewelry. We walked up and started talking to her about the different stones she had on display. A little pink stone caught my eye and I asked her about it. She said if I wore it, it would help me find love and happiness.

I laughed and asked her if she had any bigger pieces of it. She shook her head no and said it cost 28 soles if I wanted it. I talked her down to 22 and bought love and happiness for about seven bucks. The mysticism of that little piece of quartz kicked in pretty fast after that. My Spanish was still elementary at best, but I made a friend. Dark hair, big brown eyes, covered head to toe in dirt and neglect. His name was Ernesto and he was nine years old. I gave him some money and he told me I was beautiful and that he loved me. We talked for a good while. His favorite food was spaghetti.

Later that night we were out on the town, and he surprised me by leaping into my unaccustomed arms. He called me his amiga. I hugged him back, said goodbye for

the last time. Michelle gave him some more money and while we walked to the local gringo bar I couldn't help grinning at my boots.

We walked into Mama Africa's, a pseudo-reggae bar, where I sipped at a sol y sombra, talked to a few other unlocals, and bounced around on the dark dance floor. Bass hitting, floorboards creaking, faces blurs of sweaty smiles, we stayed till it got good and late a couple of

nights in a row.

From the heights of Macchu Pichu we headed for the Amazon.

We learned about all sorts of plants and extracts that promised to fix my disorder-ridden chemistry. I decided

that the jungle-beating genetics was a bet I wanted to place.

I got excited about being healthy.

Then we met with the shaman.

Michelle and I sat on the jungle floor Indian-style, anxiously awaiting direction from the old man with a wrinkly face and a striped shirt.

By candlelight I drank down about three inches of the semi-viscous red extract of the Ayawasca root he

handed me. I couldn't stop marvelling at how closely the shaman resembled Bukowski between the flickers.

He blew out the candle, chanted and beat music out of a musical instrument I hadn't seen before.

It sounds really pretentious and cliché, but I traveled around the world that night.

I finally got to go to Morocco.

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between the flickers.**

I ate fruit off of tree branches. I dove into my own belly button and swished around with the thick juice that was flowing in there. I saw myself inside a giant head of lettuce, peeling away withered leaves and finding myself whole and glowing. I walked across Antarctica without getting cold. My feet made puddles of steam and water as I floated over tundra.

And then I saw my soulmate, obscured by clouds. He had long eyelashes and innocent-looking hands. That's all I could see. I wondered if it was him who cranked my machine.

I threw up soul fluid four times and fell asleep under the bright Milky Way in a hammock, with the earth beating fast inside my chest.

The hangover the next day was the worst I've ever felt.

I tasted something new this summer. It was familiar and rich; I want to savor it. I've never felt so ready to go and to do things right.

I came out of the jungle, brain brimming with fresh beliefs and ideas. I learned not to be attracted to things that overwhelm me with beauty and brilliant colors because it's nature's way of saying do not touch. I learned to appreciate what's always been right in front of me. I emerged from this summer with a renewed aura.

And an impatient urge.

I can't wait to start yoga and ceramics and be pathetic and boring and weird. I can't wait to be myself

again. I think I tasted the rebirth of my own soul this summer. I'm ready to begin again.

Talk to the machine: smohajer@uci.edu

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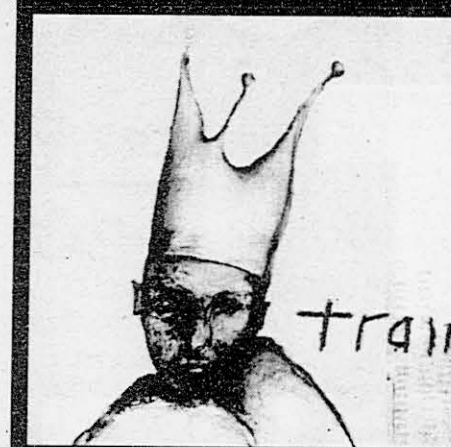
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or daydream here.

But if these things just aren't the places where you'd feel comfortable getting your groove on, you need a car.

For the "I have some Washington's that I need to burn" type person, South Coast Plaza seems right up your alley. Shop for some Godiva Chocolate, Rampage Clothes or Banana Republic. Just take the 405 N until Bristol Street and a whole new world of shopping experiences will enlighten you.

But if you're a "I'm just so darn good-looking today that I need to show off" type person, go to the Irvine Spectrum (405 S till Irvine Center Dr.) for scoping out hotties. If that fails, you can always see a movie or make a trek to Kokomo's, a local nightclub, 17927 MacArthur Blvd. The cover varies as does age requirement depending on which night you go, so call ahead (949) 250-1077.

Feelin' a bit mellow, fellow? Go to Triangle Square, on the corner of Harbor and Newport Boulevard. Meet your friends there, catch up on life's little traumas and sit stress-free while listening to a really cool band play on Friday nights. And for dessert—frolic over to Fashion Island and partake some of that Cheesecake Factory goodness. Yum!

Laguna Beach is also less than a light year away. There are lots of shops, a great beach, nice lookout point called "the cliff."

If all else fails, I suggest the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf on Harvard Avenue.

Take your friends, enjoy an ice blended mocha and chat away. Friends are bound to make any place

you go fun and exciting.

MAPPING THE WAY TO LOVERS' LANE? FOLLOW ME!

By Michaela Baltasar

On my first day at UCI, my then-roommate Susan and I were walking to the Student Center when she stopped and announced, "This is where we are going to meet our future husbands!"

Right. Yet college does offer infinite possibilities for wooing and being wooed. You just have to know how to do it.

And where to do it. Here's a quick list of great places to take your date.

If you have a car:

Steamers Café in Fullerton features live jazz every night — everything from Latin to blues to big band. The coffeehouse atmosphere is dark, cozy and delightfully soulful. Your date will think you're intelligent and cultured and if you're taking History of Jazz, you'll get a little homework done as well.

There's no cover charge during the week, but expect to pay \$3-5 per person on the weekends. (To avoid the cover charge altogether, ask to sit on the patio — you can't hear the music as well and it can get chilly at night, but it's easier to hold a conversation.) Steamers serves coffee and tea (the Turtle — a mocha dripping with whipped cream, chocolate and caramel — is a personal favorite), as well as beer and wine. Hungry? Try a panini sandwich.

Steamers Café, 138 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, (714) 871-8800.

Champagne French Bakery and Café is about an eight-minute drive

from UCI. Champagne offers customers freshly baked tarts, cookies, croissants, bread and other goodies, as well as breakfast, lunch and espresso. The bakery is a bit on the pricey side if you're on a college budget — \$3.50 for an individual tart — but it's money well-spent. These goodies are absolutely heavenly and they look as good as they taste. Stop by for breakfast or pick up some pastries and bring them home as a surprise.

Champagne French Bakery and Café, 4628 Barranca Pkwy., Irvine, (949) 653-6828.

Main Street Ice Cream & Yogurt

Seal Beach is just a hop, skip and a jump away from the sand. The smell of newly baked waffle cones drifts through this dessert shop, which features homemade ice cream and a wide selection of candy. Order a sundae, a float or a chocolate-dipped cone and then take a walk down Seal Beach Pier. Want to up the cuteness factor? Ask for two spoons or two straws.

Main Street Ice Cream & Yogurt, 101 Main St., Seal Beach, (562) 431-3394.

If you don't have a car:

Palace Park is on the corner of Harvard and Michelson — about a 15 minute bike ride from campus. Challenge your date to a round of miniature golf or test driving skills at

the park's mini race track. If you're hungry, Palace Park has a McDonald's — what could be cuter than a Happy Meal? If you're too cool for Mickey D's, Park Place Plaza, on the corner of Michelson and Jamboree, is home to California Pizza Kitchen, Houston's, Wahoo's Fish Taco and Gaucho Grill.

Palace Park, 3405 Michelson Dr., Irvine, (949) 559-8336.

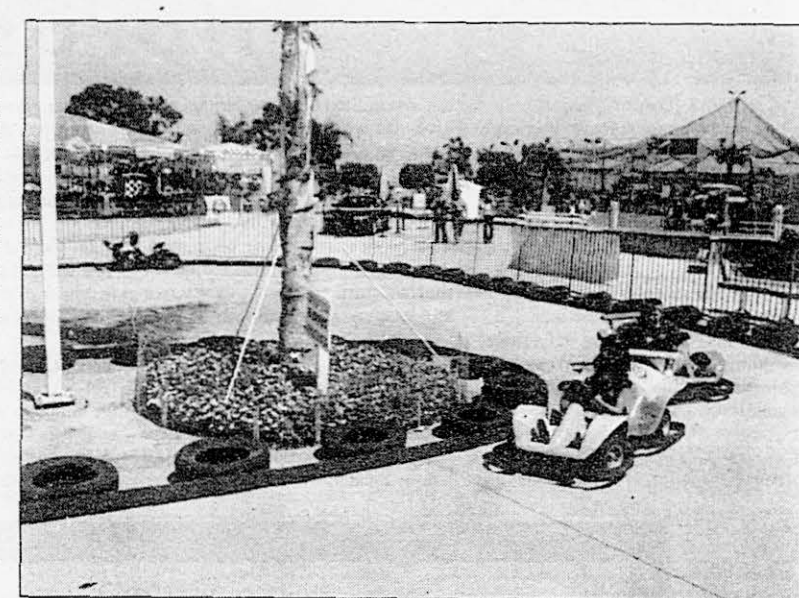
Take a sailing class from Campus Rec. The six-week course, held at the UCI sail base off PCH, is only \$45 and gives you basic training on a Lido, a small sailboat that often requires passengers to sit very close together. Set up a carpool with others in your class and you should be good to go. Once you've learned how to sail, check out the UCI Sailing Club

— members can take the boats out on their own during certain hours.

For information on sailing classes, call Campus Recreation at (949) 824-5346.

The Improv Comedy Club, located across from campus in the University Center, has featured the comedian Chris Rock in the past. Wednesday is college night at the club and tickets are half-price with your student ID. Call ahead for ticket prices and schedule. The club is 18 and over on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 21 and up all other nights. Be prepared to spend, though — in addition to the cost of tickets, the Improv has a two-item minimum purchase per person.

The Improv Comedy Club, 4255 Campus Dr., Irvine, (949) 854-5455.



Taking a turn on the go-karts at Palace Park is fun for big kids, too.

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Location: Ring Road

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- Recruitment Orientation

Date: Thursday, Sept 30

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- Recruitment Days

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Sunday October 3 - 12:00PM - 1:00PM, 5:00PM - 8:30PM

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For additional info/ questions contact Ronnie (949) 856-1263, or email rmompell@uci.edu. Check our web page www.dos.uci.edu/greeklife

Horoscopes for dogs and punuchs

Aquarius Jan 20-Feb 18.
You are a weirdo. A freak. You scare people in airports. So why not flaunt it? Wear cool socks. Sing in elevators. Loudly. Eat ugly, drippy foods...in public. Talk to someone creepy.

Pisces Feb 19-Mar 20.
Some people have all the luck. That won't be you this week. Hibernate. Commune with nature. Wear long sleeves. E-mail your mom about your jerky TA's.

Aries Mar 21-Apr 19.
Your personality is seriously lacking

this week. Stop being so serious, it'll give you wrinkles. Besides, you're boring us all into our graves.

Taurus April 20-May 20.
Stop butting heads with coworkers. Your work aura is being blemished. As well as your complexion. Not that we noticed. Don't worry, we still love you. Just chill, baby.

Gemini May 21-June 21.
Something special is in the air for you this month. Don't bother looking for signs, it'll come to you. Like a Mack truck. Expect romance. And a new sweater.

Cancer June 22-July 22.
Eating one piece of fruit a day is good for you. Eating one watermelon a day is not necessarily good for you. Practice moderation.

Leo July 23-Aug 22.
You will get an 'A.' Take something in lower division Social Sciences. You will get an 'A.'

Virgo Aug 23-Sept 22.
Get over it. Move on. There are better things to worry about than whatever it is that is stuck in your craw. Wear something red this week. Beware of weirdos and their odd liv-

ing habits. And don't forget to lock your doors.

Libra Sept 23-Oct 23.
You debaucherous animal! Take heed that you don't trample any flowers (or cacti) on your wild rampage!

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 21.
Sometimes sass isn't as attractive as you think it is. Sometimes, it doesn't hurt to slow down and consider others wants and desires first. And sometimes you just have to tell everyone else to piss off and have your own way on everything.

Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec 21.
You pimp. Everyone loves you and you should know it. Don't be afraid to pat yourself on the back. Your favors and offers of help are duly appreciated.

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 19.
Working hard at everything doesn't seem to pay off for you this week. Don't lose faith. Someone is noticing everything you're doing. So make sure to cover your tracks if you screw up.

Disclaimer: Horoscopes are for entertainment purposes only. Duh.

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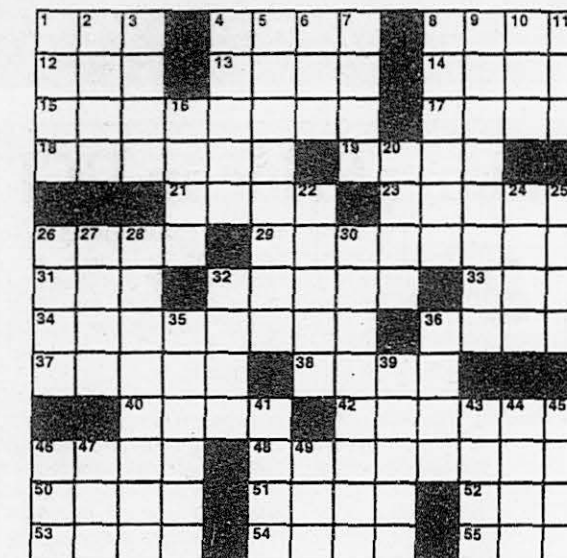
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31 Latin for hail
32 Not a seal, not a beaver, an ...
33 Draw from
34 A way to send
36 Stationed
37 Fad
38 Shroud
40 Bard

- 42 North American country
46 The lowest female singing voice
48 Antipathy
50 ... me up, Scotty!
51 Fabric
52 A very small circular shape
53 Cabbage
54 Fructifies
55 A major division of geological time

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3 Long time
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5 Enlightened
6 Brew
7 Airy home
8 Heavy metal love song
9 Estrange
10 Scary exclamation
11 Japanese currency
16 Young woman
20 Allego
22 Polecat
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25 Ninth month
26 Male red deer
27 Higher than
28 Base
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Taking Pride in UCI



The phrase has been used so frequently, in the name of such banality, that finding the conviction to espouse it takes more willpower than most are willing to muster; even here at UCI, where, despite the publicity of the past few years, we actually have many reasons to be proud. Occasionally in life (and especially in college), it becomes necessary to put faith before popular opinion. On that note, we hope you'll humor us when we tell you that UCI is experiencing record positive growth and is on the right track to becoming one of the nation's most prestigious and renowned institutions of higher learning.

The Wilkening administration, much maligned and plagued by scandal and bureaucratic inefficiency, has been replaced. Although newly-appointed Chancellor Ralph J. Cicerone has yet to make a significant impression on the Irvine campus and student population, his administration also has yet to stumble into a public relations blunder or face negative media scrutiny due to a headline-grabbing scandal. Given UCI's recent track record, we should be thankful for small favors.

Much more important than the fact that the political dilemmas of the past are behind us, however, is what lies ahead. The expansion and improvement of the Irvine campus, including the construction of a natural sciences facility, new student housing at Middle Earth and the remodeling of the Student Center, all demonstrate the university's continued progress in attracting more prospective students and

business investments. This year alone, UCI took in an impressive \$49.5 million in donations from outside sources; most notably, over a million dollars just to the UCI crew team.

On the admissions end, the incoming freshman class is estimated to number over 3,700 students; hundreds more than previously anticipated, and representative not just of a single exceptional year, but a growing trend over the course of several years. Irvine also continues to attract large numbers of transfer students from throughout the state, and excellent campus programs such as Education Abroad allow students to pursue opportunities outside the scope of the regular public university system, simultaneously allowing the university to establish itself to the outside world.

While the latest *U.S. News and World Report* college rankings may show UCI having dropped in the national "Top 50" respective to other universities, within the context of campus research and study opportunities, technical statistics are removed from practical reality. The university's programs of study in many areas, including the physical and social sciences, are well respected throughout the country, and UCI students consistently win numerous prestigious fellowships and large scholarships each year.

Of course, improvements remain to be made. Parking issues have yet to be resolved, and there are the usual complaints about campus social life (or lack thereof). But the current trends toward responsible expansion and administrative progress are more than just steps in the right direction; they are proof that UCI can overcome minor stumbling blocks, make room to grow and still hold its own with the rest of the college world.

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How to win friends, talk dirty and influence people

By Yama Rahyar
Opinion Columnist

To be without ambition or plans is to rebuke those who have them. It is a refusal to enlist in the rat race, and there may even be a sad courage in it. —Roger Ebert

Hey kids, one day we'll be dignified and old! —Modern Lovers

This is where I'm supposed to introduce myself as the opinion editor and welcome you all to a new school year. I believe it is customary to be excited about college at this point, making positive statements about the university and student body, ending sentences with exclamation marks and so forth.

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Disenchantment: the other white meat.

The opinion section is looking for new writers, cartoonists and graphic artists to fill its pages every week. Ideally, this section exists to allow contributors with varying political and social views to engage in civil discourse, providing the general campus with thought-provoking commentary on controversial and timely issues. Personally, I've spent the last two years making fun of shit and mimicking *The Onion* (<http://www.theonion.com>).

The scope of social and political issues to be addressed in these pages are entirely open. National and international politics as well as campus events will be covered throughout the school year. We are fortunate enough to face a newsworthy year ahead: Y2K, the upcoming

Onion, I invite you to join this year's staff.

Of course, in addition to commentary from regular columnists and writers, the opinion section always welcomes feedback from readers. Constructive criticism is encouraged, but feel free to rant when the occasion calls for it. As for negative feedback, even when your response is not published, I assure you that every angry letter will be read and pondered. As the opinion editor of the *Boston University Daily Free Press* once wrote, "This section is not a lecture; it is a seminar."

As UCI students (and faculty members), this is your section. If you feel we aren't doing enough to address a particular issue or provide coverage of both sides of a political debate, let us know. Better yet, join our staff and help the opinion section represent a greater cross-section of the campus population. Those interested in writing and drawing, please



feel free to call or e-mail at any time. I look forward to hearing from you (and hopefully working with you).

If you're new to UCI, welcome. If not, welcome back.

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The Way It Should Be

Stupid questions, smart answers on admissions

By Matt Traum
Opinion Columnist

My little brother, Jon, started at UC Berkeley this past August as an Environmental Engineering major.

My family has now gone through the college selection process twice. The first time got me into UCI and the second got him into Berkeley. While Jon's experience was grueling, the first time around with me was even tougher; so many questions to ask and so many forms to fill out. The process is quite overwhelming.

To assist incoming students with the application process, universities establish offices where all questions pertaining to the admissions process can be answered. At UC Irvine, it's the Office of Admissions and Relations with Schools. This office has the daunting task of gathering and archiving all data relevant to the campus. The university employees there are poised to answer any and all questions posed to them.

Even the stupid ones.

We learn in college that no question is a stupid question. This belief gives us the confidence to raise our hands in a 450 seat lecture. However, in life, and in researching the quality of a university in particular, there are most certainly stupid questions.

Parents today recognize the importance of higher education for their children and will do everything in their power to assure their young ones get into the best school possible. But does attending the best school really equate to receiving the best education?

It depends on the questions you ask. What is the student-to-faculty ratio at UC Irvine? Twenty to one, according to the *U.S. News and World Report* 2000 college rankings. Stupid question.

What percentage of Irvine students com-

mute? Sixty-two percent, according to the *U.S. News and World Report* 2000 college rankings. Stupid question.

What percentage of lectures at UCI are taught by teaching assistants? Zero percent, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. Stupid question.

Are parents so out of touch with college life and higher education that they think such statistics determine the ability of an institution to provide quality education? Apparently so, since a reputable publication such as *U.S. News and World Report* uses these and similar statistics to determine annual college rankings.

What do these commonly consulted and seemingly important statistics really mean in the context of quality education?

Take student-to-faculty ratio. This quotient represents, literally, the number of students enrolled in a university versus the number of faculty available to teach them. Hence a high student-to-faculty ratio implies larger class size and less individualized attention, right?

Those who place value in this statistic fail to recognize two things. First, large classes at the undergraduate level cannot be escaped at any university. Even Cal Tech, the highest ranked school in the nation with a student-to-faculty ratio of 3 to 1 has classes of over 50 students in size.

Second, calculus is calculus is calculus. It doesn't matter if the class constitutes just you and the professor or if it gets broadcast to 2000 students over closed captioned television, the material is the same. The motivation to learn the subject comes from the student. In fact, I have found that if students are allowed to work together and hash out their problems without intervention, they build a stronger grasp over the material than if they had the solutions handed to them.

The questions of commuter population and

presidential elections and primaries, the proxy war in the Balkans, the emptiness of modern life and the fascism of mass-marketed pop culture all make for great editorial fodder. If you have a strongly-held belief on any particular issue (or range of issues), if you want to raise awareness about an ignored topic or obscure cause, even if you just want to make fun of shit and mimic *The*

TA teaching are just as ridiculous. Does the distance most students drive effect the quality of education at a university? Are TAs who work hands-on in a field less qualified to lecture in that field than a professor? No to both questions.

Even more disturbing is the fact that the really important questions are very rarely asked.

Is the city of Irvine safe? Irvine is the sixth safest city in the nation, according to UCI's Office of Admissions and Relations with Schools.

Smart question.

At UC Berkeley, my little brother walks home from the library on the double line in the center of the street for fear that someone may jump out of the bushes at any moment. How often does he freely choose to go to the library?

What is the average time to graduation at UC Irvine? Four and a quarter years, according to UCI's Office of Admissions and Relations with Schools, but students are free to stay longer.

Smart question. At UC Berkeley, my little brother is kept to a strict program of courses and forced to graduate from the impacted university after four years in order to make space for incoming students. Will he have the opportunity to enrich his education by sampling non-required courses outside his discipline?

When addressing the question of the level of quality education an institution can provide, perhaps it is time for schools to stop touting their stupendous statistics and start being honest with parents about the aspects of college that really make a difference to undergraduates.

UC Berkeley may be the highest ranked public university in the nation, but will my little brother truly receive the depth, latitude and quality of education at Berkeley that I am getting here at UCI?

Smart question.

Guest Commentary

The cream of the satire crop

By Greg Jerrett

The Effenheimer (<http://www.effenheimer.com>) is a college satire zine designed by college students for college students and they are bringing the big "F" to a university near you.

Started this summer by four Iowa State students, the web site has been described by some readers as being "so funny, it could kill freshmen."

The news stories are ripped from today's headlines, then ripped apart some more and then stitched back together again so no one can sue. Oh, and it makes them funny, too.

In fact, the columns, cartoons, reviews and poetry are so funny, one reader had to be rushed to Iowa State's Student Health Center for oxygen therapy, just like Michael Jackson's monkey.

Right now, *The Effenheimer* is taking ISU by storm, but these guys aren't stopping with Iowa State. They want college students everywhere to bask in the glow of their satire.

We began with a simple mission statement: Today Iowa State... tomorrow, the University of Iowa. But the day after that... watch out!

Right now *The Effenheimer* has a

tremendous cult following in the Midwest, Canada and most of the Pacific coast. However, soon we shall conquer the world with our own army of biotech supermen!

Well, not really.

Some of the headlines you will find in *The Effenheimer*:

"Local sorority to commit token act of charity."

"Iowans enthralled by politics, barbed-cue beef."

"Blair Witch' great so far as I could tell."

"College Students Find Spiritual Fulfillment Through 'Conspicuous Consumption for Christ.'"

"Record companies agree to put warning labels on music containing 'sexually implicit lyrics.'"

For more information, please check out <http://www.effenheimer.com> and then contact gjerrett@yahoo.com to get involved.

Thank you for your time.

Greg Jerrett is the opinion editor of the Iowa State Daily Press and co-creator of *The Effenheimer*.

Letters to the Editor

Grassroots reform movement seeks college student involvement

My name is Jean Friedman-Rudovsky; I attend Wesleyan University and I am the national media coordinator for STARC, the Student Alliance to Reform Corporations.

STARC is a grassroots student movement that aims to stop corporate abuses of power and to force corporations to increase their social and environmental responsibility. More specifically, we are students from over 100 colleges across the nation who are organizing to get our own schools to invest responsibly; but we are working together as a unified force.

The organizing at these schools is in the form of Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) campaigns. STARC wants all colleges and universities nationwide to build their own SRI campaigns and join our alliance. The goal of an SRI campaign is to demand that college administrative bodies pay

attention to, and have a say in, the policies and practices of those corporations in which they invest. Additionally, STARC is an alliance for campaigns to curb the power of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WTO is an international body with an inordinate amount of control over trade in today's world of multinational corporations, whose policies continuously hurt blue-collar workers, reform-minded developing countries, and impoverished people everywhere.

STARC is at the forefront of a grassroots college movement with incredible potential nationwide. We have combined the intensity of a national student alliance with the capacity for substantial political change through SRI campaigns and petitions.

For more information about getting involved in SRI campaigns or questions about establishing a STARC chapter, please contact jfriedmanrud@wesleyan.edu.

Jean Friedman-Rudovsky
senior, Wesleyan University

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FAKE NEWS IN BRIEF

Summer wrap-up: stories that fell through the cracks

By Yama Rahyar
Opinion Columnist

Quayle supports ban on green eggs, ham

SPRINGFIELD, IL — Addressing members of the press and Sam-I-Am from the lower bunk of his bed today, presidential hopeful Dan Quayle declared his support for the federal ban on green eggs and ham. "My position on this issue remains unchanged. I do not like green eggs and ham, and if elected, I will not eat them here or there. I will not eat them anywhere," Quayle told reporters. Over the course of a three hour speech, the former vice president went on to categorically deny charges of eggs-and-ham consumption "in a house, with a mouse, on a train or in the rain." However, Quayle refused to answer allegations of having consumed the illicit breakfast in a box and with a fox.

Nation mourns death of unattractive, unsuccessful loner

Millions of Americans poured into churches, synagogues and mosques to bid a tearful farewell to 43-year-old Billings, Montana native Ronald Zucker, found dead in his home earlier this week of an apparent cardiac arrest. Zucker, a slightly overweight, unpopular high school dropout and assistant manager at the downtown Billings Foot Locker, was remembered by neighbors and customers as a beacon of hope and inspiration for the entire world. "Ronald, or Ron-Ron, as he was known, was an extraordinary young man. His death is a great tragedy and comes as a shock to

us all," supervisor Carol Laster remarked at funeral services held for Zucker today. "He will be missed for what he might have been."

Gore threatens to put smack down

WASHINGTON D.C. — Speaking to supporters at a fundraising dinner this week, Democratic front-runner and Vice President Al Gore threatened to put the smack

somewhere

ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES OVER THERE — In what has been called the worst case of mass death in recent years, tens of thousands have been found dead in some place over by Europe or Asia or somewhere, following some type of flood or earthquake, probably. "I think this is terrible, because everyone is dead," some guy told a person holding a microphone on television. Rescue workers fear that, unless someone does something or whatever, thou-

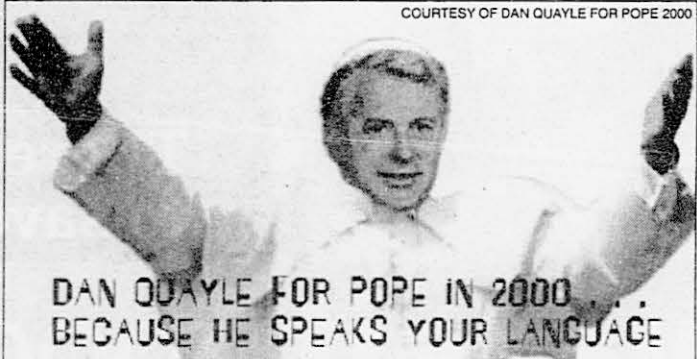
music forever," Sykes stated at a press conference earlier today, adding, "I am also pleased to announce that, due to our station's constant promotion of such puerile, banal and commercial artists as Jewel, Ricky Martin and Britney Spears, we at VH1 have ruined popular music forever."

Mid-East peace process halted by rocks, shrub

JERUSALEM — Talks between Palestinian and Israeli negotiators broke down once again, as Israel refused the concession of three rocks and a shrub in the strategic West Bank. In an interview with Arab media by satellite phone, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak defended the move, saying, "We have already honored the Wye River Accords by ceding four small stones, an apple tree, two bubble gum wrappers and three square feet of dirt to the Palestinian Authority. Israel will retain control of all other useless West Bank territory." When asked to respond, Palestinian President Yasser Arafat accused Barak of going back on his word. "He already promised us the rocks and shrub last month, along with those twigs over there and that old shoe," Arafat shouted, pointing at the worthless contested items. "And if Barak doesn't return the Celine Dion CD he borrowed from me last year, Palestine will occupy the old shoe and twigs by force."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The preceding was a parody by the author. The events stipulated did not necessarily occur.

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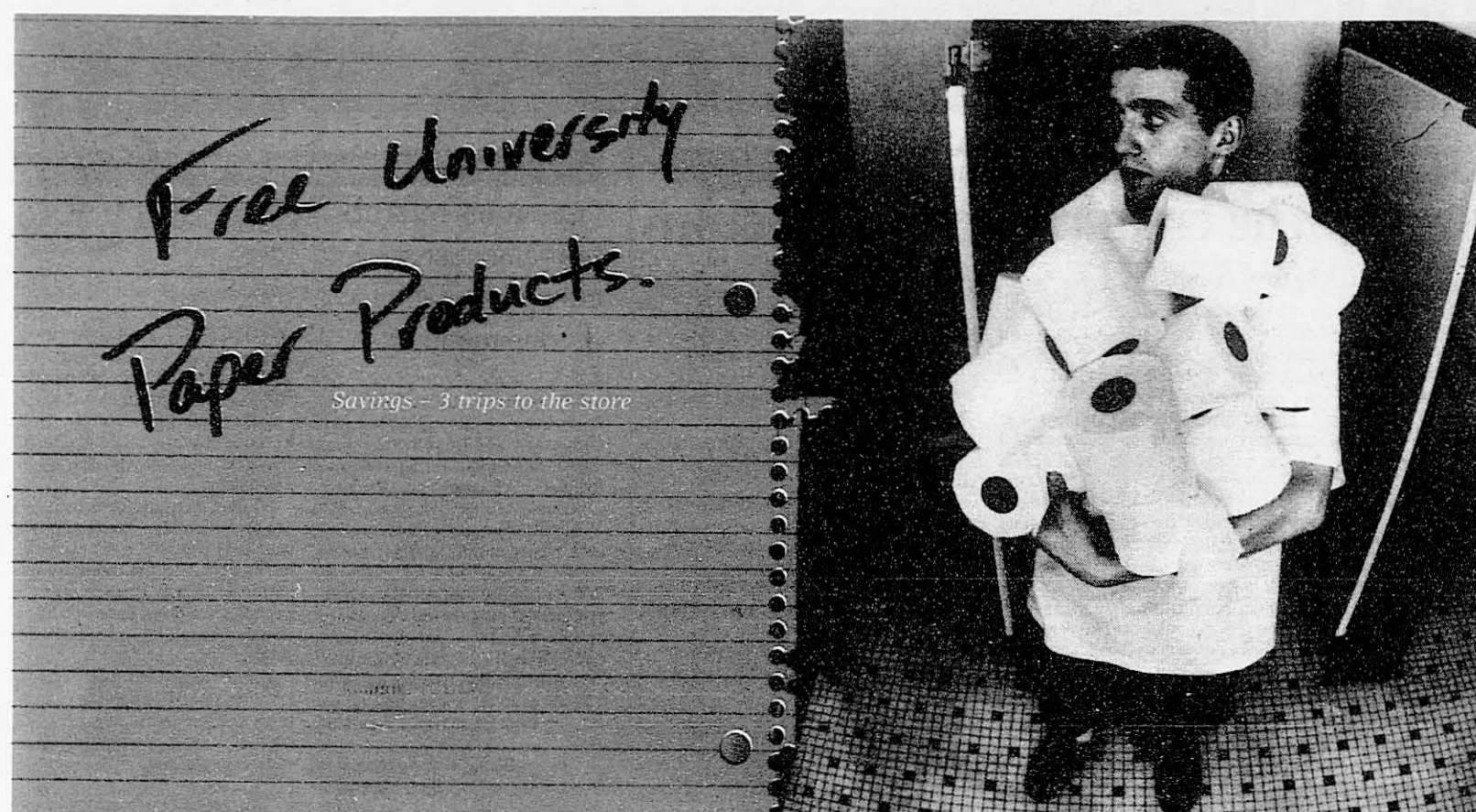


down on his political opponents in both parties. "When I entered this race, I made it clear that in the tradition of my predecessor, as president I would continue to put the rap down and to put the smack down," Gore stated. "But if Bill Bradley and George W. Bush insist on talking shit, I will be forced to put the smack down." Leaning into the podium and gesturing aggressively toward guests at the \$1,000-a-plate gala, the vice president later added, "Long Beach in the house."

VH1 saves, ruins music

LOS ANGELES, CA — After several years of vigorous campaigning, VH1 President and "Save the Music" founder John Sykes has finally achieved his company's goal of saving and ruining music. "I am extremely pleased to announce that, due to the efforts of our 'Save the Music' campaign in fundraising and spreading awareness of music education, we at VH1 have saved popular

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East Timor is America's problem

When an estimated two thousand people had been killed in Kosovo, the United States called it ethnic cleansing, then threatened military force and finally bombed Yugoslavia for over two months. When 100 times that number of people have been killed in East Timor, the U.S. response is much more muted. There are no threats to bomb or invade Jakarta (Indonesia's capital city).

Indonesia is not bombed because it is a capitalist country and has invited many American-based multinational corporations like Nike, which take advantage of the very cheap labor. Also, Suharto destroyed the Indonesian Communist Party and other opposition groups in 1965 in one of the greatest slaughters of the 20th century, killing an estimated one million people. However, Indonesia is a valued and longtime ally of the United States, and unlikely to be bombed.

The United States is portrayed in the media as merely an innocent bystander in the recent elections in East Timor, in which close to eighty percent of the people voted for independence from Indonesia. This portrayal is not accurate.

President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were in Jakarta in 1975, just before the Indonesian invasion of East Timor, and gave the green light for the invading army. Daniel Moynihan, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, blocked implementation of U.N. resolutions against the invasion. American military aid and training of Indonesian soldiers has increased in the years since the takeover of East Timor. The fighter jets and helicopter gunships which bombed and strafed East Timorese fleeing to the moun-

tains came from the United States.

At the height of atrocities in 1978, when an estimated 200,000 East Timorese had been killed out of a total population of 600,000, coverage of this genocide in the U.S. media dropped to zero. Over twenty years later, when Indonesian death squads are again rampaging through East Timor, another media whitewash of the U.S. role is in progress.

All that would be required to end these terrible atrocities in East Timor would be a stern warning from the paymaster, the United States. Write your representatives and President Clinton to demand action.

Gary Sudborough
political activist
Bellflower, California

A "supreme" concern about distance learning

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, commenting on law education by distance learning, said she is "uneasy about classes in which students learn entirely from home, in front of a computer screen, with no face-to-face interaction with other students and instructors."

Referring specifically to Concord University, she said, "So much of legal education and legal practice is a shared enterprise, a genuine interactive endeavor. The process inevitably loses something vital when students learn in isolation, even if they can engage in virtual interaction with their peers and teachers."

This is one of those "process" versus "outcome" situations. There is no question that more research needs to be done on this matter. But there are plenty of exemplars for law and pre-law students to look to, such as that guy named Abraham Lincoln, who studied law in isolation and then passed the bar exam with flying col-

ors. The same is true of six other American presidents, and more than half of all lawyers as recently as the early 1950s.

John Bear,
author, Michigan State U.

Political hypocrisy defeats drug laws

As a former mental health professional who worked at a substance abuse clinic, I am intrigued by this year's presidential campaign. What intrigues me is that Republican politicians are speaking out in defense of presidential candidate George Bush's alleged prior use of illicit drugs.

These politicians are arguing that such prior experimentation by a presidential candidate should not be an issue in the election.

I beg to differ. It is disturbing that politicians who make laws responsible for the incarceration of tens of thousands of drug addicts would say that if a candidate tries drugs, but is lucky enough not to become addicted, that candidate is exempt from the label "substance abuser."

Medical science shows that a person has no control over his or her susceptibility to addiction. People who become addicted to illegal narcotics often find they cannot quit no matter how hard they try, due to physical and psychological withdrawal. Their continued use of a substance becomes an involuntary act. The only truly voluntary criminal act such people are

guilty of is the initial experimentation. On a voluntary basis, drug addicts are guilty of doing nothing different than what Bush allegedly did, yet they face severe imprisonment.

Current drug laws are unjust and completely ineffective in treating narcotic addiction. Drug laws exonerate the lucky ones who do not become addicted after experimentation and forcefully punish the unlucky who suffer from medical addiction. These laws also allow blatant liars and hypocrites, who once experimented with drugs themselves and now punish others for the same offense, to pursue high political office.

Joe Kinney
substance abuse counselor
Plainfield, Indiana



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DVD

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By Tina Sustarsic
Staff Writer

After seeing compact discs steadily make cassette tapes all but obsolete, it shouldn't be surprising that DVD, digital video (or versatile) disc, is even more rapidly replacing video cassettes.

DVD is catching on faster than either CDs or VHS cassettes did in their early days and shows no signs of slowing that progress.

For those who are uninitiated, DVDs are compact discs designed to hold video, audio and computer data and can be played on DVD players or on computers with DVD-compatible drives.

They provide much greater capabilities for picture and sound than video cassettes and are produced in a format that is durable and can hold up to repeated viewings without wear and tear.

Movie studios that transfer their films to DVD have the option of including a number of languages, either in the form of audio tracks, subtitles or both, something that is unheard of in VHS format. DVD can also support multiple camera angles, menus and interactive features and games.

Most films are included in their original widescreen (letterbox) format, although whether or not a full-screen version is also included varies from title to title. While there is the occasional title that only includes the full-screen version, DVD allows widescreen lovers a chance to see some of their favorite films in their original format for the first time since the film's theatrical release.

Increasingly, DVDs are being released in special editions which can include deleted scenes, an isolated score and featurettes.

"The thing I like most about DVDs is that most of the time you get more than just a movie on a DVD. Usually, there are a lot of extra features like a commentary, deleted scenes, alternate endings, music videos and trailers," said Ken K. Hsu, a first-year undeclared major. "Extras like these make the movie much more enjoyable and have more replay value."

The *Armageddon Criterion Edition*, for example, includes the director's cut of the film, a gag reel, deleted scenes, storyboards and production drawings, trailer, a music video and two commentary tracks which let you hear the director or actors' remarks during your viewing of the film.

For the benefit of film studios, DVDs are, for the most part, encoded to play only in the region for which they are released. Consequently, Region 1 releases, which play in the United States and Canada, will include French subtitles and dubbing as often, if not more often, than Spanish. Oddly enough, Mexico and South America are included with Region 4, making DVDs with Spanish capabilities less than standard.

However, exactly which languages are included is the choice of the studio, which results in a varied array of language capabilities. For example, the recent release of

Sense and Sensibility includes English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Korean and Thai subtitles.

DVD players have seen continuous improvements in quality as well as recent decreases in price. They can be found for as little as two hundred dollars and are expected to be a big seller this holiday season.

The DVD discs themselves actually cost less to produce than VHS cassettes, but currently sell for slightly more due to the cost of transferring films to disc. However, with careful research, most DVD titles can be found at online retailers at deep discounts.

The advantages of this new digital medium are great, but the question of whether to invest in it is tricky.

DVD provides greater quality of sound and picture and extra features that will never be found on VHS, but you won't be able to find recordable players until next year. Even then, most won't care to pay the estimated \$2000 price tag.

Also, not every film is available on DVD. Popular titles such as *Star Wars* and the *Indiana Jones* movies may not be released for years. The nine upcoming Disney releases are reported to be devoid of any extra features and are listed at \$39.99, much more than the average list price of a DVD title.

While it may be wise to save your hard-earned dollars for important things like concerts and food, DVD provides movie-lover incredible movie experience at home.

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Contact: Javier Ayala (jrayala@uci.edu)



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The Bear brings back a big sack of goodies

Soothing the
Savage Bear



By Stan Kabala

For those of you who actually read my column last year, you are undoubtedly familiar with my constant complaint of the lack of reviewable music.

Well, I am here to say officially that while the dead season of Jan.-May still exists for new music releases, part of the problem of not having reviewable material was due to my own short-sightedness. Put simply, I got greedy and egotistical.

I pigeonholed myself by reviewing mostly nationally-known acts, after they had made it big.

I expected to have something chart-topping on a weekly basis and I shut myself off to the true calling of a music critic: introducing new music to the readers. It is those who listen to all the crap out there and manage to find a true

gem before anyone else does who make a name for themselves.

Anyone can criticize or praise an established artist; it is those who take on new acts and wither build them up or cut them down to size who are important in this business.

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to work for another newspaper. During that time I was cut down to size myself and humbled by one who surpassed my knowledge of music exponentially (he didn't do it purposefully, he just showed me that there is more to life than listening to KROQ). He taught me the most important element of being in the critic business: giving the readers a reference point, good or bad, on a wide variety of music.

Whether I describe a band's CD as not even worthy enough to use as a coffee table coaster or I think it is the next *The Joshua Tree* or *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*, it is still my responsibility as a music reviewer to put forth an effort to introduce those few readers I have to the new stuff out there.

You don't even have to agree with me. If you think Sugar Ray's *14:59* was one of the coolest CDs you have heard in a while, you can go ahead and check out any album I trash, because you and I disagree on fundamental music issues.

Either way, we both win.

So, to you, the reader, I apologize for my hubris. I will continue to review mainstream and popular acts, but I will do my absolute best to bring you new music before it hits the radio (that doesn't mean I will search for the next Backstreet

Boys or Ricky Martin, either, so don't ask).

With that in mind, I would like to offer you a list of albums I experienced over the summer that truly deserve praise and a larger fanbase followed by some current, more in-depth reviews. In the meantime, feel free to keep me honest and down-to-earth. Your comments, suggestions, bitches and gripes are welcome via e-mail at ocbouncer@aol.com.

CALIFORNIA
Mr. Bungle
Warner Bros.

Grade: A-

A brilliant album mixing goth, rockabilly and swing in such a manner that one is quickly reminded of the soundtrack to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Strong arrangement, eerily upbeat.

SHOWOFF
Showoff
Maverick

Grade: B-

Light-hearted punk rock reminiscent of Blink-182 and Green Day. Band has a soft spot for the slower ballads, and pulls them off with authenticity. Definitely a talented band with potential to explode into the scene.

SUPERJAEDED
Liams Inc.
Foodchain

Grade: B

The band has a distinctly similar

sound to the Foo Fighters, which is welcomed with open arms. Impressive songwriting ability and cohesion of band is astounding. One of the best local bands this year.

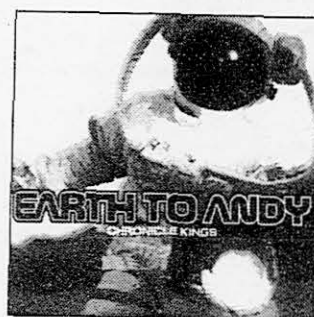
POST ORGASMIC CHILL
Skunk Anansie
Virgin

Grade: C

Frontwoman Skin earns praise for her ability to diversify her voice, offering pop, rock and soul intonations throughout album. But the cohesion of the album takes major hit by not establishing a specific sound early on. A couple of winners, but wholly confusing altogether.

CHRONICLE KINGS
Earth to Andy
Giant Records

Grade: B



This band has found a way to perfectly balance subtle metal riffs with a solid alternative sound.

Eclectic in the sense that a multitude of influences can be heard throughout the album, Earth to Andy comes off as more of an original sound than anything else.

"Biting at my Heels" and "The Buffalo" are the musical equivalent to an aged single-malt scotch: smooth, seamless, with just enough bite to kick one's tastebuds into overdrive if taken straight. This is not something to mix with pop.

A couple of ballad-ish songs add depth and color to this impressive effort. "Sometimes" and "Simple Machine" have a languid, troubled love feel to them that are slightly reminiscent of '80s hair bands, but in a way that doesn't make them sound cheesy and overly-sentimental.

These guys know how to play to a diverse audience by combining elements from a multitude of past rock genres.

From start to finish, *Chronicle Kings* is a worthwhile and amazing debut.

You might like this album if you listen to: Stone Temple Pilots, Foo Fighters, (the lighter side of) Metallica, Alice in Chains.

EUPHORIA MORNING
Chris Cornell
A&M Records

Grade: A

If those of you who quietly mourned Soundgarden's breakup are expecting Chris Cornell to continue along the same lines, you are

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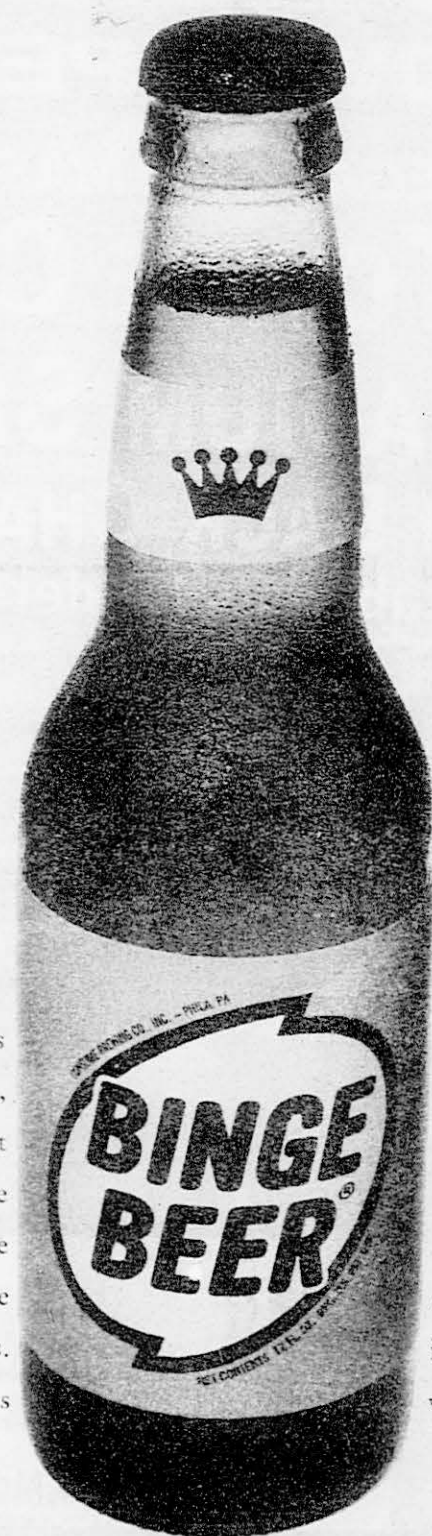


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Thank you Chancellor Cicerone for your support of this national campaign.



Wealth of new anime releases are a light in the dark

By Robert Wu

Wow! There's nothing better than a summer filled with Cal Anime Epsilon meetings and anime conventions! Personally, I was lucky enough to attend Anime Expo at the Anaheim Hilton from July 16-18.

If you have never been to a convention, I would highly recommend that you go. For the next best thing to going to a convention, try these two websites for a detailed look at anime conventions. A Fan's View at <http://www.fansview.com/> or Linus Lam Network News at <http://www.usagichan.com/AX99/>.

COWBOY BEBOP, EPISODES 1&2
Subtitled by Anime Village

Genre: Action/Adventure

With great jazz music blazing in the background, well-choreographed hand-to-hand fistfights and space-craft dogfights, *Cowboy Bebop* is going to be one of the biggest titles next year for Action/Adventure fans. We are quickly focused onboard the spaceship Bebop with Spike complaining about a dish without any meat and Jet quickly explains the financial situation of the bounty hunters. Soon Spike spots a job, which involves a drug dealer pushing Red Eye, and the chase ensues. The next episode is a bit more comedic

with Spike chasing after a little Welsh-Courier around town.

If you enjoyed Yoko Kanno's work in *Macross Plus* and *Escaflowne*, or are a big fan of jazz music, *Cowboy Bebop* will please your ears as well as your eyes. After attending Kanno's live mini concert at Anime Expo, I immediately purchased her mini-CD titled *Vitaminless*, which features the ending song, "Real Folk Blues," a mix of blues with English and Japanese lyrics sprinkled in.

The new format of just two episodes per videotape left me a bit of a pinch, but the recent announcement that *Cowboy Bebop* will be put on the DVD format will leave a new hole in my wallet in the future. Hopefully there will be a dubbed version coming soon for those of you preferring the dubs.

SERIAL EXPERIMENTS LAIN, EPISODES 1-4
DVD Sub/Dub by Pioneer

Genre: Mystery/Noir

Serial Experiments Lain is a breath of fresh air for Anime that is currently glutted with Action/Adventure genre. Not that I mind Action/Adventure; it's just that I need some variety. Anyway, the underlying story of SEL begins with a suicide of Chisa, a fellow classmate of Lain, the 13-year-old protagonist.

Soon, several students in school including Lain, receive an e-mail from Chisa telling them to join the "Wired." Dead classmates don't normally send e-mail to people and this is where the weirdness starts to emerge. As the episodes progress, Lain dwells deeper into the "Wired," or Internet, trying to find answers



only to find more unanswered questions.

Right from the beginning, I knew I was going to really enjoy this series. From the hypnotic-opening song "Duvert" by BOA, which is surprisingly sung in English to the hard beating techno mixes, *Serial*

Experiments Lain's soundtrack is a jewel to anyone who collects anime music. The atmosphere of mystery and intrigue is set perfectly by several scenes, such as the flashing of text in psychedelic colors to illusionary dream sequences.

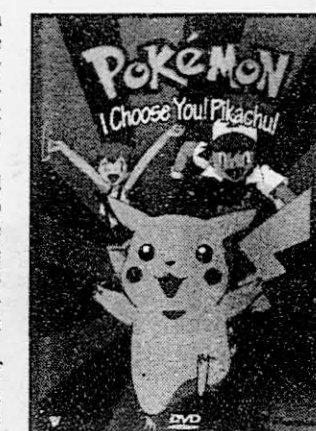
The subtitles are very clear to read with the DVD format and the dub voice acting is one of the best I have heard. The dubbed version was able to pull off the mystery effect just as well as the Japanese voices if not better in several scenes if you aren't familiar with the language.

Overall, *Lain* ranks near the top of my list. I can't recommend it enough to everyone, especially if you like mystery. However, I wouldn't recommend it if you are in the crowd that enjoys the next title as a new religion.

POKEMON, EPISODES 1-6
DVD Dubbed by Pioneer

Genre: Adventure/Comedy for Kids

Ok, wipe that silly look off your face. I know this isn't traditional to a standard anime review aimed at young adults, but *Pokemon* was surprisingly entertaining. It was even better with beer, but that's another story. Ash, the main character, wants to be a world class *Pokemon* trainer, but he wakes up late the morning of his training. Serendipitously, Ash is paired up with the electric mouse



infamously known as Pikachu. Thus, he begins his journey into the world of a *Pokemon* trainer.

In the DVD format, there is a bonus comic and, as an extra, there is the annoying *Pokemon* rap naming all 150 *Pokemon* creatures. The music is standard fare for a children's anime on U.S. television and you should be aware of the really bad puns which are used frequently.

Pokemon is a good mental chaser, especially after something very depressing or deep like *Lain* or *Evangelion*. I am sure I am not the only one on this campus that has caught a little Pikachu fever and right now my cursor is the little electric mouse.

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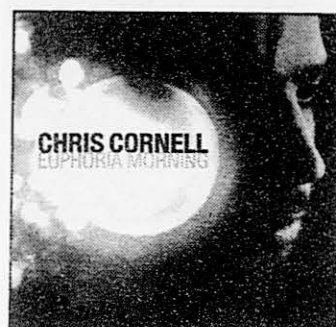
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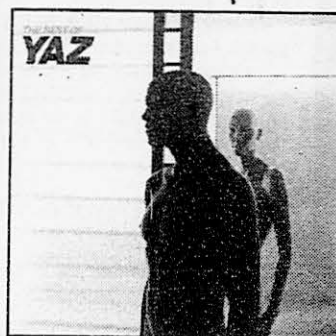
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in for a bit of a disappointment.

However, for those of you who were completely blown away by Cornell's shockingly perfect rendition of "Ave Maria" on "A Very Special Christmas 3," you are going to be



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wonderfully rewarded with an album that showcases Cornell's singing ability in a way that the "end of grunge" sound of Soundgarden could never do. "Preaching the End of the World" starts softly as an acoustic piece of brilliance, highlighting what could only be a professionally-trained voice. A surprising range of bluesy lamentations season this song to the point of depressing bliss.

"When I'm Down" has that classic soulful feel that is disturbingly similar to the famous Billy Joel/Ray Charles duet "Baby Grand." The only detraction from this song is the guitar solo, which seems almost out of place.

Cornell caters to his former fans with his first single, "Can't Change Me," which is the only song on the album that isn't a complete departure from his former sound. While it is a major hit on the airwaves, it is not even close to his best work on this classic album.

The heart-breaking lamentation in the title track is accompanied by a solitary acoustic guitar, and penetrates

the listener's soul in a way no amount of electric addition could do.

Without a doubt, Cornell has proven his ability to succeed as a solo artist without having to live in the shadow of his former band.

You might like this album if you listen to: Ray Charles, classic rock, '60s and '70s simplistic soul and blues.

Although a "Greatest Hits" compilation by this '80s new-wave band is long overdue, to put it out more than 15 years after Vince Clarke and Alison Moyet's last album together seems to be more of a desperate grab for cash from those thirtysomethings desperately clinging to the nostalgia of an all-but-forgotten sound.

"Only You" and "Don't Go" are hands-down favorites, but the rest of the album serves as only a distant reminder of the transitional synthesizer-driven sound of aged Brit-pop.

Even Depeche Mode managed to evolve past this sound, as perfect as it was for the age of musical confusion that was the early '80s.

You might like this album if: you are desperately clinging to the memories of your misspent youth in the first stages of the Reagan era.

Upcoming Releases

-----MUSIC-----
(coming out September 21)

Tori Amos, "To Venus and Back" (Atlantic)
Brooks & Dunn, "Tight Rope" (Arista Nashville)
Chris Cornell, "Euphoria Morning" (A&M)

Ben Harper, "Burn To Shine" (Virgin)
Nine Inch Nails, "The Fragile" (Nothing)

Adam Sandler, "Stan and Judy's Kid" (Warner Bros.)
Barbra Streisand, "A Love Like Ours" (Columbia)

Terror Squad, "Terror Squad" (Terror Squad/Atlantic)
Randy Travis, "A Man Ain't Made of Stone" (Dreamworks)

-----FILM-----
(coming out September 24)

Dog Park features Luke Wilson and Natasha Henstridge and their adventures with dogs and dating. Rated R. 1:31.

Lucie Aubrac is an historical romance set during the French resistance. In French. Rated R. 1:56. Playing at Edwards South Coast Village in Costa Mesa.

Mumford stars Loren Dean as an ex-IRS employee who relocates and poses as a psychologist. Rated R. 1:36.

-----VIDEO-----
(coming out September 21)

Doug's 1st Movie (1999), Animated. Rated G.

Foolish (1999), Master P. Comedy. Rated R.

The Matrix (1999), Keanu Reeves. Sci-Fi/Fantasy. Rated R. (also on DVD)

My Favorite Martian (1999), Jeff Daniels, Christopher Lloyd. Sci-Fi/Fantasy. Rated PG. (also on DVD)

The Out of Towners (1999), Steve Martin, Goldie Hawn. Comedy. Rated PG-13. (also on DVD)

-----DVD-----
(coming out September 21)

Breakfast At Tiffany's (1961), Audrey Hepburn.

Deliverance (1972), Burt Reynolds. Action/Adventure. Rated R.

Pokemon: Vol. 8, 9 & 10 (1999), Anime.

Rebel Without A Cause (1955), James Dean.

Sommersby (1993), Richard Gere, Jodie Foster. Romance. Rated PG-13.



Q Contest!

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The first student to e-mail me at cmsustar@uci.edu with their full name, major, year and the correct answer to the following question will win a pass for two to see the upcoming film, *Mumford*, at the Block in Orange. (The screening is this Tuesday, September 21 at 8 p.m.)

Question: Which former cast member of the sit-com *Cheers* stars in *Mumford*?

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(Fun and useful sites for your surfing pleasure)

<http://www.dvdtalk.com>

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-The site lists the latest news and releases as well as some of the best sites online to buy DVDs. It will let you know which shopping sites have been naughty to buyers and which have been nice. (Come to think of it, Kleinman is just like Santa Claus and DVD Talk is a perpetual Christmas tree.)

-The crown jewel of the webpage is the DVD forum, where the almost 4,000 registered members can find a shoulder to cry on and incredible deals to cheer them up.

-In short, if you love DVD or hope to get involved in this new digital mania, um, media, bookmark this site immediately.

-Tina Sustarsic

<http://tori.by.net>

-A Dent in the Tori Amos Net Universe is the most comprehensive

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I've seen devoted to singer, songwriter, musician and goddess Tori Amos.

-The Dent fills in the holes of other Tori sites with complete information on absolutely everything that relates to the goddess. Pictures, concert reviews, record updates, it goes on and on and on! Did you know there is a Tori Amos shoe? I interested in Tori's numerous charitable causes like RAINN? Get involved here or buy merchandise to raise money for these causes.

-With news of upcoming events like concerts and media appearances, this site is essential to any Tori fanatic. If you love Tori, bookmark this site and visit it often!

-Annie Morrissey

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Contact an academic counselor in the Physical Sciences Student Affairs Office (RH 180) for more information, or in the General Catalog (p. 298)

For non-science/non-engineering majors, check out the Interdisciplinary Minor in Global Sustainability in the General Catalog (p. 267).



Join Humanities Out There

Attend the H.O.T. Orientation Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 11:00-12:30 in HIB 135

Humanities Out There is a literacy outreach program. Teams of UCI students teach humanities workshops to primary and secondary school students in the Santa Ana Unified School District. This year's topics include:

World Mythology, Imagining America, Telemedia Literacy, Creative Writing, and others.

Academic credit is available to undergraduates who participate and graduate students are sought to serve as H.O.T. workshop leaders. In 1998-99 H.O.T. teams presented more than 40 workshops, improving the reading, writing, and critical thinking skills of hundreds of primary and secondary school students. H.O.T. workshops meet once a week for five weeks and are always scheduled to conclude well before final exams.

If you are interested in learning more about H.O.T., please attend the orientation meeting. Past participants, who would like to work with H.O.T. again this year, are also asked to attend. H.O.T. pizza will be served. While we are eager to involve anyone who is interested, H.O.T. workshop positions are limited. The best way to secure a place this year is to attend the orientation meeting.

E-mail any questions to Sue Crommiller at SAHEIMER@uci.edu.

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Q in Brief

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

THEATRE

The South Coast Repertory continues their run of George Bernard Shaw's *The Philanderer* tonight. Runs through October 10. Tickets are \$28-47. For more information call (714) 708-5555.

COMEDY

ASUCI Comedy Night starts off the school year with a bang as Mario Joiner performs at the Bren Events Center tonight. Call x5000 for details.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

CLUB CARNIVAL

Meet many of the clubs and organizations at UCI today on Ring Road and Gateway Plaza from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Along with club booths, there will be music, food and games.

RECREATION

Enjoy carnival games, team relays, Simon says, basketball, volleyball and dodge ball tonight from 8 p.m. until dawn at "Late Night with Campus Recreation" in Crawford Hall.

COMEDY

Canadian funny-man Jeremy Hotz performs at the Improv tonight at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 with a valid student ID. 18 and over. Call 854-5455 for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

MUSIC

Tori Amos and Alanis Morissette perform tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at the Irvine Meadows Amphitheatre. These are the last dates of their "Five and a Half Weeks Tour." Tickets are \$25-42. Call (714) 740-2000.



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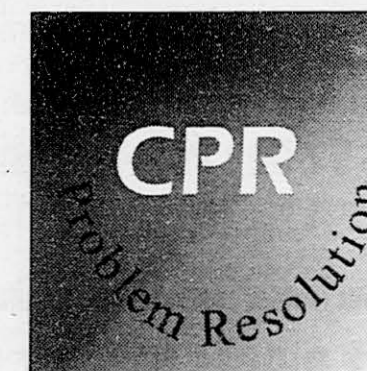
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Sports in Brief

Crew Program Receives Record Donation

Irvine, CA - July 13 - UCI's Intercollegiate Athletics Department announced that Orange County businessman and philanthropist Dr. Henry T. Nicholas III had donated \$1.28 million to benefit the Anteater Crew program.

The gift is the largest in UCI's 34-year history and will be used to fund the building of a new boathouse at the crew facility at Shellmaker Island in Newport Beach.

For more details, please see page 4 in the News section.

-Wincy Wong

Anteater Athletics program certified by NCAA Committee

Irvine, CA - August 26 - In an announcement made during the summer, UC Irvine was named as one of 15 institutions that received certification after thorough internal and external reviews. This means that UCI meets the NCAA stan-

dards of academic and financial integrity, a compliance of rules and a commitment to equity. The certification also ensures that UCI will continue to be eligible to participate in NCAA championships.

For more details, please see page 1 in the News section.

-Wincy Wong

Men's Basketball Team appoints new Assistant Coach

Irvine, CA - In a recent announcement, Head Coach Pat Douglass named Tim Cleary as the team's new assistant basketball coach. Cleary had been an assistant coach at Chico State for the past two years.

Here at UCI, Cleary takes the place of Calvin Byrd, who had accepted an assistant's position at the University of San Francisco.

-Wincy Wong

Calendar

Women's Soccer

Friday 7 p.m., September 24 vs. North Texas (Anteater Field)

Sunday 1 p.m., September 26 vs. Utah State (Anteater Field)

Men's Soccer

Wednesday 7 p.m., September 22 vs. Concordia (Anteater Field)

Sunday 3 p.m., September 26 at UC Santa Barbara

Men's Water Polo

Saturday 12 p.m., September 25 at Pacific

Sunday 12 p.m., September 26 vs. Loyola Marymount (Anteater Pool)

Women's Volleyball

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Men's and Women's Cross Country

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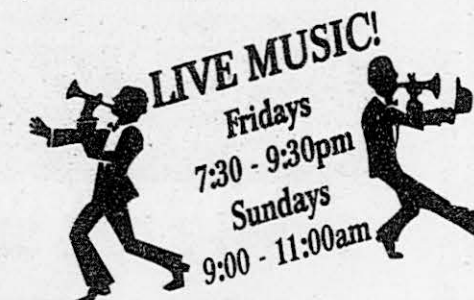
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MEN'S

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work rate," Kuntz said. "They are still getting to know each other because there are so many new faces, but chemistry wise, it's very good."

Sophomore forward Jon Spencer has a positive outlook on the influx of freshmen.

"They're hard working and are anxious and excited about playing here for UCI," Spencer said. "Trying to get acquainted and becoming a really united team is one problem everyone faces as a brand new team, but everyone is getting along well because we're all here for each other."

Kuntz feels that these young players "are hungry and they have a lot of desire to learn."

He points out that their vigor and enthusiasm will unmistakably carry them through the season, but that their biggest challenge is their

lack of experience, as they will realize when the time comes to confront stronger and older opponents.

One of the team's new additions who seems to have made an impressive impact is defender Brad Aspey from Corona del Sol HS in Arizona.

"Brad has done a fine job as a starter and is a very solid defender," Kuntz said. "I believe Brad has the potential to really lead this team in the future."

Kuntz also adds that Jesse Peron and Aaron Colacion are also freshmen who have been recognized for their outstanding talent. Redshirt freshman Scott Bowman and Jonpaul Roepke are also expected to stand out and excel, along with all the sophomores, notably mid-fielders Jon Spencer, Lawrence Smalls, Jason Thompson, goalkeeper CJ Cooper and defender Sean Gesell have a lot of experience and are predicted to do well this season.

Leading this talented team of players is defender Oliver Zlomistic, who is this year's captain and one of only two seniors on the team. As a veteran, Zlomistic knows what it takes to strive to the top in order to win the league and the NCAA tournament and is sure of a promising future for these guys.

"There's a lot of talent and potential out there," Zlomistic says. "We want the school to come out and watch us play and get to know the players, our younger guys."

Zlomistic is quick to offer his experience and to lead by example. Along with senior midfielder Dominic Frataranto, they pose as guidance figures and as friends for the younger members of their team.

Spencer commented that losing 11 seniors was difficult, but that he is confident of the leadership of veterans.

"Oliver is a great leader for our team," Spencer said. "Him and Dominic have been through thick

and thin and are doing a good job."

One thing that Kuntz feels that he needs to focus on are the principles of attack and defense. He wants to make sure that these players have the fundamentals.

"Our goal is to be a consistent team," Kuntz said. "This is a year where we're competing with good teams, and we've shown that we can be explosive at times. We're looking for when we hit that time when there's a little bit more consistency and less peaks and valleys, a little bit more level."

This was apparent in their performances within the last weeks. After a disappointing loss of two games, they rapidly recovered and bounced back with a 4-0 victory over San Diego State. With the objective of consistency in mind, they hope to grow closer as a team and defeat their rivals.

"We want to play a hundred percent, always give a hundred percent for UCI and represent the school well," Kuntz said.

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the sports world and real world often parallel each other? Somebody fetch the girl some talent to go with that body.

For Pete Rose, let's give him a second chance. If a scrub like Steve Howe can get seven chances, then why isn't commissioner Bud Selig giving the all-time hit king any love? Darryl Strawberry can show up drunk to the commissioner's office with cocaine on the tip of his nose and still be reinstated. Unfortunately for Pete, his weakness was gambling, not illegal substances. Remember, it's the baseball hall of fame, not the human being hall of fame. If the man was a great baseball player, let him in. We only care that he had 4,256 hits, not that he picked Dallas over Green Bay.

For our USA Women's Soccer team, how about we schedule the World Cup every year? That way they can be in the

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Anteaters serve up impressive comebacks for Title

W. VOLLEYBALL:
The UCI team defeats both Cornell and Brown in the UCI/Ivy League Tournament.

By Wincy Wong
Staff Writer

Sometimes pressure can be a good thing. In the case of UCI's Women's Volleyball Team, it's a very good thing.

After falling behind Cornell in an earlier match and once again to Brown in a later one, the Anteaters fought back to defeat both teams. The Irvine squad battled each to five games and won by the final scores of 12-15, 12-15, 15-12, 15-6, 15-10 and 13-15, 18-16, 11-15, 15-13, 15-9 respectively to claim the UCI/Ivy League Tournament title in front of the home crowd at Crawford Hall last Saturday.

"I've seen us have a trend of starting slow, of giving a team four or five points at the start of a match and then catching up," said Head Coach Merja Connolly-Freud. "The fact that we can catch up and fight and win these matches shows the amount of heart and courage of this team."

The tournament, which consisted of UCI, Brown and Cornell, pitted the Anteaters against the Big Red for the first match.

Cornell jumped ahead early in the first two games, winning them by identical scores of 15-12. The Big Red started to smell victory,

which turned out to be their greatest mistake against the resilient Anteaters.

With their back against the wall, one game away from defeat, UCI forged a comeback. Behind the play of middleblocker Larissa Carter, who recorded a team-high 22 kills, and outside hitter Brooke Witt, who notched 19 kills, 15 digs and six service aces, the Anteaters won the next three games to take the match.

"Sometimes it's taken us five games to really compete every single match," said outside hitter Cassie Werhas, who is one of the veterans and the team captain. "We're a young team and we don't have a history of winning and that's what we're trying to build."

The second match was all Ivy League, as Brown and Cornell took to the courts for bragging rights. The Bears took control early and kept it in a sweep of the Big Red, 15-6; 15-8; 15-5. Brown's success could be contributed to a strong performance by outside hitter Tomo Nakanishi, who led the team with 12 kills.

With Cornell losing to UCI and Brown, the final match-up between the Anteaters and the Bears was for the Tournament title.

It was an intense competition, with Brown making all the noise early. UCI, however, crept back in, slowly and with persistence, until they burst out and overcame the Bears. And that was merely the action from the bleachers.

"Our fans are always great," Werhas said. "They're usually pretty competitive with fans from

the opposing. We love having them here."

Play on the court actually followed a similar pattern, with the Bears roaring ahead early, much like they had been doing throughout the tournament.

In the first game, they took a commanding 6-0 lead before the Irvine team could score. While the Anteaters picked up their level of play and tied the game a few times, some late mistakes broke the momentum of the team.

"We hurt ourselves with many serving errors," Connolly-Freud said.

In the second game, although the Bears scored first, it was UCI that built a 6-2 lead. It was by no means easy, however, as Brown refused to go down without a fight. The game was tied at 16 all and the Anteater victory was only sealed when a spectacular kill by UCI's Witt fell between helpless Brown defenders.

A rejuvenated Bear team mounted a 5-0 advantage in the third game and won it 15-11 to take a 2-1 game lead.

That's when the Anteaters stepped up. Coming out with a fast start, UCI took a 10-1 lead in a game that was never close.

It came down to the final game and the Anteaters were ready for the challenge. The Irvine squad took control of the game and Werhas got the Irvine faithful rocking with an exhilarating ace that put the Anteaters up at 6-1. Brown's Nakanishi helped close the gap with some late kills (she finished with a match-high 27), but

it was to no avail. Once again, a Witt kill ended the game and UCI had completed another successful comeback.

"In the past, we've kinda just rolled over and let other teams beat us," Werhas said. "This year, we're really focusing on battling every single point, every single match, every single night."

With the two victories, UCI's overall record improves to 7-4 as they gear up for conference play.

Even though the Anteater team showed a great deal of perseverance, Connolly-Freud conceded that some improvements still need to be made.

"We still need to work on our serving consistency and our discipline on defense," Connolly-Freud said. "We need to work on scoring opportunities, on hitting the smart shot."

UCI finished the match against Brown with 19 service errors compared to the Bears' four.

Nevertheless, the tournament victory was sweet for the relatively young team that finished 4-14 in the conference and 9-22 overall last season.

"It's so great being at home and to win a tournament in five games is always a big plus," Werhas said. "It's so awesome."



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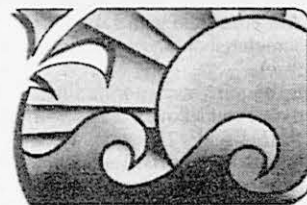
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Mixed team of Anteater runners 'keep it real'

■ X-COUNTRY:

A young women's and still-bonding men's team tastes success early in the season.

By Wincy Wong
Staff Writer

The months between June and September are traditionally known as a time of respite from anything even remotely strenuous - a time to kick back, relax and just be lazy - unless, of course, you are a member of UCI's Cross Country Team.

"College Cross Country is only a short, short period of time, so the key is what they do over the summer," said Head Coach Vince O'Boyle. "They've done their homework over the summer. They're in good shape."

Early results prove that the Anteater team's off-season diligence has paid off.

In their first meet, the UCI/ASICS Invitational, on September 11, both the women and the men had strong performances, finishing fourth (out of 16 teams) and seventh (out of 13 teams) respectively.

In last Saturday's Aztec Invitational in San Diego, the Anteaters were even more impressive, with both teams taking third place finishes.

The solid showing from the women's team comes despite the fact that over half of the team con-

sists of freshmen. "They are talented, even though they are young," O'Boyle said. "The freshmen, there are quite a few of them who will not just contribute, but be a force."

O'Boyle points to Amanda Armstrong, Courtney Baird, Tessa Cendejas, Melinda Fuller and Trisha Harris as young runners who have already made an impact.

They do, however, suffer from an intangible factor.

"The disadvantage is probably the unexpected, the unknown, not knowing what college cross country or college competition is all about," O'Boyle said.

If the young 'uns need any help though, there are still a few seasoned veterans on the team who are more than willing to help.

"It's a privilege to be a leader for the younger girls," said junior Karen Nilsson, who is also the team captain. "You want to do your best so that they can look up to you."

O'Boyle will be expecting the best from Nilsson and other returners such as junior Allyson Kulak and senior Jamie Blair.

Blair, who has twice been named to the All-Conference team, is still getting situated with her new role.

"I'm used to having older girls on the team and this is the first time that I'm the oldest one," Blair said. "It feels weird, but it's exciting."

O'Boyle also points to unexpected performances as a boosting fac-

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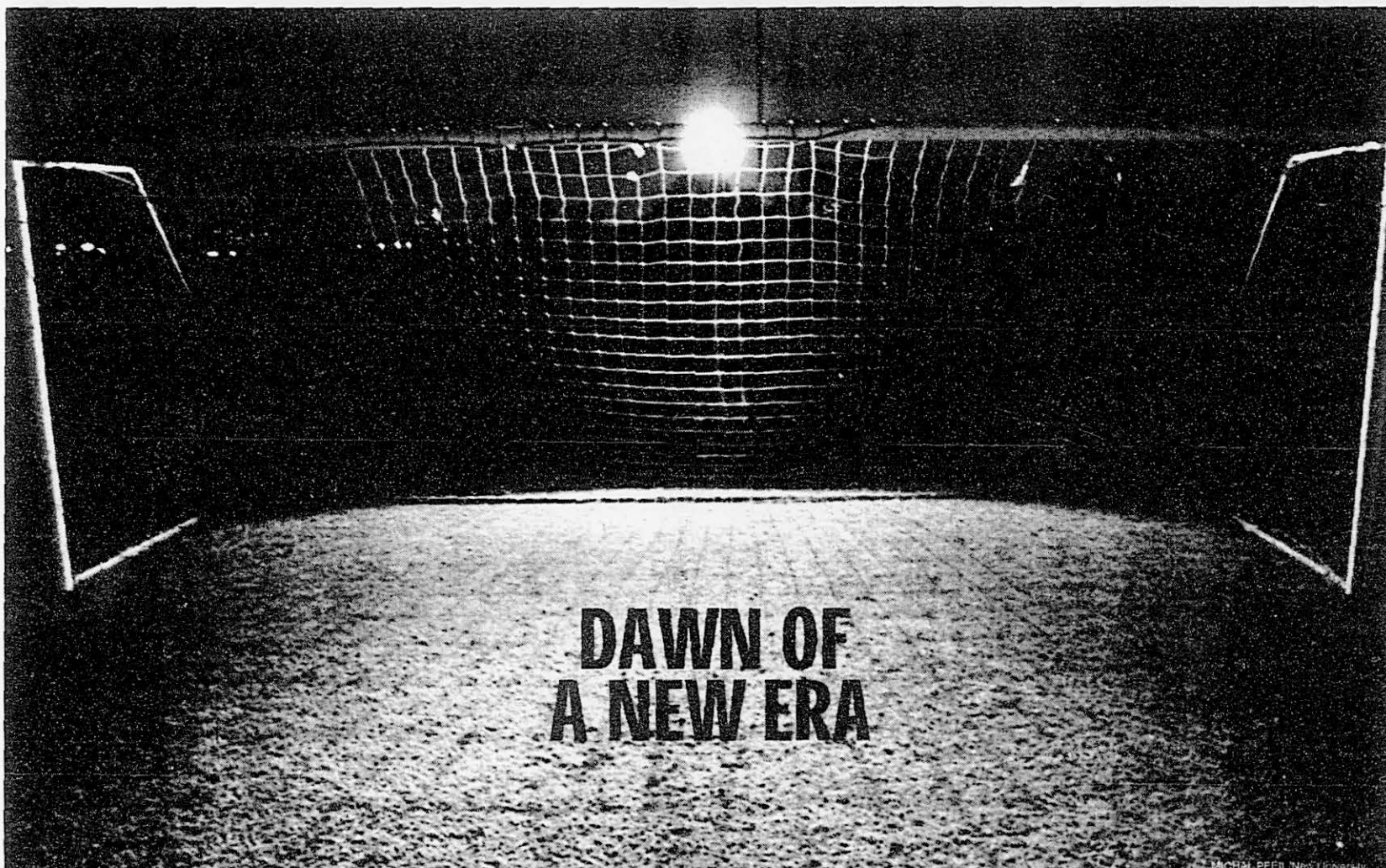


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After practicing through summer, the Anteater Team is off to a running start.

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DAWN OF A NEW ERA

Men's By Jane Lee

Looking at UCI's 1999 Men's Soccer Team, one can immediately notice the vast number of unfamiliar faces. Despite the addition of nine freshmen players, the unity and cooperation between them is unmistakable. Another obvious highlight among this talented group of guys is their willingness to sweat and work hard.

"It's a very young team," said fifth-year Head Coach George Kuntz. "It's a team that has great potential and they are a fun group to watch because they are very hard workers."

After finishing with a record of 8-12 last year, Kuntz is very optimistic for the team this season, which consists mainly of fresh-

men and sophomores. The new players give the group a fresh, youthful look and added depth. The team is now at least two deep in every position. Their talent reassuringly minimizes the concern and pressure that came with the loss of 11 seniors and several other players. Kuntz is aware of the lack of experience and the great deal of effort and work that is required to make this team strong and successful, but he is confident in his team.

"I look at it as an opportunity for a new group, a new direction and this group is very solid as far as their training habits and their

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Women's By Wincy Wong, Staff Writer

Check in the women's locker room. You won't find her. Try the weight room. Another negative. The UCI Soccer Stadium, where she has left an indelible mark? Not a trace.

The end of last season marked not only the second straight year UCI's Women's Soccer Team was snubbed for a bid to the NCAA Tournament (despite finishing the season 7-1-1 in the conference and 14-3-3 overall), it also marked the end of the college career of the Anteaters' most prolific scorer and dominant figure, forward Nicole Bucciarelli.

"We miss her and not just because she scored an enormous amount of goals," said

Head Coach Marine Cano. "She just played her heart out for four years and that attitude that she gave the team was just exceptional."

Like the end of any era, Michael Jordan with the Chicago Bulls, Joe Montana with the San Francisco 49ers, the team is left to continue without a star whom they had become accustomed. For this young group, which boasts 13 freshmen and only six upperclassmen, however, Cano sees no drop off in either talent nor drive.

"I'm so excited about the 1999 team because the potential is endless," Cano

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A back-to-school list that covers all the bases

Well, students, since another school year seems to be on the horizon, I thought that it was fitting to help some of sports' biggest names with their back-to-school wish lists. Here is my list, in no particular order.

Our beloved UCI men's basketball team needs to pick up a couple of Nigerian seven-footers to get the program off the ground. And when we are on the recruiting trail, perhaps we can venture outside the borders of Orange County at least once. Kevin Garnett still has college eligibility, doesn't he? Or better yet, how about an NCAA high school draft. The worst college teams should be able to get first pick of the high school crop. That means that we'll be picking really early.

And for Chancellor Ralph Cicerone, how about getting him a microphone? We all know the story about how he almost became the announcer for the San Diego Padres. He can practice guest-announcing those magical UCI baseball games that we are going to be listening to on KUCI. If we can add broadcasting to the job description of the chancellor, then the university won't have to hire a full-time announcer and the students save tuition money.

I would like to purchase our UCLA football neighbors to the north a complimentary gift certificate to the Tonya Harding thug-for-hire store. Perhaps if they got clubbed in the knees, then the football players would actually require the handicapped placards that they

wrongfully obtained, therefore getting them out of trouble. If my 5'4" self has to park a mile away from my



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ing in a disabled spot.

Rookie running back Ricky Williams of the New Orleans Saints needs to be hooked up with a different agent, or at least a different record label. As noble as his incentive-laden contract appears to be, Master P and No Limit Sports screwed Ricky over with their foolhardy deal making. If he happens to reach those ridiculous statistics that will make the incentive clauses kick in, then he will be underpaid. And if doesn't, then he'll be a pauper. Now that Williams is injured, he stands to lose millions of dollars. I bet that Tupac wouldn't have agreed to that sucker deal.

How about throwing some of those UCI dollars at the college football bowl games? Maybe if they had

some more money, they wouldn't have to sell their souls to their sponsors. The Tostitos Fiesta Bowl? The Nokia Sugar Bowl? The Carquest Bowl? What's next? The Heisman Trophy being sponsored by Suzuki? The classic Penn State football jerseys being plastered with the Swoosh? Oh yeah, that's already happened. Red Grange must be turning over in his grave.

Anna Kournikova needs to pick up some game to match her hype. The media calls her a superstar, but that's only because she looks damn good in a skirt. All the while, the real stars of the game are being overlooked because they aren't blond, toned and leggy. Isn't it funny how

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