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# UC Leader Outlines Plan to Regain Trust

## Dynes strategy comes amidst pressure for the UC President to resign.

JOHN LEE
NEWS EDITOR

Despite demands of resignation from UC students, employees and state senators, UC President Robert C. Dynes found a haven of support from the Board of Regents stating they "wish to affirm support for President Robert C. Dynes" despite the recent controversy of executive compensation, a scandal attributed to Dynes lack of leadership.

Dynes struggled to regain the trust of the public at last week's Board of Regents meeting held at UCSF –Laurel Heights, as two senators and an assembly member appeared before the Regents, demanding Dynes to resign for his what they call his inability to run a $20 billion UC system.

"Today, I am calling for the resignation of President Dynes," said State Majority Leader Gloria

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IAN CORRIGAN/HIGHLANDER
University of California President Robert Dynes responded to the recent executive compensation scandals at the UC Regents meeting, held at the University of California, San Francisco.

# UCR Presents Medical School Proposal to UC Officials

VANESSA MEJIA
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UCR is laying the foundation towards developing the first new public medical school, submitting a proposal last Wednesday to be approved by UC officials. If confirmed, it will be the first research-based medical school created in the western United States of the 21st century, opening in fall 2012.

The construction of a medical school hopes to fill the gap of physicians within the Inland Empire, focusing on diseases and health issues particular to the region and its residents. The mission will be to serve the medically underserved in the Inland Empire and beyond by training a diverse workforce of doctors, with innovative research, education, and health care delivery as outlined in the proposal's opening statement.

The proposal emphasizes the university's current assets, notably the Thomas Haider

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# Highlander Staff Receives Professional Prestige

SHAWN SHAHANI
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Two Highlander staff members were the recipients of prestigious journalism awards presented by the Society of Professional Journalists on May 13.

Michael Tang, a third-year business administration major, and Zuhair Abdulla, a fifth-year history major, both received second-place accolades at the 2005 Southern California Excellence in Journalism Awards held at the Riverside Marriott. Currently the managing editor of The Highlander newspaper, Tang was recognized for continued excellence of his sports column "No Tang, No Gain," winning the runner-up selection for Best Column in the Student Newspaper division.



ZUHAIR ABDULLA



MICHAEL TANG

"I was really ecstatic to have won this award," Tang said. "There are so many talented columnists in this region, and with columns not being my main specialty in journalism, I was very surprised and happy to have actually won this prize."

Abdulla received his award for his photograph "51 Buckingham" in the Best News/Features Photo competition. The picture is a portrait of the rock band Bla-za, from Issue 13, Volume 53, and originally ran on January 11, 2005. He is currently the outgoing photography editor for the same publication. Last year, Abdulla was the recipient of the first-place prize for the same category.

"It was nice to win two years in a row because I feel that it really validates my time at The Highlander," Abdulla said. "It shows that I made a difference on a personal and professional level, showing what I can do and what I've always loved."

The awards ceremony acknowledged both professional and student journalists from all over Southern California, including Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles counties. While the competition was opened just this year to these different regions, the former Inland Southern California division of San Bernardino and Riverside counties still comprised of most of the entrants for the journalist distinctions.

The Excellence in Journalism competition accepted work published between January 1 to December 31, 2005.

Tang hopes the success of the awards continues over into the next year of competition.

"Winning second in this award has only made me want to strive to get first next year," Tang said. "My wish for next year is for me and the rest of my colleagues at The Highlander to sweep every single first place award. It might sound a bit lofty, but given the talent of the upcoming year's staff, I am certain we can do it."

# ASUCR Denies Funding for MEChA

CJ LIN
STAFF WRITER

Funding was once again the main issue at the last ASUCR meeting of the school year.

MEChA petitioned for $33,927 for their fifth annual Leadership Camp. The camp aims to motivate high school students in the Chicano community to seek higher education by bringing them to UCR for seven days and letting them experience college life. Participants are housed in the dorms, where they will attend classes on campus and are constantly guided by MEChA staff members.

Even though MEChA was backed by representatives from USAS and the Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), who both applauded its successful outreach efforts, MEChA's petition was stopped short by the maximum amount of money each organization is allowed.

However, MEChA members brought up the point that not all clubs are using available funds and the question of why these extra funds could not be allocated to their cause.

Even though the senate understood the importance of MEChA's agenda, they expressed the concern of having enough money available for next year's organizations.

"There might not be new money coming in," said Lizette Navarette, ASUCR President. "We wouldn't be having this problem if voters hadn't turned it [Measure M] down."

Had Measure M been passed, one-third of the income would have gone to outreach programs.

This sparked a heated debate about what has already been accomplished by MEChA versus whether or not there would be enough funds for next year. MEChA stressed that they are fulfilling UCR's mission of equal access, outreach and community service.

"We're not asking you to look into next year. This year, there's money available. Why not fund us?" asked Omar Aguiar, high school representative for MEChA. Aguiar pointed out that their funding is continuing to dwindle and that they would be in the same position with ASUCR again next year.

Estella Acuna, MEChA advisor and director of Chicano student programs, contested their program's benefit the community and campus and cut out all the fluff to get to what is important.

"It's unfortunate that the discussion became centered around whether there would be funds for next year as opposed to focusing on the merits of the Leadership Camp and what has been accomplished," said Acuna.

"I'm sorry funding is going really bad this year," said ASUCR Outreach Director Denny Chavez. "Right now, with the state, there's the question of whether we will get funding for next year. The question is not whether or not the program is effective. The question is about money."

"We have to ensure that everybody can have the opportunity to

▸ PETITION, 3



ERICH CHEN/HIGHLANDER
Holly Lim, vice president of external affairs, gave her report at perhaps one the biggest ASUCR meetings at Surge 172 last Thursday night.

# RAPSHEET

## POLICE REPORT

Compiled by Vanessa Mejia

### MAY 18

FRAUD: A victim from A&I attempted to deposit $3400 in money order but was told that checks were fraudulent.

RESTRAINING ORDER: A restraining order was filed against a resident from Bannockburn Apartments.

PETTY THEFT: A silver Samsung cell phone was taken from Sproul Hall.

### MAY 17

BURGLARY: A suspect was booked for theft of a backpack taken from the Bookstore.

### MAY 15

GRAND THEFT: Unknown suspect(s) took a laptop from a room in the residence halls.

BURGLARY: Unknown suspect(s) entered a room in A&I and took a blue iPod mini.

BURGLARY: A Dell GX 280 computer and Viewsonic monitor were taken from Statistics and Computing lecture hall.

BATTERY: An alleged battery took place in Pentland Hills residence halls and is currently under investigation.

GRAND THEFT: A Dell laptop was taken from an unlocked room.

DRUGS-HEALTH AND SAFETY: A subject was arrested for possession of marijuana at International Village.

BATTERY: A suspect broke down the door and pushed the victim to the ground.

### MAY 14

PUBLIC INTOXICATION: A subject was booked for public intoxication.

PETTY THEFT: Unknown suspect stole victim's Samsung cellphone.

### MAY 12

DUI: A driver was booked to Riverside jail for driving while intoxicated.

DRUGS-HEALTH AND SAFETY: A subject under the influence of a controlled substance was booked to Riverside jail for possession of methamphetamine

# ELSEWHERE

Compiled by Linna Loangkote

## UCD Team Unveils Hybrid SUV

**DAVIS, Calif. –** Amid skyrocketing gas prices, a team of UC Davis engineering students has designed a gas-electric hybrid sport utility vehicle that can travel up to 200 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Last Thursday morning, Team Fate unveiled "Trinity," a modified Chevy Equinox that runs on electricity, hydrogen and either gas or ethanol. The car's batteries, which can be charged with a domestic power supply, can power the electric motor for up to 40 miles at low speeds.

Trinity is Team Fate's latest hybrid vehicle and also its entry into next month's Challenge X competition in Phoenix, Ariz. Challenge X is a North American competition that challenges teams of engineering students to increase fuel economy and reduce emissions of a standard mid-sized SUV.

In addition to being more fuel-efficient, Trinity will exceed the performance of a standard gas-powered SUV. According to a press release, Trinity would have better acceleration than a standard gas-powered Equinox.

Team Fate said that Trinity would be competitively priced compared to the Equinox if it were produced on a large scale. Professor Frank estimated that Trinity would cost 30 percent more than a standard Equinox, but he also said that Trinity would be the better deal in the long run.

Trinity is the first of the team's hybrids capable of plugging into a standard AC power socket. The vehicle also features the Team Fate-designed continuously variable transmission, or CVT, which is more efficient than traditional manual and automatic transmissions.

Frank, who had recently returned from a trip to Washington D.C. for a congressional hearing, said he has been working with the U.S. Congress to facilitate the promotion of hybrid technology. Frank said he advocates government support for automakers transitioning to hybrid technology. According to Frank, U.S. automakers are reluctant to make the switch because of the initial investment required.

Trinity is still under construction as Team Fate received the vehicle six months later than anticipated. With a June deadline for completion approaching rapidly, the volunteers who compose Team Fate have been working many hours to complete Trinity on time.

***~California Aggie***



CALIFORNIA AGGIE

Team Fate, a group of UCD student engineers, will enter the Challenge X competition next month with 'Trinity,' a modified Chevy Equinox. They have also designed a hybrid Chevy Suburban (above).

## Students Rally to Impeach Bush

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif. -** Over 100 students gathered in Storke Plaza yesterday to protest President George W. Bush's warrantless wiretapping policies during "Impeachfest," which featured presidential impersonations and the throwing of peaches at the national leader's effigy.

Students for Impeachment hosted the rally and brought local Isla Vista band Iration to play a set. Impeachfest included speeches from retired UCSB sociology professor Dick Flacks and Students for Impeachment member and third-year political science major Jake Thorn.

Second-year political science major Patrick Donahoe donned a plastic George W. Bush mask at the event and gave a sarcastic oration, and the rally also featured a voter registration drive and a bank of local representatives' phone numbers and e-mails.

Thorn said Bush's orders permitting warrantless surveillance of citizens' telephone calls and e-mails violate the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, which authorizes the government to collect foreign intelligence information through surveillance, but also includes limitations of that power.

Thorn said the act created a panel of judges to provide judicial oversight on federal wiretaps. However, he said, President Bush has sidestepped the panel, causing one of its judges to resign in protest.

Veterans for Peace member and sociology Professor Emeritus Thomas J. Scheff alleged that the Bush administration has violated U.S. laws on several occasions.

However, many students and faculty members disagreed with the rally's purpose or supporters' strategies.

College Republicans chairman and third-year business economics major Tim Cully said his organization did not counter-protest at the event because they did not believe it was significant enough. The group counter-protested at a Students for Impeachment rally on March 11.

***~Daily Nexus***




DAILY NEXUS

Protesters condemned President Bush's wiretaps as illegal, calling for his removal. Law and society major Johanna Parra (left) throws a peach at a picture of George W. Bush following a noon rally held at Storke Plaza last week.

## Head of External Affairs to Leave

**LOS ANGELES –** Michael Eicher, one of UCLA's top officials who oversaw the decade-long, $3 billion fundraising initiative Campaign UCLA, is leaving the university for a position at Johns Hopkins University, officials said Wednesday.

Eicher, the vice chancellor of external affairs, was chiefly responsible for raising funds and managing the university's relationship with external entities, such as local government, community members and alumni. His last day will be July 14.

At Johns Hopkins, he will be the vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, in which he will raise funds both for the university and Johns Hopkins' medical system, which includes three hospitals and is a separate entity from the university.

Eicher's departure to the Maryland private university marks the second time this year that a high-ranking UCLA administrator has left for a top post at another university.

University of California leaders, including President Robert Dynes and UCLA Chancellor Albert Carnesale, have consistently expressed worries about preventing top administrators from leaving to private schools in an era of decreasing state funding.

Eicher has been at UCLA since 1986, when he started at UCLA Health Sciences Development. He was appointed associate vice chancellor for development in 1996 and vice chancellor of external affairs in 1999.

His headline project for the last 10 years has been Campaign UCLA, which ended in December and was the largest fundraising campaign in higher education history.

In the 2004-2005 fiscal year, Eicher made $233,500.08 in base salary, the 40th highest base salary at UCLA and the eighth highest salary for UCLA employees not associated with the health sciences.

Johns Hopkins is currently in the middle of a large-scale fundraising campaign of its own – "Johns Hopkins: Knowledge for the World" – and has raised more than its goal of $2 billion to date. It is scheduled to continue through 2007.

While O'Shea said the middle of a campaign is a strange time to hire someone new, he said Eicher's experience was "very impressive" and that he would be an able leader of Johns Hopkins' fundraising efforts.

***~Daily Bruin***

## Overhauled A.S. Budget Aims to Streamline Organization Funding

**SAN DIEGO –** A.S. President Harry Khanna's funding proposal includes a whole new look to the A.S. Council's multimillion-dollar budget, meant to cut "red tape" and ease financial policies that some student organizations complain are too complicated.

The new budget proposal includes an increase in unallocated money for student organizations, which Khanna said is aimed at eliminating the barriers that organizations face when trying to host events on campus. Under the current policy, the A.S. Council allocates much of the money to the college councils, which then distributes it to the student organizations. According to Khanna, cutting the amount of money that previously went to the college councils will make it more convenient for organizations holding off-campus events to receive money.

Khanna also reinstituted service stipends and increased A.S. executive office stipends in his proposal, which he said will prevent outside job distractions and encourage a full-time commitment.

During this and last year's A.S. elections, two-time candidate and Earl Warren College senior Daniel Watts criticized stipends given to A.S. officers, and said the money was spent wastefully instead of being made available to students. This year, former A.S. President Christopher Sweeten cut service stipends, distributed to administrators in student services such as Student-Run Television, from the budget.

Despite decreased use of A.S. Safe Ride this year — after a funding increase in last year's budget — Khanna still proposed allocating the same $27,000 to the program, which provides free transportation home on certain nights to any UCSD student who has signed up, particularly those who are too inebriated to drive. Khanna said consistent funding will allow the program to return to the "sticker system," which allows all UCSD students to get sticker passes for their ID cards, enabling them to receive unlimited transportation instead of the three-rides-per-quarter limit instituted this year. Khanna said that the current punch-card system was not only poorly advertised, but inconvenient because it forced students to visit the A.S. offices on the third floor of Price Center to fill out a card.

Additionally, Khanna created a new category in the budget titled "tradition events." This category will fund annual events that have consistently attracted at least 300 students for 10 or more years.

According to Vice President Finance Conrad Ohashi, the new plan is better because it will prevent the Student Organization Funding Advisory Board and the A.S. finance committee from facing roadblocks in allocating as much money as possible to student organizations. Currently, the A.S. Council must vote and approve transferring money between line items.

***~The Guardian***

# Academic Senate to Vote on New Policy

## Committee pushes proposal to keep students on track for graduation.

RYAN HOLIDAY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Cross-College Committee on Conversion was recently formed in February 2005 to address UCR's low enrollment and graduation rate.

Otherwise known as the 'Conversion Ratio Problem,' statistic indicates a high percentage of students failing to graduate within the allotted 4 years. UCR currently holds the lowest conversion unit rate within the University of California system.

The Committee was created to remedy this problem, and announced its findings to the UCR Senate at its winter meeting. The Committee was modeled after a similar committee used by UCLA nearly 10 years ago when the school was in a similar position and has since seen an improvement of massive proportions.

They proposed a multi-point solution, some of which has already gone into effect. Many breadth classes were raised from 4 to 5 units, hoping lower division students would rise to the occasion.

According to the Committee, students take three courses in a full 15 unit load, making it easier for them to adjust to university level study, and the pace of instruction in a quarter system.

Additionally, this helps keep students on track for graduation, logging more units in a shorter time span.

The report also detailed the necessity of inter-disciplinary learning communities, like CHASS Connect and CNAS Scholars, in building the foundation for a successful college career.

"[Freshman Learning Communities] have implications for freshman transitional success to university learning and retention of freshmen as continuing enrolled students. The curriculum is clustered at the heart of the learning community and provides a platform for pedagogical innovation in introductory courses, and may eventually serve as centerpieces for a restructured general education," the Committee announced.

These initiatives, along with a plan to add unit value to Physical Education classes, are all part larger plan to produce more four-year graduates while decreasing the number of dropouts.

## Petition

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have these programs," said Navarette. "We have to make sure that every organization that comes to a hearing can have the ability to get money. We need to think about what's going to happen in the future. Next year is only three, four months, and then we have organization we need to fund already."

During the lengthy debate, Nadine Evans, ASUCR elections chairwoman, and Chavez held an impromptu meeting outside with James Sandoval, UCR vice chancellor of student affairs.

"They asked if the Administration could fund a portion of the proposal," Sandoval said. "Given ASUCR's desire to have the program continue I responded affirmatively."

Evans revealed to the senate that UCR administration had agreed to provide $10,000 to MEChA, bringing an end to the discussion. According to Sandoval, money will be coming from one of the campus' outreach funds.

MEChA came to the senate requesting $33,927, and although they did not reach their target amount, they left with $30,000.

Both ASUCR and MEChA expressed great relief at the pressure eased off from this donation. ASUCR will now have to fund $20,000 and MEChA will need to fundraise just under $4000, amounts significantly lessened by the administration's contribution.

"I'm happy with the results, just not happy how we had to get to them," said Aguiar.

"Clearly the students were interested in securing funds for the Leadership Camp which they did. Having the funds will now enable them to move ahead providing an outreach effort that is effective and proven," Acuna said. "The students are grateful that Vice Chancellor Sandoval clearly values their efforts and acknowledged the contributions to the overall mission of the university."






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# Scandal Strikes Congressman

## Representative abuses political power, faces exploitation charges.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL
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Congressman Ken Calvert of the 44th Congressional District was shown to have profited from selling 4.3 acres of land that was directly influenced by Calvert's own congressional spending earmarks.

Calvert (R-Corona) and a partner purchased land in the Perris area located near March Air Reserve Base for approximately $550,000 last year, and sold the same lot within a year for nearly double the purchasing price at $950,000.

Calvert flatly denies the implication made in the L.A. Times story "Rep. Calvert's Land of Plenty."

"All my life in public service, I've never done anything to enrich myself, using the position I hold," he said.

While earmarks are a concrete way for congressmen to ensure that their home districts receive required projects, Calvert's close proximity of personal investment and earmark is causing a stir.

"My concept of public service and my concept of elective office is that it should be genuinely about public service, not about personal enrichment and private profit to the extent that Mr. Calvert has done," said Louis Vandenberg, Democratic nominee for the 44th Congressional seat. "I believe it needs to have further examination, but to the extent to which he has exploited his office to increase the value of his investments from which he has personally benefited causes me great concern."


KEN CALVERT

The $8 million highway interchange and the $1.5 million commercial development plan for March Air Reserve Base were both requested by local officials to improve the local economy in Riverside County and Calvert was a real estate investor before he became a Congressman. Congressional ethics experts agree that, to avoid the appearance of impropriety, congressmen should divest themselves of holdings that might appear to have influence on the property value or even totally refrain from the earmarks altogether.

The earmark process has been controversial in recent news with the now infamous "bridge to nowhere," a $233 million bridge in Alaska linking an island with 50 inhabitants and an airport to the mainland. Congressmen earn more leeway over time to garner larger and more significant earmarks for their respective districts.

Calvert himself is no stranger to controversy. He was arrested for solicitation of prostitution a year after he was elected in 1993, but no charges were filed by Riverside District Attorney.

"I was feeling intensely lonely," Calvert said. "It was an extremely embarrassing affair."

## Correction

The editorial board of the Highlander encourages the community to notify us of any inaccuracies in our reporting. An article on the May 16 issue incorrectly stated that a research paper released by Seth Wagerman and David Funder implied there was "no relationship" between SAT scores and GPA. The actual research stated that SAT scores is "strongly related" college GPA. We apologize for this inaccuracy.

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# Awards Presented to Top Student Organization

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The best of the school's best organizations were honored at the Student Organization Award Ceremony hosted by Student Life. Student Life managers Ellen Whitehead and Joseph Martinez were at the function to distribute awards and honorable mentions in eight categories to organizations that have shown outstanding dedication to the campus community.

The first award given was the Educational Program of the Year, an honor given to the Highland Debate Team because they displayed an outstanding effort in planning and execution of its program, participation by UCR students, staff, faculty, and community members, its positive impact on UCR, and its positive development for individual members of the organization.

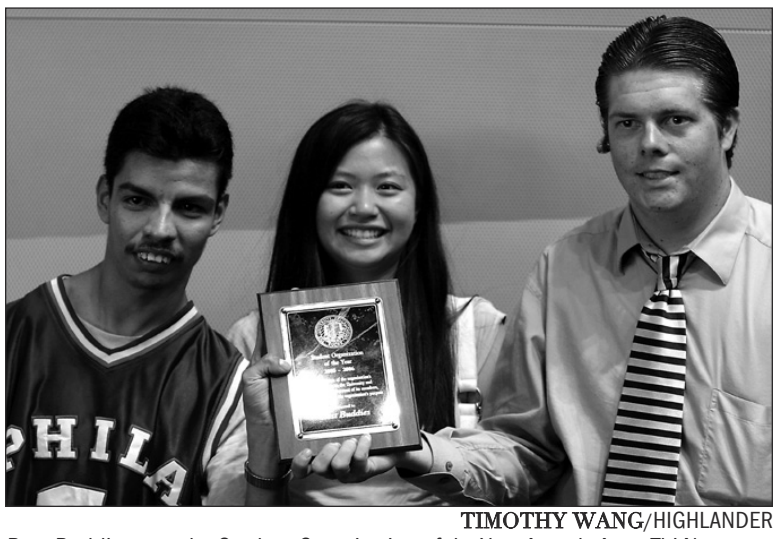
"UC Riverside is an educational institution and we are here to provide a platform for students to show other colleges what incredible and intellectual students attend it," said Highland Debate president Wilton Lam. "My hope is that, in the future, students will participate in programs like this and add to the academic value of the campus."

The award for Student Organization Volunteer Advisor of the Year was given to Scott Silverman of Alpha Epsilon Pi. Also, in the professional category, Irene Lozano of the Chicano/Latinos for Community Medicine was honored with the Student Organization Professional Advisor of the Year Award. The volunteer advisor who displayed outstanding leadership, dedication, and involvement at UCR in addition to effective advising within the organization was acknowledged with a plaque of honor.

The award for the Marguleas Fraternity/Sorority Community Service went to Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc and Flying Samaritans of UCR was acknowledged with the Outstanding Community Service award. Both were given to the organization that exhibited a clear commitment to the betterment of the UCR campus and the Riverside community.

The Student Organization President of the Year was Ekpeju Ed E-Nunu of the Nigerian Student Association. This prestigious award was honored based on a president's ability to display outstanding leadership and involvement with commitment to the organization's purpose and contribution to the community. Honorable mentions were handed to Amber O'Neill of the American Marketing Association as well as Nick Walker of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

"It's an honor to be recognized," said Walker, who is now the current president of the Internal Fraternity Council. "It wasn't so much that I was a great leader. It was more that I was surrounded by a group of dedicated individuals striving to make Lambda Chi Alpha what it is today."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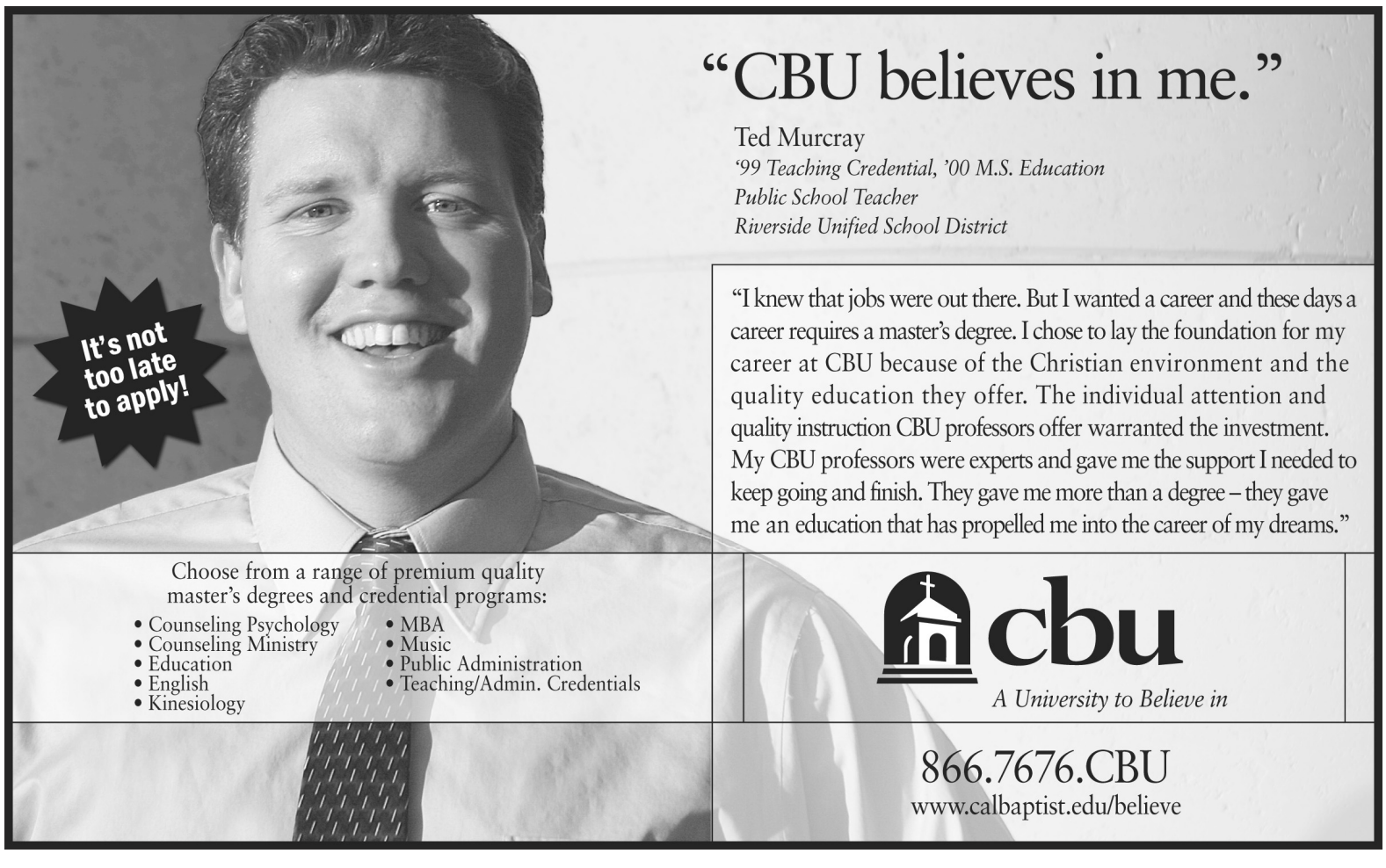
Best Buddies won the Student Organization of the Year Award. Anna Thi Nguyuen, Johnny Haines, and Hugo Rosales accepted the award for the student group.

The last award of the night went to Best Buddies for the Student Organization of the Year. This award was given on the basis of the organization's contribution to the university, community and development of its members. An honorable mention was awarded to the American Marketing Association.

Student Life will have applications available for organizations vying for these awards next March in 2007.

*For more information, please contact the Student Life office via email at ucrlife@ucr.edu.*

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# Resignation

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Romero, a member of the California State Senate Education Committee. "I call upon the Regents today to act decisively on this very important matter before you.

"I also ask to adopt a policy commencing immediately to bring sunshine to this scandal, and to not go behind closed doors to further discuss this but to raise this issue in full public view in order to bring a resolution to this issue once and for all. The people know about it. Now we want to hear about it first hand without having anything filtered through the media," Romero said.

At a hearing on February 8, Dynes addressed the Senate Education Committee, telling the legislators that he takes responsibility for the fact that the University of California has not always fulfilled its obligations to public accountability, in regarding issues of compensation and compensation disclosure.

"There has been a climate of exceptions [in] getting as much as possible but disclosing as little as possible," Dynes said. "I missed some flags that I should have seen, and now I see them all. And I believe I owe you, the members of the legislature, an apology for that shortcoming."

An independent audit was conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, revealing 90 exceptions to policy and procedures that awarded extra compensation to more than 40 top officials without the approval or knowledge of the Regents.

Among the 40 top officials was Rajiv D. Banker, former UC Riverside management school dean. According to the Los Angeles Times, Rajiv received $187,500 in housing allowance, although UC Riverside spokeswoman Marcia McQuern said the campus paid out only $40,625 because Banker left after only slightly more than a year on the job.

According to McQuern, the allowance was made after consulting the Office of the President.

"They suggested this method, so we assumed everything was kosher," McQuern said in a statement.

In response to the compensation-related items on the agenda at the Regents meeting, Dynes issued a five-point action plan intended to carry out the findings of the Hertzberg-Kozberg Task Force on UC Compensation, Accountability and Transparency.

The first step is to establish a new working relationship with the Regents on compensation matters, aimed to resolve current and future matters of improper compensation and compensation, disclosure.

Second, Dynes plans ensure compliance with more than the letter, but also the spirit of the 1992-93 principles on executive compensation.

Third, proper disclosure will be ensured and enforced.

Fourth, Dynes stresses the importance in investing in modern, comprehensive human-resources information system.

And finally, Dynes plans to change the culture of the University of California with respect to compensation issues.

"We need to do that by infusing the culture with a renewed commitment to upholding the public trust and a renewed appreciation for the importance of modern management systems," Dynes said.

Despite accepting responsibility and promising to examine and revise compensation policies and practices, Dynes failed to make the necessary changes to convince state senators that he is a leader accountable to the people.

"You have had sufficient opportunities to clear compensation abuses in the University of California. Indeed, it seems that the problems have flourished under your watch," Romero said.

"You looked at us in the eye as we sat there with the other members of the legislators, and I believed President Dynes. And yet a few days later, we learned about other questionable practices that had been done just within days of testifying before the legislators. Enough is enough. The buck stops with you."

Romero was applauded for her statement by members from the audience, most notably the Coalition of the University Employees. CUE is an independent, member-run union made up entirely of UC clerical employees, most commonly administrative assistants, clerks, library assistants, and cashiers.

CUE has a history of complaints against the UC, stating on their website that "the University diverted $20 million intended for clerical wage increases, choosing to spend the money on other purposes or add the money to UC reserves."

Members from CUE spoke during the public comment period, demanding Dynes to resign and interrupting the meeting with chants of, "Hands off our pension! No pay cuts!"

"I think the students have to be involved because they [The Board of Regents] listen to the students," said Mary Higgins, CUE statewide president.

The on-going outbursts resulted in a temporarily delay of the meeting when a group of students from UCSC Students Against War held their own mock-Regents meeting, standing up from their seats and voting on various proposal. The first motion to pass was the dismissal of President Dynes.

The Board suspended the meeting, proceeding to walk outside the auditorium just as UCPD officers entered, forming a barrier to prohibit access to the Regents' meeting table.

According to Steven Thompson, spokesperson for UCSC SAW, they attended the meeting to highlight their beliefs that the Regents are a completely undemocratic body not accountable to the students, faculty or general public.

"All of you are cowards," Thompson said. "You have a moral responsibility to do what is right. And until that happens, we're going to come here every time there's a Regents meeting so we can have our ten to 15 seconds to talk about it. Every time, so look out for that."

UCPD officers issued a statement through a megaphone, stating failure to comply will lead to arrest. UCSC SAW members voted to remove themselves from the auditorium, stressing that it was not to avoid arrest, but because the day's business had been completed.

"We're always ready for any type of disruption to make sure everything runs smooth," said Captain John Fox of UCSF Police Department. "If there is disruption, we have a plan in place that will try to get the room back in order."

The two-day meeting concluded last Thursday, but not before Regents Chair Gerald Parsky provided a statement regarding what actions will be taken to rekindle the public's trust in the UC system.

First, the Board will correct deficiencies in the financial and administrative structure of the University by restructuring the Office of the President and working with President Dynes to recruit new senior executives.

Second, establishing a compensation committee to provide direct oversight over university compensation matters will help assure the Board's future actions are transparent, accountable and fair.

Third, the Board has created a compliance office that will report directly to the Regents, dedicating to assure compliance with Regental and all other University policies across all operations.

"Taking all things into account, the Regents are convinced that President Dynes can correct the compensation problems confronting us and will implement a long-range vision for the University that ensures both its continuing academic quality and its ability to meet the needs of California and its people," Parsky said.

The Regents will convene again for a two-day meeting at UCSF on July 19th.




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Members of UC Santa Cruz Students Against War and UC Police Officers stood off at the UC Regents meeting last Thursday. The students came to protest the UC's support of research on nuclear and biological weapons and were removed from the meeting after temporarily delaying the Regents meeting.

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UCR/UCLA biomedical sciences program, diverse student population and research environment. Preliminary financial and business plans were noted for the two-phased approach to developing the medical school, spanning a total of 15 years from approval to maturity.

"The campus is well positioned to build a medical school that will serve as a new model for health care delivery, based on a distributed clinical system, preventive medicine, and population health," said Chancellor France A. Córdova in a statement. "UCR hopes to take a leadership role in addressing the critical need for more physicians in our state and especially in Inland Southern California."

The proposal highlights local community support of the medical school initiative, also eliciting support from Riverside City Mayor, John Loverige.

Rather than constructing its own hospital, the proposal notes that the university will partner with regional hospitals and clinics. If approved, having a medical school become reality within a 15 year span was outlined as a two-phased approach.

Phase I, from 2007-2012, focuses on initial efforts to establish the medical school. It involves hiring initial faculty and staff, planning a curriculum, refining a financial and business plan, renovating existing facilities and building new ones; and strengthening the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences and developing the Health Sciences Research Institute and the Center for Clinical Medical Education.

Phase II, from 2012-2022, focuses on expanding the school. It involves hiring more faculty and staff, gaining full accreditation for the school, admitting the first official class of 40 entering students, and expanding enrollments to meet the needs of the region and state.

If UC officials approve the university, the Legislature must then approve the funding. Officials discussing the plans have had a positive reception in Sacramento, and administrators are optimistic, said Robert Grey, executive assistant to the chancellor for health affairs.

A decision by the UC Regents on the medical school is expected to be made by the end of the calendar year.

# SCIENCE & TECH @ UCR

Compiled by John Lee

### Theory by Physics Professor Settles Superconductivity Debate

A French-German team of experimental scientists have verified Chandra Varma's theory on high-temperature superconductivity, a crucial step in substantiating the fabrication of materials that are superconducting at room temperature.

Led by French scientist Philippe Bourges of the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique, the team reports that the theory of distinguished professor of physics Varma would help settle a international debate on the fundamental physics of superconductivity and emergent states of matter.

"Currently, there is much debate among researchers working on superconductivity about what exactly happens in cuprates," said Varma in a statement. "Further experiments of the kind by Bourges's group should help bring a consensus in the scientific community about the fundamental physics involved in cuprates."

Varma's proposed his theory in 1989 while working at Bell Laboratories, proposing that high temperature superconductivity and related phenomena occur in certain materials because quantum-mechanical fluctuations in these materials increase as temperature decreases.

His revised theory, proposed in 1996, notes that in cuprates, also known as copper oxide materials, superconductivity is correlated with the development of a new state of matter in which electric current loops form spontaneously moving from copper to oxygen atoms and back to copper.



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Chandra Varma

His theory concluded that the quantum-mechanical fluctuations are the fluctuations of these current loops. According to physicists, the fluctuations of the loops are considered to be fluctuations of time. Bourges's group directly observed the current loops in experiments involving the diffraction of polarized neutrons. In these experiments a beam of neutrons changes direction as well as the direction of its magnetization in a manner that is closely related to the geometrical arrangement of the current loops inside the material in which the beam is made to pass.

The results of Bourges's experiments appear in the May 19 issue of Physical Review Letters.

### Findings Reveal How Plants Endure Cold Temperature

As part of an ongoing study of how plants respond to environmental stresses, UCR Professor of Plant Cell Biology Jian-Kang Zhu has teamed up with colleagues to publish new findings of a biochemical reaction that regulates genetic cascade.

Co-authored with colleagues Chun Hai Dong and Manu Agarwal; and Yiyue Zhang and Qi Xie, from the Institute of Genetics and Development of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, the paper entitled, "The Negative Regulator of Plant Cold Responses, HOS1 is a RING E3 Ligase That Mediates the Ubiquitation and Degredation of ICE1," indicates that the HOS1 gene product interacts with another gene product known as ICE1 that kicks off the genetic cascade that provides the plant's cold protection proteins.

"The better we understand this molecular mechanism, the better we can control the process of increasing the plant's freezing tolerance without causing negative impacts," Zhu said in a statement. "This process should apply to all plants and can help us better use crops of subtropical origin such as corn, rice, avocados and strawberries."

Zhu plans on continuing his research on how HOS1 and ICE1 recognize each other, hoping to one day help plants adjust to survive the cold weather.

### Nano-Oscillators Made Faster by Nanotube Bundles

In the rapidly developing field of nanotechnology – doing things at a scale 100,000 times narrower than a human hair – nanodevices are becoming an increasingly key component in everything from drug delivery to improving or even replacing the microprocessors in computers.

Mechanical Engineering Professor Qing Jiang thinks bundling groups of carbon nanotubes together could make an ultra-efficient and accurate nano-oscillator. Jiang looks at nanotube bundles as a model for motors that could be used in a variety of nanodevices.

"We're looking at the very fundamentals of machinery in the nanoscopic world and what it takes to move the components of these machines, ultra-fast, super-efficient and with extreme precision" Jiang said. "A nano-motor generating rotational motion, a nano-oscillator (like a piston) generating linear motion forward and backward. We're looking at how best to generate these motions in a nano-environment."

His current work, with bundles of single-walled carbon nanotubes encased in an additional layer of single-walled carbon nanotubes outperformed their multi-walled counterparts and generated less heat and friction problems.

His findings were published in the in the May 14 issue of the Institute of Physics journal, Nanotechnology, in a paper titled Nanotube Oscillator Based on a Short Single Walled Carbon Nanotube Bundle, co-authored with colleagues Jeon Won Kang, Ki Oh Song and Ho Jun Hwang from Chung-Ang University, Seoul, South Korea.

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# Alum Elected to National Academy of Sciences

## Epigenetics research pioneer stirs engineering revolution.

CJ Lin
STAFF WRITER

The National Academy of Sciences announced last month the election of Dr. Arthur D. Riggs, a 1961 UC Riverside alumnus whose studies in molecular biology have lead to the development of life-saving treatments for terminal diseases.

"Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honors in American science and engineering," said Ralph Cicerone, president of the Academy, in a NAS press statement.

Riggs graduated from UCR in 1961 with a degree in chemistry and went on to obtain his Ph.D. in biochemistry at Caltech and postdoctorate at Salk Institutes for biological studies in La Jolla, Calif. His time at UCR paved the way for a stellar career.

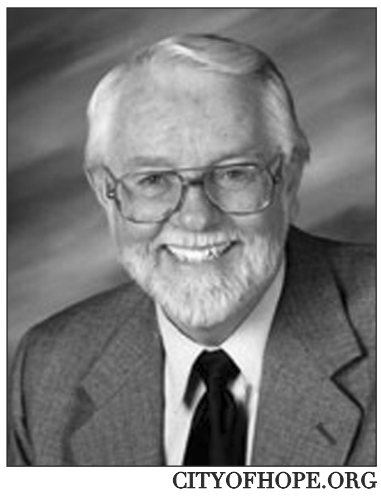
"I learned to be a real good chemist," said Riggs with a laugh. "I learned to write and both of those skills are extremely important."

In large, Riggs' work in epigenetics, a branch of genetic studies which seeks to understand biological processes that regulate inherited genetic characteristics that do not result from mutation of DNA, earned him the NAS election.

In 1975, Riggs published a breakthrough theoretical paper that correctly hypothesized the first known epigenetic mechanism, essentially founding the new branch of science.

"Epigenetics is commonly used to describe changes in how genes are turned on and off in development that don't have anything to do with mutation," Riggs said.

This is especially vital in researching cancer, in which tumor suppressor genes sometimes become inactivated despite a lack of mutation. Through epigenetics, researchers are hoping to inhibit the enzyme that causes these genes to become dormant.



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Dr. Arthur D. Riggs

"It is definitely important in understanding cancer and possibly other diseases," Riggs said.

"Arthur Riggs was an outstanding student with a commitment to combining the study of the physical sciences with the study of the biological sciences," said Eugene Cota-Robles, who was assistant professor of microbiology at UCR and worked closely with Riggs in studying viruses and the surface of bacteria.

"He was [a] modest and high-performing student fully determined to understand the fundamentals of a field that was just in its embryonic stages. This was the field of molecular biology," Cota-Robles added.

Riggs is not only a pioneer in the epigenetics field. His studies of recombinant DNA also helped jumpstart the biotechnology industry and launched the genetic engineering revolution.

His work with bacterial synthesis has contributed to the development of a synthetic insulin called humulin, which is the first biotechnology product approved by the FDA and now used by millions of diabetics worldwide.

His work with monoclonal antibodies has lead to the development of effective therapies for breast and colon cancer, lymphoma, and other diseases.

Since 2000, Riggs has been the director and CEO of the Beckman Research Institute at the City of Hope Foundation in Duarte, Calif. He hopes to find time to maintain his research on top of his administrative responsibilities and new post at the National Academy.

"Dr. Riggs has brought his keen creative mind to our further understanding of cell growth and development," Cota-Robles said. "I feel that his election to NAS was long overdue. I am certain that the NAS will benefit from contributions that [the] may make."

The NAS is a private organization of scientists and engineers who are dedicated to furthering science and using it for general welfare. Established in 1863 by a congressional act signed by Abraham Lincoln, the Academy officially advises the government on scientific and technological matters upon request.

Members also have the opportunity to participate in committees that investigate science related topics that affect everyone, such as global warming.

# Chancellor Promotes Math, Science at National Summit for Women's Education

Adam J. Toth
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UCR Chancellor France A. Córdova took part in the U.S. Department of Education's first national summit for girls on math and science on May 15, advocating for more girls to pursue math and science careers.

Córdova, a former astrophysicist and champion of female in education in math and sciences, spoke alongside such women as U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and the first female astronaut, Sally Ride on setting a goal. The summit addressed elementary and secondary issues, as well as higher education and workforce development issues, and creating an effective media campaign, all in the name of progress for girls in math and science.

"I am pleased to represent higher education's role in getting more young women interested and prepared for careers in math and the sciences," Córdova said in a press release. "The goal of this meeting is to propose action items to ensure that progress is made."

Córdova attributes UCR's own success in promoting girls in math and science to the schools Department of Education and the Alpha Center, which hopes to establish a long-term relationship between the University and K-12 education.

"Chancellor Córdova is the epitome of the success girls can achieve in the fields of math and science," said Pamela S. Clute, the executive director for the Alpha Center.

The Alpha Center, which has played an extremely large role in helping achieve Cordova's goals for girls in math and science, has worked with 213 schools to help achieve its goal.

Projects of the Alpha Center and GEMS have made many successful strides, include raising the Mathematics Content Mean Scores from 42.5 percent to 82.9 percent.

In addition to the Alpha Center, the Department of Education has contributed through the Isis Project, which has worked hand-in-hand with the Alpha Center. The Isis Project "provides an educational foundation and establishes a support structure that motivates, encourages, and develops mathematic education for middle school girls," according to Clute.

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# Holocaust Survivor Recounts Past Experience

## Speaker shares personal account of Nazi death camp.

CJ LIN
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to bring awareness to ongoing genocides, a UCR residence hall program coordinators invited a Holocaust survivor last Tuesday night to share his experiences.

Thomas Blatt, a Polish-Jewish survivor of Sobibor death camp in Poland during WWII, stressed the importance of learning and resisting to injustice as well as the consequences of racism and intolerance.

"By bringing in a Holocaust survivor, we hope to give residents a first-hand, non-literary account of a very known event caused by hate, oppression, genocide, and ethnic cleansing," said program coordinators in a staff email.

"When you come face to face with a survivor, history comes alive and learning takes place," Blatt said. "For many of you, my story may sound like a horror fiction."

Blatt recounted the humiliation and oppression that he suffered under Nazi occupation of Poland. Forced to pose as a Christian by carrying forged papers, Blatt was betrayed by a friend, examined for circumcision, and ultimately sent to Sobibor.

His time at the death camp was visualized by an 18 minute clip entitled "Escape from Sobibor," in which Blatt is portrayed as a 15 year old participating in a revolt. Blatt carried messages to Nazi officers who were lured into situations where they were quietly killed. Upon discovery, the prisoners were rounded up.

It was at this point that a Jewish prisoner incited the mass escape and revolt by proclaiming to the prisoners to let the world know what had happened at Sobibor.

"I promised myself. I prayed to God and said 'God, if I survive, I promise I will tell the story of Sobibor,' and this is the second reason that I am here," Blatt said.

The Sobibor Revolt is the largest and most successful prisoners' revolt during the war. Over 300 inmates managed to escape, but many were recaptured or killed by bandits. Only 52 survived, and today, Blatt is one of seven surviving participants.

"The message of this story [is] that you must feel your heart. You all must learn to live together," Blatt said.

Blatt's son-in-law, Ty Smith, offered closing words to Blatt's presentation.

"It has to be something that everybody has to keep in their head whenever they are ugly to people or use derogatory terms. We've just got to think that brief hate, [is] one thing that we can't have in this world. That's what causes all these problems. Just because it happened back then doesn't mean it can't happen now," Smith said.

"It's hard to believe that authority could dictate to the masses that genocide is not morally and ethically messed up," said Eric To, a third year sociology major and resident advisor at A&I. "The impact is pretty sudden. It just hits you. How could a human do that to another human? So you start to wonder, what happens if you don't think for yourself?"



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Thomas Blatt, a Holocaust survivor, told his escape story from the Sobibor death camp last week in the residence halls. Blatt attracted a large audience as he recalled the terrifying events of the genocide. Blatt is one of 50 survivors of the revolt of Sobibor.

Blatt's presentation was followed by Matthew Nelson, resident program coordinator of A&I and fourth year English and philosophy major. Nelson tied Blatt's story into the genocides occurring in modern times, such as those in Rwanda and presently in Darfur. He emphasized the importance of being aware of what is going on and resisting injustice and intolerance.

"People don't realize that there's still some slavery going on in parts of the world. They don't think of other genocides going on," Nelson said. "They forget about it. They don't grasp the whole scope of it. It's easy to lose that human element."

# Police Chief Tackles Campus, Local Issues

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UC Police Chief Mike Lane stressed the importance of the the safety of students and faculty on campus in his quarterly "Chat with the Chief" session held in Humanities 1500.

Lane addressed the state of affairs facing the UC Police and the campus community, urging students and faculty to take cautionary steps to avoid unnecessary personal risks.

"The trend still seems to be that at the beginning of the year when freshmen come in and they park their vehicles, they leave these valuable items in plain view," Lane said.

"We are going to make an assertive effort to get the word out ahead of time. This coming year, we are working on a project to get that information out."

Lane also discussed how students and faculty can help prevent crime on campus by always being aware of their surroundings. Lane advises to lock doors and not prop them open for thieves, also encouraging students to use the Student Safety Escort Service when leaving campus after dark and to stay alert while on talking on a cellphone or listening to music.

One student asked Lane whether or not the UC Police were trained to act as INS agents and he assured the small crowd that they were not.

"We are not actively going out there and enforcing those things (immigration statutes)," Lane said. "Whether we have information to determine whether or not someone is, as you say, illegal, there is a possibility and a capability for us to go that route."

Lane also reported that the University Neighbor Enhancement Team, or UNET, took down an illegal chop shop, busted several drug dealers and prostitutes, and also arrested some violent criminals who Lane believed were planning a major crime.

Lane also discussed the recent protests on campus, expressing a sentiment of tolerance.

"This is a college campus and everybody has the right to express themselves," Lane said. "Everybody has the right to protest and demonstrate.

"The overall end result was that they wanted to get arrested and the purpose for that is because that's how strongly they felt about that cause. Once we were able to establish communication and understand that's what they wanted to do to prove their point, that's when we are able to say we can help you accomplish that in a manner where nobody gets hurt. And at the end of that, I was very pleased."

*UNET also works with the local community and has tips for planning a party or event to help prevent police involvement. Call them at (951) 686-7829 or get more information online at http://police.ucr.edu/index.html.*



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UCR Chief of Police Michael Lane delivered his "Chat With the Chief" report regarding the UC Police Department at Riverside. He talked about recent issues that the UCPD has been focusing on among other issues important to the students and campus.


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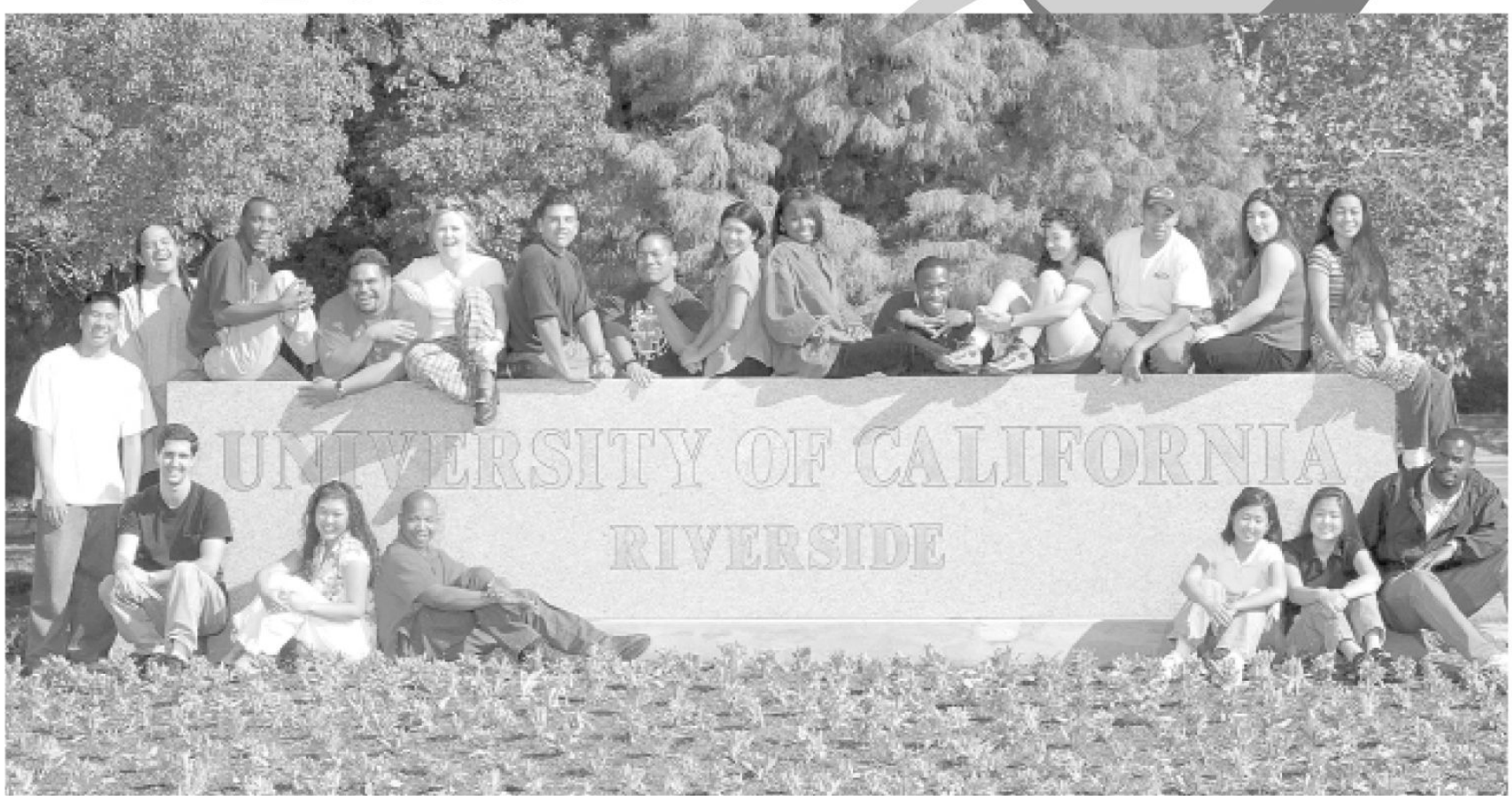


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HIGHLANDER EDITORIAL

# Campus Admissions Smearing Reputation

THE striving force of the campus administration toward the aggressive UC Riverside expansion plans can be felt in every aspect of student life. The impacts are seen as new buildings are being constructed at every turn, there is a need to increase the ASUCR budget for student organizations and the undergraduate admissions office is offering admission to a record number of freshmen this year. Last March, acceptance letters were mailed out to 21,991 freshmen, a significant increase from last year's 14,440. This 52 percent rise has been sure to question the prestige of the campus while the average admission increase UC-wide has only been 10 percent.

The campus has big dreams in hoping to reach a student population of 21,000 by 2010, but a concern that arises is whether the admissions office is compromising quantity for quality. On one hand, students who are UC eligible should be offered admission to at least one UC, but on the other, the integrity and the reputation of the academic institution also needs to be protected as well.

A college education is something that should hold meaning and, with the devaluation of a bachelor's degree, structuring a more selective admissions process is not something that should be placed in a negative light. The university should not only take steps to meet the enrollment goal in 2010, but take cautionary steps to ensure that students currently in attendance do not feel that the diploma they will obtain at the end of their four years means nothing.

With four years until 2010, the campus is at an enrollment of 16,600 including both undergraduate and graduate students. Offering admission to more freshmen than the entire student population can easily be viewed as a drastic cry on the part of the administration.

So far, there has been a 24 percent increase in the number of admission acceptances from freshmen and though this seems as though Riverside is increasing in popularity, it is a misleading statistic. As more admission offers are being made, the number of acceptances is forced to increase as well.

"UC Riverside has a reputation for challenging, educating and inspiring bright, high-achieving undergraduate students and graduate students," said LaRae Lundgren, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, in a news release. "As a public research university, UC Riverside has become one of the most vibrant learning communities in the world. From engineering and science to humanities, health sciences, business management and the arts, the opportunities at the university are incredible."

For many, the doubt that Riverside is not a great institution of higher learning fades away as the years pass, but from a public relations point of view, Riverside's lax admissions standards will most likely cause a road block on the path to expansion. Instead of increasing admissions by the thousands, the campus should look to build the school's prestige to enlarge a more selective applicant pool – resulting in the capability to be more selective.

When asking students why they chose UCR, too often the response is because they did not get accepted into any other school. This poor mentality and outlook desperately needs to change and can change with a better method of evaluation when determining which students can contribute most to Riverside's growing campus.

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# *Student Entitlement and Drug Convictions*

## PRO: Congressional amendment weeds out the financial aid garden.

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The season of applying for financial aid through the FAFSA has already passed, but a number of students are using Congress and the courts in hopes of salvaging federal aid for their college education. In March, the ACLU filed a class-action lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Education for implementing a congressional amendment that bars the distribution of federal aid to students with drug convictions.

The law challenged in the courts is an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1998 that denies federal financial aid to students found with drug convictions, due to admitting the conviction or refusing to answer the question on the FAFSA form.

The law stipulates that any student with a drug conviction after their 18th birthday is denied Pell grants and Stafford loans, programs funded by the federal government, for at least a year. Three convictions for drug use or two convictions for drug-dealing can make a student permanently ineligible for these grants and loans, though there are provisions for regaining eligibility by completing drug-treatment programs.

This kind of issue usually generates stirring anecdotes about students caught consuming drugs and forever losing their access to higher education. Kraig Selken, a fourth-year history major at Northern State University in South Dakota, lost his last year of federal financial aid due to a conviction for possessing less than two ounces of marijuana. Selken, who has resorted to a second job to finance his education, is one of the plaintiffs in the suit against the government.

The tear-invoking tales that drive these lawsuits are long on emotive utterance, yet short on legal substance. There are numerous reasons why this amendment should remain on the books as part of the requirements for access to the $70 billion direct financial aid programs to students and parents.

Students need to recognize that financial aid from government institutions is a privilege and not an entitlement. Opportunity to use up to $4,000 in Pell grants, non-repayable funds based on need, does not flow from an ethereal source but from an extraction program that collects taxes from hard-laboring citizens.

As stewards of the allocation of tax money, Congress has the right to affix requirements for the access of public funds. Unlike most other laws governing this right, this law actually saves the public some money! Since the law was implemented in 2000, over 189,000 students became ineligible for the federal aid.

If students think these stipulations on a federal financial aid form are draconian, consider the application for a private loan. Private lenders, who do not have the capital or legal right to operate with trillions of dollars in debt, take risks when accepting loan applications. These financiers consider criminal histories and

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## CON: Educational act is puffing

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With a name like The Higher Education Act, you would think Rep. Mark Souder's (R-Indiana) bill would be aimed at helping students realize their dreams of collegiate level academia. The exact opposite turns out to be true thanks to a provision within the act that denies any college bound student with even a misdemeanor drug conviction from receiving federal monetary aid of any kind. The erroneousness of this provision within The Higher Education Act might not be immediately evident. After all, money can be a powerful tool in modifying unwanted behavior. Closer inspection reveals a flawed logic behind the law.

The bill is written in such a way that only those that already have a drug related misdemeanor on their record be denied federal aid. However, a misdemeanor already carries with it a fine as punishment for breaking the law. Punishing students again walks a very fine line with violating established double jeopardy laws, wherein a person cannot be tried or convicted of the same crime twice. As it stands, the ACLU has taken note of the situation and filed a claim against the Department of Education on precisely such grounds.

Only students that have been caught and convicted of a drug related crime are denied federal aid. There are many more that have never been caught and are not punished. While the purpose of the bill may be to prevent drug use among college students, it might actually achieve the opposite effect, with those students that have already been caught and reprimanded being held back and those that have not been caught continue in the college system.

The bill also penalizes students unfairly across economic divisions. Students that rely on federal aid to pay for their college tuition are often forced to drop out, while students that come from affluent homes who are ineligible for federal aid in the first place can completely avoid the law or can find alternate methods to pay for their college tuitions. Such segregation along monetary lines makes the act nearly worthless as a true deterrent to drug abuse in college.

Even Rep. Souder has sought to tame his own legislation, limiting the bill's scope to penalizing students charged with a drug related misdemeanor only if they are currently enrolled in college. Unfortunately, this changes little, as it does not resolve any of the original bill's faults as outlined above.

How The Higher Education Act made its way though congress with such glaring fallacies is a mystery. Apparently, the goal of student opportunity in higher education was not a policy priority for our legislators, which questions their dedication to truly serving the public.

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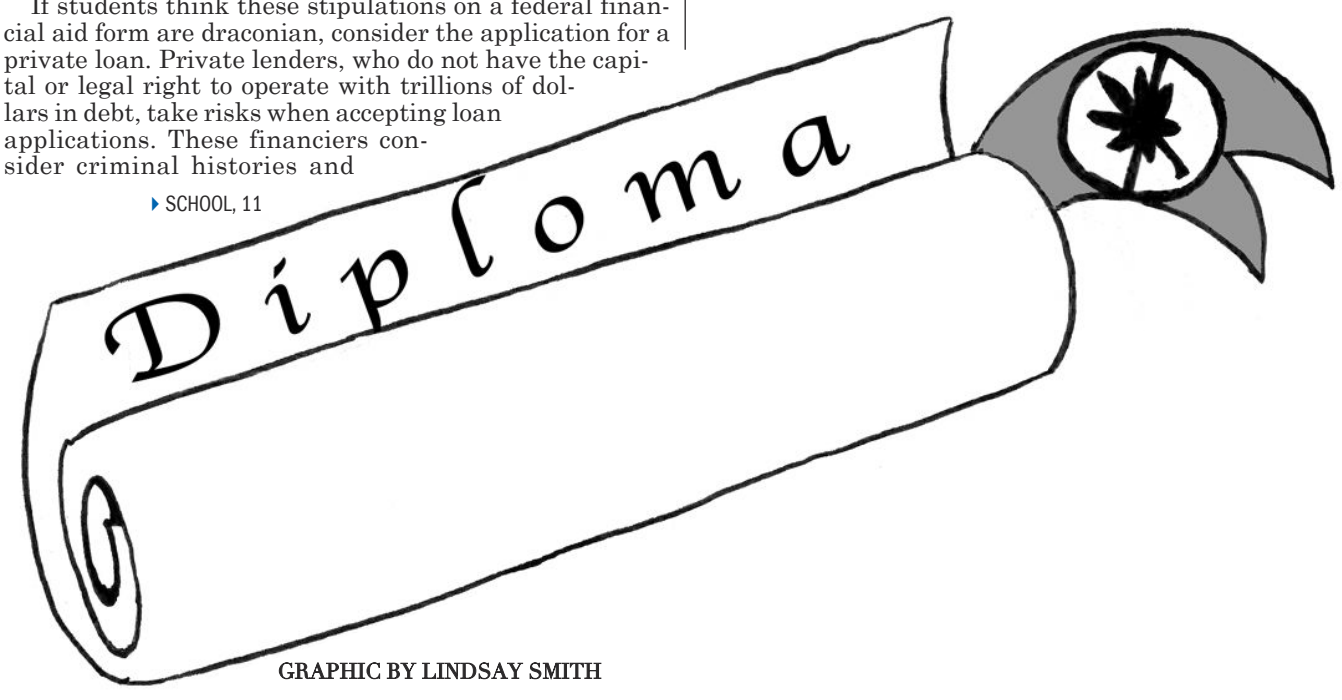


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# Academic Senate Taking Students to School

## New educational policy may be bad news for students.

LINNA LOANGKOTE
OPINIONS EDITOR

As many students look through the schedule of classes to plan their courses for the upcoming academic year, they will notice perhaps one of two things. One, many courses have different titles and, secondly, and perhaps more importantly, some others are now five units instead of four. To help inform the confused and worried continuing undergraduates, there is a new educational policy that may be adopted by the Academic Senate next week, May 30 that will convert many 4-unit courses to five units.

This unit conversion will be one of the biggest changes to affect student life in that the additional unit must result in three more hours of outside work leading to more term papers, quizzes, and reading.

The adoption of this policy will hope to increase UC Riverside's enrollment of full-time students so that even students who are taking the minimum three courses to be qualified as full-time will have no choice to but to increase their unit load to 15. The problem with this proposed policy is that, even though there are many students who are taking the bare minimum, there are many others who are taking 18 to 20 units a quarter either to attempt to graduate early or to catch up with the rest of their class in unit count.

With the new conversion, students who want to accelerate in the learning process will be the ones who will be the most negatively affected. It will be very hard for a student to be able to take the traditional four courses. Even if the attempt was made and the student took two 5-unit courses and two 4-unit courses, the student would be at 18 total units for that quarter which from experience is very draining and more so for students deep in their upper-division learning.

In addition, taking 18 units has a higher probability of an inverse correlation with one's grades as well. I wholeheartedly believe that the university's attempt to encourage more students to be at strong full-time status will compromise many students' grade point average and their learning process.

Another educational impact for students is also that they will not be able to diversify their courses. Taking three 5-unit courses limits them from a fourth course because taking 20 or 19 units would be far too much. The number of courses that they can take would be limited. This would prevent students who are business majors, but interested in fine arts, for instance to be able to dab in that concentration. Or even worse, students who are double majoring would also find it very difficult to meet all the requirements and graduate in four years.

Not only are there quite a few foreseeable educational impacts, but a student's health should be a factor in considering these policy changes as well. In order for many courses to be approved by the Committee on Courses, they need to prove that their additional unit is equivalent to three hours of outside work because the additional hour of class time cannot be made available. To place an extra three hours of work on top of an already busy and challenging schedule for students will inevitably affect their health. Students who are only taking 16 units already find themselves enduring sleepless nights to keep up with readings, to write and research papers and to study for midterms.

Especially in recent tragic events regarding the two suicides that occurred on campus this year alone, surely they show us that college life in its entirety places an incredible amount of stress on the average student already and adding onto the load would be very insensitive.

In addition, more and more students are currently planning to attend graduate school. With this consideration, these students are stretched to their limits as they are studying for graduate exams, holding internships, conducting research and being active on campus. If we place more requirements on students, the administration will surely notice a decline in student morale as well as a deteriorating campus health and well-being.

The university administration also encourages students to be active participants on campus through organizations and various other student departments, but with the course load per student increasing, this goal will be very hard to be met. Student activism on campus is already at a low with the same student leaders participating in every aspect of student life. In order to decrease student apathy and achieve a college campus that has the same ambiance of that of Berkeley or Los Angeles, increasing course units so that students are forced to spend more time studying than being involved on campus is not the way to do it.

With these foreseeable problems, I also propose a solution. Many students who have taken freshmen seminars during their first year have enjoyed those 1-unit courses because they center themselves on interesting topics and are not as stressful as regular 4-unit courses. Since these seminars are very popular, the Educational Policy Committee should think about increasing the number of seminars so that every undergraduate student can take them and not just freshmen. As more students' interest in these courses rise, so will their unit load per quarter.

This solution, if adopted, can be a happy-medium for both the committee and the students. Not only will the goal of getting more full-time students enrolled be achieved, but students will not be unfairly burdened as well.

*For more information, please visit www.senate.ucr.edu. If you would like to write a letter to the Academic Senate regarding this proposed policy, please feel free to e-mail it to opinions@highlander.ucr.edu and it will be forwarded accordingly.*

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# Land of Immigration No More: Sealing the Border

JULIA DELUCA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

President Bush's plan to have about 6,000 National Guards patrol the border between the United States and Mexico has President Vicente Fox of Mexico worried, as well as many immigrants and U.S. citizens. This fear is justified to many people. By having guards being posted by the border, the Bush administration would not only block off the possible legal immigrants, but also damage America's reputation as being the land of immigration for many hopeful foreigners.

The White House has assured President Fox that the National Guard's presence at the border won't be permanent.

"The President made clear that the United States considers Mexico a friend," Spokeswoman Maria Tamburri said in an interview with the New York Times. "What is being considered is a support of border patrol capabilities on a temporary basis, not a militarization of the border."

Despite this reassurance, there is still fear from this border patrol action. Not only are citizens against this military development, but many people in Congress and lawmakers are as well. Many of them, Republicans included, fear that the National Guard has its hands full, already handling military missions abroad, as well as the disasters at home.

"We have stretched our military as thin as we have ever seen it," said Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Nebraska). "What in the world are we thinking, sending a National Guard that we may not have any capacity to send to protect borders?"

Despite these views, Bush and Congress are planning on passing this plan to the voters, who will ultimately decide this. Many citizens are concerned with illegal immigration, since they believe that they take work away from the citizens already. To them, this may be seen as a good solution to this immigration problem.

"The president is looking to do everything he can to secure the border," said National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley. "It's what the American people want. It's what he wants to do."

Bush's plan to militarize the U.S.-Mexico border is facing serious backlash. In one area around the U.S.-Mexico border, the arrests and deaths of illegal immigrants have increased dramatically. The situation may get worse.

One of the ideas Congress has is to build a giant wall along the border. However, even that idea is not favorable. Some argue that the wall would be a waste of the taxpayers' money. Sealing off the border won't stop people from crossing it; they'll just find another illegal way to get across. Even if it did stop immigrants from south of the border, how would it stop immigrants coming in from other places, such as Korea or Armenia? Many tourists come to America with a visa and simply overstay. Despite this, some argue the fence is a good idea to help stem illegal immigration.

"It is not a fence, it is not personnel, it is not technology, it is not infrastructure – it is the proper combination of those factors," said border patrol spokesman Richard Kite in an interview with the Los Angeles Times.

Another problem that needs to be addressed is that America depends on illegal immigration, even though the people do not want to admit it. It is because of illegal immigration that many citizens can enjoy the lifestyle that we often take for granted: cheap food, cheap gardening and cheap goods. Courtesy labor the illegal immigrant willing to do so much grunt work for so little pay. Even if the conditions are dangerous and deadly to them, illegal immigrants will take the job. Even President Bush should realize this, seeing as he's from Texas, where bi-culturalism is common and he himself has benefited from illegal immigrant labor during his business days.

Yes, it is important to deal with illegal immigration. While America needs to make sure that jobs are available for the legal citizens, the country also needs to realize that they need immigration. Not just because of the desire for cheap goods, but because America is known as the land for the oppressed to come for the chance of a better life. The best way to handle the immigration issue is not by closing off our borders, but by fixing the employment issue in our country. America will always be known as an immigrant country and closing off our borders will contradict that belief.

"You'll find someone carrying a plastic jug and a plastic bag in the middle of the cold winter or the very hot summer trying desperately to get north in order to earn money to put food on the table for their families," Carl Rove said with the Los Angeles Times. "We've got to deal with that reality."

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## School

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drug convictions as indicators of a bad credit risk. Evidence also suffices to show that drug users are less responsible, less motivated and more likely to lead into a gateway of other criminal behaviors that would pose a greater risk of defaulting on loans.

If private lenders are allowed to exercise some caution and judgment when considering long-term loan programs, then the government should maintain such standards as well, preventing Uncle Sam from subsidizing outlawed behavior. Similar standards govern the recipients of welfare and subsidized housing, built in to ensure that the recipients do not depend on the federal aid when their self-reinforcing addictions keep them in an impoverished state.

The amendment to the Higher Education Act was written by Rep. Mark Souder (R-Indiana) and was passed on a vote of 414-4 in the House and 96-1 in the Senate, to be signed by President Clinton. Even President Clinton, who famously admitted to smoking but not inhaling, recognized the importance of accountability and taxpayer protections on this issue.

Souder's amendment does not stifle access to higher education, as students are still able to attend colleges and universities, just on their own dime for their mistakes. The Souder amendment promotes responsibility for one's actions while offering sufficient remedies to correct the behavior that prompted the drug conviction in the first place. Loans incur tremendous responsibility and loans subsidized by the taxpayers ought to merit such scrutiny.

*Darin Schemmer is a second-year history and political science double major.*

## TWO CENTS

How do you feel about the administration's goal to increase the campus size to 21,000 by 2010?



ERMA MICKENS
JUNIOR
SOCIOLOGY

"I think it's a great goal, but it may cause overcrowding in classrooms and no housing. It will offer more jobs to the community and access to higher education for more people."



IDRISSA EKUNDAYO
GRADUATE STUDENT
CREATIVE WRITING

"I think it's great. Maybe by then, graduate students will be able to get T.A-ships to cover the increasing tuition."



JOANNA BELL
SENIOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE

"I think it is a great way to get UCR to be a better known school. When I tell people I attend UCR, they don't know what it is."



KEI BORBA
JUNIOR
BUSINESS

"I think it's fine, but they have to be prepared for traffic, classroom overpopulation, crime, etc."



MATTHEW YUEN
JUNIOR
MECHANICAL ENGR

"It depends on if the facilities can support the population. Also, will there be tangible financial benefits for students if this happens? To me, that's the issue."



PAULA KASSOUF
JUNIOR
MEDICAL BIOLOGY

"Expanding the population at UCR would not be beneficial because the students will still pay the same amount for an education that I am paying for now."

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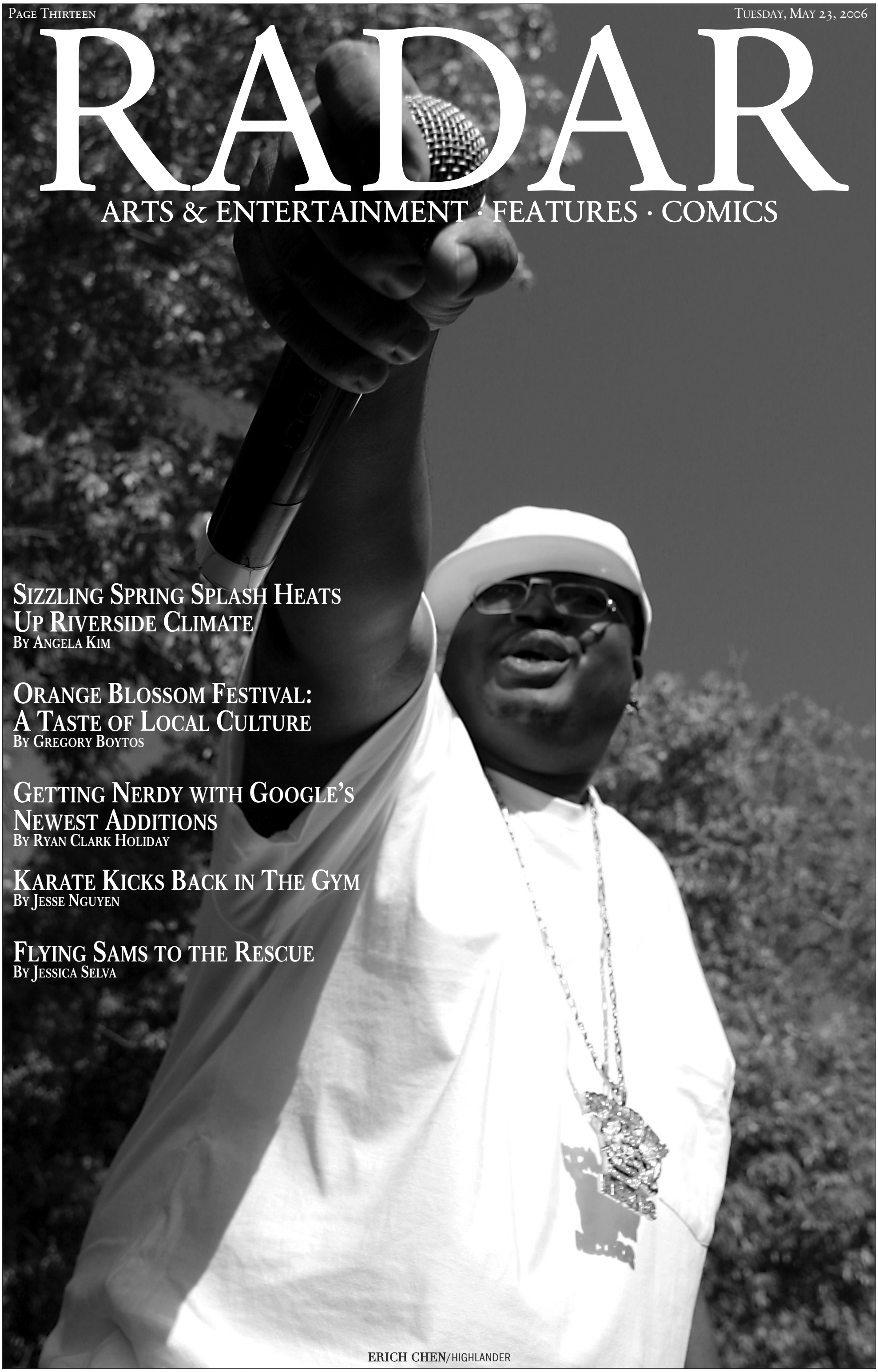

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# Google to Take Over the World, and That's Okay

## Company's newest products ease everyday workloads.

RYAN CLARK HOLIDAY
FEATURES EDITOR

Always the innovator, Google launched a slew of new products last week at their annual "Press Day." Some of the programs will revolutionize the internet, while others aren't worth much more than a laugh.

One of them, though not officially released yet, might go as far as to replace Microsoft Word.

Some conspiracy theorists think that Google plans to take over the world, and with these new services, it might just be an appropriate assumption. The thin line between sane and insane then becomes the realization that this is a good thing—a damn good thing.

This article analyzes and reviews Google's newest forays outside web search and into the very heart of daily computing, noting which products you ought to try and those you can do without.

### Google Desktop 4

Google Desktop has been around for a little while now, and upgrade No. four comes just a few months after No. three. Nevertheless, the changes are substantial enough to warrant the festivities and worth the trouble of downloading the new version.

If you don't know anything about the program, the name ought to clue you in. As Google describes it, the desktop program provides "easy access to information on your computer and from the web," by archiving and organizing "email, files, music, photos, chats, Gmail, web pages that you've viewed."

But, with the newest editions, it is much more than a search tool. I run Desktop as a standalone sidebar in the right corner of my screen. It syndicates my stock quotes, email and news.

Version four differs from those before it by incorporating new features and spicing up the old ones. Google Calendar now fits within the sidebar, alerting me of events and dates that I've imported into it. Laptop users can add gadgets that track wireless network signal strength (i.e campus wireless) and remaining battery life, along with a media player and digital clock.

There are some privacy concerns over the program, mainly over the way it records search history. Cindy Cohn of the Electronic Frontier Foundation wrote that the "product highlights a key privacy problem in the digital age," in regards to the previous edition.

However, unchecking a single box qualms such fears—if they were justified to begin with.

### Google Trends

This feature is a novelty more than anything else, but it's useful nonetheless. Google has always protected its search results, going as far as to challenge the U.S. government to maintain privacy. Trends is then the only program that allows you even a sliver of access to this plethora of public opinion data.

It's a comparison tool that reports back popular search phrases and tracks their relevance over time. For instance, searching "UC Riverside" turns up line and bar graph tracking the queries by city. If you want to further analyze this, you can search "UC Riverside, UC Davis" which would then provide two graphs, comparing the keywords. In its current beta form, you can analyze up to six terms at a time.

To the average user, Google Trends isn't worth much more than a few minutes of fooling around. To a business or an entrepreneur, the service is priceless. With Google controlling a majority of all internet traffic, getting a peek at customer habits could be incredibly valuable.

For now though, it needs some work before people start using it in large or significant numbers.

### Google Notebook

As if researching on the internet wasn't easy enough, Google's Notebook removes a whole step from the process. It functions in the internet browser like a pad of paper, compiling and storing selected data.

After downloading the program, copying and pasting from the internet becomes obsolete. Once a user highlights and right-clicks text, they can choose to "Note This"—adding it directly to their notebook.

I installed this the day it came out and have probably used it three or four times since. In theory, it could be a huge time saver, but, in practice, it's a bit inconvenient. After years of the old "copy and paste" method, habits die hard.

That doesn't mean the service won't ultimately prove beneficial, however, because all saved data then becomes accessible through your Google account. In other words, notes taken on a library computer can later be opened at home or halfway across the country.

Like Google Trends, this program is in its infancy and will likely undergo major changes in coming months. For now, all you can do is hope that it will be integrated into other Google products, like Desktop or Writely, making it more practical and relevant.




GRAPHIC BY LINDSAY SMITH

### Writely

Writely has yet to be officially launched by Google, but I anxiously await the day. As of right now, it is invite-only, meaning that unless a current user sends you an email, you're out of luck. And by out of luck, I really mean you're missing out.

The service allows users to utilize all the functions of a basic word processor inside an internet browser window. After creating a new document or uploading .doc files, Writely then archives the file to the individual's account, to be accessed anytime from any computer.

As an example, if a student began writing a paper in class, they could do half the writing at school and the other half once they arrived at home—without having to email it or save it to disk.

Though Writely could indeed be described as "Microsoft Word, online" in reality it's much more. For starters, it's free and you can access it on any computer, anywhere in the world.

Unlike Microsoft, whose application has remained relatively unchanged for the last five years, Writely takes word processing to an entire new level. They incorporate similar collaboration tools as the ones used in Wikipedia, allowing multiple users to work on the same project. After writing something, you can send it to a friend to edit online—in near real time.

Essentially, you can have a limitless amount of people working on the same document, at the same time. Each change is then automatically saved to the online file and then logged on a separate page.

So, if you ultimately decide that you'd like to revert all changes made by a collaborator, you can do it in a single click. The Revisions archive allows you to compare past and present versions, view the changes by time and user, and decide which ones you'd like to make permanent.

The program is still in Beta form, so it is not without its glitches. Some of the formatting tools are heavy handed and the spell-checker cannot be counted on. These small problems however, mean little when compared to the fact that in Writely, all your documents are safe from a computer crash.

So stay tuned to Google's announcements because this product is an absolute must-have.

As Microsoft continues to delay the release of their newest operating system, Google forges ahead. On Press Day, they launched the above products and more, hoping that just one or two will change the way you approach the internet. In terms of usefulness it worked out just the way they planned, with about half of the new programs as absolute Godsends.

Google Desktop, though it takes some getting used to, will revolutionize the way you organize your computer. Writely, in a sweeping blow to Word will make school papers and research dramatically simpler. Trends, if you're a business person, can help optimize strategy and target the right customers. Notebook could and hopefully will make internet researching more accurate and efficient.

As the i-generation, we ought to revel in the fact that one company continues to design and innovate our needs. Google's newest products are proof that it is in tune with demand and likely to stay that way.

# Those Cats Were Fast as Lightning!

UCR hosts the 34th annual Shotokan Karate Championships for small but excited crowd.

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Occupying the bleachers at the Student Recreation Center last Saturday were fervent fans, diligently eyeing a spectacle amidst the brazen roars of judges and proud parents. Assembled not too far from them were strips of color among a sea of white, the Gi uniform donned by students and masters of the various Karate kyu, or levels. These sportsmen and women called this campus home for a few hours as they took part in the 34th Annual Shotokan Karate Championships on May 20th. Competitors fought for pride and a shot at the international arena

The gravity-defying kicks and controlled movements of these extraordinarily venerable athletes were displayed thanks to coordinated efforts by the UCR Department of Recreation and the American JKA Karate Association.

From teens to forty-somethings, Shotokan students of all ages were invited to show their skills among an audience that filled about half of the bleacher seats. Through the seven hour competition,180 dilettantes and professionals fought, representing people from Riverside to as far away as New Mexico.

The championship was comprised of 65 different divisions, each encompassing women, men, boys and girls of different kyu performing various types of kata (form or sparring being the literal translation).

In each round, individuals took their place in one of three areas designated for judging. First, members of the different kyu, possessed with concentration and conciseness, would demonstrate a kata. After that, two competitors were pitted against each other, using knowledge of their teachings to kick and punch their opponent in an attempt to win the battle.

Competitors were judged on simple, objective criteria. For the sparring portion of the competition, the main goal was to "get decisive points [in injuring] their opponents," director of the UCR Karate Program Sensei Edmond Otis said. The kata portion focused on form and execution.

Aside from their violent howls and audible wisps of breath, 20 UCR competitors demonstrated an uncanny ability to display the judging criteria with ease.

"I spent two and a half years in the Karate Program at UCR," said Amy Hung, winner of the kata advanced women's division. "It has helped me build my confidence and develop my character, time management, and leadership skills."

It also seems to have helped first place winners Kevin Warner, Stephanie Miner, and Hiroshi Allan in the advanced categories. They all left with toned arms and killer legs, and a chance to represent the West Coast in championships held in Brazil and Spain.

For the students who attended the competition over the much-hyped Spring Splash, the afternoon definitely did not go to waste.

"Despite the freezing gym, I really enjoyed seeing the competitors in their element. We have some real talent on this campus," Jessica Bair, a second year psychology major, said of the championship.

Bair, along with a myriad of other Highlanders, had heard little of the competition at UCR, only to be informed about the championship on the day of by word of mouth. The families of the younger competitors were fixated in the bleacher seats, comprising the majority of the audience. As soon as the adult competitors came in, the audience dwindled to half its original size.

"Since the disestablishment of the physical education program, interest in the karate program has really taken a blow," Otis said.

Nevertheless, 150 students are participating this year, making the weekly program at the Recreation Center taught by world-class instructors.

This dedication was reflected in the competition where the participants left everything out on the mat.

*Information about the UCR Karate Program such as schedules, prices, and instructor profiles can be found only at Karate.ucr.edu. Additionally, Sensei Edmond Otis can be contacted at edmond.otis@ucr.edu.*



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Richard Edis towered over Micah Tanikawa after striking him to the ground in one division competition at the Student Recreation Center last Saturday morning.



ERICH CHEN/HIGHLANDER
Alvaro Calderon punched Jonathan Esposito in the 34th annual Shotokan Karate Championships held at the Student Recreation Center last Saturday morning. They competed in the 15 to 17-year-old division.



TIMOTHY WANG/HIGHLANDER

## POW WOW, WOW

Last Friday through Sunday, Native American Student Association held their 25th Annual Conference and Pow Wow at UC Riverside. The Conference began on Friday, with guest speakers discussing current native and indigenous issues. They also spoke on projects within the Native American community both at home and nationwide. It was a three day cultural event to celebrate the coming together of peoples from these various communities. The participants performed the Round Dance, which is also known as a friendship dance, near the Bell Tower last Sunday afternoon. The event was friendly and open to willing participants and passers by from the campus' surrounding areas, while high school students from other cities also danced along.



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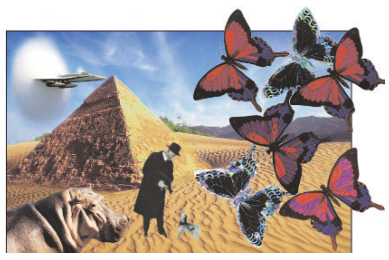
## OUT AT THE BARN

Dancers partied at the Pride Prom held last Saturday, May 20. The open and alternative dance was an end-of-the-year celebration for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth. Open to both high school and college students, the party stressed unity and fun at the same time. Attendees were asked to dress casually or formally, but most importantly as themselves. Fifty to sixty individuals showed up for music, pictures and friends. Protesters also made an appearance at the event.



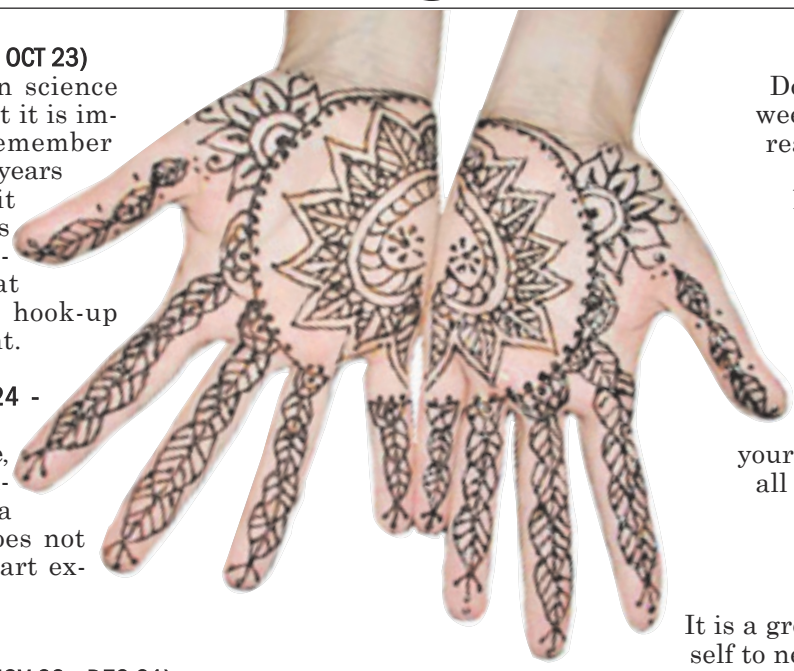
## I'LL BE DAMNED

BY RYAN CLARK HOLIDAY

- A "jiffy" is a real unit of measurement, lasting 1/100th of a second.
- Babies are not born with kneecaps. They develop two to six years after birth.
- The computer mouse was invented nearly 30 years ago.
- Although the statistic is disputed, Forbes Magazine estimates that Cuban president Fidel Castro is worth $900 million dollars.
- Food takes approximately 12 hours to be completely digested.
- Sound travels faster in water than in air at about a 4 to 1 ratio.
- The letter J does not appear in the periodic table, the only letter in the alphabet to do so.

# CelestialOfferings

By Shawn Shahani



**LIBRA (SEPT 23 - OCT 23)**
While modern science has found that it is impossible to remember the first three years of your life, it somehow has no cure for recalling that questionable hook-up from last night.

**SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV 21)**
For the last time, Scorpio, watching The Da Vinci Code does not make you an art expert.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 - DEC 21)**
Your avant-garde music project, using only a Commodore 64 and various light switches, will ultimately fail you when you lose your thumbs in a Sri Lankan elephant polo match.

**CAPRICORN (DEC 22 - JAN 19)**
Although you've always been a staunch environmentalist, you have never gone so far as to actually hug a tree until you are forced climb one this week after being chased by a quartet of malevolent armadillos.

**AQUARIUS (JAN 20 - FEB 18)**
While friends and family both support your aspirations of becoming an astronomer, the stars suggest that finding the elusive "champagne supernova in the sky" is probably easier to track down with absinthe than with a telescope.

**PISCES (FEB 19 - MARCH 20)**
Your intense but secret love for Tony Danza, circa 1989, will somehow earn you an occupational promotion this week. Seriously. Just wait.

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 19)**
Doctors and specialists this week will have to once again reassure you that the large, abnormal growth on your head is, in fact, your face.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20)**
An innocuous children's game of Hide and Seek will take a turn for the worse at a family reunion this week when your creepy Uncle Jim equips all your nieces and nephews with police-issue tasers.

**GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 21)**
It is a great week to expose yourself to new ideas and cultures. It is, however, still a horrible time to expose yourself to pre-teen girls.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 22)**
The solar nexus of Meilux is perfectly perpendicular with the bright love goddess Venus. Use this celestial alignment to remind you to floss your teeth daily.

**LEO (JULY 23 - AUG 22)**
Recall that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. On a related note, remember to beware the avian flu.

**VIRGO (AUG 23 - SEPT 22)**
The writing is on the wall for a life-changing experience. The stars wrote it there. It says, "Stop doing meth, you minx."



## THE DIAPER FILES

*Katherine Steelman*

# Parenting without a support system

CHOOSING a topic for my column this week has been difficult. Last week's show is a hard act to follow, but something very out of the ordinary happened this past weekend.

I was putting Julius in his stroller, and I turned my back for a second. When I turned around again, he had climbed out of his stroller and was holding a baby skunk, swinging it around by the tail. Shocked and terrified, I yelled at Julius to drop the poor animal, and it scurried away, undoubtedly more shocked and terrified than I was.

My first concern, after making sure that Julius hadn't been bitten, was that he had been sprayed. I couldn't tell if he smelled badly because I have a horrible sense of smell, so I washed his hands thoroughly and we preceded to walk to my friend's apartment.

In the confines of my friend's living room, it soon became obvious that Julius had been sprayed, and though the smell wasn't very strong, it was impossible to wash off.

The next morning, Julius' dad picked him up, and he was very angry with me when I told him what had happened. He said that I should have been paying closer attention to Julius, which is true. The skunk could have bitten Julius, and it would have been my fault.

One of the hardest things about being a single parent, for me, is not having the support that I used to count on from Rudy. A small child needs to be watched every second, and I used to know that if I had to turn around, Rudy would be there to make sure Julius didn't catch a wild animal or something.

This is something that I'm reminded of every day. Sometimes I can't do my laundry because I have no one to sit with Julius while I walk to the laundry room or sometimes I need to study but Julius wants me to read him a book.

I feel like the worst parent in the world occasionally, when I find myself resenting Julius, or getting annoyed when he asks me for the attention he deserves. I never used to feel that way, and I think I do now because I'm alone.

Besides just having the physical presence of someone to help me with him, I miss the emotional support Rudy used to provide.

I took for granted the feeling of having a partner, someone who was going through the exact same situation as I was. Having someone you can tell anything to is priceless, and it has been hard for me to get used to not having that security.

Meanwhile, graduation is rapidly approaching, and I'll be moving back home to San Francisco and leaving Rudy with Julius for a whole month. I can't even begin to explain how much I am going to miss him. But on top of that, I feel like I'm abandoning him.

There are times when I think maybe I should have stayed with Rudy for Julius' sake. I was so much more responsible, loving and motherly when Rudy and I were still together. And I've created this situation in which Julius will have to go up and down the state every month, dividing his time between two parents, instead of having a stable family.

People tell me that, in the long run, it is better to have been honest about my feelings because Julius would rather have two separately happy parents that one resentful parental unit, and I know that's true. At the present time, however, it's hard for me to see how any of this has benefited him at all.

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# Flying Samaritans Soar South of Border to Help



NICOLE PARKS/HIGHLANDER
Daniel Handayan (left) and Ben Keveson (right) checked the blood pressure of a young girl as part of the triage preparation.

## Student group helps sick with excursions to El Hongo, Mexico.

JESSICA SELVA
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Flying Samaritans gets straight to business when it comes to assisting the poor across international borders. Also known as Flying Sams, the UCR club is made up primarily of pre-med students interested in community service in the medical field.

Each month, the group of students travels to El Hongo, Mexico with medical professionals to hold a free clinic for the local people. Their most recent trip took place on Saturday, May 13th.

The group members woke up bright and early that Saturday so they could leave the UCR campus by 6:30 a.m. Following their usual routine, they met up at a McDonald's in San Diego with members of the Flying Sams from Cal State Fullerton, where they retouched on important trip information and expectations. UCR's group included 25 students and 9 volunteering doctors. Although they ran into some trouble at the Tecate border, they made it safely across to their destination.

When arriving at the site, the students begin setting up the clinic, which normally consists of two main rooms and a pharmacy. The first room, the triage, is where the students really get to interact with the patients. With previous training, student volunteers assist in tasks that need to be done before the patients actually see the doctors, such as recording blood pressure, temperature, and weight, heart rate and respiration rate.

After the triage procedures are performed and their personal histories are collected, the patients then see the doctors in the second room. Here, Flying Sams students have the opportunity to shadow the doctors, observing how they carry out their clinical work. Patients are given medical advice and prescriptions when necessary.

Flying Sams goes even further in its clinical activities by also setting up a public health area at the clinic. They hand out free clothes, shoes, toys, canned foods and other supplies to those in need. They also collect donations each month to disperse with each visit.

The Flying Samaritans of UCR, a chapter of Flying Samaritans International, was officially initiated in October 2005 by Tony Adkins, a fourth year neuroscience major and ethnic studies minor, and Janessa Law, a fourth year biochemistry major and neuroscience minor. Adkins and Law originally attended trips conducted by the Flying Sams of UCI before finally deciding to begin their own faction of the organization at UCR, becoming the club's two co-founders.

The student organization meets on Tuesday nights at the University Lecture Hall from 6:00 to 7:00. In their meetings, they discuss the plans for their trips and also hold lectures by guest instructors from various medical schools who teach on topics relevant to students in the medical field.

Adkins outlined criteria for potential club members, saying they look for students with good attendance, enthusiasm and an interest in helping the underserved. He also claims that the club can be very beneficial to those students who participate.

"When you're applying to grad school, they want volunteer experience, and they want you to work with underserved populations. Our club goes the extra mile with working with international underserved populations," Adkins said.

Flying Sams will continue to carry out monthly clinical visits to El Hongo throughout the summer, and there is only a small gas fee required for each trip.

*For more information about Flying Samaritans, visit the website www.flyingsamsucr. com, or email them at flyingsamsucr@yahoo.com*



NICOLE PARKS/HIGHLANDER
Tami Lenhoff (left), Heather Couch (middle) and Stacey Webb (right) checked medical supplies to be administered by students and doctors on the Flying Samaritan's most recent Mexico trip.

# Brutal Bands Do Battle

## ASPB's Battle of the Bands featured (some) fierce talent.

LINDA TRUONG
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, ASPB kicked off their eighth annual Battle of the Bands. As part of Spring Splash Week, the event showcased amateur musicians from UC Riverside and around the Southern California region.

Featured bands included Trees On Water, Jasper Avenue, False Reflection, Stellis Aeques Rockrondo and Requisite. Contestants duked it out for an award of $100, which was mere pocket change compared to the grand prize - an opportunity to open for this year's Spring Splash line-up.

Bands were rated on presentation, originality, performance, crowd reaction and time management (points are deducted for going over allotted time).

After a delayed start, seemingly due to both a thin crowd and a degree of disorganization, emcee and Assistant Director of Films & Lectures Eric Rasyidi introduced the first group amid a sea of beach mats and cowboy hats.

Trees On Water is a band that previously existed only on the megabytes of Myspace to many. The conduct of Yulton Lee, their lead singer and guitarist, almost makes one wish they were confined to the internet. Dressed like a stereotypical scene kid, the first words to come of his mouth were "Aight, I'm a little drunk, so..." Over the course of the set, he proved that his warning was not in jest.

The selection board obviously did not choose bands by using sample CD's rather than accepting anyone who applies.

To be fair though, Trees On Water's fusion of punk and metal was not bad. Lee's debauched antics were amusing, the bass and drums were not quite polished, but definitely en-

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# Political Funk, Soul, and Rock Spit Prolific Tunes to Nooner Crowd

ERIC EMERSON
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Spanning a 14 year career, The Coup belts out a mixture of funk and hip-hop. This last Wednesday, students received a fair share of their rhythmic fusion.

"We came here to funk you!" said lead lyricist Boots Riley.

The band has played with Tom Morello of Audioslave at anti-war political rallies and the 2003 "Tell us the Truth" tour, also organized by the politically motivated Morello in 2003. While many of their songs are politically-infused with overt messages regarding the current administration and international climate, The Coup's most obvious goal is to deliver a good show. The Nooner last week proved no different.

Students moved to the beat and bobbed their heads to the visceral rap of Riley at the concert. The live band that backed him produced a fresh sound and a driving force of pure funk throughout the quad.

The band started quick with "booty shakin' rhythms" that appeared multi-genre. Their aggressive guitar and drum instrumentals stood out immediately, setting the stage for the lyrics to start. Once Riley began with his spit-fire vocals, it was apparent that this band was intent on attracting a varied crowd.

Despite the solid sets by lyricist and band alike, what really got the crowd going was the performance. Silk-E's backing vocals and flaring dance moves complemented the quality tunes. Both Riley and Silk-e showed their best steps on stage, obviously feeling their own music and showing that they were really there to "funk" people.

The rhythm and blues genre is hardly a popular medium for conveying strong political overtones. However, The Coup still managed to during one song. Beginning with a slow beat and the whammy bar riffs, the melody gave off the traditional R&B sultry appeal.

Nevertheless, Silk-e could soon be found unabashedly singing, "Baby, let's have a baby before Bush does something crazy," causing immediate applause from the crowd assembled. The song's lyrics would go on to make similarities in the Bush administration to fascist regimes of the past. But the most novel thing about the track was the simple fact of an R&B song bashing Bush.

To end the set, Riley read a poem that presented a social critic of the harsh living conditions of the inner city. The poem was more than just spoken word. It shared a story of a starving mother, filling herself with a spoonful of peanut butter and big glass of water while making sure there was enough food for her children. The closing cooled the aggressive set to bring the testosterone levels down, ending another successful Nooner and confirming that The Coup has something to say to the "redneck in office."



TIMOTHY WANG/HIGHLANDER
Silk-E, supplementing The Coup, performed in collaboration with Boots Riley. Silk-E has an upcoming album called "No Passes" to be released this fall. She is originally from Oakland, but is currently moving up and down California to promote her unreleased album.

## Competition

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thusiastic and considering the fact that Thursday night's performance was their first show, the band has potential.

The sun began to set on the outdoor stage of The Barn as the next band was introduced. Jasper Avenue was a welcome reprieve from the previous band's unprofessionalism. Their sound was harsh and furious, alternating between primal shrieking a la The Blood Brothers and a natural, smooth voice.

By the time the third band got up to perform, the crowd considerably thickened. False Reflection's fast-paced rock-metal invoked a very positive audience response.

"They were awesome, the sound and the music," said gushing fan Sandra Martinez.

The lead singer was also the first without a guitar strapped to him. He skillfully modulated his dynamics over a very effective bass guitar.

ASPB's goal in selection was to compile an array of bands representative of the diversity at UC Riverside. Stellis Aeques Rockrondo, however, had the distinction of being the only band that didn't sound angry enough to rip someone's head off. Stellis possessed a funky rock sound that was imprecise but definitely interesting. Even though they neglected to interact with the audience, to their credit, they exhibited considerable poise through a deafening mid-song speaker malfunction. Certain songs, however, should be left to the Lynyrd Skynyrds and Arnold McCullers of the world to sing.

ASPB seemingly saved the best for last. The clear winner was Requisite, who cinched victory with their passionate, fiery music. Irritating catch phrase aside, lead singer Al Qually provided the night's best vocals. Pop culture influences ranging from Tool to Linkin Park could be discerned underneath vigorous guitar riffs. The band's experience and maturity level (not to mention age) was just higher than those of their fellows.

Overall, the night was a success. Judge Jimmy Ancheta noted the turnout and crowd reciprocation was better than expected. The fact that the judges were spraying each other with water pistols and using score sheets as shields reflected the carefree attitude of the event.

"I'm [just] here to have fun," said second-year biology major and Jasper Avenue bassist Srikanth Krishnan.

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# Romancing the Orange

## Riverside's annual festival dishes out citrus, music and culture.

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One thing that comes to mind when dreaming up the idea for a town celebration is notoriety. The foundation for Riverside's culture and history, besides its fortuitous location along side of a river, is the orange groves.

In the early 20th century, people from all over the nation would come to Riverside to escape their humdrum lives and gaze at the majestic and never ending rows of citrus. Centered around the city's first national landmark, The Mission Inn, these people came to experience the serenity of the back country, the not quite L.A., the out-of-the-way place that brought so many people to where the nation's oranges were grown.

Not surprisingly, today in this century, locals now flock to downtown Riverside, again centered around The Mission Inn, for one weekend per year to experience all that Riverside's culture has to offer.

With seven stages and countless vendors, this year's Orange Blossom Festival was definitely a culture shock. For a student at UCR whose experiences are severely limited as far as age diversity and general community awareness, the Orange Blossom Festival was a welcome experience.

The Orange Blossom Festival delivered plenty of quality music, with seven stages all happening with quick rotations, leaving the casual festival participant with an overload of new and exciting music ranging from jazz to samba, from rock to country.

Moreover, the streets were filled with rows of vendors. Not unlike every other street fair in the country, these had a special flavor unique to Riverside. There were the standard funnel cake tents, "your name on a grain of rice" tents, and water tents, all charging festival prices (read: higher than normal) for their services.

But there were also tents that offered the exquisite flavor of Riverside, including the requisite orange-selling tent. Ironically, the only free oranges were the ones floating in the man-made creek adjacent to the Mission Inn.

If one does not really get the Riverside culture, it was surely here. If one does not think that Riverside has anything to offer but a place to live while going to college, this festival would likely sway their decision at least back to the middle of the road.

If you like ten dollar parking, five-dollar beers, three-dollar hot-dogs, one-dollar waters and free music, the Orange Blossom Festival would have been the place for you. If you missed it this year and are curious, no article in any paper can convey the things you missed. It is definitely something one has to see and experience for themselves.

Aside from the carnival attractions like bounce houses, inflatable obstacle courses and beer trucks, the micro-brew bar taps and endless rows of vendors, the Riverside Orange Blossom Festival, at the very least, proved to kill an afternoon with some experiences that certainly numbed the doldrums of the traditional college life, perhaps most importantly, it shed some light on the myriad of things that this area has to offer.




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Pedestrians stopped to observe the work of a sidewalk artist who was chalking the streets at the Orange Blossom Festival.



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Vendors at the Orange Blossom Festival served a variety of foods in downtown Riverside to the pedastrian traffic last Sunday. This particular vendor offered tacos, tortas, and burritos.

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The crowd shouted in exuberance during E40's performance after he pointed the microphone in their general.



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## REQUISITE

Winner of Thursday's Battle of the Bands, Requisite kicked off Spring Splash with their head-banging music. Despite the sweltering heat, the band played a few songs which the small crowd seemed apathetic to. "This is one of the largest venues we've played for besides our own family" said lead singer Al Qually. Whether it was the music itself, the blistering sun, or because students were exploring their food options, only a few handful of students gathered around the stage to watch them perform.



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## CUTE IS WHAT WE AIM FOR

While students continued to get food and bask in the sun, the crowd got considerably larger when Cute is What We Aim For hit the stage after a couple songs from Requisite. The New York based pop-punk rock band that sounded and looked a lot like New Found Glory. From the side swept bangs, nasally voice and typical vintage-esque shirt, Cute is What We Aim For delivered a few songs including their single, "There's a Class for This."

## THE ATARIS

Following Jack's Mannequin, The Ataris soon appeared on stage to a large group of students. Despite their past fame and success, the crowd seemed rather unmoved by the performance. The band performed many songs off their past albums and few fans in crowd sang along with them, but many who were in the crowd were there to prepare themselves for E-40.



TIMOTHY WANG/HIGHLANDER



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Something Corporate.

Angela Kim
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Riverside simultaneously hosted two festivals this past Saturday. While many celebrated the Orange Blossom Festival in downtown Riverside, on the other side of University Ave., UCR students gathered for ASPB's annual Spring Splash. After the disappointing cancellation of Snoop Dogg, ASPB got their much needed break in this year's Spring Splash. This year's line up featured Battle of the Bands winner, Requisite, Cute is What We Aim For, Jack's Mannequin, The Ataris and E-40. As usual, the event offered free activities such as rock-climbing and a bounce house. Different clubs also set up stands, selling an array of foods including snow cones, funnel cakes, nachos and even fried Oreos.



ERICH CHEN/HIGHLANDER

## E-40

The obvious highlight and crowd-pleaser of the event was definitely E-40. With an entourage of men in black jumpsuits, colorful backpacks and gold grillz dancing on stage, they undoubtedly set a new precedent for future ASPB sponsored concerts. E-40 hyped up the crowd with his current chart-topping hits like "Tell Me When to Go" and many tracks off his latest album, "My Ghetto Report Card." In spite of the Snoop Dogg cancellation, many students felt that E-40 made up for it, in fact, many thought it was better. "In general, a lot of people enjoyed it. I wish to see more things like this, I don't know if they made up for Snoop, but it was a lot of fun" said Arturo Huipe, a fourth year biochemistry major.



ERICH CHEN/HIGHLANDER
first of the three hip hop dance teams that showcased their talent between the band performances



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The 909 Dance Troupe varied their performance with break dancing moves and other styles of hip hop dance.

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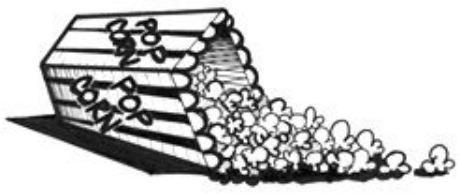

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# "Code" isn't All It's Cracked Up to Be



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

## High-profile movie adaptation weaves a bigger mystery than the novel.

PATRICK MORALES
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Chances are you've read it or know of a good handful people that have. Heck, even my mom read it. Never has a best-selling book garnered so much media frenzy around its controversial content, but any publicity is still publicity – which author Dan Brown's infamous bestseller "The Da Vinci Code" has plenty of.

Factor in what could possibly be one of the biggest film remakes in recent years (step aside, Harry) and you have all the makings of a predestined hit. Or rather, what should have turned out that way.

"The Da Vinci Code" pairs up viewers with Harvard symbologist Richard Langdon (Tom Hanks), an expert in signs and symbols called upon to investigate the murder of a colleague who left a strain of enigmatic clues leading up to his death. Aided by French cryptologist Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tatou), the duo uncover details revealing the late colleague's relationship with a secretive organization called the Priory of Scion, a group alleged to be protecting the secrets of Jesus Christ and the Holy Grail. Hot on the duo's trail are French police captain Fache (Jean Reno) and albino assassin Silas (Paul Bettany), operatives of fanatical Christian sect Opus Dei determined to squelch Langdon and Neveu's search for a truth so shocking that it would cause an upheaval in the history of Christianity.

Despite having an impressive cast and crew list with pedigrees full of Oscar award-winning work, "The Da Vinci Code" tragically falls short of the high expectations generated by the page-turning fervor of the book. Director Ron Howard (Cinderella Man) has proven his chops in the past with dramatic pieces, but his take on the mystery thriller lacked spark despite working with an incredible text.

As for the text itself, screenwriter Akiva Goldsman (A Beautiful Mind) sticks closely to the book at the expense of cramming all of the intricate details of the mystery surrounding the Grail. The result is a movie knee-deep in expository as Langdon and fellow scholar Sir Leigh Teabing (Ian McKellen) spend a good amount of the film reminiscing pseudo-historical religious details in flashbacks drenched in dialogue.

The oft infallible Hanks disappointingly turns in an acting job as flaccid as his hairstyle with the equally talented Tatou put to waste, lacking any real chemistry with her leading man. The only notable performance comes from McKellen, who provides a gleeful breath of fresh air at his jovial appearance midway through the movie.

Visually, the sense of danger, mystery and intrigue that ran through the pages of the books seem to have been lost in translation. While the book may read much like a movie, seeing it on the big screen is another experience altogether. Audiophiles rejoice, however, as composer Hans Zimmer contributes a significant aural component to the movie in church and chamber- inspired orchestral musical scores that add much needed suspense and drama.

For the naysayers arguing that movie adaptations can never quite be like the book, then congratulations – "The Da Vinci Code" has probably joined your repertoire of cards to pull in a conversation. But despite its failings, "The Da Vinci Code" still stands as a story interesting and thought provoking enough to warrant a viewing if you haven't read it. But if you see any suspicious monks with whips picketing the theatre, then steer clear and just grab the book. Trust me.

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# As if Luck wasn't Enough

## "Just My Luck" fails, even by teen flick standards.

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Are good and bad luck just sporadic things, subject to change in the wink of an eye, or are some people just born lucky? Well, according to "Just my Luck," directed by Donald Petrie and starring Lindsay Lohan, one is either perpetually fortunate or misfortunate.

And the only way that can change is if a fortunate person kisses an unfortunate person, then that unfortunate person gets the fortunate person's good luck and vice versa. Still with me?

Ashley (Lohan) is a young professional just out of college. She also happens to be the luckiest woman in the world. She has lived a super-charmed life and has always taken her good luck for granted. When she kisses a handsome stranger at a costume party, Ashley accidentally swaps spit as well as her good fortune for his horribly bad luck.

Chris Pine, who plays opposite of Lohan is the hapless guy who cannot catch a break when it comes to managing his band, McFly. Jake (Pine) is having a difficult time trying to sign his band up to be recorded by Damon Phillips, for whom Ashley is subsequently advertising for. What a coincidence. So they meet and kiss and both their worlds are flipped upside down.

Will she get her luck back from him? Will they fall in love? Well, if you really want to waste $7-$10 on this film, probably intended for middle school girls, then you will have to find out for yourself. Although it would probably require far less than $7, or even 2 cents to figure out this ridiculously predictable plot.

The movie has a lot of childish, uncultured humor which fits in nicely with the so-called socialites of New York and the same drama queen Lohan plays in a lot of her roles. Like most of her characters, Lohan plays the overly obsessive Barbie Doll who does not appreciate love or anything that isn't superficial, this is of course, at least until the very end.

Her last humorous role was when she played a well-developed Hermione Granger in a parody of "Harry Potter" on Saturday Night Live. Back then, at least, she had a waist, among other assets. The fact is, Lohan has failed to show that she can play anything more that this neurotic ditz who has yet to learn something.

Pine, whose movie debut was in The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement, fit in perfectly as the somewhat cute boy with whom Lohan's character can fall in love. He too, could have stood not to do this film and expand his acting range and as well as his resume.

The band that Jake manages, McFly, barely could save this complete travesty as they are the typical British boy band that appeals exclusively to 12 old girls and senile pedophiles. The producers should be ashamed of themselves.

The chances that this movie will receive any decent reviews are almost as astronomical as winning the lottery. You know what you really should do? Take the $7 and go buy 7 lotto scratchers; you will have more luck with that than enjoying this god-awful movie.

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## WHAT YOU GON' DO WITH ALL THAT BRASS?

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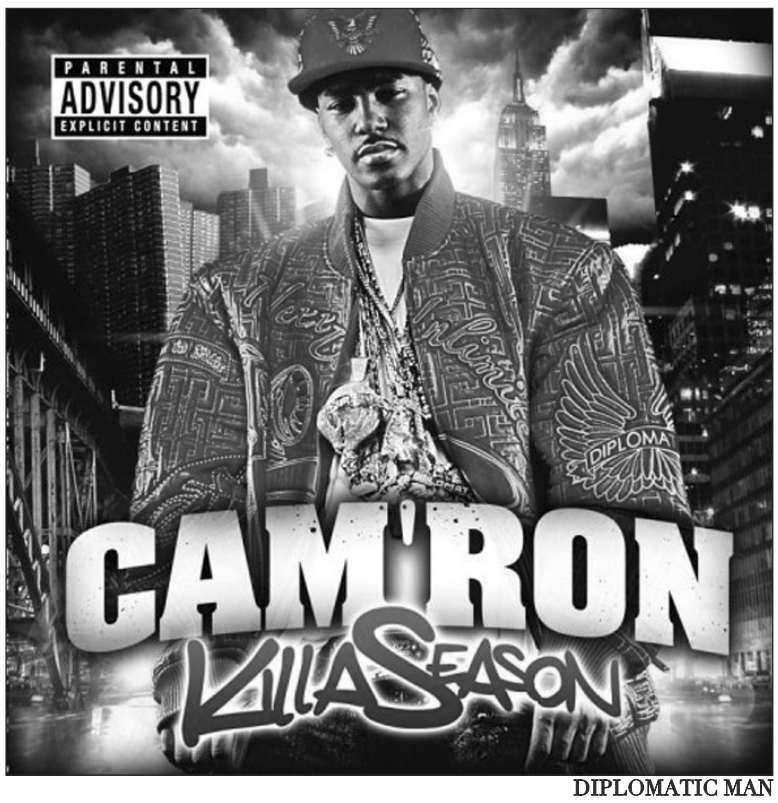


DIPLOMATIC MAN

## Cam'ron
## *Killa Season*
## Diplomatic Man

CHARLES SPINK
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Over the last couple of years, Cam'ron has needed a fecal umbrella much more than a microphone. Between being the victim in a near-fatal car-jacking, becoming legally embattled with exbosses Jay-Z and Damon Dash and protégé Juelz Santana hogging the spotlight, hard times have splattered all over every aspect of Cam's life and career.

With the release of "Killa Season," Cam is trying to make like a fallen train operator and get right back on track. Does he conduct his way to a classic? Not quite. The overly eclectic record only really begins to gain steam before it reaches its final destination.

While many Diplomat-related record expectantly overdose on guest appearances, Cam keeps it modestly sober delivering nearly half of the album's cuts unassisted. The bouncy and charming "Wet Wipes" as well as the oddly revealing "I.B.S" (an eye-opening peak into Irritable Bowel Syndrome) are the strongest material in the album and it comes to us without enigmatic hype-man Santana.

The first single "Get Em' Daddy (Remix)" follows the formula of former Cam hits like "Oh Boy" and "Hey Ma," looping a sped-up soul sample as a hook. But here we see a more edgy commercial Cam. "Daddy" has a drive and arc reminiscent of Fabolous' "Breathe" which is strong, yet not too over-bearing for radio. The Lil' Wayne featured "Touch It or Not" will also garner much-needed airplay as an entertaining hook-laden jam. Then the filler, Cam's Jay-Z diss, "You Gotta Love It" is rather a bit long-winded. In the genre of Jay-Z hating joints, this cut lacks the sting, heart or flair of Nas' "Ether."

The album's less than venomous opener, "He Tried to Play Me," comes off as being more arrogant than earned and "Love My Life" (with an impressive vocal performance from Nicole Wray) just seems forced and too corny for its own good. While Cam has made a career out of balancing unconventional word-play over stellar production, the whole "White Girls" and "Girls, Cash, Cars" movement has already been done to death in New York commercial hip-hop.

"Killa Season" joins 2000's "S.D.E" and 2002's "Come Home With Me" as discs washed off of the masterpiece map because of bloated egos and an excruciatingly long track-list. Will Cam ever produce a promised classic? I guess we will have to wait until next season.

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# Different Time, Different Effects

## NOFX
*Wolves in Wolves' Clothing*
Fat Wreck Chords

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FAT WRECK CHORDS

Many punk kids can credit NOFX as their musical foundation, and over the years they have grown attached to the popular and catchy sound of the band. While punk kids are still kids, the members have hit their 40s and in the process, have turned in their hard cut exteriors for mature political views and ideas.

With original members, Fat Mike, El Hefe, Melvin and Smelly, this new album sounds exactly the same as they left off. Age softens most bands, especially those that make it past ten years together and NOFX is of no exception. They are adamant in speaking their minds and playing simple songs, but repeating a sound too many times can lose its appeal pretty fast.

"Wolves in Wolves' Clothing" certainly didn't miss the Bush and bourgeoisie of America. They especially dislike those pretentious middle-class Orange County natives. According to Fat Mike, they are burned first in the revolt. Musically, however, the band may be stretching on a very thin wire along their beaten guitars.

Fat Mike's vocals are the same as usual, while Melvin delivers his infamous "Mel Yells," creating a sound all too familiar and seemingly off tune. On one track, Melvin, practically yells the song "One Celled Creature," lending a new sound that is rarely heard from the band.

"Wolves in Wolves' Clothing " may not be as original as their earlier albums, but it still manages to carry the "good ol' humor" throughout. The song, "Getting High on the Down Low" depicts a married man trying to hide his "Mary Jane" from his snooping wife. The song is rather New Wave-ish, marking the first for the band and a big change for NOFX.

In "Cool and Unusual Punishment," Fat Mike tells of his adventures in Japan, raising hell in massage parlors, drinking too much sake and kinky sexual adventures. How is that story not leading for a laugh?

NOFX will undoubtedly keep rocking for many years to come a different sound wouldn't hurt, but maybe most fans of the band would claim otherwise.

# Add Another Stripe To Your CD Collection

## The Raconteurs
*Broken Boy Soldiers*
V2 Records

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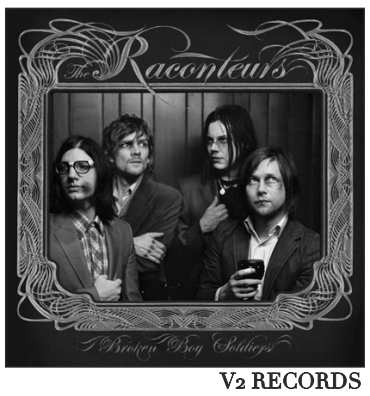

V2 RECORDS

Wondering where Jack White went? Well he didn't go to jail nor did he join a cult. Instead, he has been busying himself by getting married on the Amazon River to a British supermodel, fathering a baby and, most recently, fronting The Raconteurs.

The new band is a far cry from the White Stripes and their debut album, "Broken Boy Soldiers" features more than just Jack White. This album shows a tendency for retrospective rocking, but it certainly fits in with present new wave bands.

The Raconteurs started in a sweltering attic with band mates Brandon Benson and Jack White crudely recording their jam session according to their website. Once adding on Patrick Keeler on drums and Jack Lawrence on bass, the quartet was soon complete.

Converging in a studio over a busy year's time, the band came up with "Broken Boy Soldiers." Songs such as "Steady, As She Goes" and "Hands" pump similar tunes to White Stripes with heavier influences of 70s rock.

The title track "Broken Boy Soldiers" is a good reproduction of Led Zeppelin, carrying White into imitation rather than originality. Benson lends his voice to the band, delivering a classic harmony to "Stone Bought Bones" and "Call It a Day." Having a significantly different voice than White, Benson's Clapton-like vocals creates an ideal vocal counterpart to White's which works surprisingly well.

The Raconteurs will start touring Europe this early summer and then hit the U.S. in July and August. Judging from the album, a live show would not be a disappointment as White has reputably been called one of the best live performers.

"Broken Boy Soldiers" leaves an impression, but it does not linger. A few good tracks with remnants of Robert Plant and David Bowie fused with emo confession ballads, the album delivers a range of sounds pleasing fans of any genre. In this case, sometimes being a little too upfront can leave a jumbled Rubrix's cube of opinions.



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# UC Riverside Gets an EARful

## Los Angeles-based sextet EAR Unit delivered sights and sounds of California.

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ERICH CHEN/HIGHLANDER
The California EAR Unit performed "Burning the Future" last Wednesday evening at Arts 166. The band consists of six members with a flute player, clarinet player, violinist, cellist, percussionist, and pianist.

UCR students and faculty expecting a conventional chamber ensemble were pleasantly surprised last Wednesday when the California EAR Unit performed a set of unique and original pieces in the Arts 166 performance laboratory.

Billed as playing the "exciting music of our times" with stateside and international acclaim, the eclectic EAR Unit is a six-piece ensemble that came together in 1981 at the California Institute of the Arts. Utilizing multimedia from computerized graphics projected on a backdrop to unconventional use of amplified cellos and plants, the EAR Unit puts out a brand of music as kaleidoscopic and varied as the visuals that accompany it.

"California, you know, that's where we all came together" said Amy Knoles, executive director and percussionist of the EAR Unit. "We all came from different parts of the country and it was in California that we met up and formed the EAR Unit. So, our music is largely a part of that."

The result is a postmodern musical mix of traditional and unconventional, blurring the lines between urban and natural spaces in an intricate narrative of sound and sight. Many of the pieces' theatrical aesthetics echo the ensemble's art institute roots, culminating in an experience akin to performance theatre.

The concert started off with a piece composed by Knoles, labeled "Squint." As the lights dimmed and nondescript images of car headlights floating down the highway flooded the background, the EAR Unit set the tone for the rest of the evening with a vivacious style of music that went from the melancholy and somber sounds of Eric Clark's violin to the robust and powerful upbeat tempo set by Knoles, who later in the piece jumped between the xylophone, drums and a set of bongos huddled around her performance area.

Slowing down, the EAR Unit switched gears with a solo performance from flutist Dorothy Stone in a piece titled "Sachamama." Accompanied by the gongs and cascading chimes of a pre-recorded electronic track, "Sachamama" was an interesting mix of Western and South American instrumentation that evokes Peruvian music played by a flute.

The EAR Unit reassembled shortly thereafter for the techno-operatic "Burning the Future," a five-part performance marked by chaos and disarray. The frenetic notes of clarinet player Phil O'Connor built up into a dark and unsettling crescendo of violin, cello and booming bass.

After a brief intermission, the composition "Cave" offered a chilling follow-up to the harsh tones of the previous piece with vocals and piano by pianist Vicky Ray. Unified by a repetitious and haunting melody guided by Ray, the ensemble's playing provided a great backdrop to a visual of a three-dimensional labyrinth that was onscreen.

The tantric arrangement of the pieces continued as cellist Erika Duke-Kirkpatrick took the stage in the enigmatic "Axolotl" piece. Raspy, capricious and virtuosic, Duke-Kirkpatrick explored every aspect of playing her instrument in a mix of staccato, taps and slides emulating the strange animal noises the piece was named after.

For their last performance, the EAR Unit converged once more for the appropriately named "Go," a nonstop, rhythmic chase of climbing solos and hurdling notes that served as a symphonic caricature of a highway in motion. Stripped of the previous electronic recordings, the raw and live feel of the performance was a climactic and energetic end to the night.

"It's definitely different than anything I've ever seen before," said Yolanda Gonzalez, a senior liberal studies major. "It was very interesting."

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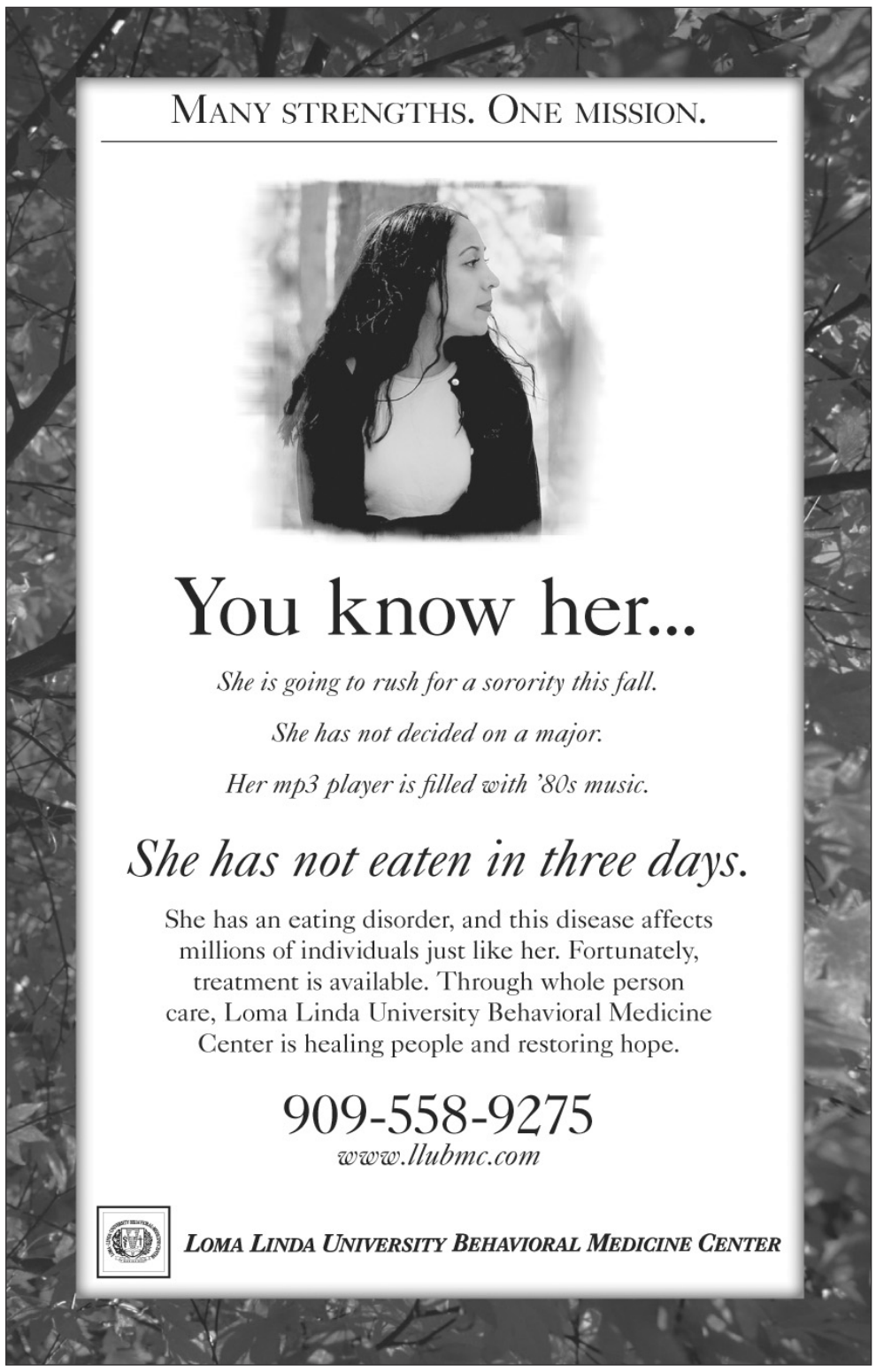

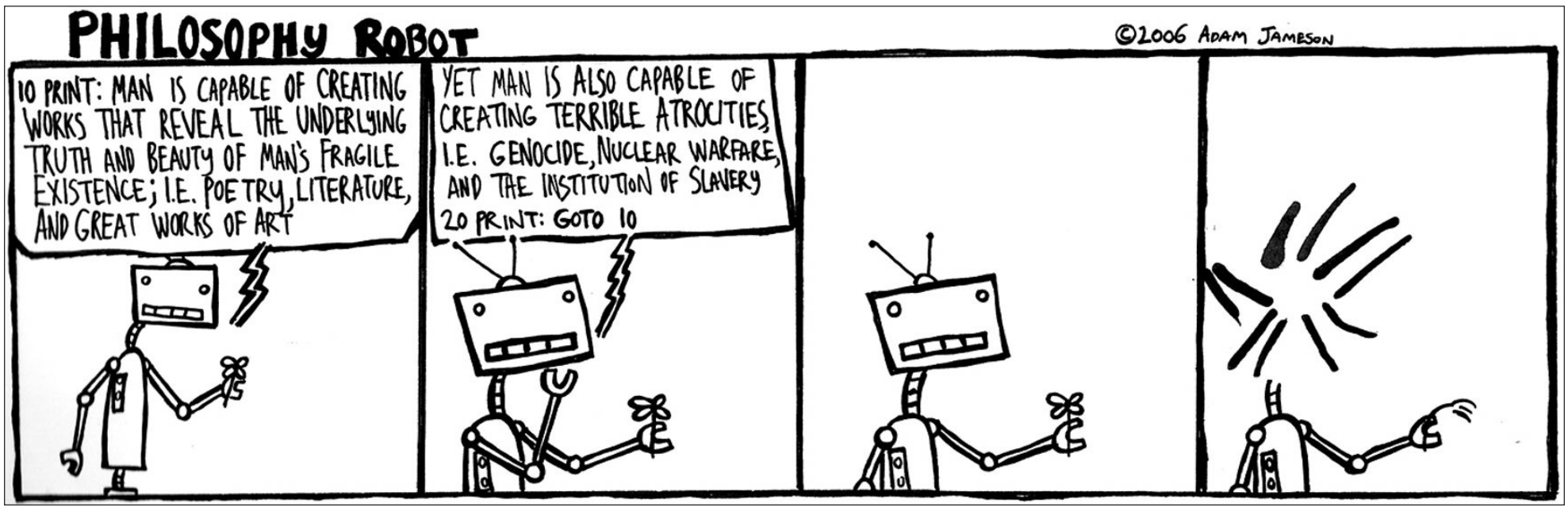





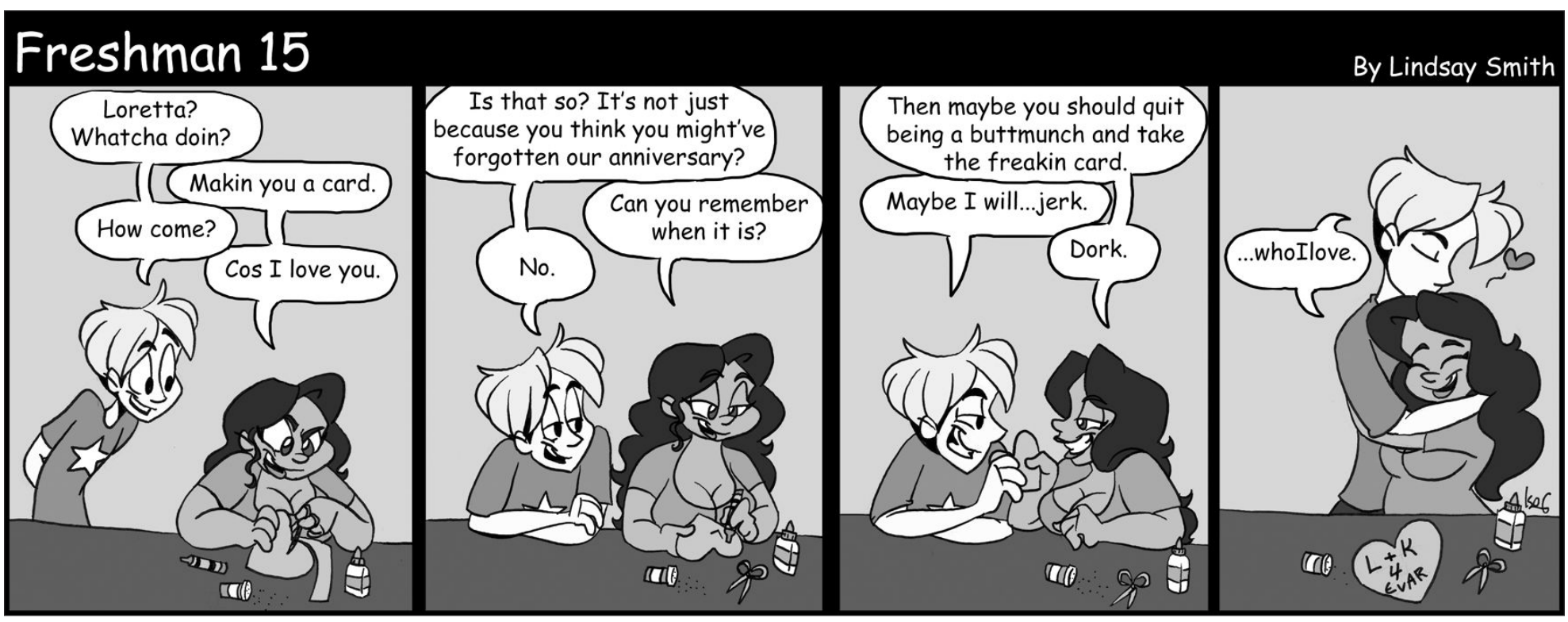





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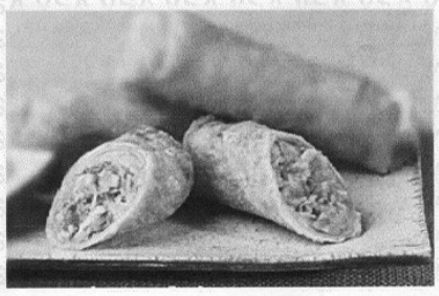

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## TUESDAY

**Interview Skills Workshop**
-Tuesday, May 23, 2006
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-Location: Bourns Hall Rm A-265
Learn technique for interviewing effectively for full-time career positions, part-time and summer jobs or internships. This workshop provides information on how to electronically schedule on-campus interviews.
-Open to: Students Only
-Admission: Free
For more information contact Sue Harbour
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**Mental Health Awareness Week**
-Tuesday, May 23, 2006
-11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
-Location: Bell Tower
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**SSW: Classroom Expectations**
-Tuesday, May 23, 2006
-11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
-Location: Surge Building 112
Classroom strategies for improving concentration and generating meaningful participation in lectures and discussions.
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-Tuesday, May 23, 2006
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-Tuesday, May 23, 2006
-2:10 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
-Location: Surge Building 158
Emphasis here will be on basic essay structure and organization in order to more clearly communicate ideas and make writing more effective.
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**Tuesday Rap - Fluidity**
-Tuesday, May 23, 2006
-5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
-Location: Costo Hall 250
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**Student Film Festival**
-Tuesday, May 23, 2006
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-Location: University Lecture Hall
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**Nooner: Native Elements**
-Wednesday, May 24, 2006
-12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
-Location: Bell Tower
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**Internship Orientation**
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-Wednesday, May 24, 2006
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-Location: Boyce Hall 1467
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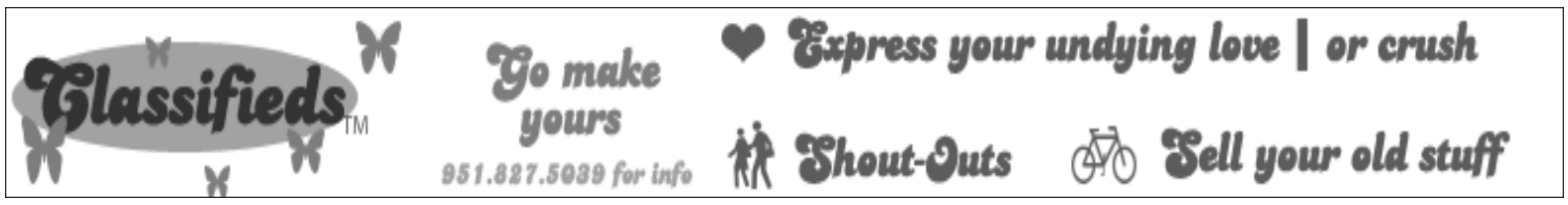


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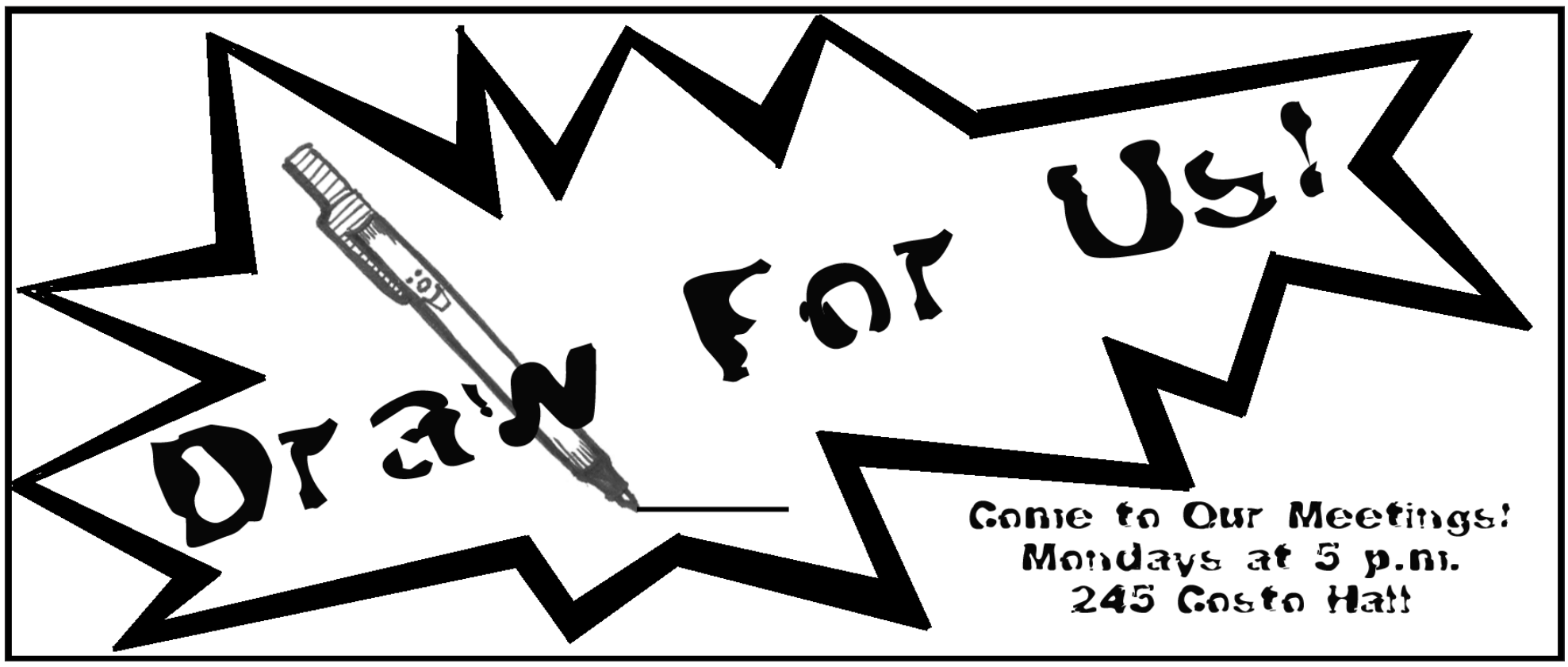

## Spink

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ticipation to see if Barry Bonds was going to tie Babe Ruth for second-place on the all-time major league home run list. Making the situation all the more sweet was the fact that the G-men were playing their most hostile all-time rivals, the Los Angeles Dodgers of Los Angeles (not to be confused with the Anaheim Angels of Los Angeles).

As we all know the line between love and hate is as thin as the foul line that runs down left field in Dodgers Stadium, and some situations just aren't "fair." There are many ups and downs that go along with each union and in both emotional arenas, conflicts are dealt with by someone either intentionally walking or hitting their opponent with a bat to the balls.

The most common and often most-heated feud that a player can encounter in a marriage is that pesky mother in-law. This is usually a bitter battle that dates as far back as your first date with your true love. To any Giants fan, the Dodgers are that mother in-law that hates your guts no matter how well you treat their daughter. Between the two teams, they have won a total of 30-plus pennants and nearly a dozen world championships.

This war of wills and winning started in New York nearly a century ago when the two teams called the Big Apple their home. The New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers moved to the West Coast in 1958, so the Dodgers have been that clingy mother who goes as far as to move all the way across the country just to bother you. Because of this old hag, each and every family reunion has turned into a one-on-one battle for the affection of your common loved one. Yet, deep down you know that the reason that you both hate each other is out of similarity and respect because you both care so deeply for the one who binds you.

Each time the Giants face off with L.A., the game goes from being a metaphorically battle to becoming a literal war. Instead of a suicide squeeze just being a bunt with a runner on third, a suicide squeeze at a Dodgers/Giants game becomes a situation where players are so driven to get that extra run that they might actually take their own life in order to do so. Also, a sacrifice fly turns from a fly ball that scores a runner into a play in which players and fans alike become so irritated with their opponent that they may in fact sacrifice an infant so they can trot one step closer to victory. We want to prove to that irritable in-law that we are good enough to compete for the love of baseball.

We can't always win these games; sometimes our opposition will get the best of us. But, should that get us down? Never. Quite the contrary, a good rivalry not only keeps things competitive, but it also adds flavor to any relationship, personal or athletic. Many women find it a major turn-on when their parents and boyfriends don't get along.

Returning to the afternoon in question, the game seemed to be an uneventful and depressing one. Through the first seven innings Barry went homerless, and the Dodgers holding onto a 5-1 lead. Then during the seventh inning stretch, I made my sister turn her freshly purchased and fitted Giants cap inside out. "What's this Charlie?" she asked with the fear of being unfashionable found in her voice.

I told her, "Erin, this is a rally hat. Once properly applied it will magically help us come from behind and achieve a miraculous come- from- behind victory."

Somewhat puzzled, my little darling squeaked, "But this makes me look funny."

My stern response, "Hey babe, in life and in baseball sometimes you have to make sacrifices. It has been scientifically proven that rally caps lead to miracles. Have you heard of Moses?"

My private school- attending sibling said, "Yes, Charlie. So?"

"So, it's a very well-known fact that when Moses tried to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, it looked like the Egyptian army was going to catch up to him. For him, there were two outs in the bottom of the ninth with nobody on, and he was down by two. Then, when he reached the Red Sea, he threw on his rally cap and right at that moment the waters started to split. Israel took that one in extra innings."

"Is that true, Charlie?" she queried.

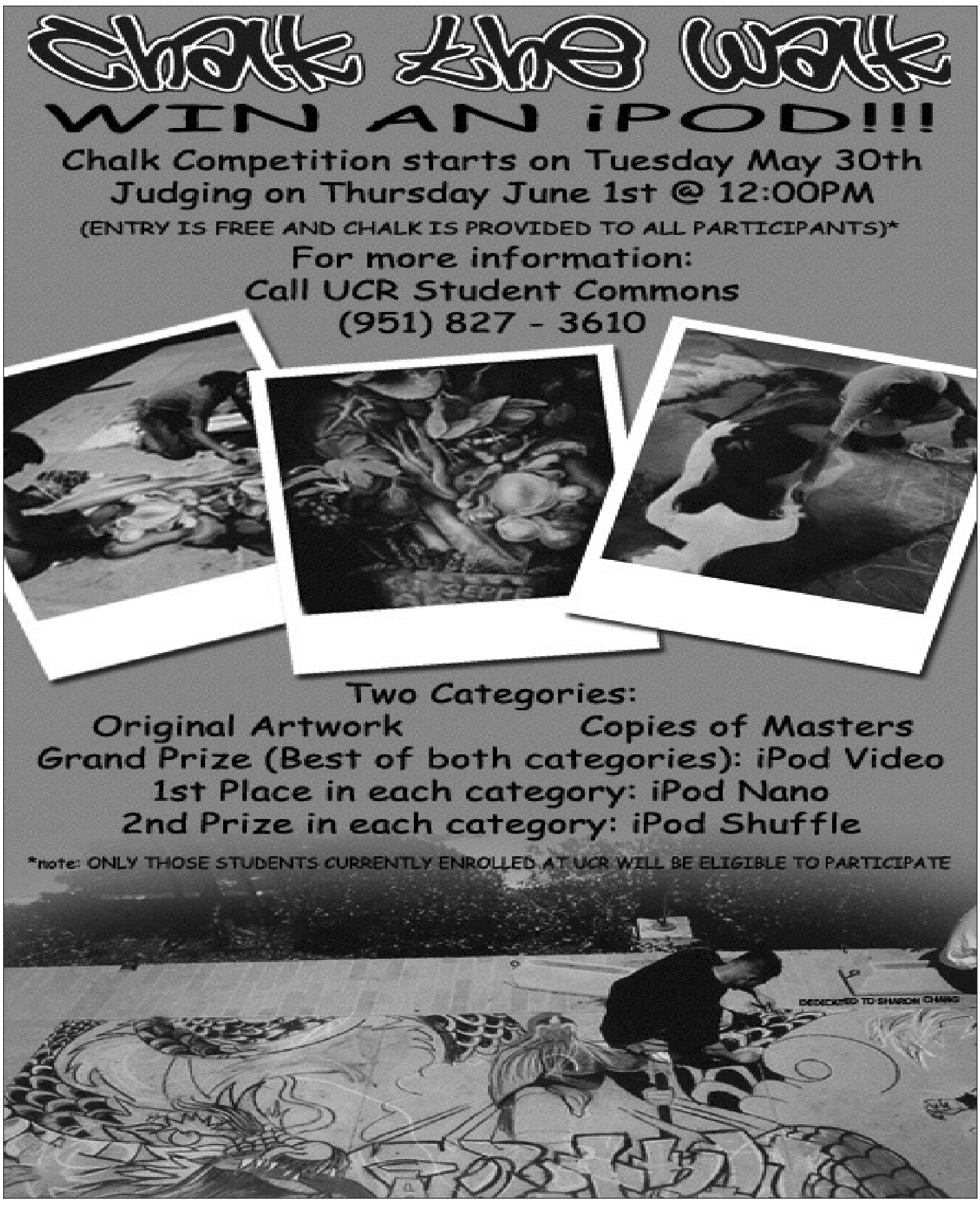
"It has to be true" I sarcastically remarked, "It's in the Bible, isn't it?"

She reluctantly rotated her hat and lo and behold, the Giants started to mount their comeback. After scoring four runs in the last two innings, shortstop Omar Vizquel drove home the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth. How did we score? The winning run came on a sacrifice fly.

As the team celebrated the win at home plate forty-thousand-plus San Francisco fans chanted, "Beat L.A.! BEAT L.A.!" The chant wasn't Shakespeare, it wasn't in iambic pentameter, heck it didn't even rhyme, but it was powerful nonetheless. The air was so bright and electric that even the Las Vegas skyline would be jealous. To us, it wasn't just about beating L.A., it was about winning S.F. To the seasoned fan, "Beat L.A." transcends language and becomes "I love this game!" And when that much love is shared in one place, its usually illegal.

For the rest of her life now, my sister will believe the magic behind the rally cap to be as good as the gospel. Unfortunately love and baseball aren't always that easy, some elements will always be beyond your control. There will be times where your team can't buy a win, where they trade away your favorite players and they jack up ticket prices, but a true fan/lover sticks through the good times and doesn't even consider hopping on another team's bandwagon; that would be adultery.

Between archrivals, dry spells and the infield fly rule there will be times where you'll want to give up on both love and baseball. But when you add up a lot of self-sacrifice with a little bit of luck, then you'll always get the best that each game has to offer. Oh yeah, and a good rally cap doesn't hurt either.




## Runner

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can't go to parties, you can't stay up late, you have to eat right and make healthy decisions," she said.

The 4x400 relay has been a consistent force throughout the track season. Consisting of Egeonuigwe, Whitney Leachman, Ashley Williams, and Tajma Stephenson, the team will be going to regionals with a qualifying time of 3:42:10.

"Uche and I lived together last year, we're really close. I know everything about her, and she knows everything about me. We all know what we have to get done, we're all competitive," said teammate Whitney Leachman.

Their competitiveness is one of their assets in their quest to run professionally.

"We all want to run professionally. I'd like to represent the United States in the Olympics in 2008," Egeonuigwe said.

Beyond track, the sophomore student is a political science/ law and society major with aspirations of becoming an attorney, focusing on ethnic issues.

Egeonuigwe has been a positive example for the team through her dedication and commitment to excellence.

"She has dealt with the transition very well, she's a good competitor and she stays positive. I've only heard her doubt herself once," Leachman said. "She's a very hard worker and she's confident in her abilities. She's a good athlete; she has the drive to accomplish a lot of things. It's going to happen."

Ray echoed all of the positive things that Egeonuigwe represents.

"She's very dedicated and has what we call an elite athlete attitude. She believes in herself; she believes that she's going to reach the highest level of track and field. She has hopes and dreams of making the Olympic team for the US, even though she's of Nigerian descent," he said.

# SPORTS BRIEFS

## BASEBALL

### Steinmeyer Voted Academic All-District

UC Riverside senior Brian Steinmeyer was selected to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 8 First Team. It was announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) last Wednesday. This is Steinmeyer's first selection to the Academic All-District team and he becomes the first Highlander baseball player to earn the honor since A.J. Shappi in 2004.

Steinmeyer, a 6'2" third baseman from Corona, carries a cumulative 3.63 grade point average while majoring in Business Administration. He has appeared on the Dean's List eight times in his academic career and was selected as UCR's Male Scholar Athlete at the Big West Conference banquet in March.

On the field, Steinmeyer is hitting a career-high .319 in 2006 in helping the Highlanders to a 27-21 record. He is a career .291 hitter and is tied for fifth all-time in appearances in school history, having played in 186 games. Steinmeyer was one of 11 players to earn All-District 8 honors and one of three representatives from the Big West Conference. By virtue of his selection to the All-District team, Steinmeyer is automatically entered into the national pool for Academic All-American standing.

## MEN'S GOLF

### Highlanders Signs Two to National Letters of Intent

Andrew Cortez from Murrieta Valley HS in Murrieta, California and Scott Clayton of Arroyo Valley HS in San Bernardino, California have signed national letters of intent to play men's golf at UC Riverside, Head Coach Paul Hjulberg announced last Wednesday.

"I'm extremely happy to add Scott and Andrew to the men's program for the fall of 2006," Hjulberg said. "Both men are excellent players who can post great scores. These freshmen will be the foundation of the program in the coming years."

Cortez shot a 68 and finished first in the first round of CIF qualifying at the Cimarron Golf Course in Palm Desert on Tuesday. Two weeks ago, Clayton finished in first place in a junior golf event at the Southern California Golf Association course in Murrieta, with a final score of 138.

## MEN'S TENNIS

### Calienes Signs with UC Riverside's Surging Program

Jonathan Calienes of Chino, CA has signed a national letter of intent to play tennis at UC Riverside beginning in the 2006-07 season. Calienes has been beset by injuries over the past two years, but has gotten healthy and is now highly motivated, according to UCR Head Coach York Strother.

"His injury took him out of circulation and he was flying under the radar," Strother said. "We are excited about what Jonathan brings to the Highlanders. He is home grown, from the Inland Empire, and is an accomplished player who has been ranked in the top-20 in Southern California. I expect Jonathan to make an immediate impact, especially in doubles, which is his strength. He brings a high-powered transition-oriented game with him. He has the same values as the program. It is a great fit and he should have a great career here."

At the age of 15, Calienes and his partner won the Pomona Valley Medical Center USTA Pro Event, winning the qualifying tournament and defeating a pair of future Division I players Shane LaPorte (BYU) and Chris Surapol (UCLA) in the final. That same summer, Calienes and his partner reached the main draw of the Mercedes Benz Cup, reaching the second round before falling to the No. 1 seed.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

### Highlanders Sign Cuervo for Upcoming Season

Marissa Cuervo of Villa Park HS in Villa Park, CA has signed a national letter of intent to play women's golf at UC Riverside, Head Coach Paul Hjulberg announced last Wednesday.

"I'm excited that Marissa will be joining us as a Highlander," Hjulberg said. "She will add to the depth of the women's program."

Cuervo played for Coach Chris Salio at Villa Park HS, helping the Spartans to a first place finish in the Century League and a fourth place finish in CIF-SS Championships in 2004 and a third place finish in the Century League in 2005. A four-year golf letterwinner, she earned first-team All-Century League honors in 2005. Her personal best is a 74 at Los Serranos Golf Club. She placed fifth in the SCPGA points standings.

## SOFTBALL

### Thompson Named to District VIII Academic All-District Second Team

UC Riverside junior first baseman Jennifer Thompson has been named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District Softball Second Team, as selected by the members of the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Thompson, a native of Riverside, has a 3.50 GPA as a history major.

On the field, she finished the season with a .275 batting average with five doubles, a homer and 25 runs batted in. She had a .983 fielding percentage at first base for UCR and appeared in and started all but one of the team's 49 games this season.

"This is a great accomplishment for Jennifer, and we are very proud of her," Head Coach Connie Miner said. "She has really bought into what we are trying to do here both on the field and in the classroom."

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

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**BASEBALL**

Friday at UC Irvine in Irvine, CA, 6 p.m.

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Session 2: 4:30pm to 6pm, Statistics Computer Lab

Tuesday, May 23
Session 1: 10:30am to noon, Terrace Vista, *Bring Your Own Laptop * session
Session 2: 4:30pm to 6pm, Statistics Computer Lab

Wednesday, May 24
Session 1: 10:30am to noon, Terrace Vista, *Bring Your Own Laptop * session
Session 2: 5:30pm to 7pm, Statistics Computer Lab

Thursday, May 25
Session 1: 10:30am to noon, Terrace Vista, *Bring Your Own Laptop * session
Session 2: 5:30pm to 7pm, Statistics Computer Lab

Friday, May 26
Session 1: 9:30am to 11am, Statistics Computer Lab

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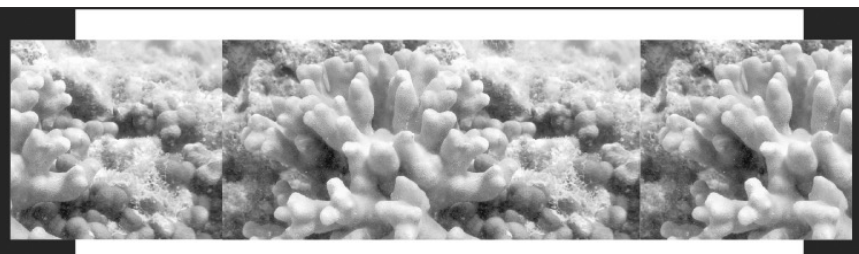

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# Comeback

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be the guy in the ninth inning who wants to make the big play. That's the type of guy he is and we got all the confidence in the world in him."

Pedroza's game-winning single came two innings after the Highlanders pulled off a remarkable comeback from an 8-4 deficit. In the bottom of the ninth, the Torreros simply needed three outs to finish their own rally from a 4-3 deficit, but UC Riverside simply refused to lose as they mounted a four run, six-hit ninth-inning surge that catapulted UCR into extra innings.

"To comeback and score four in the ninth off that guy [Butler]… that's a big, big effort," said UCR Head Coach Doug Smith. "This was a huge win for us. It nice to see them step up and do that."

With the game seemingly out of reach in the ninth, Pedroza started the rally with a single to center field. Senior outfielder Andrew Clay, who has come up clutch in the last few games, did so again with a single to left. Junior Brett Bigler cut the deficit to three runs with a RBI sacrifice fly that scored Pedroza from third. Back-to-back singles to left field by senior infielder Brian Steinmeyer and Hollingsworth brought Clay home to reduce the gap to just 8-6.

After junior infielder Kyle Barratt's strikeout, junior designated hitter Nick Salotti's two-out RBI single to right scored Steinmeyer. This brought the crowd and the rest of the Highlanders to their feet as they cheered sophomore



TIMOTHY WANG/HIGHLANDER

Kyle Barratt attempted to bunt, hoping to advance D.J. Hollingsworth to third last Tuesday against the University of San Diego. UC Riverside won 9-8 in 11 innings.

infielder Drew Garcia who was at the plate. With two outs and a full count, Garcia delivered a grounder up the gut of the Torrero defense, scoring a sprinting Hollingsworth for the 8-8 tie.

"Our coach always talked about one time throughout the season that there's a game we are not supposed to win, but we are going to comeback and win. This game was one of those nights," Hollingsworth said of the game. "We go four down in the ninth and it could have gone the other way and gone 1-2-3. But we really battled, persevered, and came through."

Chants of "UCR" echoed the stadium as this ninth inning comeback awakened the Highlander spirit. All of the Highlanders were giving each other high-fives knowing they were back in the game, but still had work to be done.

After the Torreros' three and out in the tenth, Pedroza seemed to start another rally with a double down the left field line, but Clay struck out and Bigler was intentionally walked. Steinmeyer grounded to center, but the Torreros' Steve Singleton scooped it to second baseman Keoni Ruth, who fired it to first, ending the tenth with a double play.

Junior right-hander Daniel Stange (2-2) continued his dominance on the mound in relief, eliminating the USD batters in succession with a strikeout, groundout and a pop-up. He pitched three and one-third innings of relief, striking out six batters, and allowing just one hit and one earned run to give him the win.

With the game approaching four hours long, the Highlanders proved they had one last run left. Barratt started the bottom of the eleventh with a single to right field. Freshman designated hitter Carl Uhl reached first off an error and redshirt sophomore catcher Jeff Dunbar was intentionally walked to load the bases for Pedroza.

The Highlanders had let several opportunities for victory slip through their fingers, but this time, Pedroza simply capped one of the most exciting games for UCR this season. His two-out single scored Barratt, giving UC Riverside the 9-8 victory. Before he could even tag first base, his teammates were already jumping and cheering around first to celebrate the win.

The Highlanders had another great offensive output, churning out 18 hits with Steinmeyer and Pedroza picking up three each. Barratt, Dunbar, and Salotti had two hits, while Bigler and Barratt each had two runs.

As UC Riverside fights for a playoff berth, Smith underscored the importance of this win.

"This is the most important game we have played to this point, in the sense that we don't have a lot of wiggle room. We got to keep winning and if we lose one tonight, that's just one more game we can't get back, so this was a big win."

The 236 people in attendance stayed for over four hours on a spring night and witnessed a comeback to remember.

"Some guys go their whole career without a game-winning hit or be on a team who has a comeback like that, so we have to cherish that and this is one we will remember for sure," Hollingsworth added.

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## Intensity

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Moreover, since his legs control his attitude of running, Hollingsworth holds 24 stolen bases and is unselfish player who has nine sacrifice bunts and five sacrifice flies.

"He's got good skills, he's got fast hands, a great swing, he can run and he is a very physical player," Smith added.

All impressive statistics aside, Hollingsworth is not one of the run of the mill Bonds-esque ball players, who just show up, play, win and go home. Hollingsworth not only has the ability and skills to win, but also the attitude that allows him to prepare to win, which is arguably more important.

Echoing this sentiment, "He works hard, he's got high energy and he pulls people with him," said Smith.

After two years at Chabot College, Hollingsworth said the transition here was easy for him, the coaching staff was friendly and genuinely cared about the players on and off the field, the team took him in, and now they all find themselves sharing third place with the season winding down.

Unbelievable as it may sound, the Tracy, California native holds something within that might just separate him from his teammates.

"I'm a very superstitious guy," he said. "I have a dime that I've kept in my right sock since I was 10."

While playing little league ball, Hollingsworth once struck out four times in a game. It was the first and only time he suffered such a thing.

"I came home and I was very upset, and I didn't want to play ball anymore. My dad gave me the dime," Hollingsworth explained. "My dad said it was his lucky dime when he was a kid. Ever since then, I have put it in my sock."

Hollingsworth is more than just a paper player with statistics. He is emblematic of the UCR mindset, which is to say the underdog. Constantly surprising opponents who may underestimate him, putting his nose to the grindstone and working hard. He inspired his teammates to "find a way."

"If [Hollingsworth] isn't yipping and yapping, then something's wrong," Winter said.

Next year Hollingsworth will be a senior, and a similar or better performance is seemingly expected of him. Even though he admits that he loves it here, this season was his first one at UCR. If this is how he plays when he is settling in, when he is completely comfortable in 2007 he can be even better.

As a first year transfer, Hollingsworth has already created a positive atmosphere under his belt.

"He's made a gigantic impact. He is a very hard worker with very high energy. He just does it and drags people with him," Smith said.

# STANDINGS

NCAA BASEBALL

| | Big West Games | | | All Games | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Cal State Fullerton | 15 | 3 | .833 | 39 | 13 | .750 |
| Long Beach State | 12 | 6 | .667 | 29 | 24 | .547 |
| UC Irvine | 9 | 9 | .500 | 34 | 20 | .630 |
| **UC Riverside** | **8** | **10** | **.444** | **28** | **23** | **.549** |
| Cal Poly | 8 | 10 | .444 | 27 | 26 | .509 |
| UC Santa Barbara | 8 | 10 | .444 | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Pacific | 6 | 12 | .333 | 27 | 23 | .540 |
| Cal State Northridge | 6 | 12 | .333 | 26 | 27 | .491 |

## Softball

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one in the country. If we stay healthy, we have a chance to have a huge turnaround," Miner said.

Unfortunately, injuries hampered key players on the team, which caused a change in its dynamics. On the first day of the UCR tournament, starting second baseman junior Traci Bender tore her ACL, a season-ending injury. Not only was she a starting infielder, but she also was a former Easton All-American and Gold Glove winner while playing at Sacramento City College.

With senior outfielder Jessica Black also having an injured knee, the team suffered a significant blow when Sanchez dislocated her left shoulder during the first game of the series against UC Davis. These losses hit right before the beginning of conference play and the Highlanders started poorly in the Big West, dropping five out of six. By that time, the deficit was too large to overcome. Even more painfully, Highlanders lost seven games by just one run during conference play.

Four players are leaving UC Riverside this year, and 15 will be returning for the upcoming season.

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## Regionals

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Cal State Northridge two weekends ago. The women's team also captured the most points at the championships in school history at 63, placing sixth.

"This team is of young kids making the necessary steps to become a Division I program," Ray said, perhaps conveying the program's success in the near future.

Jeff Midgett, the lone UCR senior to qualify, will take his leaping ability in the high jump. He posted a 7'2" jump this season, which made him eligible for regionals.

"I don't have any expectations for heights or points," Midgett said. "I'm just going out there to do the best I possibly can."

Trial and qualifying events will be held this Friday, starting at 11 a.m. and on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. The Regionals' final events will take place to determine the national qualifiers.

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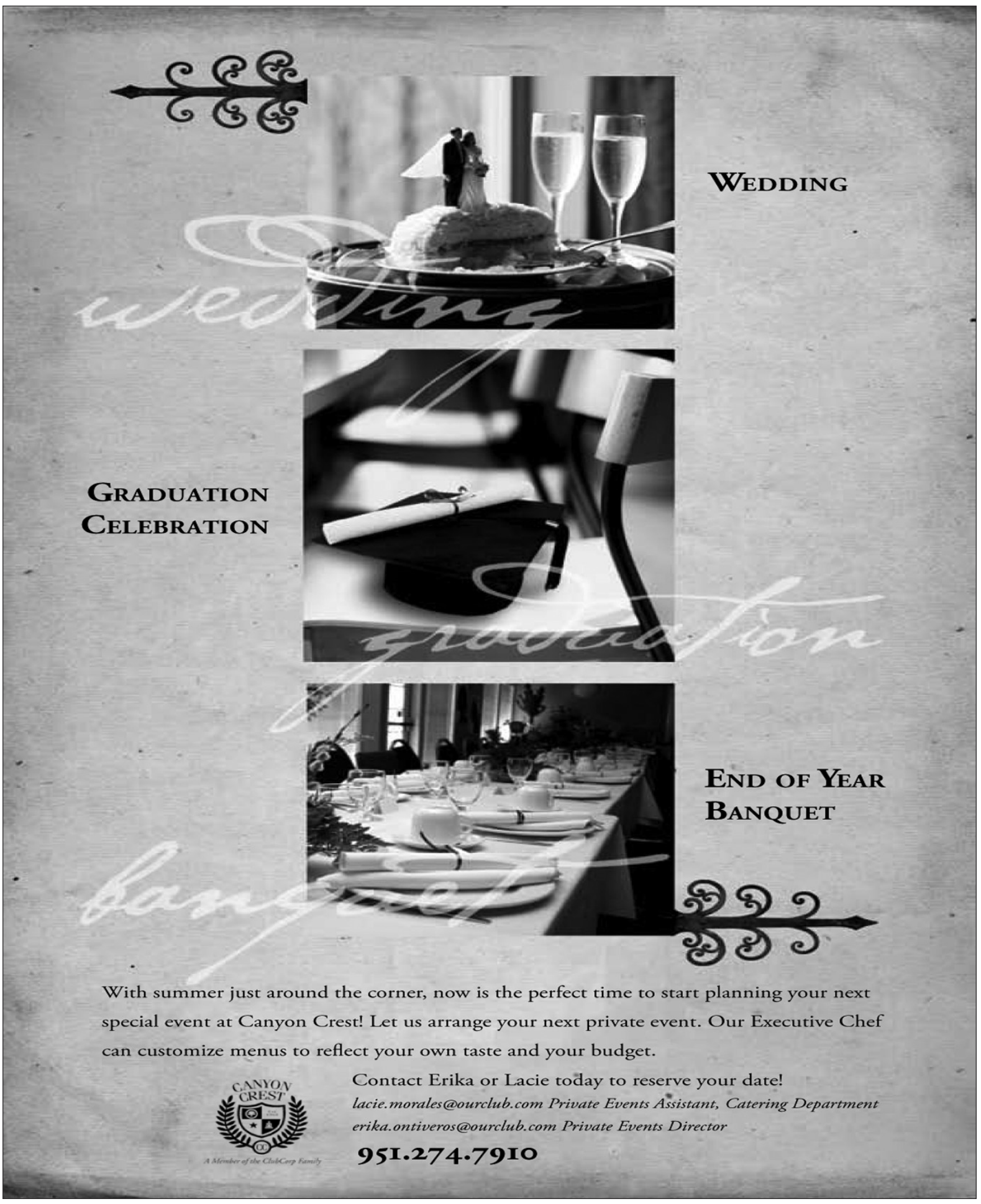

# Softball Completes Best Season in Division I Era



TIMOTHY WANG/HIGHLANDER

Melissa Sanchez, seen here sliding to third base against Cal State Fullerton, leaves the UC Riverside softball program as its all-time home run leader after having a colossal offensive breakout this season.

## The Highlanders broke the school record in wins.

TIMOTHY DIZON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

SB: The UC Riverside softball program took a giant leap this year as the team won 22 games, the most wins in a single season since the move to Division I.

What's even more exciting about this group is the fact that they have not reached their potential yet, and with a young nucleus returning, they will have an added year of experience and having played with one of the most dominant players in the country, senior third baseman Melissa Sanchez.

As the pillar of this squad, Sanchez made it a point to define her senior year with the kind of leadership and play that would lead her team to the top of the Big West. It's no surprise that her numbers reflect not only Big West worthy spotlight, but actually enter the national picture. She led the team in almost every statistical category: first with .435 batting average, 50 hits, 10 home runs, 89 total bases, .774 slugging percentage, 36 walks, and a .577 on-base percentage. Also, she's second with 28 runs and 30 RBIs, behind sophomore shortstop Kristie Martinez.

Sanchez's game has matured over four years, and now her teammates have done the same.

"I lead by example. I do it and hopefully the rest of the team will do the same. I have been here for four years. I said I wanted to make a difference and help this program grow," she said. "This has been the strongest year that I've seen. All the girls believe that this is Division I and that we could hang with any team. We played UCLA [lost 3-1], but we outplayed them."

Sanchez accomplished what she set out to do, leading the Big West in batting and finishing third in home runs, but it's her national standings that truly display her great season. Her .435 batting average is the 12th best in the nation, her .744 slugging percentage is 18th, and her .82 walks-per-game average puts her fourth nationally. Her numbers garnered her First Team All-Big West honors and placed her on the 2006 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-West Region Team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA).

Yet, the beauty of this team lies in the fact that it is not a one-player team. Rather, plenty of players stepped up this season and had career years. Junior transfer Cassie Greenawalt received Second Team All-Big West honors after a solid season at catcher, where she hit .276 with 37 hits, six doubles, a home run, and 23 RBIs. On defense, she prevented 20 stolen bases and missed only one game all season.

Cassie's contributions could be seen well in advance in the eyes of Miner.

"We obviously recruited Cassie and brought her in as a sophomore. We knew what her potential was and we knew she was a team player. We are working very hard to get kids like that," Miner said.

On the mound, freshman standout Stephanie Marshall displayed the poise and command uncommonly found in a true freshman, as her team-best 2.63 ERA, 13 wins, 13 complete games, and 104 strikeouts earned her first Second Team All-Big West recognition. She was the fastest to reach 13 wins in the entire Division I and dominated to the tune of opposing batting averages at .234.

"College is really different, so I just wanted to come in and adapt. It's exciting and it's just a sign of bigger things to come. As a pitcher, you want to be able to take control and have enough confidence, so that your defense behind you will have confidence in you," Marshall said on being a college pitcher.

Redshirt Martinez has had to battle back from two injury plagued years to her knees. However, her game remained intact as she continued her great hitting, which began towards the end of last year with a .308 batting average in just 23 games played. In just her first full season, Martinez exploded onto the scene, showing just how much pop she has in her bat. She hit a shy below .300 at .298, 39 hits, 10 doubles, five homers, and 43 RBIs. Her team-high 43 RBIs is also tied for the Big West Conference lead.

Martinez expressed some disappointment in her All-Big West Honorable Mention, but did emphasize her appreciation to even still be playing this game.

"It's bittersweet. The first time I looked at my stats was last Tuesday. I don't play for that. I've had a history of coming back from an injury that would have prevented me from ever playing, so to comeback and workout and to do everything. When I found out I was honorable mention, although I should have been ecstatic, I am a competitive athlete. I hate to lose and I look at that and I am very thankful, but as Coach Miner told me, You know what to do with it. Carry it over to next year.'"

This was supposed to be the year when the Highlanders finally emerged as a legitimate power in the Big West Conference, but due to untimely injuries, UC Riverside witnessed their great start slowly dissipate.

"Once we saw the kids play in a tournament in the fall, I just sat back and watched them play. I walked away, looked at my staff, and said, 'If we stay healthy, today we would have beaten any-

SOFTBALL, 37



SPINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

*Charlie Spink*

## "Beat L.A!" Love and Bay/LA Baseball

Love and baseball are our nation's two great pastimes, both are as equally liberating as they are heartbreaking and each enriches our existence in a way that no 9 innings or 90 years could ever truly capture. Box scores and romance novels are mere attempts to add false texture to experiences that are only as beautiful as they are intangible.

That special love that one feels for their favorite baseball team is a lot like the undeniable, emotional, and "once in a lifetime" bond that they feel for their first spouse. Both types of relationships, the romantic and the fanatic, are based on how strong your team performs when it comes to fielding the issues of commitment, passion, and trust. No matter how many errors one commits, it's determination and dedication that gets you back in the game.

Last weekend, I made it my personal mission to teach my baby-sister the secrets of the slightly less complicated game (baseball) and, in the process she learned more about the other (love) than either one of us had bargained for. I proved my brotherly worth by taking my nine-year old sister to her first Giants game. Sure, we live closer to Oakland and she's been to an A's game or two, but that's the American League. This is the real deal.

So, in essence, I am taking my sister to her very first baseball game. As we are embarking upon the Embarcadero, bopping along the Bay en route from our BART station to the ballpark, we are about to pass underneath the Bay Bridge when we see a man get down on one knee and ask a woman to be his teammate for life.

Now proposals at the ballpark are nothing new. JumboScreens all-across the major leagues are scattered with in-between inning marriage messages. The problem with proposing at a game is that it often shows a man's tendencies to cater to his own needs over that of his beloved. If ballet is her passion, then why propose at the ballpark? This sends out the message that this marital relationship will be all about you.

Love and baseball are both all about sacrifice. Think of proposing at a chick event as the sacrifice fly needed to get that game-winning run home in the bottom of the ninth. Offering up that diamond while at a baseball diamond has been done so many times that the sentiment is hardly original or priceless. The gentleman in question found a great compromise. He proposed on the edge of the bay while on his way to the game. Perfect. She gave an emphatic "Yes, yes, YES!"

My sister and I smiled and applauded upon the woman's acceptance and continued our trek to the game. When we reached San Francisco's AT&T/ Pac Bell/ "Who ever wants to buy ad space here" Park, we sat in eager an-

SPINK, 34

# Bills Pitches Complete Game, UCR Rolls in 7-1 Win



WHIT HAMBLIN/HIGHLANDER

D.J. Hollingsworth ran safely to first base after the Long Beach State first baseman missed a bad throw last Friday night. UC Riverside won 7-1.

Brett Bigler had three RBIs in the must-win affair.

PAUL BARRERA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BB: The UC Riverside baseball team opened their final home series of the year with a comfortable 7-1 win over the Long Beach State Dirtbags at the Riverside Sports Complex last Friday night, keeping their slim playoff hopes alive.

Junior pitcher Taylor Bills led the Highlanders all the way. Bills allowed just one run on six scattered hits in a complete game gem. UCR Head Coach Doug Smith stressed the importance of performing in and winning games like these as the season comes to a close and the Highlanders push for the playoffs.

"[The win] keeps us alive. We're in a situation, where into these last six ballgames, counting tonight, we probably have to win a minimum of four, maybe five games, to put ourselves in the hunt," Smith said. "So, to go ahead and get this win tonight gives us a leg up, and we have to get out there and do it again."

With the win, the Highlanders improved to 28-21 overall and leveled their conference record at 8-8. The win came against a Long Beach State team that was ranked in the national top 25 in the preseason and is currently second in the Big West. Bills stymied the powerful Dirtbag lineup, allowing just two hits over the last four innings.

"Those are good hitters, they're all on the plate, and I just really had stuff working. The slider was really good today," Bills said.

While Bills' pitching was the clear talking point of the game, the Highlander offense also flexed its muscle, plating seven total, six of them earned. The big hit was provided by junior and center fielder Brett Bigler, whose double down the line with the bases loaded in the fifth put the Highlanders in the lead at 2-1the lead thereafter. They would never relinquish.

"It was a huge win for us. In that situation, I was just trying to score them anyway possible. The ball just bounced my way and found a hole," Bigler said, who had three RBIs. "You just go out there and play, and let it fall where it goes."

Bigler finished the game 2-for-5 and with a run scored. Left fielder D.J. Hollingsworth and infielder Kyle Barratt both went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Shortstop Jaime Pedroza also contributed with two hits.

The game looked bleak for the Highlanders after the first four innings, with Dirtbag starter Andrew Carpenter allowing just two hits and no runs while striking out five. However, the Highlanders were resilient and managed to touch Carpenter for four runs in the fifth, which was more than enough support for Bills, whose seventh strikeout of the night ended the game.

Smith was ecstatic with his team's play against such a strong opponent.

"Long Beach has perennially been one of the better clubs in our conference, so it's a good win for us," Smith said. "'Bills went out and pitched really, really well, and we got the big base hits when we needed them. So, it's a big win for us."

*After winning the opener, the Highlanders lost the following two games against the Dirtbags on scores of 11-9 (in 11 innings) and 5-1, respectively.*

# UC Riverside Has a Future Olympic Track-Runner in the Making



ERICH CHEN/HIGHLANDER

Earlier this season, Uchechi Egeonuigwe broke UC Riverside's record in the 400 meter hurdles (60.45).

ANGEL DIAZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

TF: Whether it is the coaches, team players, or the athlete herself, all agree that it is only a matter of time until Uchechi Egeonuigwe reaches her dream of becoming an Olympic athlete.

The breakthrough freshman will be going to the NCAA West Regional Championships with high expectations of winning against the top the universities in the country.

"She was a very raw talent, but she obviously had signs of physical gift," said Head Coach Irv Ray. "We talked about and thought that she would be a good risk to see if we could develop her physical gifts."

Egeonuigwe is in her freshman year track and field at UC Riverside. She was red shirted last year for tearing a ligament in her knee soon after being offered a scholarship to attend UCR.

The opportunity to run track further fortified her decision. She had been recruited by San Diego State, Colorado State, and a few junior colleges, but according to Egeonuigwe, she had already made the decision to come to UCR

"My parents really wanted me to go to a good university. UCR wasn't my first choice, but after coming here and talking to the coaches, it was the atmosphere and the staff that made me want to come here," she said.

Once she arrived, the transition from high school to college track was expected but nevertheless difficult.

"It was a rough transition, but I was expecting it. I knew when I came here that I was going to have to work hard and I have this mentality that I have to be number one, whether it's a jog or a sprint," Egeonuigwe said.

"She's improved and that transition will continue to go up and up as she continues to mature and understand herself and what it takes. There's a lot more there. She hasn't reached her fullest potential. All she needs is time. We've got good coaching, good conditioning, and she's got the right elite level attitude so she just needs to wait and let it come," Ray added.

Despite her injuries and being new to the college atmosphere, Egeonuigwe has emerged as one of the top athletes at UCR and shows no signs of letting up.

"After my freshman year, I've realized that you can't do everything. You

RUNNER, 34

# Transfer Takes Leadership Role, Excels Unexpectedly

## Hollingsworth's energy has ignited UCR's season.

GREG BOYTOS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BB: Energy is hard to find in a player, especially at the outfield position.

But Highlander left fielder D.J. Hollingsworth proves otherwise in every baseball game he plays.

"He has a strong personality. He came in and has done his job and we have won. Winning makes everything easier," said pitcher Haley Winter. "Being successful really made it easy for everyone to like him."

Hollingsworth is about to finish his first year of baseball at UC Riverside after transferring from Chabot College in Hayward, and has since garnered many respects and conference honors.

"People forget about his skills because he plays with such energy," said UCR Head Coach Doug Smith, pointing out Hollingsworth's attitude.

Although known for his speedy legs on the running lanes and outfield diving catches, Hollingsworth has become one of UCR's greatest power hitters. He leads the Highlanders in home runs with five and runs batted in with 38. One would expect the guy who leads his team in homers and runs batted in to look something like a statue: tall, broad shoulders and well built, but Hollingsworth is only 5'9".

***"He has a strong personality. He came in and has done his job and we have won. Winning makes everything easier."***
***-Haley Winter***

"The way you go after a shorter guy is to throw it hard. The faster your hands, the more you can do with a pitch like that," he said about the many fastballs he gets to hit.

"He's a gutsy little guy," Winter added.

Most people would see him in the outfield and think of a Kirby Pucket type player, meaning all hustle.

Some of the major reasons Hollingsworth was recruited were due to his defensive capabilities, speed and energy, but unexpectedly, he has shown a power-hitting character. He has a .349 batting average, has on base percentage of .441 and is leading the team in slugging at .520.




ERICH CHEN/HIGHLANDER
D.J. Hollingsworth, a left fielder from Tracy, Calif., has been instrumental for UCR. He leads the team in homer runs and RBIs.

For the week of May 8 to 14, Hollingsworth was named the Big West Conference Player of the Week for an outstanding performance. He hit .429 at the plate in UCR's four games, reaching base in all four. He was 6-for-14 with five RBIs as the Highlanders went 3-1 with a victory over the No. 20 Pepperdine University Waves and a weekend series win over the Cal State Northridge Matadors.

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# Six Track and Field Athletes Head to West Regionals

ERIC EMERSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

TF: Six qualifying members of the UC Riverside men's and women's track and field team head to the NCAA West Regional Championships at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, this weekend.

"This [meet] is a big step for UCR Track and Field," said UCR Head Coach Irv Ray. "When I came here three years ago, this program wasn't at a Division II level.

"Taking the team from what it was, to having this many people qualify shows we really competed well this year."

Competing in two events, freshman Uchechi Egeonuigwe and sophomore Tajma Stephenson will lead the Highlanders. Egeonuigwe is taking a time of 60:42 in the 400-meter hurdles, hoping to better the mark and qualify to the National Championships. Stephenson, on the other hand, takes a personal best and school record time of 2:08 in the 800-meters, as well as sophomore Lisa Lopez.

"To keep healthy, stay relaxed and get ready to race," Ray said, noting the ideal character of the runners to reach the next stage. "For this race, there is no reward better than finishing and qualifying for nationals."




ERICH CHEN/HIGHLANDER
Uchechi Egeonuigwe will be competing in the 4x400 relay and the 400-meter hurdles in Utah.

Additionally, both Egeonuigwe and Stephenson, along with freshman Ashley Williams and sophomore Whitney Leachman, will run the 4x400 meter relay race. The team's best time of the year was 3:40.52, which is also a school record, after they won the event at the Big West Conference Championships at

REGIONALS, 37

# Highlanders Rally in 11th, Win 9-8 Over the Visiting Torreros

TIMOTHY DIZON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

BB: With three balls, two strikes, and the bases loaded in the bottom of the 11th inning, sophomore shortstop Jaime Pedroza lived out every ballplayer's dream, as his single scored junior infielder Kyle Barratt to give the Highlanders the improbable 9-8 victory over the San Diego Torreros at the Riverside Sports Complex last Tuesday night.

The Highlanders' season sweep of the Torreros improved their overall record to 27-21, while the loss ended the Torreros' season, finishing 32-23.

Pedroza's two-out single capped off a 3-for-6 night with his game-winning RBI giving UC Riverside the extra-inning triumph.

"I can't feel my body. It was amazing. This is probably the best feeling I have ever had," Pedroza said. "I was talking to one of the guys on deck, he's one of the redshirts, and I said, 'How bad do you want to be in this game right now? Everyone lives for this [game-winning hit]'."

Junior outfielder D.J Hollingsworth was not at all surprised by Pedroza's late game heroics.

"He's [Pedroza] been a guy that wants to

COMEBACK, 36

## SCOREBOARD

MAY 16 - MAY 21

**BASEBALL**
**May 16:**
vs. University of San Diego
Win 9-8

**May 19:**
vs. Long Beach State
Win 7-1



**BASEBALL**
**May 20:**
vs. Long Beach State
Loss 11-9

**May 21:**
vs. Long Beach State
Loss 5-2

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