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UC administration works to track down lost alumni

■ **SEARCH:** More than 200,000 graduates have lost touch with *alma mater*, UC officials say.

By Michelle Berry
Staff Writer

It's the year 2000; do you know where your alumni are?

The UC system doesn't, which is why the University of California Office of the President has budget-

ed \$100,000 to all nine UC campuses in their efforts to reconnect with lost alumni.

"A 'lost alumnus' is an alumnus who is no longer reachable by phone or mail (e.g. perhaps from moving, getting married, etc)," said David M. Selby, Advance Data Manager for the University Advancement Department.

According to UC officials, approximately 240,000 alumni are "missing" from all nine campuses, with approximately 15,000 of them from Irvine. Most Irvine graduates have remained in California -

about 75 percent - said Derek Lamb, director of Information Systems for UCI's University Advancement. And close to 50 percent have remained in Southern California.

According to Lamb, few move to Europe, but a significant number can be found in Asia.

UCI is interested in staying in contact with its graduates because many of them would like to remain involved with the school through activities such as volunteering, teaching, serving on committees, and through fund raising activities,

Selby said.

It is the University Advancement Department's task to keep a database of contact information for use by clubs, fraternities, sororities and other groups on campus who would like to get a hold of these people.

To maintain the database, the university has made use of outside search companies such as Executive Marketing Services of Naperville, Ill. This process is in addition to using more traditional resources such as the U.S. Post Office, National Change of Address Directories and the university itself.

To date, the project is only half-way completed, but Selby points out that UCI has been working hard and has already connected with about 30 percent of its lost alumni.

"A project such as this always involves a lot of work with many late hours, but fortunately, I work with a skilled team of individuals who love a good challenge," Selby said.

"I attribute the success of this project to the strength and skills of our team (i.e. University Advancement Information Systems Dept.)."

Fitness chain loses UCI members

■ **BUSINESS:** Irvine location of 24 Hour Fitness reports a recent number of membership cancellations after ARC opens its doors to students.

By Michaela Baltasar
Staff Writer

Athletic club 24 Hour Fitness finds itself faced with stiff competition as students discontinue paid gym memberships to work out free-of-charge at the newly opened Anteater Recreation Center.

24 Hour Fitness, which has been located on the UCI campus at Berkeley Place for about 10 years, has had a notable number of cancellations since the Anteater Recreation Center opened on Jan. 10, said Tara O'Connell, 24 Hour Fitness manager.

O'Connell said a decrease in clients from UCI would not greatly affect the Carlsbad-based chain.

"We knew that was going to happen," she said. "We're just looking at it as a loss. We're not focusing on it."

Club officials said 24 Hour Fitness has no plans to offer special rates aimed specifically at luring students back to the club. According to O'Connell, 24 Hour Fitness will concentrate on attracting clients from local businesses and corporations instead.

"We have special membership packages in the planning stages, but it isn't because of the students," said Michelle Scott, 24 Hour Fitness district manager. "[The offers] are general upgrades for all members."

The club will be leaving the UCI campus and relocating to a larger space in the University Center this summer.

O'Connell said the move is not related to the opening of the Anteater Recreation Center.

"We were going to get off of campus regardless," she said. "It's just a general improvement for the club - better equipment, more space."

O'Connell said overall, the new 24

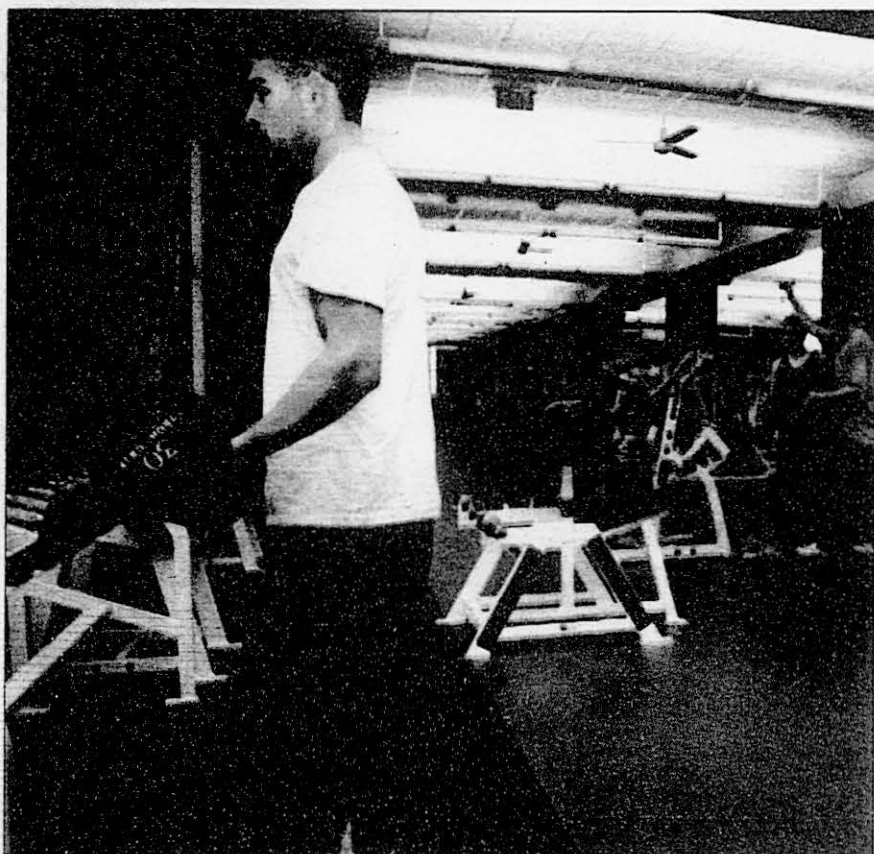
Hour Fitness facility will have the same amenities as the current one.

"We won't have a pool or anything like that," O'Connell said.

Jill Schindele, director of campus recreation, said the Anteater Recreation Center was not built to compete with 24 Hour Fitness.

"We're just trying to offer what a normal campus has to offer to students," Schindele said. "24 Hour Fitness has no formal relation with UCI; they're very independent of that."

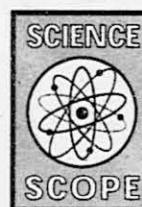
24 Hour Fitness has almost 400 locations worldwide and recently opened a new facility in the Irvine Spectrum area.



Many UCI students have opted to work out at the ARC instead of the nearby 24 Hour Fitness.

Reshaping the plastic industry - with sand

■ **CHEMISTRY:** Researchers have come up with a way to change the properties of plastic, creating a more durable material.



Andreas von Bubnoff
Staff Writer

Plastics are everywhere. They are used in things as diverse as trash cans, contact lenses or canopies for jet fighters.

Typically derived from crude oil, most plastics consist of long organic chains of carbon and

hydrogen atoms.

But as versatile as this material is, plastics have limitations.

Some plastics melt at relatively low temperatures or break easily, while most burn rapidly.

The disastrous failure of plastic parts is illustrated by the explosion of the space shuttle *Challenger* in 1986, which was triggered by the failure of an O-ring - made of rubber and plastic.

Professor Frank Feher's research group, at UCI's Department of Chemistry, is developing a new generation of high performance plastics which don't melt or burn as easily and are harder to break than traditional plastics.

These new plastics contain something chemists call "Polyhedral Oligo-Sil-Sesquioxanes," which are derived largely from sand rather than crude oil.

Like sand, POSS is made from silicon and oxygen.

Yet, the difference between sand and POSS is the basic molecular structure. According to Feher, the structure is a cube-shaped molecule with eight silicon (Si) atoms at the corners and 12 oxygen (O) atoms connecting them along the edges.

Attached to each silicon atom is a small organic group "like methyl, ethyl or isobutyl" to make our materials compatible and mixable with common plastics, which are organic molecules as well," said Feher.

Thus, the new plastics are also called "hybrid plastics" because they contain an inorganic Si-O-core and organic residues on the outside.

"Our compounds are like the smallest piece of sand that you can have - modified on the surface with

NEWS IN BRIEF

ASUCI holds Town Hall Meeting

ASUCI invites the UCI community to an Executive Town Hall Forum Meeting on Jan. 24. Parking and housing issues will be addressed.

Chief of Police Cathy Hooven and Director of Athletics Dan Guerrero are among the UCI officials who will be present.

The Forum will be held at Emerald Bay A, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Social Ecology holds Dean Day

Ron Huff, dean of Social Ecology will be in the Social Science Courtyard to speak with students on Jan. 25 from 11 - 12 p.m. Food and drinks will be served.

Run to fund Brea High School

The Ninth Annual Brea 8K Classic Run/Walk will take place on Feb. 20 and will begin and end at the Brea Mall, in Brea, CA.

The run is equivalent to about five miles and a special 1 kilometer run is planned just for kids.

Joggers, walkers, runners and racers from all over Southern California are invited to attend.

Proceeds from the race will benefit Brea High School, and the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country and Track and Field athletic programs.

Race day registration begins at 7 p.m., with the race scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

For more information, please call Bill Workman, Public Information Director at (714) 990-3163 or to request a pre-race entry form, please call Race Chairman Krik Fowkes at (714) 990-3163.

Bio lecture discusses genetics

The Biomedical Research Center of UCI's College of Medicine will be giving a lecture entitled "Mapping Our Genetic Universe: The Next Great Frontier," in conjunction with the UCI's Chancellor's Club on Feb. 2.

The lecture will be given by Robert Moyzis, Ph.D. and professor of Biological Chemistry with joint appointments in Pediatrics, Epidemiology and Biological Sciences, with remarks given by Dr. Thomas Cesario, dean of the College of Medicine.

A reception starting at 6:30 p.m. will precede the presentation at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 per person and the event will take place at the Tamkin Building, College of Medicine.

For more information, please call (949) 824-7932.

Soc. Ecology begins series of talks

UCI's school of Social Ecology presents "Trajectories of Social Ecological Training and Research."

The talk is to be given by David Altman, professor of public health services at Wake Forest University and an alumni of UCI's Social Ecology Doctorate Program.

Altman will begin a series of presentations that will highlight the value of interdisciplinary scholarship and collaborative research.

Ray Catalano, professor of public health at UC Berkeley and former Social Ecology professor at UCI, will also make remarks. In addition, there will be a roundtable discussion and other Social Ecology alumni. The talk is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call Karen Morris at (949) 824-7913.

UCI Observatory holds visitor night

The Department of Physics and Astronomy will host "Visitor Night at the UCI Observatory," on Feb. 3, and will feature a computer-controlled 24-inch telescope as well as other smaller telescopes for faculty, students and the general public to use.

The event will take place from 6:30 - 10 p.m., and will be held at the UCI Observatory Dome on campus.

Amateur astronomers may bring their own telescopes, and it is recommended that participants bring a flashlight and wear warm clothing.

For more information and directions please visit <http://www.physics.uci.edu/~observat>.

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Scientists link high-fat diets to migraines

HEALTH: Husband-wife team author book on the effects of dietary discipline to reduce headaches.

By Jenny Lee
Staff Writer

The known benefits of low-fat eating are nothing new to popular culture. More energy, improved health and weight loss are just some of the reasons to encourage a low-fat diet.

And now, according to Dr. Zuzana Bic, co-author of *No More Headaches, No More Migraines*, low-fat eating may also lessen – or eliminate – the discomfort of headaches and migraines. This may come as good news for the concerned student seeking a remedy for the aftermath of too much stress.

In her book, Zuzana Bic provides a theoretical model of a headache – one which points to high levels of blood fat as triggering a decrease in serotonin levels

in the body, subsequently prompting a headache.

From research done at Loma Linda University, Bic found that a reduced fat diet helped the majority of 54 participants in reducing the occurrence of migraines.

"We found that almost all of the participants reported an improvement in the frequency, intensity and duration of their headaches," said Lubomir Bic, professor of Information and Computer Science, Zuzana Bic's husband and co-author of the book.

Still, Bic observes more than just high-fat eating as a cause of migraines (She also notes a smoking, stress and a lack of exercise as other factors contributing to the problem). As a result, her book proposes a comprehensive approach in combating the discomfort of migraines without medication.

"I'm just wondering why people are still taking medication if they can prevent the problem," Zuzana Bic said.

"In the long run, just tablets will not help. You will just end up

with the side-effects of the medication on your body, but this is a way to, in the long run, completely eliminate the headaches."

For those who may not have time to read the book, Zuzana Bic provides information on migraines and headaches on the web at <http://hometown.aol.com/zbic>.

"With a demanding schedule, I don't think I would have the time to give this book a chance – but if there was information given on the Internet about this topic, I would definitely be interested," said Sandee Barnes, fourth-year dance and drama major.

Still, for those interested in reading Bic's book, *No More Headaches, No More Migraines* is available at the campus bookstore.

"After looking at this book, I feel it has some very interesting and helpful tips to offer. With all the stress of school, an argumentative roommate and work, I know I will definitely benefit from reading this book," said Pamela George, third-year psychology and social behavior major.

UCI student dies of unknown causes

By Heidi Lowry
Staff Writer

Third-year UCI student John Halog passed away last weekend due to what UC Irvine Medical Center officials are calling "mysterious causes."

According to Dr. Thomas Parham, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Counseling and Health Services, Halog died last Saturday morning at approximately two o'clock in the morning after a brief hospitalization at UCIMC.

Apparently, Halog had been feeling ill with flu-like symptoms prior to his death, but with nothing that appeared to be life-threatening.

The case has been referred to the Orange County Coroner's office but no report has yet been issued, Parham said.

"He felt sick last Wednesday, then Saturday I got a call that said he passed away," said Ryan Lapid, a third-year international studies major and Halog's friend.



COURTESY OF LEN VILLANUEVA
John Halog enjoyed a full life, both academically and socially.

According to Lapid, on Tuesday, Halog seemed to be feeling just fine. On Wednesday, during a telephone conversation the two had,

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Company recruits UCI students

■ EMPLOYMENT: Influx of students looking to improve SAT scores causes immediate shortage in tutors.

By Shana Siegel

The Princeton Review is looking to hire 100 UCI students by next week, to tutor high school students in preparation for the SAT exam.

These students are already college bound, but do not have the funds necessary to pay for traditional preparation classes. State Senator Tom Hayden crafted and passed SB 1697, which went into effect in January 1999.

Under this law, the state can fund test preparation classes for underprivileged high school students.

"The program opens up options for students," said Joe Betance, personnel director Princeton Review.

The Princeton Review is working in conjunction with local high schools by providing the test preparation classes, and they need UCI students to teach those classes.

The local high schools participating in this statewide program are located in the Tustin, San Juan Capistrano, Fullerton and the Long Beach Unified School Districts.

The Princeton Review is also looking to other nearby colleges for possible tutors. However, they feel that UCI is best situated to handle the demand, Betance said.

UCI students interested in working as tutors will receive full training from The Princeton Review offices in Irvine. After completing the training, they will be hired on as SAT test preparation instructors. As

instructors, they will be required to teach one evening a week for approximately three hours.

"It's a great idea for UCI students to get in touch with inner-city kids and become role models," ASUCI President Eileen Bañuelos said.

The Princeton Review prefers to hire college students to teach their classes. College students project a more relaxed image, similar to an older brother or sister familiar with the SATs who is simply passing the information along Princeton Review officials said.

Each SAT class begins about a month before the exam. Students take several practice exams throughout the course, the results of which are used to show their progress. The Princeton Review is required to share these results with the State and the participating schools so that the overall effectiveness of the program can be evaluated.

SCIENCE

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organic materials," Feher said.

Feher pointed out that depending on which organic group is put on the silicon, one can drastically change the properties of the plastic.

"For example, some groups appear to be better at improving hardness, while others are particularly good at improving thermal stability," Feher said.

So how can these new "hybrid plastics" have better properties than common plastics?

Feher explained that just like spaghetti, the polymer chains of regular plastics are free to move and can easily slide past each other.

According to Feher, this explains why regular plastics melt at relatively low temperatures and why they can be torn apart or stretched relatively easily.

Adding POSS molecules, which are much larger than the molecules of regular plastics, will inhibit the movement of polymer chains.

"It's as if the spaghetti starts sticking to itself," Feher explained.

As a result, it becomes harder to tear the plastics apart, and the melting temperature increases.

"In fact, chains made from pure POSS are some of the most thermally resistant plastics known," Feher said.

Feher pointed to another advantage of hybrid plastics over regular plastics.

"They are derived from sand, which doesn't burn. So some hybrid plastics are self-extinguishing, won't burn and won't sustain burning."

According to Feher, this makes the new materials especially interesting for aircraft manufacturing, since the Federal Aviation Administration is developing strict fire hazard guidelines for all cabin items.

The range of potential applications, according to Feher, is large, but has been limited until two years ago, when the price of hybrid plastics was \$5,000 per pound.

At that price, "hybrid plastics" were primarily of interest to companies in need of small amounts of plastics for high tech products like medical catheters, coatings for integrated circuits or military applications.

Feher stated that one of the first applications identified for POSS was to increase the melting temperature of the plastic used to make canopies for military aircraft so that they can fly faster for a longer time.

Another high tech application Feher

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PLASTIC

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mentioned is plastics for space.

For example, satellites in low-earth orbit are exposed to very reactive oxygen atoms, "which is terrible for regular plastics," Feher said. "Regular plastics don't last long in space, but hybrid plastics can develop a protective layer of silica and survive for much longer."

Meanwhile, Feher, in collaboration with Hybrid Plastics, an Orange County-based company, has been able to lower the price to less than \$20 per pound by producing the new materials on a larger scale.

"Our ultimate goal is \$1 per pound," Feher said.

This would bring the price closer to that of normal plastics today.

Feher said that now that the price is lower, the new materials are attracting interest for a much wider range of applications including sporting goods, medical devices and optical products.

So how long will we have to wait until we can actually buy products with hybrid plastics?

Feher couldn't say how long it would take for POSS to gain widespread acceptance, "but a lot of companies have shown interest... and Hybrid Plastics (the company) is off to a strong start."

HALOG

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Halog had indicated that he had begun to feel nauseous at alternating times during the day.

The exact nature of his death and what caused it will not be available until the coroner's report comes out, coroner's officials said.

Halog was a third-year computer engineering major. According to Lapid, he would do anything for his friends.

"[He was] friendly, fun; he was like a brother," Lapid said.

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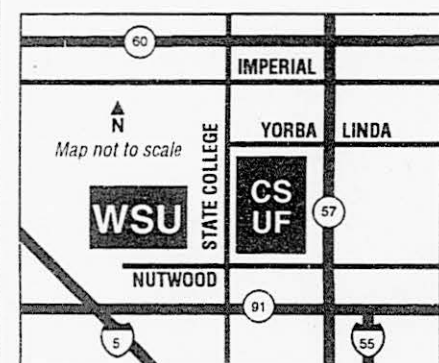
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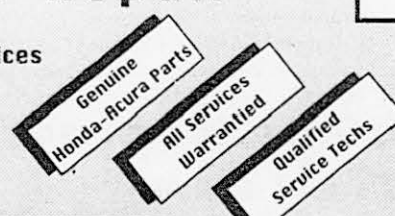
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Question:

ASUCI is making an 'Academic Wish List;' what new classes would you like to see added to the curriculum?



John Chung
sophomore, economics

"More general art classes that non-majors could take. Right now only majors can take many of the art classes."



Leslie Schneider
junior, English literature



Joe Jamir
junior, criminology

"A spirit class. Something that teaches spirit for school because it's dead sometimes."

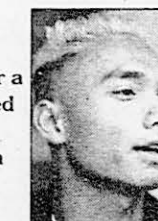


Ken Lee
sophomore, studio arts



Jenya Okun
senior, international studies

"Something more geared to law students. A class where lawyers would come to speak to students."



Phea Par
sophomore, chemistry

"We have petitioned for a course geared towards Cambodian students."

COMPILED BY SARAH LOPEZ and MICHAEL PFEIL/New University

ASUCI Poll

What academic programs would you like to see at UCI in the future?

ASUCI's Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs is currently seeking suggestions for the "Academic Wish List," to be presented to the UCI Administration by Friday, Jan. 28.

Students interested in submitting suggestions concerning future academic courses, programs and majors should contact Academic Affairs Vice President Debbie Hsu via e-mail at dfhsu@uci.edu or the New U. at newu@uci.edu.

The deadline for recommendations is Thursday, Jan. 27 at 12 p.m.

TOWNS & COUNTY

Irvine Unified schools cut budget, science program

■ **TEACHERS:** Failed parcel tax force Irvine elementary schools to lay off specialized faculty members.

By Lillian Ku
Staff Writer

The proposal to cut the Irvine Unified School District's award-winning Elementary School Science Specialist program has brought much concern among members of the Irvine community.

Recently, the IUSD came out with a list of proposed programs to cut due to the failure of the parcel tax last November, which would have supported and maintained the excellence programs in the IUSD.

Of all of the programs listed, the Science Specialist Program was responsible for \$653,000 of the \$4 million the district planned to eliminate from next year's budget, making it one of the district's biggest expenditures.

Plans to cut this program from the elementary school education will result in the layoffs of untenured science specialists, IUSD officials said. In addition, tenured science specialists will be moved back into the regular classrooms while regular teachers will need to teach science again.

This poses a problem for the science specialists as well as regular teachers because they will have to teach subjects they have not taught in years.

"The science specialists are knowledgeable about what they do," said Anson Stewart, Student Body President and sixth grade student at Meadow Park Elementary School.

"Without science specialists, our teachers would be burdened with a whole other subject in the curriculum. I like the teachers but they probably do not have as much experience. Science specialists have

experience and can help connect what we learn in class with real world situations."

Parents are also concerned about the possible elimination of this program from the IUSD. Residents feel that IUSD's emphasis of hands-on science at an early age contributes to the high level of education for which the district has a reputation. An open forum will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Irvine High School, to address many issues such as the science program cutback.

"By eliminating the science teachers, you will diminish the quality of the science program because you've lost the momentum, qualified teachers, and a good program," said Rebecca Lally, Environmental Health and Safety Specialist at UCI, and mother of three IUSD students.

"It's like Humpty Dumpty; you can never put it back together again. I hope IUSD science program does not become just a memory."

Dr. Dorothy Terman, IUSD science coordinator, worked with other teachers to start this distinctive science program 17 years ago.

Under this program, approximately 5,200 fourth through sixth grade students from all 22 of IUSD's elementary schools receive 100 minutes of hands-on science instruction per week. Nineteen credentialed science specialists who have expertise in a particular field of science teach these classes.

"I believe that our science program is unique in that our elementary students have the opportunity to experience science in a hands-on manner," said Adelle Yeaton, principal of Los Naranjos Elementary School. "It reaches beyond a textbook approach."

"Hands on science is the most exciting and beneficial way of teaching science to elementary school age youngsters," said Dr. Terman, IUSD Science Coordinator. "The Elementary Science Specialists are uniquely well-trained and equipped to provide this type of science

instruction."

Lally's nine-year-old daughter, Jennifer, a fourth grade student at Los Naranjos Elementary School, does not want to see the program eliminated.

"I feel like they are trying to take something away from us," she said. "I really like the experiments and what [the science specialists] do because without them, it would be harder for us to understand science."

Former students of Irvine's elementary schools also support the program, having benefited from the specialized instruction.

"Books can't provide the experience hands-on experiments can; it would make learning stale," said Richard Lee, second-year economics major at UCLA and alumnus of Westwood Basics Plus. "The science program was fun. It was a time I looked forward to every week."

Another parcel tax will be on the upcoming April 11 ballot. The science specialist program, along with other programs will be spared if the ballot passes.

The parcel tax, which will help to bring extra revenue to the district's \$4 million deficit, requires a two-thirds vote in order to pass. If it passes this tax will be on the ballot every four years and will require a majority vote.

It entails a \$95 assessment per parcel in Irvine, which will go to IUSD. Only seniors 65 and over can apply for exemption on the basis of hardship.

"For the benefit of the children in the Irvine School District, I certainly hope that additional sources of revenue can be raised so that this program will continue to benefit our students," Dr. Terman said.

"I'd like to encourage all UCI students who care about high quality public school science education to register to vote and to support the April 11 IUSD parcel tax which will raise funds needed to keep the elementary school Science Specialist program."

County in brief

Value, scope of Broadcom grows

The Irvine-based communications chip manufacturer Broadcom Corp. has been in the spotlight lately with quarter earnings reports of \$36.9 million, soaring stock prices, and the purchase of an Internet security company.

Tuesday, the business announced that it bought BlueSteel Networks, Inc. for 975,000 shares of stock on a day that its price hit a record high at \$328.50 on the NASDAQ index. BlueSteel is a manufacturer of encryption chips which scramble data sent over the Internet, providing an extra level of safety against potential hackers.

The purchase, worth more than \$100 million at Tuesday's closing, may be worth even more next month after officials announced their stock will split on Feb. 11. Market analysts said there is no stop in sight for the company's stock, having more than quadrupled over the past year. Broadcom closed at \$312.44 per share Friday, down \$6.44 from the previous day.

County Sanitation District microbiologist.

Officials also claim that the rerouting of approximately one million gallons of urban runoff may not be the answer, despite lessening the amount of debris and sewage being pumped into Talbert Marsh.

According to Grant, the wetlands area is a source of enterococcus bacteria, a major contributing factor to the beach closures. During testing, they discovered that despite having stopped the pumping of urban runoff into the marsh, bacteria levels were still high.

City officials say studies will continue over the next few months, and hope to have an answer by then.

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OC Sheriff Dept. splits protest bill

WESTMINSTER — City officials announced Tuesday they will only have to pay half of the \$327,000 the Orange County Sheriff's Department billed them for overtime wages from the Little Saigon protests last year.

After deputies helped control crowds protesting a video store owner's decision to raise a Vietnamese flag and a picture of Communist leader Ho Chi Minh, Sheriff Mike Carona billed the city for the assistance, claiming that the charges were following the protocol of "planned events."

City officials claimed the assistance fell under mutual aid protocols, and claimed that such an invoice could make other cities reconsider asking for assistance in the future.

Because of the dispute, Assistant Sheriff George Jaramillo said he will seek a more specific definition of mutual aid protocols.

"The incident was valuable because it caused people to debate the matter," Jaramillo said.

Compiled by STAN KABALA
Staff Writer

Coastline bacteria cause still unknown

HUNTINGTON BEACH — Two million dollars and more than six months later, UCI researchers and Huntington Beach officials say they are no closer to determining the cause of dangerously high bacteria levels along the city's coastline.

Although engineering professor Stanley Grant and his colleague Brett Sanders have monitored both urban runoff from flood control channels and animal waste in the Talbert Marsh wetlands, they contest that they are only a minor contribution to the beach bacteria levels.

"This study confirms that there is no one smoking gun — there are a lot of pieces to this puzzle," said Charles McGee, Orange

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Out and about at UCI: profile of a gay Anteater

By Frank Morales
Staff Writer

Growing up with a feeling that somehow you are different from the rest of your classmates can be pretty scary if you do not understand what these feelings mean. Even scarier is the stage when suddenly, the emotions that are a source of concern turn into emotions you want to explore. And ultimately, realizing that the line, "I think I'm gay" can change everything to everyone, is the scariest thing of all.

One of the first steps in coming out of the closet is realizing that you have these unusual, queer feelings for the same sex. The second step is understanding these feelings and accepting them as a part of who you are. Sometimes the acceptance part can be very difficult to experience, especially when societal pressures to follow hetero-normative rules can seem overwhelming.

For some people, coming out of the closet turns out to be an easy process. For others, disclosing one's sexuality can change their friends' and loved ones' entire outlook. In some situations, it can result in a friend or relative feeling like the person they thought they knew is not that person at all. But in reality, by telling someone that you are gay allows the other person to understand who you really are even more.

Being gay and being trapped in a planned community like Irvine is not usually an easy way to live. And it is even more challenging being gay at UCI and trying to fit in with the college crowd.

In a one-on-one interview with an out gay student, the *New University* uncovers what the gay experience is like at UCI. Alex Tagle, second-year English major and studio arts minor, has been out for three years now and shares his experiences of how culturally diverse and accepting the campus community really is.

New U.: Before elaborating on your experiences here at UCI, when did you first realize that you were gay?

Tagle: I realized at an early age that I had feelings for the same sex at 12 years-old, but I didn't really comprehend what these feelings meant until I was 17 years-old.

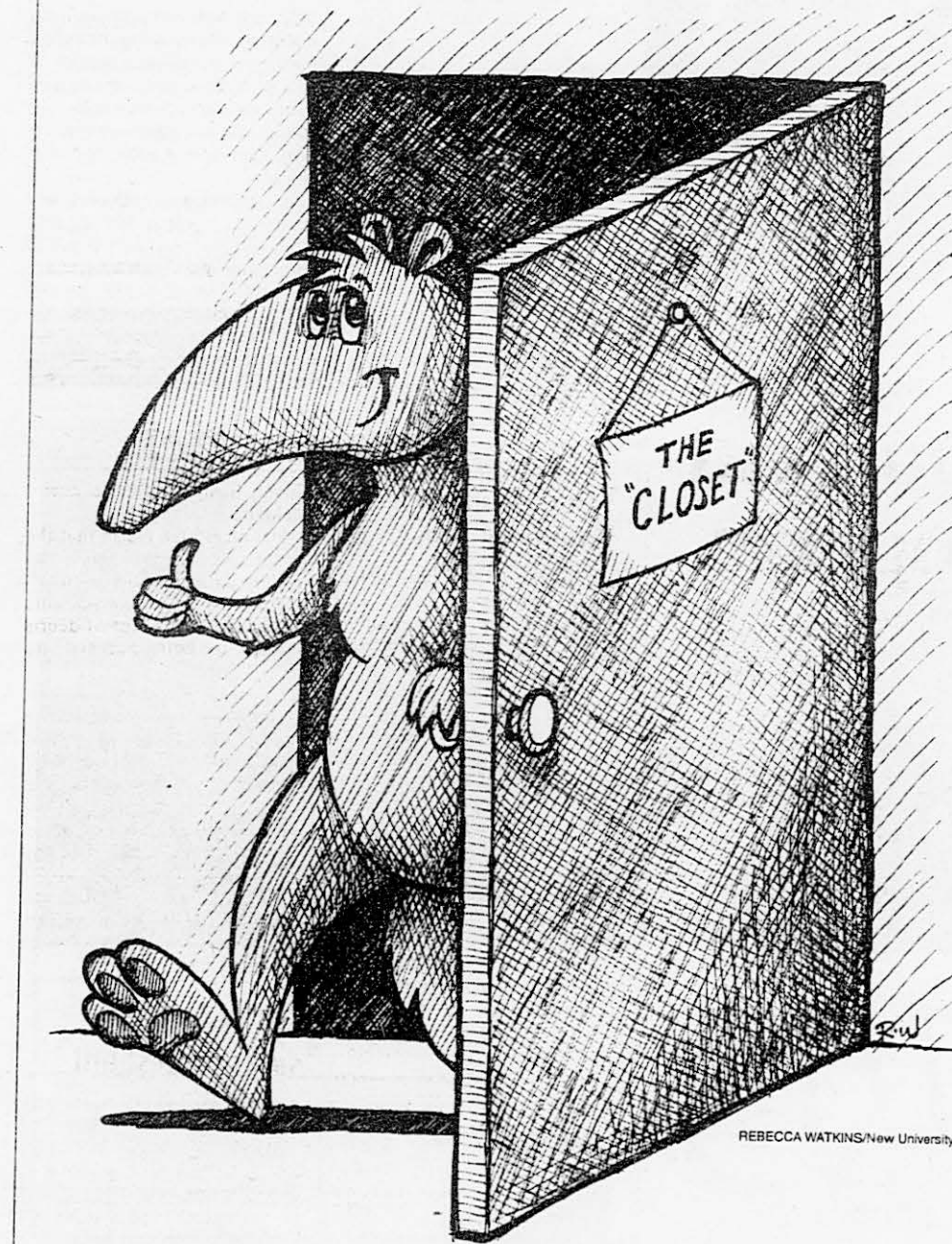
By the end of my sophomore year in high school, I met my first boyfriend. There are a lot of details of how we met and what the relationship was like, but I won't get into it. The whole experience was pretty traumatic itself. But we were together for about four months, but broke up because it all seemed kind of weird to me and it somehow didn't feel right. As a result I shunned him and all of the people who knew about it.

New U.: When and why did you decide to come out of the closet?

Tagle: I first came out to my best friend in my senior year of high school. Then after that, I came out to my cousin and immediately after, my sister...but I didn't want to tell anybody else because I was making friends and didn't want to lose any of them.

Coming out to me seemed, in [retrospect], to make things much easier. For instance, it made something as simple as blatantly checking out a guy so much easier. When you're in the closet, you can't just walk down the street and check someone out, especially if you're with your cousin or something.

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REBECCA WATKINS/New University

Para los hombres blancos que no pueden bailar

It's Saturday night and I have given up on conversation. The music is too loud and I recognize only a handful of the people around me.

One of my best friends is dancing to rock en Español. He is trying very hard to impress three South American girls who are showing him how to say "cumbia" with the right accent.

I am struck by how silly life can be. I have not given up on laughter.

"Cumbia, cumbia," the girls are repeating in unison. "Say it! Say it!"

He is making an effort. English is his first and only language. The girls are giggling. I think they are older than him. One of them suffers from visible panty lines.

The girls cheer when my friend finally says "cumbia" with the correct pronunciation.

I am laughing out loud and thinking about having another drink.

We are at a house somewhere in Seal Beach. I just got off work. The floor in the living room is beer-slicked tile and there are 14 red plastic cups and a *Sports Illustrated* on the coffee table to my right.

I make sure I know exactly which of the 14 cups is mine. It's the only empty one on the table, the one with the lipstick smear at the top.

I am sitting on the couch, leaning forward with my legs crossed. My arms still smell faintly of the restaurant where I waited tables earlier in the evening and I am reminded that

In This Chamber



MICHAELA
BALTASAR

sometimes money makes you say stupid things like "no problem," "of course" and "right away."

A preppy guy in a green sweater and cargo pants walks up and announces that he is an old friend from school, but I have never seen him before in my life. He points out that I am by myself on the couch.

I am reminded that alcohol makes you say stupid things. I am reminded that I am alone and this guy is slimy, despite the Structure outfit.

I leave the couch because I am tired of the emptiness. I grab my red plastic cup.

Tonight I am tired of conversations with people who aren't really listening. I am tired of the way

words seem to put problems into neat packages, designating them with pretty bows and big names, but never solving the problems for you. I am tired of trying to describe things that are too big or have no explanation.

In life, some things just are. You don't have to announce them to know them, repeat them to feel them.

My friend points at me from across the room. He is dancing with the three girls and looks fairly pleased with himself.

I am laughing and my cup wants to be full.

E-mail Michaela at mbaltasa@uci.edu. She is nice.

Trying to convince Brit chicks that US guys are sexy

I have been secretly taking notes on all my suite mates, classmates and friends for the past three months in anticipation of this column.

Where to begin? I was sitting up in the office of a high ranking Student Union official this afternoon. She and I were talking about her sister's stay in the United States.

"When American guys approached my sister in pubs," she said, "they just wanted to chat her up and get into her knickers."

I am trying to convince her that I am not a typical American guy.

"Why can't Americans walk up to a girl, talk to her and learn about what a wonderful person she is instead of trying to pull her?" she asked.

Unfortunately for the integrity of Americans everywhere, I really want to get into her pants.

For those of you who have looked around wondering why I'm not sitting next to you in class, here's a hint: I'm in the United Kingdom; the University of Bristol, to be exact.

What's it like? It's cold, windy and wet. For the past three months, I haven't seen the sun. My parents now refer to Britain as "the coldest place on Earth." For the holidays I got an electric blanket, two wool sweaters and a set of flannel pajamas. I have developed a

trick knee that aches before it's about to rain.

I have learned how to wear a scarf and don a wool hat. No umbrella has yet to survive my 3-mile daily walk to school without being torn to pieces by the 70 km/h winds.

While the weather here is more severe than in California, the inhabitants of this island are even more peculiar.

They don't get drunk; no, they get pissed. They don't stand in line; instead, they queue up. They don't make out; nope, they pull.

While the explanations regarding each of these idiom oddities is laughable, I find "getting pissed" to be the most revolting of all. Allow me to share.

"Getting pissed" is the point when you drink so much liquor that you can't help wetting yourself," explained the fellow living next to me in my suite.

When asked if he had ever reached such a state, he commented that he did so every Friday night. Ah, that explains the puddles outside my door on Saturday mornings.

As Americans, we imagine only small differences in UK dialect from the cross section of European life we see on television. You'd expect

that English is English wherever you go, right? After all, I came to England in part due to my lack of proficiency in foreign language.

Unfortunately, our perceptions

me. My mother initially wanted me to go abroad to become fluent in a foreign tongue. From my viewpoint, she got her wish.

Some parts of speech I hear, but cannot comprehend and other parts I misunderstand because they are thickly Anglicised. Sentences must be repeated to me at least twice for my perception.

Most humbling of all is that this is still England; here accent is not so severely pronounced as in other Commonwealth states.

God help me the day I step north across the border into Scotland.

British-speak, however, once mastered, has the incredible property of following a far superior logic in its slang and phrasing than American English.

For example, consider blue tack, a British invention that dispenses with the use of thumb pins. It's like blue silly putty that substitutes for tape in hanging posters and decorations.

When I asked why it had such a peculiar name, I was told sternly: "We made it, it's blue, it sticks to the wall." It's so simple and so obvious. Why didn't I see it before?

Anyway, enough about the UK. and stark reality do not overlap when real British English gets involved. Accent mixed with Britishisms makes my peers' language completely unfathomable to

You are all probably wondering by now whether I'm going to score with that Student Union officer or not.

Despite the extreme sexiness of a woman wielding a British accent, despite the allure of courting a figure in an influential student leadership position, another lady has already taken my heart.

Her name is Mirissa. We met in London.

And this story, my friends, is a tale that must await another installment.

Taking a tea break? E-mail Matt Traum for the latest UK weather report: mtraum@uci.edu.

Editor's Note: This is the second edition of "On the Other Side of the World," a new bi-weekly column for the Features section. The column will be alternately written by two New U. staff members who are currently studying abroad in the United Kingdom.

Matt Traum is a fourth year engineering major. He served last year as the Opinion editor and a staff writer of the New University.

Oh, and I'm not exactly sure why Matt looks so petrified in this picture. Maybe he just found out that the word "fanny" means something much different in Britain. You can ask him about that if you'd like.



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I came out to be able to express myself, to be who I really am.

New U: How did you come out? What were some of the reactions you got after you told people your sexual orientation?

Tagle: To me, coming out of the closet means accepting the fact that I am gay and letting other people who are close to me know and not having it matter. Although I discovered and explored my sexuality in high school, I really came out of the closet when I first came here to UCI.

After commuting for the first two quarters, I finally moved out of my house into an apartment close to campus. This gave me the chance to explore places on campus. The first thing that I wanted to do was explore more about my sexuality, so I went on the Internet and located the chair of IQ [Irvine Queers]. I e-mailed her telling her that I was interested in going to one of the meetings and she assured me that the atmosphere is comfortable and discreet.

I was too scared to walk into the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center by myself, so I asked a friend to go with me. My friend ended up ditching me and I wound up circling the Center for a while before I finally got the courage to go in.

It was very awkward and scary at first, but after a few minutes I did become more comfortable.

New U: Did you find it a challenge to come out at UCI? Why or why not?

Tagle: No, not after my mom found out. Basically, after my mom found out, I came out to most of the people I knew.

New U: How did your mom find out and how did she approach you about it?

Tagle: At first it was. And at other times it can be. But then sometimes it's easy because you feel like you could just be however you are.

What makes it difficult is that my personality is one that I can't deal with people who can't deal. I'm just afraid of them and shun them away.

I am afraid of being beat up.

It's even scary going in and out of the Resource Center. When you come out some people give you

Tagle: Supposedly one of her co-worker's children saw me walk into the Center. But I think it was someone else who told her.

When she approached me she was kind of beating around the bush, but then I figured out that she knew something. So I asked her straight-out to ask me what she wanted to. She said that she heard something about my sexual orientation. I asked her what about it and she said, "Well, are you..." And I told her yes that it was true. Then she got into all of this religious stuff and told me how our religion frowns upon me being gay.

The conversation went on for a bit and then she told me, "But you're my son and I love you and when the time comes, I will pray for you and maybe God will bend the rules."

Then she asked me if I was sure it's not a phase and I assured her that it wasn't.

New U: What were some of the reactions that you got when you first came out to people?

Tagle: Some of my friends took it pretty well; they didn't really trip or anything and went along as usual. And others didn't believe me and said, "No you're not!"

Some of my friends said that they already knew. Luckily enough for me, I haven't had many bad reactions.

New U: Is it difficult to be gay at UCI?

Tagle: At first it was. And at other times it can be.

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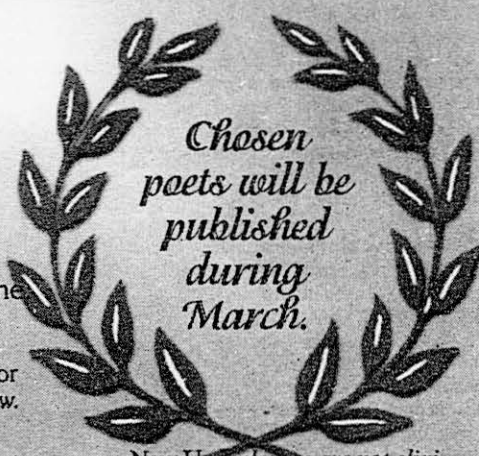
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Submit all entries to: smohajer@uci.edu, with "Poetry contest" in the subject heading.



New U. employees are not eligible for submission, but are welcome to attend the open mic.

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weird looks and it hurts. It hurts because they don't even know me and yet they judge me.

Also, at times it's hard sometimes because people are closed-minded. But I think people are getting better and are becoming more understanding.

New U.: How can a gay person make their life easier at UCI?

Tagle: First of all, and I know it is the hardest thing to do, but come out. Coming out of the closet is important because after you do it, a lot of things change for you and things begin to get a lot easier.

I talked to some people who are still in the closet and they are just so afraid of what other people will think of them. But if you live like that, you won't get much accomplished that way.

New U.: Do you think UCI is a comfortable environment for gay students?

Tagle: In some ways. It totally depends on who you hang out with, though. There are some individuals who are just closed-minded.

Also, since there are a lot of religious clubs on campus, it makes it intimidating for students to come out.

New U.: In your opinion, what is the most common misconception about gays?

Tagle: We are not checking every guy out. And I think that is why other guys are so scared of gays because they think that because I am gay that I immediately want to go after them. And most of the time it is not like that for a lot of us.

New U.: Have you ever lied to protect yourself in certain situations?

Tagle: Plenty of times. And afterward, I feel really sad.

For instance, I'm not out to my roommates and I don't think they would understand. And I don't want them to feel uncomfortable around me or vice versa because I have to live with them for the rest of the quarter.

I feel really bad because I feel like I'm lying about the most fundamental thing in my life. For heterosexuals it is so easy because they don't have to "come out."

New U.: What are some positive

aspects and negative aspects of coming out at UCI?

Tagle: I think there are more positive things than negative.

The scary parts of coming out to UCI is mostly the fear that you can lose opportunities to make new friends. Sometimes sexuality can be a barrier for some people.

I have also heard of threats being shared amongst people living in the dorms. Like mean things have been written on someone's dry erase board, accusing them of being gay.

The positive things about UCI are more important though. For instance, you gain a new sense of freedom in that you feel like you can act however you want. When you come out, you don't have to worry about what people think as much because you become confident with your own sexuality.

Also, coming out can open up several other opportunities and a lot of connections can be made. There are also a lot of resources people can go to get help or something.

I think it's real important to come out when you feel it is the right time. UCI is becoming more open to things and as more and more people start coming out of the closet, the more accepting the campus will become.

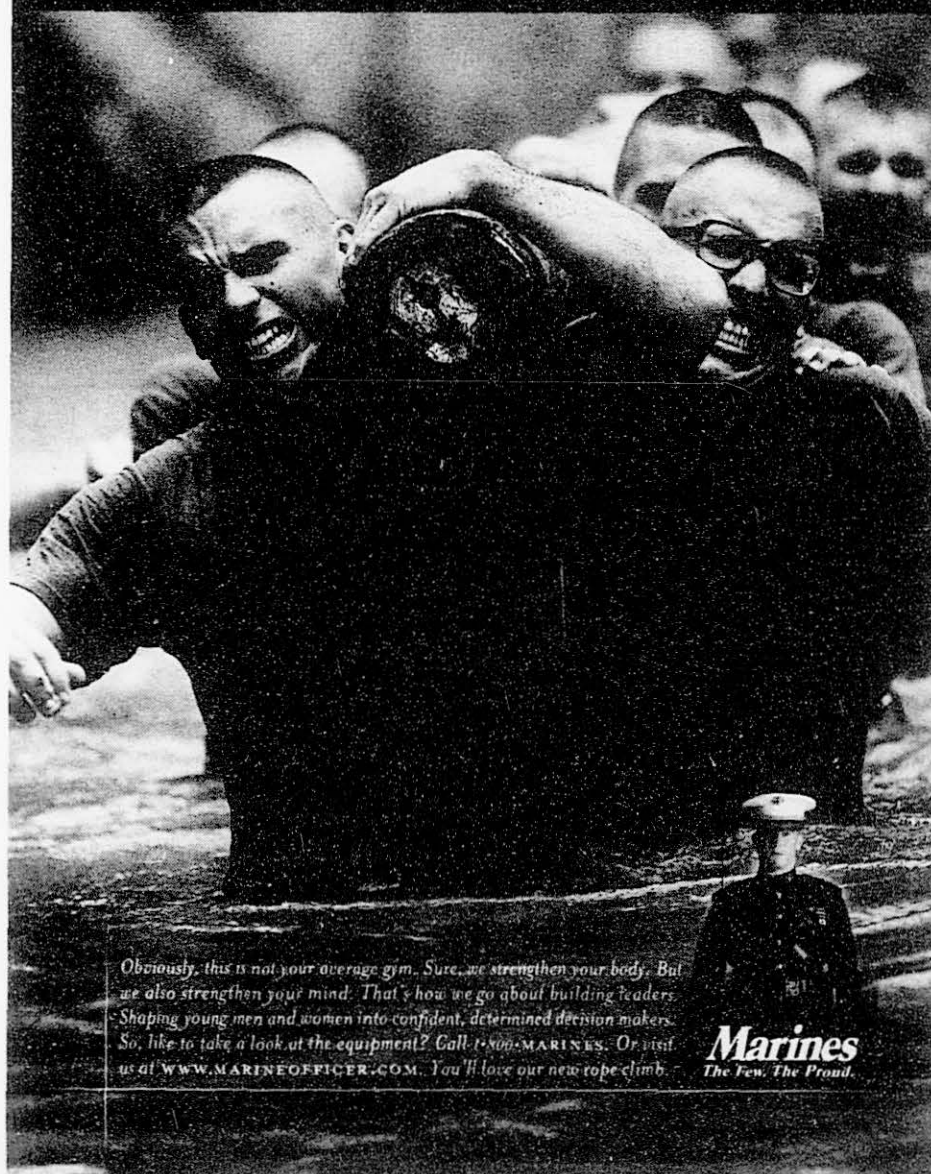
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Clear as mud: UCI on the practice of auditing



As students of the University of California, Irvine, we are entitled to certain rights.

One such right we are entitled to is to participate in lecture and class discussions fully, and receive appropriate feedback and guidance from our professors or teaching assistants.

Everyone knows about people auditing classes at UCI. If a person audits a class, that means they are present during class but that they will not receive a grade for the course, theoretically meaning they are not responsible for assignments or tests.

With the number of illustrious lecturers that either visit or are members of our prestigious faculty, it is only natural that armchair scholars of the local community will want to visit UCI's classrooms.

It has been brought to our attention that some of these auditors have been oversteering discussion and commandeering instructor's time from students who are enrolled in the class.

If something hinders our ability, as students, to participate in classes and receive feedback, it is also our right to take proper action in order to correct the matter and ensure that we receive the attention we, as students, deserve.

The *New University* took action by searching for policies on the auditing of classes. We began our search by calling the registrar's office, in which a receptionist informed us that university policy does not support the auditing of classes. We were puzzled, because we knew persons who claimed that they were auditing classes and instructors who openly spoke about it.

The *New University* was then referred to Barbara Doshier, a member of the academic senate. Doshier, who was also very accommodating of our questions, referred us to University Policies and Procedures on UCI's web site.

Upon conduction of a thorough search of the University Policies and Procedures web site, the *New University* found no specific policy that addressed auditing of classes. Thus, we contacted Catherine Reynolds, administrative policies coordinator, whose name was listed at the bottom of the web sites as the person to contact if any questions should arise.

Reynolds, who was also cooperative, informed us that the university has no official policy on auditing a

class. She did refer us to the Manual of the Irvine Division, Academic Senate, Part II, Chapter 1, Section 1 which states: "No student may enter upon any organized instructional activity until the student has registered and enrollment has been approved by the appropriate study list authority."

Not satisfied, the *New University* also spoke to the Registrar, Charlene Bradley, who also referred us to the same part of the Academic Senate at Reynolds. Bradley said the statement made in the Academic Senate does not specifically say whether or not auditing is allowed and that instructors allow auditing at discretion. "It is to my understanding that auditing is not allowed, but is also not policed," Reynolds said.

These discrepancies between university policy, university personnel, university faculty and university action spawned a whole new set of questions and issues concerning auditing.

One question in particular: are the persons who claim to be auditing paying for their classes and registered as students here at UCI? Because if they are not paying for classes or registered, then they are not students and cannot take classes. This assertion is made in direct reference to the section in University Policies and Procedures that both Reynolds and Bradley cited. Therefore, these persons should not be entitled to the same rights as paying students who are taking classes for grades, units and completion of a degree.

More pointedly, these persons auditing classes (whether or not they have paid fees or have gotten the authorization of the instructor) should realize that it is a privilege for them to be present in the classroom among students who have undoubtedly paid and are working for grades, units and degrees and should graciously accommodate the needs of these students first.

It is also up to instructors who allow auditing to regulate discussion and control the dynamics of the class so that everyone, student or auditor, can participate fairly.

On an even higher level, it is up to the administration to bring the policy of auditing a class to discussion. We here at the *New University* challenge administrators to create a universal policy on the auditing of classes that establishes first of all, whether or not it is allowed, if persons who audit are required to pay course fees and guidelines for both the person who wishes to audit and instructors.

More Than Toilet Paper

The gay delinquency stamp act of '00

By Chris Pallone
Opinion Columnist

The eyes are open, the mouth moves, but Mr. Brain has long since gone.

-Edmund Blackadder

The GOP has a lot to be ashamed of.

Just look at Dan Quayle.

But there is nothing more embarrassing for the Republicans than some of the laws that have been proposed.

These laws are so ridiculous that they would be laughable if they weren't so serious.

PROPOSITION 21: THE JUVENILE CRIME INITIATIVE

In a history of bad ideas, this is one of the worst.

This March, California voters will choose whether or not to send even younger juvenile offenders to adult court. Furthermore, Prop. 21 could give prosecutors a greater amount of power in persecuting kids who have gone astray.

Believe me, prosecutors do not need more power.

Anyway, I learned in my juvenile delinquency class (yes, I actually learned something), that most youthful offenders age out of their crime right around the ages of 16-18.

But this law would send kids at these ages to adult court. Differential association theory states that crime is learned by associating with other criminals. What better way to learn the techniques of law breaking than from the professionals.

Unfortunately, this law will probably pass because of the hard line law and order orientation of most Americans. But they are missing an important fact: by sending kids to adult prison, they are creating more hardened criminals.

inals. Oh yeah, and juvenile crime is down slightly according to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

PROPOSITION 22: THE KNIGHT INITIATIVE

An extremely naive person would think that in the early 2000s, hate and intolerance are

ing it out) will legalize discrimination if the discriminator claims that their religion lets them.

This is very alarming because this protection does not end at church membership, for example. The bill will protect businesses and employers too.

Now, I'm not too worried about this one; I just wanted to let everyone know about it.

If this were passed, it is in direct violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The only problem is the ultra-conservative bent the Supreme Court has been taking recently.

(Did you know that most of the civil rights advances since the early 1960s have been undermined or diluted by the Rehnquist Court?)

SCREWED UP E-MAIL BILL (I don't know what name they're giving this.)

I have heard some pretty absurd things in my life, but nothing this bad.

The Republicans want to tax five cents for each e-mail message that gets sent.

It works like this: you send an e-mail, your Internet Service Provider keeps a record of that sent e-mail. At the end of the month, the ISP charges you for those e-mails you sent, and then they send a check to the government. And then they line their pockets with it.

That's going to go over like a lead balloon.

I am only including this one because this is pretty funny. There might be a major coup d'état if this got passed.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION ACT

Well, the geniuses in Congress have done it again.

The RLPA (as I am calling it because I don't want to keep typ-



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Commentary

Of poetry, priority and frustration

By Azita Moradmand

Did you get a B grade or better in Writing 39B or Writing 37? Are you aware that you can take a creative writing class such as poetry (Writing 30) or fiction (Writing 31) instead of Writing 39C as your second quarter for the lower division writing requirement? If yes, then you must be aware that these classes are virtually impossible to get into... unless you have priority enrollment.

Priority enrollment is usually given to minority students, athletes and campus-wide honors students. Therefore, the people who get a B or better in the first quarter of lower division writing and worked so hard for that grade have to have priority enrollment or else they have to

take 39C with the others who did not work as hard. It is very unfair that there are so few sections of these creative writing classes. You either have to be a senior to add the class via add-card, or you have to write a long research paper in 39C when it's really not necessary.

I have been trying to get into a poetry class for about a year. Yes, that's right, a year. I finished Writing 39B with greater than a B. I almost had to take Writing 39C because I'm a sophomore and I have to finish my lower division writing by the end of this year. However, I got lucky and was able to enroll in a class for the winter quarter.

But what about the other students who are not so lucky... or because of people with priority enrollment? We pay tuition to go

to this school and it is only fair that we are able to take whatever classes we desire. We call this place a university partly because we have the freedom to take classes that we are interested in. But all of the classes that we want are the ones we cannot get into.

Two solutions would be to either eliminate priority enrollment or open more class sections. Eliminating priority enrollment is not a good choice because people who have a lot of things going on besides classes have to be able to work their schedules around their activities. However, opening more sections for WR 30 and 31 would let the people with or without priority enrollment have a chance at being creative, which is why we are all here in the first place.

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Feeling the Need for SPEED...



America's newest Gameworks opened at the Irvine Spectrum with a unique twist — the first Gameworks Speedway.

By David McClusky

Racing, gaming and rocking marked the grand opening of Gameworks, the newest entertainment destination in Irvine — as if we students don't have enough distractions as it is.

Gameworks is the latest addition to the Irvine Spectrum Center, a collection of restaurants, trendy clothing stores and bars, which for years has been a popular evening destination for those seeking a good time in Orange County. Inspired by Steven Spielberg, in partnership with Sega Enterprises and Universal Studios, the Irvine location is the twelfth Gameworks to have debuted since the company's founding in 1996.

More than just an arcade, Gameworks is a state-of-the-art entertainment venue with a full bar and restaurant. Their catchy tagline reveals all — "Games.



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New to Gameworks is the first-ever Gameworks Speedway, an indoor, go-cart racetrack where friends have a chance to put their high-speed driving skills to the test. Although smaller than outdoor tracks, it provides a break from the less immersive video games and serves as a challenging competition in which all your friends can partake.

"We are thrilled to bring the first Gameworks Speedway, a great restaurant and bar and over 100

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Using Four Letter Words and going Berzerk!



By Heela Naqshband

If there is anything out there that's really hard to do, it's making it in the music world. I know it sounds easy, but there is so much involved that it sometimes makes you wonder why you started in the first place.

I have gotten a taste of the rock-'n'-roll lifestyle over the past year. My boyfriend started his own record label (Geykido Comet Records, to be exact, and give us some free publicity while I'm at it) and I help him run it. So far, it's been fun, yet at times, frustrating (and expensive!).

As you may (or may not) have noticed, I have been reviewing quite a bit of stuff off of Recess Records lately. Why? The answer's pretty simple — they send me lotsa stuff! (thnx to promo guy, Tito!). But aside from that, I have an ulterior motive.

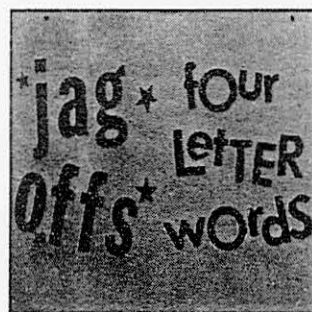
Recess Records will be celebrating its tenth anniversary this month. When I think about them and our own fledgling label, it gives me hope that someday, with a lot of hard work and determination, we can "make it" too. No, I'm not talking about being as big as Epitaph or Lookout or anything like that. Just big enough to be able to produce music we like (and get paid for it). That's all I hope for, nothing too elaborate.

So when I see releases by Recess at almost every record store I go to or see kids wearing shirts or pins or patches from Recess bands, it makes me happy. If they can start out from practically nothing and work their way up, so can we! Call it idealism, call it persistence, but I can't help it.

Music is such a huge part of my life and now, so is this label.

Remember, everyone started out somewhere, so support the DIY (i.e., Do-It-Yourself) scene as much as you can. If you won't, who will?

JAG-OFFS/FOUR LETTER WORDS
Split CD
Recess Records



SLACK! That is the first word I can think of to describe these two OC punk bands. What I mean is that they are the biggest bunch of slackers (and slack advocates) I have ever heard. But maybe that's what makes them so good.

I have been waiting for this album to be released since last April! What happened? Slack! That's what happened. I admit, I sometimes fall prey to this too, but these guys are the worst! But maybe that's why I like this album so much.

Before I can even start telling you about this album, I must give you a brief background on the Words. They have been sent here by the infamous Bob Dobbs, head of the Church of the Subgenius to spread the message of slack against the evil forces of the "Pinks" — you know, people who work and take life seriously (check them at out www.subgenius.com if you don't believe me).

These beliefs are very evident in the music of these six young men (complete with an entourage at every show). As long as you know this much, you will realize that their lyrics aren't just nonsense, but actual testimonials from these devoted subgeni.

Or you can realize that these are a buncha silly guys having fun and putting on quite a show.

The Words tell tales of lust in "Swap Meet Ass," "Whore Penis (is Delicious)" and "Dead Broad." They sing songs of devotion in "Bob Dobbs." And they let out all frustrations in "Kill My Boss." I really don't think you want me to write the lyrics out. They are pretty self-explanatory upon listening to the album. Plus, they are kinda third grade. Dammit, I love this stuff!

But my favorite song off this album is "Steel Cage Match," which is a true story about their rivalry with the English band, Four Letter Word.

As for the Jag-Offs, they know a thing or two about slack as well. Only they like to call it "Porchcore."

These cats know how to rock-'n'-roll. Their music's sloppy and screamy and makes ya wanna run around and be a kid again. To them, being in a band isn't about rules or adhering to someone else's guidelines — it's about having the most fun out there.

Just imagine four snotty, smart-assed punk kids and you've got the Jag-Offs. Even though they aren't kids anymore, they sure know that being grown-up sucks.

Lyrics-wise, there's nothing too complex, just simple, real-life, cutesy-wutesy stuff.

"Dookie Love" is a perfect example: boy sings about girl, girl does back-ups vocals. So pretty. Then there's "Gimme Fuck," boys are dumb, but you want them anyway. And to complement that is

"Girlstink:" girls are dumb, but you want them anyway. Makes perfect sense, huh?

While there are male vocals on some songs and female vocals on others, I am a sucker for the girl songs, mainly because I really like how they do the double-vocal thing, à la the Fondles.

This is where the female vocals are either recorded twice or two microphones are used, or so I think. I could be wrong, but whatever they did, it sounds good!

So, if you are sick of being a grown-up and wanna have fun and be silly, this is the album you need to get. And these are the bands you need to see. Otherwise, stick with emo, ya bastards.

BERZERK
They're a Time
Recess Records



"Omigosh — I have just seen the greatest band ever!" This was the response I kept getting from everyone about the Portland band, Berzerk.

I had been out of town when my friends first saw them play and then missed them again months later. It seemed like everyone was getting the "Berzerk bug" except for me.

I started to wonder what all the fuss was about. What powers do these gals and guys possess? Dammit, what was it about this band that had everyone going, well, berzerk?

But alas, I have finally seen the light. After checking out the band at the kick-off show for a Recess Records' summer tour, I figured out what it was that had everyone's panties in an uproar: these Oregonians are more explosive than a pack of Pop-Rocks!

I had been waiting for this album since Halloween (when it was originally supposed to be released), but it was well worth the wait.

Even though I'm not into metal in the least bit (it sux! I don't know why everyone else doesn't realize this!), this album has combined metal, punk, thrash and female vocals. Quite a feat, if I do say so myself. And best of all, the lyrics are printed out!

Most of Berzerk's songs deal with bitter relationships and friendships gone sour, as evident in "Vision Left Behind" and "Nothing Means Nothing."

However, the band also sings of animal cruelty in "Behind Closed Doors," of how much homework sucks in "Teacher," and of yucky, old men in "Pervert."

They even managed to integrate samples from Ferris Bueller's Day Off and Friday into a couple songs.

And once again, I must go off on how much I love female vocals, especially in this case, where they are both harmonic and screamy.

Energetic? Yup! Loud and fast? Uh-huh! Well-produced but still keeping it real? Yeah! Are you gonna go out and get this album? You better believe it!

So whatcha think? Wanna send me free CDs to review? E-mail me at heelaclub@hotmail.com.

UM JAMMER LAMMY
Playstation

Think of this game as the sequel to *Parappa the Rapper*. This should explain it all. It's yet another "Simon-says" type game for the Playstation.

You are playing the 2D personality of Lummy, a young, female guitar rock star wannabe trying to get to her band a gig while trying to build her courage and self-esteem through playing the guitar. 2D? Yup, the characters are two-dimensional paper-thin figures in a three-dimensional world. It's weird!

The layout for the game is ultra-cute! The movie at the beginning of each level is cuter than any Power Puff Girls episode and is fun to watch. Also, in order to select options and modes of the game you have to select the candy bar that corresponds to your choice (weird, but very cute).

Um Jammer Lummy also has a lot of great extra options that *Parappa* didn't. For example, the competitive modes are frigin' RAD!

This is the mode I think will keep me playing this game for a long while (which did not happen with the *Parappa* game; I just got bored of that one).

In addition to the two-player modes, Um Jammer Lummy also has *Parappa* remixes. If you beat the game with Lummy on normal you can go into the stage select menu and there will be a candy bar you can choose to

play as Parappa!

The level and character design in this game is very original. I know that it's similar to the *Parappa* game, but the characters and their environments are completely new. The game is played the same, but it still feels like a completely different game, not just a rehash of *Parappa*.

All I can say, without spoiling the surprises, is get ready for a wacky cartoon acid trip. This game rates 100 on the weirdness scale, as well as the cuteness scale.

The other difference this game has from *Parappa*, is that the songs aren't just influenced by hip-hop, but by Rock-a-billy, Rock 'n' Roll, speed metal, punk and God knows what else! Like in Captain Fussenpepper's stage, one of the coolest levels, the music takes on a punk/alterna-punk type sound (What? Yeah, that's what I thought).

It was a good decision to make the game this way, because now all sorts of music lovers can pick this title up, as opposed to secluding itself to hip-hop devotees.

So if you even remotely liked *Parappa the Rapper*, then this is the game for you. Watch out, though, it's kinda hard, because if you lack rhythm you won't get far. Otherwise, invest in this game, if just to watch the cute characters rock out!

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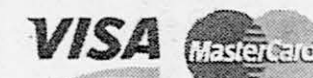
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- Shelby Lynne, "I am Shelby Lynne" (UNI/Mercury Classics)
- The Lox, "We are the Streets" (Ruff Riders/Interscope)
- Ghostface Killah, "Supreme Clientele" (Epic)
- Guy, "III" (MCA)
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- "Isn't She Great" stars Freddie Prinze, Jr. and Julia Stiles as a couple dealing with a turbulent relationship. Rated R.
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- My Life So Far (1999), Colin Firth, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. Drama. Rated PG-13. (Available for rent on VHS and for sale on DVD.)
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(coming out January 25)
- Cinema Paradiso (Italy, 1989), Philippe Noiret, Jacques Perrin. Comedy. Rated PG.
- George Michael: Ladies and Gentlemen - Best of George Michael (1999), Music. Not Rated.
- Jumanji: Collector's Series (1995), Robin Williams. Comedy. Rated PG.
- Natural Born Killers: Directors Cut (1994), Woody Harrelson, Juliette Lewis. Action. Rated R.

GAMES

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state-of-the-art games to the Orange County community," said Ron Benson, president of GameWorks.

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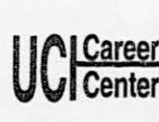
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Q in Brief

Wednesday, January 26

Concert

Stroke 9 ("Little Black Backpack") plays with Blinker the Star tonight at 8 p.m. at the Galaxy Theatre in Santa Ana. \$13.50. Call (714) 957-0600.

Thursday, January 27

Lecture

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mark Strand will lecture on "Poetry in the World" tonight at 7 p.m. in HIB 100. Free. Call x1342 for more information.

Theatre

UCI Drama presents the opening night of Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* tonight at 8 p.m. at the Winifred Smith Hall. Performances continue through Feb. 5. Tickets are \$6 for students. Call x2787 for additional show times and ticket prices.

Friday, January 28

Film

The UCI Film Society will

screen *The Elf* (Japan, 1998) tonight at 7 and 9 p.m. in Crystal Cove Auditorium in the Student Center. Tickets are \$2.50 for UCI students. Call x5588 for more information.

Theatre

The South Coast Repertory Theatre in Costa Mesa presents Jose Rivera's *References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot*, opening tonight at 7:45 p.m. on the Second Stage. The play will continue through Feb. 27. \$26-\$45. Call (714) 708-5555 for additional information.

Concert

Papa Roach plays with Prizefighter, Sloth and Phillis tonight at the Glasshouse in Pomona. \$5.99. Call (714) 665-7739.

Saturday, January 29

Concert

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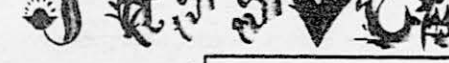
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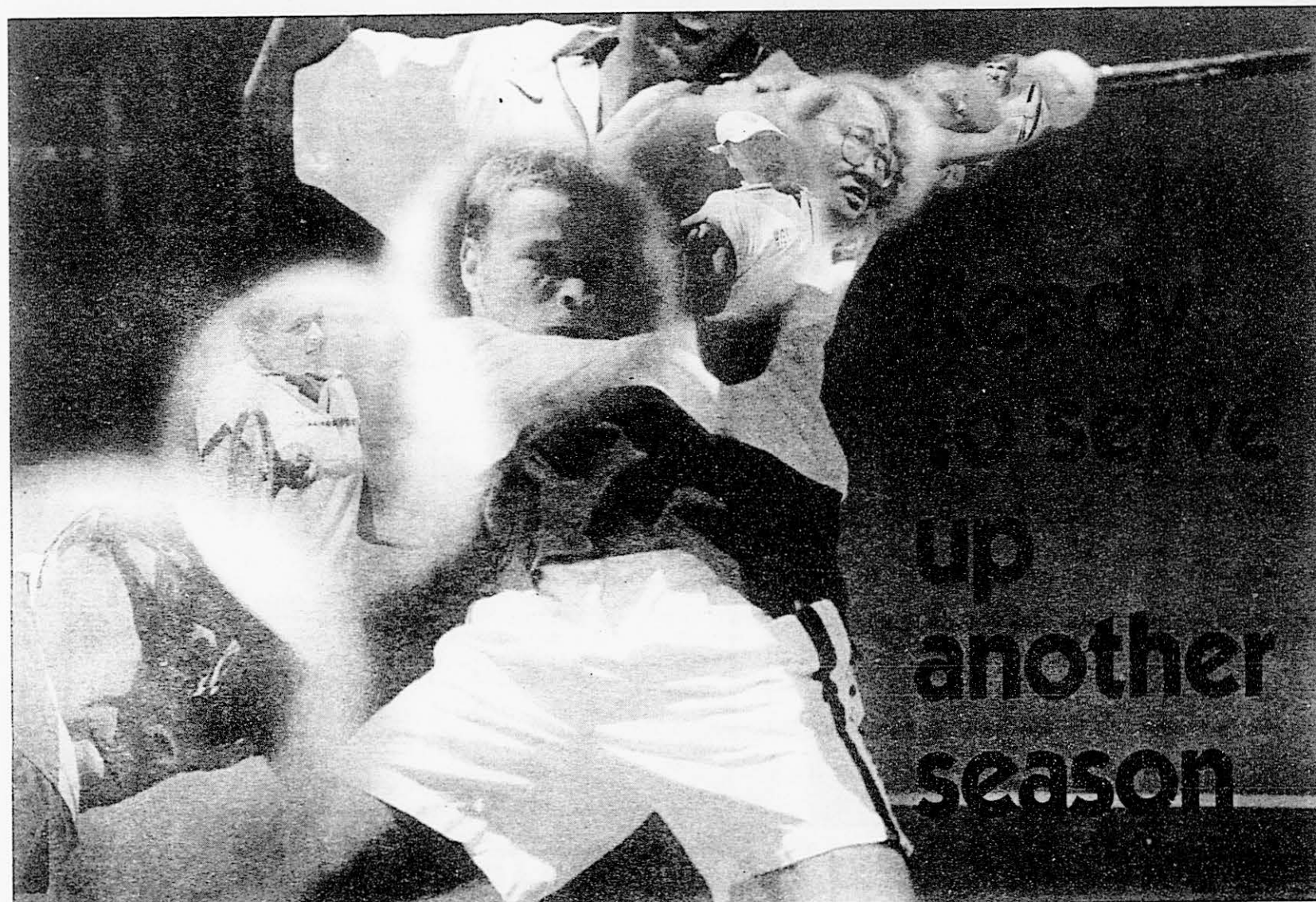
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M. TENNIS: The UCI team looks to utilize its worldwide talent to achieve success in the new season.

By Roy Lee

If you're simply looking at national rankings for men's tennis, then the UCI team's No. 75 ranking doesn't really command too much respect throughout the NCAA.

In 17 of the last 18 years, including the past 13 seasons, the UCI Men's Tennis

Team has been nationally ranked, and still, there's little buzz when the season rolls around every winter here in Irvine. As far as they're concerned, the Anteaters have the rest of the nation exactly where they want them.

"We're going to be the darkhorse of men's tennis this year," said senior co-captain Brett Lucas.

The 1999-2000 team returns five players from last year's squad and has added a strong core of freshman talent. Despite many returning players, however, the team boasts a new look, expecting to rely on

See MEN'S, page 21

W. TENNIS: Experience and teamwork give the Anteaters a boost in the right direction.

By Sarah Lopez
Staff Writer

The sweet taste of victory seems palpable to UCI's women's tennis team, with the start of their season and the Big West conference just over the horizon.

The team is currently ranked No. 72 and is looking to possibly move up the ranks

this year.

"We are considered one of the top two teams in our division, with [University of Pacific] ranked above us," said head coach Mike Edles. "If we win the conference it would be the first in our program's history."

The Anteaters are confident that they can do what other teams were not able to do in the past. With four hour long practices and daily drills the coach hopes to prepare the girls physically, mentally and emotionally.

"This team has been the strongest group

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Anteaters vandalize Idaho in a game of streaky play

M. BASKETBALL:

After jumping up to a 18-point lead, UCI barely holds on for a 71-67 victory.

By Gabe Page
Staff Writer

After receiving a king-hell ass whippin' in Utah last week courtesy of the Aggies, the Anteaters came home looking to redeem themselves.

And they did.

Despite forfeiting an 18-point lead in the second half of a conference match-up Thursday night

against the Idaho Vandals, the Anteaters pulled through to clinch a tenuous 71-67 victory.

"It feels good, after [Utah] put the smack down on us," said guard Jerry Green, laughing. Green led all players in scoring with 22 points.

"This win is big. Now we just want to move on and get the ruff-raff out of the way and move on to Boise State," Green added.

For Irvine, the first half was characterized by strong defense and sharp shooting, as the Anteaters contained Idaho's explosive starting line and shot 60 percent from the field.

Coming into the second half, the Anteaters wasted no time in building on their hard won 33-32 lead.

With only 16 seconds off the game clock, guard Sean Jackson hit a three-pointer igniting a 23-6 Irvine run.

Active at both ends of the floor, Jackson then grabbed the defensive rebound and came back driving the ball to the basket for two points and a foul, which he converted at the free throw line.

The Anteaters rewarded Jackson by giving him the ball again on the following drive. Jackson beat his defender down low, collecting another bucket and creating a fervor in the building rarely felt at Irvine basketball games.

"[Sean] has kind of changed his game. Now he is shooting three [point shots] better because he's

looking to post up, drive the ball, now he's become a complete offensive player," said Head Coach Pat Douglass.

Three-pointers by Green and forward Ben Jones augmented the Anteater's double-digit lead, however insecure.

With a rash of steals and offensive rebounds leading to baskets, the Vandals decimated the Anteater lead as quickly as it had been built. A lay-up by Idaho forward Matt Gerschevsky with 12 minutes left on the clock initiated Idaho's re-entry into the game.

Vandal guards Gordon Scott and Lance Buoncrisiani also con-

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NO: Green (5) with a baseline fadeaway.

Mr. MVP of the '90s does not mean MVGM of 2000

Five-time Most Valuable Player, 10-time scoring champion and 12-time All Star with six championship titles in a 13-year span in the NBA. Most people would call that a career and walk away.

But all that wasn't enough for Michael Jordan. He needed something more.

So, in addition to being Michael Jordan, ESPN's greatest athlete of the twentieth century, he is now also Michael Jordan, president of basketball operations of the last place team in the Atlantic Division.

The move prompted cheer from everyone who just wanted Jordan to be part of the NBA again. They got their wish, but what does it mean for the Washington Wizards?

It would be nice to think that under Jordan the Wizards will make a complete turn around and end this season with newspaper headlines

screaming, "Wizard's win Championship in four!"

It would also be nice to end world hunger, but neither will be happening anytime soon.

Amidst all the celebration, some people have lost sight of one small fact: Jordan is not coming back to play.

This time around, he will make no fade away jumpers with two seconds left on the clock. Jordan will be the man sandwiched between Mr. Hugo Boss and Champagne Necktie in the luxury box.

In this game, a phenomenal past doesn't mean a successful present. Historically, great athletes have proved to be less than stellar in their other sports-related endeavors, whether as a coach of some sort or as the head of operations.

For instance, look at the Celtic's Bill Russell. He had 11 NBA titles.

As an executive, however, he made less of an impression than a clear marker. And the Clippers are just finally starting to recover from Elgin

Mathewson. All three are legendary baseball players and Hall of Famers. But managing? Don't ask.

The thing is, an adjustment needs to be made. The player must learn to let go. It sounds simple, but it's not.

After years of teaching and refining one's self to be a superior athlete, a player must learn to be a good teacher.

That's right. Just like the sport itself, leading without being on the court or field is a skill. Some are born with it, most must work at it. Did Ted Williams really think that he could teach any old Joe Schmo to bat .400?

That's where a big part of the problem comes in. After an illustrious career, it's difficult for an athlete not to compare himself to his disciples. If he could do a no-look pass with two men guarding him and his shoelaces coming untied, why can't

little Timmy from Nebraska?

Jordan's job consists of overseeing trades, free agent signings, drafting of players and the hiring and firing of front office personnel. The job also demands countless hours of scouting, studying and schmoozing; all of which means less time with the family and no time for hitting the links with Tiger.

Early indications show that Jordan is still thinking like a player. He boasted that he will practice with the team and that "the best way to evaluate is to look into [a player's] eyes and see how scared he may be."

No one is denying that Jordan can still put most current players to shame and he knows that. Yet he still measures a player's skill by matching it up against his own. Such actions are characteristic of some-

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Baylor's run as general manager back in 1986.

This theory rings true for every sport, not just basketball. Take Ted Williams, Ty Cobb and Christy

Sports in Brief

M. Basketball loses the tale of two halves

Irvine, CA - January 22 - After leading by 14 points at halftime, the Anteaters lost to Boise State, 52-53, in a game that saw UCI and Boise State alternating scoring by the halves. Leading 33-19 after the first half, UCI was shot out of the Bren in the second half, with Boise State shooting 67 percent from the field.

The Broncos took over the second half holding the Anteaters to their first half mark, 19 points. The one point loss was attributed to the 34 points that the Broncos scored in the second half.

Guard Jerry Green led all scorers with 24 points and added four steals to his credit.

The Anteaters, who fared well in non-conference play, are now 1-3 in Big West Conference play, and 8-7 overall.

-Kevin Kim

M. Tennis wins doubleheader

Irvine, CA - January 22 - The Men's tennis team opened up its season with a perfect 7-0 win over UC Riverside before defeating United States International University by the same score at home this Saturday. The Anteater team was led by strong showings from No. 1 Oliver Schweizer, who won his singles matches 6-0, 6-3 against UC Riverside and 6-3, 6-3 over USIU.

-Wincy Wong

W. Tennis falls to Pepperdine

Malibu, CA - January 22 - The Women's Tennis team suffered a fate opposite of the Men's Team as it lost 7-0 to Pepperdine on the road this weekend.

The loss drops the Anteaters' record to 0-2.

-Wincy Wong

W. Basketball loses first game of road trip

Moscow, Idaho - January 21 - On their first game of a two game Idaho stand, the Anteaters lost to the University of Idaho, 59-63, last Friday.

After leading by five points at the half, the UCI Women were outscored by nine, shooting a meager 36 percent from the field in the second half.

The Vandals led by forward Alli Nieman's 21 points, out rebounded the Anteaters 41-37 and also went to the foul line 20 times in the second half.

A balanced scoring attack saw four of five UCI starters in double figures, led by 19 points from guard Megan Stafford. Stafford also added five assists and four steals in the loss.

The Anteaters, 9-7 overall, are tied for second in the Big West with a 2-1 record in conference play.

-Kevin Kim

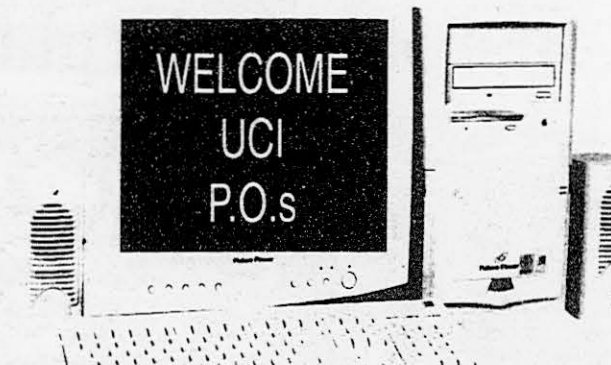
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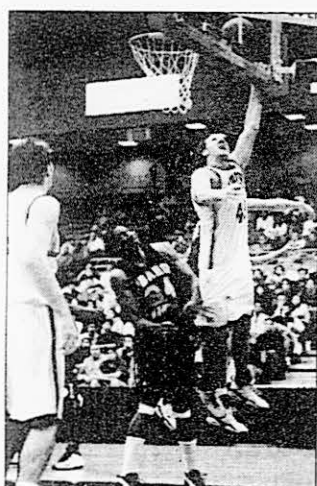
M. HOOPS

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tributed to the catch-up effort with crucial three-point baskets. Idaho forward Devon Ford grabbed four offensive rebounds in the second half that led to second shot opportunities and had eight total in the game. Ford also led the Vandals in scoring with 19 points.

With just over three minutes left on the clock, the Vandals had effectively reduced an 18 point Anteater lead to two.

A few rushed shots by Green



UP THERE: Ben Jones puts up a two-footer over two defenders.

gave the Vandals the opportunity to take the lead for the first time in the period, but tight Anteater defense prevented them from capitalizing.

At the other end of the floor, a jump hook by center Greg Ethington in the lane extended the Anteater lead to four.

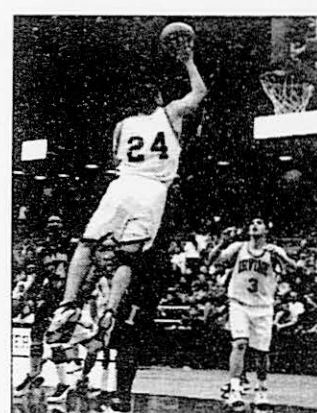
The Vandals, however, would not go away and forward Clifford Gray quickly retaliated, racing in for a lay-up.

Coming out of a timeout with 30 seconds remaining on the clock, the Vandals attempted a three-point shot to take the lead. The shot was off, but again they grabbed the rebound, only this time they turned it over and fouled Anteater guard Malachi Edmond, sending him to the line to shoot two free-throws with five seconds left in the game.

The Anteaters lead the league in free-throw shooting and Edmond, at 69 percent for the season, made both shots to secure the Anteater victory.

"[The Vandals] came at us. They pounded the ball inside. [They are] a very athletic team, but our kids hung tough. We could have backed down, but our kids never backed down," Douglass said.

"We showed a lot of poise in pulling this one out. We could have folded like we did on the road and this was a good step in the right direction," said forward Mark Ondera, who contributed nine points and an equal number of rebounds to the victory.



EAT IT! Jackson (24) puts up a leaner for two of his 14 points.

Jackson said that the team tends to get "lackadaisical" when they take the lead in a game, a problem they have to fix if they want to do well in the conference.

"We struggled at times this year, but sometimes we start playing well and when we do we kind of sit back on it," said Jackson, who finished the game with 16 points and five rebounds. "We need to make an adjustment on it as a team. When we get up on teams by 15 [points] like we did tonight, we need to turn it into 20 or 25. That is the next step for us."

Douglass attributed the win to good team practices all week long and said that it was important that the team see some results from practice.

Calendar

Women's Basketball

Thursday 7 p.m., Jan. 27 vs. Long Beach State (Bren Events Center)

Saturday 7 p.m., Jan. 29 vs. Pacific (Bren Events Center)

Men's Basketball

Wednesday 7 p.m., Jan. 26 vs. Cal State Fullerton (Bren Events Center)

Saturday 6 p.m., Jan. 29 @ New Mexico State

Men's Volleyball

Tuesday 7 p.m., Jan. 25 vs. Princeton (Crawford Hall)

Thursday 7 p.m., Jan. 27 @ Loyola Marymount

Saturday 7 p.m., Jan. 29 @ Pepperdine

Men's Tennis

Saturday 10:00 a.m., Jan. 29 vs. Loyola Marymount (UCI Tennis Stadium)

Saturday 2:00 p.m., Jan. 29 vs. Hawaii (UCI Tennis Stadium)

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overall team experience to translate into some wins.

"This team is a lot more mature than last," said eighth-year Head Coach Steve Clark. "But we still have to step it up collectively."

Eagerly anticipating the opportunity to step into that role are team co-captains junior David Matthew and Lucas. Matthew, who posted an 11-2 mark at the No. 3 spot last year, is a member of the Canadian World Youth Cup Team.

"David is a fierce competitor," Clark said. "He lets it all hang out."

After earning second team All-Big West honors in the '99 season, Lucas looks to the team's upcoming season with big expectations.

As one of only two seniors on the team, Lucas believes that the Anteaters have a lot to prove on the court this year.

"Our No. 75 ranking doesn't say much for our team statistically, but we know that we're better than that," Lucas said. "We know it's going to be difficult this season, but we expect to win the conference this year."

Interestingly enough, the co-captains are two of five players on the team who hail from countries all over the world. With such a large international entourage, the team that lacked depth a year ago, is now stockpiled with talent from around the world.

Lucas and junior Oliver Schweizer, a transfer from Pepperdine, hail from Australia. Schweizer who was the No. 1 ranked player in the state of Florida in 1996 and was 11-5 overall in singles in 1999. The team's other senior, Stefan Pongrat transferred to UCI last year from Ventura College after coming to America from Veasteras, Sweden.

The team member who traveled the farthest to play tennis for the

Anteaters is freshman Amru Alabidi, from the United Arab Emirates. Alabidi, who is the No. 1 player for the Jordan Davis Cup Team hopes to learn quickly and contribute early in the team's season, which kicked off this weekend with resounding 7-0 sweeps over UC Riverside and United States International University.

Rounding out the Anteaters' lineup will be two returning players from last year's 15-5 squad. Junior Chris Ma, who comes off a 19-7 season was described by Clark as "the team's best athlete."

Sophomore team co-MVP Chris Chung was last year's most consistent performer. As a freshman, he had a 19-6 record, winning his last six matches and 12 of his last 13.

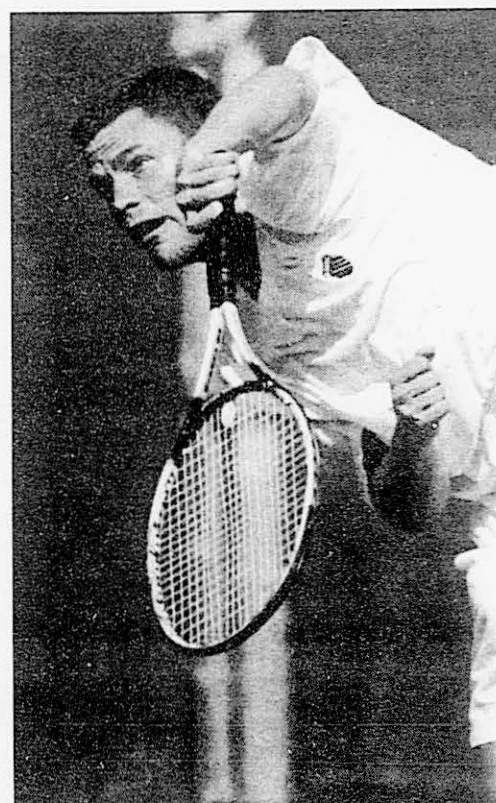
The loss of seniors Thomas Bohun and Andrew Cheney leaves a void in team leadership.

"Last year, Thomas led around here by example. He was the team's leader. But this year, with guys like David, Brett and Chris, we've got quite a bit of experience on the

entire team and a lot of depth," Clark said. "We're more physically fit and our guys are being more aggressive on the court."

Clark's teams have posted winning records in each of the last five seasons and the 2000 season should prove nothing less for the Anteaters.

"We expect to jump in the rankings by the end of the season. There's no doubt that our team has the talent to compete with the best teams in the NCAA," Clark said. "Now it's just a matter of whether or not we can execute."



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since the '80s," said junior Nickole Kabe, co-captain of the team. "There is a good possibility of winning the Big West conference in order to qualify for the NCAA."

The team is confident that they have what it takes to make it to the NCAA. All the team members, from the new freshmen to the seniors, are at a level of strength which can help them win matches.

"I see this team as having more depth than last year," Edles said. "We currently have a new number one player, Maureen Diaz, who has just recently beat USC's number one player."

This is a big feat for the Anteaters since USC's number one player is ranked No. 4 in division I of NCAA. Although Diaz is a fresh new player, she already emanates respect on and off the court. She was a four-time All-League honoree in high school.

The team, made-up of mostly juniors, including Darian Chappell, Natalie Exon and Kabe, started off as young freshmen growing up on the

court with each other, experiencing victory and defeat. With the passing of every season, the team has helped each other to reach a level of competitiveness, which will allow them to face any opponent.

Last season, Chappell and sophomore Jonni Seymour were named to the Big West Conference first team for singles. As doubles partners, the two also earned first team accolades, which was the first time any UCI women's players have been awarded both distinctions.

And according to Edles, it can only get better.

"I see a lot of confidence in the players this year," said Edles. "I can tell that our maturity level has increased and we have become comfortable together as a team."

Since the UCI squad has

kept the core of its team intact, it has no excuses about youth.

"For the last two years we were labeled a young team," Edles said. "Yet now most players are juniors and have reached veteran status."

The team is also aware of what it takes to win in the conference.

"Although tennis is a very individualistic sport, each person is responsible for bringing in one or two points to the team effort," Kabe said. "So we are all just as important and equal in this team."



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MMM GOOD: Kabe takes a brief water break.

WINCY

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one on the court and not in an office.

In fact, Jordan's approach puts him at risk. Sure, he's still in great shape now, but as the years pass, he's leaving himself vulnerable to looking painfully mortal. Sooner or later, the knees will give and it won't be pretty. It will be hard for the cocky 19 year old to remember Jordan as invincible when he just dusted him while going for a routine lay up.

Jordan is a people-person and a keen businessman, but in terms of endorsements, saying "no" to Ford and "yes" to McDonalds. No one knows how Jordan will tell a friend

that he can't cut it anymore and is being released. It's something a player never has to do, but that a manager does everyday.

Jordan does, however, have one thing going for him: his aura. No matter where he is, people want to be around him. He is a magnet for free agents. Not everyone loves Jordan, but they respect him. Whether they ever had the chance to play against or with him, they all know what he's accomplished.

Unfortunately, choices are not so simple. He cannot choose players based on a hungry stare. Even natural talent is not enough. Jordan must also consider factors such as compatibility and the salary cap. In his current position, he has to have extensive plans and blueprints. He

must make decisions less with his heart and more with his brain. In other words, Jordan must let go of his mentality as a player and think like the head of operations.

He has no easy task ahead of him. Jordan inherits one of the oldest rosters and highest payrolls in the NBA. The Wizards are already about \$16 million over next season's expected salary cap. Jordan can make players want to come, but making others leave is another story.

Jordan may not see it yet, but once a player joins the front office, he's looking from the outside in. He's not one of them, he's one of them. He no longer has a direct affect on the outcome of a game. Jordan must realize that before he can succeed in his new role.

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