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Platt Wins by a Margin of 816 Votes

■ **ASUCI:** Board dismisses complaint against Platt which alleged he campaigned off campus.

By **Erene Mina**
Staff Writer

Even though the polls officially closed April 26, the spring ASUCI elections were far from over as candidates scrambled to file complaints about the race before the April 30 deadline. It would be 15 days before the student body would have Steve Platt, a second-year political science major as president-elect, while two legislative council seats still remain vacant.

There were no calls for recounts but five formal complaints were filed with the

Judicial Board in three separate races: president, ICS representative and representative-at-large. Complaints ranged from accusations of illegal donations to alleged free speech violations. The complaints sparked a series of hearings and debates to decide if and how the candidates were in violation of the ASUCI Elections Code.

"It is inevitable every year that complaints are filed. We have a right as candidates to express our concerns," said Aylin Algan, ASUCI presidential candidate.

Before dust settled on the presidential race, Platt filed two complaints against Algan, alleging she altered her financial statements, and campaigned door-to-door in Middle Earth.



makes the democratic process at UCI anticlimactic. It's why people are so apathetic about voting," Platt said. "We waited almost two weeks for the results when they could have been ready the same day."

However, Algan saw the complaint process as necessary.

"The system is very important and we are lucky to have it. I'm glad the Judicial Board is actually serving its purpose," Algan said.

With the stage set for preliminary hearings, evidence was presented in the form of witnesses, affidavits, financial documents, testimony and photographs. However, all three complaints were discussed by the judicial board and dismissed as invalid.

"The Judicial Board is set up to deal with these matters and I can honestly say that we spent many

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President

Armando Cervantes	802
Aylin Algan	604
Q. Bao Nguyen	859
Steve Platt	1675

Meanwhile, Bao Nguyen filed a complaint against Platt, alleging he campaigned off campus.

"I'm not surprised about the complaints; in fact, I'm surprised there weren't more," Platt said.

The candidates, however, had different feelings on how these electoral procedures affect the democratic process at UCI.

"This system of complaints

It May Be Lights Out for UCI

■ **ENERGY:** In case of a blackout, not all buildings on campus can be protected by back-up generators.

By **Melissa Mecija**
Staff Writer

As the California energy crisis continues, Southern California has been hit by rolling blackouts – which are waves of electric power outages – several times over the past couple of weeks.

The situation won't improve anytime soon, according to Lisa Szot, spokesperson for the California Independent System Operator, also known as Cal-ISO.

"A rolling blackout is [likely to happen] this summer. You will have it," Szot said.

According to Southern California Edison, one of the main suppliers of energy in California, rolling blackouts can become necessary when Cal-ISO declares a Stage 3 power emergency. A Stage 3 power emergency occurs when power reserves fall below 1.5 percent.

"The ISO controlling the whole

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Revisions Scheduled for Judicial Review

■ **GOVERNMENT:** Abstentions raise questions as ASUCI constitution faces scrutiny.

By **Amanda Sellek** and **Lauren Korduner**

Complaints filed in regard to the amendment referendum on the spring ballot that makes revisions to the ASUCI Constitution are scheduled to undergo judicial review May 17. The revisions were passed 1667 to 478, but the interpretation of one sentence in the current constitution could disqualify the revisions.

The Judicial Board will preside over a formal hearing between Bao Nguyen, third-year political science major and ASUCI President Koko Panossian to decide the validity of the new amendments. Nguyen filed a petition contesting the amendments written by Panossian.

According to Nguyen, the revisions are unconstitutional and should not have been passed. Nguyen said that his argument against Section C could be summed up into one line.

"An abstained vote is not a vote," Nguyen said. "Roberts' Rules states that an abstain does not count as a vote. It does not meet the minimum requirement for the turnout."

Out of the 5,085 students who voted, 2,940 abstained from voting on the amendment changes.

Article 10, Section 5, of the ASUCI constitution states that "a two-thirds vote, with at least 20 percent of the associated students voting and the approval of the chancellor, shall be required for the adoption of the amendment(s)."

According to Pejman Javaheri, chair of the Judicial Board, if the abstentions had not been counted, then there would have been a shortage of over 1,000 votes needed to constitute 20 percent of the student

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UCI Seals Expansion Deal



ERIK STEIN/New University

ASUCI President Koko Panossian (center) signs the Student Center Fee Initiative into effect May 11 in Emerald Bay A as (from L-R) Manuel Gomez, Andrew Drummond and Edgar Sarmiento look on. The initiative will expanded the existing Student Center to 60,000 square feet, increasing study and lounge space. Students face an \$89 fee increase per quarter beginning in fall 2005.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Saari Joins Academy of Sciences

The National Academy of Sciences has elected Donald G. Saari, professor of economics and mathematics, to join their organization composed of scientists and engineers.

Saari is UCI's 17th active academy member. His use of mathematics in the understanding of social and economic activity won him the recognition necessary to be admitted to the academy.

Saari's research has made him a leading authority in the social sciences. He is known as a critic of the American electoral process and fostered a different understanding of the economic principles of incentive, supply and demand. He has also contributed to the field of celestial mechanics by using a mathematical theory to explore the evolution of the universe.

Saari earned his doctorate of

mathematics at Purdue University in 1967. After serving at Northwestern University as the Arthur and Gladys Pancoe Professor of Mathematics and as a professor of economics and applied engineering science, he came to UCI in January 2000.

The Congress established the National Academy of Sciences in 1863, awarding admission only to U.S. scientists or engineers who are considered to be those of the highest honored in their fields. The academy advises the federal government on any matters involving science or technology.

Students Search for Peter the Anteater

The Office of the Dean of Students is holding a scavenger hunt open to all campus clubs and organizations to find UCI's missing mascot, Peter the Anteater.

Eligible campus clubs and

organizations will receive entry forms in their mailboxes, and the deadline to turn in entry forms is set for Wednesday, May 16. Five to ten members from each group may be sent as representatives for each organization or club.

The actual scavenger hunt for the furry four-legged creature will take place on Friday, May 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. Further details will be given that day.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. First place will be awarded \$1,200, second place will be awarded \$800 and third place will be awarded \$500.

Alumnus Wins Pulitzer Prize

Michael Chabon, a graduate of the creative writing program in the School of Humanities, is the winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for fiction for his novel, "The Amazing

Adventures of Kavalier & Clay." Michael Chabon's works of fiction include "The Mysteries of Pittsburgh," "A Model World," "Wonder Boys" and "Werewolves in Their Youth."

His work has appeared in the New Yorker, Harper's, Esquire and Playboy as well as in a number of anthologies, among them Prize Stories 1999: The O. Henry Awards.

Chabon lives in Berkeley with his wife, Ayelet Waldman, also a novelist, and their children.

More information about the prize winning novel can be found at <http://www.pulitzer.org/year/2001/fiction/works>.

UC Regents to Meet in San Francisco

The University of California Board of Regents will meet this week to discuss SP-1 and SP-2 and a planning update on UC Merced.

In two meetings set to begin Wednesday and Thursday morning at the UC San Francisco Laurel Heights campus, the Regents will also cover topics such as future admissions, employment and contracting policies.

The Committees on Grounds and Buildings, Finance, Health Services, Educational Policy and Investments will hold sessions open to the public in the afternoon.

Agendas for both meetings, as well as minutes on previous meetings, are available at <http://www.ucop.edu/regents/regmeet/may01.html>.

In a special meeting on Tuesday, May 15, the Regents will discuss matters related to the selection of a student regent for the 2002-2003 school year.

The meeting will be a closed session at the Pan Pacific Hotel in San Francisco.

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Coalition Pushes for Equal Housing

HOUSING: Four UC campuses have changed eligibility to include gay and lesbian couples.

By Celida B. Miramontes
Staff Writer

The Rainbow Coalition of Irvine began circulating a petition four weeks ago, protesting the exclusion of same-sex partners as domestic couples under the Verano Place housing policy.

The coalition is a politically active organization affiliated with the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center.

The petition asks that UCI adopt a housing policy that would include "domestic couples." It claims the requirement goes against the Non-Discrimination Policy set forth by UCI.

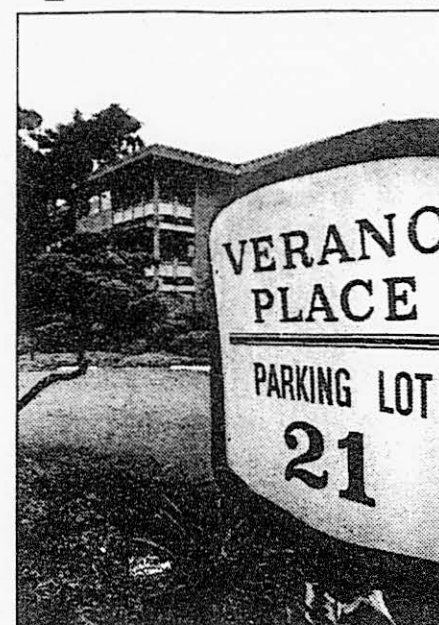
"Not recognizing same-sex partners as domestic partners is discrimination because of sexual orientation," said Wendy Chiu, RCI President.

According to Pat Walsh, director of the LGBTRC, since gay and lesbian couples are prohibited from attaining a marriage license in California, many turn to domestic partner agreements to provide couples with protections that are similar to those of married couples.

"The reality is that married couples and domestic couples deserve the same opportunities at UCI—one group is not superior to the other," Walsh said.

According to Chiu, the political activist group is working in collaboration with the Cross-Cultural Center, APSA, MEChA and with the endorsement of ASUCI to attain student support for the Verano Housing Petition.

"We are limited by UC policy that does not recognize domestic partnerships among students for housing purposes," said Director of Housing Jim Craig.



Verano Place housing falls under a UC Policy that does not provide for domestic partnerships.

According to Craig, domestic

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Recall is Ruled to Have Violated State Code

ASUCI: The author of the petition seeks administrative support, alleging that ASUCI is "out of control."

By Melinda Sheckells
Staff Writer

The Judicial Board issued a ruling May 3 calling the attempted recall of ASUCI President Koko Panossian "unconstitutional" under the California Elections Code.

"In light of UCI following, not only its own constitution, but the U.S. Constitution and the California State Constitution as well, judicial board finds that the petition violates the California State Elections code," stated a letter released May 3 by Judicial Board members Pejman Javaheri, Lisa Fulton, Charles Gladfelter, Ani Chakryan and Omid Ahoobim.

Last Thursday's ruling brings an end to two months of controversy surrounding the proposed recall.

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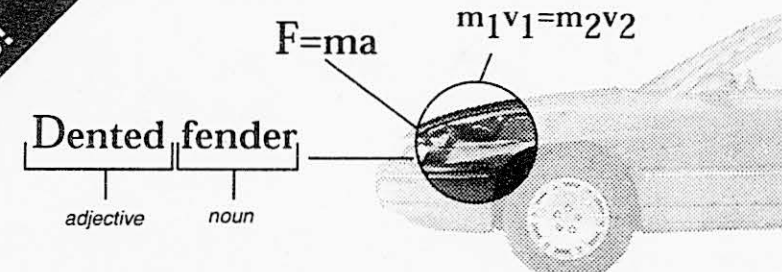


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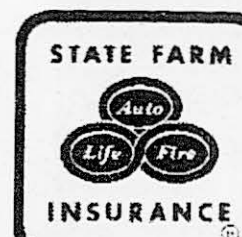
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Academia Takes Action on Brutality

■ **LECTURE:** Speakers discuss prison labor, racial profiling, excess force by police and political prisoners.

By Lauren Korduner
Staff Writer

The group Academia and Action presented a series of events and speakers for "This is What a Police State Looks Like". Events began Tuesday, May 8, and concluded Thursday, May 10. Two students christened the event with their rendition of Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" at 12 p.m., May 8. Immediately following was a speech on the prison industrial complex.

At the flagpoles in front of the Administration Building, Dr. Chuck O'Connell, UCI professor of sociology, the growing number of businesses who utilize prison labor in their production of goods. Such companies include Victoria's Secret and McDonald's, according to O'Connell.

O'Connell also pointed to the disproportionate ratio of African-Americans and Latinos in prison to African-Americans and Latinos in the general population, and posed the question, "Is it possible to artificially create a criminal class?"

O'Connell cited slavery laws and post-slavery Jim Crow laws to support his argument, as well as what he termed the "selective enforcement" of drug laws. He said that police are harsher on minorities when it comes to drug enforcement than on Caucasians.

"I've heard statistics about higher numbers [of minorities in prison], but I'd need more information to confirm that," said Captain Al Brown, UCIPD. "If it is true, I am opposed to that."

Dan Tsang of KUCI's talk show, Subversivity, came to speak at 12 p.m. May 9, at the flagpoles. Tsang discussed the topic of racial profiling. He cited former UCI students who felt they experienced harassment from police in Irvine, Garden Grove and



BRIAN WANG/UCI
Dan Tsang, KUCI talk show host, speaks out against racial profiling.

Westminster.

Following Tsang's speech, stu-

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CRIME ON CAMPUS

Police Substation Hits Campus Beat

■ **CRIME:** The unit aims to improve security in lieu of the police stations distance from campus.

By Ava Santos
Staff Writer

The UC Irvine Police Department unveiled a permanent mobile substation on Ring Road in April to provide students with greater police accessibility.

The undertaking, led by crime prevention officer Linda Garrett, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Monday through Thursday. It periodically changes locations and can be seen at various places on Ring Road.

"We are trying to be close to students and to make [the substation] as visible as possible, so we stay more at the Student Center," said Sergeant Linda Robert, assistant head of the substation committee.

The substation aims to address important student issues, such as campus security. With the police department located a great distance away from the university academic buildings and housing units, the

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state of California's transmission grid - all the transmission lines that bring the power from generating to the customers," Szot said. "It orders a blackout [whenever the demand] is exceeding the supply."

So far, UCI was spared from rolling blackouts, but George Reyes, assistant vice chancellor of facilities at UCI, said that is going to change.

"We've been advised by Southern California Edison that we will be subject to blackouts," Reyes said. "We're anticipating that we will possibly be having some soon."

However, UCI officials are not certain as to when and where the rolling blackouts will hit UCI.

"The campus is divided into three different electrical feeds," Reyes said. "[The electric power] could go down at once or [the power outage] could be divided into three sections."

Gary Matteson, director of Planning Energy and Utilities for all UC campuses, said that not all buildings on the UCI campus will be protected by back-up generators

in case of a blackout.

"We should be quite worried. We're not able to protect [all of the buildings on the UCI campus]," Matteson said.

"We protect them by on-site generation and back-up generators," Matteson said. "The back-up generators come on when they sense no electricity. Only buildings that house animals, plants and laboratory buildings have these back-up generators."

According to Matteson, rolling blackouts do not normally last for a long time.

"Some [blackouts] have been longer and some have been shorter, but the average is about one hour," Matteson said.

According to Paul Klein, spokesperson for Southern California Edison, it is hard to predict when rolling blackouts occur because of the daily fluctuation in energy supplies.

"Every day is different; every hour is different," Klein said.

According to Klein, rolling

blackouts were ordered Monday and Tuesday of last week due to higher demand for air conditioners on those days.

Klein said that as a result, Southern California Edison had to implement hour-long rolling blackouts for approximately 170,000 customers in various areas in California, including some parts of Orange County.

According to Szot, the main thing students can do to help avoid future blackouts is conservation.

"Avoid leaving computers on all the time and shut them off if you're not going to use them," Szot said. "Any little thing that you can think of would definitely help."

Reyes also advises students on ways to conserve energy.

"Limit the use of lights when people are not in the room," Reyes said. "Try to use appliances off peak hours: early in the morning or after 8 p.m. at night. Look for energy-saving light bulbs."

According to Klein, rolling

Matteson said blackouts on campus would be less of a danger and more of an inconvenience.

"[Among other things], elevators won't run and people will have to rely on battery-operated stairwell lights," Matteson said.

Energy experts say there are many things people can do in case a rolling blackout does occur.

"Whenever you hear on the news that the energy situation is critical, avoid the use of elevators," Reyes said. "If you are attending night classes, carry a flashlight. Just simply be aware of your surroundings. If you find yourself in a blackout, be careful when you're driving and moving around on-campus."

According to Matteson, the best advice to anyone who is in a safe place during a blackout and can see adequately is to stay where you are.

However, many students, however, are still unaware of the possibility that rolling blackouts could happen on campus.

"I didn't think that the warnings of rolling blackouts would continue throughout the quarter," said Michelle Cuartero, first-year ICS major. "I know what rolling blackouts are, but I didn't know they would occur here."

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hours deliberating, questioning, working through piles of paper, emerging as a united front, totally and completely unbiased," said Lisa Fulton, judicial board member.

Once the Judicial Board made its final decision, the results for the presidential race were revealed May 9, naming Platt as ASUCI President with 1675 votes. Nguyen came in second with 859 votes.

"I feel relieved, happy, nervous, excited. You name it. I'm lucky things turned out the way they did," Platt said.

Even with the results in his favor, Platt, along with Algan and Nguyen, said that the elections code is in need of clarification and modification.

"There still needs to be some changes in the elections code, specifying regulations and procedures of the electoral process in even more detail," Algan said.

Nguyen believes the problems with the ASUCI Election Code are grander in scale. He awaits a hearing date May 17 for a complaint he filed against the Legislative Council with

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body. Therefore, the amendments would have never have passed.

"What they did was take away the abstains and compared the yeses and no's. The yeses had the majority and we considered it pass."

The problem with Section 5, according to Javaheri, is that it leaves abstentions up to interpreta-

tion.

"The constitution does not say how you are supposed to count abstains," Javaheri said.

Panosian said that the board should seek consultation in the California Elections Code.

"The problem is that it is not clear as to what it means. Now that we are not clear, we will probably have to go and look at the California Elections Code to see how they would look at it."

ACADEMIA

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dents were welcomed to the microphone, set in front of the Administration Building, to read

poetry and sing. A short march followed along Ring Road. Brown is familiar with the topic of racial profiling, as he has given the police's side to car stops at past talks hosted by the Cross-Cultural Center.

Brown said that the alleged practice is "untolerated on campus."

"Any citizen should be stopped because of legal or probable cause, and not because of their ethnic background."

Al Brown
captain, UCIPD

"People can be

activists anywhere."

"But it's important to think the whole world isn't this pretty," Evans said.

The topic of the third day of speakers was "political prisoners." Former inmate Linda Evans spoke about her experience in the prison system at 12:30 p.m. in front of the Information Center. Evans was charged with using a false name to

purchase legal weapons.

She served 15 years of a 40-year sentence and was pardoned Jan. 20 by President Bill Clinton. Evans and her supporters felt that her sentence was too extreme.

In response to claims that UCI students are apathetic, Evans said, "People can be

activists anywhere."

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substation will show that the campus police want to have an active role in students life in terms of campus safety, Robert said.

"[This project] will help maintain safety on campus and attend to matters such as sexual assault, date-rape drugs, resident safety, bike registration and safety

escorts," said Community Service Officer Carolyn Crudo, criminology major.

Community service officers - students who are trained and work part-time at the police department - are assigned to the substation to attend to students grievances and concerns.

"[The substation is created] to make the police present and to have students' questions answered," Crudo said.

CSOs have a significant role in making the substation undertaking possible.

Students in the program range from second-year to fifth-year students.

"The CSO program started last year and got a good response," Crudo said.

The hiring process for CSOs involve an application that uses a

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VERANO

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partnership is under review, but is not recognized or defined by UCI. The review process began at the end of fall 2000.

"The petition is more support for the review," Craig said.

Other UC campuses have changed eligibility requirements to include gay and lesbian couples in housing similar to Verano Place. According to Chiu, such campuses include UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz and UC San Francisco.

"I cannot comment on whether this housing policy is discriminatory towards same-sex partners. It

is up to a court of law to decide whether a policy is discriminatory," Craig said.

According to Walsh, the University of California does recognize domestic partnership agreements among faculty and staff, and allows university employers to have domestic partners on their health plans.

Current housing policy at Verano Place limits eligibility to married couples with or without children, single parents with children, single undergraduate adults over 25 years old and graduate students.

Although same-sex partners are not recognized as domestic couples under the housing policy, same-sex partners are sometimes

able to live at Verano Place by meeting other eligibility criteria.

"I'm sure there are same-sex partners living at Verano Place. However, we don't ask questions because it's none of our business," Craig said.

According to Walsh, some same-sex couples have also been admitted into Verano Place by an exception policy that ignores eligibility requirements when students demonstrate hardship.

However, Walsh would like Verano Place to recognize same-sex partners as eligible for housing, instead of forcing them to find loopholes in the housing policy.

"We want the front door, not the backdoor," Walsh said.

PETITION

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The measure to recall Panossian was scheduled to be on the spring elections ballot after Panossian and the ASUCI Executive Cabinet overturned a unanimous decision by the legislative council supporting an end to SP-1 and SP-2, which eliminate affirmative action at the University of California.

Panosian filed a complaint to the Judicial Board, requesting them to investigate the method and the pretenses under which Nguyen obtained the signatures on the petition.

The Judicial Board, April 19 issued a restraining order on the elections commission, placing an injunction on the recall to prevent it from appearing on the ballot.

In a formal hearing May 3, Panossian said he presented evidence in the form of a written statement that recall supporters "stood up in front of classroom and made accusations" in an effort to obtain signatures.

Panosian alleged that no written explanation of the reasons behind the recall was provided at the top of the petition and therefore it was up to the individuals collecting the sig-

nature to interpret it.

Nguyen, however, did not feel that further explanation on the actual petition was necessary.

"Each person is an individual and they have their own opinions and make their own judgements," Nguyen said. "It's not the recall campaign's duty to present the other side's argument."

In addition, Panossian chose to contact five people from each page of signatures on the petition in order to make sure that the students understood what they were signing and that the signatures were valid.

"I asked them: Did you sign it yourself and did you know what you were signing?" Panossian said, noting that he found two of the 321 email addresses to be invalid.

Nguyen maintains that all of the signatures were valid and met with Chuck Pieper, associate vice chancellor of student affairs, to inquire about an investigation by administration into the Judicial Board's decision.

"I met with him on Wednesday and Friday, but administrators are reluctant to step in," Nguyen said.

Panosian said he was happy with the judicial board's decision.

"I put in four years of service and I didn't want it to end like that," Panossian said.

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regard to an ASUCI constitutional amendment revision.

"When ASUCI campaign policies hamper democratic values by restricting any person of their right to free speech, students have a problem," Nguyen said.

Fulton disagrees. "The Election Code is not just made up out of thin air; it's modeled after the California State Election Code," Fulton said.

As the technicalities of the pres-

idential race were being hammered out, David Welker, the unopposed candidate for ICS representative, was disqualified despite appeals on the grounds that he exceeded the \$100 spending limit, according to Fulton.

Meanwhile, a hearing was set for May 10 to decide the fate of Matt D'Abusco, candidate for representative-at-large. According to Fulton, the Elections Committee disqualified D'Abusco for receiving illegal donations, a decision appealed by D'Abusco. In the formal hearing May 10, the Judicial Board concluded that the alleged

illegal donations were only misrepresentations on his financial statements and D'Abusco was reinstated as representative-at-large winner.

Fulton acknowledges that this process is lengthy, but emphasizes its necessity. "I hope this time delay from voting to decision does not deter people from being involved in ASUCI or shake their faith in student government," Fulton said. "I was glad to see the system working and understand how frustrating it is to everyone - not knowing if they won or not - when to celebrate and such - but the system truly works."

CSO

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majors and humanities majors,"

Crudo said.

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station is already

beginning to

establish its pres-

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sentations,"

Robert said. "It

makes the commu-

nity aware of what

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"For many, being a community service officer is a way to be more involved in the community."

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In Spanish class,
the word for wife
and handcuffs is
the same thing.

Tom Bluck
third-year,
psychology



The Munich
Accords were a
mistake.

Jessup Pyun
fourth-year,
philosophy



I learned that 8
a.m. classes are
impossible to get
to on time.

Jeff Morris
third-year,
economics

I've learned that
Japanese theatre
is really boring.

Alexandra Ames
fourth-year,
anthropology



I learned in my
Japanese art
class the complex
idea of Wabi.

Charmie Park
second-year,
studio art



I learned that I
can't use Cliff
Notes this year. I
actually had to
read the text.

Beril Unver
first-year,
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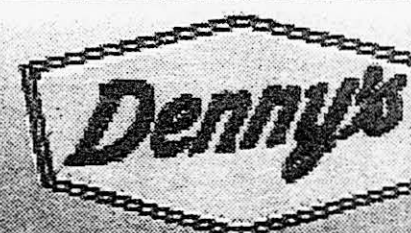
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How to Succeed in Apartment Hunting Without Really Trying

The New U. presents a comprehensive guide to the ins, outs and upside downs of that pesky hunt for suitable and fun living arrangements.

By Stephanie Soong
Staff Writer

Congratulations! If you are reading this article, then you have taken the first step toward renting an apartment. Perhaps you grew frustrated with Joe, your dorm roommate who frequently leaves his dirty, fermenting underwear on the floor, or perhaps accidentally seeing your Grandma Myrtle sunbathing in the nude at home was the last straw.

Here are a few tips on how to find an apartment and avoid being homeless while studying at UCI.

GETTING STARTED: SHOPPING AROUND

A good place to start looking is the UCI Housing Office, which offers a wealth of resources for the first-time renter, including a comprehensive web site and off-campus housing listings.

"People can come here and look at the listings with a student, faculty or staff ID and check out the listings either on paper or on the computer," said Kim Burdett, assistant director of Housing Administrative Services. Advisors are on hand to assist first-time renters as well.

The Irvine Apartment Community Information Center is another convenient place for first-time renters. Housing specialists work with prospective renters to match their needs with available openings.

"Ideally you'll want to come in here

because we do free apartment locating. We can sit down with the client and go through exactly what they're looking for based on price and location," said Terri Ingram, IAC leasing manager.

You can also do some of your own searching with the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Register classifieds, the Irvine World News or the Pennysaver, a free classified brochure. You should keep a keen eye out for student-posted ads around campus. By getting price quotes from different areas, one can do some serious comparison shopping.

In terms of average rental prices, rates

vary depending on the market. According to Ingram, an IAC junior bedroom can start at about \$980 a month, and a two-bedroom usually starts at around \$1,200 to \$1,300. However, many students find that living in apartments in neighboring cities can be easier on the wallet.

"The further you get away from school, the cheaper the prices will be if money's really important to you," said Magoo Fidani, a fifth-year social ecology major who currently lives with roommates in

Costa Mesa.

"I'd look for someplace closer to campus, but it's so expensive. We live far away because we can't afford it," said Marlene

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REBECCA WATKINS/New University

College student, eh?
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Mad Delusions of Hidden Cocaine Stash Simmer

There's a big bag of cocaine underneath the bathroom sink in my parents' house. It's been there since before time, since before I can remember, since I saw it yesterday.

It leans against the mottled yellow and green mushroom paper lining the cabinet below the sink. It is a heavy-sealed plastic Ziploc bag. It is full to brimming with a white, chunky substance.

It is full to brimming with cocaine.

My father is a 70-year-old retired lawyer. He now works on a lilac ranch, clipping green and purple frothy hedges and speaking Spanish with the crusty foreman, wearing overalls and holding a pitchfork.

My mother, a college graduate, was a secretary and is now a housewife. She goes to movies and lives part-time in Oregon, where she drives at safe speeds in the midst of her slow-moving, small-town life.

None of this normal, regular, functional family history belies the fact that there is a full to brimming lumpy bag of cocaine shoved into the corner of the cabinet underneath my childhood sink. The sink where I would clutch my Scooby Doo toothbrush, the sink I would retch into after too much chocolate ice cream, the sink where I let the blood from my nose bleeds run and create puddles.

No one has ever said a word about this bag. Not me, not my mom, not my dad or the occasional

A Momentary Lapse
of Reason



Angela Brevidoro

cleaning lady. I have seen the bag many times. When I reach forward from the toilet to grab a tampon or some TP, I see the bag slumping forward in its usual manner in the corner, getting dusty.

I just noticed the bag again this morning.

I poked the bag. It crunched back.

Maybe it's bleach. Maybe it's detergent. But it's never been opened in my whole life.

It's a stash, a stash I think someone forgot. A stash that precludes any in-family jokes or curious questioning.

We are not a closed family. Everything is open for mockery and ridicule, including the painful time my mother accidentally stapled her

own finger, the time my father mis-said Fruit of the Loom for Fruit of the Loin, the time our toilet exploded, causing mushrooms to grow inexplicably in the corner.

But this bag has never become a joke. It is as if the bag is completely off-limits from any verbal commentary.

Maybe I am paranoid. Maybe the bag is one of those things people shove underneath their sinks, thinking they will need it sometime, when in reality it eventually is forgotten, ultimately useless; it grows dusty, slouchy and untouched.

But it is such a big bag. And so noticeable. And after many cleanings, the bag has maintained its

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15 minutes with...



Andy Worford



WOK DOAN/New University

By Shannon Bulleri
Staff Writer

The New University took the time to chat - and walk - with Andy Worford, a fourth-year math and classic civilization major. Worford is

a campus representative tour guide, providing campus tours to visiting parents and students. The New University joined Worford while he gave a tour to students from Long Beach Poly High School.

New University: Do you ever get sick of walking backwards?

Andy Worford: No, walking backwards is rad. If I say something to a hot girl, I just get to keep walking. All the hot people are in social sciences.

New U.: How long have you been giving tours?

Worford: I've been doing it for three years. I applied to a whole bunch of programs my freshman year. SPOP said I wasn't good enough. They never let me in, the bastards.

New U.: Has anyone ever told you that you look like Tom Green?

Worford: Yeah. Have you guys seen 'Road Trip?' Welcome to

Ithaca.

New U.: Do you think you're funnier than Tom Green?

Worford: Yeah. I think I'm dumber than Tom Green. He's rad. He's such a genius. He does stuff nobody else would do.

New U.: Are you single?

Worford: Yeah, not that there's anything wrong with that.

New U.: Don't you meet a lot of girls on tours?

Worford: Yeah, but they're all in the 11th grade.

New U.: True. Do you ever lie on a tour to make UCI more appealing?

Worford: No. We don't have to lie to make it more appealing. I had the most fun for the past four years here. Don't listen to people who say that it's boring; they're just lazy and don't make it fun.

New U.: Have any fights ever broken out on a tour?

Worford: No, but we always fight between the tour guides. I can't help

if I'm the cutest guy, and the most entertaining. I don't know why I'm single, but I'm not bitter.

New U.: Do you ever take shortcuts on a tour?

Worford: Well, sometimes I do, when people are late. I take them through the park and point to buildings saying 'If you were here on time, you would have seen it.'

New U.: How much do you get paid for giving tours?

Worford: Nothing. We're the only tour guides in the UC system that don't get paid.

New U.: Then why do you give tours?

Worford: I like talking to kids. How cool is it that I can affect someone's decision on whether they come here? There's all sorts of cool shit at UCI.

New U.: What's this building?

Worford: Over here is the ugliest building in the universe, Bio Sci II. You think they'd shell out a couple more bucks to make it look nice since it's the most expensive building

on campus.

New U.: What do you know about the Science Library?

Worford: The Science Library used to be the biggest library west of the Mississippi river, but UCSB's is like three feet bigger, seriously. They're just pissed off because they know we're the better UC.

New U.: Have you ever scared parents on a tour?

Worford: Parents and moms love me. I like giving tours to moms. They're really intent on listening to every word I say.

New U.: What's the weirdest thing that's ever happened on a tour?

Worford: I had this one tour with some chick that kept mouthing off. I told her to go walk with her teacher. Some other girl came up to me and said 'I hate that girl. I had to file a restraining order in eighth grade. I'm like 'Oh my god.'

That was the worst group I ever had. So when I got to the Humanities Bridge, I said 'This is what you guys make me want to do' and I jumped off. I broke my collarbone, but I finished the tour.

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Gay Children Bond With Tolerant Parents

PFLAG hosted an
open discussion
between homosexuals
and their loved ones.

By Celida B. Miramontes
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, May 8, Wil Drovin introduced a group of UCI students to Gay 101, a course discussion designed to educate and create an enhanced understanding of homosexuality.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center hosted the discussion, presented by PFLAG speakers Nancy Berg and Drovin and directed at parents and friends of gays and lesbians.

Members of PFLAG – also known as Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays – are committed to helping other parents learn about what it means to have gay or lesbian children and to changing attitudes towards gays and lesbians.

According to Drovin, PFLAG is composed of over 100,000 active members and has over 200 chapters worldwide, including chapters in England, the Netherlands and South Africa, with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Drovin and Berg are members of the PFLAG Orange County chapter that meets the first Wednesday of every month at the First United Methodist Church.

"PFLAG is more of a social group of parents and kids that get

together for support," Drovin said.

At the meeting, Drovin and Berg shared their reactions when they learned their sons were gay.

"When I found out my son was gay, I thought I was the only father with a gay son," Drovin said.

Drovin recalled being devastated by the revelation. He was also shocked because his son had a girlfriend at the time.

"The vision of a white picket fence, three children and a Beemer in the driveway melted before my eyes," Drovin said.

After learning about his son, Drovin decided that it was his responsibility to learn what it means to be gay. He and his wife went to the library and checked out books on homosexuality.

"I owned the problem. I wanted to know the truth about homosexuality. If my wife had cancer, I would be at the library trying to understand it as well," Drovin said.

Berg reacted differently when she learned that her 35-year-old son was gay.

"My first reaction was relief. He had always been different as a kid. My second reaction was sadness because it was the height of the AIDS epidemic and I knew he would have to face discrimination," Berg said.

Berg explained that the coming-out process for a parent is slow. She first told her immediate family and gradually her friends.

Berg recalled that her brother-in-law stopped coming to holiday din-

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APARTMENT

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Wu, a fourth-year English major who lives in the Cedar Creek apartments on Alton Parkway in Irvine.

LAZY, DIRTY AND OTHERWISE UNSAVORY ROOMMATES AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

If you live off Top Ramen, use those little student saver coupon booklets and devote entire nights at Kinko's copying textbooks (with coupons from said student saver booklet, of course), you have probably thought about finding a roommate. But where to start?

IAC offers a free roommate service that helps cut down search time. If you are looking for a place to live, you are matched with people in the roommates-wanted database, based on your preferences. IAC then gives you a list of potential roommates.

The UCI Housing Office also has a roommate-finding system that is similar to that of IAC. Students can check out the Roommate Wanted listings or the Roommate Available listings, depending on what they're looking for.

Even before signing a lease, you

and your future roommate(s) should keep certain things in mind. According to the UCI Housing Office's Tips for Finding a Roommate, roommates should talk about how much rent each will pay, how much each will put down for a security deposit and how utility bills will be split. Other issues that should be addressed are attitudes toward smoking, drugs, drinking, pets, dating and overnight guests.

"Usually, problems that we hear more about are issues with roommates. People who were friends end up not living as well together as they thought they would, even though they were good friends," Burdett said.

Students who rented apartments in the past feel that chemistry between roommates is vital to a good living relationship. "We should have the same likes and dislikes. We both have to like long walks on the beach, writing poetry and definitely no smokers," said Eric Silman, a third-year biology major who currently lives in Dartmouth Court.

Fidanian offered further advice for first-time renters. "If you can, live alone, and never live with the opposite sex. You may have friends and you think they're cool, but they have all these bad

habits and you don't want to be living with them. So make sure that their habits coincide with yours," Fidanian said.

NICE APARTMENT, NICE ROOMMATE, NOW WHAT?

When you have made it this far, it seems like nothing can get in your way. However, don't start picking curtains just yet. You and your roommate must go through the leasing process before settling in. First, you should probably consider monthly leases versus yearly leases.

"If the lease is month-to-month, that means that the rent can be raised with 30 days' notice, they can be told to move out with 30 days' notice or they can give 30 days' notice at any time. If it is a specified lease term such as a six-month, nine-month or 12-month lease, the rent will be the same for that entire length of time," Burdett explained.

Once you and your roommates choose a lease depending on preferences and needs, there is the paperwork. According to Burdett, the application process isn't all that complicated, so long as the renters are aware of what needs to be done.

"Generally, from that point, you're told what you need to do.

Once you decide that you want a place, you have to fill out a rental application and there are generally fees associated with that," Burdett said. Typically, potential tenants put down hold deposits and security deposits, and first-time renters are usually required to secure a guarantor, usually a parent or relative, who will agree to pay the rent if you cannot.

BEFORE YOU SIGN THE DOTTED LINE

Many starry-eyed, rookie renters make the common mistake of signing documents before they are clear on the conditions of the lease.

According to Ingram, the mistake that first-time renters make is assuming that when the lease is finished, they are free to leave.

"They should be very clear on the specifics of the lease. If you have the opportunity to read it—to understand certain criteria in California law is a big thing. We require 30 days written notice if they plan to vacate," Ingram said.

If you are thinking of beating the system by letting your best friend Butch "Animal" Savage live with you without officially signing them on as a roommate, think again.

"Subletting is illegal in Southern California because not only will

they not have access to the apartment, they won't get any credit for it. It's not good for the person who's subletting because if there's damage done, it goes under that person's name. There are a lot of entanglements with that," Ingram said.

THE SEARCH BEGINS

By now, you should have a general idea of what to expect while renting an apartment. While keeping these pertinent pointers in mind, it also helps to talk to other students on campus who experienced the process first hand, and who can tell you what they would do differently next time.

No matter what your yens, cravings and penchants are, there is something for everybody out there in the suburban jungle. With a little effort and a lot of patience, you will find the perfect apartment. Good luck and happy hunting!

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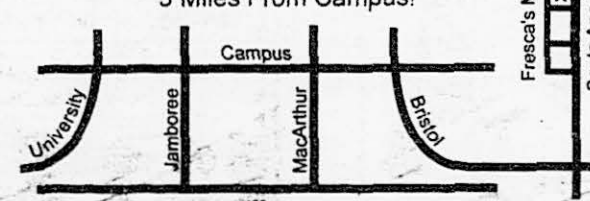
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"How many people had I already killed? There was those six that I know about for sure. Close enough to blow their last breath in my face. But this time it was an American and an officer. That wasn't supposed to make any difference to me, but it did. Shit, charging a man with murder in this place was like handing out speeding tickets in the Indy 500."

See page 15 to see what movie this is from.



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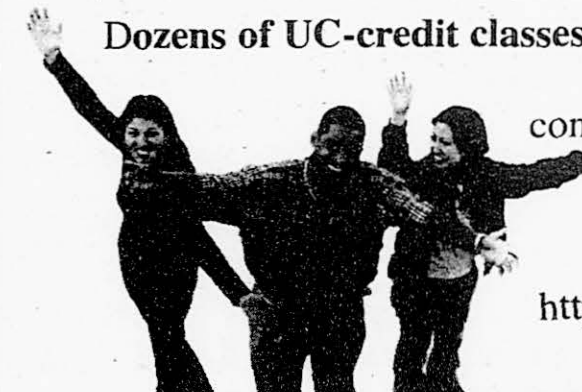
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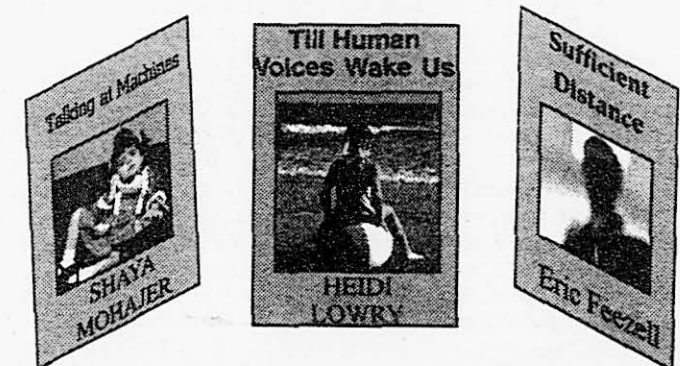
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ANGELA

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sacred, immovable spot.

I'm beginning to wonder. Maybe I should taste the bag's contents.

But then again, I don't know what cocaine tastes like. Maybe it tastes like detergent. And what if it is detergent? Will I die? Worse yet, will I get diarrhea?

Nevertheless, in the dark of the night, I dip my finger into the hard ivory material and ever so carefully lick the tip of my coated digit.

It tastes bitter. I get the fear and rinse out my mouth, wondering if I will have convulsions like small babies do when they get into the Windex supplies.

If it is, as I suspect, a massive mother lode of coke just waiting to be sold and to bring this 3-person family unit into the upper echelons of financial wealth, then I am a quiet Buddha, a happy Hindu cow with her mouth sealed shut.

I think of the bag as an investment, a smart capital investment leftover from those crazy '70s of my mother's nightmares and mad stories.

I think of the bag as the smiling secret of two personalities who know that when all goes to hell, one can just reach underneath the bathroom sink to pull out some instant riches.

This is how I like to imagine the mystery bag.

This is my bathroom myth.

This evening, I asked my mother what the bag contained.

"Epsom salts," she nonchalantly said. "Your father is obsessed with them."

Dammit. And the walls come crumbling in.

PARENTS

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ners after learning her son was gay, but eventually he came around.

"Now I am at the point where I hope someone does ask me about my son," Berg said.

Both Berg and Drovin come from conservative backgrounds, which makes them unlikely PFLAG speakers.

Berg is a 73-year-old retiree from the County Health Care Agency and lives in Costa Mesa.

"When I was growing up I never heard the word 'homosexual,'" Berg said.

Drovin is a strong Republican, a businessman, a Catholic and has been married to the same woman for 38 years.

"I'm just a hard-ass dad. I give more credibility to the PFLAG panel because I'm someone you wouldn't ordinarily expect," Drovin said.

When Drovin was growing up in Connecticut, he spent a lot of time sharing jokes about homosexuals and minorities with construction workers at his father's job.

"I never knew anyone who was gay. A gay man was a sideshow in Greenwich Village," Drovin said.

Riordan, a second-year civil engineering major in attendance at the

discussion, recalled that his father walked away from him at a restaurant when he revealed his homosexuality.

"I never felt loved by my dad growing up. Even though he didn't know I was gay, there was always a distance between us," Riordan said.

Riordan asked the panel for advice on how to approach his father about PFLAG. Berg suggested leaving a PFLAG pamphlet, but admitted that there is no ABC process to gaining understanding from a parent.

"There is a certain capacity for people to accept their child being homosexual," Drovin said.

Drovin commended Riordan for having the courage to reveal his homosexuality to his father.

"The absolute victory is when you're able to say, 'Screw it. I am who I am,'" Drovin said.

Drovin recalled that his son became a whole person when his behavior and sexual orientation aligned. He also began to develop a relationship with his son that had previously been almost non-existent.

"People feel a tremendous sense of relief in coming out to parents, whether they are accepted or rejected," Berg said.

Drovin explained that the purpose of PFLAG is education. The first step for parents is to understand

what homosexuality is because parents often think homosexuality is a choice.

"You're here only one lifetime. That is your kid. Get over it," Drovin said.

Berg and Drovin noted that religious and cultural issues also hamper many parents. Drovin recalled giving a panel discussion in a class at Cypress Community College and having a student "rant and rave" about the Bible.

"In my view, God is love. Why would he reject what he created?" Berg said.

Although the panel discussion was meant for students and parents of gay and lesbian children, Drovin and Berg were the only parents in attendance.

"When the speakers asked how many members of the audience had told their parents they were gay, no one raised their hands. That could be a factor as to why parents did not attend," said Nguyen Thai, a fourth-year social ecology major.

Grace Galvan, a third-year Asian-American Studies major, who heard about the event by chance, expressed her gratitude to the LGB-TRC for holding the PFLAG panel discussion.

"One of my friends recently came out. This is a big step for me," Galvan said.

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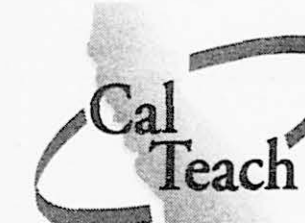
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Star Wars Returns Yet Again



On Tuesday, May 8, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced a Pentagon plan to develop a space-based missile shield for the United States, following President Bush's call for a missile defense system.

The details offered by officials on the system are sketchy. Apparently the missile defense system, built at an unknown cost, would intercept and neutralize missiles in flight, using airborne and space-based laser weapons as well as a system of satellites that could detect missile launches from above the earth.

According to Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., a congressional supporter of the plan, these missiles would apparently originate from "nations out there who are hostile to us...and they are in space. They have such weapons as...electromagnetic pulse weapons, and we have to be ready to face that threat."

Electromagnetic pulse weapons? Has the United States been propelled once again into the Reagan-esque wacky science fiction of Star Wars? Are American citizens huddling in fear from unnamed and hostile forces wielding psychotropic missiles?

No, but the Bush Administration appears to be bathed in paranoia about shady foes (possibly North Korea and Iran) technologically distanced from our old Cold War enemies.

Commenting on the proposed plan, Senate Minority Leader Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said, "I think putting weapons in space may be the single dumbest thing I've heard so far in this administration."

One cannot help but agree. Yet Bush announced May 1 that he will continue to press forward with his missile defense plan, despite the reservations of fellow members of

our government, our European allies and taxpayers who shudder about the cost and viability of such a system.

The Bush team argues that such a system is vitally necessary to protect against the risk of biological or nuclear attack by nothing-to-lose "nations of concern."

It is unknown whether these rogue nations possess the technology to launch missiles against the United States.

Whether or not there exists a possible threat to the United States, the development and deployment of any sort of missile defense shield, space or land-based, would scuttle any remnant of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

This treaty, signed by America as well as some European nations, has been the cornerstone of nuclear deterrence. The treaty effectively ended missile proliferation and created stability in nuclear power, thus allowing the world's superpowers to ease out of their dangerous arms race.

The United States does not exist in a vacuum. Deploying such a missile defense system of any kind will have internationally disastrous consequences. The system will inevitably create increased tension and hostility between countries formerly friendly, and may lead to a second Cold War.

With the enabling of a missile defense shield, America would lose this fragile nuclear power stability and could possibly lead the world into another nuclear arms race.

The launch of a missile defense shield would also raise anxiety in our allies and enemies about the possibility of American hegemonism. With the launch of a missile shield, the United States will send the message that it believes it is indeed the most powerful nation in the world.

This may seem like a good message, but it is also a message that creates insecurity and fear in the minds of world lead-

ers. Other countries, fearing possible U.S. world domination, will want to pursue the same course or develop stronger weaponry able to evade such a shield.

The development of a missile defense shield may provide nourishment for the very thing which it is supposed to eliminate: the threat of intense foreign attack against the domestic United States.

By pursuing plans for the shield despite the complaints of European allies, the United States appears to be taking an isolationist, me-first approach to foreign affairs which will only foster increased hostility, rather than decreased enmity.

It seems strange that Rumsfeld and Bush continue to pursue their space-oddy plans, despite the fact that the Cold War ended more than a decade ago and there has not been a public outcry for increased defense measures.

In fact, it seems as if Rumsfeld and Bush simply want to pour more money into the yawning mouth of the defense gourd. Why? Perhaps the objections of our allies are true: we, as a country, really do desire to be number one, the top dog able to defend ourselves from any and all attacks, even space-based.

Perhaps we as a country really do not care what other nations have to say about our defense policies. The implied message seems to be: if you don't like it, shove it.

This callous and arrogant attitude, however, cannot continue without dragging the world into another Cold War-era arms race. Bush and Rumsfeld, in their diplomatic manner, seem determined to push America to the top, despite the fact that it may ultimately lead us straight to hell.

The downside of such a system will outweigh whatever benefits are offered—U.S. pride and a sense of security and safety—with a barrage of international outrage, arms proliferation and war fever.

However, the new jobs that have been created in the United States are mostly low-paying and part-time without benefits.

While free trade was touted as the key to prosperity for all, the United States came to have the widest gap between the rich and poor in the world. The richest one percent of households now control 40 percent of the nation's assets.

The figure was 20 percent 20 years ago. The bottom 80 percent own just 16 percent of the nation's wealth. What happened to those new manufacturing jobs south of the border?

Can people now happily "earn a better living working in factories than in grueling agricultural labor?" as Uribe said?

Workers' and human rights in those factories are routinely abused by the multinational businesses that pay below a living wage to the workers, due to the lack of protective laws.

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Commentary

Free Trade Causes Less Equity Within Society

By Kota Inoue

I am sorry to hear that Daniel Uribe had to wait nearly two years to find a bunch of "ridiculously angry, middle-class kids who protest everything" at UCI ("Where Are All the Angry Students," April 30). However, I have bad news that will ruin his joy of discovery: The people at Academia and Action are not the kind of naive, clueless middle-class kids for which he was looking.

We are undergraduates, graduates and faculty, who believe that the university community needs to be well-informed about social issues that affect all of us, in obvious and sometimes less obvious ways.

"...They [A and A] protest those who would encourage free trade," Uribe writes. "What would be more indicative of choice in the modern world than individual economic decisions?"

Basically, Uribe says "free trade" is indisputably good. Our teaching on the FTAA, also known as the Free Trade Area of the Americas, scrutinized this widely held assumption. First of all, is it really free?

The FTAA has been negotiated by trade officials and a handful of multinational corporations, and the draft documents weren't made public until massive protests forced the Canadian government to release them just before the Quebec meetings. This kind of secrecy is hardly an encouraging sign of freedom.

If the rules of free trade are written only by multinational corporations, then "individual economic decisions" are just a sham.

Secondly, does free trade promote equitable society?

The answer is no. Uribe is correct that the unemployment rate in the United States is at a record low.

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factory is legally allowed to maintain hazardous work conditions.

Look at the houses made of crates that mushroomed around maquiladoras along the U.S.-Mexico border. It doesn't look like an excellent opportunity for a better life.

Free trade agreements transform the economic structure of nations into the race to the bottom, and it is the poor and indigenous (read majority) that feel the blunt first. They understand that free market is the problem, not a solution. Zapatistas (Mayan Indians) rose on the very day the NAFTA went into effect in 1994 because they understood this. So, Uribe, Mayan Indians actually exist.

It is the rosy picture of free trade that is a myth.

Uribe should know that, outside the pages of corporate newspapers and sound bites of network television, Mayan Indians exist, so do students, farmers, workers, professors, truckers and other ordinary people, more than just bored, white, middle-class kids all demanding that globalization bring a fair society.

If Uribe relies on mainstream corporate media for information, he might conclude that the FTAA meeting "was pretty much a non-event for most people."

However, writes Uribe, who does

Uribe, who writes a column for the New University and ran for an ASUCI office, know that fewer than 10 firms dominate the media market today, compared to 50 in 1982?

Those mega-corporations are having closed sessions at global free trade meetings.

It is no coincidence that media reports tend to be critical of protests without examining the content of free trade.

This past week, Academia and Action organized events on the police state. As the recent New University editorial rightly states, human rights abuses in American prisons are a serious problem.

Moreover, we in the academic community are seriously affected by the turn to a police state.

The rapidly growing prison industry means less money for education. Racial profiling in Orange County directly affects us in the form of unreasonable traffic stops and searches.

The very existence of political prisoners in the United States undermines freedom of thought, the foundation of education and democracy.

In Seattle, Quebec and elsewhere, we witnessed excessive force unleashed by the police.

Is it far-fetched to conclude that free trade and a police state are inseparable? A and A will continue to address social issues, revealing such links between issues, as well as between those issues and the UCI community.

Kota Inoue is a graduate student employee involved with the group Academia and Action on campus.

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All in All is All We Are

The United Nations Should Reconsider U.S. Elimination

By Daniel Uribe
Opinion Columnist

When the Americans were voted by secret ballot off the 54-member U.N. Committee on Human Rights last week, there was more than a hint of the unmistakable odor—oh, the stench—of the need for what we'll call payback.

One can imagine back rooms full of delegates from countries like Syria, whispering among themselves, "We'll get those ugly Americans right where it hurts."

It speaks volumes that the need to spite the United States involves letting countries like Sudan and Pakistan gain more votes in the commission.

Although the commission is often known as a forum for oppressive regimes to launch one tirade after another against the West, it's also an important body that often spotlights abuses around the world, drawing attention to areas of the world that are often forgotten in the shuffle of paperwork at the United Nations.

There have been several excuses that the apologists for this action have said.

If only the current Bush administration lobbied harder for the seat, they say. How dare we be so presumptuous? We need to earn their trust. Bush should have signed that Kyoto Treaty (already a dead paper, with or without his signature).

This is what we get for ignoring the United Nations, and taking for granted all the preventative work they do.

However, what were these learned diplomats thinking? Their narrow-minded mission to temporarily humiliate the United States has allowed the nation of Sudan, which is notorious for the practice

of the buying and selling of human chattel, to enter the same body that deliberated long and hard on the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

If you can, read that document and think how the world would be if it were actually followed.

Granted, the United States does not have a sterling record on human rights; throughout our own national and international history, from slavery and the massacre of native peoples to gunboat diplomacy, we've committed acts that would violate the same declaration that we signed in 1948 many times over.

Yet we are often the most forthright country leading the charge in the campaign for human rights throughout the world, to say nothing of countries like Cuba, who proclaim freedom for the workers of the world yet ignore the political rights of its own citizens.

What do some of our so-called allies have to say for all this? How about the French?

As reported in the Washington Post, the French and Chinese ambassadors sounded eerily famil-

iar, both attributing the U.S. loss (and the retention of their seats) to the fact that they treated other nations with respect and fostered dialogue with them.

The French, cheese-eating sur-

treaty, how we failed to support the end of execution around the world, or how we didn't sign a symbolic treaty banning landmines, for example. It's simply a matter of showing us Americans that we bet-

harassing Tibetan nuns and arresting citizens who have the gall to say anything negative about their government and its scientific Marxism?

This smacks less of interest for human rights victims and more of petty politics.

How should we react? Already, there's been some loose talk of cutting funding from the UN; the Senate wishes to delay a \$582 million payment to the United Nations, the Associated Press reports.

This is a mistake. Pulling out of funding will only encourage more peevish actions from other delegations, further giving them an excuse to silence a voice that unpleasantly reminds countries like Sudan of their human rights problems. Indeed, it would behoove the Bush Administration to take a newfound interest in the United Nations and international politics.

However, it should continue to hammer away and spotlight abuses around the world—not succumb to the pathetic calls to ignore the crimes of international bullies and dialogue with them.

Let's not get into endless dialogue in endless U.N. committee sessions while doing nothing about the indignities that people suffer every day at the hands of their own governments around the world.

We'll leave that to the cheese-eating surrender monkeys in Paris.

I am a member of the Model United Nations on campus. That doesn't change a word I've written. Send fan mail, hate mail and indifferent mail to duibe@uci.edu. I'll give extra points if you know where I got "cheese-eating surrender monkeys" from.



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My Own Two Cents

An Episode With the God Squad Brings Less Deceit

By Tom Feimer
Opinion Columnist

Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. It's been a long time since my last confession. Actually, I've never been to confession, as I am not Catholic.

My dad was raised devoutly Catholic, so I know something about it.

They say never to talk about religion or politics in polite company, but since an opinion section would be nearly empty without the latter, I've decided to go ahead and break the rule completely to talk about the former.

A little more background: my mother was raised Congregational Protestant, and so I was baptized Episcopalian as a compromise.

The Episcopal Church administers religion in the proud English tradition: full of taste, ceremony, reasonableness and totally devoid of enthusiasm or spirituality.

I have often said I would raise my children within the Episcopal Church, as it is the gateway to socially acceptable atheism.

As you may have already guessed, my beliefs are roughly atheistic.

I suppose you could technically call me an agnostic, as I don't dismiss the existence of God or any form of God, but I find such a scenario highly unlikely.

To me, the most logical belief was Sigmund Freud's, that religion grew from the fact that most humans simply can't deal with the

idea that horrible things happen to them and others. Evil, plagues and disasters all occur, often times at random and for no higher purpose.

Not very uplifting, I know, and for this reason, I need to feel others for wanting and needing to believe in a higher power.

What does bother me a bit is when some of these people decide that I need to believe in a higher power as well.

Now, our campus is full of religious denizens and organizations, many of them evangelical. Once, I discussed this subject with a friend of mine, who made light of the preternatural ability of some of these missionaries to divine that he was without God.

Personally, I think that any white boy on campus holding a cigarette is a target for the God Squad, and I found myself in that very position just the other day.

Two very pleasantly outgoing gentlemen approached me while I was sitting in the Humanities Plaza. Since I was absurdly early for my next class, I chose not to brush them off, from sheer boredom.

I wasn't feeling particularly malicious about these two gents, until they greeted me under the pretense of asking me some questions for some homework they were doing.

Having had a prior run-in with another one of their brothers

wielding a little yellow booklet, I saw through this ploy.

I decided I'd have some fun by professing beliefs I did not hold, claiming I belonged to a religion which I did not believe in, and in doing so hoped to test their own beliefs. This was a poorly con-

ceived strategy for a number of reasons.

Heck, it was really kind of stupid.

As I read passages of Gospel aloud, in what seemed eerily like some kind of misguided brainwashing program, the obvious became clear to me.

These guys believed in these slogans (which is what the Bible had been reduced to), probably without devoting critical thought to a single "thou" or "hath."

As far as I could tell, the Nike-clad missionaries honestly felt that if heathens like me could only be shown how simple it all was, we'd all be saved.

I made a few obliquely critical remarks, all under the guise of spirited theological discussion. They answered with more slogans, and we parted amicably. Another illustrious end to a great brain wave of mine.

After a few minutes, a profound sense of guilt and regret washed over me. Not because I had just confirmed that I am not, in fact, clever.

No, I decided the humility was a good thing. I found myself unable to get past the idea that I had deceived these two Campus Crusaders, even despite the fact that they had been less than clear with their own intentions.

Why should I be all that guilty about a white lie? I follow no religion, so there was no fear of eternal damnation about it. It was in this somewhat perverse way that the little yellow book of the right-wing cultural revolution began to reaffirm my beliefs.

Atheists do not lack beliefs or convictions.

The cornerstones of mine were

that kindness, decency, honor—these were all things inherent in good people, independent of God, karma, I Ching or whatever else.

If the only thing that keeps you from killing thy neighbor and lust-ing after his wife is the threat of eternal damnation, then you shouldn't deceive yourself into thinking that you're a good person, just because you're devout.

Anybody can be devout, including Nazis, Squeaky Foam and the Red Army.

What bothered me is that I felt as if I had betrayed what really counts: conscience.

I had a set of values and I transgressed them, and the guilt that resulted is every bit as valid as some codified penance for any official sin.

Struck with this revelation, I resolved never again to be so deceitful.

I went to my class once again firm in my convictions and extremely content that I had plenty of subject matter for a moody, sanctimonious opinion column. Hell, too much of anything, even humility, can't be good.

If you're an atheist, or simply don't follow organized religion, I challenge you to think twice before cynically laughing off the God Squad as they approach you.

Think about your own convictions for a change.

Maybe then you'll have the authority to ask them to respect our beliefs as much as they expect us to respect theirs.

The cornerstones of mine were

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'Curious Orange' Provides Original View Of Orange County

By Mark Juloya

Did you know that a landfill known as Prima Deshecha is located near San Juan Capistrano or that a mobile home park exists in El Moro Village by Laguna Beach? These places are probably not as familiar to you as opposed to more popular ones like Disneyland, Fashion Island or even the 241 Toll Road.

Visit the new exhibit entitled "Curious Orange" at the Beall Center for Art and Technology and you will be better informed of other places which encompass the growing suburbia known as Orange County. The six-week exhibit, which started May 5 and will run until June 17, showcases 20 places in Orange County that characterize the county's diversity and self-identity as one of the premier counties in the United States.

"Orange County, which is smaller in size than most states but has a larger population than some states, has a unique infrastructure," said Matthew Coolidge, executive director of the Center for Land Use Interpretation, referring to the underlying foundation of the region. CLUI, a non-profit organization dedicated to the diffusion of information about apportionment and utilization of lands throughout the world, is collaborating with the Beall Center in order to bring this informative exhibit.

The presentation is interactive because viewers can see various sites

on a map and choose which ones they wish to see using the touch of a button. For each site, the first screen illustrates its location within the county and a brief tidbit about the site while the following screen shows an actual picture of

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2Pac Shakur and Destiny's Child: Survivors

A BARREL FULL OF WHAT?



By Amar Chauhan

Many conspiracy theories exist within popular culture. None of them deserve much attention. Well, the whole JFK assassination seems a little bit fishy and the Roswell incident does make you think about

how alone we are in the universe. The conspiracy theory that makes my figurative "wheels" turn the most, however, is the so-called death of rapper Tupac Shakur. I've been to the various Internet sites, read and watched the tabloids and even used a little bit of logic to assemble a list of rumors and pseudo-facts.

2Pac was shot five times after a Mike Tyson fight Saturday, Sept. 7, 1996. He was pronounced dead, six days later on Friday, Sept. 13, 1996. After his death, he was soon cremated. No pictures were released - or taken for that matter - of his stay in the hospital or his cremation. An autopsy was never done, which is illegal in a murder case. After the cremation, it became a moot point.

Now it gets weird. The video released soon after his death features 2Pac being shot outside of a theater then his reappearance as an angel in heaven.

Shakur, no longer going by the name 2Pac, but instead using the name Makaveli, then releases an album entitled "The 7-Day Theory." He died on the seventh day after being shot at 4:03 p.m. The alias is synonymous with the Italian strategist famous for advocating the faking of one's death in order to gain power and avoid enemies.

On the cover of the album, Shakur is featured crucified on a wooden cross. Who made crucifixions famous? We all know what happened after that. There is a reason for Easter other than egg hunts and rabbits. The picture also has five bullet holes on Makaveli's body, the same number of times he was shot.

Inside the album there is a message that reads, "EXIT TUPAC ENTER MAKAVELLI." The album's producer claims that was the planned cover and nothing in the album was changed after

Shakur's death.

There are so many other strange incidents involved in 2Pac's demise. For example, his lack of a bulletproof vest - something he took with him more than his American Express card - on the night he was shot.

The only witness to the crime, other than his producer Suge Knight, was murdered soon after Shakur's death. Knight did not even give a statement to the police.

All of this leads one to believe that there is something more to the "death" of Shakur than meets the eye. Maybe it was all an intricate plot from one of the greatest rappers of all time to come out of the spotlight and just disappear. It could, however, all be an elaborate attempt to use media hype and people's wishful thinking to sell more CDs. Regardless, there is more evidence to support 2Pac's being alive than there is to convict Lee Harvey Oswald.

Destiny's Child SURVIVOR



I thought I'd start off the review with a song sung to the tune of "Independent Women Part I":

"Statement/All the people/ Who bought this album/

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Zotfilm! Unites Student Filmmakers

By Tom Feimer
Staff Writer

When most people hear "film" and UC in the same sentence, their next thought is usually "L.A." In fact, in the minds of a lot of people - despite the fact that UCI has a surprisingly extensive film studies program - UCI's association with film ended when shooting wrapped on "Conquest of the Planet of the Apes," which was filmed partially on campus in 1971.

The Anteater Pictures Club - also known to club members by the nickname ZotFilm! - is trying to change all that.

Just formed this year, Anteater Pictures is a club on campus that, according to Robert Patterson, club president and second-year English and international studies major, "[tries] to foster undergraduate film and video work at UCI and gives students a chance to learn about all aspects of film production."

"We also encourage members to explore non-traditional genres, such as experimental video," Patterson said.

More than just encouraging student film production, ZotFilm! provides members with equipment to help their ideas reach the screen.

The club owns its own hard

drive for video-editing, and the film studies department allows students to check out hi-8 video equipment, tripods and lights, as well as providing access to an analog editing bay.

What's more, the club is open to all majors, not just film studies. In fact, Patterson encourages students from other majors to get involved.

"You don't have to major in film to make film. Having different students from different disciplines gives us different ideas," Patterson said.

In addition to club members' own projects, the group is currently working on a short film set at a rave. They are shooting from a script written by club Vice President Sebastian Aguirre.

Aguirre, a third-year music major, describes his video as "a film about love, loss, and transcendence of the human spirit."

"Anteater Pictures club has helped my filmmaking prowess by introducing me to other filmmakers who have inspired me to [a] greater knowledge of the filmmaking process," said Aguirre.

Until recently, Anteater Pictures' presence on campus has

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Star 98.7 Offers Backstage Pass

By Cynthia Louie

All-access seems to be the prevailing theme for this year's launching of the first ever Star 98.7 Fan Nation concert. Last Sunday, May 6, the radio station gathered an impressive collection of some of the most talented bands in music today at Irvine's own Verizon Wireless Amphitheater. The program showcased marquee rock acts as well as popular '80s acts. The VIP lineup included Third Eye Blind, Counting Crows, Wallflowers, Eve 6, Go Go's, Uncle Kracker and Billy Idol.

However, the real story lies behind the concert. The Los Angeles-based adult contemporary radio station specifically designed the event as a celebration of the fan.

In a specially constructed and highly innovative interactive village, autograph signings and artists' interviews with questions from fans occurred simultaneously while other bands performed on the main stage.

Acoustic sets from Uncle Kracker were also one of the many options for fans. Thus, each music-goer had the unenviable chance to

decide how they would enjoy the festival.

Through this unique experience, fans were permitted to meet their favorite bands up close and personal. Thus, it was no surprise that half of the crowd was not pinned to their seats, but were up and in line for autographs or taking the opportunity to watch their much-admired bands being interviewed.

However, predictably by the true nature of these events, chaos ran rampant. Amid the circus-like atmosphere, many concert-goers were stopped short of meeting their beloved music group because of strict time constraints. Autograph lines for Billy Idol converged into lines for the Wallflowers, creating a general air of confusion. Furthermore, through overlapped programming, fans waiting in line for autographs or viewing the artist interviews were forced to come to grips with missing a substantial portion of the concert.

Behind the breathy vocals of frontman Jakob Dylan of the Wallflowers, he sparked some energy from the crowd—a blend of young and old alike with melancholy refrains such as "Letters from the Wasteland" and "6th

Avenue Heartache." Seemingly, Dylan appeared to slowly emerge from his father Bob Dylan's shadow and make a name for himself with his impressive, most recent performance.

Through honest, heartfelt lyrics resembling that of tormented blues harmonies, he seemed to shoot from the gut, winning praise from the crowd.

Soon after, Adam Duritz of the Counting Crows took the stage. Duritz, the essential essence of casualness, performed half of the time with a drink in his hand. The relaxed ambience aside, the crowd was in the full swing of things after Duritz belted out soulful melodies from "Round Here" to "Long December" and of course, the track Counting Crows are best known for, "Mr. Jones." Duritz' distraught love ballads struck a chord with the audience.

Surely he will never be accused of lacking any energy, as seen when Duritz played the piano for one song as well as invited various people behind the scenes onto the stage.

The main attraction, Third Eye

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Fans had a chance to meet The Wallflowers (above) at Star 98.7's Fan Nation concert.

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Aussie Aussie Aussie, Oi Oi Oi!

By David McClusky
Staff Writer

The Palace in Hollywood became a gathering for a diverse array of music fans, Friday, May 11, as everyone from mohawk-sporting punks to trendy teenyboppers arrived to show their support for The Living End, one of the most successful punk bands from Australia.

Opening the show was a mediocre performance by Tsunami Bomb, a local Southern California band with a growing punk-ska following. Perhaps it was their relative obscurity, or their female frontwoman whose ska-style vocals seemed to conflict with their hardcore punk sound, that the audience seemed unresponsive to their 35-minute set.

As if making up for Tsunami's bomb, Flogging Molly took the stage with a seven-piece line-up that included acoustic and electric guitars, a fiddle, mandolin and an accordion.

Blending traditional Irish folk music with post-grunge punk, Flogging Molly exhibited an awesome stage presence combined with catchy tunes.

which resulted in a circle-pit larger than their headlining act, The Living End. Even those who had never heard of Flogging Molly were caught singing along to "The Worst Day Since Yesterday."

Flogging Molly is a hard act to follow, but The Living End managed to assault the crowd with one hard-hitting tune after another. Early in the set, The Living End grabbed the audience's attention with "Roll On," the single from their new album of the same name, and "Pictures in the Mirror."

The Living End blended everything from punk, ska, reggae, rockabilly and metal to create their own sound, reminiscent of The Clash, with the look of Stray Cats, but described best as good, old-fashioned rock 'n' roll. The three-

piece band manages to be louder and harder than bands twice their size, and throughout the set Scott Owen excited the audience with his on-stage energy and tricks with his stand-up bass.

Toward the end of their first set, The Living End busted out "Prisoner of Society," which proclaimed their rebellion and distaste for authority, and got the entire audience singing the words of a new anthem for punk.

After finishing their set, The Living End returned to the stage a second time for an encore performance, playing "Carry Me Home," a fast punk song with hard-hitting metal riffs, demonstrating The Living End's mastery of both songwriting and technical skill.



The Living End rocked The Palace in Hollywood on Friday, May 11.

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the site.

Intertwining the arts and technology is the mission of the Beall Center, which became one of the newest structures on the UCI campus when it opened in October of last year. The digital experience is something for which the Beall is known.

"One of the purposes of the Beall is to engage the public and get them interested in new art forms which come about through collaborations between artists and technology," said Jeannie Weiffenbach, director of the Beall Center.

Normally, one might not immediately perceive the work done by the CLUI as art because it is not a fine art like painting, sculpture or dance. Yet art is a subjective term that is being loosely defined as more things are accepted into its domain.

"I'm always interested in artists and organizations who are pushing the definitions of art," Weiffenbach said.

"Curious Orange," the third exhibit put on at the Beall this year, hopes to bring awareness to the public about the immense uses of the land because many of these places are overlooked. One of the most interesting places shown on the map is the landfill because it is something that one never thinks about.

"Waste is the other side of life and we wanted to show that these type of places existed even in beautiful Orange County," Coolidge said. Some viewers found the choice of the landfill as humorous.

When asked which site was his favorite, sixth-year social science major Artemus Manore points out the landfill because "it's hilarious how close and visible those homes are to it in the background."

Yet this is a part of everyday life

that needs to be told.

Also a part of the presentation and equally important to the understanding of the county is the sources of water and energy. Depicted on the map are places such as the Deimer Filtration Plant in Yorba Linda, which brings water from outside sources into the county and the AES Power Plant in Huntington Beach that serves as the only major power plant in the county.

Awareness about these places is critical, especially at this moment when rolling blackouts are occurring all over Southern California. These places can only provide so much for all residents of the county, including the excessive consumption by UCI students. Becoming more aware about the sources of energy would help alleviate the crisis. Since the exhibit has just begun, the timing could not have been better to educate the public about the environmental aspects surrounding people's lives.

The exhibit is not only a way to educate the public about these places but also to show the hard work put on by the CLUI in finishing this project. Of 100 possible places in Orange County, the organization had to narrow the field to 20.

Members zigzagged 3,000 miles within the county to obtain the information they needed for each site. Some sites restricted their access and turned them away. The perseverance of CLUI deserves to be recognized. Attending the exhibit would not only enlighten an individual of the current state of the county, but it will also show one's appreciation of the work that companies like the CLUI perform.

Who knows, the exhibit might even incite you to check out these sites for the first time or revisit the familiar ones. "I plan on going to Disneyland a couple more times before my season pass expires this summer," said Beverly Oanes, second-year studio arts major.

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Blind, did not disappoint. They wowed the crowd and then some. People were on their feet and danced away to the group's powerful rock medley.

In a highly earth-shattering event, Stephan Jenkins on vocals ran offstage and entered the seating area, into the center of the commotion. Astoundingly and stunningly, with true and utter courage, he performed "Jumper" from his new position in the eye of the crowd. Remarkably, he was left unscathed and unharmed by the masses.

The night was topped off with Jenkins' rendition of "Semi-Charmed Life," providing the highlight of the night.

Unfortunately, there was a sad note—this was one of Third Eye Blind's last appearances before the band goes into the studio to record their next album.



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Third Eye Blind frontman Stephan Jenkins signs a fan autograph.

Without a doubt, the first ever Star 98.7 Fan Nation concert was an overwhelming success because of its abundance of choices, in which each concert-goer had the opportunity to meet as well as see their bands perform.

Indeed, this is a rare occasion in a day and age where artists are increasingly becoming unapproachable to the point where they are only seen through filtered mediums, from the small screen to the radio.

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Should have bought / The Charlie's Angels Soundtrack instead."

"Survivor," the second album from Beyoncé Knowles, can be summarized by the song "Independent Woman Part I." This is the song that launched her career and made her name a household one.

What? I know there are three members in the group. I didn't forget about Kelly and Michelle. However, who are we trying to fool here? Every song on this album features Beyoncé's vocals over those of everyone else.

This album has 14 of the 15 songs on the album written, produced and arranged by Beyoncé. The Bee Gees wrote the 15th. Some of the members of the last group didn't even make it to the second album.

The title track of the album, "Survivor," appears to be a reaction to those ex-band members, who have since tried to start a new band. Don't be fooled by the "nothing can hold me down" message.

The song seems more like a jab - actually more of an uppercut - at those who didn't make the cut. The funny thing is that the song proclaims that the group is above taking pot shots, with "I'm not gonna blast you on the radio/I'm not gonna diss you on the Internet."

Instead, they make a chart-topping single that will do all that and make them a lot of money at the same time.

Sounds good to me. I was talking about the concept, not the song.

DC-3 - not to be confused with an affirmative action initiative - did indeed survive, but they do so in this track with a chaotic beat and vocals that serve to disorient and confuse. The beat is catchy, but the timing of the singing gives the impression of a Chinese

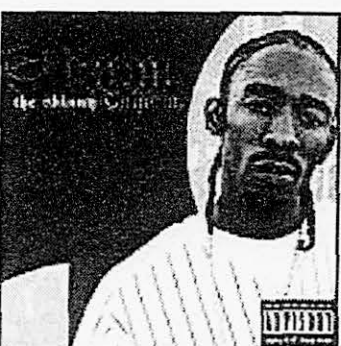
Kung-Fu film dubbed in English by someone who only speaks French.

The survivors, who have survived nothing until they've listened to Willie D's album, prove with this record that they don't make quality dance music. They do, however, sing a great slow jam. The Bee Gees song, "Emotion," makes me feel like starting a campfire and breaking out my acoustic guitar. It's simply beautiful as are "Dangerously in Love," "Brown Eyes" and "The Story of Beauty" in order of attractiveness from greatest to least. "Happy Face," although fast-paced and bass-filled, is decent, but any song not mentioned is to be avoided like hamburgers in Europe.

The only redeeming quality of "Independent Woman Part I" is its ability to give you visions of heavenly bodies. "Lucy Liu, with my girl Drew/Cameron D and Destiny," "Independent Woman Part II," which does actually appear on the album, gives weight to the theory that sequels are much worse than the original.

For people who like: Buying CDs and only listening to four songs and bands who read off their "Thank You's" at the end of their album while a chorus repeats the common courtesy in the background.

Slimm Calhoun
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The Dungeon Family inducts a new member with Slimm Calhoun. The skinny on this guy is that his flow fits in nicely with the way they do things down in Atlanta. It might even fit in too nicely. It takes a sharp ear to distinguish Slimm from Dre or OutKast.

Fortunately, that doesn't present a major problem on this album, because Dre's appearance is augmented to sound like the long lost brother of Alvin, Simon and Theodore.

Only Ice Cube raised this chipmunk instead of that guy that looked like a cross between Howie Mandel and David Copperfield.

The album features tracks made by the same folks that worked on the Aquemini album. Every cut is cutting edge and involves beats that mix '70s funk, 21st century technology and good old-fashioned gangsta' rap.

The album features electric guitars, organs, pianos, trumpets and lots of bass and percussion. Even though they probably all come from the same synthesizer or sampling machine, they comprise a diverse sound that works well on this album.

The album's best music is showcased on "Red Clay," "Worldly Ways" and "Timelock." "Timelock" features an eerie guitar riff and a hypnotic chorus of OutKasts.

"The Skinny" is one of the album's most powerful cuts. The theme is a little bit tired and deals mostly with how Slimm was able to raise above his "ghetto livin'" and how his meteoric rise to fame hasn't changed him one bit. As cliché as it is, the track is quite moving and has an entrancing chorus.

For people who like: Anything Dungeon Family, Dirty South and Jimi Hendrix if he was reincarnated as a hip-hop producer.

If your inbox is as lonely as mine, e-mail hashhoff19@hotmail.com.

FILM

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been relatively low-key.

That changed last March, when ZotFilm! organized its "Visions" film festival. The screening featured 15 short videos made by UCI students, with works ranging from the narrative to documentary to experimental. Over 50 students attended, and the club plans to hold a "Visions II" June 6, in HIB 110.

Those interested in joining Anteater Pictures Club will have to wait, however. Anyone interested in joining can come to the first three meetings of each quarter, held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Humanities Hall. After that, the club does not accept new members until the next quarter.

"We've found that people who join after the third meeting are often out of synch with what's going on," Patterson said.

He adds that the club will be eager to accept new members starting next fall.

Beyond current video projects and the planned "Visions" festival, the club's biggest goal is to hold an inter-UC campus festival of undergraduate film and video work.

"I would like to see the film club work in collaboration with other filmmakers outside the [UCI] community," said Aguirre.

"We wanted to have one [inter-campus festival] this year," Patterson said, "but it looks like it will be too difficult at this date."

Plans for a creative exchange with filmmakers at other campuses may be on hold for the time being, but this year, the Anteater Pictures Club has already helped generate interest in UCI's vibrant and growing video community, proving once again that UCLA and USC are not the only places to gain a meaningful knowledge of filmmaking in Southern California.

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GOLF

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son was definitely winning the conference tournament. We were seeded number one going in, and they deserved to be there and played like [they did]."

If the team performs well enough, it has the potential to move to the NCAA National Championship tournament in Division I.

"We will work on becoming more consistent," Smolinski said. "We have shown that we are capable of playing good golf and we would like to be able to play that way all the time."

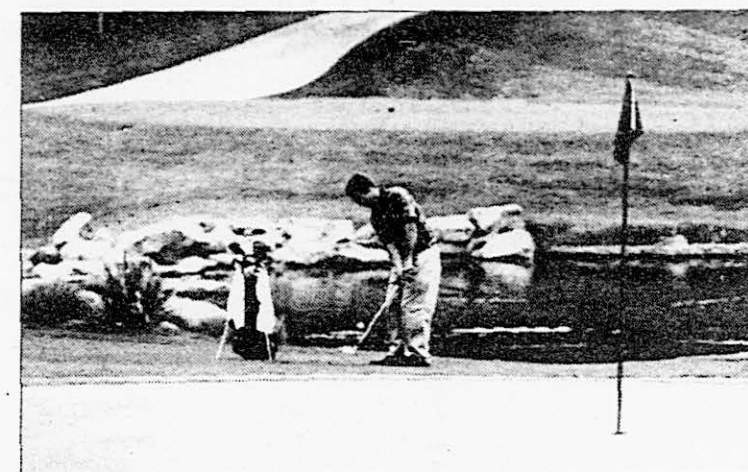
The men's golf team has many assets that will help them on their way to victory, including second-place conference winner sophomore Jeff Coburn, who was also named first-team All-Conference.

To add to the list, Anteater sophomores Mike Lavery and Ryan Armstrong were named to the All-Conference second-team after the Big West tournament concluded.

"I was extremely happy [to make second-team] since all my hard work is now starting to pay off," Armstrong said. "I feel like my game is starting to come around now, just in time for the regional tournament next week."

Leading these outstanding players is UCI's first golf Big West Coach of the Year.

"It is an honor to be named coach of the year. To be recognized by your



Armstrong and his teammates have been one to watch on their way to their first-ever Big West Conference title.

peers for doing a good job is gratifying," Smolinski said. "But ultimately, the players did all of the playing, and I just do a lot of watching."

The team has shown great unity on and off the course, supporting each other through triumphs and difficulties.

"Having Paul nominated as coach of the year is quite an honor, and he is very deserving for all the time he puts in and what we all put him through," Armstrong said. "He definitely likes to see us improve and succeed throughout life."

Smolinski's lineup for the NCAA West Regionals is Wang, Armstrong, Lavery, Coburn and freshman Justin Ohye.

"To get [to the top] I know I will

put in the extra hours practicing all aspects of my golf game," Ohye said. "After going to regionals, I know we will gain some experience competing with the elite teams of the west."

UCI is continuing to establish a reputation in golf and working toward being nationally recognized as having a strong golf program. The West Regionals will add to the team's list of accomplishments.

"By winning the Big West Conference tournament, our team accomplished every goal that our Head Coach Paul Smolinski set at the beginning of the season," Lavery said. "I'm very happy to have been a part of it. Now everything else we go on to accomplish this year will be icing on the cake."

Sports in Brief

UC Irvine Names Seven Award Winners

IRVINE, Calif. - May 9 - Seven Anteaters were named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars as selected by Black Issues in Higher Education.

Sophomore Cindy Oparah from women's basketball, senior Nickole Kabe of the women's tennis team, sophomore Aaron Colocoin of the men's soccer team, senior Brooke Witt of women's volleyball, senior Anita Sampson of the track and field team, senior Chris Ma from men's tennis and sophomore Santosh Swamidass of the men's track and field team were all honored.

All seven honorees are a minority of at least sophomore standing, with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher and are an active member of an intercollegiate athletic team.

Anteaters Sign Two Swimming Recruits

IRVINE, Calif. - May 8 - Two additional women will be joining UCI's Swim team next fall, according to Head Coach Charlie Schober.

Transferring from the

University of Texas, Amanda Gullick received a scholarship from Irvine to come and swim distance freestyle for two years. She qualified for the 400 and 800 freestyle events at the 2000 Olympic trials and is the 1998 Junior Nationals West champion in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

Alexis Sheridan of Pasadena will be entering UCI as a freshman. She finished seventh in the 200 freestyle and fifth in the 500 freestyle in the 2000 CIF Division II Championships.

Nilsson Among 18 Honored

IRVINE, Calif. - May 24 - Junior cross-country track team member Karen Nilsson will receive a 2001 Lauds and Laurels Award, given by the UCI Alumni Association at the Sutton Place Hotel in Newport Beach.

As an English and drama major Nilsson won the 2000 Big West Conference individual cross-country title, was named conference athlete of the year and received UCI's 2000 "Most Valuable" and "Coaches" award.

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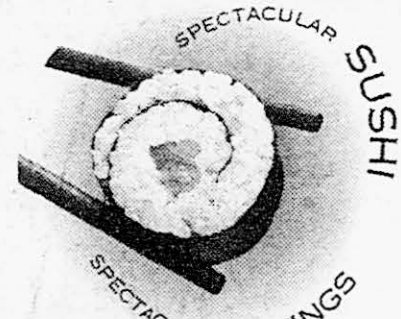
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WEEK 10 Tables will be set at various locations around campus on Monday and Tuesday. TBA



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SHAAN

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playoffs dating back to their Stanley Cup finals loss in 1993 as the Kings won game three, 2-1. Little did we know, Mo' was only getting started.

The Kings were losing 3-0 in game four and in danger of falling behind 3-1 in the series, with little hope of survival.

Then something short of a miracle happened.

Down by three goals entering the crucial third period, the Kings scored three times in regulation, then won it on forward Eric Belanger's goal in overtime, sending the Staples Center crowd into a frenzy with the 4-3 triumph.

The Kings then used Mo' to win the next two games, winning the series 4-2.

Still, Mo' wasn't quite finished.

Entering the series against the heavily favored Colorado Avalanche, few people gave the Kings a chance. They thought the Avalanche were too good to be beat and too good to be challenged. Mo' took offense.

The Kings won game one in the series, 4-3, on defenseman Jaroslav Modry's goal in overtime, extending their winning streak in the playoffs to five games and further proving the influence of Mo'.

The Kings, though, might have taken Mo' for granted. They lost the next three games by a combined score of 9-3, falling behind in the series, 3-1 with, yet again, little hope of survival.

However, neither Mo' nor the Kings were done. The Kings won game five, 1-0 with great defense and 20 saves from goalie Felix Potvin.

Apparently, everyone was believing in Mo' now. Once he stays with you long enough, you start to gain confidence otherwise lost or forgotten. That confidence along with the helpful hand of Mo' were with the Kings in game six.

However, this wasn't any ordinary game six. It was part of a double-header at the Staples Center.

Earlier in the day, the Lakers beat the Sacramento Kings, 108-105. Of course, Shaquille O'Neal

might have a hand in this as well scoring 44 points and grabbing 21 rebounds.

I'm sure Mo' stopped by though, to make sure the Lakers didn't feel neglected.

Later that day, those at the Staples Center witnessed a double-overtime 1-0 Kings victory over the Avalanche, shutting them out for two consecutive games as Potvin now picked up 33 saves.

At this point, Mo' was wiping away the sweat of his forehead with his hand for his recent hard work and dedication to the lovely city of Los Angeles.

He might have been over-worked. You could have called it work-related stress.

In game seven against the Avalanche, Mo' was no longer with the Kings as he was tiring from over-exhaustion. The Kings eventually lost game seven, 5-1.

They knew Mo' could only get them so far and help so much. They figured it was only a matter of time before the uphill climb became a downhill fall.

Despite his misfortunes with one Kings team, he was sure having fun with the other Kings. Mo' appeared to be salivating over the torture he was putting Sacramento through after O'Neal's game two explosion of 43 points and 20 rebounds—the first time in NBA playoffs history a player has recorded 40-20 performances in consecutive games.

It was obvious Mo' loved L.A. and wasn't thinking about leaving anytime soon.

The Kings enjoyed one of their most surprising, wild playoffs in recent memory, while the Lakers are still relishing in their success in the post-season with the help of a good friend.

When it comes down to the nitty-gritty and you need someone to lend a helping hand, you can always count on Mo'.

Just don't use him beyond exhaustion.

I enjoyed hearing that my uncle from Colorado was writhing in agony during the Kings series. If you have a friend named Mo', or not, e-mail me at shassan@uci.edu. Mo' occasionally visits me from time to time.

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YOGA

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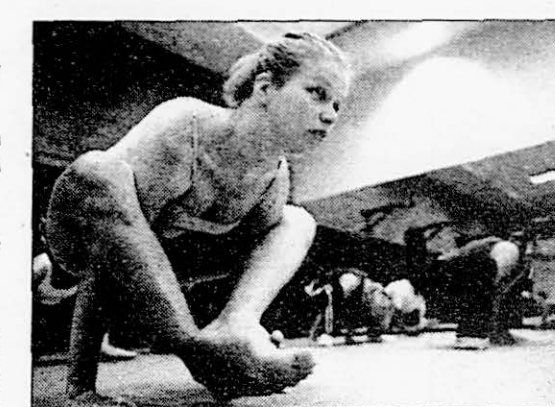
New U: Why did you decide to be a yoga instructor?

Zinsberg: When I was in school, and even after school, I felt that I would be another nine to five employee, just another taxpayer ID number. Through yoga practice, I have come to recognize that the universe is a big place and my life and time here on earth is very, very precious.

New U: There are various poses that you call out in your classes: what language are they in and what do they signify?

Zinsberg: In our yoga class at UCI, we use the language of Sanskrit in our practice of the poses of Yoga. These poses are called "asana." This word literally means posture. These yoga postures are diagnostic tools for learning where our bodies are restricted and where our bodies are too mobile.

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When done correctly, the art of yoga can be an uplifting experience.

asanas with adaptations and variations of each one. Some asanas are named after geometric shapes. Some other poses are named after famous yogis, some are named after animals in nature. "Adomukhasvanasana" means upward-facing dog posture.

New U: How do people use yoga?

Zinsberg: Here in North America, many people seem to come to yoga looking for some physical benefits. Coincidentally, the physical suffering that many people experience also produces a mental imprint. We call this "samskara" in Sanskrit.

Zinsberg: I believe I have so many dedicated students because I have such a well-educated and respected teacher. My teacher, Mr. Gary Kraftsow, has studied and practiced Yoga since 1974 with his teacher Mr. TKV Desikachar of Chennai, India.

For Desikachar, Gary Kraftsow and myself, yoga is a living tradition. My understanding of yoga, albeit minimal in scope, comes from this living, flowing river of knowledge. Yoga is an experiential science. This means that it can not only be mentally understood, but actually experienced by the practitioner. This is

Samskara is like the groove in a record. So, when you play the record you always hear the same groove.

New U: You have quite a dedicated group of students who consistently enroll in your classes, why do you think you have so many dedicated students?

what makes yoga "real" to the individual. When something is understood deeply, it is yours to keep and to share with others. As teachers, we should only teach what we know, and admit that which we do not know.

New U: What kind of technique do you practice in your class?

Zinsberg: Basically, we practice a technique called PNF—proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation. This physical therapist term means that as you contract the muscle slightly, paradoxically it can relax deeper. So, if one were to perform a backbend first, and then perform a forward bend, the sensation in the forward bend will be more profound and perhaps the muscular release will be deeper.

Asana practice produces a well-toned muscle, which has a feeling of firmness, not pumped-up rigidity, as well as a suppleness, not flaccidity.

Zinsberg teaches throughout Orange County in addition to leading yoga retreats to Maui, Sedona and Washington. For more information go to www.SocalVinnyoga.com.

SWIMMING

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screamed to no avail, bringing new meaning to the term, "swimmer's ear."

Jeff Johnston, director of intramurals, turned on the siren of the loudspeaker hoping to draw the attention of the swimmers.

The swimmers, after about 30 seconds of useless swimming, finally realized the alarms and yelling and brought their race to a halt.

Prior to the men's wild race, Phi Beta Pi sophomore, Megan McGrew won the women's 50-yard butterfly.

"It felt good to win," McGrew said.

The last event was the men's 200-yard freestyle won by Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

After the race, Kappa Sigma was proud of their victory.

"It felt pretty good, especially since we won the past couple tournaments," said senior Mike Lee. "We knew a lot of good fraternities were participating, so we were preparing pretty well."

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Parada Wonders, "Where's the Beef?"



UCI Men's Basketball freshman center, Adam Parada (right) and his teammates were invited to FIJI's barbecue party, May 7 in the Arroyo Vista Field.

The Art of Relaxation Brought to You by Yoga

ARC: Instructor Juris Zinberg offers UCI students the chance to relieve stress and pressure.

By Melinda Shekells
Staff Writer

Midterms have come and gone, but for many students the stress that comes with college life lingers long after the tests are over.

Juris Zinberg, a yoga instructor at the Anteater Recreation Center, gives students a chance to stretch, twist, breathe and meditate the collegiate blues away. Zinberg, a UCI alumnus has been instructing students at UCI on the physical and mental benefits of yoga since 1997.

New University: When did you begin to practice yoga?

Juris Zinberg: I have been practicing yoga since 1993. I have been

teaching yoga since 1996.

New U.: What type of Yoga do you teach?

Zinberg: This type of yoga is called Viniyoga. In Viniyoga we look at the individual as a complete system—body, breath, mind, attitude, disposition. Viniyoga is perhaps the most specialized kind of Yoga practice, because it is not limited to any physical, mental, emotional or spiritual limitations. Almost anyone can practice this Viniyoga. Yoga practice, in general, should support us, nourish us and inspire us, throughout our lives.

New U.: Do you think it is important for college students to do yoga?

Zinberg: Yoga is a gift for all people regardless of age or vocation. As a college student, I was under a lot of pressure to succeed and excel. It wasn't until I started practicing

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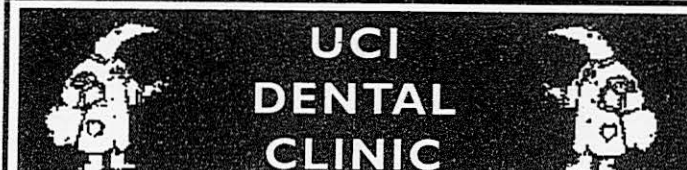
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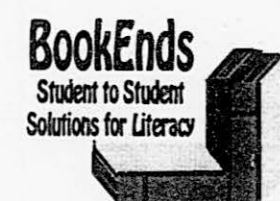
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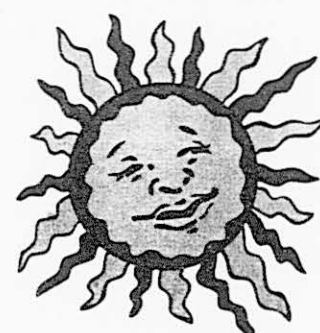
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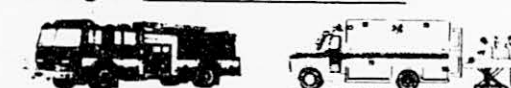
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'Eaters are Out of This Range

■ **GOLF:** UC Irvine has met and exceeded their goals for their historic season and are still looking for more.

By Christina Warthen
Staff Writer

Earlier in the season, the New University ran a feature story on the UC Irvine Men's Golf team.

After the interview, senior Jeremy Harrison had some words of advice: "Watch out for us."

Well, we've kept them to their words and they have not let anyone down.

In fact, the golf team has proven to be one of the best teams out there, competing in the top rankings, along with Stanford and UCLA, and marked the university's 44th Big West Championship.

The team swept the Big West Conference May 1, winning their first-ever golf Big West title with a total of 859 strokes in a 54-hole tournament, just five strokes ahead of second-place teams UC Santa Barbara and University of the Pacific.

"Winning the Big West conference

title was awesome," said senior team captain Eric Wang. "Being my last year here at UCI and making history for our school's first title in the fashion we did, I couldn't ask for a better ending to my career."

The men's golf team has been given a berth in the NCAA West Regionals that will take place May 17-19 in Corvallis, Oregon—the fourth time in UCI history.

"The golf program has never won a conference title before this season," said Head Coach Paul Smolinski. "The team's biggest success this sea-

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Kappa Sigma Splashes Greeks in Meet

■ **INTRAMURALS:**

Competition in swim meet is filled with entertainment and a star performance.

By Shaan Hassan
Staff Writer

Any time fraternities and sororities are intermingled with one another in competition, an exciting outing is guaranteed.

This was the case in the intramural swim meet, May 11 at UC Irvine's Crawford Pool won by Kappa Sigma with 100 points and Delta Gamma with 64 points.

With a loud and festive crowd on hand, the first event to start the afternoon was the men's 200-yard medley relay won by Kappa Sigma with Sigma Phi Epsilon coming in second and Sigma Alpha Epsilon in third.

"I felt good since I hadn't swam in a while," said Wayne Chandler, junior Sigma Phi member. "I was on the diving team my freshman year."

The men's 50-yard freestyle was won by sophomore Kappa Sigma member, Billy Bower.

"I played water polo in high school, so it felt good to get in the pool again," Bower said.

The women's 50-yard backstroke was a competitive and inter-

esting event with only two swimmers participating—both from Delta Gamma.

The tight race brought out the best in the sorority sisters, with freshman member Ann Nguyen taking first by just a couple of strokes.

Nguyen, also winning the 50-yard breast-stroke and 100-yard medley, turned out to be the star of the meet, taking home three awards. If there had been a gold medal to win, she would have won it. A winner's T-shirt had to do.

"It was pretty cool," Nguyen said.

The men's 100-yard free relay was won by Kappa Sigma with chants of "Kappa Sig, Kappa Sig" being yelled from the members after the race as they neared the meet's championship.

Despite Kappa Sigma's dominance and Nguyen's star performance, the entertainment of the event came during the men's 50-yard butterfly thanks to the swim-



Nguyen won three awards and seemed to be swimming in a pool of her own.

TETSUYA KOSAKA/New University

mers' deaf ears.

Moments before the signal to initiate the race, there was a false start not heard by several of the swimmers. Some of their members on the side of the pool yelled and

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The City of L.A. Finds Help From a Friend

He comes during the regular season knocking on teams' doors, offering his help and encouragement.

During the post-season, however, is when he rolls up his sleeves, spits on his hands and gets to work.

Some teams use his help to their full advantage, while others falter trying to make the most out of it.

During the 2001 NHL playoffs, the Los Angeles Kings made the most out of it.

They used Mr. Momentum to their full advantage.

Normally, using someone like this over and over isn't a great idea. However, Mr. Momentum, or Mo', doesn't mind it one bit—he likes the attention.

Well, during the 2001 post-season, he was working overtime for the city of Los Angeles.

Mo' has helped the Lakers win 15 consecutive games dating back to the regular season and a

first-round series sweep of the Portland Trail Blazers. What better time to show up than the end of the regular season, when teams need you the most?

Most times, his visits end with the Lakers. Just recently, he was working double-duty helping the Kings in the NHL playoffs, as well.

Down two games to none in the best of a seven-game series, the Los Angeles Kings needed help against the Detroit Red Wings. In the first two games, the Kings were

outscored 9-3 and their playoff hopes were dwindling faster than the XFL's chances of success in their second season—oh, wait, they don't have a second season.

Then arriving to do what he does best, Mo' came knocking on their door to save the day and possibly the playoffs.

He helped the Kings end their 14-game losing streak in the

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