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USD President's Dinner a dreamy affair

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The University of San Diego called itself a "University of Dreams" Friday night at its President's Dinner, and

prefaced the dinner with a small reception on the 32nd floor of the Seaport Tower at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

USD president Mary Lyons was there in that opulent aerie to welcome guests to a dizzying view of the city.

Among those who gazed at the city lights from an open balcony were Karen and Robert Hoehn (he's chairman of the USD board), Marye Anne Fox, chancellor of UCSD, and her husband, Jim Whitesell, Audrey Geisel and Alex Butterfield, and Jane and Tom Fetter, who were looking forward to a visit to India. Others on the scene included Rachel Cano

and Reo Carr, Deirdre and Ron Carlson, Yolanda Walther-Meade, and Jan and Bob Loomis.

Sherill and Bob Baker turned out for the USD event, and so did Dr. Roger Cornell, Mary and Dan Mulvihill, Pat and Bob Whalen, Donna and Allen Baytop, Janice and Paul Bissonnette, Marguerite and Jack Boyce, Sandy Brue and Chris Carstens, Ruth and Curtis Cook, Monsignor Daniel Dillabough, Anne Donnellan, Maryann and Patrick Drinan, Amy and Bill Geppert, Sally and Tom Hardin, and Patricia and John Lynch.

Rita and Josiah Neepner were there, along with Julie Sullivan, Iris and Paul Engstrand, Val and Jack Frager, Frances and Sanford Goodkin, Maureen and Charles King, Kari and Ken Martone, Charlotte Nielsen, Father Lawrence Purcell, Ruth and Jim Mulvaney, Ann Navar-

ra, Fran and Rear Adm. Joe Rizza, and Erica Lovano, Class of 2005, who is president of the USD student body.

Dinner tables in the Randle Ballroom on the hotel's fourth floor were centered with big candles in hurricane chimneys, surrounded by red roses, lilies, apples and berries. Gold tablecloths were patterned with baroque arabesques of a soft gray-green.


First course of the Hyatt menu was a Harvest Salad with assorted field greens, red and yellow pear drop tomatoes, and a julienne of beets, goat cheese and caramelized pecans in a balsamic vinaigrette. The main course was a seared filet of beef with a merlot sauce and herbed halibut in a saffron sauce, accompanied by pencil asparagus, baby carrots and Yukon mashed potatoes. For dessert, there was cheesecake with chocolate and mango sauce.



Mary Lyons (center), president of the University of San Diego, with Robert and Karen Hoehn on the 32nd floor of the Manchester Grand Hyatt's Seaport Tower. Robert Hoehn is chairman of the USD Board of Trustees. *John Gibbins / Union-Tribune*

DAILY TRANSCRIPT

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USD establishes donation program

The University of San Diego created a donation program to aid the South Asia tsunami and earthquake relief efforts. The funds will be sent to a religious order in Jakarta, Indonesia, that co-founded the school.

"Our hearts and prayers are with every man, woman and child affected by this devastating tragedy. Supporting the efforts of the Religious of the Sacred Heart is just one small way that our campus community has come together to aid these innocent victims," said Mary E. Lyons, president of University of San Diego. "Many members of our campus community have and will continue to support relief efforts through donations to other reputable charities and by volunteering their time in the months to come."

The Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Heart will organize and finance long-term reconstruction, counseling, education and employment projects.

More information about the donation program can be found at www.sandiego.edu. **Source Code: 20050107li**

College of Arts and Sciences

Over the last two weeks, 40 students from the University of San Diego have turned their coat collars up against the cold, but they have caught "Potomac fever" anyway. It happens every year, but it never ceases to amaze me how one trip to Washington, D.C., can energize young citizens about politics. I am always reminded that students take the words of political elites very seriously — whether they are etched on monuments or spoken at an inaugural address.

All Americans should appreciate the importance of presidential inaugurations and what they represent — both philosophically and politically. In 2001, the president's speech was focused on compassion toward others and unifying the nation. The Bush administration has indicated that this year the inaugural speech will focus on liberty and freedom, both at home and abroad. If I were one of the president's speech-writers, I would encourage him to speak directly today to those younger Americans (18- to 29-year-olds) who were brought into the political process in 2004.

This suggestion is based on what I have observed over the last two weeks at a seminar on American politics in Washington, D.C. During this period, the students have been able to learn what numerous journalists, politicians, political consultants and academics think about the political process.

One of the most exciting aspects of the seminar is to watch how students react to the speakers and to the many sites they visit while in Washington, D.C. While the students have come to the seminar with a range of political opinions and knowledge, they are leaving with a renewed commitment to the basic principles of the American political system. Perhaps most importantly, many of them have come to the realization that political participation is the most important duty we have as citizens.

While the percentage of the total vote of those between 18-29 did not increase in the 2004 elections (approximately 17 percent), the actual number of younger voters did increase, and both campaigns dedicated time and resources for their votes. Now that many younger citizens have taken this initial leap of faith into the political system, it is the responsibility of political elites to encourage them to stay involved.

But why would President Bush address this particular audience in his

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Bringing young people into politics

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speech when it has a reputation of not being reliable participants, and perhaps more importantly, seems to vote more for Democrats and independents (especially since it was the only age group to vote for John Kerry)? First, many of the president's proposals for the second term, such as the continued war on terror, Social Security reform and tax reform, will have a more profound affect on younger Americans than any other age group. And second, the president should recognize that encouraging younger Americans to become more informed and more politically active is crucial for the health of our democratic institutions and process.

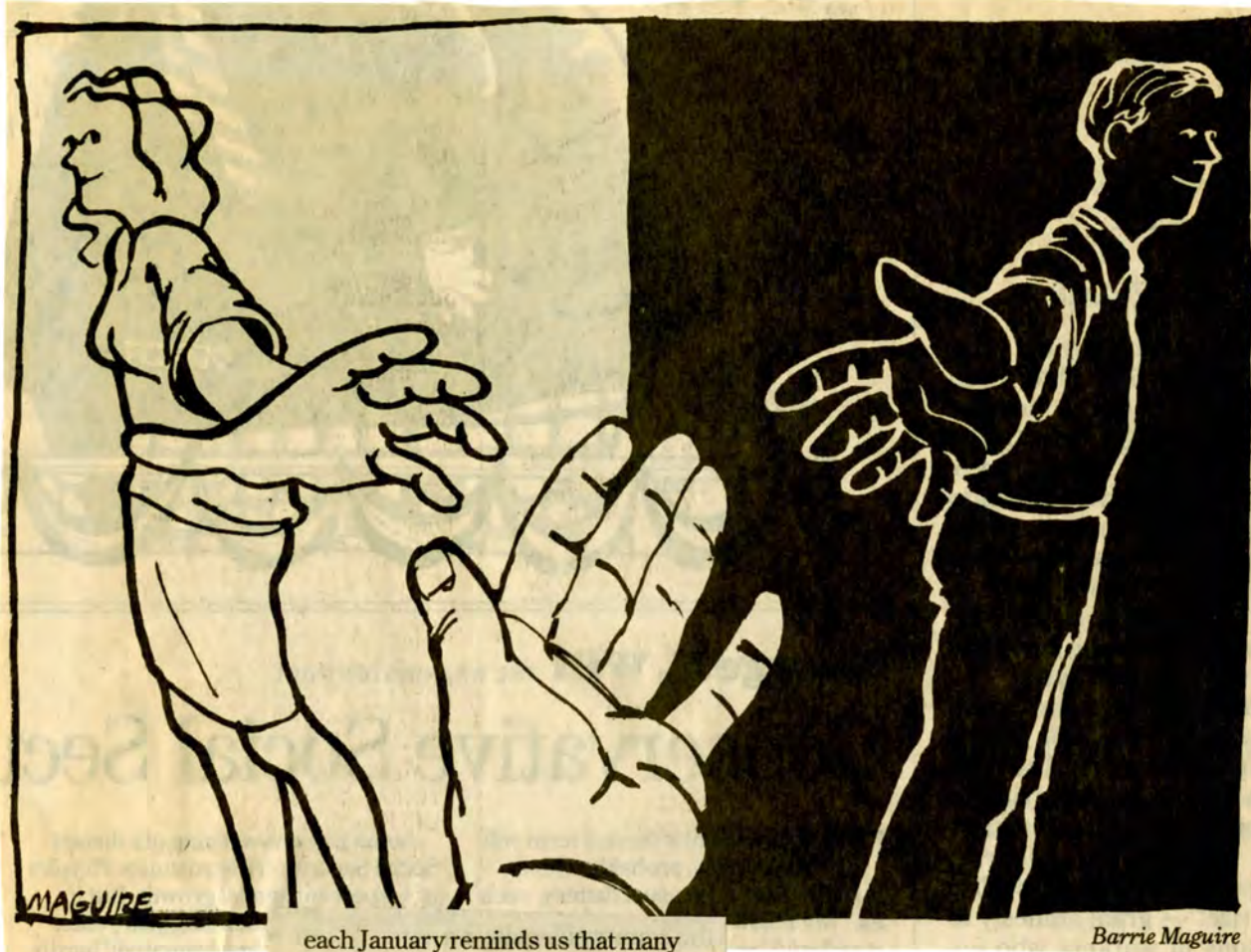
There are some political observers, however, who believe that it is a waste of resources to get involved with politics because they are unreliable citizens who are too apathetic and too mobile to participate

consistently. When they are ready or when they have the necessary economic interests that are affected by government, we are told, they will then choose to participate.

My experience, however, is that many young Americans yearn for political elites to address their concerns. Political elites, however, have no incentive to raise particular issues until they believe young Americans will act (i.e., vote) on their interests. What results is the equivalent to a game of chicken with each group unwilling to make the first move. It is time for this standoff to end, and the president has an opportunity to acknowledge this in his speech.

Indeed, all public officials should realize that the way in which we ask young people to participate makes a difference. For example, the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, or CIRCLE, has found that simply asking a young person to vote raises the likelihood that he or she will vote by 8 percent to 12 percent. Similarly, young people are much more likely to vote if someone initiates personal contact with them, rather than through direct mail or phone calls. These findings suggest that personal interactions are much more effective than more informal methods.

While systematic evidence is lacking, my hunch is that the students who participate in experiential learning opportunities are more likely to get involved in politics. Traveling with students to Washington, D.C.,



each January reminds us that many college students on the West Coast have never even been able to visit our national monuments, our national institutions or our national cemeteries.

Standing at the Lincoln Memorial on the spot where Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech and looking across the Potomac River to Robert E. Lee's mansion or straight ahead toward the Washington Monument and the Capitol Building introduces the students to American history and politics in a way that is almost impossible with a textbook.

While I have been fortunate to take students to Washington, D.C., for an academic seminar each year for the past five years, it never ceases to amaze me how the experience makes many students much more politically aware and active. Without fail, I return to San Diego each year with a new sense of energy and belief that younger citizens are concerned about political and social issues and that they are willing to sacrifice their time to advance their beliefs.

Whether it is through a two-week seminar, an internship in Washington, D.C., Sacramento or locally, my experience is that giving students more opportunities to engage in politics outside of the classroom is the key to increase political awareness and participation. I am hopeful that the president will use his speech today to inspire younger citizens to continue to find ways to be active in politics over the next four years.

OPINION

Moral questions about stem cell research

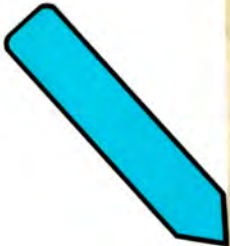
By Lawrence M. Hinman
and Michael Kalichman

Prior to the November election in California, the assumption was that the only moral question about Proposition 71, The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, was the question of the moral status of the human embryo. California, in contrast to the rest of the country, is now in a position where that issue as a matter of public policy has been settled. Given the narrowness of the public debate prior to the election, one might think that no other ethical issues remain on the horizon.

Nothing could be further from the truth. A thicket of tangled and prickly moral issues lies ahead of the stem cell initiative, and a robust public discussion of those issues is of crucial importance if we are to get these issues right. Consider some of the most important ones.

What criteria will be used to decide which research should be funded? The promise of this initiative, the appeal to voters, was precisely the hope that human embryonic stem cell research will produce cures for previously incurable life-threatening diseases. Will support be given to those lines of research likely to save the most lives? What of research on non-fatal disorders that can currently be managed but not cured, such as juvenile diabetes? Presumably one criterion in apportioning funds will be promise of benefits. What kind of benefits? To whom?

Just as important will be the question of who owns these benefits. The citizens of the state of California in an unprecedented measure have



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chosen to fund this initiative. Do they, as the Legislature is now discussing, have any special claim to the patents and monetary profits? Just as importantly, do they have any claim of special access to the cures? And should efforts be made to ensure that these cures are relevant to the state's minority populations as well as to the majority? Given that most human embryos would be obtained from fertility centers, which have patients who tend to be upper-middle-class white couples, is an effort needed to ensure that some research is done with stem cells from minority populations?

Who decides these issues? Here one of the thorniest of ethical issues stands before us. Presumably the decision-makers should be both highly knowledgeable (to judge proposals competently) and impartial (to judge them fairly). What do we mean by "knowledgeable?" This certainly includes scientific knowledge, but does it also include knowledge about the ethical, social and legal implications of such technologies?

Furthermore, and even more troublesome, impartiality is hard to achieve without giving up on expertise. Many of those best qualified to judge research proposals are either competitors for such funding or leaders of institutions that are competing for such funding. Already one nominee to the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, Joe Panetta, the head of BIOCOM in San Diego, has withdrawn his name from consideration, citing possible conflicts of interest.

What about the rights of the embryo donor and their informed consent? Are embryos donated for research in general? Do researchers have any obligation to be more specific in their information to potential donors? For example, it is arguably important that a potential donor be informed about what experiments will be done and the purpose of those experiments.

Informed consent will become even more of an issue as these research programs move toward clinical trials. A fundamental tension is built into this situation, the tension between urgency and patience as recently described so well by Jonathan Weiner in his book, "His

Brother's Keeper: A Story from the Edge of Medicine." This research offers promise of relief from some of the worst disorders confronting us today: Alzheimer's, ALS, spinal cord injuries, juvenile diabetes and the like.

All of these, to varying degrees, promote a sense of urgency — not only do we want cures, but we want them now so that no additional lives will be lost. Yet at the same time, we want to avoid rushing too quickly into clinical trials, trials in which humans could be severely damaged or killed as a result of unanticipated side-effects. Recent revelations about Vioxx, Paxil for adolescents, and other medications suggest that even with existing protections, we still make mistakes.

In Alzheimer's and similar disorders, the stakes are even higher. In order to avoid the debilitating effects of Alzheimer's, it is important to begin treatment early, probably before there is little noticeable evidence of the problem. But this could be problematic in the case of new therapies. By their nature, such therapies have not yet been tested with a wide spectrum of patients and over a long period of time.

The possibility of mistakes or unanticipated consequences is high. To take that risk with a patient at death's door is one thing, but to take that same risk with a person who is presently a well-functioning adult with minimal or no symptoms of Alzheimer's is quite different. Much more is put at risk in this situation without the certainty of well-established therapies.

Now that Proposition 71 has been passed, we must shift our attention to the full range of ethical issues raised by this initiative. California will be a leader in this area. However, it is important that we lead not simply in scientific excellence, but also with moral wisdom about the ethical and social implications of stem cell research. The first step in this process is the discussion of these ethical issues in public forums, with the various oversight boards, in the labs themselves, and in the schools.

This bold funding initiative is a privilege and an opportunity. All of us have a stake in anticipating and avoiding pitfalls that might keep us from realizing the benefits of the highest quality of research.

OPINION

The real disaster is poverty

By George J. Bryjak

The recent tsunami that claimed an estimated 150,000 lives in south Asia and east Africa and left more than 5 million people homeless is typically referred to as a "natural disaster." However, as Roger-Mark De Souza of the Population Reference Bureau notes, calamities emanating "from extreme weather are hardly an accident of nature." Rather, these tragedies are a blending of natural, social, economic, political and environmental conditions.

In modern industrial nations like the United States, the severity of natural disasters as measured by deaths and property damage has risen significantly over the past 100 years. As a consequence of population growth, internal migration and material prosperity, an increasing number of affluent people now reside in disaster-prone areas of the country.

States most affected by hurricanes (Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas) and earthquakes (California and Washington) are among the fastest growing in the nation. In 1900, Florida had just over 528,000 residents. Today, 13 million of that state's 17.4 million inhabitants live in coastal counties. Over 4 million Floridians currently reside in Broward and Dade counties, a number equal to the entire population of southeastern states in 1930.

John Twigg, project manager at the Oxford Centre for Disaster Studies, calculated that between 1971 and 1995 more than 128,000 individuals were killed on average each year globally and another 136 million people were adversely affected by earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, storms, volcanoes, landslides, cyclones and droughts. Just over 97 percent of deaths and 99 percent of the people who suffer as a result of these acts of nature live in the developing world.

While population growth and migration in rich countries are largely a function of prosperity, the increase and movement of people in poor nations are fueled by poverty.

George Martine and Jose Miguel Guzman of the United Nations have examined the relation between socioeconomic conditions and natural disasters. They note that as a result of financial constraints and political impotence, the poor are forced to live in dangerous locations. Makeshift homes of poor quality, nondurable materials are built on mudslide-prone hillsides, flood plains, deforested land and hurricane-exposed coastal areas.

In 1976, an earthquake in Guatemala City killed 1,200 people and left another 90,000 homeless. Almost all of the victims lived in ravines and gorges, the only land they could afford. Residing in sturdier homes in less earthquake hazardous locations, more affluent residents of the Guatemalan capital suffered far fewer casualties. Twigg notes that "Vulnerability is not just poverty, but the poor tend to be the most vulnerable." Lower class and caste individuals, marginalized racial and ethnic minorities, women, the young and old are all more likely to be disaster victims.

Poverty is also a major factor in the degradation of the environment, which, in turn, places people at greater risk of injury and death during a natural disaster. Forests in developing nations are disappearing rapidly as poor people cut down trees for fuel, building materials and income. Deforestation, in turn, contributes to droughts, flash floods and landslides.

De Souza, of the Population Reference Bu-

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reau, notes that torrential rains from Hurricane Jeanne swept over land in Haiti that had been cleared for charcoal production, resulting in the deaths of more than 1,000 people. In neighboring Dominican Republic, where environmental degradation has been far less severe and a buffered coastline is still largely intact, there were significantly fewer deaths. The World Bank estimates that 40 percent of the poor in Africa, 60 percent of the poor in Asia and 80 percent of the poor in Latin America live in areas vulnerable to natural degradation and natural disasters.

Twigg is pessimistic in his assessment of future natural calamities. "All of the evidence," he notes, "points to a steep and continuing rise in the deaths and injuries from disasters since the 1960s. ..." While the incidence of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and other destructive phenomenon has remained relatively constant, "people's vulnerability to disasters" is increasing.

The number of poor individuals living in high-risk disaster areas will climb dramatically in the coming years. The U.S. Census

Bureau estimates that global population will rise from 6 billion in 1999 to 9 billion in 2046. To put this increase in perspective, consider that the entire population of planet Earth in 1960 was just over 3 billion. Almost all of this gain (about 98 percent) will be in the developing world.

Population growth will accelerate global warming as individuals consume heat-producing fuels both directly (energy for cooking, heating and bathing) and indirectly (energy via manufactured goods). Some climatologists are of the opinion that greenhouse gas-induced warming may lead to an increase in both the frequency and strength of hurricanes as well as other forms of severe weather.

The "Catch-22" of modernization is that the faster and farther poor nations travel along the path of economic development, the more they contribute to possible disaster-producing climatic changes. The 21st century is likely to be an era wherein natural catastrophes aided by abject poverty and the negative consequences of economic advancement will ravage the developing world with mounting ferocity.

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Bang Bang Mike Aguirre's Silver Hammer...

Forget calling him a loose cannon. Mike Aguirre now qualifies as Mike "The Hammer" for his unrelenting campaign to bash down the wall of silence erected around City Hall during the Murphy years and the apparent campaign—organized or inadvertent—by City Hall to stonewall a Federal investigation.

In his first two months in office Aguirre has: locked horns with council members in public session over releasing information to the press and public, released to the press and public names of city officials already subpoenaed by the SEC to testify on Pension-gate, raided city hall (in true Elliot Ness fashion – all he needs now is a fire ax to whack down those doors of obstruction) to recover and turn over to the Feds subpoenaed documents that had been sat on, sought to investigate conflicts of interest on the Pension fund board, released a far more comprehensive plan to deal with the pension problem than have the Mayor, Manager or Council, and announced his determination to reshape the City Attorney's office to be an advocate of the public interest and not just a mouthpiece for city officials. One must imagine our new City Attorney keeps a case or two of Red Bull in his office at all times to be able to keep up that pace.

Meanwhile, reports of a feud between the City Attorney and City Manager are highly overstated. They left feud about 20 or 30 forgotten boxes of subpoenaed records ago. What we now have is an outright state of siege, with The Mike Knight storming the City Hall castle of obstruction.

(Side note: rumors have been swirling that the City Manager has been offered John Kern's place as Murphy's right hand brain. Lamont, buddy, don't do it. What you need is to put as much mileage between you and this town as soon as you can after you step down. Leaving a little in your savings account to cover any trips back here needed

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'Facebook' Web site updates mixer for today's college students

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By SU-JIN YIM

NEWHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Bailey Saleumvong, a nursing major at the University of Portland in Oregon, cheerfully admits his addiction.

"At first I thought it was kind of stupid," the college freshman admits. "Then, for some reason you get hooked. You see, 'Oh, she knows him. He knows that person.'"

Now, he says, he can't resist thefacebook.com, a social networking Web site for college students that added his school last month.

"It makes it easier to talk to people you've seen before but haven't really talked to," he says.

Thefacebook.com, started by a group of Harvard University students in February, has gotten so popular and expanded to so many schools (almost 300) in its 10 months that the extra traffic is making the site slow.

"Everybody's on it," says University of Portland freshman Sheena Barclay. "It's like, 'Hi' and 'Are you on facebook?' It's the second question."

More than a directory, thefacebook.com gives college students an instant online life. Students can post their pictures, their majors, their favorite movies and whether they're single. The idea comes from paper face books that some colleges print to introduce freshmen to each other. The Internet version is, naturally, interactive. So students can update their profiles and ask each other to be online friends, which allows them to view each other's information.

"It's like people-watching online," says co-founder Chris Hughes, a Harvard junior.

Simply being on thefacebook.com has become a badge of cool for many students. As with any subculture, there are various barometers of coolness.

It's not cool, for instance, to have too many online friends.

"If you have too many, you lose status by suggesting that's all you do," says Susannah Stern, an assistant communications professor at the University of San Diego.

"People who have 122 friends, I wonder how many of them are actually friends," says University of Oregon sophomore Russ Casler. "And how many of them they've really met."

Though having too many friends listed on your profile can spark suspicion, too few elicits the worst response: pity.

"If you have too few, perhaps you signify you're either too exclusive or you don't have enough friends," Stern says.

Stern says thefacebook.com and other sites like it, such as Campusnetwork.com and Connectu.com, make sense for this generation, who use instant messaging as casually as their parents use the telephone.

"It's convenient. It's quick. It can be informative," she says.

Casler says he mainly uses the site to find, and be found by, high school friends at other schools.

"People I wouldn't have even expected to have seen again or heard from ended up on there," Casler says. By clicking on the group for his high school, he can find old classmates and add them to his friends list or be added to theirs. Users can limit who can see their profiles to just their campus or open it to the entire network.

University of Oregon sophomore Evan Drommond says he will let anyone who asks view his profile, but he's careful about what he posts. Some people post their dorm rooms and phone numbers, he says.

Sites like thefacebook.com raise questions of boundaries among a generation accustomed to marketers gathering people's personal information and bloggers baring their most private details online.

"I think (the site) could be pretty creepy if you let it be," says Drommond, a business major. "People put out way too much information."

Or false information.

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FACEBOOK

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Drommond, who stayed up until 2 a.m. recently on the site, started his profile a month with a picture of singer Tyrese. He got the idea when he saw that a friend had used soccer star David Beckham's picture for his profile.

Looking at the muscular singer, "three or four girls told me I'm hot, that they want to talk to me."

Drommond says he didn't lead them on. "I'd write back and tell 'em I'm not Tyrese." None of the girls wrote again.

Often, checking someone out online first makes it easier to come up with conversation in person, say users of thefacebook.com. But it's only a starting point.

"Most of our users realize this is very cheap information," Hughes says. "You can know that someone's favorite movie is 'American Beauty,' but you don't know why."

"Most of the time the site is used as a departure point for 'real life' conversations."

Drommond is a case in point. He says he checks out cute girls on thefacebook.com, but would he date a girl he met online?

Uh, no. "I think that's really weird," he says.

A hurricane in San Diego? Duo says storm hit in 1858

By Elizabeth Fitzsimons
STAFF WRITER

Now that the rain has subsided and the sun shines again, two meteorologists offer us a disquieting notion to consider:

A hurricane hits San Diego County. Yes, one such storm struck the area on Oct. 2, 1858.

"If it's happened once, we know it can happen again," said Christopher Landsea, a research meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration whose specialty is hurricanes.

The likelihood of a hurricane making landfall here is anyone's guess.

The best estimate scientists can offer is that one will hit the county every 100 to 200 years.

Landsea works in the Hurricane Research Division of the Atlantic Oceanographic & Meteorological Laboratory in Miami. He and Michael Chenoweth, an independent researcher, rediscovered the 1858 San Diego hurricane — an event that had gone unnoticed by other meteorologists. Their findings were presented yesterday at the 85th annual meeting of the American Meteorology Society, which has drawn more than 2,000 weather experts to the San Diego Convention Center this

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Researchers believe storm was Category 1

week.

Landsea and Chenoweth relied on newspaper accounts and meteorological observations made by Army surgeons, who at the time were taking measurements to determine how climate affected people's health.

The data and damage reports that this duo found made it clear: What blew through the San Diego region wasn't a tornado or bad case of Santa Ana winds. It was a hurricane.

Roofs were blown off, trees uprooted, fences torn apart and boats pushed ashore. The Point Loma lighthouse keeper was so rattled that he left his post, worried the tower would topple.

A report from the *San Diego*

Herald — printed in the *Daily Alta California*, a San Francisco newspaper that carried items from other papers — described the scene.

At 11 a.m. on Oct. 2, "a terrific gale sprung up from the (south-southeast) and continued with perfect fury until about 5 P.M., when it somewhat abated, and rain commenced to fall. It blew with such violence, and the air was filled with such dense clouds of dust, that it was impossible to see across the Plaza, and it was with the greatest difficulty that pedestrians could walk the streets."

From descriptions like this one and the meteorological records, the researchers deduced that the storm was a Category 1 hurricane. At that level, the sea surges 4 to 5 feet above normal and winds are 74 to 95 mph, according to the National Weather Service's Hurricane Center.

Nowadays, those conditions would damage unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery and

trees and poorly constructed signs, the center said.

In 1858, there wasn't much of San Diego to destroy. The city was a sleepy one with 4,325 people in 1860.

"The whole city was Old Town, with just a few scattered in rural settlements," said Iris Engstrand, a University of San Diego history professor.

It was the year that the Butterfield Overland Stage Route began transporting people from Missouri to San Francisco — a 25-day trip. It wasn't until the 1880s that the city began its boom, Engstrand said.

If a Category 1 hurricane struck today, property damage would amount to several hundred million dollars and lives probably would be lost, Landsea said.

Nothing like that has happened.

"It's been close," said Ivory Small, science and operations officer for the National Weather Service in San Diego.

In 1939, California was hit by four major, El Niño-fueled

storms, with the remnants of a hurricane hitting Arizona and soaking the Imperial Desert.

During another strong El Niño season, Hurricane Linda threatened the California coast before changing direction in September 1997.

In 1976, the remnants of Hurricane Kathleen, which reached land in Baja California, destroyed much of the small desert town of Ocotillo.

Hurricanes feed off warm water. In the Gulf of Mexico, a hurricane hot spot, water temperatures can reach the high 80s. Off San Diego County, the waters barely reach the 70s, hardly receptive to a hurricane.

"By the time it gets up here, it loses its punch," Small said.

The water would have to heat up considerably.

But if it happened once, it could happen again, right?

"You know it," Small said.

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Facial Trauma Patients Have Unmet Needs for Mental Health and Social Services, Study Shows

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ROSEMONT, Ill., Jan. 25 /PRNewswire/ -- Facial injuries caused by physical assault can intensify existing mental health and social problems, a study of indigent patients at an inner-city trauma center shows. According to the study, published in the January 2005 issue of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, these problems often go untreated and may interfere with recovery.

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Facial trauma patients, most of whom had been involved in interpersonal violence, showed significantly higher rates of depression, anxiety, hostility and phobic and obsessive-compulsive tendencies than a control group of patients undergoing elective wisdom tooth surgery, according to the study of adults treated for mandible (lower jaw) fractures between 1996 and 2001 at King/Crew Medical Center, a hospital serving the socioeconomically disadvantaged, predominantly minority populations of South-Central Los Angeles.

The trauma group also reported a significantly higher incidence of current or previous mental health and social problems, such as alcohol and drug use, problems with the law, unemployment, school suspensions, suicide attempts and homelessness.

Although the intensity of some psychological symptoms, such as depression, declined over time within the trauma group, patients continued to report higher levels of mental health and social service needs than the control group at all assessment intervals, notes principal author Jennifer Lento, Ph.D., a research associate with the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System at the time of the study. Despite the group's relatively high service needs, however, their service use was less than half that of the control.

"These data indicate substantial, and largely unmet, mental health and social service needs among vulnerable individuals presenting with facial injury to inner-city trauma centers," says Dr. Lento, who is currently an assistant professor of psychology at the University of San Diego.

Previous research has shown that the psychological symptoms following a facial injury due to violence may be intrusive enough to meet the diagnostic criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and can impair social and occupational functioning for extended periods, Dr. Lento notes. One study found PTSD symptoms in patients up to seven weeks following facial injury.

The current study administered brief psychological and mental health/social service needs assessments to 336 facial trauma patients and 119 non-trauma patients 10 days, 6 months and 12 months after treatment.

The vast majority of facial injuries resulted from physical violence (82 percent), with the rest resulting from a fall or accident (14 percent) or a motor vehicle accident (4 percent). The trauma and non-trauma groups consisted predominantly of African-American and Latino males. The two groups did not differ significantly in rates of high school graduation, employment, marital status or ethnicity.

The study points to the need for a more comprehensive, "case management" approach to facial injury care that links patients with mental health and social services while providing surgical treatment and follow-up, Dr. Lento says.

The authors recommend training for trauma care providers in administering brief psychological assessments to facial trauma patients. They also urge oral and maxillofacial surgeons to probe for signs of psychosocial distress and be prepared to refer patients to appropriate resources.

The Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is the peer-reviewed journal of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), the professional organization representing more than 7,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons in the United States, supports its members' ability to practice their specialty through education, research, and advocacy. AAOMS members comply with rigorous continuing education requirements and submit to periodic office examinations, ensuring the public that all office procedures and personnel meet stringent national standards.

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Carlsbad company teaches what you need to know about biotech

By: BRADLEY J. FIKES - Staff Writer

SAN MARCOS ---- You need to learn about biotechnology, but wouldn't know a mycoplasma from a marigold? If you have the curiosity ---- and \$545 --- find out Feb. 4 at a one-day crash course offered at Cal State San Marcos Extended Studies.

Called Biofocus, the program instructs participants about biotechnology fundamentals, along with explaining its place in modern life.

Biofocus is presented by Biotech Primer Inc., a Carlsbad-based company that educates business professionals nationwide about the life sciences.



Courses are taught by practicing biotech professionals skilled in communicating to nonscientists, said Cathleen Davies, president and co-founder of Biofocus. Davies is a longtime biotech professional with a master's degree in marine science from the University of San Diego. The company has a Maryland office, run by its vice president, Stacey Franklin. Franklin received her master's in biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University.

The company holds its training programs not only at universities, but inside companies. A longer version of Biofocus, a three-day program called Biolmmersion, is planned for Feb. 14-16 at Invitrogen Corp., a large Carlsbad biotechnology company.

"The Biotech Primer premise is we can provide biotech and science education for nonscience professionals," Davies said. "All of our classes have two goals. One is to teach information so people are better able to do their jobs. The second is community awareness and education.

"And we do all this while we're having fun. You cannot stick 15 to 20 adults in a room and regurgitate science, or they'll feel like they're in high school."

Diane West, president of San Diego-based 2Connect, took Biofocus last year to better

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Section E Educational Institutions

Alphabetically arranged by state, this section lists U.S. and adjacent institutions of higher learning with programs in oceanography, ocean engineering and marine technology. Included in each institution's listing is its name, location, a description of programs offered, facilities available and degrees offered. Each listing also includes a contact for further information.

University of San Diego

San Diego, Calif.

The University of San Diego offers a variety of programs in marine studies at the undergraduate and graduate levels. These programs are offered with the support of the nearby Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute. At the undergraduate level, two interdisciplinary degrees are offered: marine sciences and environmental studies.

The marine science degree is a part of the natural sciences and has at its core a series of oceanographic courses (biological, geological and physical/chemical oceanography, as well as law of the sea). A student chooses one of three pathways in this major: biology, chemistry or physics. Students take the largest part of their science curriculum in their pathway. Students graduating with this major have a solid background in their pathway as well as a strong orientation to the marine world. Thus, they are prepared for a variety of occupations, as well as graduate studies in marine science.


The environmental studies degree is partially a social science curriculum, but one where the student becomes conversant with science. Several science courses are required at the lower and upper division levels. Upper division courses include coastal environmental science, environmental geology and marine environment. However, students also take a number of courses in political science, international relations and economics, and complete a minor in these areas. Students graduating in environmental studies are prepared for careers in environmental policy or management, marine or environmental law, or international business (especially on the Pacific Rim), as well as grad-

uate studies in social science areas related to the sea.

At the graduate level, the University of San Diego offers an M.S. degree in marine science. This degree is for students with an undergraduate background in the natural sciences. All students do research leading to a thesis. Many of the faculty and research scientists at the university are available as thesis advisors, as are scientists at the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute and the Southwest Fisheries Science Center. Graduate students are encouraged to include on their thesis committees a member of the marine community from outside the university and Hubbs. Financial support of graduate students comes from the university directly, as well as from grants and contracts. The program uses the laboratory facilities and classrooms of the new Shiley Science and Technology Center at the University of San Diego, as well as the research laboratories of affiliated scientists. Modern computer facilities are available to undergraduate and graduate students. Contact: Dr. Anne Sturz for undergraduate programs and Dr. Hugh Ellis for graduate studies at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110-2492; (619) 260-4075; fax: (619) 260-6874.

Degrees Offered: B.A. in marine science and in environmental studies; M.S. in marine science

Merton Conference to Be Held at USD



The ninth general meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society will be held at the University of San Diego, June 9-12. Featured speakers include Father John Dear, SJ, Sister Jose Hobday, OSF, Jim Wallis and Mother Antonia Brenner. Participation is limited to 400 people, on a first-come, first-served basis. Merton was a convert to Catholicism, a Trappist monk and prolific author on topics including the contemplative life, prayer and religious biographies. He died by accidental electrocution in Bangkok, Thailand in 1968. *For more information on the conference, visit www.SanDiegoMerton.org, or write to Dorothy Hulburt, St. Therese Parish, 6016 Camino Rico, San Diego, CA, 92120.*

School of Business Administration

Committee explores possible Olympic bid

Businessman leads cross-border effort

By David Hasemyer
STAFF WRITER

Businessman Malin Burnham wants to go for the gold.

The real estate magnate has begun exploring the possibility of bringing the 2016 Summer Olympics to San Diego and Tijuana.

He has formed a binational organizing committee to determine the feasibility of submitting a bid to host the world's premier amateur sporting event.

Burnham previewed his plan yesterday in remarks to the Ninth Annual Real Estate Conference held at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego.

"It will be a challenge," said

Burnham. "But that challenge will be San Diego and Tijuana's benefit."

Burnham, 77, is co-chairman of the committee with Gaston Luken Jr., a Tijuana businessman who established a hugely successful bakery chain he sold a few years ago.

Looking beyond the logistical hurdles and financial mountains, Burnham said the Olympic Games would enrich the region both economically and culturally.

"It will bring needed infrastructure to the cities and draw two peoples together," he said.

The issue most critical to San Diego's possible bid is where the International Olympic Committee decides to hold the 2012 Summer Olympics, Burnham said.

If the Games go to New

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Price tag is estimated at \$1.1 billion

York, which is one of five international cities under consideration, Burnham says it's unlikely they would be awarded to another U.S. city in 2016.

If New York isn't selected, Burnham says his organization, which is made up of five members from Mexico and five from the United States, will have looked at critical issues such as funding and logistics and be

ready to decide whether to begin developing a bid.

There are lots of questions without answers, Burnham admits: How to get people back and forth across the heavily secured U.S.-Mexico border. Where to house the athletes. When to stage the competitions.

The biggest question is how much such a grand undertaking would cost.

Although the committee's study won't spell out a plan to pay for the Olympics, it will assess the feasibility of raising the necessary funds.

A preliminary estimate on a price tag for hosting the Olympics is \$1.1 billion, Burnham said, with funds generated pri-

marily through television rights, corporate sponsorships and ticket sales. He said no tax money would be used.

"It's a lot of money but that's not the end of the story," he said. "The real story is why do we want to do it?"

Hosting the Olympics, in his opinion, would mean developing more affordable housing, improving transportation systems and reassessing border security issues. That legacy is as much the motive for hosting the Games as the international spotlight that would be focused on the region, he said.

Armando Escamilla, a spokesman for the city of Tijuana, said Tijuana's mayor, Jorge Hank Rhon, is interested in the

proposal.

"The mayor told them that it was a big objective but that nonetheless he . . . would participate in any way he could, be it as a public official or personally," Escamilla said.

Even if the Games never go beyond a vision, Burnham said the exercise will be beneficial.

"We may miss the ultimate prize of hosting the Olympic Games, but we will get our two cities to focus on things that need to get done," he said.

Staff writer Hiram Soto contributed to this report.

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COMMERCIAL

Downtown density, affordable housing, 'brownfield' redevelopment top conference topics

By THOR KAMBAN BIBERMAN
The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — Plans for San Diego's surprisingly large downtown area need to feature more density and affordable housing to accommodate growth, and must address redevelopment of so-called 'brownfield' sites that have been contaminated and ignored, according to real estate experts working closely with city's redevelopment agency.

Rajeev Bhatia, a principal with the San Francisco planning firm of **Dyett & Bhatia**, told 600 guests at the Burnham-Moore Center for Real Estate conference at the University of San Diego Tuesday it might be surprising to realize that at 1,500 acres, San Diego has one of the larger downtowns in the country.

Bhatia, who is working closely with **Centre City Development Corp.** and the city, said one of the challenges of this plan is the fact that downtown's 60,000-square-foot blocks are smaller than blocks in many other major cities.

In downtown San Diego's "intense core" — with B Street between 10th and Third avenues at its heart — much needed amenities are right at hand. "Virtually every resident downtown will be within a five-minute walk from a mixed-use center," he said.

Bhatia also envisions a landscaped roof-top portions of Interstate 5 as it goes through downtown, and numerous parks — perhaps with parking underneath — where parking lots now hold sway. He added that some 3,500 units of new parking could be added downtown if the lots were simply re-stripped in favor of smaller cars.

Above all, Bhatia said, housing densities will need to be even higher than they are today.

If that happens according to plan, downtown will be built out to a residential population of 89,000 at 2030 compared to about 27,500 today, and employment will climb to 165,000 versus 85,000 today, Bhatia said.

Sherman Harmer, president of **Urban Housing Partners** of San Diego, said ours is not only a city looking to redevelopment as a way of creating more housing, but a state with no fewer than 479 cities that need to work together to ensure that enough housing is created.

"We're being told (by housing advocates and legislators) 'you're not creating enough land,'" he said.

Harmer said affordable housing is not only the number one issue with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, but that it has become a top item on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's list as well.

"He has vetoed more bills than anybody in the last 30 years, and many of those have been anti-business or anti-housing bills," said Harmer, a former Utah state legislator himself. "The governor mentioned housing, Mayor Murphy mentioned housing ... Housing is rising as a very critical issue."

Harmer, who has held key positions with an array of organizations, ranging from the California Building Industry Association, to the San Diego's Urban and Redevelopment Task Force, said he intends on holding cities' feet to the fire.

"When you create 10,000 jobs and only approve 1,000 housing permits, you're not doing your fair share," he said.

North Park, Hillcrest, and inner-city developer Reese Jarrett who, with his partner Tom Carter, has developed hundreds of residential units and has about 550 more in the pipeline, said it feels like everything is conspiring to make his units more expensive.

"There are just too many rules ... There are archeological, infrastructure ... it's always going to be a challenge," he said.

The challenges don't stop there. Developing the 110-unit Renaissance at North Park presented Jarrett with more problems than he would have imagined. "We are now unearthing our second undocumented underground storage tank at 30th and El Cajon Boulevard," he said. "We have to take the Star Trek approach. Go where no one has dared to go before."

Cheryl Hoffman, CEO of Denver-based **Brownfields Capital** is used to going to those locales where other developers fear to tread.

Hoffman said there is between \$520 billion and \$2 trillion dollars worth of real estate in the U.S. that has been impacted in some way by hazardous materials. Of that, a mere \$1 billion to \$2 billion has been spent to recover these sites, according to Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Brownfields Association statistics.

In New York City alone, she said some 3,000 acres of contaminated waterfront is not being used.

In San Diego County, more than 2,000 underground storage tanks were identified in the 1980s and

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COMMERCIAL**Top local experts lead USD's 9th annual real estate conference**By THOR KAMBAN BIBERMAN
The Daily Transcript

LINDA VISTA — The Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego will be hosting its ninth annual real estate conference at the school's Jenny Craig Pavilion today, Jan. 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The conference will feature experts in the design, development, housing, commercial development, commercial brokerage and planning fields.

Rajeev Bhatia, principal of **Dyett & Bhatia**, a San Francisco-based urban planning firm, and Malin Burnham, chairman of The Burnham Foundation, will host the keynote session titled "Great Minds, Great Visions."

Dyett & Bhatia's work includes the preparation of a new downtown plan for the city of San Diego, a new redevelopment plan, a zoning code update, and plans for focus areas within downtown's different neighborhoods. Bhatia will speak on "Giving Urban Form to Community Aspirations."

Burnham, who has tried to garner support for a binational Olympic bid for many years, will once more discuss the possibility of not only luring the games in 2016, but also having venues in both the United States and Mexico.

Two panel discussions will also take place during the conference.

Peter Hall, president and COO of Centre-City Development Corp.,

will moderate the first, titled "Shifting the Emphasis from Development to Infill and Redevelopment." Panelists include Sherman Harmer, president of **Urban Housing Partners**, who will discuss the promise of downtown redevelopment; Erik Bruvold, vice president of San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp.; Cheryl Hoffman, CEO of **Brownfields Capital** in Denver; Reese Jarrett, general partner of **Carter Reese & Associates**; and Barry Mahlberg, senior vice president of **Burnham Real Estate**.

Harmer, who is a developer and a consultant, is working with Broadway 655 office tower developer **Lankford & Associates** on the Smart Corner development, which will have 299 residential units and ground floor retail in the East Village.

Jarrett, who has made urban living a way of life for himself as well as many others, will discuss this lifestyle, as well as how to make housing more affordable.

Mahlberg works for San Diego's oldest locally headquartered commercial brokerage firm. Burnham Real Estate, in conjunction with **JMI Realty**, has been instrumental in the sale, leasing and fostering the development of many of the properties near Petco Park in the East Village.

Hoffman will discuss how to res-

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urrect often hidden hazardous waste sites and turn them into valuable real estate.

The second panel discussion will focus on "Capital Markets/Cap Rates and the Sustainability of Commercial Real Estate Prices in San Diego."

Daniel Phelan, president and CEO of **Pacific Southwest Realty Services**, will moderate the session.

Asieh Mansour, partner and director of research for **RREEF** in San Francisco, is among the pan-

elists. **The Rreef Funds** has been a major investor in commercial real estate in San Diego County and across the country, including the San Diego Tech Center originally built by Aventine developer Jack Naiman.

Other panelists include Michael Robb, executive vice president of **Pacific Life** in Newport Beach, Calif., and John Turner, vice president of leasing for **The Irvine Co.**

Harry Frampton, chairman of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), is the featured luncheon speaker. The

ULI has been dedicated to the creation of sustainable growth patterns throughout its existence. In a November paper of particular relevance to San Diego, the ULI discussed transportation woes, and how they fuel the re-emergence of downtowns and transit villages.

The conference is presented by Pan Pacific Retail Properties. The cost is \$195 per person or \$1,950 for a table of 10. For more information, visit www.usdrealstate.com.

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Perspective

Conferences tell the story



BY SANFORD
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You can tell when real estate is hot by the prices being paid or the bankers' money available for mortgages, but also by the number and spread of real estate conferences all over the Southland.

The biggest annual conference is at the Century Plaza Hotel, in Los Angeles, on Feb. 14. It falls on Valentine's Day, when love is in the air: love of land, buildings, making a buck, owning a piece of a deal. That's what love is all about, and that's what a vibrant America may be all about.

People struggle to get a piece of the action in the form of cash flow, maybe joining others for a tenant-in-common investment so that amateurs and professional investors can buy something with critical mass and bigger cash flow instead of a simple 1031 exchange.

For the first time, the conference will feature an outstanding panel on this subject, with some important caveats to keep you out of trouble as the IRS takes a closer look at this powerful new trend.

The University of San Diego's Burnham-Moore Real Estate Institute has already this week held its annual foray into real estate, lending a well-deserved perspective on a complicated economy, where historic cap rates puzzle our sense of logic.

UCLA's Anderson School of Management will hold its focus on commercial real estate April 28, "Revitalizing Main Street with Retail and Mixed-Use Opportunities in the Urban Environment."

An example of the extraordinary strength of retail's expansion and changing nature will be the great Inland Empire's Rancho Cucamonga and the developing Victoria Gardens with institutional buildings, retail, entertainment and residential components ventured by **Lewis Homes**, Inland Empire's pioneering family and by **Forest City Development** of Cleveland, also an extraordinary family name.

Commercial development is getting more attention from investors again. The major reason that real estate will remain hot is that domestic and foreign investors see our real estate as a great marked-down bargain because of the fall in value of the U.S. dollar. It's a built-in discount sale.

I expect the stock market will discourage a lot of equity players because of its consistent volatility, regardless of a Republican administration that is

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supposed to make the market rock and roll. A volatile stock market that can't seem to gain traction beats the drum for the turn to real estate. The attraction is cash flow with a proven case of appreciation because investor demand is so huge. There is good and bad news to that equation: Too much money makes too many mediocre deals look good when they are more like lures for greater fools.

Watch for future conferences by USD in work force housing, as well as commercial. These are solid conferences that are most worthwhile.

In the meantime, my new class in leadership and ethics will become curriculum for graduate programs in April at the New School of Architecture. My annual February lecture on Community Economic Development at San Diego State University for leaders of not-for-profit organizations will keep my mind focused on the next generation of developers and professional practitioners.

It's time to do more than make money. It is time to leave the place better than we found it. That's not a fantasy but a necessity, as more people enter real estate as their great expectation.

The San Diego regional real estate market will continue to gain strength.

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San Diego Real Estate Is Attractive to Investors

Volume of Capital Investment Flowing Into Commercial R.E. Is at Historic Highs

■ BY HEATHER BERGMAN

Many institutional investors, such as hedge funds and high yield bond funds, are looking for alternative investment opportunities and are increasingly investing in real estate, according to Asieh Mansour, a partner at Rreef.

As the head of research and a member of the Investment Committee at Rreef, a private real estate advisory firm based in San Francisco, she helped oversee the acquisition of \$3 billion worth of real estate in 2004 nationwide.

Stable income yields and a lack of alternative investments with comparable relative returns have made the commercial real estate market the investment du jour for institutional investors, according to Mansour. So, where is the money flowing?

"San Diego is our number one target," said Mansour.

She is not the only money manager with her eyes on San Diego.

At the Burnham-Moores ninth annual Real Estate Conference, held Jan. 25 at the University of San Diego, Mansour, along with Michael Robb, the executive vice president of Pacific Life, a Newport Beach-based direct mortgage lender, and John Turner, the vice president of leasing at the Irvine Co., also based in Newport

Beach, discussed the current real estate investment environment.

The panelists, and a moderator, Dan Phalen, the president and chief executive officer of **Pacific Southwest Realty Services** in San Diego, exchanged ideas about capital markets' effects on commercial real estate and the relative strength of the San Diego market.

All four participants agreed that San Diego stands to gain from interest rates, which are at historic lows, and from the fact that the sheer volume of capital investment flowing into commercial real estate is at historic highs.

Mansour said that Rreef is bullish on San Diego because this market is characterized by what it considers "growth drivers," such as the high-tech and biotech sectors — the key industries that will shape U.S. economic growth.

Avoiding Retail Property

In San Diego, Rreef, which owns the 648,000-square-foot San Diego Tech Center in Sorrento Mesa, has been buying industrial and office property and, according to Mansour, avoiding local retail property because it is overpriced.

"We've taken the biggest land-use bets in the office market Downtown," she said.

Irvine Co.'s Turner shares Mansour's enthusiasm for San Diego's office and industrial product.

"Because we like to be in a supply constrained market, we like San Diego," he said. "This is part of our (modus operandi), and the other is to hold forever."

"Mission Valley and Downtown are shining stars" in this market, said Phalen.

But Downtown is not without risks, he

added. The last large, Class A office building constructed was One America Plaza in 1991. This means many of the buildings Downtown are aging rapidly, and operating costs to run them are also increasing, according to Phalen.

While San Diego withered during the stock market-induced recession of 2001, "San Diego was not hit as badly as other techie markets," such as Dallas and Denver, Mansour added.

Robb said the dominant trend in San Diego's Downtown office market will be urban renewal: "This region was built in the '60s and rebuilt in the '80s, so I don't think you (will) see it rebuilt again," he said.

Rather, he predicts that a substantial amount of redevelopment is on the horizon.

Phalen agreed. "We are seeing a substantial amount of redevelopment. Many buyers are buying property, not for what's there but for what they can do with it down the road. So I think we'll see a lot more re-utilization of real estate in a different manner, shape or form," he said.

Although risks of the market overheating — as interest rates increase, many debtors could face difficulties in repaying their loans — abound, the panel agreed that San Diego's office and industrial property market is an attractive investment.

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SAN DIEGO

A San Diego real estate mogul has formed a binational organizing committee to determine the feasibility of hosting the 2016 Summer Olympics in San Diego and Tijuana.

Malin Burnham presented his plan Tuesday at the Ninth Annual Real Estate Conference at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego.

He will co-chair the committee, which is comprised of five members from Mexico and five from the United States, with Tijuana businessman Gaston Luken Jr.

Burnham, 77, estimates the cost of hosting the Olympics would be \$1.1 billion, and the money to pay for it would be generated through television rights, corporate sponsorship and ticket sales.

He said the games would enrich the cities economically and culturally and bring needed infrastructure.

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The Olympics Coming To San Diego?

Proposal To Be Discussed

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SAN DIEGO -- An effort is under way to bring the 2016 Olympics to San Diego.

The proposed plan is to host the games jointly with Tijuana, 10News reported.

Malin Burnham, with the Binational Organizing Committee, says watching the success of the winter 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City gave him the idea to try to bring the 2016 games to San Diego.

But, Burnham wants to go a step further by making it a binational event with Mexico.

Burnham recognizes that there is a lot of work to be done. It would cost billions of dollars to build venues, infrastructure and improve transportation.

"The cost of all that would be paid by the Olympic organization," Burnham said. "Fortunately local government doesn't get involved other than endorsement."

But, Gary Bonelli of San Diego Association of Governments, or SANDAG, disagrees.

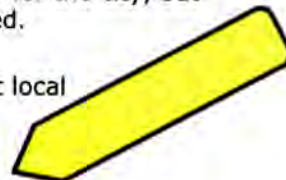
Bonelli admits that a San Diego-Tijuana Olympics would be a tremendous opportunity for the city, but he maintains that everyone would pay the price of hosting the event, 10News reported.

"Based on our experience hosting several Super Bowls,...there are up-front costs that local governments would have to bear," Bonelli said.

The issue will be explored next week at a conference at the University Of San Diego.

The organizing committee, made up of San Diegans and Tijuana leaders, is drafting a feasibility study to examine just what it will take to bring the games here.

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San Diego Considers A 2016 Olympic Bid

Posted 12:22 pm ET (GamesBids.com)

A local San Diego television station, KGTV, reports that a feasibility study is being drafted to examine whether a San Diego bid for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games is possible. The proposed plan is to host the Games jointly with Tijuana.

KGTV reports that Malin Burham of the Binational Organizing Committee says watching the success of the 2002 Winter Olympic Game in Salt Lake City gave him the idea to try to bring the 2016 Games to San Diego, but he wants to make it a binational event with Mexico.

Although he knows a bid would involve a lot of work and cost billions of dollars for venues, infrastructure and improved transportation, Burham said the cost of all that would be paid for by the Olympic organization. "Fortunately local government doesn't get involved other than endorsement", he said.

But Gary Bonelli of the San Diego Association of Governments disagrees. While admitting that a San Diego-Tijuana Olympics would be a tremendous opportunity for the city he says everyone would pay the price of hosting the event, reports KGTV.

Bonelli said, "based on our experience hosting several Super Bowls... there are up-front costs that local governments would have to bear".

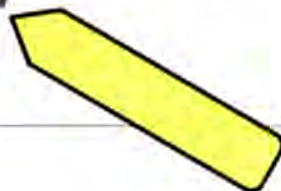
According to KGTV the issue will be explored next week at a conference at the University of San Diego.



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Group Wants To Bring Olympics To Region

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SAN DIEGO -- A binational group hopes to bring the 2016 Olympics to San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico.

Malin Burnham of the Binational Organizing Committee said that leaders from the two cities are drafting a feasibility study to examine what it would take to bring the games to the area.

The issue will be explored next week at a conference at the University Of San Diego.

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Events in the San Diego area

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Jan. 25. 8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m. 2016 OLYMPICS CONFERENCE The University of San Diego Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate holds its ninth annual conference, with a discussion of the possibility of bringing the Olympics to the region in 2016.

Location: Jenny Craig Pavilion, University of San Diego, San Diego, California, United States

Contacts: Liz Harman (University of San Diego), 619-260-4682

Jan. 25. 9 a.m. SAN DIEGO OSCARS ANNOUCEMENT The Westgate Hotel announces it will hold the only Academy-sanctioned screening party in San Diego.

Location: The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, San Diego, California, United States

Contacts: Stacy Long (The Westgate Hotel), 619-557-3655

Jan. 26. 6 p.m. MILITARY MAKE-OVER Military wife Lori Brown's new look is unveiled as part of the Partners in Beauty charity event for San Diego military families.

Location: Saks Fifth Avenue, Fashion Valley Mall, San Diego, California, United States

Contacts: Kimberly Monday (Monday Group), 858-202-1453

Jan. 26. 8 p.m. MEXICAN NATIONAL TEAM TOUR Inaugural game of the 2005 Coca-Cola Real Mexican Soccer Tour between Mexico and Sweden.

Location: Petco Park, San Diego, California, United States

Contacts: Marisabel Munoz, 646-831-0262

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Giving Urban Form to Community Aspirations
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- Cheryl Hoffman, *Chief Executive Officer*, Brownfields Capital (Denver)
- Reese Jarrett, *General Partner*, Carter Reese & Associates (San Diego)
- Barry Mahlberg, *Sr. Vice President*, Burnham Real Estate (San Diego)

Moderator: Peter Hall, *President & COO*, Centre City Development Corporation (San Diego)

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Harry Frampton, *Chairman*, Urban Land Institute (Vail)

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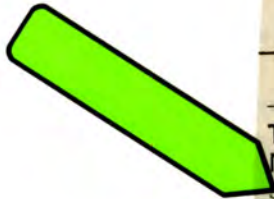
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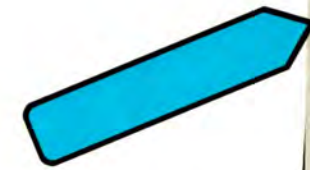
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San Diego developer gives \$50,000 to USD Center for Real Estate

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San Diego developer C. Samuel Marasco and his wife Anne have donated \$50,000 to the School of Business Administration's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego to fund an endowed scholarship.

The Marasco Family Endowed Scholarship Fund establishes an annual scholarship fund for juniors, seniors or graduate students who demonstrate an aptitude and a passion for the real estate business.

Marasco, who is the president of LandGrant Development, said he and his wife were pleased with their experience at USD, where both attended the university for two years.

LandGrant, a full-service real estate development, management and investment company, is currently involved in the redevelopment of the San Diego Mercado in Barrio Logan. Recent projects include The Shops at Las Americas -- a unique bi-national retail center on the U.S.-Mexican border, the Borders Books & Music in the Gaslamp District and the redevelopment of Clairemont Town Square, among other projects outside of San Diego County. The University of San Diego is a Catholic institution of higher learning with approximately 7,000 students. It was chartered in 1949. Founded in 1993 and dedicated earlier this year, the USD Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate is committed to delivering outstanding education, industry outreach and research services to advance responsible leadership in the real estate professions.

Suunto selects vice president

CARLSBAD ---- Wristop computer industry company **Suunto has** appointed Carlsbad resident Mike Dowse to the position of vice president **and general manager** for Suunto North America.

Olivenhain couple donate to USD

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By Ann Pomeroy

Business Reality TV?

What does Donald Trump's show "The Apprentice" really teach anyone about executive-level business?

Plenty, says assistant professor Stephen Standifird of the University of San Diego. Standifird feels the show is an ideal case study for teaching about power and politics in organizations.

Standifird incorporated the show into his MBA class on the topic because "power and politics happen in all organizations, but in very subtle ways, so it may be difficult to see. 'The Apprentice' strips away much of the organization stuff," he says, and exposes the power and politics.

"The big three factors involved in power and politics," says Standifird, "are



scarcity of resources [only one contestant on the show survives], unclear goals and objectives [Trump makes the decisions about who stays and who goes] and unclear performance measures [it's often hard to figure out which team member caused the team to lose]."

As Standifird's students watch shows from the 2003-04 season on DVD, they analyze the contestants' actions in class. While many of the contestants are extreme types, says Standifird, "the three people who did best last season understood that it's about more than just winning this bout." They realized, he says, that it is important to form alliances, and they did a good job of balancing their risk-taking.

CAREERS

Airline workers behaved poorly

The hands-down winners of the Grinch Award this holiday season are the employees of US Airways, who created chaos for Christmas travelers in a protest over working conditions.



MICHAEL KINSMAN

Opinion

An apparent renegade band of baggage handlers decided their work stress and job security were more important than providing the customer service that comes with all jobs in the airline industry.

In Philadelphia, enough baggage handlers called in sick to strand 10,000 pieces of luggage and upset the plans of thousands of holiday travelers.

"It's inexcusable," says Terry Trippler, an air travel expert in Minneapolis. "Everyone knows that those bags carried more than someone's underwear. They carried holiday presents that a lot of people didn't get in time."

In Trippler's mind, the employees of US Airways committed the ultimate sin of betraying the airline when it needed them most. Along the way, it also managed to offend airline customers.

The unions that represent US Airways employees have disavowed any participation in the work slowdown and have publicly criticized it, yet the incident reflects on them because some of their members participated.

Already struggling under the weight of its second bankruptcy in two years, US Airways didn't need labor strife to pile on. The future of the airline already is so precarious that it might be liquidated by court order unless a financial recovery plan is developed soon.

But Craig Barkacs, a business professor at the University of San Diego, said the workers simply flexed what little power they have.

"The threat of a strike is the most important leverage workers have," Barkacs says. "No one ever wants to actually strike, but having that threat is the most ominous thing workers have."

No industry in the United States has been subjected to more change than the airline industry over the past several years.

Airlines were forced to adopt massive new operating standards in the weeks and months after Sept. 11, 2001.

Security became a pressing issue, and the abrupt decline in travel after 9/11 caused most airlines to reduce staff.

At the same time, the airline industry has been reeling under heavy debt loads, and individual airlines struggle to compete with each other in price wars. Wage concessions by remaining workers and benefit reductions have become commonplace for airline employees.

From 2001 to 2003, the industry lost an aggregate \$23.2 billion. Estimated losses for 2004 are expected to total about \$8 billion.

The baggage handlers at US Airways clearly have their share of concerns. In October, all US Airways employees had their salaries cut 21 percent by the bankruptcy court, and the airline now reportedly is looking to outsource as many as 4,000 baggage-handling jobs.

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New Year's Predictions From San Diego Pundits

Dr. Mark J. Riedy

Executive Director, Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, University of San Diego

- San Diego's unemployment rate will remain the lowest of urban centers in California and well below the national average in 2005.
- The Federal Reserve's target fed funds rate will begin 2005 at 2.25 percent and end the year at a comfortable 3.5 percent.
- Work force and entry-level housing will continue to be supply-contained because of the high cost of land, government's excessive fees and delays and community opposition to development.
- Biotechnology and stem cell research funding in 2005 will provide "the shot in the arm" that helps to ensure San Diego's commercial real estate markets will not catch the flu.
- U.S. inflation rates will remain relatively benign in 2005 because America's major trading partners need to keep exporting their goods and services to us at competitive prices.
- Residential housing markets priced under \$750,000 will be healthy in San Diego in 2005. Above that price point, expectations need to get reacquainted with reality.
- Sometime in 2005-2010 the voters and business leaders of San Diego will wake up and realize that they, not this region's elected officials, ultimately are responsible for the civic leadership we so desperately need. The real estate industry has been much too bashful about displaying its values to the economy, the quality of life and the public leadership with ethics and integrity that the San Diego region sorely needs.
- USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate will graduate its inaugural class of future real estate industry leaders from its master's of science in real estate program. We are proud of the accomplishments, talents and sense of values of these outstanding men and women. There should be a feeding frenzy of employers fighting to hire our grads.

Employment Figures Likely to Stagnate in 2005

Work Force: Iraq War, Gas Prices Could Drive Up Record Low Figures

■ BY MIKE ALLEN

Thanks to San Diego's surging real estate market and ongoing building projects around the county in 2004, the area gained more than 9,000 construction jobs — about half the area's net gain of nearly 20,000 new jobs.

The building boom should continue into this year, but the kind of job numbers generated last year likely won't, said Alan Gin, a University of San Diego economics professor who tracks local economic data.

"Construction jobs were up 11 percent from last year, but we won't be able to maintain that pace, and I expect to see it flatten out, but it's still going to be strong," Gin said.

Buoyed by strong gains in construction, business services, retail trade and financial activities, San Diego's already below-average unemployment dropped to 3.4 percent in November, the lowest point since December 2001.

In effect, the average of 4 percent unemployment during 2004 meant that San Diego enjoyed full employment, Gin said.

"Basically we're better than we were for the last couple of years, but not as good as we were in the late 1990s when we were adding an average of 45,000 new jobs a year," he said.

True enough, but some of the gains proved especially encouraging.

Within the job category called professional business services, some 3,900 new jobs were added to local payrolls, according to the last state employment report that was released in mid-December.

This was on top of about 2,000 new jobs created in the same category during 2003.

About half of business services contains technical work in legal, accounting, engineering and scientific positions, the sort being added at San Diego-based Profitline, a fast-growing firm that provides telecommunications auditing and management services to mainly Fortune 500 corporations.

As of early December, Profitline's staff stood at about 200, including some 40 new jobs added last year. The jobs include analysts, auditors and data-entry clerks.

Founder and Chief Executive Rick Valencia declined to reveal revenues but said sales were on track to increase by about 50 percent over 2003 and business showed no signs of slowing.

Valencia views the planned merger of cellular phone companies Sprint and Nextel with glee, creating more change in an already complex industry.

"Change is why we're in business. The more change that happens, the more confusion is created for big companies, and they come to us to sort it all out," he said.

Financial Rebound

While San Diego's financial services industry is nowhere near where it was in the pre-Savings & Loan crisis days of the late 1980s, it has been quietly making a nice, sustained comeback.

About three years ago, the segment that includes banking, insurance, real estate brokerages and leasing firms stood at about 70,000 workers here. As of November, it was at 84,600, a gain of nearly 21 percent.

The nation's overheated real estate market and some of the lowest mortgage rates in decades helped propel the growth of **Accredited Home Lenders**, a San Diego-based mortgage bank that originated more than \$10 billion in mortgages in 2004.

The company that went public on Nasdaq in early 2003 increased its staff by about 565 people during the year, bringing its total to 2,455.

College Loan Corp., a locally based firm that specializes in making student loans, added about 60 employees in the past year, bringing its headcount to 470 as of early December, said spokeswoman Tracy Neumann.

The services providing sector of the local economy, by far the most significant, showed an increase of nearly 11,000 jobs, or 1 percent, during the year.

While a good portion of the total was in the generally lower-paying retail and hospitality segment, it also included well-paying positions at San Diego-based **Science Applications International Corp.**, which reported 45,530 employees, and 4,835 at its headquarters last month. That was up from December 2003 when it had 42,144 employees, including about 4,600 in San Diego.

Some smaller, tech startups in the fields of telecom and network communications were showing double-digit growth rates. **IP3 Networks**, a provider of broadband wireless and wire line access products, saw its staff more than double from about 12 to 28 employees, along with revenues that more than tripled over the past year. CEO Michael Lee said by the end of 2005 the number should rise to about 50. The new jobs included engineers, technical support, product managers, and sales and marketing positions.

To accommodate the larger staff, IP3 Networks moved to new space in Sorrento Mesa. Lee said the firm's venture capital partners put pressure on him to move the company to Silicon Valley because they thought it would be hard to find skilled

workers.

"We had to do a whole sales pitch on the value of San Diego. We have a great and growing technology community here, and we're finding it pretty easy to convince people to relocate here," he said.

During last year, the region sustained the heaviest net job loss in the government sector, which declined by 1,900 during the year, according to the Employment Development Department. That followed 2003, when the region had a net gain of about 1,000 government jobs.

Problems Ahead

A shrinking state budget combined with significant budget problems at the city of San Diego portend certain future

cuts, said USD's professor Gin.

He noted two other factors that may cause problems for San Diego's economy are the ongoing war in Iraq and the continued deployment of Marines from Camp Pendleton, and escalating oil prices.

Still, looking back at what transpired last year, most local businesspeople tended to be optimistic.

A survey of 90 local CEOs done by **TEC**, a San Diego-based nonprofit that helps senior managers work more effectively, found 67 percent plan to increase their companies' staffing and 29 percent planned to maintain their current staffing size. Only 4 percent said they planned to reduce their staffs.

The largest percentage of those saying they planned to add new employees said the additions would be made steadily, starting in the fourth quarter of 2004 and extending through the rest of this year.

A trend by many employers in hiring temporary workers, and adding them to

their permanent staffs helped boost **Manpower Temporary Services'** payrolls last year by about 20 percent, said co-owner Phil Blair.

"It's a good way to recruit workers," Blair said. "Temporary employees like it too because they get to try the job out, and see if it's right for them."

Local temporary staffing companies increased employment 6.6 percent over the year. Blair's firm, which provides some 4,000 workers to both manufacturing and professional service companies, said some of the biggest gains came last year in the areas of telecommunications, defense, and real estate-construction and finance.

"It's because of our diversified economy. The tourism and defense areas are doing well. The telecom industry in San Diego is doing very well. We just have a healthy economy now."

Economic Trends 2005

THEATER, INC.

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From Oceanside to National City, La Jolla to Lakeside, theater is big business in San Diego. How big? Taken together, the budgets of the top 25 theaters in the county add up to \$100 million, putting the local theater business in the same league as the Padres, a *Union-Tribune* survey has found.

More than 2 million residents and visitors went to the theater in 2004 — almost five times the number of people who attended Chargers games at Qualcomm Stadium last season.

The new survey supports a 2003 study, which found that patrons of a single Broadway/San Diego show contributed more than \$4 million to the local economy.

That study, commissioned by the Civic Theatre and considered the first to closely examine the economic impact of any local arts organization, revealed that over a two-

week period in January 2003 patrons of the hit musical "The Producers" spent \$2.6 million in ticket sales and \$1.5 at local restaurants, hotels and other businesses.

This year, Broadway/San Diego will produce 13 shows over 16 weeks, for a total of 119 performances at downtown's Civic Theatre. Those shows are expected to draw

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in surrounding businesses.

Those patrons who come from out of the area to see a show can be expected to spend generously: "Cultural tourists," like the out-of-towners surveyed in "The Producers" study, typically spend \$246 daily, compared with \$69 to \$119 spent by other overnight visitors who don't come for culture, according to a ConVis survey.

Broadway/San Diego isn't the only theater organization that attracts tourists. The region's other leading theaters — the Old

275,000 visitors, many of whom will spend money

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Globe in Balboa Park, downtown's San Diego Repertory Theatre and La Jolla Playhouse at UCSD — report that between 10 percent and 15 percent of their patrons come from outside the area.

More than 20 percent of the Globe's audience for last summer's Shakespeare Festival came from out of town, and 75 percent of those tourists spent the night to take in a second show, said Globe executive director Louis G. Spisto. "Even I was surprised by that number, because we hadn't budgeted for out-of-town marketing," said Spisto. "You can be sure we will this year."

Most of San Diego's booming theater business comes from a handful of institutions; Broadway/San Diego, a commercial theater, and two nonprofit companies, the Globe and the Playhouse (which on Saturday hosts a public open house for its long-anticipated third theater), are the biggest players. Smaller theaters dotting many neighborhoods and performing educational outreach in many more extend the economic impact throughout the region.

Old Globe audiences, for instance, patronize three upscale restaurants nearby — the Prado, Laurel Restaurant & Bar, and Fifth & Hawthorn. "We'd be dead without the Globe," said Fifth & Hawthorn owner David Witt, whose restaurant also draws from downtown theaters such as the Rep. "I use the theaters' schedules to schedule my waiters."

The economic impact of local theaters is well-known to enterprising business owners who recognize those institutions as "anchor" businesses that draw consumers, day in and day out.

But local politicians, perhaps unaware of the big gains to be garnered from public investment in the arts, have been slow to capitalize on area theaters and other cultural institutions.

While cities such as Seattle, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Chicago and New York have made significant cultural investments, San Diego's leaders have preferred massive projects that benefit professional sports franchises.

In nearly 40 interviews conducted by the *Union-Tribune* over several months, arts leaders and outside observers asked why local politicians don't take a more aggressive stance in developing public policy that steers public dollars toward theater growth and encourages private investment in the arts.

They wonder why the city has prioritized handouts for pro sports teams over cultural investment, which already pays big dividends and could pay more with better public policy, many independent economists say.

"Why doesn't it go without saying that arts leaders have a seat at the table?" wondered Terrence Dwyer, the Playhouse's longtime managing director, who is soon to leave town for Houston's Alley Theatre. "You want all of the best, most creative minds to be part of a conversation about making a great city greater. The people who initiate that dialogue about public policy have to value all those voices, including the artists."

Almost 70 years after San Diego's first theater, the Globe, was founded in Balboa Park, the county's more than 90 theater organizations remain virtually untapped as an economic and marketing resource.

Assessing the economic impact of theater on the local community, longtime arts advocates question the city's priorities. For example, Chargers owner Alex Spanos got a taxpayer-backed ticket guarantee for his team. Playhouse chief Des McAnuff and Globe director Jack O'Brien did not get ticket guarantees, although their theaters have been generating Broadway hits for almost two decades.

The question of spending priorities is especially pertinent when City Hall is under attack for poor financial planning and a budget-busting pension scandal that have attracted the notice of federal regulators. At a time when the *New York Times* has labeled San Diego "Enron by the Sea," the theater business is an undersung success story that could burnish the city's reputation and bolster the local economy.

Over the past several years, won over by boosters who have promised big revenues for the local economy, city funding has helped foot the bill for Petco Park (about \$280 million in public money, more than half of the total bill for the \$474 million ballpark), a ticket guarantee for the Chargers (\$36 million over six years) and the Qualcomm Stadium Super Bowl rehab (\$60 million in bonds).

Yet so far, the economic gains have been limited to those teams, to real-estate speculators, including Padres owner John Moores, and, as the *Union-Tribune* reported last fall, to such small businesses as bars and sports memorabilia shops. As Randy Cohen, who conducted a national economic impact study for the advocacy group Americans for the Arts, pointed out, national concessionaires and non-resident players are paid "dollars (that) are leaking right out of that community. But if you look at the related spending of the arts — local merchants, parking garages, restaurants — those dollars are circulating."

One reason that Padres boosters and Super Bowl advocates have been so successful in selling local leaders on handouts is that they fund "economic projection" studies to back their claims that their events have a strong impact on the local economy, said Alan Gin, a University of San Diego economist who invented the local index of leading economic indicators.

Yet, as Gin and other independent analysts have pointed out, sports franchises tend to draw fans from within the area and shift spending from one neighborhood to another in a "substitution effect" that yields no added economic impact.

"For the most part, people are generous with their projections, (and they) hire the professionals who will give them the right response," Gin said. "The problem is that elected officials don't necessarily have the resources to get the counter-study. They may not have the expertise to know they should be looking at other studies."

The city's investment in Petco Park has catalyzed East Village redevelopment, much of it — including seven newly proposed acres of condominiums, retail space and possibly offices and hotels — planned by the real estate company of Padres owner Moores.

Sports teams argue that such private, ballpark-area investment will generate substantial tax revenues — "\$30 million annually of incremental property tax revenue," according to Padres spokesman Jeff Overton. "That is property tax only, not including new hotel and sales tax revenues, which will also be significant."

More accurate than such projection studies, however, are after-the-event "close studies," like the "Producers" survey, which supports the conclusions of independent analysts who argue that culture, not sports, brings money to local economies.

When people from outside the area rent hotel rooms, eat in restaurants and shop in local stores, that generates money for local businesses and tax dollars for local governments. And those are the kinds of activities that cultural tourists perform, said Gin, who specializes in applying economic principles to urban areas.

Despite the potential for cultural tourism here, local leaders have supported only modest public subsidies for the county's cultural institutions.

Last year, city and county officials invested just \$2 million tax dollars in 21 nonprofit theaters. Of that \$2 million, almost 93 percent came from taxes paid by tourists through the transient occupancy, or hotel-motel, tax.

The three top theaters have special rental agreements that reduce their overhead. Yet no state dollars, and just \$100,000 in federal funds, went to local theaters in 2004.

Local taxpayers, who reap the most benefits from area theaters — free educational programs for students and subsidized ticket prices for shows, to name two — contributed just \$140,000 toward area nonprofit theaters through the county's general fund. (The trend is similar for local funding of all arts and culture: Of the \$8.9 million in city and county funds allocated to more than 100 nonprofit groups including dance, theater and opera companies last year, \$960,000, or 11 percent, came from taxpayers.)

The city's tax grants to theaters have dropped 10 percent each of the last two years. And the worst may be yet to come. Instead of increasing spending on the arts, the city council may mine tourist tax dollars to help balance the budget. That stop-gap measure was the impetus behind Proposition J, aimed at increasing the hotel-motel tax. The measure lost at the ballot box on Nov. 2.

Under current city law, there is no protection for funding the city's Arts and Cultural Commission, which dispenses money to nonprofit arts groups. There is some protection for county funds directed at arts groups and other businesses related to tourist promotion, thanks to a reform passed six years ago by supervisors Pam Slater-Price, Dianne Jacob and Bill Horn.

Victoria Hamilton, who runs the city's arts commission, praises Mayor Dick Murphy and the current city council for consistently supporting hotel tax allocations for the commission to distribute. Still, in other cities, visionary leaders have invested more resources in the promotion and support of the arts.

In Philadelphia, Edward G. Rendell was elected mayor in 1991 after arguing in his campaign that the city's declining manufacturing base should be replaced by a new industry built on the city's culture, history and performing arts.

Now governor of Pennsylvania, Rendell has put his arts budget in a lockbox, convinced that the arts are revenue generators, not revenue drains.

West Coast cities like Seattle and San Francisco have helped bring in coveted tourist dollars by promoting themselves as cultural meccas, backing the hype with arts-friendly public policies. Chicago's mayor, Richard M. Daley, so believes in the drawing power of theater that he has the city's tourist promoters reporting to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

And theater is, of course, a leading industry in New York: When tourist traffic drastically slowed after the terrorist attacks, the newly elected mayor, Michael R. Bloomberg, launched a high-profile campaign urging New Yorkers and visitors alike to revive the city's sagging economy by seeing a Broadway show.

San Diego tourism promoters point to sun, sand and SeaWorld as regional assets that bring visitors, and therefore money, to the city. Since 1935, the San Diego City Charter (as amended by voters) has guaranteed the San Diego Zoo 2 cents on

each \$100 of assessed valuation of real and personal property (about \$6 million in 2003).

Yet the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau, buffeted by budget woes, shut down its arts-promoting cultural tourism office this year, and its astute manager, Rick Prickett, hasn't been replaced.

But culture isn't just a tourist magnet; it's also a lure for businesses and employees. Based on interviews with executives, Richard Florida, professor of economics at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, has concluded that a strong arts scene and opportunities for recreational activities are factors that determine where business leaders locate their companies.

Florida's research has emboldened such local arts supporters as Supervisor Slater-Price and such national figures as former San Diegan Cohen, to argue that cities that invest in cultural institutions and infrastructure can reap rich economic benefits by attracting tourists and corporate headquarters.

Given the potential for cultural tourism here, the mayor and City Council might want to guarantee a fixed percentage of the hotel-motel tax for arts and culture, Gin said.

"It's something the city should explore," he said. "The biggest thing that could be done is in the area of promotion. San Diego would need a lot of seed money at this point to build up its reputation (for culture)." Such an investment, he said, "could really pay off."

Securing tourist tax dollars for arts groups may be the most expedient way for local politicians to invest in the region's cultural assets. But many observers agreed that contributing a fixed percentage of the general fund to arts and culture, as Seattle has done, would send a clear message that the arts are a priority in San Diego.

"Something like a percent for art or other guarantee would be an indispensable move toward creating a steady source of public support," Dwyer said. "What if ConVis judged its success by how well it marketed theater? Then there might really be a community-wide valuing of the arts scene here."



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by Larry M Edwards

SAN DIEGO -- The manufacturing sector experienced its first monthly job growth since June as the unemployment rate in San Diego County fell to 3.2 percent in December, the lowest rate in four years, according to a new report released today by the **California Employment Development Department.**

Between November and December 2004, total nonfarm employment in the county increased by 2,500 jobs, bringing the number of nonfarm jobs to 1.27 million, the report said.

Unemployment fell 3 percentage points from a revised 3.5 percent in November and was well below the year-ago estimate of 3.6 percent.

Again, San Diego stands well ahead of the state and nation in overall unemployment, with California notching an unadjusted rate of 5.4 percent and the nation 5.1 percent in December.

However, San Diego's unemployment is still higher than December 2000, when it stood at 2.4 percent, the lowest level in the past 14 years, which is as far back as immediately available data go, said Cheryl Mason, an analyst with the EDD's Labor Market Information Division in San Diego.

Historically, December has the lowest unemployment rate of any month of the year, she added.

As expected, the largest month-to-month job growth in San Diego occurred in the trade, transportation and utilities sector, which expanded by 1,300 jobs due to seasonal gains in retail trade. The retail trade steadily added jobs since September as firms prepared for the holiday shopping season, Mason said.

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However, this did not live up to expectations. In 2003, the retail trade added 1,900 jobs and in 2002, the sector added 5,200 jobs. Mason said the lower number in 2004 could have been due to employers not anticipating a greater need because shoppers waited until the last minute to buy or perhaps because not as many employees were laid off earlier in the year.

When the January figures are reported next month, Mason said she expects to see jobs losses in the retail trade and the overall unemployment rate to rise.

In December, the manufacturing sector added 300 jobs due to hiring at computer and electronic products firms. This is the first monthly gain in manufacturing since June 2004.

Financial activities, which include finance, insurance and real estate, grew by 300 jobs from November, continuing a pattern of steady growth over the last few years.

On a year-to-year basis, construction recorded the largest increase of any sector, rising by 9,100 jobs compared to December 2003. Most of the gain occurred in the specialty trade contractors sector, which includes electricians, plumbers, painters and other trades.

Professional and business services added 3,900 jobs over the year, more than half of the growth occurring in the employment services category, which includes temporary help firms.

The government sector fell by 3,100 jobs compared to December 2003, primarily due to job losses in local government education.

For the coming year, local economists foresee continued overall job growth, with the region creating 15,000 to 20,000 jobs, or about 2.3 percent growth. In 2004, the region did better than expected, achieving a net gain of about 17,000 jobs.

"I think the economy will do well, but I don't think there are any particularly outstanding employment sectors," said Alan Gin, economics professor at the University of San Diego. "The areas that did well in the past will continue to do well."

Ryan Singer, a research analyst for the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, predicts 7 to 9 percent growth in construction and health-care employment and 5 to 6 percent growth in the financial and professional services sector.

Technology and biotechnology are also expected to hold their own. However, manufacturing is off, Singer says, and he anticipates continued decline this year.

Thus far, the new year has not been happy for some workers. Three technology companies announced major layoffs this week -- **Isis Pharmaceuticals Inc.** on Monday, **Kyocera Wireless Corp.** on Wednesday and **Merck & Co. Inc.** yesterday.

Kyocera said it is laying off some 600 workers, sending most of the jobs to Mexico, while Isis said it is restructuring its drug development focus and eliminating 165 jobs.

Fortune 1000 corporations are beginning to recognize that untapped potential resides within their supply chains. This potential, when extracted, creates strategic competitive advantage for the corporation, impacts the bottom-line, and contributes significantly to customer success. "A recent survey by Deloitte Consulting revealed that 91 percent of North American manufacturers ranked supply chain management as very important or critical to overall company success (although only 2 percent said their supply chains were currently world class)."¹

Richard L. Pinkerton in "the Evolution of Purchasing to Supply Chain Management,"² explores the transition from the "passive-reactive purchasing function focused on paper trails and inward orientation to the proactive strategic supply chain concept...." Pinkerton cites authors D.S. Ammer and V. H Pooler Jr., as among the first to articulate the concept that material savings directly improve profits as a higher leverage factor than merely increasing sales. Dr. David Burt further expounds upon this value proposition in his campaign to inspire firms to pursue *World-Class Supply Management*.

The issue of how to harness the power of SCM (supply chain management) is creating debate in upper management boardrooms and academic classrooms across the world. Firms need to come to terms with how they are going to improve their competitiveness in the future through SCM. Competition is not just firm versus firm, but chain versus chain (or network versus network).³

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Raytheon's Case for Action

Like our industry peers, Raytheon has been contemplating "the issue of how to harness the power of SCM...." Our chief executive officer and other company executives have recognized the pivotal role of supply chain and the organizational benefit to be gained by implementing integrated supply chain management. This acknowledgement in the executive ranks has provided the momentum for Raytheon to accelerate our pursuit of "world-class supply management."

A review of our internal data and performance history revealed that our current supply base was too large for effective management. Poor supplier performance was impacting key programs. There was a lack of alignment with our business plan. There was significant redundancy in certain commodities and single sources of supplier in other areas, creating a high degree of vulnerability. Many new suppliers were being added without valid justification when existing suppliers had the capability and capacity to meet requirements. Our analysis revealed that significant benefits are obtainable through leveraging effective supplier management and proactive supplier development, when we strategically focus our resources

on fewer suppliers.

The results from characterizing our current supply base made it clear that a new source-selection process was warranted. We needed to optimize our base to provide a competitive advantage to our company. This analysis also helped our key stakeholders understand the need for conscious redesign of the supply base. Benchmarking data showed that our competition was already engaged in supply base rationalization initiatives and that world-class companies have elevated supply base management to an art form. An extensive literature review validated our hypothesis that "an optimized supply base would result in increased bottom-line performance through improved cost, quality, and schedule." A financial analysis projected savings over a five-year period at \$52 million.

What Is Supply Chain Management?

The Supply Chain Management Review defines supply chain management as "the science of integrating the flow of goods and information from initial sourcing all the way through to delivery to the end-user. Key activities within this end-to-end process include purchasing, production planning,



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Stage 1: Clerical	Stage 2: Mechanical	Stage 3: Proactive	Stage 4: World Class
Process paperwork	Transactional focus	Coordinate procurement system	Supply management and core competence
Confirm actions of others	React to acquisitions	Develop suppliers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic sourcing
Emphasis: convenience	Not involved in key source selections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term contracts 	Monitor supply environment
Relationships: personal	Emphasis: purchase price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involved in development of requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement Commodity strategies Commodity teams
Bottom-line impact: Overhead	Relationships: transactional/adversarial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for recurring requirements 	Develop and manage alliances and networks
Reporting: very low level	Bottom-line impact: revenue neutral	Procurement adds value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time-based competition
Data: not available	Reporting: low level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active in source selection 	Virtually defect-free materials and services
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	Computers and process paperwork	Emphasis: cost, quality, timeliness	Integrated supply strategy manage risk
		Relationships: transactional and collaborative	Emphasis: total cost
		Bottom-line impact: profit contributor	Relationships: transactional, collaborative, and alliances
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order processing and fulfillment, inventory management, transportation, distribution, and customer service.”

World-Class Supply Chain Management

Burt provides a four-stage continuum toward “world-class,” whereby firms can assess the current state of their supply chain and determine the appropriate process improvements

needed to achieve world-class status. (See Figure 1.)
A world-class supply chain

- (1) Has “bottom-line impact” and contributes to shareholder value;
- (2) Is a core competency;
- (3) Is by “design” based on an understanding of key supply industries; and

(4) Incorporates integrated supply strategy, which upon execution becomes an integrated supply chain.

Integrated Supply Chain Management

We define the integrated supply chain (ISC) as the “value-added coordination in the design, execution, and measurement of all the activities that go into satisfying customers.” ISC

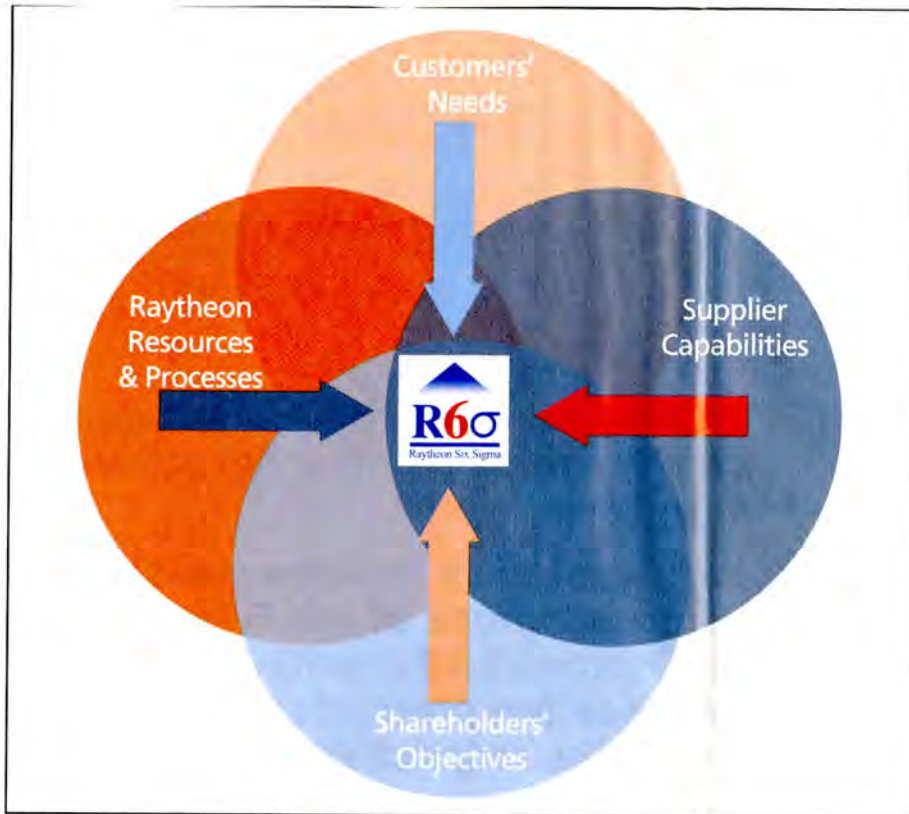


Figure 2. Raytheon Integrated Supply Chain

aligns our resources and processes with our suppliers' capabilities to meet the needs of our customers and the objectives of our shareholder's (See Figure 2).

Components of the ISC include the firm and its internal resources necessary to provide customer requirements and meet customer demand, including manufacturing operations, engineering, product design, purchasing, logistics, quality, and program teams. An integrated model also involves suppliers and customers at critical junctures. According to Paul D. Cousins and Robert Spekman, "Strategic supply symbolizes the importance of enterprise wide thinking where functional units inside the firm and key suppliers from the firm's supply chain all work in concert to bring value to the marketplace."⁴

Figure 3 depicts the conceptualization model of an integrated supply chain by the space and airborne systems' supply base optimization team. This model was developed with consideration of our findings from benchmarking and played a key role in our supply base optimization (SBO) process design.

According to Robert Porter Lynch, author of "10 Solution Sets of Strategic Sourcing Alliances," a strategic alliance workshop from the Warren Company, the most sustainable source of competitive advantage in today's fast-moving business environment is the ability to improve and innovate faster and smarter than the competition. Increasingly, suppliers are becoming as critical to a firm's performance and competitive position as the internal functional components of the firm.⁵

As much as 60 percent of a manufacturing firm's end product is now provided by suppliers. Innovation, which is a key contributor to competitive advantage and growth, is increasingly provided by suppliers or resulting from integrated product development teams that include suppliers. Therefore, it is imperative to ensure the best-value suppliers compose the supply base.

Our supply chain management team uses the model depicted in Figure 4 to demonstrate the need for

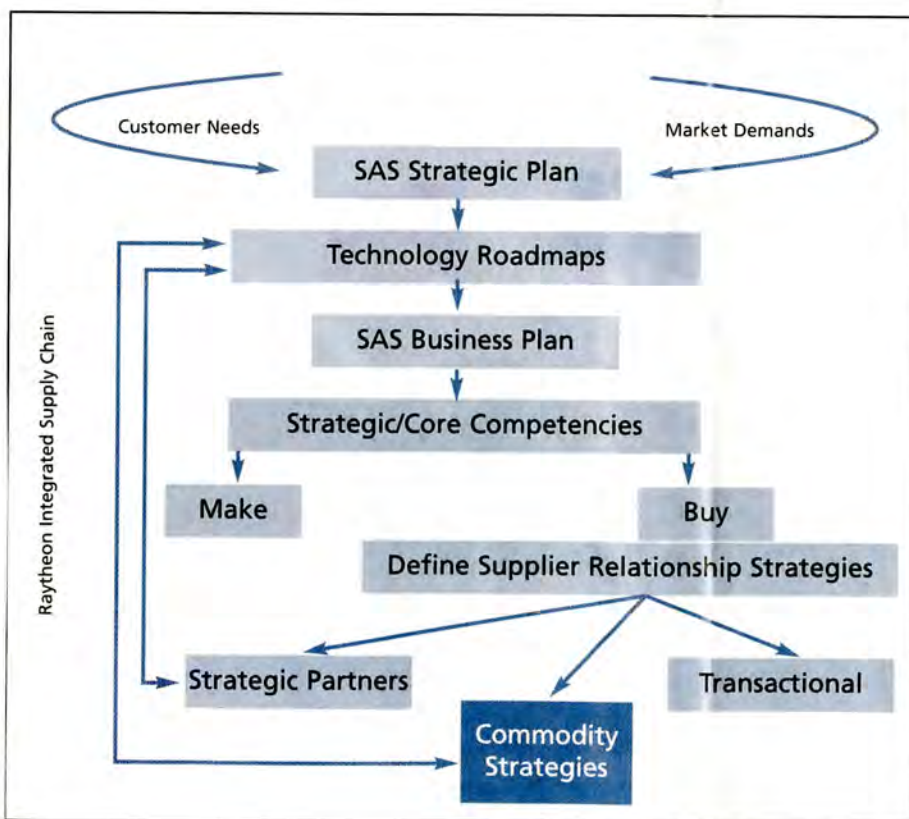


Figure 3. SAS SBO Integrated Supply Chain Model

early supply chain involvement in product design. With suppliers providing such a significant portion of the bill of material on a typical production program, there is tremendous opportunity for the supplier to contribute to overall product affordability by way of the product design. The model depicts the traditional cost accounting treatment of product cost breakdown:

- Design—5 percent,
- Material—50 percent,
- Labor—15 percent, and
- Burden—30 percent.

This is contrasted with the influence each of these categories has on total product cost, which is 70 percent of design, 20 percent of material, 5 percent of labor, and 5 percent of burden.

When consideration is given to each category's influence on total product cost, it becomes clear that the greatest opportunity to impact cost is during the design stage. The supply base optimization project will contribute significantly to the supply chain's ability to reduce the total product cost at the front end of a program. The intentional design of the supply base will result in preferred suppliers that are strategically engaged in the design process early on. The preferred suppliers will be identified and available to work collaboratively with us as part of the integrated supply chain. This collaboration during the design phase will enable the suppliers to bring their core competencies to the table, which includes understanding how the design can enable or inhibit our ability to meet affordability targets. The suppliers will be empowered to make contributions that will result in more cost effective design and product innovation.

According to Jeffery H. Dyer and Harbir Singh, in their article, "The Relational View; Cooperative Strategy and Sources of Interorganizational Competitive Advantage," *The Management Review*, the competitive advantage is often found in the supply

chain based on the selection of suppliers compared to another supply chain and its suppliers.⁶ Conversely, suppliers that don't provide strategic competitive advantage could be viewed as a source of risk and a source of waste to a firm. Naturally, the objective should be to minimize risk wherever practical and eliminate waste wherever possible.

"Supply chain managers add value to their organizations by conceptualizing risk and establishing the procedures, practices, and contingency plans to manage those risks," states Robert

Trent, author of "What Everyone Needs to Know About Supply Chain Management," *Supply Chain Management Review*. Trent cites the following classifications of supply chain risk: "design, quality, cost, availability, manufacturability, supply, financial, legal, and environmental, health and safety."⁷ Needless to say, a haphazardly developed supply base is rampant with risk. Strategic evaluation and selection of suppliers minimizes a firm's vulnerability related to supply chain risk. A "right-sized" supply base



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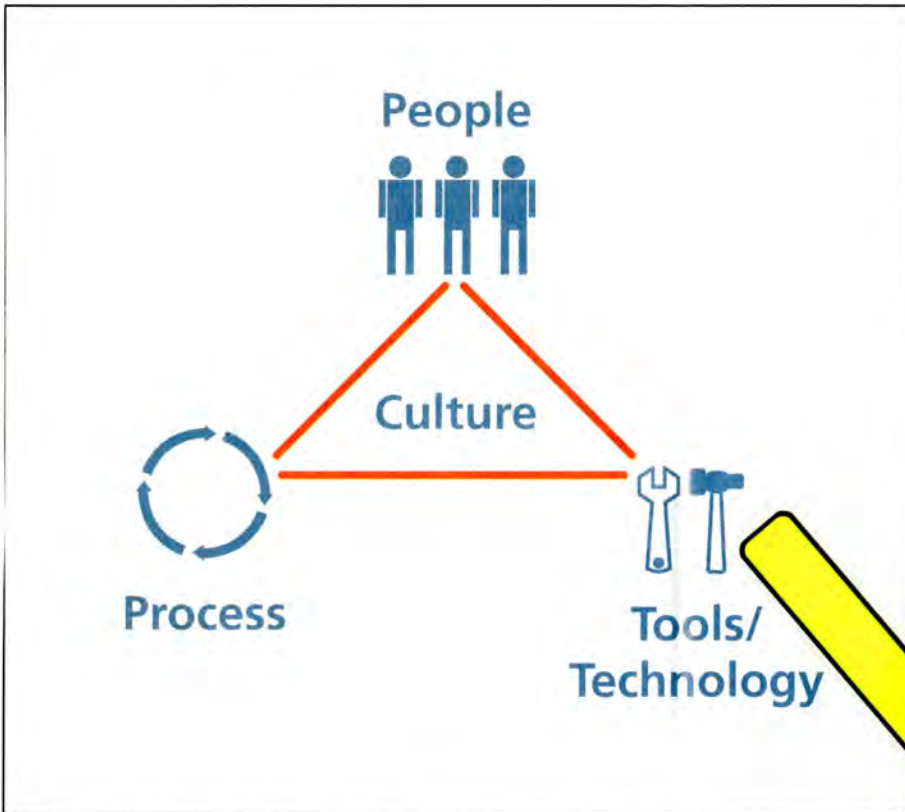
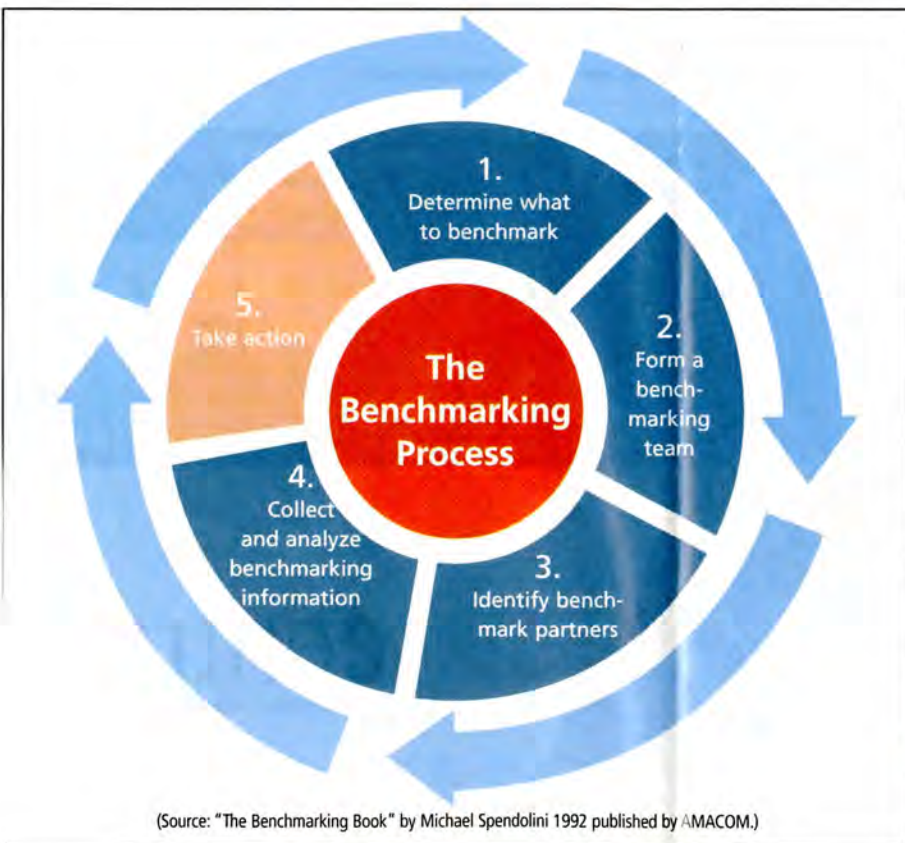


Figure 4. Raytheon Knowledge Management Model



(Source: "The Benchmarking Book" by Michael Spendolini 1992 published by AMACOM.)

Figure 5. The Five-Stage Benchmarking Process Model

allows for more effective supplier management in general and the development of value added relationships and strategic alliances where appropriate.

This serves as motivation for our company and other Fortune 1000 firms to start down the path of "rationalizing" their supply base. According to Jack Meredith and Scott Shafer, authors of *Operations Management for MBAs*,

...in these days of intense global competition and supply chain management, the relationship between customers and suppliers has changed significantly...customers are seeking a closer, more cooperative relationship with suppliers. They are cutting back the number of suppliers they do business with by a factor of 10 or 20, with those remaining getting the overwhelming volume of their business."

Simon Croom, lecturer at the University of San Diego, states, "...a firm can gain and sustain competitive advantage by accessing its key resources in a way that span the boundaries of the firm. Competitive advantage can be embedded in a set of relationships across the boundaries of firms, rather than residing inside an individual firm."

Frequently, it is the supply chain management organization that recognizes the merit of value networks and collaborative relationships with key suppliers. This recognition is indeed part of the value that supply chain management brings to the organization; however, the challenge is implementation. Supply chain cannot accomplish successful execution of strategic supply relationships in a functional silo. Cross-functional buy-in and participation are necessary for successful design and implementation of value-added networks, which bring competitive advantage to the entire supply chain.

Supply Base Optimization

We set out to rationalize our supply base through a continuous process that we refer to as supply base optimization. Our definition of supply

Curriculum Integration Using Enterprise Resource Planning: An Integrative Case Approach

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Over the past 15 years, business schools have been criticized for delivering business education through a series of function-focused individual courses (Michaelsen, 1999; Porter & McKibbin, 1988; Slater, McCubbrey, & Scudder, 1995). A major criticism of this functional approach is that students obtain a relatively narrow perspective of the organization and are not well equipped to handle crossfunctional problems (Linder & Smith, 1992; Malekzadeh, 1998). Furthermore, students have great difficulty in dealing with real-world problems whose identification and resolution often require a multidisciplinary view (Hahs, 1999; O'Reilly, 1994).

For much of the past century, business entities typically were organized along functional lines (Tapscott & Caston, 1993). Until recently, function-based organizations were appropriate for the relative stability of the 20th-century business environment. According to Daft (1998), bureaucratic structures are efficient in stable environments. This efficiency results from the "predictability of the firm's work . . . In a dynamic environment, it is difficult to establish formal rules and procedures" (Wagner & Hollenbeck, 1992, pp. 615-616). "Environmental uniformity, then, favors functional deportation, therefore a functional structure" (p. 620).

ABSTRACT. Efforts to achieve greater curriculum integration in schools of business have included team teaching, student group projects, multidisciplinary cases, and, more recently, the use of enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems. Although these approaches are beneficial, they tend to be implemented on an ad hoc basis rather than through curriculum redesign. In this study, the authors address this limitation and describe an alternative approach that makes use of a fictional company that is simultaneously developed as a case and implemented in an ERP system. This approach offers the opportunity to achieve multidisciplinary, curriculum-wide integration.

However, the rate of technological innovation has accelerated in recent years (Dudley, Dudley Clark, & Payne, 1995; Still & Petty, 2000; Tapscott & Caston, 1993), creating significant uncertainty in the current organizational environment (McKinney & Yoos, 1998). The evolution of the Internet has resulted in increased transparency of organizations' operations, disintermediation of markets, and faster and wider dissemination of information, all of which contributed to destabilizing the external environment faced by business organizations. The hierarchical, highly centralized organizations of the 20th century are not well suited for today's dynamic environment.

One of the primary organizational responses to environmental uncertainty is the integration of functions within the organization (Lorsch & Lawrence, 1972). The adoption of flexible manufacturing and similar techniques is inherently integrative and is a response to an increasingly dynamic business environment (Walker & Black, 2000). Outsourcing, just-in-time, and supply chain management are also integrative, but in an interorganizational context. Integration across internal and external organizational boundaries has been a hallmark of business innovation in the last 2 decades.

Although business organizations are facing a rapidly increasing dynamism in their environment, business schools have been slow to reorient their curricula to industry needs (Bliss & Potter, 2000; Dudley et al., 1995; Wheeler, 1998). Business enterprises have de-emphasized functional structures, whereas university business schools remain bastions of the functional approach in their structures, curricula, and teaching methods (Closs & Stank, 1999; Hamilton, McFarland, & Mirchandani, 2000; McKinney & Yoos, 1998). Skinner (1999) contrasted the "warp speed" pace of business with "the glacial pace" of colleges and universities. Indeed, numerous articles in the business education literature are critical of the current state of business

schools and advocate the integration of business curricula as a solution to the problem (Michaelsen, 1999; O'Reilly, 1994; Slater et al., 1995).

Proponents of integration within business schools typically face overwhelming challenges (Still & Petty, 2000; Walker & Black, 2000). Barriers to integration include faculty resistance and faculty reward systems (Walker & Black), teaching load and resource issues (Still & Petty), faculty effort and faculty members' understanding of other disciplines (Michaelsen, 1999), the strong influence of individual disciplines (McKinney & Yoos, 1998; Porter & McKibbin, 1988), and the general difficulty of implementing change in higher education institutions (Stevens, 2000). In spite of these barriers, numerous business schools have attempted the integration of their curricula through a variety of methods. We summarize these methods in Table 1.

The lockstep MBA programs common at ranked business schools are typically integrative. Team teaching, multidisciplinary cases and projects, student group projects, coordinated syllabi, and common themes (e.g., entrepreneurship) are all common examples of curriculum integration found at the graduate level (Hamilton et al., 2000). The integration of undergraduate business curricula stands in sharp contrast. Relatively few undergraduate programs attempt to integrate fully their curricula across functional areas. Notable exceptions are Babson College (Bliss & Potter, 2000), the U.S. Air Force Academy (McKinney & Yoos, 1998), and the University of Idaho (Stover & Byers, 2002). Undergraduate institutions generally experiment with multidisciplinary cases, integrative projects, and other relatively easy-to-implement ad hoc approaches instead of a complete and rigorous redesign of the curricula.

In this article, we describe a curriculum integration method that builds on two methods whose use already has been reported in the literature. Michaelsen (1999) identified integrative (multidisciplinary) cases as the most popular approach to curriculum integration. A small but growing number of institutions are using enterprise resource planning (ERP) software as an integrative teaching tool (Wagner, Najdawi, & Otto, 2000). The combination of both approaches, however, is unique.

An Integrated, Multidisciplinary Strategy

This approach begins with the introduction of a multidisciplinary base case in a required sophomore level Management Information Systems (MIS) course. The base case describes a small fictional manufacturing company that uses an ERP system. This fictional company also is modeled in a major ERP software package in which the students complete exercises. Students are later assigned cases in other, upper division courses that extend the base case and, at the instructor's discretion, may use the ERP system. Thus, the students are exposed to business integration in the MIS course, and the curriculum is integrated through the use of closely related cases, some of which have been implemented in the ERP system. This allows concepts, problems, and solutions to be illustrated from the perspective of different functional areas and from a fully integrated perspective.

We should note that the term *integration* relates to two separate concepts in the context of a business curriculum. First, in the context of *integrated business processes*, the term references a curriculum in which the student learns about business processes that ignore functional boundaries. A second curricular context for the term *integration* relates to how business concepts, practices, and processes are taught. Material can be taught within functional silos or from a multidisciplinary approach. Much of the literature focuses on teaching about business process integration rather than teaching within an integrated curriculum. In this article, we describe an approach that addresses both of these perspectives:

TABLE 1. Selected Curriculum Integration Methods Reported in the Literature

Source	Integration method
Bliss & Potter, 2000	Introductory survey courses
Gable & Rosemann, 1999	ERP systems
Hamilton et al., 2000	Shared (multiple course/class) teams Coordinated syllabi Live multidisciplinary business projects Internships, cooperative education Business simulation games Team teaching Interdisciplinary business core Course coordination through scheduling Mentoring
Kennedy & Russell, 2002	Entrepreneurship
McKinney & Yoos, 1998	Multidisciplinary cases Field trips Capstone courses
Still & Petty, 2000	Interdisciplinary courses
Still & Petty, 2000	Interdisciplinary projects
	Common themes ^a
Slater et al., 1995	Social themes
Smith & Fletcher, 2002	Balanced scorecard
Kennedy & Russell, 2002	Entrepreneurship

^aCommon themes are used to provide a unified perspective on subject matter throughout an undergraduate or MBA program.

teaching integration through use of a *multidisciplinary approach*.

Phases of ERP in the Curriculum

The curriculum integration described in this article occurred in five phases. In Table 2, we summarize the timeframes and issues corresponding to each phase.

Phase 1

Phase 1 was characterized by the incorporation of ERP into the business curriculum and was prompted by a desire to demonstrate business process integration. Accomplishment of this goal required a cohesive, crossdisciplinary core group committed to the use of ERP in the classroom. The College of Business also had to ensure that a reliable ERP system was available to faculty members and students and that participating faculty members would attain a working knowledge of the software and its classroom applicability. In spring 2000, Systems, Applications, and Products in Data Systems' (SAP) R/3 system was installed and implemented for use in the business school. (In our discussion, we often use the terms SAP and ERP interchangeably.)

During this phase, SAP's International Demonstration and Education System (IDES) was used as the basis for all exercises. IDES is a preconfigured R/3 system populated with data representing multiple organizations across a variety of industries. Developed to support the training needs of SAP customers, it is complex and data intensive. This complexity, combined with a lack of faculty experience, resulted in early classroom use that lacked depth and was essentially limited to exercises adopted from other universities. During this phase, SAP use was limited to core group faculty members and 10 classes (6 unique courses) taught by them. This limited approach minimized the risk of failure and allowed the faculty members to gain experience with SAP functionality and IDES data.

One issue of concern for the instructors during this time was training, which was accomplished through SAP-administered courses. To avoid disruption during the regular school year, the faculty members took these courses

during the summer. This schedule often made it difficult for the faculty members to attend the most ideal courses. In addition, the training offered by SAP was practitioner focused and frequently lacked the theoretical background and depth needed for academic purposes. Despite these limitations, the faculty members were able to complete basic training successfully in their respective disciplines.

Other major concerns in Phase 1 were a fear of failure with respect to the technology and the potential negative impact that such a failure might have on course evaluations. Although core-group faculty enthusiasm remained strong, gaining a comfortable command of SAP was a struggle. It was one thing for instructors to navigate individually through a series of SAP transactions and quite another for them to guide 30 or 40 students through the same transactions in the classroom. Invariably, students made mistakes and found themselves in territory unfamiliar to the faculty members. Thus, the introduction of SAP into the classroom was fraught with uncertainty. Fortunately, support from the administration was strong, and appropriate accommodations were made on faculty performance evaluations.

Students encountered SAP for the first time during this phase, so each faculty member using SAP had to provide students with the necessary navigation skills. This lack of initial familiarity, combined with the complexity of SAP and IDES, led to frustration among students as they attempted to gain competence. In addition, students often questioned the relative worth of learning SAP and lacked enthusiasm. The faculty members hoped that this attitude would change as student skills and expertise grew.

In terms of the curriculum, one change occurred during this time. The Introduction to MIS course was changed to a lower division course. This was done to help ensure that students entering into SAP-enhanced upper division courses would have prior exposure to SAP.

Phase 2

As Phase 2 commenced, the focus remained on demonstrating business process integration. Toward this end,

the College of Business thought that the core group should be expanded both in number and in breadth of discipline. However, recruiting others remained difficult. Although a few adjunct faculty members had helped extend the use of SAP to 21 classes (5 unique courses), in-depth participation still was limited to early adopters. The significant time commitment required for full participation (i.e., learning SAP) and possibly a fear of technology continued to be barriers.

The increased expertise of core-group faculty members allowed them to begin exploring SAP and IDES on their own. As a result, they were less dependent on material borrowed from other universities and began creating new and unique exercises. In addition, faculty members began to attend more specialized SAP training. It was during this period that the faculty members first attended an SAP configuration class for academics, revealing an unexpected opportunity. Some of the complexity associated with SAP could be eliminated by replacing IDES with data representing a smaller, more manageable company.

Phase 3

In Phase 3, a smaller, more manageable company was developed. To facilitate this development, the College of Business formed a crossfunctional team of faculty members familiar with SAP. Because the effort would represent a significant time commitment, the dean provided monetary incentives. The resulting team included faculty members from accounting, operations management, and MIS. This crossfunctional approach facilitated the identification of necessary business functionality and related business data. In addition, it enabled the immediate identification and resolution of issues that represented trade-offs among disciplines. For example, the first issue to be addressed by the project team was the choice of the company's product. Operations management wanted at least one manufactured product with enough complexity to require manufacturing and assembly operations, quality inspection, and purchasing activities. This would provide sufficient depth to support the core

operations management course and those courses in quality management, supply-chain management, and manufacturing planning and control as well. Alternatively, the team needed a simpler, nonmanufactured product to illustrate sales and distribution activities and their related accounting transactions. This product would support the needs of several lower division business courses. Team discussion ultimately led to the inclusion of both product types in the business model.

tion with five employees and annual sales of approximately \$1 million. It manufactures high-quality skateboards in a deluxe and standard model and sells these as well as four skateboarding-related trading goods.

Having made these basic decisions, the project team turned its attention to defining the supporting details for the actual operations of SSB. The operations management faculty members researched necessary plant equipment and developed product routings, and

phin Group and the University of San Diego [USD] School of Business, 2002) provided us with insight into the creation of an assembly organization in an unpopulated SAP client. Although this insight was useful, SSB, Inc. was significantly more complex than Pastime, and we encountered several unanticipated problems whose resolution took up considerable faculty time. For example, SSB, Inc. included significant work in process, an inventory category that does not exist in Pastime. Its inclusion necessitated additional general ledger accounts, inventory management procedures, and appropriate transactional linkages between the materials management, production, and financial accounting modules of SAP. The tasks of identifying these linkages in SAP and ensuring the correct information flow were more complicated and sometimes more frustrating than the faculty members had anticipated. With the knowledge and support of the crossfunctional team, however, these problems were resolved.

The primary goal of Phase 3 was the creation and implementation of SSB, Inc. Its completion, however, required further work. At a minimum, SAP-related exercises needed to be revamped to reflect the new company. In addition, the team had to incorporate ERP content into the official catalog description of the core operations management course. Most important, the SSB, Inc. business model and its parameters and operating position became the basis for a written case that did not depend on the use of SAP. This case then became the foundation for discipline- and topic-specific extensions, which expanded the use of the business model to courses less likely to incorporate technology. Instructors who considered SAP inappropriate in their courses nevertheless could make use of the model company through the case and its extensions. Thus, the introductory case provided a means of enhancing curriculum integration. It provided an opportunity for students to see the model company repeatedly in various courses, thereby familiarizing them with its products, employees, and industry. At the same time, the introductory case allowed the students to experience the company as an integrated whole through the lenses of different disciplines.

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After deciding on a product line, the team researched the related industry, its competitive context, necessary raw materials and components, and associated manufacturing processes. In addition, the team identified pricing information for the chosen products and their associated raw materials and manufacturing equipment. This research provided background information on the business environment in which the model company would likely compete and allowed the establishment of basic operating parameters (see Table 3).

The resulting fictitious company, Super Skateboard Builders, Inc. (SSB, Inc.), is a small Grand Rapids-based, privately held manufacturing organiza-

tion with five employees and annual sales of approximately \$1 million. It manufactures high-quality skateboards in a deluxe and standard model and sells these as well as four skateboarding-related trading goods. Having made these basic decisions, the project team turned its attention to defining the supporting details for the actual operations of SSB. The operations management faculty members researched necessary plant equipment and developed product routings, and accounting faculty members created a chart of accounts and necessary financial statements. Again, the team approach ensured consistent information across functional areas. For example, once the required capital equipment was identified, the team determined depreciation and overhead allocation. In turn, accounting-related information based on square footage allocation helped determine plant layout. These exchanges ultimately led to a fairly comprehensive business model.

Having established the business model, the project team then had to implement SSB, Inc. in SAP. Configuration training based on the Dolphin Group's Pastime Corporation (the Dol-

TABLE 3. Profile of Super Skateboard Builders, Inc.

Established:	Incorporated in 1997
President:	John "Z-boy" Boeve
No. of employees:	5
Plant size:	10,000 sq. feet
Products:	6 total (2 manufactured, 4 trading goods)
No. of vendors:	9, located in the United States
No. of customers:	7, located in the United States
Annual sales:	\$1 million
Sales channels:	Wholesalers, distributors, and retail outlets
Assets as of 3/31/2001:	\$232,511
Assets as of 3/31/2003:	\$470,309



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Rocky Mountain sweet

Couple realizes dream with Lodi candy shop

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LODI -- About a year ago, Steve and Jeanne Bria were at a crossroads. As an up-and-coming division manager for Farmers Insurance, Steve could accept the safe, corporate promotion he was expected to take and move his family of six from relatively quiet Lodi to metropolitan Los Angeles.

Or they could put their economic security at risk and pursue their joint dream of owning a family-friendly business in a small town.

Three months after opening their franchised Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory at 115 S. School St. in downtown Lodi, the Brias say the \$250,000 investment they made to spend long days selling specialty chocolates, fudge and carmel apples was the right choice.

"People are happy we're here. They come in with a smile and leave with a bigger smile," Steve Bria said.

Customers Kimberly Butler and Aurora Kambestad were certainly smiling as they left the shop Tuesday with nine carmel apples between them.

"The apples are for a celebration for our department at Farmers & Merchants Bank. This has become a new tradition," said Butler, an employee at the bank's downtown headquarters. She's a regular customer who first discovered Rocky Mountain Chocolate because it's directly across School Street from the Lodi post office.

Bria said that's the way it's been since Day One.

"We haven't spent a dime on advertising. It's all been word of mouth and walk-ins," he said.

Traditionally, multistate-franchise businesses that rely on walk-in customers seek out shopping malls or other high-traffic locations in the biggest city in their region. So a storefront in downtown Lodi, San Joaquin County's fourth-largest city, might seem an unlikely locale to invest six figures in a new business venture.

Mike Donaghy can see the logic. As the general manager of Stockton's Sherwood Mall, he deals with national franchises every day. In his estimation, "lack of competition" in Lodi makes the most sense.

"How many See's Candy stores are there in Stockton? In Lodi, they are they



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only game in town. They are probably going to be encouraged to expand the chain into other regions," Donaghy said.

For the Brias, a number of factors attracted them to downtown Lodi's renovated School Street shopping district.

First and foremost, Lodi has been their home for the past four years.

"Lodi is the place I want to raise my kids. We live here and talked about running a small-town business for years. We started looking at this spot May 1," said Jeanne Bria, 41, a business administration graduate of the University of San Diego.

Steve Bria, 42, is also a USD graduate in accounting.

"We wanted to enjoy our business and have fun. We didn't just walk away from the corporate life without knowing the risks," Steve Bria said.

During Lodi's semiannual School Street Stroll, the couple decided to look around town and determine what was missing. They settled on opening a candy shop, specifically on Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, because of the experience of a friend in Southern California.

And downtown "fit our lifestyle. We didn't want to be subject to mall prices and mall hours and mall leases. And we loved the street-front atmosphere. It's something that can make a difference to the community," Bria said.

Longtime downtown businessman Dan Ingram, owner of Danz Jewelers, 220 S. School St., was an early supporter of the new enterprise, buying more than 75 boxes of chocolates from the Brias for his customers.

"Some other businesses were selling See's, but we wanted to promote someone who was downtown. Our customers were very appreciative," Ingram said. "Having a national chain show the confidence to come here shows that our downtown is getting stronger."

The 22-year-old corporate Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory Inc. has its headquarters in Durango, Colo. It provides most of the chocolate and candy goodies the Brias sell, but they do make their own fudges, barks, almond brittle and dipped items -- primarily apples and strawberries -- in the store.

They've also created a few goodies themselves, including Jeanne's caramel pretzel apple. Even son Michael, 7, has gotten in on the act, creating the hot-selling "Zebra Tail," a pretzel rod dipped in caramel, rolled in semi-sweet chocolate chips and drizzled with white ribbon.

As a local business, they encourage special orders -- especially around holiday times such as the upcoming Valentine's Day. They have stocked up on candy sprinkles in every color imaginable, including local high school colors, and can make custom-dipped apples or strawberries for any occasion.

When the weather warms up, they're anticipating a cyclical drop in business, but

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Ed O'Sullivan joins RoboDesign's Board of Directors.

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San Diego, CA (PRWEB) January 17, 2005 -- Ed O'Sullivan was elected to RoboDesign's Board of Directors. RoboDesign is a leading provider of robotic laboratory automation products for the structural genomics market. Commenting on Mr. O'Sullivan's appointment, Brian Ganz, Chairman of the Board of RoboDesign said "We are pleased and excited to have Ed join the RoboDesign board. His wealth of management and financial experience will be invaluable as RoboDesign continues to evolve and grow into a leading technology company." "I'm delighted to have the opportunity to contribute my expertise and help RoboDesign build their business" said Mr. O'Sullivan.

Ed O'Sullivan is the Managing Partner of CFO Connect, LLC, and has over twenty years of financial management experience that includes start-ups and fortune 50 companies where he has served in the capacity of Chief Financial Officer for a number of companies. Mr. O'Sullivan is currently serving on the Board of Directors for JMAR Technologies, Inc., (NASDAQ:JMAR) and the University of San Diego, School of Business Alumni Association.

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School of Education

Parents and teachers walk door-to-door to fulfill a dream

Charter school status is sought for Gompers, Keiller

By Helen Gao
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Bands of parents and teachers are walking door-to-door in southeastern San Diego circulating petitions in hopes of transforming two failing neighborhood schools into high-achieving charter schools.

They have worked through the holidays, straining to meet a Monday deadline when they must turn in signatures from at least 50 percent of the parents of students who attend Gompers and Keiller middle schools.

The dreams are ambitious. These parents and teachers see these schools becoming models of excellence that will send future generations of inner-city youth to colleges, as The Preuss School at the University of California San Diego is doing.

Gompers in Chollas View and Keiller in Jamacha are in the early stages of forming partnerships with UCSD and the University of San Diego, respectively.

The universities are committed to urban education reform. UCSD originally had considered locating the Preuss School in southeastern San Diego. The principal of Keiller graduated from an

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Parents petition to save two failing schools

educational leadership program at USD, which also has a program for new teachers.

Charter schools are public schools that generally operate independently of the local district, though the district must authorize their education plans. They are exempt from many regulations and union contract stipulations, including a rule that favors seniority over merit in filling teaching jobs.

Keiller and Gompers are among eight schools in the San Diego Unified School District that are under pressure from the federal No Child Left Behind law to restructure because of chronic underachievement. King Elementary plans to re-open as a charter next fall, while Memorial Charter will re-vamp its charter. The others are working with the district on restructuring plans.

As charters, Keiller and Gompers will extend their school year and school day. Their educational program will include a strong arts education component and possibly some all-boys or all-girls classes to reduce distraction.

Controversial reforms in the district have focused heavily on literacy at the expense of arts and other enrichment activities, critics have said. While credited with raising scores in elementary schools, the reforms have not worked in higher grades.

Keiller's and Gompers' charter applications propose changing the school environment, beginning with greeting students with classical music when they arrive and adopting "The Greatest Love of All" as the school song. They envision inviting areas for students to congregate before school, perhaps to read the newspaper and sip hot chocolate. Educators at the schools say ambience is important to learning.

Going door-to-door

On a recent weekday, parents met at Gompers and broke into teams to canvass streets. They were joined by teachers, their principal and some Keiller parents.

Denise DeVall, a Keiller parent, said she is willing to take a chance on going charter because she feels district leaders have failed her school.

"They haven't been paying attention to us 'til now. We need to do something to turn around our children's achievement," DeVall said.

Patricia Ladd, Keiller's principal, said if Keiller excels, the community will rise with it. She dreams of producing leaders to revitalize the neighborhood.

Southeastern San Diego is a poor area where a majority of the students at Keiller and Gompers receive free or reduced-price meals. These students typically do not perform as well as their wealthier counterparts.

But Gompers was once top-caliber. In the 1980s, students at its now-defunct computer, science and math magnet program won national honors. The program served mostly white students bused from outside for racial integration, while students from the neighborhood attended regular classes on the same campus.

In 1989, the magnet program was altered to include all students who attended Gompers. Angry teachers and magnet parents fled Gompers in droves.

The school spiraled downward.

The apartments, homes, liquor stores and the trolley station near Gompers and Keiller make news because of drive-by shootings and gang violence.

As the Gompers team recently made its way down 47th Street and around the corner of Logan Avenue and 49th Street, it passed well-maintained homes and apartments, some with bars over the windows or security guards outside. Some apartments were scenes of recent shootings where youngsters died.

The team members studied spreadsheets with students' names and addresses. One carried a sign reading, "Support your children's future."

Michelle Evans, a mother of two Gompers students, led the way, stopping every potential parent to inquire whether they have children in middle school.

Evans' sixth-grade son, Keith, who carried the sign, now attends Pershing Middle School in San Carlos. He is not the exception. Parent after parent told the Gompers team that their children attend schools elsewhere.

"Most of our kids get up at 5 a.m. to get on buses at 6:30 a.m. for a good education when they should be able to get a good education in the community," Evans said.

At Harbor View Villas, several parents cited school safety, not academics, as their top concern. They said their children feared gangs and harassment on the way to and from school but Gompers' school grounds are generally described as safe.

Herman Lavender, a father of six, said he sends his stepson to Mission Bay High School for safety reasons. He gets up before dawn to make the bus. "It's a fight," said Lavender, himself a Gompers graduate.

Vince Riveroll, Gompers' principal, said improving the safety of the community is not something within his control, but he intends to work with the San Diego Police Department to reduce violence.

An extended school day, he said, would allow parents to pick up their children after work. He hopes high achievement will inspire community pride that will translate into reduced gang violence.

"Gompers has a negative connotation," Riveroll said, because of problems in the neighborhood. "It's a big challenge to change the image of the school."

What UCSD, USD offer

If UCSD partners with Gompers, it will train teachers in practices developed at Preuss and provide tutors and mentors for students who will have access to its resources and campus.

Leading the Gompers effort are two men who helped found Preuss: UCSD provost Cecil Lytle and Hugh "Bud" Mehan, director of the UCSD Center for Research on Educational Equity, Assessment, and Teaching Excellence.

In a tentative arrangement, Gompers would hold the charter, and UCSD would provide support and eventually assume management of the school.

Mehan stressed that the discussions are "very preliminary." There is no guarantee that if the parents get all the signatures they need, the board of education would approve the charter.

USD has similar plans to provide Keiller with extra support, including counselor interns.

Having worked her entire educational career until now in more affluent schools north of Interstate 8, Ladd, Keiller's principal, knows how much USD can offer Keiller.

"The disparities (of resources) are real," she said, citing the relative stability of teachers at affluent and high

Going Charter

University of California, San Diego proposes to partner with Gompers Middle School, and the University of San Diego proposes to partner with Keiller Middle.

- **When:** Charter petitions are due Monday, but the schools will continue to gather signatures throughout the week. Charters require approval by the board of the San Diego Unified School District.

- **Why:** Keiller and Gompers are among eight failing schools that must restructure under a federal law that requires schools to make academic gains each year.

performing schools. "It's more difficult to meet the challenge of an inner-city child than north of 8."

Newly elected school board member Shelia Jackson, who represents southeastern San Diego, is asking pointed questions about the charter efforts.

If Keiller and Gompers become charter schools, where will children whose parents object to the schools' philosophy or management go? Will enough UCSD professors and college students come from La Jolla to help?

Preuss, she said, is a success in part because it's on the university campus. It's also different, she said, because it started with one grade level and added a new one every year so it could nurture each class of students. At Gompers, the charter would start with 1,000 mostly struggling students in seventh through ninth grades.

Jackson also worries that Gompers parents have unrealistic expectations of what a UCSD partnership can achieve.

"It's like they are looking at this Christmas present and saying, 'Wow! this is what I want for Christmas!' but they don't realize all the work that goes into this present," she said.

Some Gompers parents fear Jackson's skepticism is undermining their effort. Jackson counters that she's watching out for the interests of the children to ensure the charter schools will work. Nationwide, studies have shown charter schools have had mixed results.

Marc Santos, co-chair of the Lincoln/Gompers Redevelopment Committee, however, has seen first hand what charters can achieve. His daughter attends High Tech High, another acclaimed charter school.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance," said Santos about the UCSD partnership. "It's our shot to do something for the children and improve their prospects and the future of the community they will live in as adults."

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4 schools petition for charter status

4 other underachieving campuses submit reform plans to trustees

By Helen Gao
STAFF WRITER

Four of eight San Diego city schools that are required to restructure under a federal law because of chronic underachievement have submitted petitions to the district to reopen as charter schools next fall.

Yesterday was the deadline to submit restructure plans.

If the school board approves the charter petitions, the schools will have more control

of their curriculum and budget in exchange for a commitment to improve academic achievement.

The board is tentatively scheduled to discuss the eight schools at 4 p.m. Friday at the Eugene Brucker Education Center, 4100 Normal St., University Heights.

Parents and teachers of Keiller and Gompers middle schools walked door-to-door through the holidays to circulate charter petitions in their

neighborhoods.

Charter petitions must carry the signatures of at least 50 percent of the parents of students who plan to be enrolled at the charter schools next fall.

Brian Bennett, director of the district's office of school choice, said the signatures submitted have not been counted and verified. Gompers plans to work with the University of California San Diego, and Keiller with the University of San Diego, to improve student achievement.

King Elementary School, another charter petitioner, intends to get help from

King/Chavez Academy of Excellence Charter School.

Memorial Charter Academy, an existing charter school, has submitted a new education plan with the intent of retaining its charter status.

The other four schools — Kennedy and Balboa elementary and Mann and Wilson middle schools — have submitted separate reform plans. They will work with the district to make changes.

The federal No Child Left Behind law requires the eight schools to restructure because they have not met academic targets several years in a row.

Bersin, trustees act with civility

Relations with new board still marked by tension

By Helen Gao
STAFF WRITER

By all appearances, Superintendent Alan Bersin gets along better with the current San Diego school board — which opted this week to end his contract a year early — than he did with any of its predecessors.

He frequently praises its civility and thoughtful discussions. He is gracious when his point of view does not prevail.

This is a departure from Bersin's interactions with past school boards. Previously, the superintendent was consistently supported by a three-member majority, while two trustees bitterly fought his reforms. The result was a breakdown in civility. Bersin sat with a strained expression through many past board meetings, where his policies were denounced as Nazi-like on some occasions by one trustee.

While civility has returned with the November election of three new trustees, the tension between Bersin and the new board has been palpable.

In the past three months, the board's politics shifted so there is no longer a majority he can count on to green-light his programs. Rather, the new board's ideas for education reform so far consist largely of dismantling what Bersin has

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done in the past 6½ years.

In this political climate, Bersin has walked a fine line between accommodating the new direction and preserving his legacy. He has urged the board to view its job as "building on the foundation" of what he began, rather than starting over with another set of radical changes. He talked about the extensive teacher training and the focus on literacy and math put into place under his signature reform plan, the Blueprint for Student Success.

"We must have the self-confidence to know that is a culture change that has taken place," he told a parent group this month. "The new priorities do not involve throwing that out."

With five months left until his departure June 30, Bersin has promised to work with the board to ensure continuity.

But as his recent disagreements with the board demonstrate, a lot could be thrown out.

Bersin has clashed with the board — though without the last board's characteristic name-calling — over such issues as principal selection, a training program for aspiring principals and the use of instructional consultants to train teachers.

All three are important components of Bersin's education reform strategy.

The grant funding for the principal-training program, the Educational Leadership Development Academy at the University of San Diego, is contingent on Bersin's staying as superintendent. It came from The Broad Foundation, whose namesake, Eli Broad, is a Bersin supporter. Broad poured money into past school-board races against Bersin critics.

The new board asked to modify the training program, including renegotiating the funding agreement so that the money is no longer tied to Bersin's employment. But the program's future remains uncertain, with some trustees wanting to scrap it. While Bersin agreed with the board's decision to remove his name from the funding agreement, he advocated for the program to be continued, noting it's been "nationally recognized."

Two of the newly elected trustees, Shelia Jackson and Mitz Lee, in particular, want to scrutinize principal selection and placement — a task previous boards left entirely in Bersin's hands.

Jackson has questioned whether Bersin has placed the most experienced and best qualified principals at low achieving schools, which must restructure because of underperformance.

Lee has proposed forming a commission to review the district's principal selection process. She believes that under Bersin's leadership, principalships have become politicized so only those who support the superintendent's policies get chosen for jobs.

Lee and board President Luis Acle, also a newly elected trustee, are both concerned about the fairness of the selection process for the principal training program.

During a recent board discussion of the program, Lee said, "This is being used as a fast track for promotion, that you get promoted as long as they know there is loyalty to the blueprint. To me, blind obedience is not the leadership I would like to see."



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New Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership Addresses the Achievement Gap Among San Diego Schools

By Coleen L. Geraghty

A new doctoral program in educational leadership run jointly by San Diego State, Cal State San Marcos and the University of California, San Diego begins this week with a cohort of 18 students.

The Ed.D. in educational leadership underscores SDSU's commitment to helping local principals, supervisors and higher education professionals close the achievement gap that exists among schools in San Diego County.

Margaret Basom, chair, and Larry Frase, emeritus professor, both of SDSU's Department of Educational Leadership, together with Lionel (Skip) Meno, dean of the College of Education, represented SDSU in collaborations with partnering campuses to plan the program.

"San Diego State has offered a Master's degree in educational leadership for some years," Basom said. "This is the next logical step for us."

Basom and Frase will teach sections of the program, as will two new faculty members scheduled to join SDSU in the fall. They are Joseph F. Johnson and Cynthia Uline. Johnson is a former director of student achievement and school accountability with the U.S. Department of Education. He is to serve as director of SDSU's new National Center for Urban School Transformation, which will partner with urban schools and school districts to improve student achievement.

In June, the California State University and University of California Joint Ed.D. Board recommended an award of \$540,000 over two years for implementation of the joint Ed.D. program. The degree is designed for the working professional educator to attend classes part-time on weeknights and weekends, completing the degree in 36 months. A new cohort of 15 to 20 students will start the program each January.

"The program views the students' workplaces as powerful laboratories in which they will conduct research on professional practice within their own institutions," Meno said.

The educational leadership degree is the first Ed.D. program between UCSD and SDSU's College of Education, and the first joint doctoral program between SDSU and Cal State San Marcos. The College of Education also has a Ph.D. in education offered collaboratively with Claremont Graduate University, an Ed.D. in education offered collaboratively with the University of San Diego, and a Ph.D. in mathematics and science education offered collaboratively with UCSD by SDSU's College of Education and Sciences.

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Students in the City Heights schools, where SDSU's partnership improved teacher retention and student achievement.

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Seminar teaches educators about getting involved within their communities

by Zita Taitano, KUAM News
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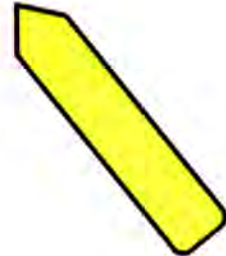
About sixty teachers and administrators from twelve Guam public schools are learning about service learning methodology. The three-day course, which began yesterday, is aimed at teaching attendees how to implement learning programs that move outside the four walls of a classroom. Roque Yamashita is the coordinator of the event and says the goal is to get teachers to get students involved in their communities through classroom academics that promote activities outside the classroom.

Yamashita told KUAM News, "It's important because we want students to be involved with community issues and that's the root of everything on Guam is that the community needs to be involved to make informed decisions about what's going on the island today."

Tomorrow will be the final day of the seminar. Schools that submit action plans implementing service learning will be awarded \$3,500 to implement their projects. Teachers attending the three-day event are also eligible for graduate school credit from the University of San Diego.

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The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice will host a panel presentation on the upcoming elections in Iraq titled "**Elections in Iraq: Ready or Not.**" The event begins at 7 p.m. tomorrow, at the institute on the University of San Diego campus, 5998 Alcala Park. Free and open to the public. Information: (619) 260-7509.



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Consumer Advocates Assail Gov.

Schwarzenegger's plan to abolish independent regulatory boards called blow to public interest. Cabinet member says citizens will have input.

By JORDAN RAU
Times Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plan to abolish the independent boards that regulate California professionals has outraged public watchdogs, who say it would eradicate years of reform that curtailed the influence of trade groups over those who oversee them.

The changes would save no taxpayer money but would give the governor complete power in setting the rules that govern doctors, nurses and most of the state's 230 professions.

In the last decade, the boards that regulate contractors, barbers, accountants and other professionals have undergone quiet transformations. Once controlled by the professions they regulated, many now are run by a majority of public members who sit alongside professionals.

Boards that are still dominated by professional members must place consumer protection as their top goal. Members are appointed to fixed terms by state leaders and cannot be fired by anyone, including the governor.

But Schwarzenegger's plan to overhaul state government, submitted late Thursday, would transfer the jobs of those boards to administration agencies such as the Department of Consumer Affairs. Many of the boards — including those that oversee physicians, dentists and nurses — had not been slated for elimination by Schwarzenegger's own expert panel, the California Performance Review.

"This is ill-advised on the part of the administration," said Julianne D'Angelo Fellmeth, administrative director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego School of Law.

"A board has to meet in public; it has to respond to public comment. The only interest in Sacramento who's not a special interest is the public interest, and that's going to be blocked out," said Fellmeth, who is currently the state-appointed monitor of the Medical Board. "We're shoving public government into a private closet where only the special interests and the trade interests will be able to go."

In his annual address to the Legislature on Wednesday, Schwarzenegger portrayed the boards as expensive and "unnecessary" and implied that they were staffed with political appointees who did little work. "No one paid by the state should make \$100,000 a year for only meeting twice a month," he said.

But out of the 88 boards and commissions Schwarzenegger targeted for abolition, only four pay six-figure salaries. The rest provide nominal fees — usually \$100 for each day worked — or no compensation beyond expenses.

Administration officials said they did not know how much, if any, money the changes would save. But because most of the regulatory boards are supported by the fees of those they license, savings would not go back to taxpayers.

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Medical Board Faces Revision or Death

As fee hikes and other changes are weighed, the governor considers scuttling the agency.

By Jordan Rau
 Times Staff Writer

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SACRAMENTO — California's system of disciplining physicians may soon face radical surgery amid concerns that complaints drag on for years before resolution and that doctors in detox programs are not carefully monitored.

As state lawmakers and outside monitors press for changes, the Medical Board of California is moving to raise physicians' licensing fees for the first time in 11 years to bolster inquiries.

The board's executive director said he planned to recommend that all his investigators be assigned to the state attorney general's office. Advocates hope that would speed the pace of investigations into serious complaints, which take an average of 2.6 years to complete.

If adopted, the changes to the medical board would amount to one of the most extensive overhauls of a California professional regulator in years.

But the fee increase — from \$600 to \$800 for a two-year license — is facing skepticism from the influential doctors' lobby and the overall reforms could be scuttled by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal to abolish the medical board altogether and give its responsibilities to his administration.

The medical board was created as part of a deal in 1975: The Legislature would limit malpractice awards for pain and suffering to \$250,000; in return, complaints against doctors would be promptly and effectively investigated.

"Clearly the promise of [that deal] has not occurred," said Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, who was appointed in 2003 as the board's enforcement monitor. Fellmeth, executive director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego School of Law, issued a report in November recommending major changes in the medical board to improve its ability to protect patients.

The board regulates the state's 91,000 doctors, who fund its enforcement activities through licensing fees. The 21-member board has a majority of 12 physicians, with the other seats going to members of the public appointed by state leaders. All serve four-year terms.

Fellmeth's report identified a number of shortcomings, including:

- Lax oversight of the diversion program, in which doctors with substance abuse problems can receive treatment confidentially without losing their licenses.

The board is supposed to make sure doctors are being screened randomly for drug use, but the monitor found that the private groups responsible for testing often scheduled them for Tuesdays and Thursdays rather than weekends — allowing the doctors to have a good idea about when they would have to provide samples.

The testers also had poor follow-through: Four out of 20 doctors who relapsed after graduating from the program were not tested for periods as long as four months.

- A lack of cooperation between board investigators and lawyers in the attorney general's office who are responsible for prosecuting the cases. A proposal in 1990 to bring prosecutors in at the beginning stages of an investigation was not enacted.
- A statewide hiring freeze that reduced the board's enforcement staff, which has not yet been replenished. The board employs 30 fewer investigators than it did 12 years ago, even though it has far more complaints.
- The failure of insurers and courts to fully and promptly report malpractice lawsuit settlements, and hospitals to report instances in which doctors were disciplined by their peers.

As part of previous efforts to improve physician regulation, those groups were mandated to report possible misconduct.

The monitor found that the board had failed to publicly disclose civil malpractice settlements it learned of, revealing settlements for only seven doctors in two years since that requirement was enacted.

- The slow pace of collecting medical records as part of investigations. It takes investigators 2 1/2 months on average to collect the records, even though doctors and hospitals are required to turn over records in 15 days.

The monitor said investigators rarely used their subpoena powers or warrantless searches that can be conducted with the consent of the patient.

Discussion about reforming the board was to begin today at a board meeting in Burbank and continue Tuesday when state Sen. Liz Figueroa (D-Fremont) holds an oversight hearing in Sacramento.

David Thornton, the board's executive director, said he agreed with most of the monitor's criticisms, many of which he said were first identified by staff.

He called the disjointed relationship between prosecutors and investigators "a territorial thing" and said he would recommend today that the investigators be assigned to the attorney general's office.

"If the investigators are no longer employed by the medical board, then they're working for the same boss" as the prosecutors, he said.

He also said that would help erase the public perception that slow investigations or those that didn't result in charges were the result of clubbiness among doctors.

Nathan Barankin, a spokesman for Atty. Gen. Bill Lockyer, said that although coordination could be improved, "the fundamental problem" was that there were not enough investigators and lawyers for all cases.

But the California Medical Assn. has successfully opposed efforts by the board to increase its fees, and Jack Lewin, the association's chief executive, said the group was not convinced that a fee increase was necessary now. "We haven't the evidence of an effective and clear understanding yet of why the fees need to be increased and what they will go for," he said.

One of the notable things about this examination of the board is that, unlike previous such efforts, it is not being sparked by crisis.

The 1975 changes that established California's modern board were motivated by rapidly escalating malpractice premiums.

Changes in the early 1990s were sparked by the board's failure to discipline Dr. Milos Klvana, who was convicted in 1989 of nine counts of first-degree murder involving eight infants and a fetus, as well as outrage over the board's action in summarily closing hundreds of cases that had not been investigated.

Outside observers say the board has made dramatic improvements since then, and both Fellmeth and Figueroa said they believed that the current leadership and staff were committed to improving its operations. Both said Schwarzenegger's plan to eliminate the board was unwise.

"I think it's really wrong to say, 'Oh, yeah, it has a lot of problems, let's get rid of it,' " Figueroa said. "The problems will still remain. They'll be larger and they'll be hidden."

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X-raying the Medical Board


Lawmakers to hear monitor's report calling for changes in oversight of California doctors.

BY WILLIAM HEISEL AND MAYRAV SAAR

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

A year-long audit of the Medical Board of California found that the agency, which is supposed to monitor doctors and protect the public, is ill-equipped to do its job.

After stories by The Orange County Register detailed the failures of the board to effectively handle doctors with histories of neglect and abuse, Gov. Gray Davis in 2002 assigned an independent enforcement monitor to investigate. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is recommending that the board be dismantled altogether. Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, the enforcement monitor, believes an overhaul of authority may be in order, including handing over investigation and disciplinary authority to the Attorney General's Office.

She will present her findings Tuesday at a legislative hearing conducted by Sen.  Figueroa, D-Fremont.

"With street crimes, you find some victims, you get some physical evidence, and you hand it off to a prosecutor," Fellmeth said. "The Medical Board cases are complex cases. There is often stalling between doctor and his employer. They shift and change and ebb and flow all the time, and it's critically important to have early participation by the deputy attorney general who's going to try the case."

One of the strongest opponents to changing the way the board operates has been Dave Thornton, the former chief of enforcement for the board and now the executive director. But Thornton has converted.

"From listening to complainants over the years, it's clear that the public thinks we are protecting our own," Thornton said. "I don't agree with that perception, but I don't think we're going to get away from it until we move our investigations out."

The Medical Board consists of 12 physicians and nine members of the public. It receives more than 9,000 complaints a year. Its staff screens them and sends about 20 percent to its investigators around the state.

Investigators winnow that number down even further before handing the cases to the Attorney General's Office. In theory, it's not so different from a city detective handing a case over to a district attorney's office.

But the difference between a simple mistake and a pattern of negligence can be buried in hundreds of pages of medical charts in hard-to-decipher medical shorthand.

Under Fellmeth's proposal, the investigators would work for the attorney general but would continue to consult with doctors. The continued involvement of doctors could be key to making the plan acceptable to senators.

"Clearly the present system has to be changed because it's being run by people who don't know how to run investigations," said Sen. Sam Anestad, R-Nevada City, one of the members of the joint committee and an oral surgeon licensed by the state's Dental Board. "I just want to keep the lawyers and the police out of the relationship between the doctor and the patient as much as possible."

For patients who have complained to the Medical Board to no avail, the fix makes sense.

"Doctors aren't the only ones who can investigate doctors. It's like saying that a priest can't do marital therapy because he's never been married," said Crystal Packard, whose father complained to the Medical Board after her mother died from complications following gastric-bypass surgery.

"It makes much more sense to have the investigators separate from the doctors. If not, they can't be expected to be without

bias," she said.

The California Medical Association, a powerful lobbying group, said the concept might leave little room for doctors to appeal and discuss disciplinary decisions they deem unfair.

"At the moment, when an investigation is roughshod, we can go to a meeting and say this is inappropriate. So there's public accountability," said Dr. Robert Hertzka, CMA president. "Bill Lockyer doesn't hold town halls."

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Analyst outlines medical board flaws

By Sandy Kleffman
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

SACRAMENTO - The board charged with disciplining bad doctors takes years to investigate complaints and gives the public only spotty information about doctors' problems or malpractice judgments, an independent monitor testified Tuesday.

The Medical Board of California also fails to adequately oversee physicians in the board's diversion program for doctors and alcohol abusers, the monitor concluded.

"The diversion program is significantly flawed," said Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, administrative director for the University of San Diego's Center for Public Interest Law.

Fellmeth outlined her findings during a legislative hearing Tuesday chaired by state Sen. Liz Figueroa, D-Fremont. She released a 294-page report late last year.

Lawmakers had Fellmeth investigate the board's enforcement program under reform legislation Figueroa sponsored two years ago.

She found that the medical board takes an average of 2.63 years to investigate complaints and much longer in many instances.

"In most of these cases, the physician remains free to continue practicing during the (investigation)," she said.

Fellmeth also said many insurance companies and court clerks fail to alert the board to malpractice judgments and settlements as required by state law.

Many hospitals also fail to report peer review panel actions against doctors.

Adequate public disclosure of such information is crucial in light of the investigation delays, Fellmeth said.

She called for deterrents against insurers that fail to provide malpractice reports and a statewide educational program for courtroom clerks.

The medical board is the state's only organization for protecting the public from physicians who deliver substandard care and endanger patients. With a \$38.5 million budget funded by physician licensing fees, it regulates nearly 91,000 doctors.

The 21-member board is made up of 12 physicians and nine public representatives.

Attempts to strengthen the board could be blocked by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal to abolish it and give its responsibilities to his administration. The board embraces many of the recommendations in Fellmeth's analysis and is taking steps to implement some, said executive officer Dave Thornton. "We think it's a fair, even-handed report," he said.

But medical board President Mitchell Karlan noted that a state hiring freeze has cost the board 19 investigators and 24 support positions in recent years.

Figueroa, while acknowledging the cuts, said she is "dismayed" the board has not addressed such issues before Fellmeth's report.

"What are you going to do in a proactive way to ensure that we're not here every two years?" Figueroa asked.

Thornton noted that the medical board is seeking its first license fee increase in 11 years to beef up its enforcement staff. That would boost fees from \$600 to \$800 for a two-year license.

In the past, the California Medical Association, which represents the state's doctors, has blocked such proposals.

"I haven't seen the case made for the fee increase," association President Dr. Robert Hertzka testified Tuesday. The association wants to know exactly how the money would be spent before backing a fee increase.

To help reduce investigative delays, Fellmeth recommended teaming medical board investigators with prosecutors from the Attorney General's Office early in investigations.

Investigators now work up their cases separately, then hand them to the prosecutor in another office who must get up to speed on the case. After the hand-off, the investigator was rarely involved in helping prepare for a hearing.

Fellmeth noted that the board spends more than \$1 million a year on its diversion program for physicians attempting to overcome drug and alcohol problems. The physicians continue providing medical care as long as they pass random drug tests, attend group meetings, undergo work-site monitoring and attend treatment programs.

But Fellmeth said most of the monitoring is inadequate. Doctors can often predict when they will have a random urine test. Positive test results are not promptly reported, and there are no standards for the work-site monitors, she said.

Her study found that the monitoring system did not detect some physicians who relapsed into substance abuse.



Medical board changes sought

HEALTH: An audit critical of the state panel that disciplines bad doctors calls for an overhaul.

11:50 PM PST on Tuesday, January 25, 2005

By JIM MILLER / Sacramento Bureau

SACRAMENTO - There will be another legislative attempt to fix the California Medical Board following testimony Tuesday about the failings at the agency charged with protecting people from bad doctors.

More people than ever are being hurt and killed without being permitted to seek the same level of financial redress allowed in other states, said enforcement monitor Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, who was contracted by legislators to audit the board's enforcement performance.

Fellmeth's report, released in November, follows years of media reports and studies exposing problems at the board.

"In our view, it is time for fundamental, structural change," said Fellmeth, administrative director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego Law School.

Her report contains more than 60 recommendations. One calls for increasing the annual \$300 doctors pay to fund the board's activities. That fee was last raised in 1994.

The state should punish insurance companies that fail to disclose doctors' malpractice lawsuit settlements, the report said.

In addition, the report advocates that the state pair board investigators with prosecutors early in investigations, something proponents said would speed up cases and improve the odds of a doctor being disciplined or convicted for negligent care.

State Sen. Liz Figueroa, D-Fremont, who leads the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection, said she plans to introduce legislation to carry out some of the report's recommendations.

She warned that the public patience with the board is wearing thin.

"The lesson of the recall, of Prop. 13 and Prop. 103 and many other examples is simple: In California, problems will get addressed. If we don't lead, others will lead," she said.

Lawmakers created the medical board in 1975 after doctors complained of skyrocketing malpractice insurance rates. The new board was supposed to enforce medical care standards among doctors.

Complaints about the new board mounted. But efforts to make major changes to the doctor discipline system failed amid opposition by the powerful California Medical Association, physicians' main lobbying arm in Sacramento.

New attempts might end differently. Tuesday, some physician members of the medical board said they embraced Fellmeth's findings.

The medical association's president, Dr. Robert Hertzka, was more circumspect. Any changes to the current system should be fair to doctors, he said, and he questioned the call for higher fees.

"It's not that they can't afford the fees, but they want some accountability," said Hertzka, a San Diego anesthesiologist. "We owe it to the physicians of the state not to write a blank check."



Audit uncovers dangerous practices

The state takes too long to investigate complaints and discipline doctors, a monitor concludes; Inland patients and their families are among those who agree.

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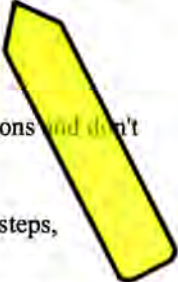
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Illustration: Complaints and disciplinary action

Some Inland families are disillusioned by how the board has handled their cases.

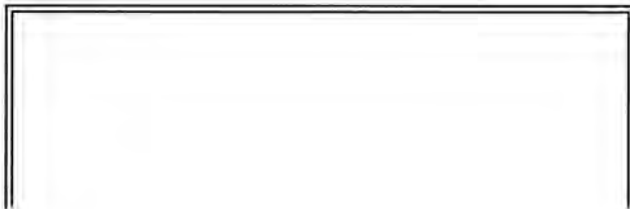
Three years have passed since Billie Ann Weiss, 76, of Lake Arrowhead, filed a complaint with the board against Dr. Lester M. Long Jr. after routine surgery turned into a medical emergency.

The doctor stitched a ligament in her abdomen to her colon, which ripped open and filled her abdominal cavity with feces, medical board records show. She went into septic shock and had to be flown to Loma Linda University Medical Center for emergency surgery. Weiss, who directs the music program at her church, spent more than a month in the hospital and was hooked to a ventilator and a feeding tube.

The board initially decided not to pursue a case against Long. Under medical board rules, a single act of simple negligence is not enough to file an accusation against a physician, board spokeswoman Candis Cohen said.

A few months after Weiss complained to the board, two more complaints arrived.

A woman lost her fetus after Long failed to order an ambulance to take her from Mountains Community Hospital in Lake Arrowhead to a Redlands hospital better equipped to provide care, board documents said.



taking the medications. The officer reported the incident to the board, Matyszewski said.

Police officers are not required to report such incidents, but many other organizations and public servants are, including coroners, insurance companies, court clerks, attorneys and hospitals. But many ignore the mandate.

"The most critical failure is by hospitals," Fellmeth said.

For example, hospitals are supposed to tell the board when they revoke a doctor's privileges or when certain restrictions are placed on the doctor's practice. Hospitals also are supposed to alert the board when a doctor resigns, takes a leave or withdraws an application to practice at the facility.

In fiscal 2003-04, the state's 521 hospitals filed 157 such reports, Fellmeth found, more than a third of them after the state already had disciplined the doctors in question.

Addicted Doctors

Some hospitals do a better job than the medical board in monitoring drug-addicted doctors, Fellmeth found.

In order to help doctors save their careers and kick their drug or alcohol habits, the state allows some to enter an addiction-diversion program secretly and orders others to do so as part of their probation.

Fellmeth, however, concluded that the program protects neither the public nor the doctors it is trying to help.

The program does not make sure doctors stay drug-free, attend group meetings or see psychotherapists. Most are allowed to practice freely without the public knowing they have an addiction.

One of the program's major failings is its drug testing, which allows physicians to figure out when they'll be tested, Fellmeth said.

Fellmeth's report says that two doctors passed the board's weekly drug testing for several months but ultimately were caught by their hospitals, where they were stealing drugs.

One doctor wasn't tested in his first three months in the program and wound up in an emergency room suffering from acute intoxication, the report said.

In six other cases, the board allowed doctors to relapse at least four times without considering kicking them out of the program.

Doctors terminated from the program aren't always referred to the board for discipline, the report said. And doctors booted out after entering the program on their own aren't reported.

Unless addicted doctors come before the board, the public never knows they have problems with drugs or alcohol.

Mistake

The medical board's inability to adequately police doctors has lasting effects on the public. It hampers patients' ability to make informed decisions when choosing doctors.



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Siani Ruiz, 2, of Moreno Valley cuddles a teddy bear while her mother, Alegria Ruiz, cuddles her. Her mother says Siani lost all but about 30 percent of the movement in her right arm because of an injury during childbirth. The doctor Ruiz is suing mistakenly sterilized a woman, state records show.

Moreno Valley physician Visith Priomprintr ran afoul of the medical board in 1998 for mistakenly sterilizing a woman who went in for exploratory surgery and possible removal of an ovarian cyst. Priomprintr admitted in a court deposition that he failed to read the woman's chart before surgery.

He settled a civil lawsuit for that error in 2000.

But the medical board didn't discipline him for the mistake until 2003.

In the interim, a family accused Priomprintr of causing their child's disability.

When Alegria Ruiz was giving birth at Moreno Valley Community Hospital, the television was on in the delivery room. The Giants were in the middle of a 16-4 rout of the Angels in Game 5 of the 2002 World Series. Ruiz said Priomprintr seemed more interested in the game than in bringing her baby into the world.

"He was delivering my child and turning his head back to watch the game," said Ruiz, 21, of Moreno Valley. She said that when she complained, the doctor told her not to worry about it and stopped watching the game.

"But then he was doing it again," she said.

Her daughter, Siani, had difficulty passing through the birth canal.

Priomprintr handled things badly, said Daniel Glazer, Ruiz's attorney.

"One of the things they're not supposed to do is pull on the head, and that's what happened to baby Ruiz," said Glazer, who filed a malpractice suit against Priomprintr in 2003. As a result, the lawsuit contends, Siani Ruiz suffered partial paralysis of her right arm.

Ruiz said her daughter, now 2, has about 30 percent use of her right arm.

A year after Siani's birth, Priomprintr was put on two years probation by the medical board - for the case involving the mistaken sterilization. He remains on staff at Moreno Valley Community Hospital. He did not return calls to his office.

Dr. George Salameh, the hospital's chief of staff, said he could not discuss details of medical cases. The hospital, he said, is diligent about dealing with complaints against physicians.

"If it's a really egregious act, they can lose their privileges," Salameh said.

The sterilized woman, Diana Brasel, now 38, said the settlement prohibits her from discussing details. But money was not her motive, she said.

"He made a huge mistake and it couldn't be ignored," Brasel said. "He needed to understand what he did was wrong. I just hope no one else had to go through anything like I did."

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BONNIE STEWART (The Press-Enterprise)

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The national Institute of Medicine estimated in 1999 that as many as 100,000 people die each year from mistakes. But it's not always as simple as bad doctors doing bad things to people, said Dr. Robert Wachter, chief of the medical service at the University of California, San Francisco and an expert on medical errors. Medicine involves human beings making judgments in a technologically complicated system of care that is fraught with opportunities for error, he said.



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Who's watching our doctors?

By: North County Times - Editorial

Our View: In the long list of important jobs that have been bungled by California's state government, none is more serious than Sacramento's failure to protect people from incompetent, drunk or drug-abusing doctors.

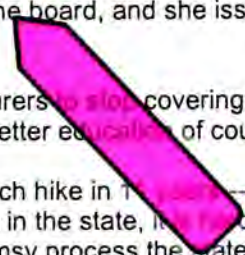
The state board created to discipline bad doctors, the Medical Board of California, takes an average of 2.63 years to investigate complaints, and doctors generally get to practice during the investigations. The board fails to adequately oversee doctors who are ordered into treatment for abusing alcohol and other drugs. Insurance companies and court clerks routinely fail to report malpractice judgments and settlements as required by state law. And hospitals do a poor job of telling the public about actions against doctors taken by peer review panels.

The foregoing litany of failure was outlined for lawmakers Tuesday by Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, administrative director for the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego. According to a story in the Contra Costa Times newspaper, Fellmeth was hired by lawmakers to investigate the board, and she issued a 294-page report last year.

The investigator had a series of good recommendations: incentives for insurers to stop covering up malpractice payouts, greater public access to findings of poor medical treatment, and better education of court clerks.

Board members want to raise the fees they get from doctors ---- the first such hike in 10 years ---- to beef up enforcement. With a \$38.5 million annual budget to monitor 91,000 doctors in the state, it is hard to know whether the board is underfunded. A better guess is that the secretive, clumsy process the state has created is fundamentally flawed and needs wholesale restructuring.

With Fellmeth's report in hand, lawmakers have no excuses and plenty of reasons to get moving.



Saturday, January 22, 2005

State could dismantle its Medical Board

Group's policing of doctors has been faulted.

By **WILLIAM HEISEL** and **MAYRAV SAAR**

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

The agency that polices doctors in California is preparing to turn in its badge.

On Tuesday, the state Senate will see a report that criticizes the Medical Board of California for being too slow to remove bad doctors and too lenient with those who are addicted to drugs. The report recommends that the board give up monitoring and disciplining doctors, a role it has clung to for over a century.

"Doctors are allowed to continue practicing and putting patients' lives in danger despite the evidence building up against them," said Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, who co-wrote the 300-page report.

The audit was published in the fall of 2002 after stories in the Orange County Register detailed the board's failures.

The board recognizes its limitations and may enact many of the recommendations, said Executive Director Dave Thornton.



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Chronology: Medical Board went through series of reforms

The Orange County Register

1876- The California Board of Medical Examiners formed.

1975 - The state legislature passes the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act to address three issues — tort reform, medical quality control, and insurance regulation. In exchange for a cap on medical malpractice damages at \$250,000, doctor lobbies accept the strengthening of doctor regulations. The Board of Medical Examiners is replaced by the Board of Medical Quality Assurance, consisting of 19 members — 12 physicians and seven public members. An enforcement division is created, the Division of Medical Quality, to oversee investigators and review quality of care cases.

1989 - The Center for Public Interest Law issues "Code Blue" report, detailing lax enforcement by the board. The California Highway Patrol launches an investigation of the board that leads to the resignation of Executive Director Ken Wagstaff.

1990 - The legislature decides to withhold half of the board's budget until it catches up on nearly 900 uninvestigated cases. It passes a major reform bill that creates a new Health Quality Enforcement Section in the Attorney General's Office and the Medical Quality Hearing Panel, a specialized panel of administrative law judges within the Office of Administrative Hearings to hear medical cases. It also increases the maximum penalty against hospitals and HMOs that fail to report disciplinary actions taken against them.

1995 - The legislature changes the necessary steps to discipline a doctor.

1997 - The legislature requires the board to put information about doctors on its Web site. The board begins a program called "Deputy in District Office" that teams deputy attorney generals with board investigators a few days each week. By July of 1998, the average time it takes to file a case drops from 134 days to 28 days from the time the attorney general's office received the case.

2000 - The Register publishes its first story about Dr. Andrew Rutland, an Anaheim gynecologist who had been sued repeatedly by patients and was then under investigation for the third time by the Medical Board.

September 2001 - The Register begins gathering documents and conducting interviews about the Medical Board, focused on Rutland and other local doctors who have been allowed to practice despite histories of deaths and patient injuries.

April 7, 2002 - The Register publishes the first in a series of articles about the board's shortcomings. The chief example is Rutland.

April 10, 2002 - Gov. Gray Davis voices support for an immediate and sweeping review of the state Medical Board.

April 12, 2002 - The Medical Board unsuccessfully attempts to persuade a judge that Rutland is a threat to patients and should have his license suspended until the board can finish its investigation.

May 1, 2002 - After hearing testimony from patients featured in the Register's stories, a joint committee of the state Assembly and Senate vote to add two new non-doctor members to the board and appoint an outside monitor to review the board's practices. The bill passes both houses and is signed by the governor in September.

May 12, 2002 - The Medical Board announces plans to reveal more about doctors' backgrounds on its Web site.

October 2003 - Enforcement monitor begins work.

Jan. 25, 2005 - Enforcement monitor presents preliminary report to the joint committee.

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Independent Audit Reveals Medical Board Problems

Kenny Goldberg

KPBS SAN DIEGO (2005-01-27) An independent audit has identified a host of problems with the Medical Board of California, the body that licenses and disciplines doctors. In response, some lawmakers want to make some changes in the board, but the governor would like to see it abolished. KPBS Reporter Kenny Goldberg has the story.

The audit finds the Medical Board takes an average of more than two-and-a-half years to complete investigations of doctors. The report also concludes the board takes too long to obtain medical records.

The board president contends a state hiring freeze has cost him 45 staff in the last three years.

University of San Diego's Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth wrote the report.

D'Angelo: Yes, the hiring freeze and the budget cuts have hampered the board's performance in some respects. But the board could also improve its performance just by being a little bit more aggressive to enforce existing laws.

Some lawmakers insist the board speed up its operations. Meanwhile, the governor wants to eliminate the board, and roll its duties into his administration. Kenny Goldberg, KPBS News.

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SACRAMENTO

Critics blast governor's reorganization plan

- John M. Hubbell, Chronicle Sacramento Bureau
Thursday, January 27, 2005

Sacramento -- Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's government reorganization plan was portrayed Wednesday by critics at a state hearing as an alarming threat to California's tradition of open government that would not improve efficiency or significantly save the state money.

Criticism of Schwarzenegger's blueprint to reform what he has derided as a bloated, byzantine bureaucracy was frequently joined by members of the Little Hoover Commission, a key state oversight agency that took testimony at a packed, daylong hearing.

The agency will advise the Legislature on whether to accept or reject the governor's broad streamlining proposal, which would fashion government into 11 large departments and eliminate 88 boards and commissions. While many are seemingly obscure, their functions touch on integral aspects of Californians' everyday lives -- from how the state disciplines its nurses to its licensing of barbers.

Environmental, labor and consumer groups that have criticized Schwarzenegger's administration for a stop-at-nothing pro-business attitude have assailed the proposed consolidations as a threat to the public welfare.

While a Little Hoover report on the governor's reform plan issued last month took a mixed view, its commissioners appeared more pointedly critical Wednesday. At one point, Commissioner Stanley Zax evoked the specter of totalitarian regimes, citing Iraq, Syria and Russia.

His remark was made to Labor Secretary Victoria Bradshaw regarding a proposed change to structures of some boards that would allow a governor to remove members at will.

But Bradshaw and other administration officials repeatedly stressed that Schwarzenegger's proposals -- many but not all of which originate from the governor's California Performance Review overhaul plan -- aimed to ferret out redundancies buried in a spaghetti of overlapping, ineffective bureaucracies. She and others depicted the result as a sluggish system in silent crisis, unable to address its derelict appointees, keep pace with duties or set a clear tone for the state's policies.

Like others, she also echoed Schwarzenegger's repeated call for the state to be run more in the manner of private industry.

Education Secretary Richard Riordan told commissioners that, by consolidating agencies as Schwarzenegger has proposed, "people will know more and more who's responsible." Under the current system, he said, "there are so many voices that no one can listen to them or understand them."

But commissioners frequently appeared unconvinced. Addressing the elimination of a body that allows state and local officials to gather to discuss emergency-response issues, chair Michael Alpert told Deputy Health and Human Services Secretary Terry Delgadillo: "It only costs \$22,000. It brings together state and local people. ... I have not heard anything from you justifying the end of this commission."

Delgadillo told Alpert that the commission in question had been created to review regulatory policies and that the state would be more efficient if functions of small, narrowly focused entities were combined by larger agencies with more direct pipelines to the governor's office.

But others said such seemingly innocuous changes could gravely threaten the public's access and monitoring of state government.

Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, administrative director for the University of San Diego's Center for Public Interest Law, warned that eliminating boards and committees that must post agendas, function in public and take

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The following legislation, which may impact physicians licensed in California, has been chaptered into law and took effect on January 1, 2005 (bills with an urgency clause take effect upon enactment). For additional information on all of these bills, please contact the Web site maintained by the Legislative Counsel of California at www.leginfo.ca.gov (click on "Bill Information").

65 years or older. Residents must first have their eligibility for the immunization determined by their physician or the medical director. Requires the facilities to obtain informed consent from residents prior to the administration of the immunizations.

Medical Care, Licensing and Enforcement

AB 30 (Richman, Chapter 573) Permits licensed healthcare facilities to print prescription forms by computerized prescription generation systems and exempts these forms from specified recordkeeping requirements. Provides that these computer-generated forms may contain the prescriber's name, category of professional licensure, license number, federal controlled substance registration number, and the date of the prescription. Deletes the inclusion of a pharmacy prescription number, license number, and federal controlled substance registration number from the prescriber's duty to keep a record of Schedule II and, as of Jan. 1, 2005, Schedule II and Schedule III prescriptions dispensed by the prescriber. Contains an urgency provision and went into effect on Sept. 18, 2004.

AB 1403 (Nunez, Chapter 367) Renames the California Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program of 2002 to the Steve M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program.

AB 1629 (Frommer, Chapter 875) Requires skilled nursing facilities to include in a resident's care assessment, the resident's projected length of stay, and discharge potential. Requires the attending physician to indicate in the assessment the needed care to assist the resident in achieving his or her preference of a return to the community. Requires the Department of Health Services to develop and implement a facility-specific rate-setting system subject to federal approval. Contains an urgency provision and went into effect on Sept. 29, 2004.

AB 1975 (Bermudez, Chapter 756) Clarifies provisions of last year's AB 236, Bermudez (Chapter 348, Statutes of 2003). Requires the board to revoke the license of any person subject to the requirement to register with the police as a sex offender on or after Jan. 1, 1947. Contains provisions authorizing a one-time petition to the Superior Court for reinstatement of a license, if revoked after Jan. 1, 1947 and prior to Jan. 1, 2005. Provides an exemption for a

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The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect healthcare consumers through the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied healthcare professions and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act.

President's Report

Last November the first of two legislatively mandated, comprehensive reports about the Medical Board's Enforcement Program was released. SB 1950 (Figueroa, Chapter 1085, Statutes of 2002) required the director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to appoint a Medical Board of California Enforcement Program Monitor. The monitor's duty is "to ... evaluate the disciplinary system and procedures of the board, making as (her) highest priority the reform and reengineering of the board's enforcement program and operations and the improvement of the overall efficiency of the board's disciplinary system." Long-time Medical Board watchdog Julie D' Angelo Fellmeth, an attorney with the Center for Public Interest Law, was hired and will issue a total of two reports; the final will be issued prior to November 1, 2005.

The first report, titled, "Initial Report, Medical Board of California, Enforcement Program Monitor," is approximately 300 pages long and contains 65 recommendations for improving the performance of the board's Enforcement and Diversion Programs. It will be the focus of a January 2005 hearing of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection, a committee of the Legislature that meets regularly to evaluate the performance of various state agencies.

The Medical Board has been unanimous in its praise of the report. As a consumer protection agency, we view the report as another opportunity to improve our Enforcement and Diversion Programs to better serve patients and healthcare consumers in this state. In fact, many of the Enforcement Monitor's recommendations came directly from board staff during her interviews, and we already have begun work on some of them. We will continue to work with her, the Legislature and other interested parties in our mutual goal of public protection.

We are particularly heartened that the Enforcement Monitor recognizes that the board must raise its \$600 biennial license renewal fee to restore the resources lost in the last few years during California's budget crisis. While it is never popular to discuss the raising of fees, they have not been increased since 1994. In the



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President of the Board*

last two years, the board has lost 43 staff people, including 19 investigator positions. A fee increase is crucial to keep apace of workload, maintain mandated reserves, and reinstate lost positions, such as our Internet crimes investigator and our Operation Safe Medicine, which was a staff of investigators dedicated solely to stopping the unlicensed practice of medicine. As a long-time member of the California Medical Association, and a past member of the CMA Board of Trustees, I hope I can count on the cooperation of the CMA, as it often and publicly states it supports a vigorous and effective Medical Board.

The monitor and her team also repeatedly recommended that the board institute a "vertical prosecution" model for the investigation of complaints. They believe Medical Board complaints are similar in complexity to white collar crimes and prosecutors of those cases have successfully used the vertical prosecution model. If the board were to adopt this model, it would more closely team its investigative staff with prosecutors from the Office of the Attorney General to achieve a seamless handling of complaints through investigation and prosecution. This model would replace the current system where complaints are investigated by board staff and then handed over to the AG's Office for possible prosecution. Last month, board staff met with representatives from the AG's Office to discuss possible implementation of this plan.

Finally, the monitor is quite concerned, as has been the board for over a decade, at the length of time it takes to investigate cases. She discusses in particular the problem investigators often have procuring medical records from physicians, and obtaining their cooperation for interviews with board staff. We will be working with the Legislature and on internal board policies to tighten the timeframes that have permitted undue delay (see article on page 3). I seek the good faith of my fellow physicians in understanding the impending changes by the Medical Board, and thereby sharing our desire for the best public protection possible.

Child Poverty in the United States

The Need for a Constitutional Amendment and a Cultural Sea Change

By **Robert C. Fellmeth**

Johnny S. was eleven years old and his homeless mother had his five-year-old sister to worry about. So she left him on a street corner in Ocean Beach, a neighborhood in San Diego. Johnny looked for his mom for four days before he was picked up by social workers. He scrounged for odd jobs and conned a restaurant manager into letting him wash dishes for three hours a night, earning just over \$135. When the social workers found him, he had every penny in his pockets. He had confined himself to just one meal at the restaurant because “Mom needs [the money].” Johnny is a bright-eyed boy with above average intelligence. However, he has a slight stoop due to a correctable bone malformation, and his teeth have painful cavities. He has not been to school for two years. He presents a microcosm of child poverty in America: a child with strong potential and admirable character but with health problems, an educational deficit, and likely relegation to group home foster care or to the streets. Regrettably, Johnny is not unique. He lives in our wealthiest state and, until gathered up, was sleeping under bushes by the beach, in the shadows of \$5 million homes.

For two decades, child poverty has been fluctuating between 10 and 20 percent of the population, with an overall upward trend. It declined somewhat during the late 1990s, and



A Colorado family rides the bus during the day to keep warm. They stay in a homeless shelter at night.

Associated Press, AP

welfare rolls fell substantially. But those hopeful signs obscure three caveats: (1) the increase appears to have resumed since 2000, and in the context of a now-limited and reduced welfare reform safety net; (2) “severe poverty,” that is, income less than half of the federal poverty line, has increased (but is not precisely measured); and (3) large numbers of children are living below or near the poverty line. This last grouping now represents 37 percent of all American children, 42 percent of its infants and toddlers, 58 percent of its African American children, and 62 percent of its Latino children. National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University, *Low Income Children in the United States—2004*, at www.nccp.org.

Child advocates are concerned

about both ends of this spectrum: the severe poverty, portending permanent damage, and the imminent creation of a large Third World underclass of intractable poverty. The latter concern is reflected in overall increasing income disparities, with the upper 1 percent of Americans now earning as much as the bottom 38 percent combined. And the concern is underlined by barriers to upward mobility driven not only by childhood poverty but by preclusive real estate and rent inflation; growing energy, gasoline, and healthcare costs; and small increases in the higher education capacity—including community college and technical training—that most will need for employment in the international economic labor niche of the United States. This effective contraction is joined by many years of tuition

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increases well above inflation. Impediments to mobility for the young include unprecedented economic solicitude for older adults and a record federal deficit for the future taxpayers who are now our children. Add to this deficit more ominous Social Security and Medicare obligations. Harvard Law School's Howell Jackson projects an obligation of more than \$30 trillion, \$100,000 for each child over the next generation. Unless policies radically change, it will double and perhaps quadruple the regressive and already substantial payroll deductions for the youth who secure employment. Child advocates increasingly decry our unique cross-generational taking. Instead of the long-standing American tradition of older adults investing in the young, which particularly represents an opportunity for the impoverished, we are burdening our children with unprecedented debts and future costs.

A Closer Look

Contrary to public perception, the parents of impoverished children are not consuming beer while watching soap operas, engaging in what some call "welfare as a way of life." Data reveal that 56 percent of these low-income families have at least one full-time working parent, 28 percent work part time, and only 16 percent are unemployed, many of whom would be willing to work if employment were available. *Id.* However, the single most striking variable underlying child poverty is single parenthood, caused by divorce and unwed births. The latter have risen over the last thirty years from below 10 percent of all births to over 30 percent. Contrary to the common view, these births are not to teenagers; the vast majority are to adult women. Paternal support for these children is minimal, with average payments amounting to less than \$35 per month per child, and almost half of that going not to families but to repay state and federal governments for welfare payments. See Children's Advocacy Institute, *California*

Ending Child Poverty

By Deborah Cutler-Ortiz

Poverty matters. It matters to families, communities, and our economy: it creates a constellation of problems, including poor health, homelessness, limited educational resources, and limited prospects for advancement. For many, employment has not been a path out of poverty. Two-thirds of poor families include at least one worker.

In the world's wealthiest and most powerful nation, nearly 13 million children (one in six) live in poverty. While per capita wealth has nearly doubled over the last thirty years, America's children have not fully benefited. In fact, the number of children living below the poverty line has increased every year since 2000.

Child poverty is neither inevitable nor unavoidable. It reflects our

nation's choices. Protecting the well-being of our children is a basic obligation that adults must embrace and public policies must promote, but the sad truth is that America tolerates persistent child poverty.

We must eliminate child poverty. We must create policies that increase the minimum wage, ensure education and training opportunities for those needing job skills, and expand a safety net system that truly provides security to those most vulnerable.

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*Children's Budget 2004-05, ch. 2, at www.caichildlaw.org/CB_2004-05/Chapter_2_2004-05.pdf. Most of these children live below the poverty line. Perhaps the most remarkable number from the U.S. Census reports is the difference between the median income of a female single head of household with two or more young children (about \$11,000 in annual income) and the median for those children in a family of a married couple (well over \$50,000). *Id.**

The conundrum for children like Johnny is the need for two incomes to support high rents and other rising costs of living. His mother is caught between the rock of child care obligations for her children—which she either provides or finds \$5,000 per year per child to finance—and the hard place of a single wage earner unlikely to net much more than her child care costs for two or more children. Current federal

policy makes the hard place harder because she is limited to sixty months of Temporary Aid to Needy Families and, even if working part time, is given no credit for those months of income where she works less than thirty-two hours. Remarkably, the Bush administration currently proposes a forty-hour minimum work week for such parents, with each month of full-time shortfall generating possible sanction, including the sixty-month lifetime cutoff.

Child poverty involves both private decisions and public disinvestment. Hence, the causes mentioned by commentators tend to turn on their respective political leanings. Conservatives cite reproductive irresponsibility, sexual license, lack of

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paternal commitment, as well as deficits and unfair burdens imposed on the young by the old, limiting their future aspirations. Liberals cite reduction of the safety net, a minimum wage that is not adjusted to inflation and has declined to below the poverty level for parents of two or more children, and education disinvestment that jeopardizes future employability for an impoverished class. Is it possible that both are correct?

According to many child advocates, the problem facing children is the truce silently in force between these traditional political antagonists. Each appears to have surrendered its agenda favorable to impoverished children in return for the surrender of the other's. Hence, popular culture now purveys with impunity the notion that single parenthood is simply a different and somehow charming choice, with those dozens of sit-com and other adult models (from Rachel on *Friends* to Roz on *Frasier*) suffering no financial repercussions, child care dilemmas, or worries. Indeed, our fantasy parents in the media often do not seem to work for a living; the rent is magically paid. No male appears to pay child support, nor does any child appear to need it. Rather, our media flood us with sexual stimulation and commendation without apparent negative childbirth consequences, replete with Cialis and Viagra ads for hours of male "hardening" while hypocritically eschewing condom ads. Child advocates contend that liberal adults have surrendered (or been overborne) in the direction of momentous public disinvestment in children, especially impoverished children, with safety net support and education opportunity suffering the largest cuts. And child advocates complain that both adult political groupings

(although purportedly deeply divided) have conspired to violate through deficits and huge obligations to the elderly the one pact always drawn in favor of children: that adults do not take from their children, but give to them.

A Search for Answers

If these complaints have merit, what is the answer? One prescription is to reverse the trade-off between private license and child disinvestment into the opposite proposition, one demanded from the body politic. The Honorable Charles D. Gill has advanced the public commitment aspect in a proposed constitutional amendment. *Essay on the Status of the American Child—2000 AD: Chattel or Constitutionally Protected Child-Citizen?* in NACC CHILDREN'S LAW MANUAL at 337 (1998). The U.S. Constitution is oriented to inhibit the coercive power of the state vis-à-vis private, individual liberties. However, the constitutions of most developed nations also interpose some affirmative obligations on the state, obligations that need not impede checks on state coercion. Similarly, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, signed and ratified by every nation except the United States and Somalia, posits some minimal affirmative obligations to our children. Such a compact may properly specify only those obligations that are clearly commended as a common floor: that our children will not be homeless, will receive adequate care and nutrition to develop healthy brains, will have minimal health coverage and educational opportunity so they may provide for themselves and their children in turn. What is the opposition to such a

constitutional amendment, spelled out with sufficient specificity to be enforceable? Is it that we, unlike our less affluent contemporaries in Europe, cannot afford it?

We reserve for our Constitution measures that may be politically unpopular but are a consensus "rule of the game" underlying our society. Although denied "suspect class" status in equal protection cases, what group is more politically impotent than impoverished children? And what commitment do we have more basic than this one?

Would support for such a formalized pledge benefit from a cultural sea change that private decisions to have children warrant the preparation and respect that the miracle of childbirth implies? That the decision includes the simple and minimal obligation of parents simply to intend a child, and of a father to provide for his children? Assume such a commitment were an acknowledged part of our culture and became as politically incorrect to transgress as would an insult to a gay person or someone dependent on a wheelchair. What would be the prospects for such a constitutional commitment, and to child investment in general, in such an altered environment?

One need not have a long conversation with Johnny to appreciate the merits of both a constitutional amendment and a cultural commitment to children.

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Marjie Lundstrom: Time for Schwarzenegger the child's advocate to step up

By Marjie Lundstrom -- Bee Columnist

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This week, as millions of dollars flow from California to help tsunami victims - many of them children - the future of California's kids remains as precarious as ever.

The nickels, quarters and seven-figure checks, destined for aid overseas, are as they should be, testament to our refusal to let geography define our humanity.

But there are problems at home, too.

One in five California children lives in poverty. More than 1 million kids are without health insurance. Low- and moderate-income kids go without affordable preschool, a predictor of long-term success. Older students are shuffled into community colleges as fees and tuition rise and university enrollments fluctuate. Now, a new RAND study shows that California's students rank near the very bottom nationally in academic achievement.

We've got troubles. Big ones.

And it was Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger who vowed in the recall race he would be the one to champion our children. It was Schwarzenegger, backer of a ballot measure to finance after-school programs for inner-city kids, who accepted an award in 2003 as Children's Advocate of the Year.

And so, as the Republican governor gave his second State of the State address Wednesday - and prepares to release his budget proposal Monday - it is time to ask:

What will he do for California's children, who lack a battalion of powerful lobbyists? How will the governor fulfill his promise to stand up to special interests, give kids high priority and make sure every child is insured?

The outlook, says one prominent children's advocate, is grim.

"From the child's perspective, Schwarzenegger is basically the worst of all possible worlds," says Robert Fellmeth, a law professor and director of the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law.

Fellmeth, who has tracked federal and state budgets for more than a decade (and is a registered Republican), believes Schwarzenegger is "so politically correct" he has sided with liberals in not pushing personal responsibility among unwed mothers, for instance. But he



has also stood firm with conservatives in opposing no new taxes, no matter what. "He's with the fanatics on both ends of the spectrum that hurt children," Fellmeth says.

In his speech Wednesday, Schwarzenegger offered few details on how children would fare in his new spending plan. But the governor did call for a special legislative session on four key areas of reform, among them education.

"Your child deserves a good teacher," he said pointedly, proposing that teacher pay be tied to merit, a plan sure to stir up the powerful California Teachers Association.

What Schwarzenegger didn't mention was children's health care or preschool, though some advocates remain hopeful - especially given his repeated denunciation of "special interests."

"Children are not a special interest, and the public does want children to have health insurance and good schools," said Ted Lempert, president of Oakland-based Children Now. "But those are things you need to pay for."

Lempert, a former assemblyman from Redwood City, believes that insuring all of California's children is "not pie in the sky" - even in these tough budgetary times.

Children Now is part of a coalition that announced a campaign last month to press for health insurance for all California kids. Yes, it could cost the state an additional \$200 million to \$300 million a year - but California would double its investment in federal matching money. Some families could help defray state costs with higher premiums, based on income. Or, employers could opt into the government program.

This could be among the touchiest areas for the governor. In late 2003, Schwarzenegger - who praised the Healthy Families program during his campaign - stunned many by announcing plans to cap enrollment in the rapidly growing program, which provides low-cost health insurance for low-and moderate-income children. The governor eventually backed off, though no one is sure where he is headed now.

But in pressing Wednesday for education reform, Schwarzenegger did say:

"This is the battle of the special interests versus the children's interests. Which will you choose?"

Which will he? We know what we heard in his campaign speeches.

For our children's sake, it's time he delivers.

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Plan to reduce state boards assailed

Consumer protections are at great risk, critics contend.

By Gary Delsohn -- Bee Capitol Bureau
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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration insisted Thursday that his plan to abolish nearly 100 California regulatory boards and commissions would bolster consumer protection, but consumer activists called the claim preposterous.

Included on Schwarzenegger's hit list are boards that license and regulate doctors and nurses, set rules for accountants, administer seismic safety regulations, promote recycling and oversee building contractors, architects and engineers.

Opponents complained that eliminating the boards and commissions saves little taxpayer money, reduces independent oversight and adds to secrecy in government by shifting regulatory roles to existing state agencies not subject to open-meetings laws.

"He's framing this as the people versus the special interests," said Robert Fellmeth, executive director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego.

"He ain't no representative of the people. This is a power grab cynically masquerading as an efficiency ... reform."

Jaime Court of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, a Santa Monica-based group that has repeatedly taken aim at Schwarzenegger's pro-business policies, was even more critical.

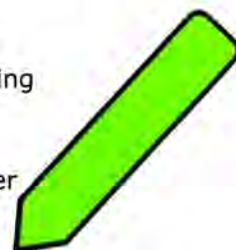
"This proposal is so far removed from understanding the day-to-day reality of how professional boards protect the public that it is worthy of a Hollywood amateur living in La La Land among fake sets," Court said.

He called Schwarzenegger's proposal, which is subject to legislative approval, "the greatest threat we've ever faced to consumer protection in California."

Fred Aguiar, a former legislator who's now Schwarzenegger's secretary of state and consumer services, defended the boards and commissions proposal in a telephone conference call with reporters.

Aguiar said the work and some of the staff for about three dozen of the boards and commissions slated for abolition would be shifted to his agency.

"We firmly believe there will be more accountability, more direct responsibility," Aguiar said,



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KEVIN YAMAMURA: Schwarzenegger invokes Reagan with familiar phrase

By THE SACRAMENTO BEE

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Quote of the week

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The Buzz: Echoes of Reagan in governor's big speech

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Weighing 'zero tolerance'

STRICT WEAPONS PENALTIES LIMIT SCHOOLS' DISCRETION

By Larry Slonaker and Maya Suryaraman
Mercury News

In this post-Columbine time, when school districts say they have "zero tolerance" for weapons, students and parents often are shocked to find the policy can mean just that -- no tolerance at all for any transgression, no matter how trivial it might seem.

That reportedly was the experience of a Cupertino High School soccer player recently, when the district suspended him from school for -- according to his father -- having a pocketknife in his clothing outside a school dance.

Present-day enforcement of zero-tolerance policies "is absurd," said Gary Redenbacher of the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law. "School officials have completely abdicated their discretion."

But many administrators and district trustees maintain that, between the law and the community's demands for safe schools, they don't have a lot of discretion left.

"Over the past 15 years, the loud voice from communities is to clean up schools," said Steve Rowley, superintendent of Fremont Union High School District, to which Cupertino High belongs.

Zero-tolerance policies started spreading across the nation in 1994, after the federal government passed a law requiring expulsion of any student who brought a firearm to school. Now, at least nine in 10 U.S. public schools report zero-tolerance policies for weapons, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

"Years ago the perception was that schools were a safe place for our children," said Ronald Stephens, executive director of the National School Safety Center. "Not anymore."

Part of the controversy around the policies arises from the secrecy in which they are enforced. Confidentiality laws prohibit school officials from discussing individual cases. So when a complaint arises, the public usually only hears one side -- the student's.

Friends protested

For example, few people would have learned of the case of the Cupertino student, Miguel Tanton, had supporters of the soccer prodigy not protested.

According to Miguel's father, Steve Tanton, the teen's actions were innocent. He said Miguel, 15, walked to the school on the night of Nov. 10, when a dance was being held. Miguel was nervous about walking there through a dark alley, Tanton said, so he carried the weapon -- a pocketknife with a 3 1/2-inch locking blade.

School officials learned he had the knife -- which, because of its locking blade, would be prohibited by the state education code, as well as district policy. As a result, he was suspended from school.

The district's weapons policy should be no secret to students, Deputy Superintendent Polly Bove said. School officials tour classrooms every year to explain the rules. Also, students are required to sign a form stating that they know the district's weapons policy, she said.

Although district officials won't confirm it, administrators apparently recommended that Miguel be expelled.

At the regular board meeting of Fremont Union trustees last week, expulsions for five students were considered. Tanton said Miguel was one of those five. According to minutes of the meeting, all five students were expelled.

Short expulsion

Tanton said a district official contacted him after the meeting and said Miguel could return to school Monday, the first day of the second semester. Tanton on Friday confirmed that Miguel was expelled -- but only for the duration of the first semester, after the dance incident.

Tanton portrayed the punishment as wildly excessive. His son has been a solid citizen at the school, as well as a highly promising athlete, he said. Some students and community members have spoken out in his defense.

But to veterans of the education system's discipline process, the result in this case was predictable. In fact, some wondered, based on initial reports, if Miguel would receive more lenient treatment because he is a star athlete.

Laura Johnson's son was expelled from Lincoln High School in San Jose for two semesters for having a knife at school. Johnson said her son had forgotten he'd put it in his backpack during a hiking trip. Comparing Miguel's situation to her son's, she said, the punishment "did not fit the so-called crime."

But she questioned whether Miguel is getting a break because he excels at a sport. "I don't want him to go through what my son went through, but I don't want him to get off because he's a soccer star, either."

Such sentiments make administrators all the more reluctant to exercise a lot of discretion. "We always did our best to be even-handed, across the board" said Carol Myers, former trustee at San Jose Unified. "We didn't want to sit there and play guessing games about, 'Is this kid more dangerous than that kid?'"

There are differences of opinion as to how much flexibility administrators and trustees really have. Redenbacher complained that school officials, in their efforts to be even-handed, are shirking their responsibility to weigh each case individually.

"There's such a clear difference between, for example, a kid who brings a gun to school, and one who just made a mistake, and obviously isn't a danger to anybody."

Some districts do exercise more flexibility than others -- especially in the early stages of an offense, before it reaches the board. "We've had kids who brought knives to school who were straight-A students, not gang-affiliated, that we didn't find to have the potential for trouble," said Michael Carr, director of student services at San Jose Unified School District. "We try to be kind. We do not expel students who have no history of trouble."

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Restaurants have accounting trouble with leases

Some blame auditor KPMG

By Elliot Blair Smith
USA TODAY

Buried in Krispy Kreme's disclosure that it will have to restate 2004 financial results is the hint of another accounting problem.

The doughnut maker said Tuesday that for years it probably miscalculated store lease-related expenses, raising the likelihood that more earnings adjustments are coming.

Already famous for serving in-

vestors a big financial hole last year, Krispy Kreme's latest warning highlights broad concerns with how the restaurant industry accounts for lease-related expenses. The effect has been to puff up near-term earnings results without any change in company cash flows.

Since late November, five restaurant companies have acknowledged understating their lease expenses as far back as the late 1990s in amounts that total about \$237 million. Dozens of restaurant companies have not publicly addressed the issue, but Krispy Kreme said the disclosures prompted the company's own review, now underway.

The revelations come at a time when public corporations are im-

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plementing the latest phase of the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley corporate governance law. That law requires managers to tighten internal controls over their financial reports.

In the aftermath of several major business accounting and ethics scandals, University of San Diego law professor Frank Partnoy says that responsibility-taking proviso of Congress' sweeping reform effort "has been the 800-pound gorilla lurking for many companies."

He adds, "It should give investors pause that accounting statements were even less accurate before

than anyone imagined."

A California fast-food chain, CKE Restaurants, prompted industry reviews with its disclosure in November that it would restate financial results for fiscal years 2002-04.

CKE Chief Financial Officer Theodore Abajian said an internal analysis raised doubts about the industry practice of expensing real estate leases under different time lines than the stores atop them.

The company discovered it had improperly deferred some rent liabilities and understated depreciation expenses in addition to making several other small accounting mistakes. Total damages: \$43.4 million.

CKE complained that its auditor, KPMG, never caught the errors. Yet

Paying the rent

Restaurant chains restating financial results because they understated lease-related expenses:

Increased expenses (in millions)	
Avado Brands	\$14-\$16
Brinker International	\$20.7
CKE Restaurants	\$43.4
Darden Restaurants	\$120
Jack in the Box	\$38.8

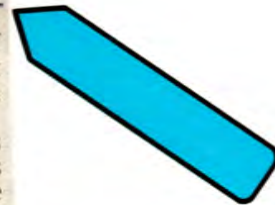
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several competitors — all of them KPMG clients — quickly followed with restatements: Brinker International, Darden Restaurants and Jack in the Box as well as Avado Brands, a former KPMG client.

KPMG spokesman Tom Fitzgerald said, "This adjustment involves an isolated number of companies in one industry." He had no comment on the auditor's responsibility. Krispy Kreme's auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, did not comment.

Jack Ciesielski of The Analyst's Accounting Observer says the misstatements do not appear to have been intentional and the financial effects only minimal. "I think it was just a bad policy," he says.

Glass Lewis corporate-governance specialist Lynn Turner says the restatements "raise questions" about the companies' financial expertise and raises concerns "about the performance and supervision of the KPMG audits, in our opinion."



Making Nice on Vice

■ Tijuana, working to spruce up its image, wanted hookers off the streets. But *las paraditas* stood their ground, and the city compromised.

By RICHARD MAROSI
Times Staff Writer

TIJUANA — Outside the El Burro Bar, Monica and Juana saw the seedy landscape of this border city's red-light district gradually take on a new look with swaying palm trees, pastel-painted hotels and fancy lamp-posts.

Then city inspectors ordered Monica and Juana and all the other prostitutes off the streets and inside the smoky bars and hotels. The new sidewalks, the inspectors said, were for tourists, not the dozens of hookers who crowd the doorways and sidewalks of Callejon Coahuila.

The women — called *las paraditas*, or “the little ones who stand” — rebelled, triggering a classic only-in-Tijuana civic battle that pitted community leaders against the city's storied and stubborn tradition of vice.

In September, their faces covered with blue handkerchiefs, about 200 prostitutes gathered in La Coahuila, as the red-light district is known, and twice marched across the city in a show of civil disobedience that culminated with a threat to strip on the steps of City Hall. City officials backed down and offered a compromise.

It was a fittingly raucous standoff for a city trying to impose order in the area that helped give birth to its unruly reputation. Try as it might, Tijuana's efforts to create a new image reflecting its transformation into a thriving arts center and Mexico's land of opportunity inevitably collide with its colorful, often seedy past.

The drama “had all the elements: sex, hookers, police, La Coahuila, johns,” said Victor Clark Alfaro, director of Tijuana's Binational Center for Human Rights.

Today, the *paraditas* remain outside the El Burro Bar, the Eduardo Hotel and the Miami Bar, a streetwalking tradition that has drawn American men south of the border for generations.

“I want to stay standing where I've always been,” said red-haired, 44-year-old Monica, smoking a cigarette outside the El Burro, “so I can keep providing for my children.”

Monica, who favors plunging necklines and spaghetti-strap high heels that lace her calves in red, is well aware of her place in [See Hookers, Page A12]

[Hookers, from Page A1]
society.

“Yo soy una mujer pecadora,” she said. I am a woman who sins.

But her earnings from hundreds of \$20 sessions at the Najera Hotel, she said, helped build her home: a shack made of garage doors discarded from suburban American houses.

She keeps her earnings locked in a jewelry box under her bed.

Monica's forceful defense of her way of life helped her emerge as one of the uprising's leaders, and she became a familiar voice on local talk radio.

Prostitution is legal in Tijuana, but it is largely confined to the three-block red-light district that locals also call the “zone of tolerance.”

Prostitution is permitted in most of Mexico, though a few states may have passed legislation against it, according to University of San Diego law professor Jorge Vargas. (Tijuana sex workers are required to have monthly medical checkups. If they don't, they can be fined.)

About 1,200 prostitutes from all over Mexico work in La Coahuila, making it a sex tourist destination that ranks in popularity with Amsterdam and Bangkok, said Melissa Farley, a researcher with Prostitution Research and Education, a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization.

Masseuses, dance girls and high-priced strippers work inside dozens of clubs. Outside, *paraditas* lean against the grimy tile walls of bars and restaurants. Callejon Coahuila, or Coahuila Alley, is *paradita* central, the pulse of this Mexican sin city.

The 150-yard stretch of strip clubs, taco stands and beauty-supply stores is an outdoor bazaar filled with loudmouthed barkers, whistling drug dealers and bell-ringing ice cream vendors. The hookers wear school-girl outfits, shimmering mini-dresses, see-through jumpsuits. A wink and a whispered exchange with a prospective customer seals the deal.

Most of the *paraditas* are single mothers who say they can't support their families with factory jobs that, while plentiful in booming Tijuana, pay only \$1.50 per hour.

Outside the El Burro Bar, Juana, a 42-year-old with shiny black hair, said she ended up here eight years ago after unsuccessfully trying to cross into the U.S. with her three children.

Marta, a tall, brown-haired 42-year-old mother of six, starts working at 5 a.m. She said business is good at that hour because drunk men come stumbling out of bars looking for sex.

Susanna, a 26-year-old former mortician's assistant, leads men up a narrow staircase to a tidy room above the El Burro, where she points with pride to a collection of stuffed monkey dolls piled on a chair.

They are gifts from her 5-year-old son. He doesn't know his mother is a prostitute who

Connerly leaving UC board, but he's still battling preferences

By Eleanor Yang
STAFF WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO — Ward Connerly, the leader of the campaign that dismantled affirmative action in the state's public agencies, is finishing his 12-year term as a University of California regent.

But don't expect him to give up his fight against racial preferences.

Even at Connerly's last UC regents meeting this week, he ensured that the board discussed controversial research purporting to show the ill effects of affirmative action in law school admissions.

Upon leaving the board, Connerly, 65, said he plans to redouble efforts to pass state ballot initiatives across the country banning the use of racial and gender preferences in university admissions and government hiring. In addition to California, Connerly has worked on campaigns in Washington and Michigan. He says the next stop is Arizona, then maybe Nebraska.

"What I'm trying to do is get a sufficient number of important states so that we effectively negate the cowardice of politicians and cowardice of the courts," he said.



Ward
Connerly

Connerly, who started his term as a UC regent as a little-known Sacramento businessman, has seen his time on the board defined by controversy.

"Many of the regents see their positions as stewards of higher education in California," political consultant Dan Schnur said. "Ward Connerly sees his role as a reformer and an advocate."

So why has Connerly spent much of the past 10 years fighting racial preferences across the country?

"No. 1, the whole issue of race is something most black people are keenly attuned to," said Connerly, who is of black, white and American In-

dian descent. Second, he finds discrimination against anyone based on skin color "morally repugnant."

Connerly says his interest in affirmative action was piqued in 1994, when he was asked to meet with a white La Jolla couple, Jerry and Ellen Cook, to discuss why their son had been rejected by several UC medical schools despite being more academically qualified than minority applicants.

"That was wrong," Connerly said. "I felt it was a lawsuit waiting to happen."

His passion on the issue eventually led the UC regents to engage in a heated debate on whether to stop considering race or gender in college admissions. In a tense meeting in July 1995, interrupted by a bomb threat and protests led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, regents voted 14-10 to stop considering applicants' race or gender.

Now, nearly 10 years later, the number of minority students within the UC system has dipped.

In 1995, blacks, Latinos and American Indians constituted 21 percent of UC freshman enrollments. Last year, they accounted for 18.4 percent of freshmen at the system's eight undergraduate campuses.

"There's been a devastating impact," said Andrea Guerrero, a San Diego immigration attorney who has written a book on how the end of affirmative action has affected those at UC Berkeley's law school.

"Ward Connerly pointed out that affirmative action was a Band-Aid, and not a fundamental fix," Guerrero said. "He removed the Band-Aid, but he did not address the wound."

Connerly remains convinced that the UC system is better off.

"Affirmative action was the wrong tool," he said. "If we're really concerned about low-income black people, help them. . . . I'm not to blame for

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UC regent was 'very good at framing issues'

the low numbers. It's the (kindergarten-through-12th-grade) system, it's the families, and it's the students."

After the UC regents' vote, Connerly was asked to chair the campaign for Proposition 209, the 1996 state ballot initiative that barred consideration of race or gender in public hiring, contracting and education.

Connerly has been credited with reinvigorating what was a lagging campaign. Gail Heriot, a University of San Diego law professor who co-chaired the campaign for Proposition 209, said she believes the ballot ini-

tiative wouldn't have passed when it did without Connerly.

"When he speaks, people want to listen, and often they are inspired," Heriot said. "I didn't mind working 72 hours without sleep when I was working with Ward."

Those who have worked opposite Connerly on political campaigns describe him as a brilliant strategist.

"He was very good at framing the issues tactically in a way that immediately forced opponents to be on the defensive," said Edward Lee, who worked against Proposition 209 and is an administrative director of Californians for Justice.

While he's often called a conservative activist, Connerly's positions on social issues are across the board. As a regent, he has voted in favor of granting benefits for domestic partners and has opposed rais-

ing student fees.

While groups of students and activists have routinely berated Connerly at regents meetings and called for his removal from the board, colleagues note that he has partnered with student regents and supported programs that are aimed at increasing opportunity for lower socioeconomic students.

"He's been an ally on many student issues," student regent Jodi Anderson said.

The past several months haven't been as successful for Connerly. His campaign to pass a state initiative to ban government agencies from collecting racial data was defeated in November.

Similarly, fellow regents rejected his proposal in Novem-

ber to create a multiracial box for students to check on applications. Connerly, who considered the multiracial box a way of more accurately reflecting the applicant pool, called its rejection his biggest disappointment on the board.

But Connerly hasn't given up, and he fully intends to continue his fight after he leaves the board.

"You don't have to be a public official to have an influence," he said. "Once you obtain some sort of position in life where you become visible, you can advance your beliefs. Ordinary citizens can do a lot of things in this country, just because you step out."

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First Star, UF Law School to Establish "Multidisciplinary Center of Excellence" for Child Advocacy

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 31, 2005--First Star announced today that the University of Florida Levin College of Law will join the University of San Diego School of Law as a collaborative partner in establishing the First Star Multidisciplinary Centers of Excellence (MCEs). The MCEs will teach child advocacy to the entire range of professionals responsible for the welfare of abused and neglected children across the United States, such as lawyers, judges, doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers and police officers.

"Children in the foster care and child protective services systems meet and interact with a sea of faces, all working to bring about a happy ending," says Peter Samuelson, cofounder and president of First Star. "But without understanding the multidisciplinary nature of abuse cases, these professionals are often at odds, engaging in senseless turf battles. The First Star MCE curriculum is designed to level the playing field so that the ultimate victor is truly the child."

First Star and its university partners are working to raise funds to endow the MCE program at University of Florida and the University of San Diego. The goal for each site is an initial \$2 million. First Star is committed to bringing best practices to child welfare in America through the enhancement of laws that affect abused or neglected children and the systems that support them. First Star's emphasis on "highest and best" practices and better outcomes directly benefits children in child protective services, family courts and foster care systems across the United States and plants the seeds for long-term change in the way our society treats children.

At the University of Florida, the First Star MCE will be administered through the Center on Children and Families, one of the fastest-growing programs at the Levin College of Law. The Center offers the Certificate in Family Law, which allows students to work with children through the law school's Child Welfare Clinic, the "Gator TeamChild" juvenile law clinic, family law externships, and fellowships that enable students to work on Friend of the Court briefs in cases related to children's welfare.

"Our mission is to make sure the interest of the child isn't lost in the workings of the legal system," said Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, director of the center. "When children become involved in the courts, they come into contact with a number of different agencies, each with a different goal. It's not uncommon for a single child to testify in a divorce case, a domestic abuse case, and a child abuse case. Our goal is to make sure each case is built around the needs of the child."

First Star is also working to establish Multidisciplinary Centers of Excellence at the University of San Diego School of Law and Columbia Law School. Each institution would serve as a regional center for teaching child advocacy to judges, doctors, lawyers, social workers and others in the child protective system.

"We are gratified to be one of only three schools in the nation - with the other two being Columbia and the University of San Diego - to be chosen as a site for a First Star Multidisciplinary Center of Excellence," said Levin College of Law Dean Robert Jerry. "This is a tribute to the strength of this program, which with help from faculty members such as Barbara Woodhouse has become a national leader in children's advocacy issues."

Based in Washington D.C., First Star (www.firststar.org) is the preeminent national 501c3 organization dedicated to improving life for America's most vulnerable children. First Star's strategic approach incorporates four programs that work in tandem toward positive outcomes for victims of abuse and neglect: Research, Education, Public Policy and Public Awareness. With its emphasis on a multidisciplinary approach, First Star acts as a catalyst for long-term advancements in the prevention of child abuse, maltreatment, and neglect. First Star is a pro bono project of Sullivan & Worcester LLP (www.sandw.com).

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
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
New Program in Levin School of Law

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The Levin School of Law at the University of Florida is one of only schools around the country to be a part of a new child advocacy program. An organization called First Star plans to establish an interdisciplinary center for law students planning to deal with children. UF Professor of Family Law Barbara Woodhouse says UF was one of the first universities considered for the program. Woodhouse says the program will allow Levin School of Law to work with the other two schools chosen for the program, Columbia and the University of San Diego. Woodhouse says the program will help lawyers to work with children with abuse and neglect. There is already a certificate program in law school that allows students to learn family law. This new program will provide an improved curriculum. The program is expected to start within a few years.

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Corduroy takes on a new direction

By Amanda Daniels

UNION-TRIBUNE COMMUNITY NEWS WRITER

January 26, 2005

RANCHO SANTA FE – Late night conversation between close friends often turns to odd topics. Corduroy was a regular subject for Chris Lindland.

"Do the ridges on pants have to run vertical?" he would ask his buddy, Enrique Landa, who finally challenged him to make a pair with ridges that flowed horizontally.

The result is Lindland's Cordarounds, a new clothing company started by two entrepreneurs who grew up in Rancho Santa Fe.

Lindland, 32, and Landa, 26, now live in San Francisco, but members of their families can be found wearing Cordarounds around the community.

Both of their fathers have pairs, although the pants are more popular with younger generations, Lindland said.

Landa's brother, Fernando, a first-year law student at the University of San Diego, said he owns three pairs, which attract attention on campus.

"People are very interested in them," Fernando Landa said.

At the bottom of the left leg is an eye-catching red tab that indicates the pants are Cordarounds. Students usually spot that first, Fernando Landa said. Then they notice the pants are sewn so that the cords wrap around the leg.

Fernando Landa's favorite pair is dark green with an orange-and-red lining in the pockets and on the waistband.

The duo began offering four color combinations online a few weeks ago.

Throughout last year, they experimented with prototypes and gave many away. They hunted for fabric, thread and buttons and learned sewing terms, as well as how to handle corduroy. They pre-wash all their material themselves.

"It looks like shiny burlap before," Landa said of the corduroy. "Once you wash it, it becomes this soft, fantastic fabric that you know."

So far, the pants only come in men's sizes. They sell for \$88. But the first pair Lindland made cost him \$250, plus his favorite pair of pants.

After Landa challenged him, Lindland found a seamstress and brought her an example of what he wanted. She disassembled his pants beyond recognition.

"He lost his favorite pair and got this funky pair," Landa said.



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 Fernando Landa of Rancho Santa Fe is helping his father, who lives in San Francisco, market pants called Cordarounds.

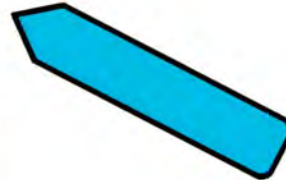
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Philip Pesin Joins Cornerstone BioPharma, Inc. Board of Directors

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CARY, N.C., Feb. 3 /PRNewswire/ -- Cornerstone BioPharma, Inc., the Triangle based specialty pharmaceutical company focused in the pain, wound healing, and respiratory markets, today announced Philip Pesin has joined the company's board of directors. Pesin has extensive experience working with growth companies in relation to mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, partnerships, and private equity.

"As a board member I look forward to supporting the growth of Cornerstone BioPharma through the commercialization of technology and strategic alliances," said Pesin. "I'm excited about the opportunity to be involved with a top notch management team at a company with such significant possibilities."

Pesin is the founding partner of the California based law firm, Pesin & Blatz, which focuses on corporate mergers, acquisition, dispositions and joint ventures for both public and private companies. He also founded The Sorrento Financial Group, a financial services company specializing in private equity, wealth management and business consulting.

Pesin will join Jim Baker, President and CEO of Atlantic Search Group, Inc., and Cornerstone Founder and CEO, Craig Collard on the Board of Directors.

"We are pleased to welcome Phil to the Cornerstone Board of Directors," said Collard. "His experience along with his outstanding experience in the areas of corporate strategy, mergers and acquisitions, and private equity will make him an invaluable member of the Cornerstone Team."

Pesin currently sits on the board of directors of several companies and acts as a strategic advisor in relation to mergers, acquisitions, and corporate reorganizations. He is a licensed attorney in both California and the District of Columbia and holds a Master of Law degree from The Georgetown University Law Center, a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from The University of Arizona. In addition, he holds an NASD series 65 license and has a CPA license from the State of California.

ABOUT CORNERSTONE BIOPHARMA, INC.

Cornerstone BioPharma, Inc., located next to North Carolina's Research Triangle Park, is an emerging specialty pharmaceutical company that is currently focused on the development and commercialization of niche prescription medications in the pain, anti-infective, and respiratory markets. The privately held company owns the rights to a pain product line, three respiratory product lines, and co-promotes the Suprax(R) antibiotic. Cornerstone is actively engaged in the licensing of additional prescription products in niche markets through acquisitions and strategic partnerships.

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- John "Jed" Nicholson has been made a partner at Adamski Moroski Madden & Green LLP. Nicholson joined the San Luis Obispo law firm in 2001 and has practiced law in the county since 1999.

Nicholson is a graduate of Georgetown University and received a law degree from the University of San Diego. Nicholson serves on the local board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters and lives in San Luis Obispo with his wife and children.

Adamski Moroski Madden & Green was established in 2001 and has eight practicing attorneys.

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Time of change in Eastern Europe — 16 programs, 8 countries

As one of the most frequently visited parts of the world, Eastern Europe is home to some of the world's oldest legal systems. Yet, as many of the countries emerge from the shadow of the old Soviet empire, re-establishment of independent legal systems has become a priority.

Eastern Europe and the nations of the former Soviet Union are home to nearly 400 million people. Several of the countries in this part of the world are members of the European Union, which is gaining political and economic power. But even nations that are not, such as Turkey, have revised and even eliminated oppressive laws to make themselves more appealing for future membership. Many of the classes are designed to examine the European Union and the legal changes that its growing influence is forcing.

Several of the countries students are able to visit, including Croatia, Russia and the Czech Republic, have communist pasts that have led to discrepancies with the law. This makes Eastern Europe an historic, intellectual and fascinating place to study international law.

Where are the programs?

With one summer program, students traveling to the Czech Republic will attend courses at the oldest university in Eastern Europe — Charles University in Prague, founded in 1348.

William Mitchell College and South Texas College host a four-credit program in Istanbul, the only city on two continents. Students will take courses at Bahcesehir University with Turkish students. Students traveling with one of four programs headed to Russia will have the option of staying within Moscow, as three programs do, or heading to the port city of St. Petersburg.

Two trips are offered to Hungary — both based in Budapest, but Loyola University New Orleans program partners with the Budapest's Eotvos Lorand University School of Law to give travelers a first-hand look at the country's evolving legal system, as it becomes a member of the European Union.

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What are some of the courses?

If you're up for something interesting beyond basic international comparative law, there are a number of course choices to suit your needs. They include:

1. Intl. crime and punishment: Prague, Czech Republic, University of San Francisco
2. Law of the European Union: Cracow, Poland, Catholic University
3. The Russian-American legal relationship: Moscow, Cleveland St., U. of Arkansas, U. of Pacific
4. Real estate acquisition and ownership in Central and Eastern Europe: Dubrovnik, Croatia, Indiana University
5. Central European legal systems in transition: Budapest, Hungary, Loyola New Orleans
6. International negotiations: Moscow, University of San Diego

Who teaches the classes?

Although classes are primarily taught by university faculty and legal experts, some celebrities will be instructing students this summer. Prof. Nina Vajic, the Croatian justice on the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, will teach students from Indiana University's transitional European law program.

What is there to do after class?

Several of the study abroad programs feature field trips to historic or tourist sites, and some offer students the opportunity to explore areas on their own.

Catholic University of America's program in Cracow, Poland will take students to the infamous

Auschwitz concentration camp. The program also allow students to visit the mountain village of Zakopane. Students visiting the Republic with the New England School of Law, South Texas College of Law, California Western School of Law and William Mitchell College of Law's joint program have the option of taking a field trip to the Terezin concentration camp, northwest of Prague.

Stetson University's program takes students to Estonia, and offers trips to Parliament and local law firms. University of San Diego students will be able to tour the Constitutional Court, the Kremlin and

Petrodurets of Tsarkoe Tselo during their trip to Moscow, Russia.

What is it like during the summer?

Depending on the country you choose to visit, you will need to pack your summer attire accordingly. The average temperature in Russia through the summer months is in the high 50s to lower 60s, but it rains an average of nearly twice a week. Visitors to most of Eastern Europe will find temperatures during the summer mild. Most countries — Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary to name a few — see temperatures in the 60s, and rain at least once a week.

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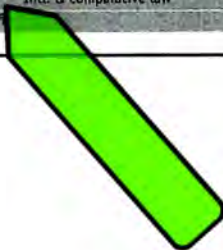
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	Prague	U. of San Francisco	International law	6/28-8/3	4/1	up to 6	\$2,700/4 cc.	\$600	64
ESTONIA	Tallinn	Stetson Univ.	Business in emerging markets & transitional democracies	7/18-8/12	4/1	4	\$2,768	\$650, no meals	
HUNGARY	Budapest	Loyola New Orleans	Comparative law	6/19-7/2	5/15	up to 3	\$1,075	Approx. \$3,000	53
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POLAND	Cracow	Catholic Univ.	Intl. business & trade law	6/18-7/30	3/18	5 to 7	\$580	\$794-\$1740	62
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1	ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY	TX	227	90	48	42
2	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	FL	391	81	34	47
3	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	FL	416	63	31	32
4	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY	CA	420	55	22	33
5	GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	DC	482	50	21	29
6	SAINT THOMAS UNIVERSITY	FL	155	47	19	28
7	SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW	TX	362	43	25	18
8	NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	FL	269	41	20	21
9	THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	TX	478	38	19	19
10	TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	TX	163	35	22	13
11	UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA HASTINGS COLL. OF LAW	CA	391	33	14	19
12	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	DC	624	33	16	17
13	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	NY	457	33	15	18
14	FORDHAM UNIVERSITY	NY	457	32	12	20
15	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-UNIVERSITY PARK	TX	333	32	15	17
16	STANFORD UNIVERSITY	CA	184	32	17	15
17	DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	IL	378	31	13	18
18	NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL	NY	402	31	16	15
19	DUKE UNIVERSITY	NC	287	31	18	13
20	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	DC	464	29	14	15
21	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEWARK	NJ	221	28	15	13
22	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	MA	292	26	14	12
23	UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-MAIN CAMPUS	NM	111	26	9	17
24	THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL	MI	401	25	18	7
25	ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY-MAIN CAMPUS	AZ	151	24	16	8
26	CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW	CA	209	24	12	12
27	UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO	CA	331	24	12	12
28	JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL	IL	320	24	10	14
29	SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY	CA	264	22	7	15
30	SETON HALL UNIVERSITY	NJ	304	22	12	10
31	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON	WI	291	22	13	9
32	WHITTIER COLLEGE	CA	163	21	7	14
33	UNIV. OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	IL	221	21	14	7
34	YESHIVA UNIVERSITY	NY	317	21	11	10
35	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY	CA	293	20	9	11
36	STETSON UNIVERSITY	FL	240	20	10	10
37	BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL	NY	900	20	15	5
38	COLUMBIA UNIV. IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK	NY	392	19	12	7
39	BARRY UNIVERSITY	FL	130	18	10	8
40	UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC	CA	234	17	8	9
41	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	CA	203	17	8	9
42	SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW	CA	211	17	7	10
43	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	MA	567	17	8	9
44	ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY-NEW YORK	NY	327	17	6	11
45	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	PA	248	17	9	8
46	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY	NY	236	16	11	5
47	WESTERN STATE UNIV.-COLL. OF LAW-ARGOSY	CA	104	15	4	11
48	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	MA	184	15	7	8
49	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY	TX	188	15	13	2
50	YALE UNIVERSITY	CT	195	15	7	8

* Information compiled from NCES

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School of Nursing

National U. to offer fast-track nurse degree

18-month program intended to help solve staff shortages

By Eleanor Yang
STAFF WRITER

National University will announce today the opening of a School of Health and Human Services to train entry-level nurses through an accelerated 18-month program.

University officials said they hope the expanded curriculum will help the state address a nursing shortage and the anticipated health needs of aging baby boomers.

While National University has offered bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing for years, officials hope the new associate's degree offering will help address student demand for a faster course of study. The new school will also offer degrees in health education, bioterrorism, biomedical technology and gerontology.

Just about every other college and university in San Diego has a nursing program, though many have waiting lists or must turn away numbers of qualified applicants for lack of space.

San Diego State University, for example, has about 630 students in bachelor's and

master's degree nursing programs, but last year, it turned away 100 qualified applicants.

Among private universities, the University of San Diego focuses on providing graduate education for people pursuing careers in nursing specializations and higher education. Point Loma Nazarene has about 190 students in its nursing program and turns away about 1,000 qualified students a year.

Local community colleges often have lengthy waiting lists. For example, San Diego Community College District's City College has room for about 130 students and a waiting list of two years.

Cal State San Marcos will offer up to 45 students a chance to pursue a bachelor's of science in nursing starting in 2006.

Many college administrators complain about limited space and a shortage of qualified teachers.

National University enrolled 50 students in its associates nursing degree program in the fall, and it plans to eventually enroll 200 in the program. Students would take one course a month for 18 months, and pay about \$1,000 per course.

"We're hoping the school will address growing societal needs and community

needs," said National University Provost Cathleen Greiner.

National University is a private college based in La Jolla and enrolls about 17,000 students on 27 campuses throughout the state.

San Diego's hospitals have about 1,000 vacant nursing positions, said Steve Escoboza of the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties. Statewide, the shortage is estimated at 14,000 nurses.

While many vacancies are filled by traveling nurses, many working for 13-week periods, that solution raises expenses and inhibits quality control, said Kristine Yahn, executive director of the advocacy group Californians for Patient Care.

Escoboza said he's hopeful the new and expanded university programs will help the region eventually overcome its nursing shortage.

"Clearly, schools are expanding and moving to shore up classes," Escoboza said, "but there's going to be a lag time of a few years."

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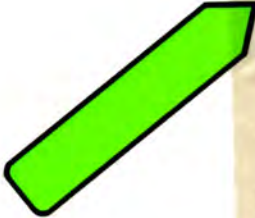
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USD has certificate programs aimed at enhancing many professional skills

By Kimberley Walker-Ybarra

Futurists say that there will be a shortage of qualified employees in the U.S. workforce by the year 2010. This may seem hard to believe if you currently happen to be unemployed, but what they're referring to is a lack of skilled and trained professionals who will be available to keep up with the high demands of product and service levels necessary for businesses to thrive and even survive.

If you're not already trained to succeed in the field you wish to work in, it would be an excellent idea to invest in yourself and your career now, through professional education and/or training.

The University of San Diego (USD) offers a variety of certificate courses, workshops and seminars designed to enhance professionals' skills, increase their knowledge base, and boost their confidence and marketability.

Among USD programs are

the Event Management Certificate Program (event and hospitality industry); Clinical Research Associate and Clinical Research Coordinator Training, which helps to prepare qualified candidates to enter the Clinical Trials field; and classes for educators, necessary for career and salary advancement and to fulfill credential requirements. Computer skills are also career-furthering tools that will benefit almost everyone, and USD's state-of-the-art technology center offers many — most of them approved by The Veterans Administration for reimbursement for qualified military personnel.

Visit www.sandiego.edu/ce for detailed information.

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Deceased dean yearned to return to UW

By Melissa Santos
January 11, 2005

John McNamara, an associate dean at the UW School of Law, passed away during winter break after battling cancer for six months and envisioning his return to the UW.

McNamara, former vice president of University Relations at the University of San Diego, assumed the post of associate dean of Development and External Relations at the law school last May.

When doctors found a cancerous buildup in his throat in July, McNamara moved back to San Diego to begin chemotherapy treatment.

"One thing he kept saying was that he was coming back," said Julie Case, director of publications at the law school. According to Case, McNamara expected to return from medical leave this month. He was looking forward to his homecoming, she said.

According to Case, McNamara kept in contact with his officemates by phone while undergoing treatment.

"He brought a ton of leadership to the team," Case said. "He had some real strategic ideas." Case also praised McNamara's level of external relations expertise.

Case said she and other administrative colleagues saw great potential in what McNamara could bring to the UW.

"He brought immense experience, particularly from ... his former University, and a great dedication to the institution that he worked for," said W.H. Knight, dean of the law school. "[McNamara was] a man of great humor, a man of great integrity, and an excellent colleague, and there are very few of those."

Others saw McNamara's wisdom as a valuable asset.

"One of the reasons we hired John was because he had significant experience working with donors," said Greg Sheridan, associate vice president of constituency programs at the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. "He was a great fit -- people were excited to work with him."

McNamara's family held funeral services for him in San Diego on Friday. Sheridan attended the service.

"He had a great laugh," Sheridan said. "We'd call him every week to see how he was doing."

California Seeks Footing as Sky Keeps Falling

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By NICK MADIGAN

MALIBU, Calif., Jan. 9 — So much for sunny California.

Since just after Christmas, the balmy climes of a state known for clear blue skies and swaying palm trees have given way to almost relentless, pounding rain, producing landslides, flooding and chaos on the highways.

At higher elevations, the snowfall has broken records, delighting skiers but stranding many on mountain roads before they could get to the slopes.

Wicked weather across the United States was blamed for several deaths over the weekend from Southern California to Pennsylvania.

A man drowned Sunday morning after the sport utility vehicle in which he was riding skidded on the mud-drenched Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, hit a utility pole and plunged off the side of the road onto the rocky beach below. Three other passengers clambered onto the vehicle's roof as waves crashed around them.

Another man drowned when he was swept into a swollen stream north of here, in Ventura County. In Glendale, northeast of downtown Los Angeles, a car accident on a slippery road claimed two lives.

In the east, flooding along a wide swath of the Ohio River in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio forced many residents to evacuate.

In Industry, Pa., northwest of Pittsburgh, three members of a tugboat crew were killed on Sunday when the boat and three barges sank after being pushed through a dam on the Ohio River by currents made stronger by heavy rains. The Associated Press reported. One person was missing. Rescue crews arriving on the scene determined the swift water was too dangerous to enter, said Chuck Ward, the assistant fire chief

in Industry.

"The worst thing was, you could see two people in the boat screaming for help," Chief Ward told The A.P.

The Ohio River normally flows about 3 to 4 miles an hour, but the current was running about 10 to 15 miles an hour on Sunday because of the rains, said John Anderson, the lockmaster. After the accident, the Coast Guard restricted traffic along five miles of the river near the dam.

In Louisville, Ky., officials scrambled to address meteorologists' predictions that the Ohio River would

Storms take a toll from the Ohio River to the Pacific Ocean.

rise this week to about 19 feet above flood stage, its highest level in eight years. By Cincinnati, the river was more than 2 feet above its 52-foot flood stage on Sunday, with forecasts calling for a crest at 57.5 feet.

In parts of western and northern Ohio, about 66,000 people remained without electricity on Sunday. In Pennsylvania, the number was about 37,000.

In Utah, along the eastern edge of the western storms, two people were killed on Saturday in separate avalanches.

In Nevada, officials in Reno, which was lashed by a severe storm on Dec. 30, closed the airport for a second time in two weeks and only the third time in 40 years. Dozens of Sunday church services and all weekend high school sporting events were canceled.

Ben Moyer, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Oxnard, Calif., said that from Friday

morning to Sunday evening in Los Angeles County, 3 to 7 inches of rain fell on the coast and in the valleys and 10 to 21 inches of rain fell in the mountains. The storm was not expected to clear up until Tuesday afternoon, he said.

Almost no part of California escaped the violent weather.

Residents of a mobile home park in Santa Clarita, northwest of Los Angeles, were evacuated after a surging creek ruptured an eight-foot retaining wall. In the Studio City area of Los Angeles, a two-story hillside house collapsed; a man and his two children were pulled from the rubble with minor injuries.

In Malibu, rocks tumbled from hills sodden with rain, closing four fog-shrouded mountain roads. On beachfront Malibu Road, residents warily eyed a hill above that shifted visibly on Sunday morning, threatening at least two houses.

"This is a mess," one of the homeowners, Lynne Kern, said as she watched firefighters pile sandbags across her driveway, the rain falling in sheets.

In eastern California, heavy snow across the Sierra Nevada closed three mountain highways over the weekend and stranded more than 220 people who spent Saturday night in an Amtrak train stuck in deep snow west of Donner Summit.

On Malibu Road, Oliver Damavandi, a sophomore at the University of San Diego, said he was watching television in his living room on Sunday morning when he heard what sounded like a gust of wind. Then the large eucalyptus tree in the yard, its root system unhinged by the sodden, shifting ground, fell on the house.

"It went 'boom!' and the glass shattered in the big window," Mr. Damavandi said. "It was scary. I thought I was going to go with it. Now we've got a hole in the roof. It's a bummer because my dad just got done remodeling the place."

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Scholarships for Service

ROTC provides students with leadership skills and funding for their college education

By **CHRISTINE PAE**

Senior Staff Writer

They walk with impeccable posture and wear smart uniforms, attracting attention from all around. It seems there is a certain novelty in spotting men and women in uniform in a sea of students sporting UCSD sweatshirts and pajama pants.

The uniformed students are enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps, a program that allows college students to achieve military officer status while completing their undergraduate studies at a university. Distinctly separate from the recruitment of high school students soon after graduation, ROTC is aimed at training students to become college-educated military officers.

"It's to train you to become an officer in the Navy. It teaches you to be a leader for our great nation," Eleanor Roosevelt College sophomore and Navy ROTC student Jamie Johnson said.

At the crack of dawn, UCSD students in ROTC make their way to the University of San Diego to take additional courses. The academic agenda in ROTC is challenging and is geared to be comprehensive not only in military science and engineering, but also in writing and history. Navy ROTC includes an entire year of Navy science courses, a year of calculus and several courses in computer science, weapons design and leadership.

In addition, weekly drill meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:45 a.m. Dressed in uniform, students come to take required attendance, meet up for formation and get a briefing on issues relevant to military life. Upon returning to UCSD, they have an obligation to wear their uniforms on campus.

Every semester, Navy ROTC conducts a physical fitness assessment, including a swimming and sailing proficiency test. Community service and fundraising are important parts of the program, which can be especially demanding while taking a full load of university courses.

The biggest drawback for ROTC students is the time commitment.

"Sometimes it can be a little overwhelming, but it hasn't been anything that is unimaginable," said Earl Warren College sophomore Chad Allen, a Navy ROTC student. "It's only two days a week, so it's nothing that the average person shouldn't be able to handle. It teaches time management."

The academic load and physical demands of the program may sound unattractive to some, but there is much to inspire the students who join ROTC.

One incentive is the financial support it offers. ROTC students at UCSD receive full scholarships for their academic tuition, earning about \$20,000 to \$25,000 during their time spent in the program. In addition to the scholarship, students receive about \$250 a month as a stipend with an incremental increase of \$50 a year.

Students have the option of leaving the program during their freshman year if it is not what they had expected. However, if a student resigns his or her position as an ROTC student after freshman year, that student is automatically relocated to enlistment service, which greatly reduces their chances of becoming an officer.

Although a full scholarship may sound tempting, there is a catch. Students who make the commitment to ROTC must devote eight years of their lives as military officers after graduation. Four years of active service are followed by four years as an on-call reserve officer.

"When you get out into the Navy, you have a guaranteed job, and you're getting paid," said Johnson, who is training to become a Navy officer and a pilot. "I definitely think it's worth it."

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

Priced out? Join the crowd

An even narrower sliver of Southern California households could afford a home last year. Some of the determined are finding help in unexpected corners.

By ALLISON B. COHEN
Special to The Times

THE number of buyers who could afford a median-priced home in Southern California continued to shrink throughout 2004, widening the gulf between housing haves and have-nots.

"The bottom line is unless you have a chunk of change saved up or someone that can lend you money,

it's tough," said Lorri Hamilton, 40, a Brea hairdresser who has been looking since August to buy in Orange County.

By one measure, California is home to the 11 least-affordable housing markets in the nation, and Southern California counties top the list. The National Assn. of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index found the least affordable county nationwide in the third quarter of 2004 — the latest period for which data are available — to be Santa Barbara, followed by San Diego, Monterey, Los Angeles and Orange counties.

The percentage of households in Los Angeles County able to afford a median-priced home of \$474,570 was 17% in November, down from 23% a year ago when the median was \$382,190, according to the latest figures

reported by the California Assn. of Realtors. The Orange County median for November was \$633,340, with only 13% of households able to afford a residence, down from 18% a year ago. During the same one-year period, dramatic declines were posted in Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

"With a \$450,000 median home price," said Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist with the California Assn. of Realtors, "if you can save 20%, do the math. How many first-time buyers have access to that kind of money?"

Not only does a buyer need a hefty sum for a down payment, L.A. County buyers needed an income of \$109,971 to qualify for a 30-year fixed-rate loan with 20% down on a median-priced home in November. In Orange County, the an- [See *Affordable*, Page K14]

Ways to stay in the housing market

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annual income needed was \$146,763.

Although a limited number of special programs help teachers and other public employees, most first-time buyers are on their own. Some have used gifts from family members to bridge the gaps, while others have turned to creative financing options, including 0% down, interest-only and adjustable-rate loans. Some real estate agents are even picking up the slack.

K.J. Koljonen, with Prudential California Realty in San Diego, went beyond the call of duty for clients Rodney, who is an accountant, and Sadie Mutter, a Pilates instructor, when their

deal on a \$215,000, 700-square-foot condo near San Diego fell through 10 days into escrow.

The couple, both 29, appeared to be picture-perfect first-time buyers. Their annual combined income was more than \$75,000 a year and they had a baby on the way. But they were still paying off \$70,000 in school loans, and that debt became a deal breaker.

"Without help from family," said Rodney, who spent six years in the Marine Corps after graduating from the University of San Diego, "realistically, the average person cannot put themselves through school, try to buy a house and have everything come out OK."

The pair did get some help to pay down debt from their parents, but it wasn't enough. What they needed was a break — and they got it from Koljonen.

When the deal fell through, Koljonen bought the condo and came up with a plan for the Mutters to eventually buy the unit back through a lease with an option to purchase. In Koljonen's words, she had lost a property in the San Diego area during the fires of the fall of 2003 and was looking for a replacement investment.

"She helped us and we helped her," Rodney said of the business

arrangement.

The Mutters pay Koljonen \$995 a month. While the couple work on paying down their school loan debt, Rodney will remodel the condo's kitchen and bathroom — an estimated \$20,000 in labor costs that Koljonen will later accept as a down payment should they want to buy the unit. Otherwise, Koljonen will just pay Mutter for his work.

Her actions may not be commonplace, but as affordability declines, other agents are reaching out to strapped buyers in many ways.

At the state level, the California Assn. of Realtors has raised \$2.33 million since the establishment of its Housing Affordability Fund in January 2003. The fund can be tapped by local Realtor

associations to help potential buyers with down payments, build homes through Habitat for Humanity or match grants through employer-assisted housing programs. The association's goal is to help make homeownership a reality for more buyers and increase the housing stock by funding housing developments on land held in trust by nonprofits.

Koljonen, who serves as the chairwoman of the San Diego Assn. of Realtors Housing Opportunities Committee formed in 2003 to help come up with ways to bridge the affordability gap, said the group is encouraging companies to find ways to make homeownership easier for employees.

Matched savings programs are being discussed, as are employer-provided gifts and grants to assist employees with down payments and closing costs.

The group is also promoting discussion of the financial realities of first-time homeownership in high school curriculums.

"We tell students, 'You won't get into a house right after college like your parents did,'" she said.

Other Realtor associations are reaching into their own wallets to help.

The Orange County Assn. of Realtors will put into place this year a pro bono program where real estate agents, title and escrow companies will waive commissions or donate those fees back to buyers who need a little extra help. The program will be geared to buyers who need a little extra cash — 3% to 5% of the purchase price — to qualify for a loan. Initially, those enrolled in the buyer education program through the Fair Housing Council of Orange County will be considered for the program. Details on tax implications are still being ironed out.

"We are just seeing if we can push these folks up the ladder," said David Silver-Westrick, chairman of the Orange County Assn. of Realtors' Housing Affordability Task Force. "Everyone but the very rich in Orange County is going to rent? That is not a world that I can imagine."

Addressing the problem from a different angle, members of the Beverly Hills/Greater Los An-

geles Assn. of Realtors have raised \$100,000 to build a home now underway in Compton through Habitat for Humanity.

"I wanted my members to understand the crisis that we are undergoing," said Rosanne Howard, association president. "And that the problem is just getting worse."

So who is being priced out of homeownership?

Experts point to the working middle-class: firefighters, teachers, police officers and educators, for example. Singles are also struggling, as are families with children.

"We do know that the cost of owning a home has gotten to a point in California that it is affecting people at all levels of affluence and a variety of professions," said Mark Baldassare, research and survey director with the Sacramento-based Public Policy Institute of California.

"Most renters would like to own and many feel their hopes cannot be realized today in the part of California they want to live," Baldassare said of respondents to the group's statewide study, "Special Survey on Californians and Their Housing." "Many feel the cost of homes have gone way beyond their means."

Hamilton, the Brea hairdresser, certainly feels that way. She moved back into her childhood home in Orange last summer, after her landlord decided to rent the Orange condo she was renting up for sale.

"It's like I never left home," she said. "I am back sleeping in my little bedroom."

Hamilton, who makes about \$35,000 a year, has looked at a dozen homes and condominiums the last two months in the \$350,000 price range — a stretch for her even using creative financing.

Many of the prospects she's seen, Hamilton said, were in areas she felt were unsafe or "seedy." At least half were condos that had been neglected and needed work. In some of them, she said, "I'd rather walk on cement than the carpet."

For now, Hamilton said she would not let Orange County prices force her to look outside

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..... PBStar - Keely Watson Interview

Der PBStar führte ein Interview mit dem DYE Girl Keely Watson, dieses möchten wir Euch nicht vorenthalten.

Keely Watson Interview

Keely Watson is one of the most famous paintball players in the world. She is a model for Dye, NXL field coach for the LA Ironmen, and now an employee of Paintball Sports Promotions (PSP). We figured it was about time we interviewed this paintball icon, and ask her about her new job, the PSP, and a bunch of other sweet questions.

Pbstar: For any paintball players out there who don't know Keely Watson tell us a few things: Just who is Keely Watson, how did she get started into paintball, what teams has she played for, and why do people conducting interviews always ask questions in the third person?

Keely: Well, I'm a 22-year old graduate of the University of San Diego. I plan to continue living here in San Diego and have recently begun working for Paintball Sports Promotions.

I got started playing paintball about ten years ago, because of my younger brother, Ryan. He really wanted to play paintball and finally convinced my dad and stepmom to take him. I went with them the next time and was hooked. My dad has a habit of going full speed into things that he is interested in, so he took us to Las Vegas to watch a tournament. Shortly after, we began playing tournaments ourselves.

That was the start of The Family which originally consisted of my brother, my dad, my stepmom, my uncle, and myself. That team evolved over the years to include numerous people in both five-man and ten-man. After the team split up, I played with Team Maxim and then the Femmes Fatales.

Pbstar: So when you were a little girl, did you like playing with guns instead of Barbies?

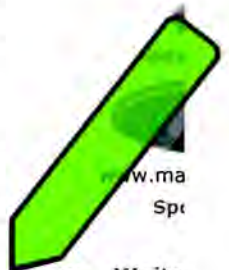
Keely: I was definitely somewhat of a tomboy as a kid. I was always playing sports, although I did have Barbies too.

Pbstar: So now you're working for the PSP what's your position? Will we get to hear you sing the national anthem at every PSP event from here on out?

Keely: I will be doing various things this year. I am in charge of media relations, league sponsors, promotions, and various other tasks.

Pbstar: So if people have any questions for the PSP should they ask you or Lane Wright?

Keely: It depends on the question, but for the most part they can



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KCRA Investigates: Dangers Of Oxycontin

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- America's newest deadly addiction is taking hold in Northern California. KCRA has finished an investigation into the growing power of a pain medication that's quickly becoming the drug of choice for adults and teens alike.

The drug is called oxycontin, but on the street, it is known as "oxy" or "oc." It's so strong, that many heroin addicts now prefer the oxy. Children are starting to use it in high school.

FDA approved and widely prescribed, oxycontin conquers serious pain, which is a godsend for people with bone cancer and severe arthritis. But almost overnight, it became a popular street drug, delivering a powerful high.

Brad Parker will soon turn 19. He has just completed detoxification after being addicted to oxycontin for a year. His said his 10-day withdrawal was intense.



"At first, it's just anxiety to the max, just the worst anxiety," Parker said. "You want to jump out of your skin. You just want to rip your skin off. And then if you go the next day without them, you'll start throwing up, shaking and cold sweats."

Parker said that oxycontin is widely available around his community of Rocklin, and that he started using in high school.

"I've seen people crush them up in class and snort them up off their desk. I saw them so much, and they were everywhere. And eventually, I just tried it. And from that moment, it was just on," Parker said.

A Sacramento surgeon told KCRA 3 that one 80-milligram oxycontin is equal to 64 tablets of Vicodin -- the prescription pain reliever.

Parker said the narcotic took over his life.

"(It) just consumed my whole life while I was using it. There's a lot of crime involved in getting the pills," Parker said.

Rocklin Community Counseling Center officials say that 50 percent to 75 percent of their clients use or have used oxycontin.

Drug counselor Renee Linville said that people get the drug "on the street, Mother's cabinet. You can get it from your doctor. If you have chronic pain, you can get it through a doctor."

"The age range that I'm seeing it in is like 18 to 26. It very popular with them. And most of these kids can afford it, you know, \$20 to \$40, because a lot of them are still living at home," said drug counselor Janet Sauer.

Parent Web sites like OxyAbuseKills.com have sprung up. They warn of the dangers and list the names

of dozens of people who have died from overdoses or deadly interactions with alcohol or other drugs.

The pain of losing a loved one to the drug is known at Folsom Lake College. The school's director of counseling, Barbara VanRooyan, lost her son last summer. Patrick Stewart, 24, had just graduated from the University of San Diego, when somebody gave him one oxycontin at party, along with one beer.

"When his friends went up about an hour and 15 minutes later, they found him blue and foaming at the mouth. We spent five days at the hospital with him in a medically induced coma to try and reduce the brain seizure that was going on from having taken one oxycontin," VanRooyan said.

VanRooyan is preparing a citizen petition to the FDA that will request the government remove oxycontin from the market until it can be reformulated and made safer. She said U.S. Sen. Diane Feinstein has agreed to send a letter of support of action by the FDA.

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Work comp bill could limit rates

Insurers will oppose regulating premiums

By Dean Calbreath
STAFF WRITER

Charging that insurance companies have pocketed most of the benefits of recent workers' compensation reforms, a key lawmaker in Sacramento yesterday unveiled a proposal to regulate workers' comp rates.

State Sen. Richard Alarcon, who heads the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, introduced a bill that would allow a panel of officials picked by the governor, insurance commissioner and attorney general to set a limit on how much insurers can charge for workers' comp coverage.

Alarcon, a Democrat from Sun Valley, said the legislation is needed because insurers have been boosting their profits while failing to make substantial reductions in the rates they charge for coverage. At the same time, he said, injured workers have been slapped with sharp cuts in benefits.

"We are moving backward," Alarcon said at the State Capitol. "We are reducing benefits to workers who are truly injured, and we are not passing on the savings to the smallest businesses in the state of California."

Alarcon introduced similar legislation last year, but it was shunted aside in the Assembly Insurance Committee, which focused on a package of reforms aiming at limiting the care provided to injured workers. He

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Businesses want more benefit from reforms

thinks the proposal could get a better reception this year, because businesses have not seen much improvement in their workers' comp bills.

Workers' comp premiums have dropped an average of 10.4 percent since the middle of 2003 although the cost to insurers has dropped by 22.4 percent, according to the state Insurance Department.

In the meantime, insurance profits have grown.

Even before the recent reforms, insurance profits were improving. Insurance loss ratios — the percentage of premiums paid out as claims — dropped 25 percent in 2003, according to the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau. The ratio slid from 75.5 percent in 2002 to 57.1 percent in 2003, its best level since the early 1990s.

Following the recent reforms, the ratio must have improved last year as well, said Steve Hopcraft, spokesman for the Applicant Attorneys Association, consisting of trial lawyers who represent injured workers.

Nevertheless, insurers heatedly disagreed with Alarcon's proposal, saying that if workers' comp premiums are regulated — as they were before 1995 — it will scare insurers away from the state.

"This is exactly what we should not be doing to fix the system," said Nicole Mahrt, a spokeswoman for the American Insurance Association. "The full reforms for workers' comp have only been on the books for five days. Now is not the time to stop moving forward by introducing reregulation."

Two key elements of last year's reform package — medical provider networks and the

new permanent disability schedule — went into effect Jan. 1. Once those elements are fully operational, they should drive down costs more, resulting in lower premiums for employers, said Sam Sorich, president of the Association of California Insurance Companies.

"Any changes to the reforms, such as strict rate regulation or inhibiting litigation, will harm if not reverse the major strides already made," Sorich said.

But businesses have become increasingly vocal about not getting much benefit from the reforms.

"The way things are going, maybe I should go into the insurance business instead of doing what I'm doing now," said Lee Thurston, a furniture maker in Grass Valley whose clients include Camp Pendleton, the University of California San Diego and the University of San Diego.

Between 1999 and 2003, workers' comp rates at Thurston's 130-worker company, Furniture by Thurston, rose from about \$180,000 to \$480,000. This year, Thurston's rates fell to \$430,000, reflecting the first round of reforms passed in 2003. But Thurston wonders why they are still so high — especially because his medical and indemnity costs have been steadily declining over the past several years.

"Getting 10 or 20 percent off the old rates is better than a sharp stick in the eye, but the rates have got to come down a lot more," Thurston said. "I'm still paying more than twice as much as my competitors in other states."

State Sen. Charles Poochigian, a Fresno Republican who worked with Schwarzenegger to push through last year's reforms, said he understands why some businesses are upset about their workers' comp bills.

"The record is mixed," he said. "There have been some examples of very substantial rate reductions, but others have been less impressive. But it's only now that all the re-

forms have come into being, so it's premature to condemn the efforts as unsuccessful."

More than a dozen other states regulate workers' comp rates. And before 1995, California regulated workers' comp much like automobile and homeowners rates continue to be regulated. But California loosened its regulations in hopes of stirring competition that would lower rates.

Rates did drop immediately after the deregulation. But they skyrocketed starting in 2000, after a fierce price war put some insurers out of business and squeezed others out of the market. Between 2000 and 2003, workers' comp rates jumped an average of 149 percent, and employers in accident-prone industries, such as construction, saw rates triple or quadruple.

Insurers blamed the growing cost of medical care, particularly long-term disability, although critics charge that the price hikes came as insurers scrambled to make up for investment losses during the downturn on Wall Street.

The reforms in 2003 and 2004 were designed to crack down on medical costs, largely by limiting visits to chiropractors and physical therapists and introducing a new set of medical ratings intended to limit benefits for permanent disabilities.

Charles Schwarz, an orthopedic surgeon in west Los Angeles, said the reforms have led to sharp cutbacks in medical care.

"It's become nearly impossible to get approval for many of treatments from the insurance carrier, whether they involve physical therapy, chiropractic or surgery," he said. "The process of providing care is becoming very frustrating because patients are not getting the necessary treatment, and doctors are powerless to give it to them."

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Athletics

USD men fall to 2-5 in conference

Toreros shoot well but can't overcome poor ball-handling

By Tony Kuttner
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

SANTA CLARA — Brad Holland held off commenting on the 85-73 loss his USD Toreros sustained last night against Santa Clara until he saw the statistics, but he really didn't need to see a stat sheet to come to a definitive conclusion.

"I'd have to rate this as our worst outing of the year," said Holland. "We gave up easy basket after easy basket because our offense was unable to handle the ball well against their pressure."

The numbers merely added statistical foundation to the obvious: The Toreros threw bad passes, fumbled good ones and even traveled once trying to inbound the ball to match their season worst with 24 turnovers.

Those gaffes resulted in 24 Santa Clara points and ultimately are the reason the Toreros return home with a three-game losing streak, an overall record of 10-10 and a 2-5 West Coast Conference mark midway through the league season.

Santa Clara improved to 12-10, 5-2 and earned the admiration of Holland.

"We've seen pressure before, but Santa Clara has tremendous guards in (Kyle) Bailey and (Doron) Perkins," Holland said. "I'd

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	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Santa Clara	5	1	.833	18	5	.783
Gonzaga	5	2	.714	15	4	.789
Santa Clara	5	2	.714	12	10	.545
San Francisco	4	2	.667	13	6	.684
Portland	2	5	.286	13	9	.591
Pepperdine	2	5	.286	12	10	.545
USD	2	5	.286	10	10	.500
Loyola Mary	2	5	.286	10	10	.500

Yesterday's Games

Santa Clara 85, USD 73
LMU 63, Pepperdine 46
Gonzaga 91, Portland 79

Today's Game

USF at Saint Mary's, noon

Thursday's Games

LMU at USD, 7 p.m.
Pepperdine at USF, 7 p.m.
Saint Mary's at Gonzaga, 7 p.m.
Santa Clara at Portland, 7 p.m.

have to rate Santa Clara as having the best guards in the conference."

That may or may not be true, but the Broncos had the best guards last night in the Leavey Center.

Bailey matched his career high with six steals — the Broncos' 16 thefts were the school's third-most ever — and he and Perkins combined for 30 points, 10 steals and 13 assists.

"We knew if they got the ball in the post, they'd be tough," Bailey said of the game plan against USD. "The key was to get our hands active and deny them from getting easy looks in the post."

USD stayed with the Broncos early, with Brandon Gay hitting

the second of his three three-pointers and following with a free throw on the next possession to make it 15-15 with just over 11 minutes left in the first half.

Another three from Ross DeRogatis and a lay-in by Nick Lewis pulled the Toreros to 27-24 down with just over six minutes left in the half, but then USD fell apart.

Over the next three minutes, USD turned the ball over with horrible passes on four possessions and gave the ball away on an offensive foul on another.

Santa Clara capitalized on almost all those mistakes and pulled into a 36-24 lead before Gay finally hit a layup to stop the bleeding.

When USD could work the ball inside, it had great success. Senior forward Brice Voungang scored a game-high 26 points on 9-of-12 shooting, and Gay made 8-of-9 from the floor to finish with 22.

In fact, if there was anything positive to take from the Toreros' loss, it was the team's improved shooting from inside the lane and out.

In its most recent two losses, USD had shot 10 percent from the floor (2-for-20) in the second half against Gonzaga on Jan. 22 in San Diego and on Thursday at Saint Mary's went 9-for-31 (29 percent) after the break.

Against the Broncos, USD hit 56.8 percent (25-44) of its shots.

"How would we have done with only 16 turnovers and eight more shots at the basket?" Holland asked. "But that's ifs and buts, candies and nuts and you can't go there."

SUMMARY

Santa Clara 85, USD 73

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	33	8-9	3-5	8	2	5	22
Voungang	36	9-12	8-8	6	2	4	26
Lewis	34	4-8	0-0	2	2	2	8
DeRogatis	27	2-6	2-2	1	6	2	7
Belser	38	0-3	3-4	6	6	2	3
Melton	7	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Hubbard	12	1-2	2-2	0	1	4	5
Fogel	8	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	0
Shepherd	5	1-1	0-2	1	0	4	2
Totals	200	25-44	18-23	26	19	26	73

Percentages: FG .568, FT .783. 3-Point Goals: 5-14, .357 (Gay 3-3, Hubbard 1-2, DeRogatis 1-4, Melton 0-1, Lewis 0-2, Belser 0-2). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 2 (Voungang, Belser). Turnovers: 24 (DeRogatis 6). Steals: 7 (Gay 2). Technical Fouls: None.

SANTA CLARA	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Niesen	30	8-13	4-7	6	2	3	20
Denison	22	4-7	4-5	4	2	3	12
Angley	26	3-5	3-4	4	3	3	10
Bailey	35	5-11	5-6	4	8	1	17
Perkins	34	5-9	3-4	2	5	3	13
Dougherty	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Neuburger	0+	0-0	2-2	0	0	1	2
Henke	6	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	0
Burke	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borchart	13	3-3	1-1	2	1	2	7
Rohde	18	1-2	1-2	1	0	2	4
Legge	15	0-2	0-0	2	1	3	0
Totals	200	29-54	23-31	26	22	22	85

Percentages: FG .537, FT .742. 3-Point Goals: 4-12, .333 (Bailey 2-7, Angley 1-1, Rohde 1-2, Perkins 0-2). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocked Shots: 3 (Perkins 3). Turnovers: 16 (Niesen 4). Steals: 16 (Bailey 6). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (10-10, 2-5)	32	41	73
Santa Clara (12-10, 5-2)	42	43	85

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Ironically enough, all the turnovers came in a game where Holland switched his starting lineup for the first time in conference play with an eye on fewer turnovers.

Rather than starting Avi Fogel (59 assists, 59 turnovers for the season) at the point, the Toreros began the game with DeRogatis, who had 51 assists to just 24 turnovers.

The move didn't work out. DeRogatis turned the ball over six times (to go along with six assists) and Fogel went without an assist and finished with two turnovers.

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Men: USD at Santa Clara

When/where: Tonight, 7:05 / Leavey Center, Santa Clara

Records: USD 10-9, 2-4 WCC; SCU 11-10, 4-2

Series: Santa Clara leads 30-22

Webcast: www.usdtoreros.com

Outlook: Teams coming off Thursday losses meet and resume a traditionally competitive rivalry. They have split their home-and-home regular-season series each of the last seven years . . . USD lost 79-69 at league-leading Saint Mary's on Thursday, the margin being skewed by two SMC three-pointers in the final two minutes . . . Santa Clara fell out of a tie for the WCC lead with a 62-60 home loss to San Francisco on a baseline jumper at the buzzer . . . USD has experienced second-half offensive meltdowns in two straight losses. The Toreros shot 10 percent (2-for-20) in the second half against Gonzaga a week ago and on Thursday went 9-for-31 (29 percent) in the second half after shooting 51.9 percent in the first . . . USD center Brice Vounang continues to slump. After going 1-for-9 against Gonzaga, Vounang improved only to 2-for-10 against Saint Mary's . . . Santa Clara saw a four-game winning streak ended by San Francisco. The Broncos are led by forward Travis Niesen (15.6 ppg) and guards Doron Perkins (15.2 ppg, 6.3 rpg) and Kyle Bailey (13.4 ppg) . . . The Broncos, who beat then-No. 4 North Carolina on Nov. 19, lead the WCC in scoring defense (64.3), scoring margin (plus-8.8), offensive rebounding (13.33) and turnover margin (plus-4) in conference games.

– HANK WESCH

Women: USD vs. Saint Mary's

When/where: Today, 2 / Jenny Craig Pavilion

Records: USD 7-12, 2-4 WCC; Saint Mary's 10-9, 2-4

Series: Saint Mary's leads 28-10

Webcast: www.usdtoreros.com

Outlook: The Toreros and Gaels have identical West Coast Conference records, and both were defeated by three points on Thursday. Saint Mary's fell to San Francisco; USD lost to Santa Clara . . . Toreros junior Kristen Hurst, who played the past four years for the nationally ranked USD volleyball team, has left the basketball program. Hurst, who joined the team in late December, played in just five games.

– NICOLE VARGAS

Second-half slips costly in USD loss

Toreros' drought is costly in loss to first-place Gaels

By Rusty Simmons

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

MORAGA — As USD coach Brad Holland put it: "One or two shots decided this one."

After playing an otherwise even game against Saint Mary's last night, the Toreros

Saint Mary's
79

Toreros
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were held without a field goal for 6:08 in the second half and the Gaels used a 13-6 run to claim a 79-69 West Coast Conference victory in front of 1,987 fans at the McKeon Pavilion.

"Our kids played hard," Holland said. "Saint Mary's made a few more plays and got the win. We make one or two more shots and we might be happy leaving here."

SMC (18-5, 5-1) has won 12 of its last 13 games and took sole possession of first place, a game ahead of Santa Clara and Gonzaga. USD (10-9, 2-4) has lost four of six after winning five straight.

"They're a good team; I was impressed with them," Gaels coach Randy Bennett said. "I was pleased to get out of there with a 'W' in this one."

The key plays the Gaels made started at the 13:17 mark of the second half, when E.J. Rowland (15 points) scored five straight and sparked a nine-point run that gave the Gaels a 52-47 lead with 10:36 remaining. Rowland's second basket during the run gave SMC its first lead since 8:21 in the first half.

During most of the run, USD was forced to play with only one starter as Brandon Gay (16 points) and Brice Vounang (11 points) were in foul trouble.

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When the two returned at the 9:47 mark, USD went on a 7-3 run to cut the lead back to 57-56, but USD then was held without a field goal for 6:08.

The Toreros did make 8-of-8 free throws during the span, but SMC again extended its lead. This time, the Gaels used four three-pointers, two from Jonathan Sanders (16 points) and two from Daniel Kickert (17 points) to take a 76-66 lead.

SMC made some runs in the first half too, but USD always found a way to answer.

After falling behind 11-6, USD was led back by Gay, who scored seven consecutive points, giving the Toreros their first lead (13-11) at the 12:59 mark.

The scoring deluge prompted Bennett to squat in front of an assistant and ask, "What, has he hit about five shots in a row?"

There was more to come as Gay's teammates got into the act, getting three-pointers from three different players during a 9-2 run that extended USD's lead to 28-22 with 6:08 remaining in the half.

The Toreros took their largest lead (34-27) with 4:03 left, when Michael Hubbard, logging his first WCC minutes, made a layup.

Like most successful teams, however, SMC had the half's final run, outscoring USD 9-3 during a three-minute span that saw the Gaels close the lead to 37-36.

Corey Belser's layup with 21 seconds remaining stopped a 2:10 scoring drought for USD and gave it a 39-36 halftime lead.

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Men's basketball: USD at Saint Mary's

When/where: Tonight, 7, Moraga

Records: USD 10-8, 2-3 WCC; SMC 17-5, 4-1

Series: USD leads 30-26. **Webcast:** www.usdtoreros.com

Update: This year's two-game trip to the Bay Area thrusts USD up against the West Coast Conference co-leaders in Saint Mary's tonight and Santa Clara on Saturday . . . Saint Mary's swept its Los Angeles trip last week, defeating Pepperdine (70-63) and Loyola Marymount (83-66). The Gaels are 11-1 this season at McKeon Pavilion, with one of the victories over perennial league power Gonzaga (89-81 on Jan. 8) and the loss to Santa Clara (65-42) 12 days ago . . . The Gaels have depth and play defense (league-best 59.9 points allowed average), and have received votes in both national polls to put them just outside Top 25 status . . . Junior forward Daniel Kickert (14.4 ppg, 7.0 rpg) is a forceful inside presence and outside threat as well (53 percent on three-pointers). Senior guard Paul Marigney has made an impact (14.5 ppg, 4.6 rpg) in 13 games since gaining eligibility . . . USD's Brice Vounang (15.8 ppg, 7.2 rpg) ranks sixth in the WCC in scoring and fifth in rebounding. The Toreros' Brandon Gay (14.9, 6.2) is fifth and ninth in the categories, Nick Lewis (11.3, 5.4) 18th and 15th . . . USD split a two-game homestand last week, defeating Portland and losing to Gonzaga.

– HANK WESCH

Women: USD vs. Santa Clara

When/where: Tonight, 7 / Jenny Craig Pavilion

Records: USD 7-11, 2-3 WCC; Santa Clara 9-9, 3-2

Series: Santa Clara leads 27-16 **Webcast:** www.usdtoreros.com

Outlook: After losing to league-leading Gonzaga on the road, the Toreros can even their West Coast Conference record tonight. Santa Clara has won five of the teams' last six meetings, but the Toreros' most recent win over the Broncos came at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

– NICOLE VARGAS

Women: SDSU vs. Air Force

When/where: Tonight, 7 / Cox Arena

Records: SDSU 6-9, 1-2 MWC; Air Force 5-11, 0-3

Series: SDSU leads 13-1 **Webcast:** www.goaztecs.com

Outlook: After dropping their two road games last week, the Aztecs are happy to be home. All of SDSU's six wins have come at Cox Arena. Air Force has lost its last 27 Mountain West Conference games.

– NICOLE VARGAS

USD nears futility mark against No. 11 Gonzaga

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

If USD didn't produce the worst shooting half in NCAA Division I basketball history yesterday, the Toreros came awfully — with a capital AWFUL — close.

NO. 11
Gonzaga
68

Toreros
56

If a USD team has ever been more thoroughly dominated on the boards, it couldn't have been by much.

And after the Toreros went 2-for-20 in the second half while being outrebounded 46-23 for the game, the wonder was that they only lost by the deceptively low margin of 68-56 to No. 11 Gonzaga before 4,917 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

It was a complete reversal of both teams' performances against other

INSIDE: Second-ranked Kansas falls hard to unranked Villanova 83-62. **C6**

West Coast Conference rivals two days earlier. Gonzaga (14-4, 4-2) corrected the rebounding and defensive deficiencies that had cost it in a 73-70 loss at San Francisco, and USD (10-8, 2-3) went into an offensive funk that resulted in 36 fewer points than it had scored in its home WCC opener against Portland.

Gonzaga coach Mark Few called his team's effort "totally different" from the one put forth at San Francisco, where the Zags were outrebounded 45-35 and victimized by 10 USF three-pointers.

"We talked about it, showed them the film, challenged them and they



Gonzaga's Adam Morrison knocks Toreros Floyd North (4) and Michael Shepherd off balance with his shot. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

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Second-half aim maybe NCAA's all-time worst

responded," Few said. "That's what you want your team to do — respond. Our whole mental attitude was better."

Gonzaga All-America candidate Ronny Turiaf was held to seven points but led the assault on the boards with 13 rebounds. Front-line mate J.P. Batista had 22 points and seven rebounds and six other Gonzaga players had three or more rebounds.

"I thought defensively we were tough the first 20 to 25 seconds of each possession, but once the ball went up we got destroyed," said USD coach Brad Holland. "That area, obviously, defined the game."

That and USD's inability to put the ball in the basket, save for free throws, in the second half. The Toreros, who trailed 35-34 at the break, went 7:47 into the second half before getting their first points when Nick Lewis hit a baseline leaner. He then made the free throw to complete a three-point play and end a 16-0 Gonzaga scoring run.

Until that point, the Toreros' second-half offense consisted of pounding the ball inside to center Brice Vounang on the right-side low block, for heavy-traffic, heavily contested jumpers. When Vounang, who was 0-

for-5 in the second half and 1-for-9 in the game, managed to pass to the perimeter, the Toreros mostly got rushed, off-balance, heavily contested jumpers that weren't close.

"It's really hard to deal with," Vounang said, "when people count on you and the shots don't go in. We were running the offense well and I was getting (the ball) in places where I'm used to shooting it, but they weren't going in."

USD got its second, and last, field goal of the half with 37.5 seconds remaining, a three-pointer by Brandon Gay that gave him 22 points. He was the only Torero in double figures, ending a two-game streak in which at least five USD players scored 10 or more.

According to the NCAA record book, USD's 10 percent second-half shooting percentage was better than the 9.1 (3-of-33) Miami of Ohio managed against Dayton in the first half on Dec. 29, 2001. At least the Toreros warmed up a little in the second half. Miami finished that game with 23 points.

USD led for all but the final 3.6 seconds of the first half, with the margin reaching as many as 10 with just over 10 minutes remaining. But Gonzaga steadfastly chipped away through the final 10 minutes and took the 35-34 advantage into the break when guard Derek Raivio, who finished with 17 points, 13 of them in the second half, hit two free throws.

Gonzaga thrashed the Toreros on the boards, 26-9, in the half and had more offensive rebounds (11) than USD had to-

SUMMARY

Gonzaga 68, USD 56

GONZAGA	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Turiaf	22	3-8	1-3	13	0	5	7
Pendergraft	21	3-5	0-0	7	3	5	6
Batista	36	9-10	4-8	7	0	4	22
Raivio	40	4-12	7-7	3	4	3	17
Knight	32	2-5	1-3	4	1	3	5
Morrison	22	3-8	0-0	4	0	4	6
Altidor-Cespedes	10	1-2	0-0	3	4	1	3
Mallon	16	1-2	0-0	3	0	2	2
MacLeod	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	200	26-52	13-21	46	12	27	68

Percentages: FG .500, FT .619. 3-Point Goals: 3-7, .429 (Raivio 2-5, Altidor-Cespedes 1-1). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 4 (Turiaf 3). Turnovers: 25 (Batista 4, Raivio 4, Morrison 4). Steals: 10 (Batista 3, Raivio 3). Technical Fouls: None.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	28	5-10	10-10	6	0	4	22
Lewis	30	3-8	3-4	2	2	1	9
Vounang	24	1-9	6-8	4	0	5	8
Fogel	22	0-4	0-0	1	3	2	0
Belser	31	2-3	1-4	6	1	3	5
Melton	6	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	0
North	26	2-8	1-2	1	1	2	5
Derogatis	24	1-4	0-0	1	0	1	3
Shepherd	9	1-1	2-2	0	0	1	4
Totals	200	15-49	23-30	23	7	20	56

Percentages: FG .306, FT .767. 3-Point Goals: 3-16, .188 (Gay 2-6, Derogatis 1-4, Belser 0-1, Melton 0-2, North 0-3). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 3 (Gay, Lewis, Fogel). Turnovers: 16 (Lewis 4). Steals: 10 (Gay 4). Technical Fouls: None.

Gonzaga (14-4, 4-2)	35	33	- 68
USD (10-8, 2-3)	34	22	- 56

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The lopsided start to the second half drained all drama from the game, and it was further dulled when Gonzaga was called for 16 fouls in the second half and USD 11, making the final nine minutes mostly a parade to the foul line.

"They are good, but they are beatable," Vounang said. "We had the same (pregame) routine and came into the game the same way we always do."

"We just couldn't make a shot or get a rebound."

Rebounding, from the loss to USF to the win against USD, was strictly Gonzaga's thing.



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Toreros no match for Zags

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO --- Over and over again, members of the University of San Diego men's basketball team said playing the nation's No. 11-ranked team had no mental side effects on them. They weren't anxious, nervous or tight. Their uncharacteristically sloppy habits were due entirely to fundamental, tangible factors.

But it sure didn't look that way.

On Saturday, USD played nothing like a team that had won seven of its past nine games on the strength of staunch defense and precision offense. The Toreros were alarmingly outrebounded and so errant in their shooting that school officials were sent to scour NCAA record books to see if anyone had ever done worse following a 68-56 loss to No. 11 Gonzaga before 4,917 at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Against a team that has ruled the West Coast Conference since the late 1990s and arguably the entire West the past two winters, the Toreros (10-8, 2-3 WCC) produced a stunning run of ineptitude that started just before halftime and never did end.

Gonzaga (14-4, 4-2) at one point was outrebounding the Toreros 36-14. The Zags didn't miss a shot that USD rebounded for the first 10 minutes of the second half.

On the offensive end, USD's shot selection conspired with its proficiency to produce a 2-for-20 shooting mark (10 percent) in the second half, a number that prompted a fruitless search of NCAA record books.

USD center Brice Vounang's usually soft shooting touch turned to stone, or rather brick, in the shadow of Gonzaga center J.P. Batista (22 points). Vounang (eight points) finished 1-of-9 from the field and saw his string of 17 straight games of scoring in double figures end.

But shooting and rebounding errors were all that was behind the showing, Vounang and USD coach Brad Holland maintained.



USD's Corey Belser dives for the ball during the second period against Gonzaga on Saturday. **Waldo Nilo**
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"Our guys were really excited about playing Gonzaga. I thought we were ready and I thought we were really up," Holland said. "I always look at the defense first, and our defense was very, very good until the (shots) went up. The more physical, tougher team came up with the rebounds today."

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Vounang's assessment: "Just a bad day."

And this was a game USD led 20-10 and had Gonzaga's two best players ---- forwards Adam Morrison and Ronny Turiaf ---- benched with two fouls apiece after nine minutes.

Brandon Gay scored nine points for the Toreros during the run and finished with 22 points.

But Turiaf returned and got both Gay and Vounang in foul trouble. USD barely functioned with them on the bench.

Gonzaga methodically whittled the lead and took a 35-34 advantage when Derek Raivio (17 points) hit two free throws just before halftime. Then the Zags scored the first 16 points of the second half for a 51-34 advantage. All told, it was a 20-0 run, bridging halftime. USD never challenged again.

"I hope this was just a bad day and that's it," Vounang said. "I don't want to get into this kind of game no more."

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ZAGS' MAIN MAN

Turiaf's star power prime calling card for No. 11 Gonzaga

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

It's the last of six trips to San Diego — four for regular-season games, two for West Coast Conference basketball tournaments — for Gonzaga's all-anything power forward Ronny Turiaf.

And while there aren't any specific moments that stick out in his mind, the 6-foot-10, 250-pound senior has one general memory of past meetings with USD.

"I remember three years ago, in the tournament semifinals," Turiaf said yesterday. "It was such a great atmosphere to get ready to play a game, and then playing very hard to beat them. It's the atmosphere every time I've played here that I remember."

Of course it's Gonzaga, perennial WCC powerhouse and league representative in the national consciousness thanks to a parade of players such as Turiaf, that creates such an atmosphere wherever it goes.

That will be the case again today, when the Zags (13-4, 3-2 WCC) — coming off an upset loss at San Francisco on Thursday — and USD (10-7, 2-2) hook up at the Jenny Craig Pavilion at 4 p.m.

Toreros home attendance hasn't averaged in four figures through eight games this season. But yesterday,

only a few hundred tickets remained unsold at the 5,100-seat JCP and expectations were for a sellout. And most will be there to see 11th-ranked Gonzaga, and its top player, Turiaf.

He was born on the island of Martinique, honed his game at the National Institute of Physical Education in Paris and built his reputation playing for France on age-group national teams against counterparts from other countries in Europe. With teammates such as Tony Parker, now of the San Antonio Spurs.

Turiaf became fluent in four languages along the international way.

He made his way through a hail of offers from U.S. colleges to Spokane,

"I couldn't be happier I made that decision."

RONNY TURIAF,

on attending Gonzaga

Wash., and Gonzaga — for the same reasons that other blue-chip players started showing up there: It's a heck of a basketball program with, by all accounts, an exceptional family atmosphere.

"It's a special place with special people who care for you like you're their son or grandson," Turiaf said. "That's the main reason I came to Gonzaga. I couldn't be happier that I made that decision."

Turiaf's combination of power, mobility and touch made him twice an All-WCC first-team selection in his first three years. His play outside the

league, against national powerhouses in the regular season and three consecutive NCAA tournaments, made him one of 20 finalists for the Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award.

With 18 points Thursday in a 73-70 loss at San Francisco, Turiaf set his career total at 1,513 and moved up two places to eighth on the Gonzaga scoring list, four points ahead of Casey Calvary.

Turiaf is sixth on the school's career rebounding charts (713), second in free throws made and blocked shots.

His average output in the past three games is up to 17.6 points and nine rebounds, coming out of what had been an 11-game lull.

Sprains in both ankles had something to do with the drop-off.

"Because of the injuries I lost some confidence, but I just had to deal with it, stick to working as hard as I could and get back to playing like I can," Turiaf said.

Last spring, Turiaf explored the option of leaving college early for the NBA. While he felt like he was ready for the pros, he chose to return for his senior year.

Former UCLA player and head coach Larry Farmer, now a TV commentator, said yesterday that in the preseason he considered Turiaf to be a potential lottery pick. He still could be.

To succeed in the NBA, Farmer said, Turiaf will have to get a little more range on his jump shot and/or become an even more forceful rebounder.

Assigned to stand in the way of



Ronny Turiaf twice was an All-WCC first-team selection his first three years. 2003 file photo / Getty Images

Turiaf's progress today is USD's 6-10 junior forward Nick Lewis. The match-up goes back two seasons to the WCC Tournament championship game at the JCP. Lewis and the Toreros emerged with a victory. Lewis and Turiaf were all-tournament selections.

"I like matching up against him," Lewis said. "He doesn't go away from the basket as much as I do, but other than that our games are pretty similar. He's a little more physical, and he's real skilled, but I'm excited about the matchup."

"I've gotten to know him a little bit over the years. He's a real nice guy but a great player and definitely tough to go up against."

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Men: No. 11 Gonzaga at USD

When: Today, 4 p.m.

Where: Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Records: Gonzaga 13-4, 3-2 WCC; USD 10-7, 2-2

TV/Webcast: 4 San Diego/www.usdtoreros.com

Series: Gonzaga leads 40-20.

Outlook: Gonzaga is smarting from a 73-70 loss Thursday at San Francisco that reduced the Zags' conference road record to 1-2. History note: Gonzaga hasn't lost back-to-back games since the 2002-03 season, when the opponents were Stanford and St. Joseph's, and hasn't lost two in a row in the WCC since February 2000, when a loss at Pepperdine was followed five days later with an upset at the hands of visiting USD. Four Zags are averaging in double figures, Adam Morrison (18.5), Ronny Turiaf (16.6), Derek Raivio (12.5) and J.P. Batista (10.1). Turiaf is the leading rebounder at 8.8. USD has received double-figure point production from five players in each of its past two games. The Toreros continue to be led statistically by their front line of Brice Vounang (16.3 ppg, 7.4 rpg), Brandon Gay (14.5, 6.2) and Nick Lewis (11.4, 5.3).

– HANK WESCH

Women: USD at Gonzaga

When: Today, 2.

Where: Spokane, Wash.

Records: USD 7-10, 2-2; Gonzaga 16-2, 5-0.

Series: USD leads 19-17.

Outlook: The Toreros have put together two wins in a row after a solid showing at Portland. The Bulldogs, however, will be USD's greatest challenge of the West Coast Conference season. Gonzaga owns the nation's second-longest winning streak, which increased to 12 with an 81-62 win over San Francisco on Thursday.

– NICOLE VARGAS

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Toreros shoot lights out vs. Portland

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Twenty days in, the USD men's basketball team got to play its first home game of 2005 last night.

Happy ferocious New Year.

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Playing what coach Brad Holland rated their best defensive game of the season, and shooting like a team in the friendly confines of its own gym should, the Toreros blasted Portland 92-58 before

1,008 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Brandon Gay (21 points) led five Toreros in double figures and USD (10-7, 2-2 West Coast Conference) manhandled a Portland team (13-7,

2-3) that was fresh from defending its home court with wins over Pepperdine and Loyola Marymount last weekend.

USD shot 57 percent overall (34-for-59), 52.6 percent on three-pointers (10-for-19), had Portland down by 28 at halftime and then expanded the advantage in the second half.

"One of my biggest concerns was their transition game. They're one of the best transition teams in the league," Holland said. "What took away their transition game was we put the ball in the basket for a high percentage."

Gay, who was 9-for-13 from the field, said that three good days of practice in which the Toreros put up "probably 1,000 shots a day," some in extra evening sessions, was one factor in the

sharpshooting. Then there was the motivation of defending the home court, vital in a well-balanced WCC this season, and soothing some hurt feelings from 2004.

"With all the pain from last year of them beating us twice, we had to come out and get this one," Gay said. "We only won one conference game last year, so it's like we've got to go out and beat everybody to get payback."

Junior transfer Floyd North contributed 15 points, a collegiate career high for the former St. Augustine High standout. His previous highs had been 11, once at Oregon State and for USD last weekend at San Francisco.

"Brice Vounang (10 points), B.G.

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Toreros pay back Portland for last year

(Gay) and Nick Lewis (12) are our scorers. We've got a lot of scorers on the team, I'm not going to be our scorer," North said. "I'd rather have everybody in double digits and get a big win like we did tonight."

The completely one-sided first half was reflected in the 47-19 Toreros lead at the break.

The Toreros dominated outside, cashing 6-of-11 three-pointers to Portland's 1-of-8. And USD dominated inside, outrebounding Portland 20-8 and getting 12 points off slams or layups, and tacking on three more with free throws after being fouled in the process.

Gay led the first-half onslaught with 12 points and six rebounds. Lewis had 10 points and four boards.

"Our post guys are our bread and butter, and teams have to try and take that away," Gay said. "But when we're hitting like we were tonight, we're tough to beat. Teams have to come out and guard us."

There was no letup in the second half as USD outscored Portland 45-39. A goodly number of the Toreros points came from close range, as USD attacked the basket after breaking the Pilots' press.

"After being up as much as

SUMMARY

USD 92, Portland 58

PORTLAND	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Sullivan	25	4-6	6-8	3	0	0	14
Gahlmann	7	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Cooper	22	0-7	0-2	2	0	2	0
Wilson	26	0-3	2-2	2	1	4	2
Jeter	32	5-11	2-2	6	2	2	13
Dominguez	21	1-9	0-0	1	3	1	2
Aaker	20	4-8	1-2	6	0	3	13
Jackson	6	1-1	1-3	1	0	0	3
M.Lewis	22	4-5	0-3	4	0	4	8
Vance	11	0-1	0-0	1	0	4	0
Watson	8	0-1	1-2	0	0	2	1
Totals	200	20-53	13-24	27	6	22	58

Percentages: FG .377, FT .542. 3-Point Goals: 5-19, 263 (Aaker 4-8, Jeter 1-4, Watson 0-1, Cooper 0-2, Dominguez 0-4). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocked Shots: 6 (Vance 2). Turnovers: 20 (Jeter 4). Steals: 11 (Cooper 3). Technical Fouls: None.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	29	9-13	1-2	9	4	2	21
Younang	22	4-6	2-3	6	2	4	10
N.Lewis	24	4-10	3-3	8	1	1	12
Fogel	19	2-5	0-0	1	2	4	4
Belser	29	4-5	1-2	4	2	2	10
Melton	13	3-5	0-0	3	3	1	7
North	18	4-6	4-4	1	3	1	15
Derogatis	22	2-4	1-2	4	2	1	7
Pomare	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Traaen	5	1-3	0-1	1	1	1	2
White	4	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	1
Shepherd	12	0-1	1-2	3	1	2	1
Bonifer	3	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	2
Totals	200	34-59	14-21	41	21	21	92

Percentages: FG .576, FT .667. 3-Point Goals: 10-19, 526 (North 3-4, Derogatis 2-3, Gay 2-4, Belser 1-1, Lewis 1-3, Melton 1-3, Shepherd 0-1). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocked Shots: 2 (Younang, Lewis). Turnovers: 17 (Younang 4). Steals: 3 (Lewis, Belser, Shepherd). Technical Fouls: None.

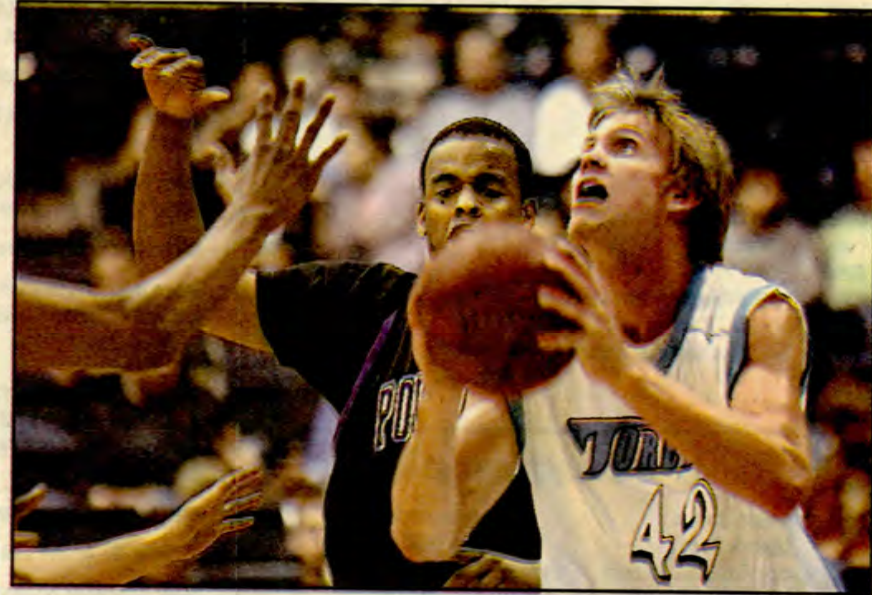
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USD (10-7, 2-2) 47 45 - 92

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we were at halftime, to win the second half as well, I thought, was important," Holland said. "I like the fact that our team didn't lose defensive focus."

Gonzaga tickets

Approximately 500 tickets remain for tomorrow's 4 p.m. game against No. 11 Gonzaga, which lost at San Francisco last night. The ticket office at the Jenny Craig Pavilion will be open today during regular business hours.



USD's Nick Lewis, who had 12 points, tries for a shot through a gaggle of Portland defenders, including Marcus Lewis. Earnie Grafton / Union-Tribune

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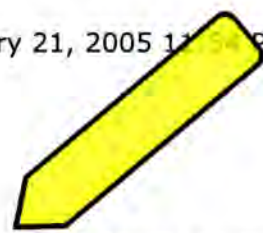
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For a change, USD to hear a din in gym

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer



SAN DIEGO ---- Brett Melton's defensive positioning needed to be adjusted. Anyone paying attention in Jenny Craig Pavilion could clearly hear the University of San Diego men's basketball coaches tell him just that.

Equally audible was Melton's quip of a response, because it practically echoed Thursday night, when the Toreros' swanky 5,100-seat home arena appeared cavernous for not the first time this season.

Seas of empty blue seats have been as common this winter at USD home games as the voices of coaches conveying instructions and players shouting schemes to their teammates. During the Toreros' 92-58 victory over Portland, attended by an announced crowd of 1,008 Thursday, the coaches and players barely needed to shout.

Today, however, No. 11 Gonzaga makes its annual visit to Jenny Craig Pavilion, bringing with it the national reputation most Toreros opponents lack and attracting a slew of local college basketball fans eager to see the NCAA tournament's Cinderella legend.

"We do have loyal fans, and we appreciate that. We just can't fill stands like some other schools," junior forward Corey Belser said. "That comes with prestige, though. And a game like (today), with 5,000 people there, if you get a win like that, you'll get recognition and have people start coming to the game."

The Toreros have averaged just 982 fans at their eight home games this season, significantly behind last year's pace of 2,112. Though the Toreros have overcome the on-court ramifications of last season --- they had a 4-26 record ---- they have yet to win back much of their already-modest fan base.

Three times this season, they have played on grander stages. They lost a nationally televised Preseason NIT game at then-No. 10 Arizona after a game effort, then performed lethargically in losses to San Diego State and USC, both at Cox Arena.

School officials are anticipating a sellout today. It's likely to be the last such crowd at USD this season.

The scenario clearly frustrates the Toreros. Belser rolled his eyes when the topic was broached, and Melton once recounted that his reaction to the size of the crowd at his first USD game two years ago was, "Are you kidding me?"

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But while bothered, the Toreros say they don't give considerable thought to the situation.

"I think we've got a real good basketball team, a real good product," said USD coach Brad Holland, whose team takes a 10-7 record into the game this afternoon against Gonzaga (13-4). "I wish people would come, but all we can do is what we do."

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To be fair, most of USD's eight home games have been played while the school's students were either on break or taking final exams. The section of floor seats behind the visiting basket the school designated "The Bull Pit" this season has provided a blue backdrop of empty seats. Spring classes begin Jan. 31.

Defeating a well-regarded opponent, such as Gonzaga, wouldn't hurt. Two seasons ago, the Toreros' attendance was buoyed by an early-season upset of UCLA and the presence of mammoth All-West Coast Conference center Jason Keep.

The most impressive victories for this season's group have come against Wyoming and Creighton, the former on the road. And while they have talented players, the Toreros don't have anyone as intriguing as Keep, a muscular, tattooed transfer with a checkered past who carried the Toreros into the NCAA tournament in his one season at USD.

"It's such a beautiful facility. It's a great place to come watch college basketball," Belser said. "And for it to be so quiet sometimes, it's odd. The thing that I do appreciate is when we do play good teams ---- like Creighton ---- the fans that we do have do generate enough noise.

"We might only have 2,500 people, but they sound like 5,000."

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Saturday: vs. Gonzaga

WHAT: Men's college basketball

TIPOFF: 4:05 p.m. at Jenny Craig Pavilion

RECORDS: Gonzaga 13-4, 3-2; USD 10-7, 2-2

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UPDATE: Gonzaga arrives having suffered a rare loss at San Francisco on Thursday. That the Zags are not in first place in the West Coast Conference for the first time in three seasons is surprising enough. That they rank third in the eight team WCC qualifies a bona fide shock that provides added evidence that the conference is loaded. The WCC, this week, is the seventh-best conference in the country, according to the Ratings Percentage Index, and the University of San Diego should reveal today how much of a player it plans to be in this deep field. Gonzaga has twice defeated a top 5 team this season, but it's just 1-2 on the road in WCC play. USD is 7-1 at Jenny Craig Pavilion this season. ... The Zags are one the few conference teams that match the size of USD's bulky frontcourt. C Ronny Turiaf (6-foot-10), F J.P. Batista (6-9) and F Adam Morrison (6-8) even have a size advantage on USD C Brice Vounang (6-8), F Brandon Gay (6-8) and F Nick Lewis (6-10). The Zags trio averages 45.2 points per game led by Morrison's 18.5. USD G Corey Belser will mark Morrison.

---- David Hammel

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Toreros courting home advantage

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

You can call it what you want: the "Slim Gym," "Phat Farm" or, as the latest court-side banner proclaims, the "Bull Pit."



Brad Holland

By any name, or aesthetic standards, USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion basketball house is a fine house. But the Toreros, who face Portland tonight in their West Coast Conference home opener, know their house is not a home that generates great advantage to the permanent residents.

"We have to rank near the bottom of the league (for home-court advantage)," coach Brad Holland said this week. "Our current club has taken pride in protecting the home floor, but anybody who has been around the league knows that it's not a venue that, game in and game out, is going to provide much in the way of home-court advantage."

Playing before an average JCP attendance of 978, by far the lowest in the league, USD went 6-1 in preconference games. Chances are tonight's turnout won't be much greater than that average.

The attendance numbers figure to remain modest tonight because: USD is on semester break until Jan. 31 and most of the students have gone home; the Toreros, despite this season's 9-7 mark, are still trying to overcome the spectator ennui generated by last season's 4-26 showing; Portland, despite being 13-6, is not nearly as attractive an opponent as nationally ranked Gonzaga, which visits USD on Saturday.

"The big disadvantage, right now, is that we're not in school and I'm pretty sure everybody else in the conference is," Holland said. "We play our first couple of conference home games when we're in intersession every year and that definitely hurts us."

"Truthfully, I feel bad for our players. Like everybody else, they work hard and they deserve more home-court support. At the same time, however, we don't allow ourselves any excuses."

"No. 1, we need to find ways to get more students out. No. 2,

Home sweet home?

Before it moved to the fancy Jenny Craig Pavilion, USD used to have a real home-court advantage. The bandbox Sports Center Gym was easy to fill with bodies and noise. WCC teams, who had to experience it every year, especially disliked it.

Visiting teams apparently have felt more at home in the JCP, as the numbers below would suggest.

USD Sports Center Gym:

21 Division I seasons (1979-80 to 1999-2000)

USD Record: 195-79 (.711)

Jenny Craig Pavilion: 4-plus seasons (2000-01 to present)

USD Record: 36-26 (.581)

we need to get the people who do come out organized and into the game."

By most assessments, the WCC is deeper in teams with talent this season than any year in recent memory. All eight teams started this week with records of .500 or better, and only Santa Clara (9-9) was at .500.

That makes protecting the home court, or making road breakthroughs, more important than ever. "People don't realize how tough it is to win on the road in this conference," Mark Few, coach of No. 11 Gonzaga, said recently.

USD realizes. The Toreros' first three WCC games were on the road.

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They went 1-2, with one of the losses 87-82 in overtime Saturday at San Francisco. "The only thing you can say about 1-2 is that it's better than 0-3," Holland said. "San Francisco made a fine effort, but I thought it was more a case that we lost the game rather than they won it."

"We know what we have to do. We have to cut down on our turnovers and we've got to get our foul shooting back up to what it was before we started conference play."

USD averaged 16.2 assists and 15.8 turnovers in 13 pre-conference games. In three WCC contests the averages are 15 assists and 20.3 turnovers. A 7.2 percent free throw shooting team in preconference play, the Toreros have dipped to 60.3 for the three conference games.

"We've gotten a little loose with the ball on the offensive end and had turnovers before we get a shot off," Holland said. "That's not good."

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Toreros dispatch Portland with ease

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- Nick Lewis had it figured pretty well when he stated that his University of San Diego teammates could guard anyone if they could set their half-court defense. Whether that assertion truly applies to anyone should become clearer in the next day or so, but on Thursday, the Toreros sure could guard Portland. Brandon Gay scored 21 points, USD hardly let Portland shoot and put on a rebounding clinic in dispatching the Pilots 92-58 as if they were still a West Coast Conference also-ran before 1,008 at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The Toreros (10-7, 2-2 WCC) never let Portland (13-7, 2-3) get into its dangerous transition offense, which enabled USD to set its suffocating man-to-man defense. And the Pilots' strategy of collapsing their defense to swarm Toreros center Brice Vounang proved disastrous. USD took advantage of constant open perimeter jumpers to can 10 3-pointers and shoot 59 percent from the field, making Portland's transition game a non-entity.

"That was the No. 1 thing on our list the coaches put together, stopping them in transition," said Gay, one of five Toreros to score in double figures. "And I think the thing that helped us was we were able to hit shots. They weren't able to rebound and push it and push it.

"They tried, but we got back and we worked hard."

Portland hardly rebounded at all in the first half, grabbing just eight (USD had 20), committing 12 turnovers and hoisting just 20 shots as the Toreros stockpiled an early 28-point lead and an impressive tune-up victory for No. 11 Gonzaga's visit Saturday, when about five times as many fans are expected to attend.

For the night, USD outrebounded Portland 41-27.

"We probably played our best defensive game of the season," USD coach Brad Holland said. "We kept forcing them into tough shots."

With USD devoting considerable time of late focusing on its shooting proficiency, junior Floyd North contributed a career-high 15 points ---- that includes his two years at Oregon State. Lewis scored 12, while Vounang and Corey Belser added 10 apiece. Every USD player that dressed scored, including walk-ons Curtis White, Adam Bonifer and Slater Traean (Mt. Carmel High).

"We've been coming back at 7 o'clock at night, working on shots," North said. "Now teams have to guard more than one guy."



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Men: Portland at USD

When: Tonight, 7:05

Where: Jenny Craig Pavilion

Records: Portland 13-6, 2-2 WCC;
USD 9-7, 1-2

Series: USD leads 36-19

TV: 4 San Diego

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Outlook: After losing road games to Saint Mary's and Santa Clara to open WCC play two weeks ago, Portland got even with home wins last week over Pepperdine 81-71 and Loyola Marymount 74-57. . . . Junior guard Pooh Jeter leads the Pilots in scoring at 15.8 ppg, eighth in the conference . . . USD's Brice Vounang (16.7 ppg, 7.4 rpg) ranks fourth in the WCC in both categories and leads three Toreros with double-figures scoring averages. The others are front-line mates Brandon Gay (14.1, 6.1) and Nick Lewis (11.4, 5.1).

– HANK WESCH

Women: USD at Portland

When: Tonight, 7

Where: Chiles Center, Portland

Records: USD 6-10, 1-2 WCC;
Portland 5-12, 0-4

Series: Portland leads 26-16

Outlook: Coming off their first West Coast Conference victory, the Toreros will try to put together two consecutive wins. Portland, which has also been battered by injuries, has lost five straight.

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Aztecs host Wyoming and Colorado State

Jan. 18, 2005

Head coach Steve Fisher

General Remarks:

"We're 2-0 and happy to be there. We're looking forward to coming home and hopefully playing with the same confidence and willingness to make a hard play when it matters. If we do that, we have a chance to be in a position to win with two or three minutes to go in every game. Two games don't make a season and yet, it feels awfully good to win our first two games especially on the road. We have gotten solid contributions from everybody. The statistics make Brandon (Heath) look like a superhero and he scored a lot of points. We had a lot of other people who didn't have the stats that played better than they have in games that we came close to winning. Mohamed Camara is one of them. If you look at the tape he did a great job on how he guarded, helped, used his size and strength, rebounded, and kept UNLV from rebounding so someone from our team could get it. When you win, the guys who score all the points get the publicity, but if you don't have everyone doing their job, you can't win. So we really feel good that we fought and got one at BYU. It gave us immense confidence going into Las Vegas and we found a way to win that game. So we're excited, yet realistic and looking forward to that next game."

On Brandon Heath:

"Brandon is a scorer. He is not afraid to fail, as last year as a freshman would indicate when he made the game-winner against the University of San Diego, hit a three-pointer against Colorado State to put the game into overtime, he likes taking big shots. What he did at UNLV was the best since he's been here in being able to attack off the dribble and be under control as he finished. He was sensational. Of his 12 field goals, I believe nine of them were layups and he created that. He was also 12-for-12 from the free-throw line. When we needed a big basket, Brandon seemed to be there to deliver it for us. So he deserves the attention and we're hopeful that he can see some of the things he did and continue to do them."



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SAL boys race starts cooking this Wednesday

By JOHN MURPHY
Staff Writer

Tuesday, January 18, 2005 - The San Andreas League boys basketball race technically began last week, but the real action starts Wednesday.

That's when Arroyo Valley (15-4 overall, 2-0) visits San Gorgonio (13-2, 1-0) in a key showdown.

"It still looks like us, Arroyo and (San Gorgonio),' Cajon coach Randy Murray said. "It's a toss-up. It's going to be competitive and well-balanced."

Cajon is 11-5, 1-0 after Monday's 60-43 loss to Ayala in the one-day M.L. King/Riverside event.

The suspense was put on hold last week as the San Gorgonio at Cajon game was postponed due to electrical problems.

"Our kids were ready to play,' San G. coach Ty Stockham said. "They were frustrated that they weren't able to."

San G. kept sharp by practicing Saturday and Monday.

Stockham is pleased with his team's defense, but the Spartans face a daunting task in Arroyo Valley, led by guard Claude Williams (28 points per game).

And it's not just the Claude Williams Show, Stockham indicated.

"He's their leading scorer, but they have two or three guys in double figures,' he said. "That's why they've had so much success."

CAMERA SHY

The postponement of the San G. at Cajon game scuttled the plans of Arroyo Valley coach Scott Smith to film the game. He doesn't have either team on film, which won't help his scouting efforts.

"It messed me up,' Smith said. "I sent a kid out there and he called me and said, 'It's all dark out here, I think I'm in the wrong place.' He was panicking. I told him, 'No, you're not in the wrong place."

CAN'T GET AWAY

Even when Arroyo Valley's Smith isn't at basketball, he's thinking about basketball.

On Monday, before practice, he took his daughters Jordyn (7) and Jaycee (4) to watch a children's movie called "Stripes" about a zebra that yearns to become a race horse.

"It's about a zebra, so maybe I can pretend it's an official,' Smith quipped before the movie.

The coach's post-movie review? "It wasn't bad. It had some pretty good one-liners."

WILLIAMS WATCH

Arroyo Valley's Williams continues to put up big numbers.

He leads the county in scoring (469 points) and also averages 6.6 rebounds, 5.9 assists, 4.3 steals and 3.1 three-pointers per game.

Williams has scored 40 or more points four times, including a 51-point effort against Ramona.

"He's a good player,' Cajon's Murray said. "He's quick and he shoots well and has good instincts. I'll be curious to see how he does against (San Geronio) on Wednesday.'

Cal State Northridge and the University of San Diego have noticed Williams of late. The interest of the scouts was piqued after Williams averaged 31 points per game in the Torrey Pines Classic at Rancho Bernardo.

STAT STARS

The Cajon girls (1,265 points) ranked fourth in the state in points scored and eighth in points scored per game (66.6).

The Cowboys are led by Jatarra (17 points, 5.7 assists and 6.0 steals per game), Lynette Jacobs (18.2 points, 4.6 assists and 5.3 steals) and Deshaun Brown (6.2 steals).

GRAND NIGHT

Mesa Grande Academy's Megan Bradford hit the 1,000-point mark for her career last Tuesday against Baptist Christian. Bradford has 1,034 now. She averages 17.4 points, 8.4 rebounds, 7.2 steals and two three-pointers per game.

MOTIVATION:

The best Citrus Belt League boys game of the week looks like A.B. Miller at Redlands on Friday. Redlands would like to avenge its Dec. 14 setback to Miller in the league opener.

Miller would like to beat the Terriers on their home court after last year's excruciating setback to Redlands on Mychal Estrada's long buzzer-beater.

SOMETHING'S BRUIN

The Bloomington boys lead the Sunkist League with a 2-0 record (8-8 overall) and are making a bid for a title at a school known best for football.

Balanced scoring has aided the Bruins, who are paced by Casey Goins (12.6 points per game), Marcus Smith (12.3), J.C. Fruto (11.9), Karl Brooks (9.0) and Keith Goins (7.2).

NOTABLE: Arrowhead Christian's Kelly Johnson leads the state in three-pointers with 58. ... The ACA boys put their 12-game winning streak on the line tonight against visiting Ontario Christian, co-leaders in the Christian League.

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Three feast . . . three famine

Toreros flourish, then flounder on long-range shots

By Rusty Simmons
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

SAN FRANCISCO — USD torched the nets, connecting on 9-of-13 three-point attempts in the first half yesterday, but the

**USF
87**

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OVERTIME

USD missed three three-pointers in the final 11 seconds, and the University of San Francisco sneaked away with an 87-82 West Coast Conference overtime victory in front of 1,589 fans at the War Memorial Gymnasium.

"We shot the ball well, but that's fool's gold in college basketball," USD coach Brad Holland said. "We knew we had to get the ball inside in the second half."

But it was the outside game that gave the Toreros (9-7, 1-2 WCC) an early lead over USF (10-6, 1-2). They appeared a lock to set the school record of 14 three-pointers made in a game, but they went 0-for-4 in the second half and 0-for-4 again in the overtime period.

"For them to come into our arena and shoot that well really

SUMMARY

San Francisco 87, USD 82 (OT)

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	32	6-14	5-5	7	4	3	18
Lewis	29	7-9	0-0	6	2	1	18
Vounang	40	9-14	2-5	8	1	3	20
Fogel	16	0-4	0-0	2	2	4	0
Belser	29	2-2	0-3	4	1	4	5
Melton	11	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0
North III	32	4-8	1-2	3	4	2	11
DeRogatis	32	3-9	3-4	5	4	4	10
Shepherd	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals	225	31-60	11-19	41	19	24	82

Percentages: FG .517, FT .579. 3-Point Goals: 9-21, .429 (Lewis 4-5, North III 2-5, Belser 1-1, Gay 1-3, DeRogatis 1-5). Team Rebounds: 6. Blocked Shots: 3 (Lewis, North III). Turnovers: 19 (North III 5). Fouls: 19 (Vounang 3). Technical Fouls: None.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Riley	14	8-13	2-2	8	3	3	22
Gumbs	14	4-10	4-4	4	2	4	13
Wiggins	20	2-4	2-6	5	0	2	6
Gaines	10	4-4	4-4	2	5	2	7
Cox	10	5-2	5-2	3	3	3	31
Ingerson	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hazel	7	1-1	1-1	1	4	0	0
Czerny	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dukes	12	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	4
Carter	26	2-3	0-0	5	2	2	4
Totals	225	29-69	19-26	35	15	20	87

Percentages: FG .420, FT .731. 3-Point Goals: 10-25, .400 (Riley 4-6, Cox 4-10, Gaines 1-2, Gumbs 1-5, Hazel 0-2). Team Rebounds: 5. Blocked Shots: 3 (Wiggins 2). Turnovers: 8 (Gaines 3). Steals: 9 (Gumbs 4). Technical Fouls: Hazel (USF).

USD (9-7, 1-2) 50 26 6 - 82
USF (10-6, 1-2) 42 34 11 - 87

A-1,589. Officials—Dave Lobey, Brian Rood, Scott Harris.

says something about them," USF coach Jessie Evans said. "If they kept shooting like that, we were going to be in trouble."

While there was a dramatic change in the USD shooting percentage from the first to second half, Holland pointed to other areas as bigger problems.

"We came up short because we made tactical errors," he said.

For the third consecutive game, the Toreros lost the turnover battle, this time 19-8. The Dons converted the turnovers

into 17 points, but the most costly ones came in the closing seconds.

USF forward Jerome Gumbs recorded two steals in the final minute of overtime. The first led to a Tyrone Riley (22 points) layup, which tied the game 82-82, and the second led to two Gumbs free throws, which gave the Dons an 85-82 lead with 20 seconds remaining.

"I couldn't hit anything, so I had to do something," said Gumbs, who shot 4-of-10 from the field.

The Toreros didn't have any of the same troubles in the first half, when they built a 50-40 lead behind Nick Lewis' 16 points on 4-of-4 shooting from beyond the arc.

Lewis, who scored 18 points, played only 14 minutes in the second half as USD concentrated on going inside to Brice Vounang, who scored a team-high 20 points.

"I'll probably question myself about (not playing Lewis more in the second half)," Holland said. "But I liked our defensive matchups."

The matchups were working pretty well on offense too as Vounang got point-blank shots and went 4-of-5 in the second half, but his layups couldn't match USF's three-pointers.

The Dons made three three-pointers during a 15-6 second-half run that tied the score at 62-62 with 12 minutes remaining.

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Dons Beat San Diego In Overtime 87-82

Cox scores 31, Riley 22 as Dons come from behind

Jan. 15, 2005

USF, paced by 31 points by John Cox including 21 after intermission, came from behind to defeat the University of San Diego 87-82 in overtime in a West Coast Conference game at War Memorial Gymnasium. The Dons also got 22 from Tyrone Riley and 13 from Jerome Gumbs.

It was the first league win for USF (10-6, 1-2) under new head coach Jessie Evans and the Dons had to battle back twice to do it. The Dons remain a perfect 8-0 at Memorial Gymnasium. San Diego (9-7, 1-2 WCC) was paced by 20 points by Brice Voungang and 18 each by Brandon Gay and Nick Lewis.

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USF trailed 50-42 at the half, as Torero forward Nick Lewis scored 16 in the first half and Brice Voungang added 11. The guests shot 58% in the first half to 42.9 for USF who got 15 points by Riley before the break.

The Dons, who were outshot and rebounded by San Diego were once again strong in the turnover margin, forcing 19 Torero turnovers while making just eight on their own.

After San Diego took a 10-point lead at 52-42 at the 19:15 point of the second half, USF made an 15-6 run to get to within one with 14:12 remaining with Cox having 10 points in the stretch.



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Cox's layup gave USF the lead for the first time in the second half at the 11:11 mark, a lead the Dons held until 1:29 left in regulation when USD's Vounang tied it. The teams remained scoreless for the remainder of regulation.

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USF had to again come back in overtime, trailing 81-77 with 2:18 left. But again it was Cox to the rescue hitting a crucial three with 2:00 left starting a 10-1 run to close out the game that included four straight free-throws by Jerome Gumbs.

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"We proved we were fighters out there against a really good shooting, talented San Diego team," said Evans. "But the key was giving up just 26 points in the second half, after giving up 50 in the first."

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UNLV 7-6, 0-1

Series: UNLV leads 27-7

Outlook: UNLV has won four straight at home but is coming off an 18-point loss at Utah on Monday. The Aztecs are trying to open a conference season with consecutive road victories for just the second time. The only other time was in 1984-85, when the Aztecs advanced to the NCAA Tournament. UNLV has won four of the past five meetings with SDSU and is 10-1 against the Aztecs in the Thomas & Mack. The Rebels have an RPI of 61 and a schedule rating of 18, by far the league's toughest. Something will give – SDSU ranks next-to-last among conference teams in scoring (68.1) while UNLV ranks last in scoring defense (73.6). Each team shoots below 45 percent.

– ED GRANEY

Men: USD at San Francisco

When/where: Today, 12:05 p.m. / San Francisco

Webcast: www.usdtoreros.com

Records: USD 9-6, 1-1 WCC;
USF 9-6, 0-2

Series: USD leads 26-24

Outlook: The West Coast Conference travel partners engage in the lone game of the week for either . . . USD split last weekend's trip to Los Angeles by defeating Loyola Marymount on Sunday after losing to Pepperdine. USF was defeated by the same opponents . . . USF features the league's top scorer in 6-5 guard John Cox (21.5 ppg). Tyrone Riley, a 6-7 forward is next at 14 ppg. Sophomore Alan Wiggins Jr., a 6-8 forward from Horizon Christian High, averages 22.5 minutes, 6.2 points and 4 rebounds for the Dons. The Dons are coached by one-time SDSU assistant (1982-84) Jessie Evans, who took over April 22 for the fired Phil Mathews . . . USD has one of the WCC's best individual defenders in Corey Belser (league-leading 43 steals) and his expected one-on-one battle with Cox may have a major impact on the game . . . The Toreros are led by their front line of Brice Vounang (16.5 ppg, 7.4 rpg), Brandon Gay (13.9, 6.0) and Nick Lewis (10.9, 5.1). Sophomore G Michael Hubbard, who missed the L.A. trip for a team rules violation, will also miss this one due to a knee injury.

– HANK WESCH

Women: SDSU vs. UNLV

When/where: Today, 4 / Cox Arena.

Webcast: www.goaztecs.com

Records: SDSU 5-7, UNLV 9-5.

Series: UNLV leads 17-11.

Outlook: The Aztecs open Mountain West Conference play with some momentum after a come-from-behind victory over Eastern Washington. The Rebels, who were picked to win the conference, have been battered by injuries and will boast the most athletic bench in the conference, led by 2004 honorable mention All-American Randee Henry.

– NICOLE VARGAS

Women: USD vs. USF

When/where: Today, 2 / Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Webcast: www.usdtoreros.com

Records: USD 5-10, 0-2 WCC;
USF 7-8, 1-1.

Series: USF leads 20-19.

Outlook: The Toreros go for their first West Coast Conference win. Amber Sprague, the 6-5 freshman center who continues to lead USD in scoring (16 ppg), will face the conference's other top-scoring frosh, USF's Dominique Carter. Carter (team-high 15.1 ppg) put in a career-high 23 points in last week's loss to Loyola Marymount.

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San Diego 68, Loyola Marymount 65

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The Toreros (9-6, 1-1) have won six out their last seven games, and the Lions (9-6, 1-1) have lost three of four.

After San Diego started the game with an 11-6 lead, Loyola went on a 14-0 run, taking a 20-11 advantage. The Toreros responded with a 9-0 run. The Lions wrapped up the first half on a 7-3 spurt and had a 27-23 lead at intermission.

San Diego outrebounded Loyola, 25-20.

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Clutch last-minute play helps USD strike it rich

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Road victories are the gold standard for West Coast Conference basketball teams in what figures to be the most top-to-bottom competitive league race in years.

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And USD pulled out a nugget yesterday, riding the heroics of Avi Fogel and Floyd North in the final 10.2 seconds to a 68-65 victory over Loyola Marymount before 1,274 at Gersten Pavilion.

After a basket by Wes Wardrop with 15.9 seconds to play gave LMU a 65-64 lead, Fogel drove the length of the court for a layup with 10.2 seconds left to put USD ahead 66-65. Then North stole a pass in the Toreros' defensive end and hit two free throws in a bonus situation with 7.2 seconds remaining to set the final score.

A three-point attempt by Wardrop at the buzzer hit the back of the rim and popped out, giving USD (9-6, 1-1 WCC) its sixth victory in seven games and a split of the conference-opening trip to Los Angeles. The Toreros lost at Pepperdine 83-67 on Friday.

"We talked about how this was a bounce-back game, the second game of a road trip, and I'm really proud of how our guys approached it," said USD coach Brad Holland. "I told our guys that we lost to Pepperdine, but if we can find a way to win this we'll have a successful road trip."

In a predictably rough, rugged and at times ragged game between teams that think defense before offense, there

were seven lead changes, six ties and only LMU was able to manage more than a five-point lead.

The Lions (9-6, 1-1) put together a 14-0 run in a five-minute span from the 14- to nine-minute marks of the first half to forge a 20-11 advantage, but the Toreros came back to cut it to 27-23 at the break. LMU built seven-point leads twice in the second half, but USD hung on, matching LMU's withering tenacity and making more clutch breaks earned than the Lions team.

A three-point attempt by North, his only long shot, and one of only two shots he took the entire game, put USD ahead 52-51 with 8:12 to play. After an LMU rally, a layup by Fogel with 4:11 to go tied the score at 60.

Which didn't bode that ill for LMU.

"We've been really good in the last three minutes," LMU coach Steve Aggers had said of a team that was 5-1 in games decided by five points or fewer. "It's a tribute to our chemistry and execution."

Those words sounded prophetic after Wardrop's clutch jumper with 15.9 seconds to play. But in a timeout before that basket, the Toreros had discussed a plan for such a contingency. It was get the ball to Fogel and let him drive the length of the court.

"We didn't want to give their defense a chance to get set," Holland said. "Sometimes, if you've got a guy like Avi with some speed with the ball it's prudent to let him take it and go."

"Nothing went through my mind," Fogel said of the critical moment. "Nick Lewis gave me a great outlet pass, (LMU's Charles) Brown wasn't really

paying attention, and I knew that I could beat him.

"I was totally composed through the whole thing."

Fogel led USD with 17 points and had four assists. Brice Vounang (15 points, eight rebounds) and Lewis (12 points, five rebounds) also hit double figures for the Toreros.

North, a junior transfer from Oregon State, was playing his second game after missing 12 because of a stress fracture. His leg is still tender and the former St. Augustine High standout's playing time is limited.

But he made an impact in 11 minutes yesterday.

"I'm really pleased with Floyd North and how he helped our basketball team to-night, with his defense, hitting a big three and his two clutch free throws," Holland said.

SUMMARY

USD 68, Loyola Marymount 65

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Vounang	30	7-13	1-1	8	1	3	15
Lewis	28	4-9	2-3	5	2	1	12
Gay	26	1-3	1-2	4	1	1	4
Fogel	30	6-8	4-6	2	4	1	17
Belser	30	2-2	1-4	3	3	3	5
Melton	17	2-5	0-0	3	0	2	6
North III	11	1-2	2-2	2	0	2	9
DeRogatis	22	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	2
Shepherd	6	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	2
Totals	200	25-48	11-18	30	13	16	68

Percentages: FG .521, FT .611. 3-Point Goals: 7-11, .636 (Lewis 2-2, Melton 2-4, Gay 1-1, North III 1-1, Fogel 1-2, DeRogatis 0-1). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 3 (Vounang, Lewis, Belser). Turnovers: 24 (Vounang 6, Fogel 6). Steals: 8 (Vounang 2, Belser 2). Technical Fouls: None.

LMU	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Pegram	24	1-4	3-4	3	1	2	5
Haywood	23	6-7	1-2	3	3	3	13
Knight	20	4-9	3-3	2	0	4	11
Brown	34	5-8	2-2	4	4	2	14
Martin	33	1-4	1-1	1	4	0	3
Wardrop	21	2-4	2-3	0	1	1	7
Ziri	9	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Ayer	16	1-3	2-4	5	0	3	4
Brown	20	3-10	2-2	3	3	1	8
Totals	200	23-50	16-21	25	16	16	65

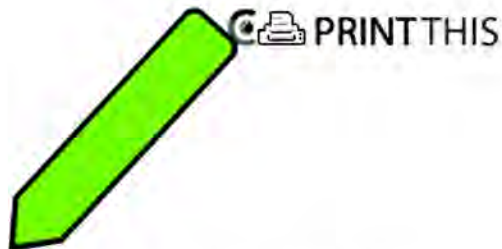
Percentages: FG .460, FT .762. 3-Point Goals: 3-9, .333 (Brown 2-5, Wardrop 1-2, Pegram 0-1, Brown 0-1). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 4 (Ayer 2). Turnovers: 19 (Martin 4). Steals: 13 (Brown 4). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (9-6, 1-1)	23	45	-	68
LMU (9-6, 1-1)	27	38	-	65

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San Diego catches LMU with Fogel's late basket
Layup with 11 seconds to go sends Lions to WCC defeat.
By The Associated Press

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Each team is 9-6 overall, 1-1 in WCC play.

"This was a very disappointing loss at home," LMU coach Steve Aggers said. "It was a typical WCC game in January - very physical and hard fought.

"San Diego played really well in the second half."

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Lewis finds his lost game in Nick of time for Toreros

By Hank Wesch, STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES — With the blond hair, lean and lanky body, love for the beach and the whole Southern California scene and lifestyle, Nick Lewis of Paradise Valley, Ariz., could be classified as one big "Zonie."

But the 6-foot-10, 235-pound junior forward for the USD men's basketball team recently worked himself into a zone of his own. And the result was an upsurge by the Toreros that crested with a five-game winning streak it took a road trip to Malibu and a solid Pepperdine team to snap Friday night.

Lewis and the Toreros will give the tough task of accomplishing a West Coast Conference road victory another shot this afternoon. To do so, they'll have to draw from the men's road wins last month at San Jose State and Wyoming that were in a major part fueled by Lewis' resurgence from the

doldrums of a 4-26 Toreros 2003-04 season and a personal slow start this year.

Through the first six games, when the Toreros were 2-4, Lewis averaged 6.5 points and 3.8 rebounds. In the next seven, while the Toreros were going 6-1, Lewis contributed at a 15.1-points, 6.4-rebounds clip.

"The first few games I wasn't starting, which was a little bit frustrating," Lewis said. "When that happens, you just have to look at yourself in the mirror and ask — is there something I'm not doing? Am I not practicing hard enough? Why am I not producing in the games?"

So, about two weeks into the season, Lewis sat down with USD coach Brad Holland for a personal assessment and goal-setting session.

"Coach is real good at (communicating) what he thinks you can do and what you need to do to



Forward Nick Lewis' dramatic turnaround has mirrored the Toreros'. Jim Baird / Union-Tribune

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Lewis putting USD on the right track

improve your game," Lewis said. "I can't pinpoint one thing that was said or one particular moment where things turned around. It was between what Coach Holland said and me setting some goals for myself."

Lewis came out of one meeting with Holland and called an impromptu gathering with the rest of the Toreros players. He said he "apologized" for the way he had been playing and promised to carry some more weight.

"They called me out on a few things, and I just decided I had to step up," Lewis said.

Lewis was inserted into the starting lineup for a game against Eastern Washington on Dec. 13. Next thing anyone knew, Lewis had averaged team bests of 16.6 points and 7.2 rebounds in the Toreros' five-game winning streak.

He much more resembled the player who was an All-WCC Tournament selection in the Toreros' NCAA Tournament-qualifying 2002-'03 season. In confidence and aggressiveness.

"Two years ago Nick battled (6-10, 250-pound center) Jason Keep every day in practice," points out Toreros swingman Corey Belser, who came to USD with Lewis and Mike McGrain as the first recruiting class to the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"That relationship with Keep made Nick have that meanness and tenacity which we've seen again the last few games. The biggest part may be confidence. He's always displayed it in practice, but maybe he had a little trouble carrying it over to games. Coach Holland did a great job of bringing that out again."

Born in Portland, Ore., and raised in Paradise Valley, Lewis got plenty of exposure to the beaches of San Diego and Hawaii on family trips from a young age. Which explains why a 6-10, 235-pounder can handle a boogie board as competently as a carom off a backboard.

"It sounds a little weird and it looks a little awkward," Lewis said. "But I love to spend time in the water. I do love to boogie board and spend time at the beach."

He's also a fair hand with a guitar, joining former teammate Travis Smith in occasional jam sessions.

"I've had a chance to meet (San Diego headliners) Ben Harper and Jack Johnson and hang out with them a little bit," Lewis said. "But I just play because it's fun and it's something to do."

"San Diego is an awesome place to go to school. You've got the beach, and the music scene is awesome. You've got L.A. an hour and a half away. Which is nice for me because I've got a brother who is a freshman at USC on a volleyball scholarship.

"It gives us a chance to get together at times. I just love being in Southern California."

But now it's wintertime. The ocean water's too cold for Lewis' taste and the focus is on basketball.

"I think the whole deal in the WCC is you have got to win all your home games and get at least half your road games. Then you have a strong chance at winning the conference," Lewis said. "Home courts are guarded pretty sacredly in this conference, and any road game is tough.

"But I think we match up inside with any team in our conference. And while coming off last year we're not really expected to do a whole lot, I think we're going to surprise some people."

Men: USD at Loyola Marymount

When: Today, 1 p.m.

Where: Gersten Pavilion, L.A.

Records USD 8-6, 0-1 WCC; LMU 9-5, 1-0

Series: USD leads 29-22

TV/Web cast: Fox Net West/
www.usdtoreros.com

Update: USD had a five-game winning streak snapped Friday with an 83-67 loss at Pepperdine in the WCC opener. That same evening, LMU pulled out a 68-65 victory over San Francisco. Senior center Matthew Knight leads LMU with averages of 15.8 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. USD junior forward Brandon Gay comes in off a 26-point effort against Pepperdine that tied his season high (twice previously) and was three under his career best.

— HANK WESCH

Toreros catch cold in a loss to Waves

USD's poor shooting costly at Pepperdine

By Hank W
STAFF WRITER

MALIBU — It is the West Coast Conference as USD...

The Toreros came into Pepperdine conference opener against Pepperdine riding a five-game winning streak. But they faced a team that had won two straight and dominated USD in the series overall (51-19) and in recent seasons (three in a row, seven of the last eight).

And while the Toreros managed to give Pepperdine a bit of a start when they scored the first eight points, the end result was an 83-67 Waves victory before 2,346 at Firestone Fieldhouse.

Pepperdine's powerful senior forwards, 6-foot-7, 225-pound Yakhouba Diawara and 6-9, 230-pound Glen McGowan, scored 22 points each and junior guard Alex Acker fired home 21 as the Waves won their conference opener for the eighth time in the last nine years. The loss came last season, when the Waves had the misfortune of drawing Gonzaga as their opening-round opponent.

USD got 26 points from senior forward Brandon Gay and 11 from Brice Voungang. But 6-10 junior forward Nick Lewis, whose offense had provided a spark during the winning streak, was limited to seven points — 10 below his recent average.

No one else on the USD roster stepped up, either, and a streak during which USD had twice placed four players in double figures, and twice had five, came to an end.

The Toreros shot only 39 percent (22-of-56) from the field and were out-rebounded 40-31.

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Loss at Pepperdine ends 5-game streak

Pepperdine's numbers were somewhat inflated by three dunks and a couple of layups in the closing minutes after breaking a full-court press USD was forced to use. But the Waves wound up cashing in 54.4 percent (31-for-57) from the floor.

"I thought the game came down to us not making shots we normally make and Pepperdine making shots," USD coach Brad Holland said. "Our effort was comparable (to that during the winning streak), but we didn't play as well. We shot the ball for a good percentage the last five games and we didn't tonight."

"As much as we've been stressing defense and rebounding, we've got to make shots."

Defense had been an important factor in the winning streak. But the kingpin of that defense, junior swingman Corey Belser, was in foul trouble much of the game, played only 20 minutes and fouled out with 6:46 to play.

Playing solid defense and generally opportunistic offense, USD jumped to an 8-0 lead in the first 3:41. Lewis hit one of two free throws, Voungang a layup and Gay a three-pointer before guard Avi Fogel made a steal and drove for a lay-in to complete the run.

Pepperdine's efforts to cut into the lead found limited success in the next 10 minutes, and when Lewis cashed two free throws with 6:11 remaining before halftime, USD had built its advantage to 31-19.

At that point, however, the Toreros went flat and Pepperdine caught fire. From the apex lead until halftime, USD committed four fouls and two turnovers and made one of seven shots — although several of them were from close range.

Pepperdine outscored USD 12-2 to cut the USD lead to 33-32 with 1:48 remaining before halftime. The Waves

took their only lead of the half with 4.1 seconds remaining when 6-9 senior Jesse Pinegar stepped out beyond the three-point arc directly in front of the basket and made the shot that gave Pepperdine a 35-33 edge at the break.

Pepperdine (11-5, 1-0 WCC) scored the first seven points of the second half to establish command and extended the lead to 21 points with just over five minutes to play. USD (8-6, 0-1) exited into a rainy night with a familiar experience, but not necessarily downcast spirits.

"We played well, we just didn't hit any shots when we needed to at the end of the first half and the start of the second and Pepperdine did," Gay said. "It's not going to be tough at all to bounce back from this."

"We know that we're a good team, when we're scoring."

USD was without sophomore guard Michael Hubbard, who did not make the trip as the result of an infraction of an unspecified team rule.

SUMMARY

Pepperdine 83, USD 67

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	29	8-14	6-8	7	1	4	26
Voungang	37	4-12	3-6	6	2	2	11
Lewis	27	2-6	3-4	3	2	0	7
Fogel	28	2-5	0-0	1	3	1	5
Belser	20	1-3	1-2	3	0	5	4
Melton	11	2-6	0-0	1	0	3	6
North	21	2-6	0-1	1	3	2	5
Derogatis	23	0-0	1-2	1	1	1	3
Shepherd	4	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0
Totals	200	22-56	13-21	31	13	20	67

Percentages: FG .393, FT .619. 3-Point Goals: 10-21, .476 (Gay 4-8, Melton 2-6, Fogel 1-1, Belser 1-2, North 1-2, Derogatis 1-2). Team Rebounds: 7. Blocked Shots: 0. Turnovers: 18 (Voungang 5). Steals: 5 (Belser 2). Technical Fouls: None.

PEPPERDINE	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
McGowan	32	8-13	6-8	8	0	3	22
Diawara	37	8-17	5-7	9	1	3	22
Henry	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Acker	39	8-13	3-4	3	0	2	21
Griffin	7	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0
Forehan-Kelly	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Pinegar	16	1-3	0-0	5	0	3	3
Lea	8	1-1	0-1	1	1	1	2
Costain	26	4-7	0-0	3	6	0	10
Jarbo	10	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0
Turner	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Hicks	19	1-2	1-2	3	1	4	3
Totals	200	31-57	15-22	40	11	19	83

Percentages: FG .544, FT .682. 3-Point Goals: 6-15, .400 (Acker 2-4, Costain 2-5, Pinegar 1-1, Diawara 1-3, McGowan 0-2). Team Rebounds: 4. Blocked Shots: 6 (Acker 2, Hicks 2). Turnovers: 20 (McGowan 5). Steals: 6 (McGowan 2, Diawara 2, Acker 2). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (8-6, 0-1)	33	34	67
PEPPERDINE (11-5, 1-0)	35	48	83

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Olé! Waves spear Toreros, 83-67

By Henry Price Editor, BreakingWaves.info
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Glen McGowan, Yakhouba Diawara, and Alex Acker each scored over 20 points for Pepperdine, who overcame a 12-point first-half deficit to defeat the University of San Diego in the West Coast Conference opener for both teams.

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Trailing 31-19 at the 6:11 mark of the first half, Coach Paul Westphal changed up his lineup to remarkable effect. Reserve forward/center Jesse Pinegar grabbed five rebounds in those final six minutes, and capped a 16-2 run with a three-pointer that gave the Waves their first lead of the game, 35-33, on the way to the locker room.

Acker scored eight points during that run, and Kingsley Costain sparked the offense with an extra burst of speed and crisp passing, including the assist on Pinegar's buzzer-beater.

Costain and Russell Hicks got the call to start the second half in place of Chase Griffin and Jarrad Henry, and the move paid off. The run extended to 40-11, giving the Waves (11-5, 1-0 WCC) a 17-point lead midway through the second half. The run seemed to take the wind out of the sails of the spirited Toreros (8-6, 0-1).

Statistically, it was the Waves' "big three" who dominated. McGowan, who had just three points and two fouls at the half, exploded for a huge second half to finish with 22 points and eight rebounds. Diawara did him one better with 22 points and nine rebounds. Acker added 21 points.

But every Wave saw action, and virtually every Wave contributed.

Costain logged ten points a career-high-tying six assists, and Hicks finished with three points, three rebounds, and two blocks, although his stat line does not portray the impact he had on the game at both ends of the floor.

Brandon Gay led the Toreros with 26 points.

With the win, Pepperdine improved to 6-0 at home, and won its ninth

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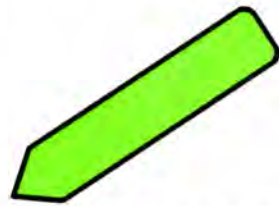
Homestand Continues with San Diego

Lions play second conference game on Fox Sports Net West as proceeds from game go to Tsunami Relief Fund.

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BRIEFLY

Loyola Marymount men's basketball (9-5, 1-0 WCC) will continue a short two-game homestand when the University of San Diego (8-6, 0-1) comes to Gersten Pavilion on Sunday, Jan. 9. Game time is set for 1:00 p.m. and will be aired live on Fox Sports Net West. The Lions started conference play with a 68-65 win over San Francisco on Thursday while the Toreros suffered an 83-67 setback at Pepperdine to snap a five-game winning streak. The game can also be heard through the Lions' Audio Network at KXLU 88.9 FM or LMULions.com.



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QUICK HITTERS HEADING INTO USD

- All proceeds from the game against USD will be donated to victims of the tsunami disaster. Coordinated through LMU's Center of Service and Action, students will kick off their community-wide campaign with the men's basketball game. Fans at the game may choose to donate funds above and beyond the price of the game. For more information, go to LMULions.com.
- The win over USF at Gersten Pavilion improved the Lions to 5-1 at home to start this season. LMU's only setback at home this season was to 12th-ranked Washington, who was ranked 16th at the time. It is the Lions best start at home since 1995-96 when they started the season 6-1.
- The Lions have a chance to start 2-0 in conference play for the first time since their last conference title in 1989-90. The Lions defeated Santa Clara and then two days later defeated San Diego on Jan. 11 and Jan. 13, 1990.
- LMU won its conference opener for the first time since the Lions' first season under Head Coach Steve Aggers in the 2000-01 season. The Lions defeated San Diego 62-59 that season and since have opened against USF, and twice against the eventual conference champs, Gonzaga.
- The win over San Francisco snapped a 12-game skid to the Lions' Bay Area nemesis and gave Head Coach Steve Aggers his first win over the Dons.
- Senior Charles Brown hit a three-point basket in the final minute to give LMU the lead for good in the 68-65 win over USF. Brown is no stranger to making the big shot in his impressive four-year career at LMU. The last two seasons Brown

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No longer a cute midmajor, WCC gets credibility, merit

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Gonzaga's pre-West Coast Conference accomplishments included three wins over Top 20 teams, among them Georgia Tech and Oklahoma State, both ranked No. 3, 10 days apart to achieve a No. 11 national ranking.

Saint Mary's had wins over Cal, UNLV and BYU. Pepperdine handled then-No. 17 Wisconsin in November. Loyola Marymount and Portland posted their best nonconference records in nine and 26 years, respectively. The University of San Francisco

won eight of its last nine preleague assignments and USD took six of seven.

And even Santa Clara, the only team to finish the preconference with a sub-.500 record (7-8), managed to knock off No. 3 North Carolina in November.

If you still think of the WCC as a nice little midmajor men's basketball conglomeration well below the NCAA upper class, or if you think of it as Gonzaga and the seven dwarfs, think again.

"The WCC is the deepest since I've

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Gonzaga has made foes step up effort

been in the league, and that's 11 years," said USD coach Brad Holland, whose team opens conference play tonight at Pepperdine. "The WCC has an outstanding group of coaches, and a lot of the best players this year are juniors and seniors. We are a veteran league in terms of the number of outstanding upper-class players."

Gonzaga, with its run of six straight NCAA Tournament qualifications, has become one of the top programs in the country in the opinion of ESPN's Dick Vitale. And, to avoid embarrassment if nothing else, other WCC teams have had to raise their recruiting, coaching and playing standards.

"It's like Tiger Woods and the PGA Tour," Holland said. "The bar is set higher and to be competitive you have to strive to get where they (the Zags) are."

The rest of the league's success in that endeavor may be measured by the preconference results. Now comes Phase II — battling each other for the next eight weeks to secure position for the WCC Tournament at Santa Clara, March 4-7.

The good news for USD is its five-game winning streak and 8-5 record, twice as many victories as all last season. The not-as-encouraging news for the Toreros is the task that starts tonight.

"We're going into conference the way you want to go," Holland said. "I like going into conference with what we've done, winning five straight

West Coast Conference men's basketball

To start the new year, the Collegiate Basketball News had the WCC rated No. 8 of the top 15 conferences in the nation. Better than Conference USA, the Mountain West, Atlantic 10 and WAC, among others, and an all-time WCC high. That's a product of a 75-37 combined preconference record and an indicator of how deep, tough and competitive the conference season could be. A team-by-team capsule look in predicted order of finish by U-T Staff Writer Hank Wesch.

- 1. Gonzaga (11-2, 1-0)** — No. 11 in nation and unquestionably league's best. But repeating last year's 14-0 run of the WCC table is unlikely.
- 2. Saint Mary's (13-4, 1-0)** — Talent, depth and experience to nip at Gonzaga's heels.
- 3. Pepperdine (10-5)** — Waves are potent offensively, but defense — especially inside — wins titles and that's not a strength.
- 4. San Francisco (9-4)** — Dons have won eight of nine and are cooking for new coach Jessie Evans.
- 5. USD (8-5)** — Started clicking in mid-December and has won five straight and six of seven.
- 6. Loyola Marymount (8-5)** — Surprisingly strong preconference results, but now must overcome loss of guard Brandon Worthy to knee injury.
- 7. Portland (11-5, 0-1)** — Preconference numbers are all good, but we're not as impressed with the competition as RPI people seem to be.
- 8. Santa Clara (7-9, 0-1)** — Broncos have gone 4-8 since beating then-No. 3 North Carolina in mid-November and have lost eight of last nine. Something's wrong.

and six of seven, and with the confidence we've built.

"But I think the team recognizes that the conference is very good this year. And I believe that as a team you don't ever stay the same; you get worse or you get better. We have to stay hungry and improve."

The Toreros went 1-13 in the WCC last season and, as the eighth and last seed, were blasted out of the conference tournament in the opening round by Santa Clara, 82-48. USD was picked sixth in the preseason coaches poll this season, but the recent success has fueled higher aspirations.

"You look at how we've done and we've got to be a respected player going in," Holland said. "But starting on the road for the first three games certainly doesn't play in our favor."

After tonight, the Toreros are at Loyola Marymount on Sunday and San Francisco on Jan. 15 before the Jan. 20 home conference opener against Portland.

Two of USD's five wins in its last six games were achieved on the road, at San Jose State and Wyoming. The former ended a 23-game road losing streak; the latter was particularly satisfying coming at altitude and in a notoriously hostile environment.

The Toreros' five-game winning streak corresponds to the insertion of junior Nick Lewis into the starting lineup — making for a starting front line of the 6-foot-10 Lewis, 6-8 Brice Vounang and 6-8 Brandon Gay — and a commitment to defense and rebounding.

Lewis has averaged 16.6 points and 7.2 rebounds during the streak.



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WCC gets boost from foreign lands

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- Brice Vounang essentially became destined for the second tier of college basketball shortly after his junior year of high school. That's when his request for a visa to finish high school in the United States was denied.

Vounang seemed set until that point. Georgetown wanted the burly 6-foot-8 center, but only if he could leave his native Cameroon to enroll at an American high school first. The Hoyas never contacted Vounang again after his visa request was denied, nor did any other major NCAA Division I team.

When he excelled the next season at his high school in Dschang, Vounang found the only serious inquiry came from Eastern Oklahoma State, a junior college.

"The key is get over here (early)," said Vounang, now a standout center at the University of San Diego. "With a big school, they usually don't recruit players in junior college."

Foreign-born basketball players are everywhere in college basketball today. But most of those playing for the sport's elite programs had at least some high school or prep school experience in the United States before joining their college teams. Those who don't rarely are pursued, leaving a large, comparably talented pool of players available to the nation's mid-major teams, such as USD and its fellow members of the West Coast Conference.

The WCC began its conference schedule on Thursday ranked in the sport's Ratings Percentage Index as the eighth-strongest conference in the nation, the highest status it has ever held. And five of the conference's eight teams feature an impact frontcourt player born elsewhere who has demonstrated he can play for a higher-level team.

"That's huge," said Pepperdine coach Paul Westphal, whose team starts power forward Yakhouba Diawara, a native of France. "It's hard to compete with the biggest conferences for the very best blue chip American players. We've all looked around and said, 'Maybe we can get comparable players. We just have to look around for them.' "

Like Vounang, Diawara got his first American basketball experience in junior college. Centers Daniel Kickert (Saint Mary's) and Matthew Knight (Loyola Marymount) enrolled at their respective schools directly from the Australian Institute of Sport. And Gonzaga preseason All-America forward Ronny Turiaf, a native of the Caribbean island Martinique, played high school ball in Paris.

Vounang, Kickert and Turiaf all earned all-conference honors from the WCC last season. Diawara likely would have joined them had the NCAA not forced him to miss the first 17

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games for playing in a professional league in Europe before his arrival at Pepperdine. Before this season, Lindy's magazine, a publication that rates most major sports and the players in them, rated Diawara as the 16th-best power forward in the country.

Knight is an emerging star at Loyola Marymount, having carried the Lions to their best start in nine seasons and a near upset of then-No. 25 Virginia last month.

"The high major programs have the pick of the litter here," Loyola Marymount coach Steve Aggers said. "We have to recruit a broader base and hope to find a sleeper."

All eight WCC teams have at least one foreign-born "sleeper," recruited in areas where the sport's blue bloods don't go: overseas and, in many cases, junior colleges.

While the 6-foot-7, 225-pound Diawara received interest from several major-conference teams following his career at the College of Southern Idaho, Vounang's suitors included mostly mid-majors after two strong seasons at Eastern Oklahoma State.

His strong, physical play and soft shooting touch since have proved him capable of a higher level of play.

After leading a dismal USD team in scoring last season, Vounang began this season by scoring 28 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in a competitive loss to then-No. 10 Arizona.

When asked about Vounang, Wildcats coach Lute Olson said, "I'm not sure we're going to play anybody tougher than he is."

Olson's comments are less an indication that mid-major teams have closed the talent gap on the sport's more renowned programs, Westphal and Aggers say, than evidence that basketball's popularity is growing around the world, thus increasing the talent pool for their schools.

And all those talented foreign players want to play basketball in the United States, Vounang said.

"Out of high school, I wanted to come and play basketball in the United States, just like everybody else, especially in Cameroon," Vounang said. "I didn't even know where Oklahoma was. You just get on a plane and go."

TOREROS REPORT

Friday: at Pepperdine

WHAT: Men's college basketball

TIPOFF: 7:05 p.m., at Firestone Fieldhouse, Malibu

RECORDS: USD 8-5; Pepperdine 10-5

UPDATE: The West Coast Conference opener for both teams should showcase why the conference is so highly regarded this winter. Few teams have better frontcourts than Pepperdine and the University of San Diego. And no one starts a bigger lineup. The Waves will counter USD's mammoth lineup of 6-foot-8 C Brice Vounang (17.0 points per game), 6-10 F Nick Lewis (11.2 ppg) and 6-8 F Brandon Gay (13.7 ppg) with their own wall of 6-7 F Yakhouba Diawara (14.2 ppg), 6-9 F Glen McGowan (20.6 ppg) and 6-11 C Jarrad Henry. The key matchup, though, should be USD G Corey Belser against Pepperdine PG Alex Acker (15.1). Belser has shut down the opponent's leading scorer throughout the Toreros' five-game win streak. Acker figures to be the best Belser has faced since the Toreros got hot.

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Sports groups raising money for tsunami relief assistance

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The International Olympic Committee will donate \$1 million for disaster relief following the tsunami-earthquake in South Asia.

As the death toll around the Indian Ocean rim approached 140,000 yesterday, additional contributions came from tennis players and Australian cricket fans.

Organizers of a Hong Kong exhibition tournament featuring **Maria Sharapova** and **Serena Williams** pledged \$64,000 from ticket sales.

In Sydney, cricket fans donated \$95,800 during the first two days of the third test match between Australia and Pakistan. The International Cricket Council hopes to raise millions of dollars for World Vision's disaster relief appeal in two charity matches.

In Wellington, New Zealand, a horse named **Blue Tsunami** won a race and \$5,900 went to the relief effort. Owners of the horse considered scratching it to avoid the perception of insensitivity toward victims, but opted to donate their earnings.

The Auckland Racing Club

matched the donation, and owners of a later winner, **St. Reims**, also gave up their prize money, bringing the total raised to \$17,000.

College basketball

John Lucas scored 14 of his 21 points in the final 6½ minutes of the first half as No. 7 Oklahoma State won 86-61 at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi ... **USD** junior **Corey Belser** was named West Coast Conference co-Player of the Week and also was named College Insider.com's Mid-Season Mid-Major All-America team.

Belser had strong overall games in wins over Wyoming and Creighton.

Sports and courts

Former Pro Bowl receiver **Andre Rison** was released from jail in Decatur, Ga., after paying \$10,000 in child support ... Three-time NCAA champion **T.J. Jaworsky** was fired as wrestling coach at Davidson (N.C.), one day after being arrested on charges of cocaine possession and driving while impaired ... The town house of Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver **Plaxico Burress** was invaded by three men,

who are accused of taking \$63,000 in jewelry, cash and other items before Sunday's game against Buffalo.

Deaths

Rex Bowen, the great baseball scout who signed **Bill Mazeroski**, **Maury Wills** and **Dick Groat**, died in Pittsburgh at 93 ... Australian rules football player **Troy Broadbridge**, 24, died on his honeymoon when tsunamis devastated Thailand's Phi Phi Island on Dec. 26. His body was identified by his father yesterday. **Trisha**, his wife, survived.



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Belser honored

By: North County Times -

University of San Diego men's basketball player Corey Belser, a 6-foot-6 wing player, was one of 12 players named to the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Season Mid-Major All-America Team as voted on by Division I head coaches and assistants.

Belser, a junior, was also named the co-West Coast Conference Player of the Week, along with Gonzaga's J.P. Batista. Belser's all-around play led USD to back-to-back wins last week over Wyoming (95-88) and Creighton (82-70).

In the road win at Wyoming, Belser scored a personal-best 15 points to go with 10 rebounds, two blocks, two steals and two assists.


Against Creighton, Belser finished with nine points, six rebounds, three assists, and matched a school record with seven steals.

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Game No. 13 - Santa Clara
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Pre-game show 30 minutes prior to tipoff
TV: ESPN2

No. 11 GONZAGA UNIVERSITY BULLDOGS (10-2; 0-0 West Coast Conference)

- G - 5 Derek Raivio, 6-3, 168, So., Vancouver, WA
(11.0 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 5.6 assists, 1.9 steals)
- G - 22 Erroll Knight, 6-7, 211, Jr., Seattle, WA
(7.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 1.4 assists, 0.5 steals)
- C - 1 Ronny Turiaf, 6-10, 249, Sr., Le Robert, Martinique
(19.0 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 1.6 assists, 1.3 blocks)
- F - 3 Adam Morrison, 6-8, 205, So., Spokane, WA
(19.2 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 2.7 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.3 blocks)
- F - 32 Sean Mallon, 6-9, 218, So., Spokane, WA
(10.7 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 1.2 assists, 0.3 steals, 0.6 blocks)

HEAD COACH: Mark Few (University of Oregon, 1987)
GONZAGA RECORD: 143-34 (6th year - 16th at GU) CAREER RECORD: Same

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY BRONCOS (7-8; 0-0 West Coast Conference)

- G - 30 Doron Perkins, 6-2, 200, Sr., Anchorage, AK



(15.4 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 2.8 assists, 2.1 steals, 0.5 steals)
 G - 11 Kyle Bailey, 6-2, 200, Sr., Fairbanks, AK
 (11.7 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 4.5 assists, 1.3 steals)
 G - 5 Brody Angley, 5-11, 195, Fr., Redding, CA
 (6.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 3.3 assists, 1.2 steals)
 F - 41 Travis Niesen, 6-7, 200, Jr., Mission Viejo, CA
 (14.7 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 1.0 assists, 0.7 steals)
 F - 43 Jordan Legge, 6-8, 220, Sr., Mesa, AZ
 (3.6 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 0.6 assists, 0.3 blocks)
 HEAD COACH: Dick Davey (Pacific, 1964)
 SCU RECORD: 209-156 (13th year) CAREER RECORD: Same
 GAMES PRIOR TO GONZAGA: None.

THIS WEEK @ Gonzaga

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Game No. 14 - Saint Mary's
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SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE GAELS (11-4; 0-0 West Coast Conference)
 G - 2 E.J. Rowland, 6-2, 190, Sr., Salinas, CA
 (11.1 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 3.8 assists, 1.3 steals)
 G - 21 Jason Walberg, 6-4, 190, Jr., Fresno, CA
 (5.8 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 0.9 assists, 0.9 steals)
 F - 14 Daniel Kickert, 6-10, 240, Jr., Melbourne, Australia
 (14.3 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 1.3 assists, 0.9 blocks)
 F - 32 Jonathan Sanders, 6-7, 215, Sr., Denver, CO
 (9.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 1.9 assists, 0.3 steals, 0.7 blocks)
 F - 11 Paul Marigney, 6-3, 195, Sr., Oakland, CA
 (11.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 1.7 assists, 1.5 steals, 0.7 blocks)
 HEAD COACH: Randy Bennett (UC San Diego, 1986)
 SMC RECORD: 54-51 (4th year) CAREER RECORD: Same
 GAMES PRIOR TO GONZAGA: 1/4 vs. Brigham Young.

Gonzaga opens defense of its West Coast Conference regular-season and WCC Tournament week when the Bulldogs hit the road for games Thursday at Santa Clara University and Saint Mary's College. Gonzaga has won or shared seven of the last nine regular-season crowns and has captured five of the last six WCC Tournament titles. The Bulldogs have made six straight WCC Tournament appearances.

Gonzaga became the first team since the 1992 Pepperdine squad to run the table in West Coast Conference play a year ago, going 14-0 in capturing its fourth straight regular-season crown. The Bulldogs' previous best WCC regular-season record for the Bulldogs was 11-1 in both 2001 and 2002. The 2002 team tied with Pepperdine for the title after the teams split the regular-season series. Gonzaga won the coin toss for the No. 1 seed into the WCC Tournament.

It wasn't "unanimous" like last year, but Gonzaga is once again the pre-season choice of West Coast Conference coaches to claim the regular-season crown. The Bulldogs received five votes and 60 points to edge Saint Mary's with three first-place votes and 56 points. Last year, Saint Mary's received seven first-place votes. Pepperdine was picked third with 51 points, followed by Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Diego, Loyola Marymount and Portland State.

Gonzaga University junior forward J.P. Batista and University of San Diego forward Corey Williams have been named West Coast Conference men's basketball Co-Players of the Week. Batista scored a career-high 18 points in the Bulldogs' win over third-ranked and previously undefeated Oregon State University, then recorded his first career double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Williams led the Bulldogs 63-61 near-miss at the University of Missouri. For the week he averaged 17.5 points and hit 72.2 percent of his shots on 16-for-22 from the field. For his effort against OSU, Batista was named the MVP of the Bill Russell Game of the Touchstone Energy All-College Classic played in Portland.

USD breaks Creighton's press in win

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

USD point guard Avi Fogel couldn't help taking it all personally:

- The challenge from coach Brad Holland, who didn't mince words as he urged his depleted guard corps to carry its weight after a disappointing loss to USC last month.

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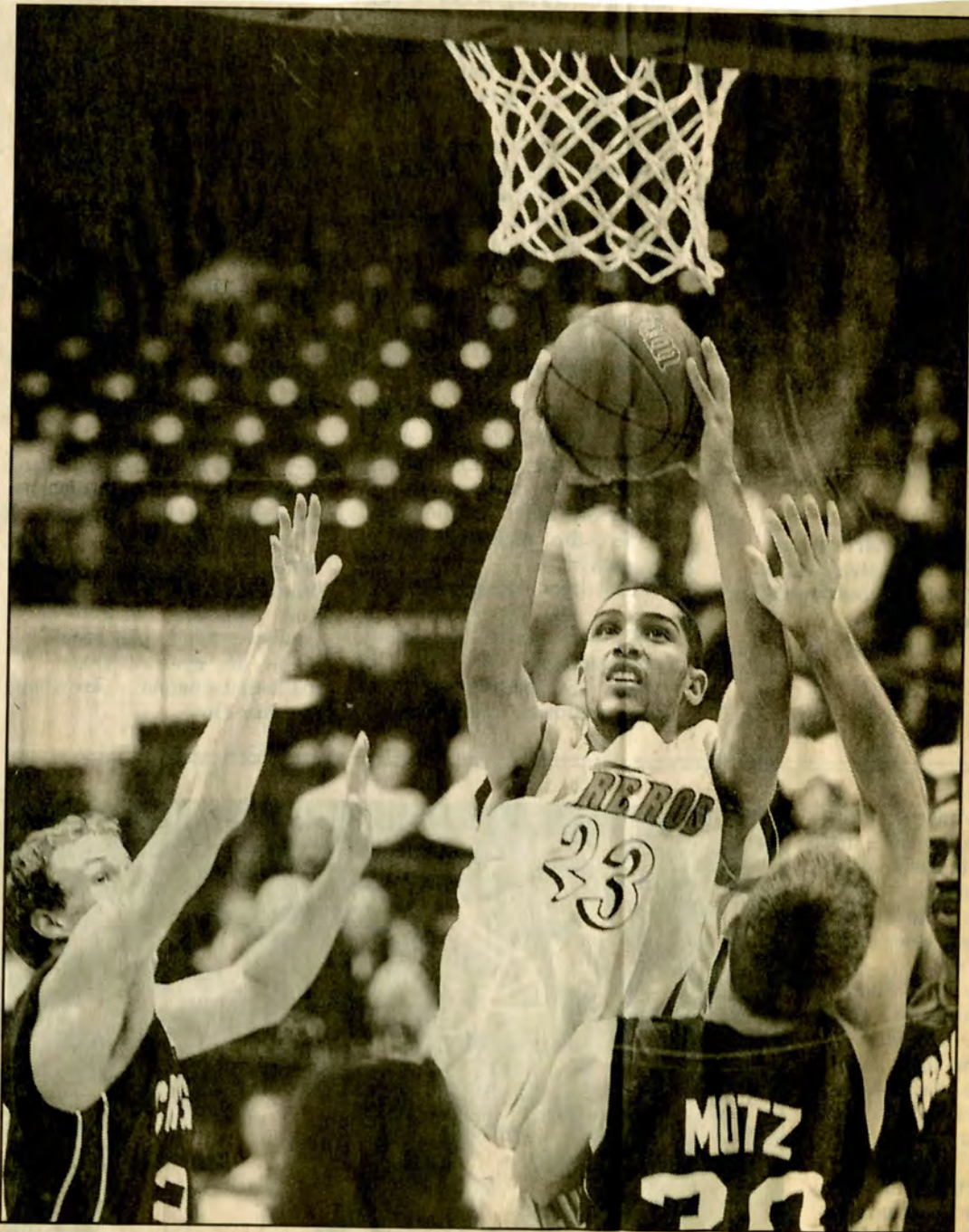
Creighton

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- The impressive play of the frontcourt, which had carried the Toreros to four straight victories in the three weeks since.

- The team's schedule, which re-

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USD's Avi Fogel rebounds during Toreros' win against Creighton. John Gibbins / Union-Tribune

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Enjoying longest winning streak since 2000-01

minded the second-year player and former walk-on that the start of West Coast Conference play was imminent.

"Coming into league, I knew we had to be going strong," said Fogel, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from Torrey Pines High. "Even though we've been playing great the last couple of games, I felt like, me being the point guard out there, I had to step up my game some more."

Three days after stunning Wyoming in Laramie, the Toreros returned home to win their fifth straight on the unlikely shoulders of Fogel, upending Creighton 82-70 last night before 1,211 at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"One of the huge keys was continuing our solid defense and rebounding, which we did," said Holland, whose team is 8-5 overall, 6-1 at home and enjoying its longest winning streak since the 2000-01 season.

"The second thing was handling their pressure. I put up a goal to have 17 turnovers or less. We achieved that (with 13). We trained hard to play 40 minutes of pressing offense and it paid off for us."

Fogel turned in a career performance in the Toreros' final nonconference game, scoring 22 points on 7-of-9 shooting and adding five assists and four rebounds. He was one of five players in double figures for USD, which also had five in double figures

SUMMARY

CREIGHTON	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Tolliver	16	2-5	0-1	5	1	3	4
Watts	19	1-3	5-6	6	0	4	7
Funk	26	7-13	0-0	3	2	1	17
Mathies	26	2-8	0-0	4	4	4	6
McKinney	27	1-4	2-3	0	4	4	4
Day	22	2-4	0-3	3	0	3	4
Howard	10	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
Miliner	28	3-10	4-6	3	0	3	12
Himba	15	3-5	1-2	4	1	0	8
Motz	11	3-6	0-0	2	2	2	8
Totals	200	24-60	12-21	34	14	24	70

Percentages: FG .400, FT .571. 3-Point Goals: 10-27, .370 (Funk 3-5, Motz 2-4, Mathies 2-5, Miliner 2-7, Himba 1-2, Watts 0-1, McKinney 0-1, Day 0-1, Howard 0-1). Team Rebounds: 3. Blocked Shots: 3 (Day 2). Turnovers: 19 (McKinney 6). Steals: 6 (Funk, Mathies, McKinney, Day, Howard, Motz). Technical Fouls: None.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	21	4-10	2-2	6	1	4	10
Lewis	32	4-9	3-4	5	4	2	12
Vounang	26	5-10	4-6	8	0	3	14
Fogel	29	7-9	7-9	4	5	2	22
Belser	34	3-3	1-2	6	3	2	9
Hubbard	19	0-2	0-0	1	0	3	0
Derogatis	26	3-8	4-4	1	4	2	11
Shepherd	13	1-2	2-4	3	2	2	4
Totals	200	27-53	23-31	37	19	20	82

Percentages: FG .509, FT .742. 3-Point Goals: 5-12, .417 (Belser 2-2, Fogel 1-2, Lewis 1-2, Derogatis 1-3, Gay 0-3). Team Rebounds: 3. Blocked Shots: 2 (Vounang, Hubbard). Turnovers: 13 (Fogel 5). Steals: 10 (Belser 7). Technical Fouls: None.

Creighton (9-4)	26	44 - 70
USD (8-5)	36	46 - 82

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Tuesday at Wyoming.

"This is where we want to be," said Fogel, who also hit 7-of-9 free throws in topping his previous career high for points (13), set against USC. "And in a team sense, we're only getting better and better."

USD's first victory over the Bluejays (9-4) in four tries came largely as a result of Fogel's ability to break Creighton's press, which had been a key to the Jays' 7-0 start.

"We've got a press-breaker in Avi Fogel," Holland said. "Creighton had a very difficult time keeping Fogel in front of them. He got by and got into the interior defense many times and that was an important part of our offensive attack."

"He's grown into the position of point guard. He's confident now. He believes in his

abilities more than he ever has. Confidence changes you in a very positive way, and Avi's just gotten better and better."

That, combined with a stifling team defensive effort, allowed USD to build a one-point lead with five minutes remaining in the first half to a 36-26 advantage at the break.

"We were tugging at each other early in the first half, but toward the end, we separated ourselves a little more and built a lead up," said Fogel, who entered the game averaging 6.6 points. "I saw them a couple of times (with their hands) down on their knees breathing pretty hard because we were moving the ball really well with the dribble and the pass."

In the second half the Toreros increased their lead to 16 on a basket by senior Brice Vounang, who had 14 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Junior Nick Lewis had 12 points and four assists.

"A real emphasis for us has been coming out strong to start the second half," Fogel said. "Last year, we didn't do that. We take more pride in it (this season)."

Each time Creighton tried to rally USD was quick to force a turnover or draw a foul that had the Toreros going to the free throw line.

"You have to do that or a good team like Creighton will keep inching away at your lead," Holland said. "We were able to play well enough on the offensive end to keep that buffer."

Vounang said the added effort of the guards over the past few games is appreciated by the frontcourt players.

"It takes a lot of pressure off us," he said.

"It builds us up, it keeps us together, it keeps us going," Shaquille O'Neal said to the Miami Herald about the streak. "I'm very impressed with the poise that we're playing with. When [Dwyane Wade] is not playing, when I foul out or get in foul trouble, guys are just poised. At this point, nothing cramps us. I love what we're doing right now."

No kidding:

Jason Kidd is not a fan of Chicago coach Scott Skiles. Kidd played under Skiles when the two were with Phoenix. Kidd blames Skiles for trading him to the Nets.

"I really don't care about him," Kidd told the media. "He always wanted to be me. He always thought he was better than me but that is just the way it goes with Skiles."

Now the Bulls coach, Skiles said he wasn't behind Kidd's trade.

"I will suit up and go to battle with Jason Kidd any day of the week," Skiles said to reporters. "I'm a big fan of his."

Kidd does not appear ready to make friends.

"It is just what he has done behind the scenes," Kidd said to the media. "Even ask his team. Ask Eddy Curry and all those guys how they feel about him."

Running and gunning:

The NBA is getting its wish with more teams averaging at least 100 points per game this season. Magic coach Johnny Davis, who won a title with the running and gunning Portland Trail Blazers in 1977, is happy about the new trend.

"Many more teams are beginning to gravitate to the way basketball is supposed to be played," Davis said to the media. "I don't like guys just standing around, and isolation plays and having two guys playing pick-and-roll and the others doing nothing."

The Magic average more than 100 points per game. That's just how Davis wants it.

"I want our guys moving, running," Davis said to reporters. "Basketball has a certain beauty to it, and it can't be recognized if you are just standing still. If I wanted to see guys standing still, I'd go watch a baseball game."

Zoning out:

The NBA has allowed zone defenses for the past four seasons but Charlotte coach Bernie Bickerstaff has held out on using a zone until recently. "My old coach may roll around in his grave, but because of the personnel we have, we may have to play some zone," Bickerstaff said to reporters.

That "old" coach is Hall of Famer Phil Woolpert, who coached Bill Russell and K.C. Jones for the University of San Francisco's 1955 and 1956 NCAA championship teams, then later coached Bickerstaff at the University of San Diego. "He [Woolpert] just didn't like zones," Bickerstaff said to the media. "He just didn't think that was how you played the game. But you have to adjust to your personnel and do what gives you the best chance to win."

Trade rumors:

The Celtics are shopping Gary Payton, and the Philadelphia 76ers are shooting down rumors about interest in Antoine Walker, who Jim O'Brien coached in Boston. "I've coached Antoine Walker in the past," O'Brien told the media. "I like Antoine Walker, but are we doing anything to get Antoine Walker? Not to my knowledge. So that's the best way I can answer it. There's nothing there. There really isn't."

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A coach's favorite

WW South senior Gerlesits is becoming known for big plays in clutch situations

BY KEVIN SCHMIT

Daily Herald Sports Writer

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Boys basketball

Coachability means different things to different people.

For the coaches at Wheaton Warrenville South, it means Tim Gerlesits.

Whether it's because of his work ethic, his quick mind, his leadership or his clutch play, they all would like to have a certain Tigers senior at the heart of their respective team.

"He's by far the most coachable kid I've ever coached," said Tigers basketball coach Mike Healy. "If younger kids are trying to look up to someone to emulate, he'd be the one. I'd be ecstatic if my four kids grew up to be like Tim."

Other point guards are putting up gaudier numbers than Gerlesits, just as other defensive backs had higher tackle and interception numbers during football season.

It's the way he goes about it that impresses.

Gerlesits is averaging only 9.6 points a game, but on three occasions he has hit a game-winning shot. Two of the buzzer-beaters came on drives through the lane, the third was on a 3-pointer that beat Hinsdale South on Saturday.

"I don't really know where those kind of plays came from," he said. "I've never really had a lot of game-winning shots or big-play interceptions before. As a senior I just felt I had to step up and help the team."

Gerlesits had similar perfor-

mances during the football play-offs. A lingering ankle injury forced him to miss all of preseason practice and the opening game against Glenbard West, but his effort in the postseason was stunning.

Gerlesits became a turnover machine, snagging 5 interceptions in the first three rounds of the playoffs. He was also a force on kick and punt returns.

"He's a playmaker — he makes the play that turns the game around in your favor," said Tigers football coach Ron Muhitch. "His best play came when the competition level was at its peak. That's something he should be very proud of."

"He's clutch, he just steps up in the big games," said football and basketball teammate Tony Moeaki. "He's always been a great competitor. I've never seen anyone work harder than him."

Initially, the returning starter in football and basketball had to work hard to overcome an ankle injury that occurred painfully close to the end of his last summer competition before two-a-days in August.

It happened during a basketball game where, sure enough, there was a substitute at the scorer's table waiting to replace him.

The ankle, which still nags him at times, forced Gerlesits to be on crutches for nearly a month. Despite missing all of preseason practice, he jumped

"He is probably the most coachable kid you'll ever deal with. He's the ideal kid to have at the point guard position, just like he was the ideal kid to have at free safety in football."

WW South assistant coach
Joe Wardynski

right into competition in Week 2 against Waubonsie Valley.

"I missed all of football doubles," Gerlesits said. "That was obviously frustrating. Through the whole season I couldn't really go 100 percent."

If it wasn't 100 percent, it was a pretty good impression of it.

"He loves to compete, no matter what the sport," said football defensive coordinator and assistant basketball coach Joe Wardynski. "He is probably the most coachable kid you'll ever deal with. He's the ideal kid to have at the point guard position, just like he was the ideal kid to have at free safety in football."

Gerlesits' injury brought up bad memories of Tim's older brother, Bill, who was a running back on the Tigers' back-to-back state championship football teams in 1995 and 1996. In the semifinals of both seasons, Bill Gerlesits tore the ACL in his knee.

"My mother wasn't too fond of the idea of me being a running

back," Tim said with a laugh. "So I stuck to defense."

His athletic family of two older brothers and an older sister includes Abby, who plays basketball at Millikin University in Decatur. Tim credits his siblings with instilling his fierce competitive nature.

"It was the way I was brought up," he said. "We've always been real competitive with each other. I'm sure that rubbed off on me."

So much so that Gerlesits jumped right into basketball season after a heartbreaking end to football. Two days after losing to Maine South in the state semifinals, Gerlesits was on the court playing basketball.

He may have missed the opening game of the football season, but he wasn't about to

miss the basketball opener.

Gerlesits has been out there ever since for the surprising Tigers, who have an 11-5 record entering tonight's DuPage Valley Conference game against Glenbard North.

"He's played more minutes than anyone we've had in a long time," Healy said. "He's just too valuable to come off the floor."

Gerlesits is still figuring out his college plans, although a couple of possibilities include playing basketball at Augustana or football at the University of San Diego.

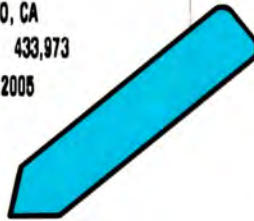
"For selfish reasons I'd like to see him play something, just so I can keep watching him," Healy said. "He's got an unbelievable athletic IQ, whether it's football or basketball."

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Saint Mary's 75, USD 59

USD (7-13, 2-5) got the scoring it needed from its guards, but that wasn't enough to counter Saint Mary's post presence, leading to a West Coast Conference loss at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

USD guards Lindsay Helvey, Polly Dong and Ashley Voisinet finished in double-figure scoring, but Saint Mary's inside play, along with a nine-minute, second-half scoring drought by the Toreros, helped the Gaels build an insurmountable lead.

"They're a lot more physical and athletic and they just took it to us," Toreros coach Kathy Marpe said. "We did not match their intensity inside."

The Gaels' Triola Jackson, who graduated from Kearny High, finished with 17 points and a team-high four assists. Saint Mary's (11-9, 3-4) got 16 points from Bishop's alum Brianna Winn, who made all five of her free throw attempts.



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College women's roundup: Toreros fall to St. Mary's

By: North County Times staff and Wire Reports

The University of San Diego women's basketball team lost its second consecutive West Coast Conference home game, dropping a 75-59 decision to visiting Saint Mary's on Saturday afternoon at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The Toreros (7-13, 2-5 West Coast Conference) trailed by just four at halftime, but St. Mary's (11-9, 3-4) went on a 14-4 run to open up the second half.

Lindsay Helvey made four 3-pointers and finished with a team-high 14 for the Toreros. USD guards accounted for 51 of San Diego's 59 points with Polly Dong (12) and Ashley Voisinet (11) both scoring in double figures.

Saint Mary's senior standout and San Diego native Triola Jackson (Kearny High) scored 17 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the field.

New Mexico 72, San Diego State 53

- At San Diego: Lindsey Arndt scored 20 points and had 17 rebounds to lead the Lobos (15-3, 4-1 Mountain West Conference) past the Aztecs (6-11, 1-4). Jessica Huettle led San Diego State with 14 points.

Stanford 69, Washington St. 56

- At Pullman, Wash.: Susan King Borchardt, Sebnem Kimyacioglu and Azella Perryman each scored 10 points to lead No. 4 Stanford (19-2, 10-1 Pac-10) to a victory over Washington State (5-15, 1-10).

Baylor 67, Oklahoma State 65

- At Stillwater, Okla.: Steffanie Blackmon hit two free throws with less than a second remaining, and No. 7 Baylor (15-3, 5-2 Big 12) fended off Oklahoma State (6-11, 1-6).

Boston College 72, Pittsburgh 55

- At Boston: Aja Parham scored six of her career-high 18 points in Boston College's 14-0 run in the opening minutes, helping the 14th-ranked Eagles (15-3, 6-1 Big East) coast to a win over Pittsburgh (11-8, 3-5).

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Kearny alum develops as player, person

Jackson overcomes hardships to succeed on, off basketball court at Saint Mary's

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

With obstacle after obstacle being thrown in her way, Saint Mary's basketball player Triola Jackson could have walked away from it all any time and few would have questioned her decision.

But something inside the former Kearny High standout kept her going.

Through the challenging transition from high school to college.

Through the painful loss of her mother.

Through a major knee injury.

"I just wanted to have a better life for myself," said Jackson, who was known as Triola Alexander during her days as a Komet and took her father's name after her mother's death. "My main goal is just to be able to take care of myself. I've been doing an all-right job these last four years (since her

mother's death). That's where the motivation came from. I'm competitive, and that's where a lot of it came from, too."

Jackson has persevered — and has more than the honors on the court to show for it. Halfway through her final season of eligibility, Jackson already has completed the course work for a sociology degree and is working on a minor in history.

"I'm just happy that I was able to stay in school after everything happened," said the 6-foot-2 senior forward, who will make her final San Diego collegiate appearance today against USD. "At the end of the day, it's about me and myself and making sure I do things the right way."

Jackson has come a long way since her days at Kearny, says teammate Brianna Winn, a Bishop's School grad who has played with Jackson since they were youngsters.

"She's had to go through a lot of things in her life," Winn said. "The main difference between her then and now is that she's mature enough to deal with it and not let the negative things affect her playing basketball. She's able to take the good with the bad and keep going."

Jackson has proved that on the court, recently being honored as the West Coast Conference Player of the Month for December. The All-WCC performer not only leads the Gaels in scoring (15 points per game) and rebounding (nine per game), but is third on the conference scoring list and first in rebounds.

Jackson says teammates such as Winn and head coach Michelle Jacoby have become her adopted family, supporting her through the tough times while doing what they have to do to make her better.

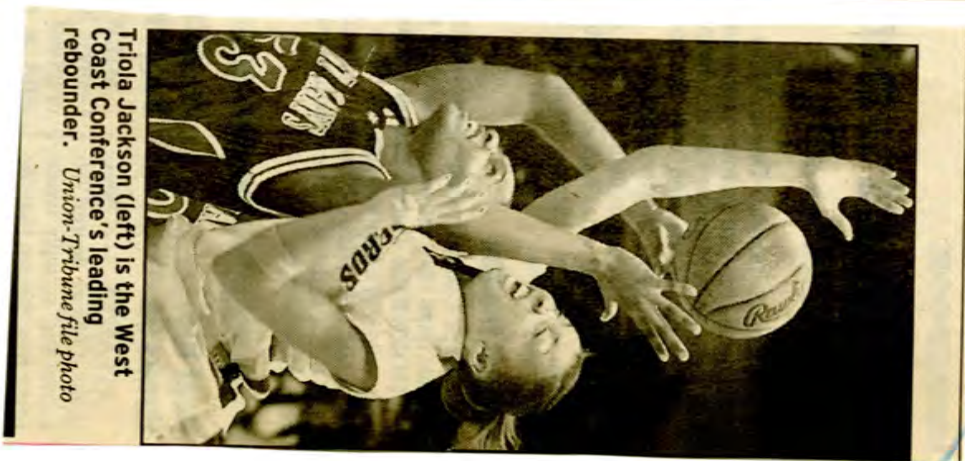
"(Jacoby) gets on me a lot," Jackson

acknowledges, "but I'm really thankful that she stepped up and accepted me as family. She wants the best for me, whether it's in basketball or in life."

Jackson hopes her play at Saint Mary's prepares her for a professional basketball career. If not, Jackson has her sights on a career in law enforcement and eventually becoming a detective.

Regardless of where her path takes her, Jackson can say the challenges she has faced over the last five years have helped her grow into someone who appreciates what she has.

"It's been hard and overwhelming at times, but it's about the friendships you make in life," Jackson said. "If I'm around, I'll be a season ticket holder and I'll be at every game with my popcorn and candy cheering on (the Gaels) next year. This is a family, and we're sisters."



Triola Jackson (left) is the West Coast Conference's leading rebounder. Union-Tribune file photo

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's Basketball Rolls To 13th Straight Win

Shannon Mathews paces GU to 67-44 win over San Diego

Jan. 22, 2005

SPOKANE, Wash. - The Gonzaga University Bulldogs built a 20-point halftime lead on Saturday afternoon as they rolled to their 13th straight win with a 67-44 decision over the University of San Diego. The Bulldogs improved to 17-2 on the season, 6-0 in the West Coast Conference and 10-0 at the new McCarthy Athletic Center in front of a crowd of 1,784. San Diego fell to 7-11 overall, 2-3 in the WCC.

Anne Bailey and Ashley Burke sparked a Gonzaga offense that shot 52 percent from the floor as the Bulldogs raced out to a 35-15 halftime lead. Bailey scored four straight points during an 8-0 GU run that pushed the Bulldogs out to an 11-4 lead with 12:28 left in the first. Burke then followed with five points during an 11-2 run that extended Gonzaga's lead to 22-6 with 5:33 remaining. Bailey and Burke each finished with 9 first-half points, Bailey going 4-for-4 from the field while Burke was 4-for-5.



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as the senior guard scored five early points and dished out two assists. Mathews

"We won this game on defense," added Gonzaga head coach Kelly Graves. "We were able to limit San Diego to only 15 first-half points. That's where we won this game today."

Gonzaga continued to play solid defense to open the second half as San Diego was held to just four points over the first seven-minutes of the half. At the same time Gonzaga was using the sharp shooting of Shannon Mathews to extend the lead to 47-19



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would finish the night with a game-high 15 points, 5 assists and 7 rebounds.

"Our team came out and did tonight what it has done all year long and we just keep getting better at it with every game," stated Graves of the Bulldogs 13th straight win.

Bailey and Burke each added four additional points in the second half to finish with 13 apiece. Raeanna Jewell led all players with 10 rebounds as Gonzaga won the battle on the boards 36-32.

San Diego was led by Lindsay Helvey with 10 points including 2-for-4 from 3-point range. San Diego finished the day shooting 31 percent from the floor going 17-for-54.

Gonzaga returns to action next Saturday afternoon when the Bulldogs travel to the University of Portland for their lone contest of the week.

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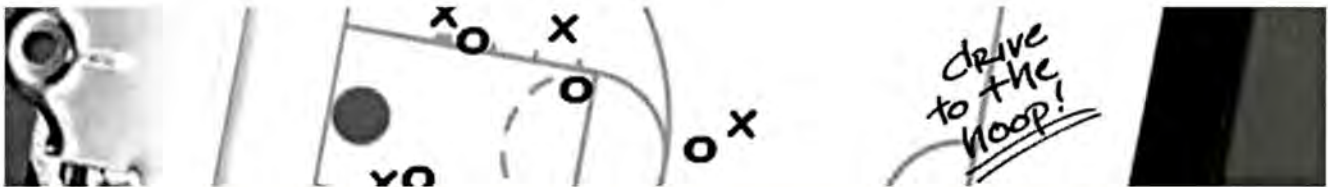

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's Basketball Wins Again

Bulldogs knock off USF to win 12th straight

Jan. 20, 2005

SPOKANE, Wash. - Gonzaga University extended the nation's second longest winning streak to 12 games on Thursday night as the Bulldogs (16-2, 5-0 WCC) picked up an 81-62 West Coast Conference victory over the University of San Francisco at the McCarthy Athletic Center. The Bulldogs benefited from their most balanced scoring effort of the season with six players finishing in double-figures. USF dropped to 7-10 overall, 1-3 in WCC action.

The balanced scoring started from the tip as Stephanie Hawk, Shannon Mathews and Raeanna Jewell all scored early baskets that allowed the Bulldogs to race out to a 12-4 lead over the first five minutes. After a jumper by Leeane Jensen that trimmed the lead to 12-6, Gonzaga once again pulled away from USF extending the lead to as high as 13 points at the 8:35 mark as Ashley Burke converted the first of two free throw attempts.



San Francisco battled to keep the game under control and closed back to within six points at 30-24 when Jennifer Katsuyama hit a 3-pointer with 5:04 remaining. Burke then led Gonzaga on a 7-0 run hitting a lay-up, pair of free throws and 3-pointer to finish with 8 first-half points and 18 for the game. Gonzaga would close out the first half with a 3-pointer by Juliann Laney that handed Gonzaga a 43-31 halftime lead.



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"We played in a nice rhythm offensively," stated head coach Kelly Graves after

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picking up his 16th win of the season. "We had six players score in double-figures which was nice because it didn't allow USF to focus on just one player to try and shut down. San Francisco came into this game determined to knock us off and I give our team credit for responding to the challenge."

The Bulldogs offensive balance continued in the second half as Burke, Mathews and Jewell all scored early points to push the GU lead to 16 points with 13:48 remaining. After a big run by the Bulldogs starting five, Gonzaga continued to stay in the offensive rhythm with Anne Bailey and Katy Ridenour contributing off the bench. Gonzaga would push the lead to as high as 20 points at 78-58 before Mathews closed out Gonzaga's scoring with a 3-pointer. Lisa Olden scored a pair of baskets to round out USF's night. Freshman Dominique Carter finished as the Dons leading scorer with 16 points while Mary Jane Krueger and Jennifer Katsuyama each added 11 points.

"We came out and played our game tonight," added senior point guard Shannon Mathews of the six GU players finishing in double-figures with 13. "Our goal was to pound the ball inside and try to use our post players to our advantage."

The advantage in the post was evident as Gonzaga held a 26-20 points in the paint lead. Hawk, Jewell and Ridenour all finished with 10 points while Bailey chipped in with 12 to round out the six Bulldogs in double-figures. Gonzaga returns to action on Saturday afternoon with a matinee against the University of San Diego. The Bulldogs and Toreros will tip off at 2 p.m. at the McCarthy Athletic Center.

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Tuter loves task of leading Division I team

By WILL MORROW
Peninsula Clarion

Growing up in Soldotna, Molly Tuter had some pretty well-defined career goals.

"My two goals growing up were to play Division I college basketball and play professional basketball, and to coach Division I college basketball and eventually be a head coach," said Tuter in a phone interview earlier this month.

Tuter crossed the first part off her to-do list several years ago. After leading Soldotna High School to a state girls basketball championship as a senior in 1993, Tuter went on to become a four-year varsity player for the Arizona State Sun Devils and a member of the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA. Tuter also played professionally in Luxembourg.



Molly Tuter, University of California Irvine head coach

Tuter fulfilled the second part of her career goal just recently when she was named interim head coach at the University of California Irvine on Dec. 27, taking over for Mark Adams, who resigned after the team started 0-7.

"It's always been one of my goals to be a head coach, though I did not necessarily want to get my first job due to someone resigning," Tuter said. "But if an opportunity lands in your lap, you're going to take full advantage of it."

Tuter said that with the team not playing well, Adams' resignation wasn't totally unexpected, but she said she was still surprised by the turn of events.

The Anteaters lost their first two games with Tuter at the helm, but the squad picked up its first victory of the season against the University of San Diego in her third game as head coach. UC Irvine picked up its second win of the season Saturday, a 75-74 victory over Cal State-Fullerton and is now 2-12 overall.

Since taking the reins as head coach, Tuter said she's been putting in

Headlines Article

Cassidy Blaine Leads Boise State Women's Basketball's Rise Nationally In Three-Point Shooting...

by: Doug Link (1/4/2005)

BOISE, Idaho – (1-4-2005) - Junior forward **Cassidy Blaine** continues to lead the women's basketball program up the NCAA charts for three-point shooting. In the NCAA national women's basketball statistics released today Blaine is ranked sixth nationally for three-point percentage hitting a team high and WAC second best 52.4 percent (22-of-42) of her attempts. The sixth place rank moved her up 14 spots since the last rankings were released on Dec. 20th when she was 20th nationally hitting 48.6 percent (17-of-35). To date, the Boise native, a 2001 graduate of Boise High, has shot 36.7 percent (47-of-128) from beyond the arc in her two-year career as a Bronco since transferring home from the University of San Diego during the summer of 2002.

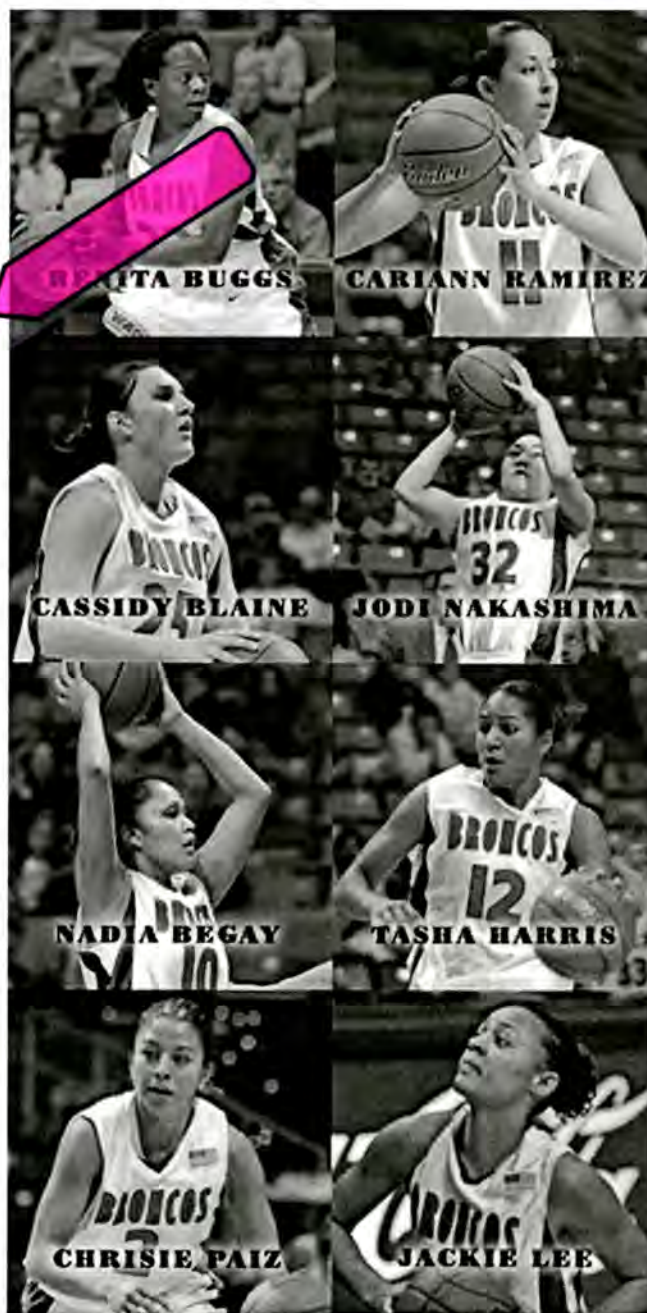
Blaine is the highest nationally ranked player from the Western Athletic Conference in three-point percentage followed by SMU's Katie Gross in 16th place converting on 46.7 percent (21-of-45) of her shots. Blaine is ranked second in the WAC statistics behind Milia Mcfarlane of Hawai'i who has made 60.0 percent (9-of-15) of her attempts. However, Mcfarlane is not ranked nationally do to the fact she does not meet the national minimum average of 2.0 three-pointers made per game. Boise State's freshman guard **Tasha Harris** is ranked third in the WAC, just behind Blaine and just ahead of Gross in 4th, hitting 48.6 percent (17-of-35) but also falls short of the national minimum to be ranked.

Boise State Ranked Nationally As A Team In Three-Point Statistics...

Blaine and **Harris** are the two leaders in Boise State's outside attack which ranked 17th nationally in both three-pointers made per game at 7.0 and three-point percentage converting on a WAC best 38.5 percent (70-of-182) of their opportunities. Boise State's last three-point rankings on Dec. 20th were 14th in three-pointers made per game at 7.1 and 29th in three-point percentage at 37.7 percent. The Broncos have been the WAC three-point percentage champions the last two seasons hitting 36.8 percent in 2002-03, and 34.9 percent last season.

A total of eight different Broncos have made at least one three-point shot this year, the most since the 1998-99 season which also had eight players hit three-pointers, to contribute to the national rankings. Joining **Blaine** and **Harris** are senior **Jodi Nakashima** (16-of-53, 30.2 percent), senior **Cariann Ramirez** (8-of-23, 34.8 percent), junior **Benita Buggs** (2-of-5, 40.0 percent), sophomore **Nadia Begay** (2-of-5, 40.0 percent), senior **Chrisie Paiz** (2-of-13, 15.4 percent), and freshman **Jackie Lee** (1-of-6, 16.7 percent). On Dec. 18th at Utah Valley State the Broncos set a new school single game record for three-pointers in a game hitting 15-of-26 attempts breaking the old record of 12 in a game.

Boise State is also ranked in the national top 40 for team field goal percentage defense holding teams to 35.5 percent, good for a ranking of 39th. That is a move up of 17 positions from Dec. 20th when they were 56th allowing 36.2 percent shooting from the floor.



Eight Broncos have scored at least one three-point basket to help Boise State to a national ranking of 17th for both three-pointers made per game and percentage.
Photos by Steve Conner

Saadat, who has coached linebackers and defensive linemen since his playing days as a linebacker at Washington State in the mid-90s.

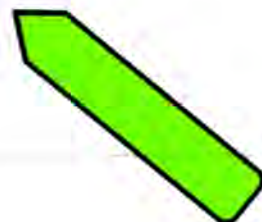
Ellerson would like to get his coaching staff finalized in time for spring drills, which are expected to get under way on Feb. 11.

Women's Basketball

Windsor High girls basketball standout Christina Calcagno is only a junior, but she's already got her eye on playing college hoops.

Calcagno, whose team is the early favorite to win the Sonoma County League title, told The Press Democrat this week she is considering continuing her career at Cal Poly or the University of San Diego.

The 6-foot forward/guard had back-to-back double-doubles last week, notching 17 points and 12 rebounds against Casa Grande and 12 point and 15-rebounds against Healdsburg.



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WOMEN'S ROUNDUP

SDSU sends statement, stuns UNLV

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

The UNLV women's basketball team was the preseason pick to win the Mountain West Conference, but San Diego State entered yesterday's game ready to exploit the Rebels' lack of ball protection and early foul by their big-name players.

The result was the Aztecs' first win yet under third-year coach Jim Tomney, 76-60 over UNLV in front of 555 at Cox Arena, giving the Aztecs their first 1-0 conference start in four years.

"It sends a statement to our conference," said Veronica Shaw, who scored a season-high 11 points and ignited a defensive effort that allowed SDSU to build a 20-point halftime lead. "They underestimated us from the start, but we came out fighting."

The Aztecs (6-7) had four players in double figures, a first for the year, on a season-high 59.1 shooting effort. And defensively SDSU was just as impressive, forcing many of the Rebels' 23 turnovers and holding UNLV 13 points below its season average.

"People are going to look at this and say we're doing something right," Tomney said. "It just reinforces what we're trying to build. It's more than just

words."

Aztecs freshman Ashley Cheesman scored 15 points in her conference debut, a total matched by teammate Michelle Elliott.

USD gets first WCC win

USD entered the contest against San Francisco with just eight players, a number that dropped to seven when a blow to the head of Lindsay Helvey forced the junior out of the game in the first half.

The Toreros, though, didn't let their small numbers take away from a big 62-53 victory over USF in front of 504 at Jenny Craig Pavilion, snapping USD's five-game losing streak and giving the team its first West Coast Conference win.

One of the Toreros missing was center and scoring leader Amber Sprague, who is recovering from treatment to her ailing back.

"This was a great team victory," Toreros head coach Kathy Marpe said. "Not having Amber there, everyone had to step up their game and they did."

Junior Polly Dong scored a season-high 15 points and led USD (6-10, 1-2) with four assists and a relentless defensive effort.

Tiara Harris added 14, while sophomore Sabine Loewe finished with her best rebounding effort of the year, pulling down 11.

Helvey, who returned to the court in the second half with a dozen stitches above her left eye, scored 11 with seven rebounds.

Top 25

Brooke Smith scored 17 points to lift No. 6 **Stanford** (15-2) past No. 14 **Boston College** (12-2) 76-66 for the Cardinals' 15th consecutive home win ... Behind strong defense and Tiffany Jackson's 20 points, No. 12 **Texas** (9-5, 2-2 Big 12) routed visiting **Oklahoma State** (5-9, 0-4) 63-42 ... Alesha Robertson scored 27 points as No. 13 **Texas Tech** (12-3, 4-0 Big 12) pummeled host **Colorado** (7-7, 0-3) 87-41 ... No. 16 **Connecticut** (10-4, 4-0 Big East) beat visiting **Villanova** (9-6, 2-1) 73-57 ... Kendra Wecker had 25 points to spark No. 23 **Kansas State** (12-3, 3-1 Big 12) to a 74-59 home win over **Nebraska** (11-5, 3-1) ... No. 24 **Iowa State** (14-1, 4-0 Big 12) rallied past **Missouri** (7-8, 1-3) 65-59 in Ames, Iowa.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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USD not lost with big loss to LMU

Struggling team learning lessons

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

On the scoreboard, the 69-49 loss to Loyola Marymount at Jenny Craig Pavilion yesterday looked a lot like the last one for the USD women's basketball team.

L. Marymount
69
Toreros
49

But Toreros head coach Kathy Marpe saw something different, something that gave her hope that USD's fortunes could take a turn for the better soon.

"Coach was a lot more happy with our intensity," said sophomore guard Ashley Voisinet. "It's still not enough to beat them, but it was a much more valiant effort than in our last games."

Although the defeat was the Toreros' fifth straight and second by a margin of 20 or more points, Marpe said USD (5-9, 0-2 West Coast Conference) started to respond to a new scheme that included a larger commitment to the zone defense and swapping out a post for a fourth guard.

"We were a little slow in the first half making adjustments," Marpe said. "We need to do that quicker. But I think we're going to get better at that."

Marpe saw hints of improvement in the second half, with the Toreros closing what was a 17-point half-time lead to as few as 14 twice, the latest coming with 1:40 remaining on a driving jumper by Voisinet.

But the Lions, defending WCC champions, had built a comfortable enough lead that coming back that late, especially with poorer shooting and rebounding, was too difficult an obstacle for USD to overcome.

"We're making strides, but this is where we have to improve," said Marpe, pointing to her team's rebounding statistics on the final score sheet.

The Toreros finished with just 27 rebounds compared to the 44 pulled down by LMU. The Lions shot 41.8 percent from the field to 32.7 percent for the USD.

Freshman center Amber Sprague had 16 points with four blocks, while Voisinet's nine points and team-high six rebounds came without a single turnover in 29 minutes. Junior Polly Dong dished out five assists.

LMU (8-7, 2-0) got 15 points from forward Mary Turner while twin guards Bianca and Rachael Ziemann put in 11 and 10 points, respectively.

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USD women lose again to Pepperdine

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

Pepperdine

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Toreros

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teams.

The Toreros (5-9) have dropped

10 straight and 12 of 13 to the Waves

Although USD got a strong showing from guards Tiara Harris and Ashley Voisinet and freshman guard/forward Alice Russell, it wasn't enough to overcome the team's lackluster rebounding.

USD's 23 rebounds were nearly doubled by Pepperdine, which pulled down 40.

"We've got to learn to play hard and play together," said Toreros coach Kathy Marpe. "That's killing

us."

The Toreros' shortcomings opened the door not only for preseason All-WCC performer Jennifer Lacy to put in 24 points, but for freshman Daphanie Kennedy to make her fourth start of the season count. The Kearny High grad finished with a season-high 16 points.

Harris led the Toreros in points (16) and rebounds (six). Voisinet had a team-high five assists and Russell matched her career high with nine points.

Toreros helped by talented twosome

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

As two of the most sought-after high school athletes in San Diego last year, Amber Sprague and Amanda Rego drew interest from college basketball programs nationwide.

Penn State. Kansas State. Vanderbilt. New Mexico. UC Santa Barbara. Arizona State. Pepperdine.

The Mission Bay High graduates, though, chose to stay close to home at USD and near those who had supported them for years.

"It feels like college, but when I look in the stands, my parents are always there with my little brothers," said Sprague, a 6-foot-5 center. "It's very comforting having your family and friends there every game supporting you."

Added Rego, a 5-10 point guard: "It's really nice to see the support and to know the impact we made in high school carried over to here. I can't imagine living anywhere else."

In a matter of months, Sprague and Rego have faced all that comes with turning from high school all-star to college player.

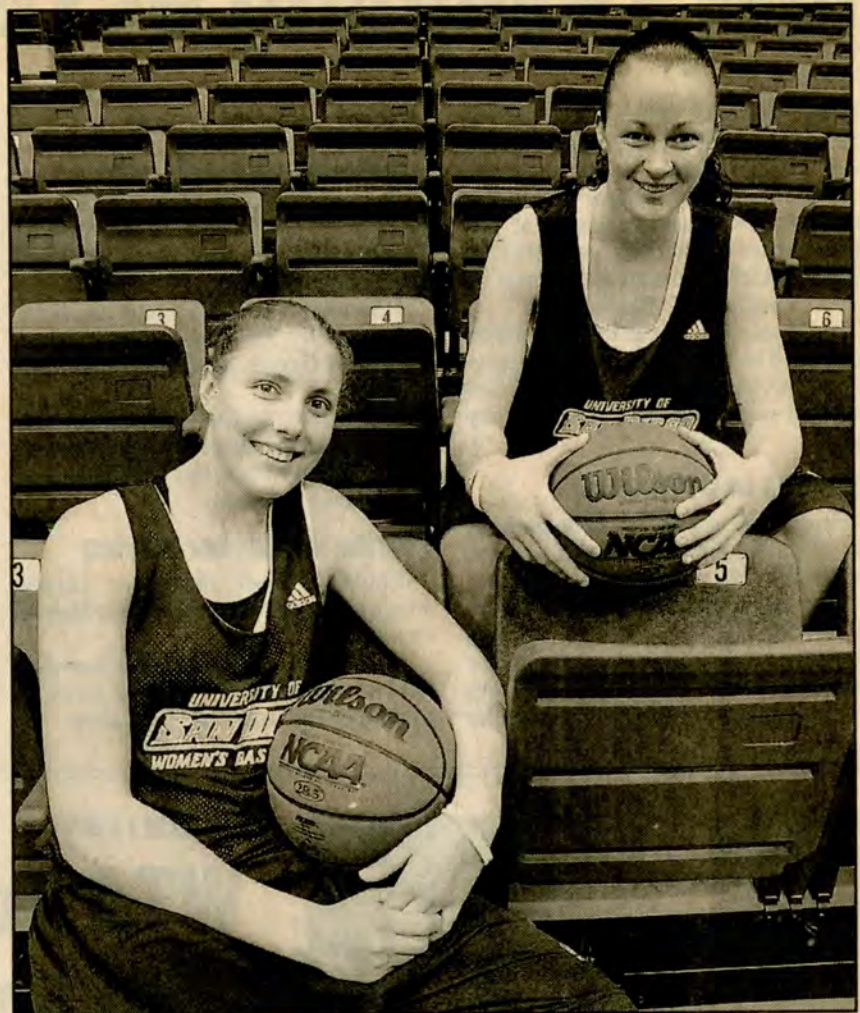
The two, who with Michelle Augustavo and Alice Russell make up the USD team's freshman class, acknowledge there have been challenges, on the court and in the classroom. The academic rigors of USD, they say, can't compare with their experience in high school.

"I've never studied this much in my life," Rego said.

Nor can the level of competition they face, whether in practice against teammates or in games against teams such as Arizona State, USC, Vermont and Marquette.

The two, though, have seen tremendous personal growth in the 13 games that have prepared them for tonight's West Coast Conference opener against two-time league champion Pepperdine. And this, they say, is only the beginning.

"We're already on our way to hav-



USD guard Amanda Rego (left) and center Amber Sprague have been teammates since the seventh grade. *Earnie Grafton / Union-Tribune*

USD women vs. Pepperdine

When: Tonight, 7

Where: Jenny Craig Pavilion

Records: USD 5-8, Pepperdine 4-9

Webcast: www.usdtoreros.com

Series: Pepperdine leads 27-18

Outlook: The Toreros open West Coast Conference play against the two-time defending champion Waves, who are favored to make it three straight. Pepperdine's visit brings home Kearny High grad Daphanie Kennedy, a freshman who put up big numbers against No. 18 Kansas State and No. 25 UCLA. Those were two of the four ranked teams the Waves played in nonconference games.

— NICOLE VARGAS

ing a better season than last year," Sprague said. "We'll only improve as the season goes on and as we go on through college."

The two have been teammates since seventh grade. Their strength together comes from their ability to know where the other is on the court at all times.

The biggest challenge Rego has faced on the floor has been the pressure she meets in the backcourt from talented guards capable of keeping up with the lefty from the moment the ball is passed to her.

Early on, that led to turnover after turnover, with Rego finishing with 12 in her debut at Arizona State.

Sprague had her own obstacles to face in the season opener, thanks to the physical play of the Sundevils' posts, and later, back pain that limited her minutes and affected her consistency.

With time on the court, though, has come progress.

Rego beamed as she talked about her performance against Marquette last week: 19 minutes, no turnovers.

Days later, Sprague scored 33 against UC Irvine to boost her average to 16.4 points.

"We wanted to help change this program around," said Sprague, who is averaging 16.4 points a game. "We have the ability to be a really good team this season. We just need to work out a few kinks and we'll be all right."



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pepperdine Gores Toreros in WCC Opener, 78-56

Kennedy has career night in homecoming.

Jan. 6, 2005

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Pepperdine won its 10th consecutive game over the University of San Diego with a 78-56 victory in Thursday night's West Coast Conference (WCC) opener at Jenny Craig Pavilion in San Diego, Calif.

Pepperdine (5-9) shot .540 for the game, including .636 in the second half and out rebounded USD by a 39-23 margin.

Jennifer Lacy led all scorers with 24 points and eight rebounds, marking the fifth time this season the Agoura Hills, Calif., native has broken the 20-point barrier. Kearney High School (San Diego) graduate Daphanie Kennedy tossed in a career-high 16 in her homecoming marking the third straight game she has scored in double-figures.

The Toreros (5-9) were led in scoring by Tiara Harris' 16. USD's Amber Sprague (16.4 ppg) entered the night leading the conference in scoring but was held to just 11 points by a solid Waves' defense.

Pepperdine shot .467 and capitalized on several San Diego scoring droughts in the opening stanza to build a 20-point advantage, 37-17, at the half.

It was a total team effort as Lauren Wenski and Kelsey Ball scored nine each, while Kelli Spencer scored a season-best eight.

The Waves will look to win consecutive games for the first time this season as it heads to the Bay Area for a 2:00 p.m. (PT) tip against the University of San Francisco.



Freshman Kennedy scored a career-high 16 in her homecoming marking the third straight game she has scored in double-figures.

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Toreros lose lead, game at UC Irvine

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IRVINE — Freshman center Amber Sprague scored 33 points, but USD's women's basketball team let a 13-point halftime lead get away and lost to previously winless UC Irvine 81-86 last night before 346 at the Bren Center.

UC Irvine
86

Toreros
81

Three consecutive three-pointers by USD junior guard Harris in the closing seconds of the first half gave USD (5-8) a 45-32 lead. Angie Ned scored 15 second-half points and Ashley Biggins added 13, allowing UCI (1-9) to outlast a Toreros team that went 0-for-9 from three-point range over the final 16 minutes.

Sprague also had eight rebounds for USD. Harris added 13 points and five rebounds.

Mellisa Jacob led UC Irvine with 18 points.

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San Diego County roundup: USD continues to dominate Vulcans in baseball

By: North County Times

The visiting University of San Diego baseball team swept a doubleheader from Hawaii-Hilo, 10-7 and 5-4, at Wong Stadium on Saturday.

After being swept by Cal Poly in their season-opening series last weekend, the Toreros found the Vulcans a much easier opponent, winning all five games in the series.

In the first game Saturday, the Toreros (5-3) collected 10 runs on nine hits, while the Vulcans (0-4) scored seven runs on 14 hits. Jordan Buschini hit a three-run home run for the Toreros, while Ryan Lilly was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

In the second game, Lilly's solo home run in the sixth provided the difference.

USD also beat the Vulcans 18-0 in a late game Friday.

X Games

Carlsbad's Shaun White won the men's snowboard slopestyle event at the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo. White finished with 93.00 points to edge runner-up Danny Kass of Mammoth Lakes, who finished with 90.33 points.

SDSU women lose

The San Diego State women's tennis team lost 5-2 to 17th-ranked California at USD's West Tennis Courts. The match was played off campus due to the ongoing construction of the SDSU Tennis Stadium.

Aztecs men sweep

The San Diego State men's tennis team beat UC Riverside and Northern Arizona, both by 7-0 scores, at the La Jolla Tennis Club. The win improves the Aztecs' record to 2-1.

UCSD women triumph

The UC San Diego women's basketball team used a 15-0 run in the middle of the second half to pull away for a 71-56 win over visiting San Francisco State (4-13, 3-7 California Collegiate Athletic Association).

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Toreros beat Hilo

USD's **Josh Butler** and **Andy Martin** combined on a seven-hit shutout in the Toreros' 18-0 victory last night at Hawaii-Hilo. Butler (1-2) allowed six hits with six strikeouts over six innings in a game that was called after seven innings.

Third baseman **Ryan Lilly** led USD (3-3) with three hits, including a fourth-inning homer, and three RBI against the Vulcans (0-3). Teammates **Justin Snyder** and **Randy Curtis** each had two hits and three RBI.



Posted on: Tuesday, January 25, 2005

UH-Hilo ready to play ball tomorrow

By Stacy Kaneshiro
Advertiser Staff Writer

With only three returning position players, Big Island baseball fans will need a scorecard to learn who's who on the University of Hawai'i-Hilo baseball team this season.

The Vulcans, an independent NCAA Division I program, open their season tomorrow against the ~~University of San Diego~~ Toreros of the West Coast Conference. The five-game series runs through Saturday. All games are at Wong Stadium in Hilo.

Joey Estrella, who enters his 29th season as coach, is hopeful the Vulcans can improve on last year's 9-43 record despite yet another challenging schedule that features four teams ranked between 28 to 50 in Baseball America's preseason top 50. Among them are No. 27 Florida State, No. 39 Wichita State and No. 50 Nebraska. San Diego is ranked 48th. Hilo is not scheduled to play UH-Manoa, ranked No. 42, this season.

"That's what we have to offer our players, the opportunity to play some of the best teams in the nation and we just have to compete," Estrella said. "Our goal this year is to be competitive in every game. I think depth-wise, we might be there. If you're competitive, you have a chance to win."

A third of the Vulcans' starting batting order returns with center fielder David Chu (.299, 26 runs, 12 steals), right fielder Sean Tamura (.333 12 doubles, 11 steals), and third baseman Johnny Dudoit (.282 4 HRs, 35 RBIs).

"They give us a good nucleus to work with," Estrella said.

The trio will be surrounded with newcomers.

Catcher Tyler Curtis and shortstop Jimmy Crider are JC transfers. Former UH Rainbow Gary Ahu Jr., also a JC transfer with only this season of eligibility left, will play second base. First base and left field are projected to be manned by freshmen A.J. Satele and Dayne Ogawa. Both are Kamehameha graduates.

Designated hitter also could be anchored by freshmen in Mark Veneri (Punahou) and Matt Haasenritter (Hilo), as well as by returnees Marc Caviglia and Ryan Hanohano.

The projected starting rotation includes two returnees in 6-foot-6 left-hander John Matson (2-6, 6.28 ERA) and right-hander Tyson Usui (0-3, 6.44). They will be joined by three JC transfers in right-hander Vinny Biggs, left-hander John Pinasco and right-hander Ryan Olszewski.

The bullpen features JC transfer Kyler Wartman, freshman Emil DeAndreis and returnee Kyle Neuberger.

Estrella also welcomes three new assistants. Actually, Kallen Miyataki returns after a three-year hiatus and will be associate coach. Miyataki, who also played for Estrella, had been Estrella's assistant about 10 years before becoming assistant athletic director at UHH. Also, former UHH player Kevin Yee joins the staff as well as Kevin Kane, who has been an assistant at Cuesta College and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

"It's been tough," Estrella said. "We've had different coaching staffs the last three or four years. But this time, the coaches are more familiar names (Miyataki and Yee). Changing coaches every year makes it difficult for a program. We don't have any



Joey Estrella enters his 29th season as head coach of the Vulcans.

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Baseball Host Cal Poly This Weekend In 2005 Opener

Bruins and Mustangs will meet for the first time since 1970

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Leading Off...

UCLA opens its 2005 season this weekend against the only 3-0 team in the nation, Cal Poly SLO. The 38th ranked Mustangs began play last weekend with a road sweep of the University of San Diego and will come to Westwood looking to do the same. First-year Bruin Head Coach John Savage will attempt to lead UCLA to its first back-to-back 30 win seasons in four years. Last year, UCLA finished at 35-29 and ultimately made its 12th post-season appearance in school history, appearing in NCAA Regional at Oklahoma City... The Bruins and Mustangs are meeting for the first time since 1968... Since 1975 UCLA is 19-11 on opening day.



Hector Ambriz will take the mound for UCLA as it opens its season on Friday night against Cal Poly

On Deck

January 28, vs. Cal Poly, 6:00 p.m., Jackie Robinson Stadium
Jimmy Shull, RHP (0-0, 5.14 ERA), vs. Hector Ambriz, RHP (NA)
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January 30, vs. Cal Poly, 1:00 p.m., Jackie Robinson Stadium
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What's Bruin

Since 1975, UCLA is 19-11 on opening day... UCLA defeated UC Riverside 4-1 on opening day last year... The Bruins and Mustangs are meeting for the first time since 1970... Last: UCLA swept a doubleheader from Cal Poly by scores of 10-4 and 10-5 on February 21, 1970 at Sawtelle Field... This weekend will mark the first time the Mustangs have been to Jackie Robinson Stadium... UCLA leads the all-time series against Cal Poly 16-3... UCLA's three projected starting pitchers (Ambriz, Beck, Rustich) have thrown a combined 202.2 innings in their careers... Beck is one-third of an inning away from 100 for his career... UCLA's 2004 leaders in all ten major offensive categories have all graduated to the professional ranks... UCLA outscored its opponents 395 to 355 in 2004, the first time a Bruin team had done so since 2000... In 2000, when UCLA advanced to the NCAA Super Regionals, the Bruins outscored their opponents 551-469... Chris Denove, is the only player on the 2005 squad with an active hitting streak - 3 games.

About Cal Poly

Led by third-year head coach Larry Lee, the Mustangs pulled off a season-opening series sweep against the University of San Diego last weekend and have begun the 2005 campaign a perfect 3-0. In 2004, Cal Poly narrowly missed a post-season appearance after tough second-half. Lee is hoping to avoid that scenario in 2005 with a group of experienced hurlers on powerful bats.

In its first three games, Cal Poly was led by junior outfielder Jimmy Van Ostrand and junior first baseman Bret Berglund. Van Ostrand pounded out six hits in 11 at-bats over the weekend and tallied two RBI while Berglund, with only three hits, tallied nine RBI.

On the mound, the Mustangs used ten different pitchers in the three contests. Right-hander Bud Norris, who took over in the first inning of the finale and is Cal Poly's expected starter this Sunday, was most impressive, holding the Tritons to just one run over five innings of work. As a staff, Cal Poly struck out 17 batters and walked 18.

Cal Poly's expected Saturday starter Garrett Olson was named last summer's Alaskan League Top Prospect.

The Mustangs are tied with UCLA in the ESPN/Sports Weekly Baseball poll at No. 40... Cal Poly finished 2004 with a record of 38-23-1... Four Mustangs were drafted in 2004 (Jimmy Shull - returned, Chalon Tietje, Cory Taillon and Sam Herbert)

2005 Bruins Down Alumni, 7-0

During an afternoon peppered with baseball alumni from the past fifty years, the 2005 UCLA team defeated the "Young-Timers/Professional" Alumni team 7-0, January 22 at Jackie Robinson Stadium.

Led by sophomore pitcher Hector Ambriz' five-inning, one-hit performance, the Bruins made quick work of their alumni

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Toreros fumble away chance to avert sweep

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

After two days of struggles, it appeared the USD baseball team was in for a cakewalk after taking a three-run first-inning lead yesterday against Cal Poly.

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But defensive deficiencies again betrayed the Toreros, who committed five errors and allowed eight unearned runs in a 10-6 loss to the San Luis Obispo school.

The Mustangs (3-0) swept a three-game series in which USD (0-3) committed 13 errors. Last year's Toreros, by comparison, committed but 70 errors in 56 games.

USD coach Rich Hill expected a better start defensively, but with five new starters — including third baseman Ryan Lilly and shortstop Steve Singleton — Hill is not altogether surprised.

"You always want to play a game with a goose egg in the error column," said Hill, "but it's not a concern because I know the players out there are eventually going to feel a lot more comfortable. As the season goes on, they'll get a lot better."

USD got off to a 4-1 lead in the first inning when Cal Poly starting pitcher Gary Daley couldn't find the plate.

Daley walked the first four hitters he faced. In fact, the sophomore right-hander threw 14 straight balls before throwing a strike — which was greeted by cheers from the crowd of 620 at USD's Cunningham Stadium. Four more balls followed and Daley's day was done.

Cal Poly was just getting started, jump-started as it were by Toreros mistakes. The Mustangs scored six runs — two earned — in the third inning off USD starter Josh Butler (0-2) to regain the lead. Cal Poly added three runs — all unearned — in the eighth to put it away.

Hill wasn't around for the finish. He was ejected in the bottom of the fifth during an argument with the umpires.

Catcher Jordan Abruzzo led the Toreros with two hits, including his second home run of the season.

The Toreros leave this morning for Hawaii and an opportunity to regroup and put this lost weekend behind them. USD plays a six-game series this week against Hawaii-Hilo before returning home for a game Feb. 1 against Cal State Northridge.

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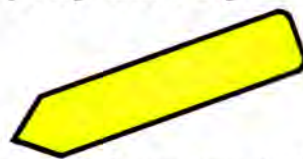
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San Diego Toreros Swept by Cal Poly SLO

Error-prone Toreros fall to 0-3

Jan. 23, 2005



(San Diego, CA) - The University of San Diego Toreros committed five errors and surrendered an early four-run lead in losing its third straight to visiting Cal Poly SLO 10-6 Sunday afternoon at USD's Cunningham Stadium. No. 36 Cal Poly SLO (3-0) and No. 48 San Diego (0-3) both brought preseason national rankings into the weekend series, the first Division I baseball games in the nation this season.

USD standout C/DH Jordan Abruzzo hit his second homerun of the weekend Sunday and finished the series with six RBIs, going 5-for-12 with three extra-base hits.

Mustang starter Gary Daley began the game by throwing 14 consecutive balls, walking in a run before being pulled during the fifth batter he faced. San Diego went on to score four first-inning runs and led 5-1 after two complete frames.

San Diego starting pitcher, right-hander Josh Butler (0-2) lasted just two and two thirds innings, thanks in large part to three costly fielding errors by the USD defense behind him. Cal Poly scored six third-inning runs off Butler (five unearned) without registering an extra-base hit. In fact the Mustangs would not post an extra-base hit all afternoon, but still managed to score 10 runs on 13 singles.

San Diego manufactured a run on a Matthew Weston groundout, pulling the Toreros to within one, 7-6, in the bottom of the seventh.

Much like the two previous games Friday and Saturday, Cal Poly scored late and often- scoring three unearned runs off Torero reliever Sean Warlop in the top of the eighth.

Abruzzo, who hit a towering solo homerun in the second inning, was the only Torero to have a multi-hit afternoon, going 2-for-3 and scoring two of San Diego's six runs.



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LOCAL COLLEGES

Toreros lose in ninth as Cal Poly scores four

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Cal Poly broke open a tie game yesterday at USD with four runs in the ninth inning, beating the Toreros 10-6 at Cunningham Stadium.

The Mustangs (2-0) scored four times in the first inning against USD sophomore left-hander Nate Boman, who walked six and struck out five before he was replaced by freshman right-hander Matt Couch in the fourth.

Couch pitched well, allowing just two runs through five innings before Cal Poly's ninth-inning rally. All four runs in the ninth came with two outs.

Sophomore catcher Jordan Abruzzo led the Toreros with two hits and two RBI.

The Toreros (0-2) commit-

ted three more errors, giving them eight in two games. Yesterday's errors led to three unearned runs.

The series concludes with a game today at 1 p.m. at USD's Cunningham Stadium.

— KIRK KENNEY

Women's basketball

Point Loma Nazarene (17-2, 7-2) beat Golden State Athletic Conference opponent **Westmont** (9-9, 6-4) 72-48 at Santa Barbara.

Women's tennis

San Diego State (2-0) opened the 2005 season with two wins over Big West Conference schools, 5-2 over **UC Riverside** (0-1) and 6-1 over **Cal State Fullerton** (0-3) at the Barnes Tennis Center.

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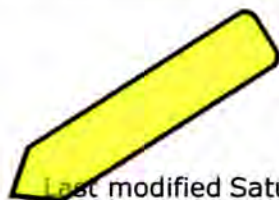
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San Diego roundup: USD loses second straight in baseball

By: North County Times

For the second straight day, the University of San Diego baseball team was tied with Cal Poly (SLO) entering the ninth inning.

And for the second straight day, it was Cal Poly emerging victorious as the Mustangs beat the Toreros 10-6 on Saturday afternoon at USD's Cunningham Stadium.

USD (0-2) had scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth to even the score before Bret Berglund hit a two-run opposite-field home run to spark Cal Poly (2-0).

Jordan Abruzzo, Steve Singleton and Keoni Ruth each had a pair of hits for the Toreros.

Toreros starter Nate Boman struck out five through 3 2/3 innings, but walked six and gave up four first-inning runs. Boman was pulled in favor of freshman Matthew Couch (0-1) in the fourth.

Trailing 4-0 early, USD responded by putting up three runs in the third inning on RBIs from Abruzzo, Randy Curtis and Matthew Weston.

The Toreros continued to rally, evening the score at 4-4 in the bottom of the fifth inning. Ruth doubled down the left field line to lead off the USD fifth and scored on a single by Abruzzo, who was 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

The final game of the series is at 1 p.m. today.

Aztecs men lose

The San Diego State men's tennis team lost 5-2 to No. 8 USC in the season opener for both schools.

SDSU women win

The San Diego State women's tennis team opened the season with two wins over Big West Conference schools, beating UC Riverside 5-2 and Cal State Fullerton 6-1 at Barnes Tennis Center.

Tritons beat USD

The third-ranked UC San Diego women's swimming team knocked off the host University of San

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Transfer hands over win

Cal Poly baseball

Tribune staff report
The Tribune

Cal Poly pinch hitter Sean Alexander hit a two-out, run-scoring single in the ninth inning that lifted the Mustangs to an 8-6 win Friday over the University of San Diego in the season opener for both teams.

Alexander, a senior transfer from Texas Tech, had the stage set for his heroics after Jimmy Van Ostrond doubled to right field two batters earlier.

The contest was the first

Division I game of the season, according to the University of San Diego Web site.

"It was a typical early season game," said Cal Poly coach

Larry Lee, whose team

overcame a 6-4 deficit at

Cunningham Stadium in San Diego.

"A lot of mistakes were made, but the outcome was great. Our pitching staff allowed us to hang around so we could get things done."

Cal Poly senior right-hander Jimmy Shull, an eighth-round draft pick of the Arizona Diamondbacks last June, allowed six runs (four earned), nine hits and two walks while striking out seven in seven innings.

With a scoreless, hitless eighth inning, Frank McLaughlin picked up the win for Cal Poly, which entered ranked 38th in Baseball America's preseason poll.

In the third inning, the No. 48-ranked Toreros tied the game at four runs apiece with catcher Jordan Abruzzo's three-run shot to right field.

"Shull got stronger as the game went on," Lee said. "He made one mistake pitch -- the three-run homer in the third inning -- but kept it close for us."

Junior center fielder Brandon Roberts and sophomore designated hitter J.J. Owen were each 3 for 5 for Cal Poly, which won its fifth straight season opener by outlasting San Diego 15-10.

-- Compiled from Cal Poly reports

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2005 USD BASEBALL

Blaine is right to throw left

Toreros junior
has pro plans
after this season

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

USD pitcher Justin Blaine knows better than anyone where he is headed. And Blaine has known it as long as anyone can remember.

Take his first pitching lesson, for instance.

Blaine was a toddler when his father, a pitcher at Dartmouth in the early 1960s, handed him a ball.

"I kept putting the ball in his right hand," said Davis Blaine. And Justin kept switching the ball to his other hand to throw, until his mother finally pointed something out to his father.

"Maybe he's left-handed," she said.

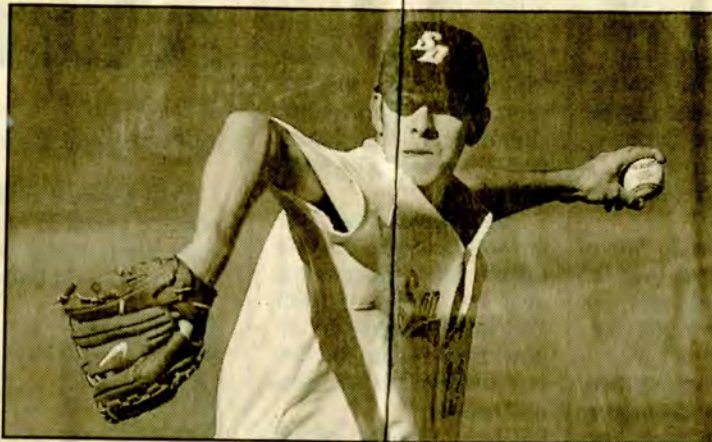
Blaine couldn't have known then the premium placed on left-handers. Or could he?

Toreros teammate Jamie Hesselgesser wouldn't be a bit surprised.

"He knows what he wants to accomplish," said Hesselgesser, "and he doesn't let anything get in his way."

Blaine, a 6-foot-4 junior from Westlake Village (near Thousand Oaks), seems to have had his future planned out since he was a child.

"I'm one of those people who knew what I wanted to do right away," said Blaine, who will be on the mound today when the Toreros open the season at home against Cal Poly. "I've wanted to be a major league baseball player since I was 5 years old. Everything I've done my whole life has pretty much



USD pitcher Justin Blaine was named one of the nation's top prospects in the Cape Cod League. *Earnie Grafton / Union-Tribune*

been geared to that."

It's no coincidence that Blaine, a business major who carries a 3.70 GPA, will graduate in just three years. It coincides with his being eligible for June's major league amateur draft.

"I wanted to do it to give myself the best opportunity," said Blaine.

Blaine won four games each of his first two seasons at USD. He is expected to step up this year — winning 10 or more games wouldn't be too lofty a goal — as the Toreros' No. 1 starting pitcher. Some scouts see him rising into the top five rounds of the draft. Blaine doesn't raise an eyebrow.

"There will be at least 30 radar guns here (today), and it will be just another game to him," said USD coach Rich Hill.

Blaine's mound presence has been shaped as much by failure as success. Hesselgesser, who was Blaine's teammate at Westlake High, recalls when Blaine was hung with the loss four years ago in a CIF championship game at Dodger Stadium.

"Guys were making errors

behind him," said Hesselgesser. "I think four or five of the runs he gave up were unearned. He just stayed calm and poised. He's focused on his own pitches and mistakes as opposed to what guys do behind him."

Blaine was building character two years ago when, in his second collegiate start, he allowed nine runs in three-plus innings against top-ranked Texas. He was building confidence last season with a win over ninth-ranked Long Beach State in the Aztec Invitational at Petco Park.

What he hopes to build on coming into this season is his performance over the summer in the Cape Cod League, where Blaine was rated among the nation's top prospects by *Baseball America*. The highlight was one outing in which he threw 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ no-hit innings and struck out a league-record 15 batters.

"Guys who experience success in the Cape come back with tons of confidence," said Hill. "And that's what I've seen in Justin. It's all coming together for him."

On deck

2004 in a nutshell: The Toreros (35-21) dug too deep a hole in losing five of six games to Loyola Marymount to open West Coast Conference play. That prevented the Toreros (who finished a game back of LMU in the Coast Division) from playing for the WCC championship and an automatic NCAA berth. Winning 15 of 17 games to close the regular season failed to secure an at-large bid.

Welcome back: A sophomore class rated among the best in the nation, led by preseason All-America C Jordan Abruzzo (.375, 9 HR, 49 RBI) and 2B Keoni Ruth (.342, 5 HR, 40 RBI). 2B Steve Singleton and RF Shane Buschini move into the starting lineup. LHP Nate Boman (3-1, 2.26 ERA) and RHP Josh Butler (3-2, 4.96 ERA) will start on the mound.

Welcome aboard: Four guys named Matthew — RHPs Couch, Falk and Lawhorn, who will be looking to establish themselves out of the bullpen, and LF Weston, who will start in the outfield. Also, Ryan Lilly, a junior transfer from Arizona, takes over at third base for Freddy Sandoval, who was one of nine Toreros to sign professional contracts.

They're going to miss: The entire starting outfield — LF Josh Hansen, CF Tom Caple and RF Joey Prast — and the team's top two starters — RHPs Aaron Wilson (11-3) and Kyle Collins (7-1) — were seniors.

Keep an eye on: Junior LHP Justin Blaine (4-3, 5.10 ERA) will be on scouts' radar. Baseball America rated Blaine among the top prospects over the summer in the tough Cape Cod League.

Coach Rich Hill: "It's a young team (19 of 31 players are freshmen or sophomores). The season is going to hinge on how we can improve week-to-week. But our expectations now in this program are always to make a run at the WCC championship and be in the NCAA tournament."

— KIRK KENNEY

USD ROSTER

PITCHERS

NO.	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	CL.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
13	Justin Blaine	L/L	6-4	188	Jr.	Westlake Village (Westlake)
30	Nate Boman	L/L	5-11	180	So.	San Diego (Patrick Henry)
31	Josh Butler	R/R	6-5	191	SO	Danville (San Ramon Valley)
26	Dustin Church	L/L	6-0	156	Fr.	San Diego (El Capitan)
15	Matthew Couch	R/R	6-0	180	Fr.	Sacramento (Del Campo)
19	Nicholas Cranmer	L/L	6-0	193	Jr.	Solana Beach (T. Pines/Mesa CC)
5	Matthew Falk	R/L	6-4	192	Jr.	San Juan Capistrano (UC Irvine)
28	Russell Holzhauser	R/R	6-3	210	Fr.	Oceanside (RB Vista)
23	Andy Martin	L/L	6-3	215	Sr.	San Diego (USDHS/Texas Tech)
40	Luke Roniger	L/L	6-1	174	Fr.	New Orleans (Jesuit)
9	Sean Warlop	R/R	5-11	147	Sr.	Bonita (Bonita Vista)

CATCHERS

NO.	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	CL.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
29	Jordan Abruzzo	S/R	6-2	241	So.	El Cajon (El Capitan)
35	Marcus Cordero	R/R	6-3	190	Fr.	Redding (Bishop Quinn)
4	Logan Gelbrich	R/R	6-3	184	Fr.	Los Angeles (Santa Monica Catholic)

INFIELDERS

NO.	NAME	POS.	B/T	HT	WT	CL.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
16	Brian Beck	1B	L/L	6-1	177	Fr.	Laguna Beach (Laguna Beach)
20	Randy Curtis	1B	L/L	5-11	181	Sr.	Calabasas (L.A. Pierce CC)
18	Kevin Hansen	SS	R/R	5-11	151	Fr.	Glendora (Glendora)
6	Jamie Hesselgesser	UTL	R/R	5-11	175	Sr.	Westlake Village (Westlake)
7	Ryan Lilly	3B	R/R	6-0	188	Jr.	Tucson, AZ (Central Arizona CC)
36	Brendon Quon	1B	R/L	6-2	206	Fr.	Agoura Hills (Agoura)
17	Keoni Ruth	2B	R/R	5-10	187	So.	Aiea, HI (Kamehameha)
1	Steve Singleton	SS	S/R	5-11	171	So.	Oakland (Bishop O'Dowd)
22	Jose Valerio	3B	R/R	6-1	201	Fr.	Chula Vista (Castle Park)

OUTFIELDERS

NO.	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	CL.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
24	Shane Buschini	L/L	6-4	225	So.	San Ramon (California HS)
2	Tyler Fernandes	R/R	6-0	183	Jr.	La Mesa (Grossmont HS/San Jose St.)
21	Reginald Foy	R/L	5-10	178	Fr.	Los Angeles (Westchester)
11	Matthew Lawhorn	R/R	6-2	183	Fr.	Chino (Bishop Amat Memorial)
25	T.J. Merritt	R/L	5-11	196	Sr.	San Diego (St. Augustine/Mesa CC)
12	Gavin Ng	L/L	5-9	165	Sr.	Mililani, HI (Mililani)
3	Justin Snyder	R/L	5-9	168	Fr.	El Cajon (El Capitan)
27	Matthew Weston	L/L	6-3	216	Jr.	Chino Hills (Mt. SAC CC)

Multiposition players: Curtis 1B/OF; Falk INF/P; Hansen 2B/SS; Lawhorn OF/P; Ruth 2B/SS; Snyder 2B/OF; Valerio 1B/3B

COACHES

10 **Rich Hill** (head coach); 14 **Michael Kramer** (assistant coach); 34 **Eric Valenzuela** (assistant coach); 8 **Chris Cannizzaro** (assistant coach); **Mark Johnston** (undergraduate assistant coach)

Projected Toreros starters

STARTING PITCHERS

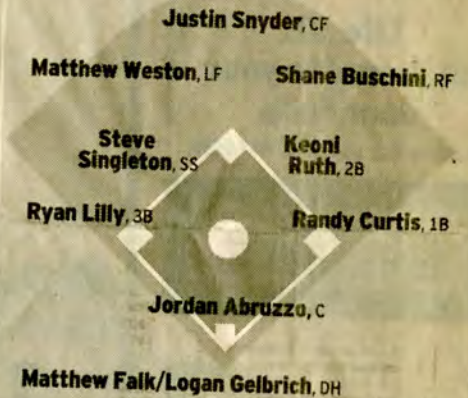
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Matthew Couch
Nick Cranmer
Rusty Holzhauser
Andy Martin
Luke Roniger

CLOSERS

Josh Butler
Matthew Falk



Matthew Falk/Logan Gelbrich, DH

USD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 21	CAL POLY	2 p.m.	Mar. 24	SAINT MARY'S*	2 p.m.
Jan. 22	CAL POLY	Noon	Mar. 26	SAINT MARY'S* (DH)	11 a.m.
Jan. 23	CAL POLY	1 p.m.	Apr. 1	GONZAGA*	2 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Hawaii-Hilo	5 p.m.	Apr. 2	GONZAGA*	1 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Hawaii-Hilo	5 p.m.	Apr. 3	GONZAGA*	1 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Hawaii-Hilo	5 p.m.	Apr. 8	at Santa Clara*	6 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Hawaii-Hilo (DH)	10 a.m.	Apr. 9	at Santa Clara*	1 p.m.
Feb. 1	CSU NORTHRIDGE	2 p.m.	Apr. 10	at Santa Clara*	1 p.m.
Feb. 4	at UC Riverside	6 p.m.	Apr. 15	PEPPERDINE*	3 p.m.
Feb. 5	at UC Riverside	1 p.m.	Apr. 16	PEPPERDINE*	1 p.m.
Feb. 6	at UC Riverside	1 p.m.	Apr. 17	PEPPERDINE*	1 p.m.
Feb. 15	at USC	5 p.m.	Apr. 19	at CSU Northridge	3 p.m.
Feb. 18	UC DAVIS	2 p.m.	Apr. 22	at Portland*	3 p.m.
Feb. 20	UC DAVIS	11 a.m.	Apr. 23	at Portland*	1 p.m.
Feb. 20	OREGON STATE	2 p.m.	Apr. 24	at Portland*	1 p.m.
Feb. 21	OREGON STATE	2 p.m.	Apr. 29	SAN FRANCISCO*	3 p.m.
Feb. 25	Evansville-x	9 a.m.	Apr. 30	SAN FRANCISCO*	1 p.m.
Feb. 26	Washington-x	8 a.m.	May 1	SAN FRANCISCO*	1 p.m.
Feb. 26	Texas A&M-x	6 p.m.	May 6	at Gonzaga*	3 p.m.
Feb. 27	Evansville-x	11 a.m.	May 7	at Gonzaga*	1 p.m.
Feb. 27	Texas A&M-x	3 p.m.	May 8	at Gonzaga*	1 p.m.
Feb. 28	Washington-x	11 a.m.	May 13	LOYOLA MARY.*	3 p.m.
Mar. 4	at Saint Mary's*	2 p.m.	May 14	LOYOLA MARY.*	1 p.m.
Mar. 5	at Saint Mary's*	2 p.m.	May 15	LOYOLA MARY.*	1 p.m.
Mar. 6	at Saint Mary's*	1 p.m.	May 17	at CSU Fullerton	6 p.m.
Mar. 11	at San Diego State	6 p.m.			
Mar. 12	SAN DIEGO STATE	1 p.m.			
Mar. 13	at San Diego State	1 p.m.			
Mar. 15	USC	2 p.m.			
Mar. 18	at Loyola Mary.*	2 p.m.			
Mar. 19	at Loyola Mary.*	1 p.m.			
Mar. 20	at Loyola Mary.*	1 p.m.			

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Aztecs set to open season with top-ranked Texas on Feb. 4

Jan. 21, 2005

SAN DIEGO - Home games against defending national champion Cal State Fullerton and last year's College World Series runner-up Texas plus a meeting with the San Diego Padres at PETCO Park highlight the 2005 San Diego State baseball schedule.

The Aztecs, under third-year head coach Tony Gwynn, will open their 2005 season with a three-game series against Texas beginning Friday, Feb. 4. The Longhorns have been ranked first in *Collegiate Baseball's* preseason poll.

Other highlights of the home slate are a series against Santa Clara in early February along with meetings with USC, UC Irvine, Cal State Northridge and CSU Fullerton plus the annual slate of Mountain West Conference contests. In addition, SDSU will host cross-town rival University of San Diego twice in a first-ever three-game weekend series between the teams.

The Aztecs' road ledger includes an early-season meeting at USC plus consecutive weekend road trips to North Carolina State, Long Beach State and South Alabama. They also face return trips for single games vs. UC Irvine, CSU Northridge and Cal State Fullerton along with 15 league away games.

San Diego State will also play an exhibition game against the San Diego Padres at PETCO Park on March 30 at 7:00 p.m. It will be the first meeting between the two squads since the 1998 campaign and proceeds from the contests will benefit the Aztec baseball program.

"I feel good about our schedule because from top to bottom there are no easy games," said Gwynn. "We're going to have to play our best baseball every day or we're going to get beat, pure and simple. It's a tough slate, but at



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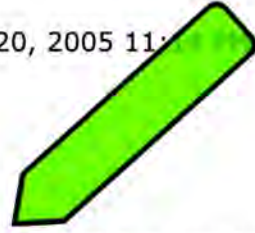
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USD pitching to continue baseball success

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer



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SAN DIEGO ---- Perhaps the greatest indication the University of San Diego baseball team has bolstered its image appears as coach Rich Hill forecasts a rebuilding season even as college baseball insiders rank the Toreros among the nation's elite.

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USD opens its season today against Cal Poly, attempting to justify its No. 48 ranking in Baseball America's preseason top 50 with a roster of mostly unproven players.

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After two straight NCAA tournament appearances and a 35-win season capped by a strong push for an at-large bid last season, expectations have leveled at USD, at least among the Toreros. Nine players signed professional contracts after the 2004 campaign, raiding USD of its starting outfield and much of its pitching depth.

"I can't put any expectations on this group. There's just too much inexperience," said Hill, whose team was picked to finish third in the West Coast Conference by conference coaches. "We just need to go out and play."

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Rather than speaking of how the team's schedule ---- peppered with the sport's elite teams ---- will prepare it for the WCC championship series, Hill this winter finds himself speaking of how the team's recent camping trip to San Elijo State Beach helped the Toreros bond.

He also finds himself wondering how his pitching staff will gel. Junior left-hander Justin Blaine begins the season as USD's No. 1 starter. At 6-foot-4, 188 pounds with a fastball that exceeds 90 mph, Blaine is a legitimate pro prospect, but one who posted a bloated 4.69 ERA in two seasons as the No. 3 starter. Sophomore Nate Boman, who enjoyed a promising freshman campaign mostly in a relief role, is the No. 2 starter.

The No. 3 starter spot is still to be determined, and it could be sophomore Josh Butler, who seems destined to be the team's closer. Junior college transfer Nick Cranmer (Torrey Pines High) and freshman Rusty Holzhauser (Rancho Buena Vista) are among a bullpen corps that is extremely light on experience.

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"Our whole pitching staff is a huge question mark," Hill said.

Offensively, Hill is not as nervous. Sophomore catcher Jordan Abruzzo is a preseason All-America selection by Collegiate Baseball. Sophomore second baseman Keoni Ruth and senior first baseman Randy Curtis were All-WCC picks last season, and UC Irvine transfer Matt Falk is a power-hitting designated hitter and relief pitcher.

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USD players participate in spirited Wiffle ball tournament at San Elijo State Beach as they prepare for the season, which begins this weekend when Toreros host Cal Poly. *Kirk Kenney / Union-Tribune*

Boys of Winter

USD hopes three days crammed into clubhouse and bonding on beach lead to success on field

By Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

Ryan Lilly is a junior from Tucson who is penciled in to start at third base for the USD baseball team this season.

Not that Lilly was thinking about who's on third two weeks ago when he found himself waist deep in the Pacific.

Toreros players and coaches greeted the new year together — for three straight days and nights. They slept in the USD clubhouse for two nights and spent the third one in tents, 30 minutes north of campus at San Elijo State Beach.

At school, they played Ping-Pong and poker, air hockey and foosball, billiards and basketball.

At the beach, there was the inaugural USD championship Wiffle ball tournament just before dusk. Skits and stories in front of that night's camp fire. And a 3-mile "fun run" just after dawn.

The run took the Toreros along Pacific Coast Highway and, of course, down to the beach. At high tide.

Lilly and his teammates tried to time it so as to avoid the water. The squish, squish their shoes and socks made with each stride over the last mile spoke to their success.

"It turned into a little scuba session," Lilly said. "Waves were crashing. There was at least 100 yards where you were done. Guys were still trying to run through it. There were submerged rocks. Hit one of those and you're down."

For good or for bad, they were in it together.

"We have a lot of new guys this year and we have some leadership questions," said USD coach Rich Hill, who has 17 newcomers (12 freshmen) on the 31-man roster. "I wanted to see who would emerge as leaders, take charge and rally.

"The new guys are feeling more confident, speaking up more and being more comfortable around everybody."

Now that they're warm and dry, anyway.

"I woke up about 10 times during the night," said sophomore catcher Jordan Abruzzo, who was named a preseason All-American by *Collegiate Baseball*. "It was uncomfortable and cold, but we grinded it out. You learn a lot about each other, how to depend on each other."

Teammate Nate Boman agreed.

"Everybody kind of got a feel for how everybody is, their personalities," said Boman, a sophomore left-hander. "You get to crack jokes, feel comfortable in any situation, and you wouldn't feel bad calling them out a little bit (during a game), saying, 'C'mon, you've got to make that play. I know you're better than that.'"

Hill believes it brought them together.

"You come back from an experience where you're seeing each other 24/7, then when you see each other on campus it's a handshake and a hug," he said, "and on the road you just become much tighter as a whole.

"It's not about baseball at that point. It's about your heart and your character. And the more we can develop that in these guys, the better."

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San Diego State isn't exactly easing into the 2005 season, opening the campaign with a

three-game series Feb. 4-6 against national power Texas at Tony Gwynn Stadium . . .



Defending national champion Cal State Fullerton plays SDSU at Tony Gwynn Stadium on March 1 (the Titans host SDSU on May 3 and USD on May 17) . . .



USC visits both USD (March 15) and SDSU (May 10) this season. The Trojans host SDSU in their

season opener (Feb. 8) and USD (Feb. 15) a week later . . . SDSU doesn't host a tournament at Petco Park this season, but plays the Padres at Petco on March 30. Ticket sales benefit SDSU baseball.

Locals in the draft

The top local prospect for the 2005 draft is again a high school player — Valhalla pitcher/third baseman **Sean O'Sullivan**, who is projected as a first-round pick.

Both USD and SDSU will be impacted by the draft, however. Toreros junior left-hander **Justin Blaine** and Aztecs junior catcher **Jordan Swaydan** and junior second baseman **James Guerrero** are the first local collegians expected to be selected.

Around the horn

■ Long Beach State right-hander **Neil Jamison** (Ramona High) must feel like he



Jamison

has some unfinished business for the Dirtbags, who came within one out of the College World Series last season.

Jamison was drafted by the Mets in the eighth round in June, but chose to return for his senior season. Jamison saved 12 games for Long Beach in 2004, but might move into a starting role.

■ The proposal being pushed by cold-weather schools to create a universal date to begin practice (Feb. 1) and start the season (around March 1) was presented this past week at the NCAA's annual convention.

The NCAA's Management Council can't consider it until next January and it wouldn't take effect until the 2007 season at the earliest.

The Big Ten is driving the proposal. Michigan was the last Big Ten team to reach the College World Series — in 1984.

■ First, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Now this: Loyola Marymount coach **Frank Cruz** told a media gathering this week that his team will be referred to now as LMU LA of Marina del Rey by the sea.

The Lions, by the way, were picked to finish first in the West Coast Conference in a preseason coaches poll.

■ USA Baseball announced that Baylor coach **Steve Smith** has been selected to coach this summer's national team. Smith, who served as an assistant coach to the 1998 U.S. national team, will guide a team of college freshmen and sophomores against international competition, including series in Japan and Taiwan.

■ Winthrop sounds more like the name of **Dan Aykroyd's** character in "Trading Places" than a highly regarded baseball team, but the Winthrop Eagles are at No. 25 in *Baseball America's* preseason poll.

It's the first preseason ranking in school history for the team from Rock Hill, S.C., which is looking for its fourth postseason appearance in 11

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San Diego County roundup: UCLA upsets Tritons in swimming

By: North County Times

The 11th-ranked UCLA women's swimming team upset third-ranked UC San Diego 165-80 on Saturday at Los Angeles.

UCSD won the 200 freestyle relay as Elizabeth Whiteley, Rosanna Delurgio, Katie Miller and Emily Harlan notched a time of 1 minute, 37.46 seconds.

The Tritons had several second-place finishes as Susan Bell recorded a 2:12.35 in the 200 individual medley and a time of 2:26.10 in the 200 breaststroke. Delurgio finished second in the 500 free with a time of 5:15.56 and Frances Tran took second in the 100 butterfly at 1:03.34.

The Tritons are back in action today against UC Davis at Canyonview Pool. The UCSD men's team will also face UC Davis in the dual meet.

SDSU men's tennis

San Diego State men's tennis player Daniel Jung, one of three Aztecs competing in the back-draw of the Sherwood Invitational at Thousand Oaks, defeated Stanford's Eric McKean 6-1, 6-2 and was up 4-3 when Pepperdine's senior Lovrak retired.

The Aztecs' Markus Dickhardt downed Jason Nguyen of UCLA 6-2, 6-4 and lost to Stanford's James Wan 2-6, 5-7. In the doubles main draw play, Dickhardt teamed with Baylor's Greg Shearer to defeat the tournament's No. 2 seed from USC, Jamil Al-Agba and Drew Hoskins, 9-8.

On Friday, San Diego State's Chris Groh defeated Lee Chang of Stanford 6-1, 6-0 and lost to UCLA's Chris Lam 2-6, 1-6.

USD baseball

The University of San Diego baseball team, ranked No. 48 in Baseball America's Preseason Top 50, beat a group of recent Toreros alumni 17-0 in an exhibition game. The alumni team included former Rancho Bernardo High standout Tom Caple.

The Toreros have another exhibition game at 1 p.m. today against CETYS before opening the regular season Friday at home against Cal Poly.

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Ex-**USD** coach Cunningham to get Gomez Award

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Former **USD** baseball coach John Cunningham will receive the Lefty Gomez Award tonight at the American Baseball Coaches Association convention in Nashville, Tenn.

According to the ABCA, the award is given each year to "an

individual who has distinguished himself amongst his peers and has contributed significantly to the game of baseball locally, nationally and internationally."

Cunningham, who coached **USD** from 1964 through 1998, ranks among the top 40 coaches all-time with 843 career

wins. He took the Toreros to the Division II College World Series in 1971 and '78.

Cunningham guided **USD** to a 32-19-1 record when the Toreros moved into Division I in 1979 and was instrumental in improvements to the team's stadium, which was renamed in his honor in 1988.

> Every time I think of the Eagles, I think of Carlsbad resident Mark Nordquist. An offensive lineman, Nordquist was a fifth-round pick of the Eagles in 1968. As he was introduced before his first-ever pro game, the Philadelphia crowd booed him. Nordquist never played a down for them, yet the crowd showed their dissatisfaction with him.

I related this story to Toniui Fonoti of the Chargers when I introduced him to Nordquist last year during a fund-raising dinner for the Oceanside Boys and Girls Club. Nordquist confirmed the story and said, "Hey, Philadelphia, they booed Santa Claus."

> One of John Cunningham's goals after retiring was to shoot his age on the golf course. The former University of San Diego baseball coach did that last summer at Escondido Country Club. The 67-year-old Cunningham shot 64.

> Former Fallbrook High golf coach Mike Vanyo, one of the nicest guys you would ever want to meet, likes to stay in shape. To celebrate his 70th birthday, Vanyo went to the weight room and bench-pressed 300 pounds. It was the 48th consecutive year that "Iron Mike" had lifted 300 pounds. Now that's impressive.

> Bo Eason, a former NFL player, will be putting on his one-man show "Runt of the Litter" on Tuesday at the North Coast Repertory Theatre. From what I have heard, it is an outstanding look into the life of a pro athlete and his relationship to his parents. Do yourself a favor and go see it.


> Getting Sammy Sosa (35 home runs, 80 RBIs) should give the Orioles one of the most-feared offensive baseball teams in the American League. Imagine putting Sosa's bat in a lineup that includes Melvin Mora (27 homers, 104 RBIs), Miguel Tejada (34 homers, 150 RBIs), Rafael Palmeiro (23 homers, 88 RBIs) and Javy Lopez (23 homers, 86 RBIs). That's impressive.


> I'm going to miss Rick Sutcliffe on Padres broadcasts on Channel 4 San Diego. Sutcliffe, who will devote more time to work with ESPN, grew into the job. He was hesitant at first. But once he became comfortable with the role, he taught many of us about the many subtleties of baseball, particularly the pitchers.

> Justin Leonard plays five rounds of golf at the Chrysler Bob Hope Classic in 28 under par. That is the equivalent of 28 birdies. I won't see 28 birdies this year. No wonder the pros play a game I'm not familiar with.

> Love this NHL season, don't you? Not one team has lost a game. I miss the NHL just about as much as I miss having a tax audit.

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News Update

Corona del Mar High Coach Big Winner in Slander Suit

He is awarded \$700,000
after suing a man who
said his son's baseball
future was stymied.

By **DAVE MCKIBBEN**
Times Staff Writer

A Newport Beach father defamed his son's high school baseball coach, an Orange County civil jury concluded Thursday, awarding the coach \$700,000 in damages.

The Superior Court verdicts, reached after less than six hours of deliberations, could help protect youth coaches from so-called "disappointment" lawsuits by parents who claim that coaches fail to help young ath-

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letes reach their potential.

"This is a great vindication for me and a tremendous victory for coaches all over the country," said John Emme, 41, an English teacher and baseball coach at Corona del Mar High School. "I hope this verdict tells people that disappointment lawsuits shouldn't exist and that it makes parents leery of filing them."

Marc Martinez sued Emme for harming his son's college and professional prospects by making him pitch too often, and later for allegedly making false state-

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MARC MARTINEZ: *The doctor filed two lawsuits against his son's baseball coach.*



Photographs by MARK BOSTER *Los Angeles Times*
JOHN EMME: *"This is... a tremendous victory for coaches all over the country."*

Baseball Coach Wins Big in Court

[Coach, from Page B1] ments in a newspaper article about the youngster's statistics and performance. Both suits were dropped, and Emme filed a \$1-million countersuit for malicious prosecution and slander.

Martinez, an emergency room doctor, appeared stoic as the initial verdict of \$500,000 in compensatory damages was announced Thursday. He did not return to the Santa Ana courtroom in the afternoon when the jury awarded the coach \$200,000 in punitive damages.

Manuel Dominguez, Martinez's attorney, said the damages were "certainly higher than the case deserved."

Both in the courtroom and after the trial, some jurors said they were confused by the judge's instructions. Dominguez speculated that the compensatory damages, which are intended to reimburse a victim for economic loss, were high because jurors didn't realize they could award punitive damages, which are intended to serve as punishment.

But juror Jill Hillabrant of Coto de Caza said the jury awarded the surprisingly high amount because they wanted to make a

statement.

"I think he was an overzealous parent and I think he just went too far," said Hillabrant, whose son played high school and college baseball. "We awarded those amounts based on the damage to his reputation and the effect on his past and future earnings."

"I just think a lot of these parents are living their dreams through their kids," Hillabrant said. "I think this case should send a message to those parents."

In his suit, Emme characterized Martinez's son, J.D., as an outstanding young man and a high school athlete of average ability, while the father had "grandiose ambitions for J.D.'s future as a collegiate and perhaps professional baseball player."

J.D. played two years of varsity baseball for Emme. Martinez testified that he pulled his son off the team before his senior season in 2001 because he thought Emme would make his son throw too many pitches.

Martinez also testified that Emme had told him he was going to "close the door" on his son's chances of becoming a college

pitcher if he took his criticism of Emme to the Newport Mesa School District. Martinez later complained to the principal, district officials and the school board and then filed two lawsuits.

Emme, who has won two Southern Section titles and four league titles in his seven years at Corona del Mar, said he is relieved to have the four-year ordeal behind him. He begins practice in two weeks.

"It'll be nice to just worry about the count, the score and filling out the lineup card," he said.

Emme said he also was pleased that he could now explore possible college coaching jobs, which he had not been able to do because of the litigation.

The younger Martinez did not appear in court during the week-long trial. Martinez previously said his son had tried out for the University of San Diego baseball team in 2003 but didn't make the cut. But in a deposition, J.D., now 21, indicated he never tried out for the team.

"J.D.'s certainly the innocent victim here," Emme said. "It's sad. I feel for him. He's missed out on a lot."



Jim Harbaugh



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The University of San Diego football team won its last five games in a row last year and finished 7-4 in Harbaugh's coaching debut season. A University of Michigan grad and former Pro Bowl quarterback with 15 years of experience in the NFL—including a season with the San Diego Chargers—he's always had coaching in his blood: His father, Jack, coached 41 years at Western Kentucky University. Harbaugh, who lives with his family in Coronado, brought in his dad as an assistant coach at USD.



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Harbaugh's team gets special treatment Eagles assistant coach has developed one of the best units in the National Football League

By EDWARD de la FUENTE / The News Journal

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PHILADELPHIA -- John Harbaugh had just joined the Indiana University football coaching staff as a defensive backs coach in 1997 when, during a discussion about the upcoming season, Hoosiers head coach Cam Cameron asked his assistants if any was willing to assume the role of overseeing special teams.

The coaches spent a moment staring at each other. Finally, Harbaugh raised his hand, and a special teams coach was born.

It seems appropriate enough that Harbaugh's success overseeing one of the most under-appreciated aspects of football would have such modest beginnings. Now in his seventh season as the Eagles' special-teams coordinator, the 42-year-old Harbaugh guides one of the NFL's best units into the playoffs.

Those on Harbaugh's own team know just how valuable he is.

"He's played a big role in this team's success," said linebacker Ike Reese, who was selected to the Pro Bowl this season for his special teams excellence.

"What a lot of people tend to overlook is how much offense and defense depend on special teams, in terms of field position. And one of the things we've always had here is awesome coverage and people playing with reckless abandon.

"That all has to do with John. The hardest thing to do is to get young people to care about playing special teams and not think that it's a demotion. John gets people to want to play special teams."

Harbaugh's lineage might have something to do with that, having been surrounded by coaches his entire life.

His father, Jack, coached at the collegiate level for 41 years and won a Division I-AA national championship as the head coach of Marquette in 2002. He is now an associate athletic director at Marquette. His brother, former NFL quarterback Jim, just completed his first season as the head coach at the University of San Diego.

Jack Harbaugh took a leave of absence from Marquette to serve as an assistant coach at San Diego last season.

It doesn't stop there. John's cousin is Alabama basketball coach Mark Gottfried, and Mark's father, Mike, is a current ESPN college football analyst and former football coach at the University of Pittsburgh who had Harbaugh on his staff for five seasons (1984-88). John's other sibling, sister Joani, is married to Marquette basketball coach Tom Crean.

Harbaugh may be the only coach in his family without a head-coaching stint on his resume, but many believe the next step will come soon enough. He was mentioned as a candidate at Miami (Ohio) University, his alma mater, last month.

"So many people in coaching have chosen that path because, at some point in time, they'd like to be their own bosses," Jack Harbaugh said. "I'm sure John would like to do that sometime. But I also know he's happy with the situation he's in with the Eagles."

Indeed, Harbaugh is content to focus on his current job, but his head-coaching potential is evident in the way he handles his position. When it comes time for the Eagles to practice special-teams schemes, head coach Andy Reid steps aside and lets Harbaugh run the show. And players are consistently amazed by how thorough he is regarding a subject that could easily become an afterthought.

"I've never seen anyone put such an emphasis on special teams," said rookie cornerback Roderick Hood, whom Harbaugh tapped as a kick returner this



AP file

The Bears' Jason McKie (center) watches as Eagles Jason Short (left rear), Mike Bartrum (left front) and Dhani Jones chase after a fumble on a punt return Oct. 3. Jones recovered the fumble and the Eagles capitalized with a touchdown.



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John Harbaugh has been on the Eagles' staff since Ray Rhodes hired him in 1998.

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Colts honor 'Captain Comeback'

By Mike Chappell
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Jim Harbaugh has been gone for seven years, but has anyone forgotten "Captain Comeback?"

Not the Indianapolis Colts, who enshrined their former quarterback in the Ring of Honor at halftime Sunday.

Certainly not the fans.

As Harbaugh walked through a lower concourse of the RCA Dome, one fan after another greeted him with a thumbs-up sign or a "Jim, great to see ya."

"Believe me," said Harbaugh, now coach at the University of San Diego, "I'm truly moved by this."

Harbaugh joined late owner Robert Irsay, former coach Ted Marchibroda, wide receiver Bill Brooks and offensive lineman Chris Hinton in the Ring of Honor. Owner Jim Irsay and Marchibroda presided over halftime.

The loudest cheer occurred when Harbaugh mentioned the only "regret" of his career.

"We came up a game short in '95," he said, referring to the Colts' 20-16 loss at Pittsburgh in the AFC Championship game. "One game short of what Peyton (Manning) and Marvin (Harrison) and Edgerrin (James) are going to deliver to the greatest fans in the National Football League this year."

Harbaugh directed the Colts from 1994-97, but '95 was his dream season. While leading the team within one victory of the Super Bowl, he led the NFL in passing with a 100.7 rating.

-- Mike Chappell



Jim Harbaugh, enshrined in the Colts' Ring of Honor on Sunday, played in Indianapolis from 1994-97. -- Matt Kryger / The Star

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Broncos 'pass' on original game plan

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PRO FOOTBALL: COLTS- BRONCOS NOTES

INDIANAPOLIS | All week, league experts were telling the Denver Broncos to run right at Indianapolis, eat up the clock, and keep Peyton Manning off the field.

The Colts, after all, were ranked 24th in the league against the rush.

"That was our objective but it just didn't pan out that way," said Bobby Turner, the Broncos' running back coach and 1968 East Chicago Washington grad. "Next thing you know, we're behind (21-0) and playing catchup."

Despite season-ending injuries to Garrison Hearst (fractured hand) and Quentin Griffin (torn ACL) earlier, Denver still had two solid runners in Reuben Droughns and Tatum Bell for their AFC matchup with the Colts.

Droughns and Bell were held to a combined 78 yards Sunday.

"They were rockin' and rollin' today," Turner said of the Colts' defense. "They had it goin' and I'm not gonna take anything from them.

"They had an excellent game plan. They had excellent personnel. And they made some big-time catches."

Turner paused, then smiled.

"I'm not gonna say if I had a healthy crew, the outcome might have been different," Turner added, "but I'd like to think so."

You have his word: Jim Harbaugh, who led the Colts to within one win of the 1996 Super Bowl, was among the crowd of 56,000 watching Sunday's AFC wild card rout at the RCA Dome.

"I still bleed blue," said the former Michigan star. "My only regret is that we came up one game short in '95; one game that Peyton (Manning) and Edgerrin (James) are going to deliver this season to the greatest fans in the NFL."

Harbaugh and the Colts lost to the Steelers in the AFC championship game. He also played for coach Mike Ditka and the Bears and is currently head coach at the University of San Diego.

Record day: Indianapolis set post-season single-game marks for most points (49), most half passing yardage (360), total passing (457) and individual receiving yardage (221).



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HARBAUGH HONORED

By John Oehser - Colts.com

Former Colts Quarterback to Go in Ring of Honor

INDIANAPOLIS – He was Captain Comeback, and seven seasons after his departure, he is remembered as one of the most exciting players in Indianapolis Colts history.

He was tough.

He had a knack for the dramatic.

In 1995, he led the NFL in passing and went to the Pro Bowl.

He was Jim Harbaugh.

And on Sunday, he will be honored by the Colts.

Harbaugh, who played for the Colts four seasons – from 1994-1997 – on Sunday the Colts' playoff game at the RCA Dome will become the third player inducted into the Indianapolis Colts Ring of Honor.

"Jim Harbaugh was a scrapper and never-say-die fighter who ended his career in this city and franchise," Colts Owner and Chief Executive Officer Jim Irsay said. "He was a great ambassador of the horseshoe off the field; and so I am pleased to honor Jim with this induction into our ring of honor."

Harbaugh, now the head coach at the University of San Diego, will join wide receiver Bill Brooks and offensive tackle Chris Hinton in the ring.

Former Head Coach Ted Marchibroda, who coached Harbaugh in 1994 and 1995, also is in the Ring of Honor, as is late Owner Robert Irsay, the father of Jim Irsay.

Harbaugh, who played 15 NFL seasons, was a first-round draft selection by the Chicago Bears from the University of Michigan. After seven seasons with the Bears, he signed with the Colts as a free agent before the 1994 season. After a brief time as a backup to Craig Erickson, he emerged as the team's starter.

Starting nine games in 1994, he completed 125 of 202 passes for 1,440 yards and nine touchdowns with six interceptions.

What followed was one of the most memorable seasons in Indianapolis Colts history.

Harbaugh started 12 games in 1995, and early in that season, he led two of the biggest comebacks in franchise history, rallying the Colts from 24-3 second-half deficits for 27-24 overtime road victories over the Miami Dolphins and New York Jets.

The Colts went 9-7 and made the playoffs that season, and after two upset victories – over San Diego and 13-3 Kansas City, narrowly lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC Championship Game. Harbaugh completed 200 of 314 passes that season for 2,575 yards and 17 touchdowns with five interceptions and made the Pro Bowl for the only time in his career.

Harbaugh played two more seasons in Indianapolis and finished his Colts career having completed 746 of 1,230 passes for 8,705 yards and 49 touchdowns with 26 interceptions. The Colts made the playoffs in 1995 and 1996 with Harbaugh as quarterback.

Harbaugh played with the Baltimore Ravens in 1998, then for the San Diego Chargers in 1999 and 2000 and for the Carolina Panthers in 2001.

He retired following the 2001 season.


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Harbaugh recalls ousting Bolts from 1995 playoffs

By: MIKE SULLIVAN - Staff Writer

The last time the Chargers participated in a playoff game, current University of San Diego football coach Jim Harbaugh was the winning quarterback. Unfortunately for the fans at then-Jack Murphy Stadium, Harbaugh was playing for the Indianapolis Colts during that 1995 AFC wild-card game. The Colts upset the Chargers 35-20 to spoil New Year's Eve for numerous San Diegans.



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"I remember that we were the underdogs," Harbaugh said from Indianapolis on Wednesday, where he was on a recruiting mission for the Toreros. "Marshall Faulk got hurt during the first series and Zack Crockett had a big game.

"Turnovers played a big part. We played well. I remember there was a lot of excitement in San Diego for that game. There was a capacity crowd and a great atmosphere."

The Chargers return to the playoffs on Saturday against the New York Jets.

In 1995, they entered the playoffs on a roll after winning five straight games to end the regular season.

Two weeks earlier, they had beaten the Colts in Indianapolis.

But in the playoff encounter, Chargers quarterback Stan Humphries was intercepted four times. And Crockett, who carried once for zero yards in the entire regular season, rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries.

Crockett's second TD, a 66-yarder in the fourth quarter, gave the Colts a 28-20 lead. Harbaugh put on the finishing touches with a 3-yard TD run.

The Colts went on to upset the Marty Schottenheimer-coached Kansas City Chiefs the following week and then lost to Pittsburgh by four points in the AFC championship game.

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The Colts reached the Steelers' 29-yard line with five seconds left and Harbaugh's last-ditch pass went through the hands of receiver Aaron Bailey in the end zone.

"We were one play away from going to the Super Bowl," Harbaugh said. "I was one play away from being famous."

Harbaugh later played two seasons for the Chargers. They went 8-8 in 1999 and 1-15 the following season.

He recently completed his first season at USD and follows the Chargers closely.

"It's great to see the team having success," Harbaugh said. "It's great for football in San Diego and great for the city. It's been a phenomenal turnaround for the Chargers."

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North San Diego County roundup: Altieri, Tialavea are first-team all-state

By: North County Times

Vista High offensive lineman Thomas Altieri had a solid senior season. The Panthers' football team earned a CIF Division I co-championship, and the 6-foot-2, 280-pound senior earned many individual accolades.

Altieri was a first-team offensive lineman on the North County Times' All-North County Team and was also a first-team All-CIF selection. On Thursday, Altieri received another honor. He was named to the first-team all-state offense by CalHiSports.com.

"I'm speechless," the Arizona-State-University-bound Altieri said. "There are so many great players in this state, and to be recognized as one of the elite is quite an honor."

Oceanside defensive tackle Russell Tialavea was named to the first-team defense.

Oceanside quarterback Derek Shaw was named to the second-team offense. Carlsbad quarterback Sean Canfield and Oceanside wide receiver Roberto Wallace were named to the third-team offense. Torrey Pines' Shane Kilcoyne was named to the third-team multipurpose team.

Valley Center offensive lineman was named to the first-team offense for medium schools. Jaguars running back Tyler Harding and linebacker Nick Sloan were named to the second team. Santa Fe Christian's Travis Mossy was named to the first-team defense for small schools.

Riptide hires assistant

The Riptide named former Chargers center Ed Flanagan assistant head coach for the 2005 season. Flanagan, who played 10 years with the Chargers, will be responsible for coaching the Riptide's line. The Riptide also announced it has been reassigned wide receiver/linebacker Rico Curtis, a former San Diego State player, and assigned linemen Noah Drucker and Chris Lawrence.

USD passer an all-star

University of San Diego quarterback Todd Mortensen has been selected to play in the Las Vegas All-American Classic. The all-star football game is Jan. 22 at Las Vegas. USD coach Jim Harbaugh and several Toreros assistants will be on the West squad's coaching staff.

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San Diego County roundup: Palomar softball opens with a victory

By: North County Times -

The Palomar College softball team got its 2005 season off the a strong start as it upended Mt. San Jacinto 12-2 in a home game shortened to five innings by the mercy rule.

The Comets were led by designated hitter/right fielder Amber Alexander, who hit a grand slam and a triple and stole a base. A pair of freshmen also impressed as Rancho Bernardo High grad Cortnee Fucuda had three steals, a double and a single and third baseman Jamee Avii had a double and an RBI.

Harney, Bretsch honored

Fallbrook residents Evan Harney and Phillip Bretsch were among eight University of San Diego football players named to the Pioneer Football League's all-academic teams.

Harney, a junior running back, holds a 3.90 grade-point average in business administration. Bretsch, a junior defensive back, has a 3.70 GPA in the same major.

Girardi back with Riptide

The Riptide beefed up its defensive and offensive line as arenafootball2 reassigned Patrick Girardi to the team.

The Riptide will be host its second open tryout this weekend at Grossmont College.

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Signing on the dotted line

Standouts get ready for next stage of their careers

By Roger Murray , Staff Writer

Four area football players solidified their commitments to play at Division I-A or I-AA college programs in ceremonies held on their campuses Wednesday morning.

Daily News All-Area Player of the Year Dwight Tardy and first- team all-area pick Randall Reynoso signed letters of intent while surrounded by family members and fellow students at St. Paul High School.



St. Paul High football players Dwight Tardy, left, and Randall Reynoso sign letters of intent with Washington State and the University of San Diego, respectively, at the Santa Fe Springs campus Feb. 2, 2005. (Staff photo by Leo Jarzomb)

Tardy, who rushed for nearly 2,300 yards, signed with Washington State.

Reynoso, an all-area pick as place kicker a year ago, earned honors this season as a defensive back. He signed with the University of San Diego.

Santa Fe tight end/defensive end Craig Garnette signed with Idaho State, where it is expected he will play defense.

La Mirada's Chad Kurz, an all-area first-team selection at tight end, has signed with Eastern Washington University, where he will join former La Mirada starter quarterback and former all-area Player of the Year Erik Meyer.

Tardy set a CIF-Southern Section record with nine touchdowns against Crescent Valley in the first round of the playoffs. He also was named the CIF-SS Division III Offensive Player of the Year.

He visited the University of Texas, El Paso and was impressed, but said the opportunity to compete in the Pacific-10 Conference was too good to pass up.

"Besides, (Washington State) is on the West Coast and my family and friends will be able to see some of my games," Tardy said. An all-area center fielder, the 6-foot, 205- pound speedster said he also hopes to play baseball for the Cougars.

Reynoso, who still is one of the CIF's best place kickers, said USD representatives talked more to him about a chance to play safety and perhaps some wide receiver.

"I wasn't much of a defensive guy before this year," Reynoso said. "Then coach (Marijon Ancich) said he needed (defensive backs), and I got a chance. I was able to get better as the year went along."

Reynoso finished as the team's leading tackler with 62, including 47 solos, five pass knockdowns and four interceptions.

Garnette was another player whose development over the season proved valuable and drew the attention of Idaho State recruiters. By the end of the season, Garnette was a polished performer on both sides of the ball. He says he "probably" prefers offense a little more, but he doesn't care on which side of the ball he plays.

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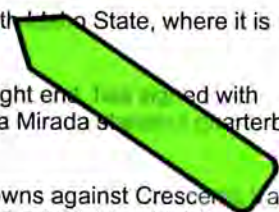
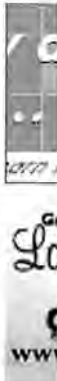
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Beware the traps of the recruiting trail

John Devine Just a Thought

College football coaches are calling while recruiters are stopping by and giving their final spiels.

In two weeks, high school football players with dreams of getting a college scholarship may have a decision to make that could very well effect the next five years of their lives and probably influence their long-term futures. In two weeks, they can sign a letter of intent to attend a college that is offering a football scholarship.

But that raises many questions.

Should the player take the best offer or hold out for a college that may be better suited to fit his needs? Or should he simply stay home and spend two years at a junior college?

This is not an easy decision.

"You have to be patient," preaches Palma coach Jeff Carnazzo. "If it doesn't work out, you can call people. We did it last year with three of our players and it worked out fine."

A scholarship offer is flattering. It's a paid education. It takes pressure off your parents. But as a teenager about to embark on your own, is the school offering the scholarship really where you want to be?

Can you adapt?

Tim Dunn of Monterey, Henry Utumapu of Seaside and Palma's Chad Bozzo and Julian Harris could be receiving scholarship offers soon, if they haven't already.

Utumapu, The Herald's Monterey County Defensive Player of the Year, has had conversations with Utah State and Utah while Dunn is being courted by Weber State.

Both are fierce, hard-hitting linebackers. But only Dunn is being recruited to play that position. The 6-foot, 255-pound Utumapu is being looked at -- at least by Utah -- as a defensive tackle.

A change in position seems evident for Bozzo, who was Palma's quarterback the last three years.

Fresno State, Boise State, Sacramento State and Utah have all expressed interest in the 5-foot-11 Bozzo -- who is lightening quick -- as a defensive back.

"There are schools that will take him now," Carnazzo said. "But he has to be patient. That's hard for a high school kid. There's a lot of pressure. But he has to be careful where he chooses."

And he can't count on schools-offering scholarships, although they are interested. Carnazzo went through this process last year with Luke Lippincott when Oregon and USC expressed interest in the tailback/safety. Yet the schools chose to award their scholarships to other players and just stopped calling.

"Once these schools have their players, you're out of luck," Carnazzo said.

A quick call to the University of Nevada ensued and then a trip. Before Lippincott left, he had a scholarship in hand.

One visit isn't always the best way to make a choice. But that's all a school is allowed to pay for. First impressions are critical. If you hesitate, the offer you once had might be pulled.

In the case of Harris, it appears it's all coming together like a dream.

Barring a change of heart, the tight end is headed to the University of San Diego, a Division I-AA program, where he'll be a tight end under head coach and former Colts quarterback Jim Harbaugh.

But he's the exception.

Many elite athletes dream of playing Division I football. But sometimes a Division I-AA or Division I scholarship is a better option.

MPC's Dustin Long could have gone to Temple -- a Division I-A school that played in the Big East until 2004. But being 3,000 miles from home wasn't appealing.

Instead of Philadelphia, the quarterback chose Ogden, Utah and Weber State, where he'll get a shot to start for the Division I-AA program.

But for Utumapu, Bozzo, Dunn or any other prospect, the pressure is beginning to build.

Do I really want to go here? Does this program really fit me?

Your friends are asking. The phone rings almost daily. Input is coming from family members, coaches and teammates. The mind is doing somersaults.

Ask some of the athletes in our area from other sports that signed early in November and you'll get the same answer.

The process wasn't much fun.

College sports is a business. There are plenty of athletes looking for scholarships.

But as Carnazzo has learned, there are openings should things fall through, if you're willing to jump on a plane at a moment's notice.

Last year, Palma lineman Blake Anderson went through the process twice. After signing with St. Mary's -- a Division I-AA school in Moraga -- the school dropped its program. The other schools Anderson had interest in had already given out their scholarships.

But Carnazzo reiterated patience to his 300-pound lineman.

"Sometimes schools learn they have (extra) money," Carnazzo said. "Some schools don't use their quota or some commitments fall through."

Another three weeks had passed before Anderson landed at North Dakota State, where he appears to be fitting in nicely.

"Not everyone can go from California to North Dakota and adjust," Carnazzo said. "Blake is a strong person. For him, it worked out. But I've had other kids who went off where it didn't work out. A couple will be back playing at MPC next fall."

In other words, players have to trust their hearts. If a school doesn't feel right, they shouldn't go. What good is a scholarship if they're miserable and failing in the classroom?

They'll be home soon enough.

If a player doesn't have an offer he's comfortable with there's nothing wrong with going to a junior college for two years.

A risk? Depends on your perspective.

Former North Salinas and Philadelphia Eagles running back Anthony Toney spurned an offer from San Jose State in 1981, choosing to attend Hartnell College.

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Rathe's USC career likely is over

QB had hoped review of mixup in San Diego would result in sixth season of eligibility

By JOSEPH PERSON
Staff Writer

Mike Rathe figures to spend the spring in the career-development office instead of on the practice field.

The NCAA denied the South Carolina quarterback's request for a sixth year of eligibility, the school announced Wednesday. Rathe plans to appeal the decision. If that attempt fails, the 23-year-old native of California likely will start job hunting.

"I just want to play football and get some time avoiding ~~going to the~~ the real world for a little bit. I love the game. I love the atmosphere. I love college athletics," Rathe said. "I was ~~kind of~~ hoping on this, so I really don't know (what he'll do). I guess I'll start looking for a job."

Rathe transferred to USC in January 2003 after ~~stints~~ at a pair of schools in his hometown of San Diego.

His first stop was the University of San Diego, where he burned a year of eligibility by playing in a junior-varsity game. He transferred to Mesa Community College, playing in two games in 2001 before breaking a finger on his nonthrowing hand and missing the remainder of the season.

Rathe based his appeal on his experience at San Diego, whose coaches told Rathe they would play a complete JV schedule. Instead, the school scheduled only one game.

A USC release stated the NCAA found "that the circumstances surrounding Rathe's first year of competition did not rise to the level" specified in the NCAA manual for granting an additional year. Under NCAA rules, athletes have five years to play four seasons.

If the ruling stands, the Gamecocks could enter spring practice with three quarterbacks: redshirt sophomore Blake Mitchell, redshirt freshman Antonio Heffner and walk-on Brett Nichols.

Rising junior Syvelle Newton, who ended the 2004 season as the starter, is suspended following his petit larceny arrest last week. Newton, one of six players charged in connection with the November thefts of \$18,000 worth of equipment from Williams-Brice Stadium, is ineligible for football-related activities until his case is resolved.

Rathe appeared in 10 games in two seasons at USC, completing 14 of 26 passes for 167 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions.

If he has taken his last collegiate snap, Rathe always will have Kentucky. The right-hander came off the bench to engineer the winning drive in a 12-7 victory against the Wildcats this past season, finding Troy Williamson for a 19-yard touchdown pass with 1:28 remaining.

The following week he was back on the bench. Still, Rathe said he does not regret picking USC over Kansas two years ago.

"I got a great education, made great friends, met some great people," he said. "I have no regret coming here. I loved every minute of it. It was a great chance to see what big-time football's about."

Rathe, a Dean's List student with a 3.7 grade-point average, is completing an internship this semester and will graduate in May with a sport and entertainment management degree.

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Ex-prep coach: Tide's bribe was best of 7

\$150,000 BEAT OFFERS FOR TOP PLAYER'S SIGNING

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A former high school coach told a federal jury yesterday that he got offers of money, a job and free law school for his wife before he accepted a \$150,000 payoff to steer his best player to sign with Alabama.

Lynn Lang, the former head coach at Trezevant (Tenn.) High School, testified for the second day at the trial of Logan Young, a Memphis millionaire and Alabama booster charged with bribery and manipulating bank withdrawals to hide the payoff.

Lang has pleaded guilty to taking the money from Young to convince defensive lineman Albert Means that he should play for the Crimson Tide in 2000. Lang is cooperating with prosecutors while awaiting sentencing.

In testimony Tuesday in U.S. District Court, Lang said he was paid money by coaches at two other Southeastern Conference schools, Kentucky and Georgia. He also testified that Tennessee, Mississippi, Michigan State and Arkansas offered money for Means but never paid.

Under cross examination by defense lawyer James Neal yesterday, Lang added Memphis to the list of schools that offered him a deal, testifying that then-coach Rip Scherer said he would arrange for Lang's wife to attend law school for free at the university.

Lang also told jurors that Arkansas offered him either an assistant coaching job worth more than \$80,000 a year or \$150,000 in cash if he delivered Means and another player.

Means, who has not been accused of wrongdoing, previously testified that he let Lang choose his college.

Prosecutors introduced telephone records from June 2000 to February 2001 showing 49 calls between phones belonging to Lang and Young. Thirty-nine of those calls originated with Lang's phone.

Duke Clement, a Memphis real estate developer, testified he heard Young brag in 1998 and again in 2000 that he paid another high school coach to send two other players to Alabama.

Lang testified that former Kentucky recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett gave \$7,000 for work at a camp and a Means visit to campus, and that former Georgia Coach Jim Donnan gave \$700 cash for work at a camp. He testified that Bill Harper, a Georgia booster from Memphis, gave him a \$100 bill.

Around the nation

Southern California: Quarterback Matt Leinart underwent successful tendinitis surgery Tuesday on his throwing elbow.

Dr. James Tibone said in a statement released by the university that the Heisman Trophy winner should be able to resume throwing "in several months."

Indiana: Running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis is leaving the team after leading the Hoosiers in rushing the past two seasons.

New Hoosiers coach Terry Hooppner announced yesterday that Green-Ellis has withdrawn from classes and might transfer to another school.

South Carolina: The NCAA denied yesterday reserve quarterback Michael Rathe's request for another year of eligibility,

after missing a year with a broken finger at the University of San Diego. Rathe and his family are considering an appeal.

Jury selection starts for Neuheisel

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Clemson's Jamison, South Carolina's Rathe denied by NCAA

By PETE IACOBELLI AP Sports Writer
The Associated Press

Vontrell Jamison didn't have much hope he'd get to man the defensive line for Clemson again next season. The NCAA made that official Wednesday, turning down Jamison's appeal for another season of eligibility.

"Man, it's time to focus on what's next," said Jamison, a 6-foot-7, 280 pound junior college lineman.

South Carolina reserve quarterback Michael Rathe also learned that his request for another year of eligibility was denied. Like Jamison, Rathe and his family are considering an appeal to the NCAA's decision.

The NCAA can grant injury/illness waivers to extend a student-athlete's eligibility in certain cases.

Jamison tore his anterior-cruciate ligament against Texas A&M on Sept. 18, Clemson's third game of the season. Jamison and Clemson officials had hoped that he'd receive a waiver from the NCAA to come back for one last season.

But Jamison said he learned right before Christmas he had been denied. He appealed the ruling according to NCAA guidelines, yet never seriously thought the initial finding would be reversed.

"It's been fun," Jamison said by phone. "But I was prepared for the worst. Lets move on."

Jamison says that means working out and getting ready for the NFL. He'll take part in Clemson's pro timing day on March 17, when scouts and officials from NFL teams come to campus to work out potential football prospects.

"I've been working for that for a while," Jamison said.

Jamison came to Clemson after a season at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. He played in 18 games over three seasons for the Tigers, recording 32 tackles and three sacks.

Jamison could not return after the September injury.

South Carolina's Rathe, a 6-2 transfer passer from San Diego, requested the additional year because of circumstances surrounding his first two college years at the University of San Diego and Mesa Community College when he broke a finger on his playing hand and was out for a full season.

The NCAA staff told South Carolina that Rathe's case did not warrant an extension to the five-year clock for football eligibility.

The school and Rathe are considering an appeal. Rathe hoped that would be successful but didn't want to comment further until he got written notification from the NCAA.

Rathe, 23, came to South Carolina in January 2003. He played in five games that fall, completing 2 of 8 passes for 24 yards and two interceptions.

This past season, Rathe had his most thrilling moment as a Gamecock when he completed a 19-yard pass to Troy Williamson with 1:28 to go for the winning TD in a 12-7 victory over Kentucky.

For his South Carolina career, Rathe was 14 of 26 for 167 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions.

Rathe was expected to add depth and experience to the quarterback position in the first season with new coach Steve Spurrier.

Jamison says he's jogging and feels about "85 percent" of where he was before his injury. He thinks many NFL teams will be interested in a tall, quick lineman who can get to quarterbacks.

"They say that's what they want," Jamison said. "So I'll be ready."

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Ex-coach McGarry files suit against USD

By Brent Schrottenboer
STAFF WRITER

Former USD head football coach Kevin McGarry has sued the school for wrongful termination and defamation, claiming he was fired without cause in 2003 after a 26-year employment history with the Toreros.

His suit seeks unspecified damages resulting from his firing, which came in midseason on the eve of one of the school's biggest football games.

McGarry never had a written contract with USD and claimed the school breached an "implied covenant of good faith" when it fired him. Two months after his firing he was permanently replaced by former NFL quarterback Jim Harbaugh, whose name has helped raise the profile of the Division I-AA program.

"It was really a tough decision for me (to sue)," said McGarry, 48, who graduated from USD in 1979. "I was a part of the USD community for 28 years, and it was painful for me to take this action. We struggled for a full year to resolve things but weren't able to get it done."

McGarry, now an assistant coach at Hilltop High, initially sought reinstatement to his old job. His attorney, Jim Peterson, said they then sought a settlement instead of filing a lawsuit. Because he had no contract, McGarry was paid only up to his last day of work in October 2003, Peterson said.

USD officials have declined comment, citing school policy not to comment on pending litigation. The suit also names as co-defendants USD President Mary Lyons and Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Pastoor. The school has hired the legal firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps.

McGarry expressed shock at the lack of warning and the timing of the firing. McGarry was named Pioneer League Coach of the Year in 2002 and the Toreros were off to a 5-1 start in 2003. As the team was preparing to play at Valparaiso in Indiana, campus security interrupted a Thursday practice and handed him an envelope as the team looked on. In it was a memo instructing him to see Pastoor the next morning before departing for Valparaiso — "one of the biggest games in USD history," McGarry states.

In the meeting, McGarry stated Pastoor gave him three reasons for his sudden firing:

- A previous incident in 2003 in which McGarry allegedly kicked a football in the direction of his trainers after they handed him a list of several players who would not be able to practice because of health reasons. McGarry stated he was upset when he got the news and that he kicked two stray balls off the field but that they were not directed at anyone.

- An incident involving a cheerleading camp three months before his firing. He stated Pastoor harmfully "leaked to the media" that McGarry had engaged in a profanity-laced tirade at the cheerleading camp when he wanted to use the field for football practice. In his suit, McGarry states that campus security had filed a report about the conflict but that it specifically states McGarry never threatened anyone, didn't raise his voice, didn't use profanity and was never a concern to the reporting officer.

- An argument with an assistant coach (Tim Drevno, now the offensive coordinator under Harbaugh). During the week leading up to the Valparaiso game, an apparent misunderstanding developed in a phone conversation between McGarry

and Drevno over how much time Drevno would be permitted to spend with his family after his wife gave birth to their third child. McGarry stated that he told the assistant to make his own decision on the matter but that the assistant misunderstood it to mean he should concentrate instead on the upcoming game. During the call, the line went dead. McGarry stated he later asked the assistant if his telephone was broken, and the assistant began a "profanity-laced tirade" accusing McGarry of "messing with his family." Drevno declined comment yesterday, citing school policy.

After Athletic Director Jo-Ann Nester learned of the argument, McGarry stated she back-dated by eight days a memo about the football-kicking incident, delivered it to McGarry and contacted the school's human resources department about his behavior. McGarry was fired later that week.

McGarry's suit also details a strained relationship with Nester after the "forced" retirement of her predecessor, Tom Iannacone, who had worked with McGarry as athletic director since 1988. He claims Nester had it "out for him" and engaged in a profanity-laced tirade, "screaming and yelling at the top of her lungs" when McGarry questioned why the football program could not use volunteers.

The school has 30 days to file a response to McGarry's suit, which was amended earlier this month. Discovery and depositions are expected over the next few months. No trial date has been set.

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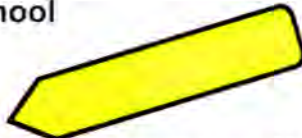
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Former USD football coach sues school

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer



SAN DIEGO ---- Former University of San Diego football coach Kevin McGarry, fired in October 2003, is suing the school, alleging he was wrongfully terminated and defamed, according to court documents.

McGarry graduated from USD in 1979 and served first as an assistant and later head football coach from 1978 until he was fired on the eve of the Toreros' seventh game of the 2003 season for reasons the school never publicly disclosed.

The suit was filed in Superior Court in San Diego on Oct. 15. It also names USD President Mary Lyons and Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Pastoor.

In the suit, McGarry alleges USD athletic director Jo-Ann Nester "had some bias against" him and began a "campaign to terminate" him shortly after she was promoted to succeed Tom Iannacone in September 2003. The suit also claims Iannacone, who announced his retirement after 15 years in July 2003, was "forced to retire."

McGarry asserts Pastoor cited three confrontations between McGarry, one of his assistant coaches, members of the Toreros training staff and a cheerleading camp counselor for his firing.

McGarry claims the incident with the assistant coach was a misunderstanding, that assertions by a trainer that he had kicked a football toward him were false and that the incident during the cheerleading camp was not an issue at the time it occurred. He further claims Pastoor defamed him by leaking to the media that McGarry had "engaged in a profanity-laced tirade at a cheerleading camp and kicked a football at some trainers," the suit reads.

USD executive director of athletics Ky Snyder declined comment on the suit Friday, citing a university policy of not commenting on pending litigation.

McGarry could not be reached for comment. His attorney, James Peterson, did not return a call seeking comment.

The suit says McGarry never had a written contract to coach at USD. He coached instead on "implied contracts" and "oral commitments."

McGarry claims in the suit that he was promised he would be confronted with and given adequate time to respond to any cause for termination. In the suit, McGarry asserts campus security presented him a letter at the end of football practice on a Thursday instructing him to report to

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Pastoor's office the next morning before departing for the team's Saturday game against Valparaiso in Indiana.

The next morning, McGarry said Pastoor informed him of his immediate termination, banned him from campus and later had him escorted off the premises.

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Taver Johnson and Matt Hohman Join Miami Football Coaching Staff

Johnson Returns to Head Defense While Hohman Takes Over Offensive Line

Jan. 14, 2005

OXFORD, Ohio -- Miami head football coach **Shane Montgomery** has taken two more significant steps toward rounding out his coaching staff by announcing **Taver Johnson** as the program's defensive coordinator and **Matt Hohman** as the team's offensive line coach. Johnson was Miami's linebackers coach from 2000-03 before spending last season with the Cleveland Browns, while Hohman, a 1995 Miami graduate, returns to his alma mater after a season at the University of San Diego.

"With these hirings, we've added two more talented individuals who are familiar with Miami University and in line with the values of our program," Montgomery said. "Coach Johnson is a talented, energetic coach who has a strong understanding of our defensive system and personnel. His return makes for a seamless transition for a defense that returns a lot of talent for the 2005 season. Coach Hohman is one of Miami's own and a young coaching talent who comes back to his alma mater with a diverse and successful coaching background."



Taver Johnson

Johnson, who last season served as a special teams assistant coach with the NFL's Cleveland Browns originally joined Miami's coaching staff prior to the 2000 campaign and served as linebackers coach until departing to take an assistant coaching position with the Cleveland Browns following the 2003 season. In 2003, Johnson's linebackers all totaled more than 100 tackles, while senior **Terrell Jones** earned first-team all-MAC honors, sophomore **Terna Nande** earned second-team all-MAC honors and sophomore John Busing led all linebackers nationally with five interceptions. Miami's defense ranked among the top 20 nationally in rushing defense and forced a whopping 39 turnovers in 2003. Both Nande and Busing, now seniors, return for 2005, along with **Derek Rehage**, who also saw extensive action as a linebacker during Johnson's original Miami tenure.

Prior to joining Miami's staff, Johnson had spent the 1999 season as a defensive graduate assistant at Notre Dame University. He had previously been at NCAA Division III Millikin University since 1996, serving as linebackers coach throughout his tenure and as defensive coordinator in 1998. A two-time Associated Press All-American as a linebacker at Wittenberg University, Johnson began his coaching career as the defensive line coach at his alma mater in 1995, coaching two seasons. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Wittenberg in 1994.

Hohman, who lettered on the football field for Miami in 1994, was a four-year member of the program as a player and also served as a student-assistant coach, strength and conditioning intern and eventually a graduate assistant at Miami. After completing a double major in health appraisal and enhancement and sport organization at Miami in 1995, Hohman spent two seasons at the Division III level, coaching at the University of Dubuque and Wilmington College, before returning to Miami as a graduate assistant, working with the offensive line, prior to the 1998 season. The RedHawks went 10-1 during the 1998 campaign, while rushing for a whopping 2,659 yards and 24 touchdowns.

From there, Hohman spent two seasons as offensive line coach and a year as offensive coordinator at Ashland University, where he coordinated all phases of the offensive gameplan while the program broke three single-season offensive records, including those for total yards (4,523), yards per game (411.2) and first downs (226). Most recently, Hohman spent the 2004 season at the University of San Diego, serving as special teams coordinator and defensive line coach for the NCAA I-AA Toreros.

Since his hiring on Dec. 28, 2004, Montgomery has filled five of the vacancies on his coaching staff, including strength and conditioning coach **Dan Dalrymple**, wide receivers coach **Brian Von Bergen** and safeties coach **Tim Cooper**, who were retained from last season's staff.

Friday, January 14, 2005

Mets pursuing slugger Delgado

Digest

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Mets executives met with Carlos Delgado on Thursday, hoping the tactic that helped land Carlos Beltran and Pedro Martinez would lure the free-agent first baseman to New York.

Already in Puerto Rico with Beltran, general manager Omar Minaya and three others met with 32-year-old slugger Delgado in a San Juan hotel, Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said.

"It was all non-contractual, just a chance for those guys to get to meet each other," Delgado's agent, David Sloane, said.

Delgado is also being pursued by the Marlins. He and Sloane plan to meet Saturday in Florida with Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria and general manager Larry Beinfest.

The Mets are hoping that their recent signings of Beltran and Dominican star Martinez will help sway Delgado, who has hit at least 30 homers in each of the past eight seasons for the Toronto Blue Jays.

BRAVES: Raul Mondesi said he has agreed to terms with Atlanta on a one-year contract. He said he will earn \$1 million, and the deal includes performance bonuses that could bring the total value up to \$1.7 million.

BREWERS: Major League Baseball owners unanimously approved the \$223 million sale of the Milwaukee Brewers from the family of commissioner Bud Selig to a group headed by investor Mark Atanasio.

NBA

BUCKS: Guard T.J. Ford was ruled out for the rest of the season while he recovers from surgery to relieve a bruised spinal cord.

CAVALIERS: Rookie guard Luke Jackson had surgery to repair a herniated disc in his back. He will miss the rest of the season but is expected to fully recover.

Local colleges

MIAMI: Taver Johnson, who was Miami's linebackers coach for four seasons, will be announced today as the RedHawks' defensive coordinator. Johnson, who attended the former CAPE high school in Winton Place, was Miami's linebackers coach from 2000 to 2003 and was assistant special teams coach in 2004 for the Cleveland Browns.

Miami coach Shane Montgomery also will announce that Matt Hohman, a 1995 Miami graduate and former offensive lineman, is the offensive line coach. Hohman was special teams coordinator and defensive line coach last season at the University of San Diego.

Mark Curnutte

NKU: Connie Myers had 19 points and several rebounds as the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball

Sanford's First Staff Complete

Former NFL player Reggie Davis comes aboard to coach running backs.

Jan. 14, 2005

LAS VEGAS - New UNLV football head coach Mike Sanford rounded out his first Rebel staff Friday by announcing the hiring of Reggie Davis as running backs coach.

Davis comes to UNLV after one season as tight ends coach at the University of San Diego.

He joined the Torero staff after working with D.HIX SPEED since 2001, helping college and NFL players with speed and combine training. From 1999-2000 Davis played two seasons in the NFL with San Diego as a tight end/H-back at the same time Sanford was an assistant coach with the Chargers.

"I interviewed six coaches for this position but Reggie Davis was clearly the best fit for our program," Sanford said. "I've known Reggie for a decade and he is a bright, high-character guy. He is a first-class person who I think is a rising star in the coaching field."

Davis was a standout linebacker/tight end at the University of Washington between 1994-1998. He was recruited to UW out of Brethren Christian High School in California.

The announcement that Davis will take over the running backs spot means second-year assistant Kris Cinkovich will officially continue to oversee the Rebel wide receivers.



Mike Sanford completed his coaching staff with the hiring of Reggie Davis to oversee running backs.

2005 UNLV FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Mike Sanford (1st Year)
Defensive Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach	Vic Shealy (1st Year)
Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Noah Brindise (1st Year)
Tight Ends/Tackles/Recruiting Coordinator	Gary Bernardi (1st Year)
Offensive Line	Keith Uperesa (1st Year)
Running Backs	Reggie Davis (1st Year)
Wide Receivers	Kris Cinkovich (2nd Year)
Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator	Ken Sharrar (1st Year)
Linebackers	Kurt Barber (1st Year)
Secondary	Mike Bradeson (10th Year)

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Sanford adds old friend to complete coaching staff

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LAS VEGAS SUN

UNLV head coach Mike Sanford is about to add the final member of his coaching staff.

Sanford is expected to announce as early as today the addition of Reggie Davis as his running backs coach.

Davis was a top prep recruit from Cypress, Calif., who went on to star at the University of Washington. He was a tight end/H-Back with the San Diego Chargers when Sanford was wide receivers coach there under Mike Riley.

Davis coached last year at the University of San Diego under former NFL quarterback Jim Harbaugh. He was one of six candidates Sanford interviewed for the job at this week's coaches' convention in Louisville, Ky.

The move to hire Davis means former Las Vegas High School coach Kris Cinkovich, one of two holdovers from John Robinson's staff, will remain as the team's wide receivers coach.

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Mock's goal is state title for Xavier

Mark Armijo
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How do you stop Xavier Prep star midfielder Christine Mock? Attaching a ball and chain around her ankles might help.

Mock, a senior, scored 28 goals last season and has 24 through 15 games this season for No. 2 Xavier (14-1). With 77 career goals, she also ranks No. 2 on Xavier's career scoring list.

But what really fuels Mock has little to do with individual records and a lot to do with a team goal, which is to depart Xavier with a Class 5A championship banner.

"We won the state title when I was a freshman, but I was playing on the junior varsity then," said Mock, a senior who lives in Avondale. "We lost to Horizon when I was a sophomore and lost to Desert Vista in the quarterfinals last year.

"My goal this year wasn't to score a certain amount of goals. It was to win a state championship, and we have to do that as a team."

As a team, Xavier seems in an opportune position to do just that. With so many players opting to focus on club soccer this year, parity may have reached the Class 5A field.

Any team with Mock on the roster, however, likely would have to be included among the favorites.

"She's a great player and a great asset to any team," said Desert Vista coach Bill Bohach, whose team is responsible for Xavier's only loss.

Ditto Chaparral coach Robyn Carlson, whose Class 4A No. 2 Firebirds were beaten by Xavier this season. Mock was responsible for one goal in the 3-0 win.

"She has great vision of the field," Carlson said. "Very versatile. She kind of makes things happen and controls the middle."

Oh, Mock certainly does that, Xavier co-coach Katie Cole said.

"She's the type of player that can play anywhere on the field," Cole said. "She plays center-mid for us, and she's still our leading scorer. She controls the pace for us, but the biggest thing is when she gets the ball, she wants to score. A lot of players are more passive. Not Christine."

Mock, who also plays forward for the Gators, is a former swimmer who decided to go with soccer when she was 12.

"I used to swim and play soccer, but I just couldn't see myself swimming laps for the next 18 years," Mock said. "Soccer is more fun, and I think I'm better at it."

The University of San Diego thinks so. Mock committed to San Diego in November after visiting Florida State, Arizona and Saint Mary's (Calif.) College.

"Some other schools in the Northeast were interested, but I mainly wanted to stay in a warm climate," said Mock, who was born in Orlando and moved to Arizona with

her family 13 years ago. "San Diego was second in their conference last season, and they're a rising team."

Mock should fit in nicely, Cole said.

"When she gets the ball, she has no problem taking on players," Cole said. "Her confidence with the ball and her ability to do the things she does with it is what makes her succeed."

Mock, however, won't measure her true success until Xavier brings home another state title.

"I have a lot of passion to play, and I like to compete," Mock said. "I can be aggressive because I don't really like to lose. That's what drives me. I want to win a championship real bad, and I definitely think we have the team to do it. We haven't played (top-ranked Tempe Corona del Sol), but I think we have a chance to beat anyone."

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

DREAM TEAM

Rick Devereux
Daily Pilot

January 2, 2005

It was the year of the Sea Kings in high school girls volleyball as Corona del Mar won the Pacific Coast League and CIF Southern Section Division III-A championships, advanced to the semifinals of the CIF State Division III championships and finished with a 27-6 record.

CdM was powered by senior outside hitter Jordan Smith, selected Daily Pilot Player of the Year.

The UCLA signee is a Dream Team selection for the third time and is joined by senior teammates Lindsey Ensign, Traci Lawson and Breanne Ogden, as well as sophomore Kelly Christian.

Newport Harbor's Kiley Hall, Sage Hill's Cat Dailey, Costa Mesa's Jackie Havens and Estancia's Hillary Larsen round out the Dream Team.

Smith, a four-year varsity member, is an outsider hitter who led the Sea Kings with 436 digs and was second with 345 kills.

"She is probably the best defensive player in the country," Sea Kings' Coach Bill Christiansen said.

"She is one of the top outside hitters and she leads by quiet example.

"She's not a yeller or a screamer — she's extremely quiet, but she goes out and plays an A-plus game all the time."

Smith was named the CIF Division III Co-Player of the Year to go with her Pacific Coast League Player of the Year honor.

Ensign, also a four-year varsity member, is a three-time all-league honoree and was named to first-team All-CIF for the second consecutive season.

The middle blocker led CdM with 365 kills and 74 blocks. She was second with 309 digs and 29 service aces.

Lawson was the emotional leader for the Sea Kings as well as "quarterback."

The setter distributed the ball masterfully, keeping defenses guessing. She led the team with 545 assists. Lawson was also named to the all-tournament team for the Dave Mohs Memorial after leading CdM to the finals.

The ball did not have a tracking device to Ogden's credit. She seemed that way. The defensive specialist was third on the team with 275 digs.

Ogden, who will play for the University of San Diego next fall, was named Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Dave Mohs Memorial tournament and also garnered first-team all-league laurels.

Christian was an all-around threat for CdM as opposite hitter.

The first-team All-CIF selection was second on the team with 350 assists, third with 28 service aces and fourth with 275 kills.

Hall was named first-team All-Sea View League as Newport's outside hitter.



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Timbers pick two in First Division college draft

01/19/05 - USL First Division (USLFD) Portland Timbers

PORTLAND, Ore. - The Portland Timbers selected forward Justin Cook from Ohio State University and goalkeeper Dan Kennedy of UC-Santa Barbara with their two picks in the 2005 USL First Division College Player Draft, held via conference call from the league's headquarters in Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday.



Portland picked Cook with its first pick at No. 12 and Kennedy with its second selection at No. 24 in the draft, which consisted of two open rounds.

Both players were invites to last week's MLS Player Combine at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

Cook, 24, was named the 2004 Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year while amassing a team-high 30 points (12g, 6a) during his senior season with the Buckeyes. The Winter Springs, Fla., native was a third team All-America selection in 2004 after leading the Big Ten Conference in scoring during league play.

The second all-time leading goal scorer in Ohio State history with 33 strikes, Cook led the Buckeyes to three NCAA tournament appearances in the last five years.

Cook was the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2000.

"Justin Cook was a premiere goal scorer in college," said Timbers head coach Bobby Howe. "I was very impressed with his work rate and mobility at the recent combine."

Cook played four seasons for the Central Florida Kraze of USL's Premiere Development League and one season for the PDL's Columbus Stars.

Also a 2004 third team All-America selection, Kennedy, 22, was named the Big West Conference's Goalkeeper of the Year for the second consecutive season after allowing just 13 goals in 23 matches at UCSB this past season, posting a 0.55 goals-against average while collecting 84 saves.

The Gauchos made their first three NCAA tournament appearances (2002-2004) in school history with Kennedy in goal, including a trip to the 2004 College Cup, where UCSB fell 3-2 on penalty kicks to Indiana.

"Dan Kennedy has exhibited great presence, leadership qualities and ability," said Howe. "He exuded a great deal of confidence in the NCAA College Cup event."

A former college teammate of Portland midfielder Memo Arzate, the Yorba Linda, Calif., native played for the PDL's Orange County Blue Stars in 2003 and 2004.

Last season, the Timbers selected 2004 A-League Rookie of the Year Alan Gordon from Oregon State with their first pick and defender Leonard Griffin from UCLA with their second selection.

In 2003, the Timbers drafted forward Ryan Coiner from the University of San Diego and goalkeeper Curtis Spiteri from the University of Portland. In 2002, the Timbers selected three University of Washington players in the draft; Portland chose Bryn Ritchie, Ben Somoza and Jake Sagare. Just

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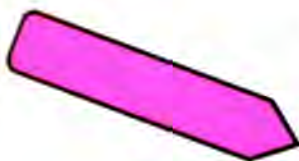
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Men's tennis to play in California

By Alex Evans
Daily Universe Staff Reporter
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Fresh off a sweep of Weber and Utah State, the BYU men's tennis team will travel to Southern California to play against some of the top teams in the nation on a three-day road trip beginning Wednesday.

The opening match features the Cougars against the No. 2 UCLA Bruins. The Bruins ended last year at the No. 2 spot and have continued where they left off.

"Every one of their players is good," BYU head coach Brad Pearce said. "This year they are if not as strong maybe a little stronger than last year."

Some of the Cougars have already faced the Bruins at last year's Southern California Intercollegiate tournament. At that tournament, Nima Roshan squared off against No. 14 Luben Pampoulov, and despite losing, Roshan took Pampoulov to set point.

After UCLA, the Cougars will travel down the road to play against No. 73 UC Irvine, the lowest ranked team of the road trip, but every match still remains important.

"Every match is critical," Pearce said. "We need everybody to perform well, whether in singles or doubles."

The Cougars will finish up their trip Friday against the No. 39 University of San Diego. This match might be the most important of the trip to determine the cougar's future goals.

"Our goal is to finish in the top 25," Pearce said. "If we beat San Diego, a team in the 30's we may adjust our goal."

Throughout the trip, the Cougars will aim to win the doubles point in all of the matches and to win at least two of the three-team matches.

"If we can walk away with two out of three victories we will give our guys a lot of confidence and immediate credibility for the rest of the season," Pearce said.

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San Diego County roundup: Wynne bounces back from injury

By: North County Times

Poway High graduate Marvell Wynne was reported to be OK on Thursday, a day after he was injured while playing for the U.S. men's Under-20 national soccer team.

Wynne departed the Americans' 6-1 victory over Trinidad and Tobago in the 38th minute. He suffered a bruised sciatic nerve when he was undercut while going for a header. U.S. Soccer on Thursday said he would be OK to play tonight against Panama.

The Under-20 team is playing a qualifying tournament at Carson with a berth in the FIFA World Youth Championships at stake. Wynne, a defender, had an assist on the Americans' first goal Wednesday.

Another Poway graduate, defender Greg Dalby, started and played the entire game.

Riptide gets players

The Riptide has been assigned four more players from the arenafootball2 league office. The roster now includes lineman Chris Enneking, kicker Kimo Naehu, offensive specialist Vincent Strang and fullback/linebacker Brandon Hall.

The Riptide also has scheduled an exhibition game March 26 against the All-Japan Samarai Warriors.

Sea Lions recognized

Point Loma Nazarene's baseball team was given the inaugural Burbidge Champions of Character Team Award at the recent NAIA Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame luncheon in Nashville, Tenn. The award was created to honor a team that exemplifies sportsmanship.

Torero ranked No. 5

University of San Diego tennis player Pierrick Ysern is ranked No. 5 in the national ITA rankings for men's singles heading into the spring season. He is No. 2 in the West Region, behind only Stanford's Sam Warburg. Ysern and Nic Beauque are ranked No. 51 in doubles.

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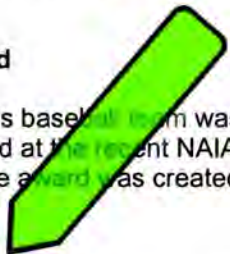
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Emily Silver took first in the 50 freestyle (23.33), 100 freestyle (50.75) and 200 freestyle (1:48.85). All three are NCAA B qualifying times. Helen Silver took the 200 backstroke in an NCAA A qualifying time of 1:58.00 and the 100 backstroke in an NCAA B qualifying time of 55.14.

The Bears have this week off and resume competition when No.5 Stanford visits Berkeley at noon on Feb.12.

Women's tennis

The No.17 Golden Bears (2-0) picked up their second win of the season, defeating San Diego State 5-2 on Saturday at the University of San Diego's West Courts.

San Diego State notched two victories in doubles to secure the doubles point. Cal clinched the victory winning five of six singles matches. Bears freshman Suzi Babos made quick work of Alesya Vidov 6-0, 6-0. Sophomore Monica Wiesener outlasted the Aztecs' Dita Haverlandova in three sets, 6-4, 2-6, 4-1 (ret.).

Cal's Cristina Visico, Marion Ravelojaona and Jessica Shu all picked up straight-set wins. Visico defeated Hermansen 6-2, 6-2, Ravelojaona beat Nina Spaeth 6-1, 6-4, and Shu recorded the Bears' fifth singles victory of the day, 6-2, 6-1 over Sisse Nielson.

The Bears will face San Diego at 10 a.m. on Sunday in San Diego.

Men's tennis

The No. 28 Cal Golden Bears (1-1, 0-1) dropped their first match of the 2005 season to No.7 Stanford 5-2 on Saturday at Berkeley's Hellman Tennis Center.

Stanford opened the match by picking up the doubles point, winning two of the doubles matches. Cal senior Patrick Briaud picked up a singles win for the Bears, winning an impressive match against the Cardinal's James Wan 7-6, 6-4. Freshman Ken Nakahara continued what has been an impressive debut, beating Phil Kao 6-4, 7-5 for his 10th singles victory of the season.

The Bears next face San Diego at 1 p.m. this Saturday in Berkeley.

Women's gymnastics

Golden Bears swept the top three spots in the all-around competition as Cal (5-1) defeated UC Davis 190.175-187.050, on Friday at The Pavilion in Davis.

Cal senior Miho Maeda led all scorers with a career-best mark of 38.875 to win the all-around. Senior teammate My-Lan Dodd came in second (38.275), tying her season-high score on floor (9.775).

Freshman and New Zealand native Nicki Wells, who has improved her bars mark at each meet this season, scored a 9.650 to finish third in her first collegiate all-around (35.800).

A Cal gymnast was first in every event save vault — Maeda won the bars competition (9.875), junior Britani Pittullo took first on beam (9.700) and Dodd (9.775) tied Maeda for tops on floor.

The Bears resume action at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Haas Pavilion against Arizona.



Senior All-American Dea Sumantri leads a talented mix of youth and experience into 2005.

2005 Husky Women's Tennis Season Preview

Huskies hope to reload from Elite Eight appearance in 2004 with four returning starters and several fresh faces.

Jan. 13, 2005

Returning four starters from last year's squad that advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight, the Washington women's tennis team looks to be in fine shape to maintain its standing as one of the top-10 teams in the nation when the 2005 season unfolds in January.

Senior Dea Sumantri, a two-time All-American, knows what it takes to compete with the country's best. Sumantri, who rotated with Claire Carter at No. 1 singles last year, helped the Huskies maintain no less than a Top-10 ranking in 2004. In fact, the Huskies ranked as high as fourth last season, its highest in school history.

Joining Sumantri will be junior Dinka Hadzic, sophomore Saskia Nauenberg and senior Mugette Ahn - three players who solidified the singles lineup for a Husky team that made its eighth straight postseason appearance last year.

Despite Washington's recent success, UW head coach Patty McCain does not have all the answers when she looks at her young 2005 squad. Only three players on the Husky roster have more than two years of collegiate tennis experience. The team also features four

freshmen, two sophomores and three upperclassmen in their second seasons in the program.

Missing from last year's lineup will be graduated seniors Claire Carter and Erin Hoe, a pair of players who carried the Huskies on their shoulders last season, taking them to the Elite Eight and matching UW's best NCAA finish since 2001 - their freshman season.

Carter and Hoe, who rank No. 2 and No. 3 respectively on UW's career singles wins list, will certainly be missed for their leadership both on and off the court.

But McCain has been here before. Her 2004 squad began its season missing six seniors - including three starters - from the previous year. Last season was supposed to be a rebuilding year. But all McCain did was engineer her young team into a squad in contention for a national championship - falling one match shy of an NCAA semifinal. For that she was named ITA National Coach of the Year.

"We're very young this year," McCain said. "It will be interesting to see what the freshmen are capable of right out of the chute."

According to the Husky head coach, it will take a few dual matches to get an idea for how her lineup will play out and what it will take for Washington to win. "But I think as always, we have a lot of talented players and a lot of potential," she said. "The thing that made us so good last year was the girls were just very, very tough. We just never gave an inch and that was something that was very special last year. I don't know if we can recreate that again. We have a great group of girls and you just never really know. They're starting to gel now as a team and that's probably the most important thing at this point in the year."

With this year's squad, McCain has the luxury of two important factors on any successful team: chemistry and depth. Despite the fact that players come from different countries and different backgrounds, the Husky squad has a tradition for having a tight knit bond - for celebrating their diversity.

"Tennis is such an individual sport that whenever you have a cohesive unit like that, going down the stretch into a competitive event like the NCAA's, you're so much better off. When you've got a kid out there playing last and they're looking around and every single person is sincerely pulling for them as hard as they can," McCain said. "A lot of teams don't have that. I can tell you these girls go shoulder to shoulder. They care very much about each other."

Washington has 12 players on its 2005 roster and McCain will be relying on players other than Sumantri to shoulder the load. "We've got a really deep team this year," McCain said. "We've got a strong cast of characters. I think that the girls have been working really hard and training really hard. Time will tell, but I don't think we're going to be in a situation where our wins or losses are going to completely depend on Dea's performance. It shouldn't end up that way."

"Before last year I would have said doubles play was immensely important," McCain said. "Now I'm not so sure. I think it's always very big, it gives you that breathing room if you can get the doubles point. We work pretty hard on doubles skills. I'm kind of a doubles fanatic about making them learn the game properly - maybe to their detriment. It takes us a little longer to develop our doubles players. What I'm asking them to do is master high level strategies and skills. So it does take them a couple of years to really implement it."

The Schedule

Whether it is non-conference or conference matches, the Huskies have a formidable schedule awaiting them when dual play opens Jan. 21 at Utah State. The Huskies face BYU Jan. 22, before making their home debut versus Gonzaga Jan. 28.

Washington will face a big test early, being selected to participate in the National Team Indoor Championships (Feb. 3-6) for the second-straight year. Last year, UW made a strong showing defeating No. 23 Tennessee, and No. 6 Vanderbilt before falling to No. 2 Stanford in the semis.

"I think we've got some good matches there," McCain said. "We have some good tester matches early in the year. Going to Provo will give us a chance to be under fire early on. They are a tough team. We have a tough non-conference schedule. If you want to be the best, you've got to beat the best."

Also on the non-conference docket will be matches at home versus Illinois and Tulane, and road matches at San Diego State and University of San Diego. Washington's non-conference schedule should prepare the Huskies for a formidable Pac-10 lineup, arguably the toughest tennis conference in the nation.

"The Pac-10 is going to be really tough," McCain said. "Stanford is probably the toughest. They reload with tough people every year. For everyone else, it all depends on who's healthy and who's playing well, who gels as a team."

And for the Huskies, those components already appear to be in place for the 2005 season.



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ASU wrestlers perfect in Pac-10

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The No. 16 Arizona State wrestling team rebounded from a pair of tough losses by remaining perfect in the Pac-10 Conference with a 29-9 victory over host Oregon State on Saturday in Corvallis, Ore.

The Sun Devils (6-6-1, 3-0-0 Pac-10) picked up wins in seven of the 10 contested bouts.

Women's basketball

Alyssa Wahl led three players in double figures with 13 points as Northern Arizona pulled out a 55-49 win over visiting Sacramento State in the Walkup Skydome. Megan Rice scored 12 points on 6-for-6 shooting, and Kim Winkfield added 10 points and eight assists for NAU (12-6, 3-2).

Softball

Arizona pitcher Alicia Hollowell and UCLA second baseman Caitlin Benyi, a Horizon High graduate who led the NCAA in home runs with 24 last year, have been named to the watch list for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award for this season.

Swimming and diving

The Northern Arizona women's swimming team defeated the University of San Diego 176-86 and the Scottsdale Aquatic Club 148-114 in a three-way dual meet in Scottsdale.

- NAU's Natalie Hughes earned second-place finishes in the 1-meter and 3-meter events Saturday against Utah and Air Force in Salt Lake City.

Tennis

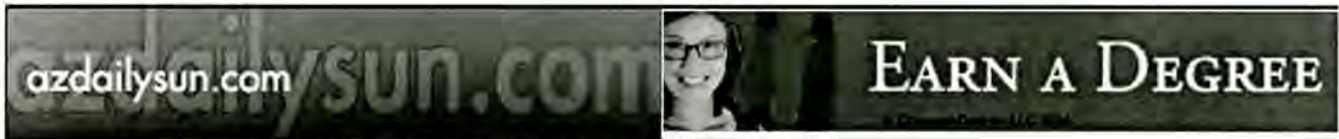
The No. 42 Arizona women's team (3-0) team beat No. 39 Sacramento State 4-3 Saturday in Tucson. The Wildcats swept the three doubles matches before splitting the singles matches, 3-3.

Track and field

Arizona State's Joshua Kinnaman won the men's heptathlon at the Northern Arizona Multi-Events meet in Flagstaff. Teammate Ryan Ehler placed second.

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NAU track squads continue strong start to indoor campaign

By SUN SPORTS STAFF
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The Northern Arizona University track and field teams continued their successful indoor season Saturday at the Skydome.

The Lumberjack women outdistanced the Southern Utah Thunderbird's 73-63, the Long Beach State 49ers 70-62, and the Cal-State Fullerton Titans 86-43.

On the men's side, NAU defeated Long Beach State 71-57, but fell short to Southern Utah 80-56.

Throughout the thirty-event meet, the Lumberjacks totaled six additional Big Sky Conference qualifiers for postseason action to combine with 16 from last week's in-state showdown.

"We are very pleased to have swept the women's side," NAU coach J.W. Hardy said. "Our kids continued to improve. We are taking all of the right steps."

Once again sophomore Karim Chester led the Lumberjacks with a winning throw of 67 feet, 0 1/2 inches in the weight throw. Chester is coming off a performance that scored him second in the NCAA performance list. Junior Dana Posey joined Chester by taking first place in the women's weight throw (52-4 1/2).

"I am very happy with my performance and I am looking forward to seeing our teams continued progress," said Posey. She was followed buy teammate senior Tricia Steveson.

Senior Jinny Hanifan tallied up two first-place finishes, earning wins in the mile and the 3,000-meter race. In the mile, she took charge immediately by separating herself from the pack.

"I am excited about the two wins," said Hanifan.

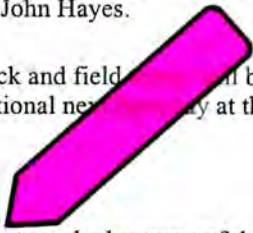
The Lumberjacks also saw stellar performances from senior Tyler Williams. Williams place first in the 800 after a second-place showing in the mile.

"The team looks much better and we are going to be fired up over the next couple of weeks," said assistant coach John Hayes.

The Lumberjack track and field team will be back in action next weekend hosting the Mountain T's Invitational next Saturday at the Skydome.

SWIMMING

The NAU swimming team had a successful day in Scottsdale Saturday, defeating both the University of San Diego and the Scottsdale Aquatic Club in a three-way meet, 176-86 and 148-114, respectively.



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Swimmers Return To Action In Rainy Aggie Open

Dyer climbs into second place in Aggie 50 freestyle records

Jan. 8, 2005

Complete Results

DAVIS, Calif. - Junior Renee Dyer hit a qualifying mark for the American Short Course Championships in the 100-yard butterfly and improved her standing in the school's all-time leaderboard in the 50 free to highlight UC Davis action in a rainy Aggie Open swimming meet at Schaal Aquatics Center Saturday.

Dyer posting a winning time of 59.70 seconds in the 100 fly, beating the standard for the national meet by just .09. She later won the 50 free in 23.96, improving on her previous Aggie best of 24.03 and moving her ahead of Leigh Gaskin into second place in UC Davis annals.

Freshman Jennifer Ginsberg also hit a qualifying mark for nationals with her second-place time of 25.15 in the 50 free. Ginsberg, who has already qualified for the Texas meet in two other events, just clipped the 25.19-second standard in the event.

On the men's side, freshman Russell Taylor won the 100 breast at 59.65, breaking the one-minute barrier for the third time this season. He subsequently captured the 100 fly at 52.28, improving on his previous best by exactly one second.

Kyle Payne also highlighted the men's action, winning the 200 breast with a season-best time of 2:11.29.

Jill Olson won a pair of events for the Aggie women, touching in 52.99 to capture the 100 free and 2:12.22 to claim the 200 back. Both marks are season bests for the UC Davis freshman. Deborah Seiler was another double-winner, capturing the 200 free at 2:00.30 and the 200 individual medley at 2:18.75.

This was the first action for the UC Davis men since the Pacific Swimming Winter Championships on December 21, and the first for the Aggie women since the Speedo Cup in November. Both teams return to action on January 15 for a double dual at UC Santa Barbara with the University of San Diego.



Junior Renee Dyer (above) and freshman Jennifer Ginsberg each hit qualifying standards for the American Short Course Championships in March. Dyer's 23.96 in the 50 free also moved her into second in UC Davis' record book. (Mike Robles, Media Relations)

AGGIE OPEN SWIMMING MEET
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Women's 100 Yard Freestyle - 1, Jill Olson, UC Davis, 52.99; 2, Jennifer Ginsberg, UC Davis, 54.57; 3, Hannah Watanabe, UC Davis, 55.17; 4, Michelle Jennings, UC Davis, 55.80; 5, Abbey Cornell, UC Davis, 57.06; 6, Bergen Beck, UC Davis, 57.20; 7, Haley Porter, PST, 57.59; 8, Jessica Weeks, UC Davis, 58.80; 9, Christina Daniel, UC Davis, 1:03.16; 10, Renu Rehal, UC Davis, 1:03.55; 11, Stephanie Larson, PST, 1:05.89.

Men's 100 Yard Freestyle - 1, Kevin Bacharach, UC Davis, 49.22; 2, Clayton Harris, PST, 49.55; 3, Peter Hagens, UC Davis, 49.78; 4, Kaleb Wallen, UC Davis, 49.79; 5, Jason Kim, UC Davis, 50.39; 6, Kyle Leto, UC Davis, 51.12; 7, Andrius Urbaitis, UC Davis, 51.12; 8, Adam Pluemer, UC Davis, 51.33; 9, Daniel Jablonski, UC Davis, 51.40; 10, Brandon Bireley, UC Davis, 51.49; 11, Travis Williams, UC Davis, 52.23; 12, Toki Burke, UC Davis, 52.44; 13, Lars Rockholm, UC Davis, 52.94; 14, James Ramirez, SMST, 53.86; 15, Ben Halpern, Unattached, 55.05; 16, Ty Motekaitis, AQUA, 1:12.88.

Women's 200 Yard Backstroke - 1, Jill Olson, UC Davis, 2:12.22; 2, Whitney Stephenson, PST, 2:13.15; 3, Hannah Watanabe, UC Davis, 2:15.08; 4, Bergen Beck, UC Davis, 2:19.68; 5, Carlene Laurence, UC Davis, 2:20.97; 6, Ashley Elgas, UC Davis, 2:21.45; 7, Rachele Compton, UC Davis, 2:21.52; 8, Lisa Petersen, UC Davis, 2:26.55; 9, Cecilia Macchiavelli, UC Davis, 2:28.32.

Men's 200 Yard Backstroke - 1, David Seiler, SMST, 1:58.89; 2, Adam Pluemer, UC Davis, 2:06.12; 3, Brandon Bireley, UC Davis, 2:15.45; 4, Mike Zamela, Unattached, 2:16.06.

Women's 100 Yard Breaststroke - 1, Ashley Cayford, UC Davis, 1:07.06; 2, Michelle Jennings, UC Davis, 1:09.86; 3, Hannah Watanabe, UC Davis, 1:10.40; 4, Emily Hughes, UC Davis, 1:11.36; 5, Jessica Lee, UC Davis, 1:11.48; 6, Bergen Beck, UC



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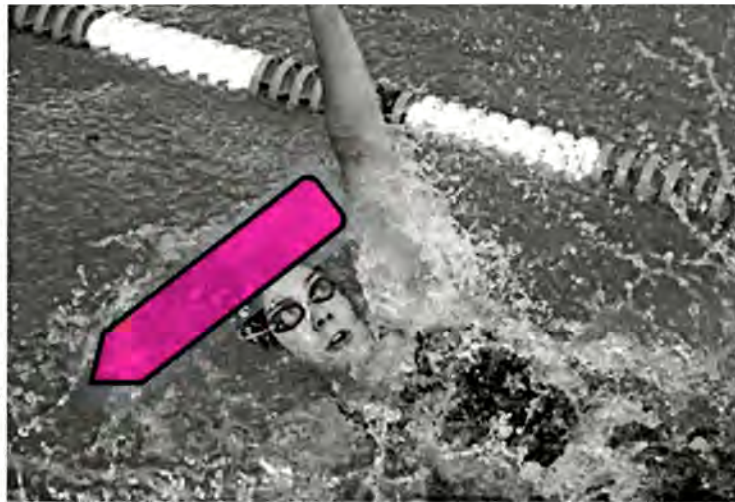
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Swimming: Rice Third At San Diego Quadrangular Meet

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- Final Meet Results (in pdf)

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Seniors **Urska Ros** and **Jane Keith** combined to win three individual events as the Rice University swim team scored 120 points to finish in third place at University of San Diego quadrangular meet Friday.



Senior Jane Keith won the 200-yard backstroke Friday in San Diego.

National power Nebraska won the four-team meet with 232 points. Western Athletic Conference rival Nevada was third with 193 while host San Diego, a new member of the WAC for swimming only, rounded out the team scoring with 17 points. The meet was comprised of 15 events with multiple heats of the same event being scored separately.

Ros had the fastest times of any heats to win both the 100-yard butterfly (58.03) and the 200-butterfly (2:04.90). Keith won the 100-yard backstroke with a mark of 2:07.13. True freshman **Carey Hain** won her heat of the 100-freestyle (55.07) to score for the Owls.

Rice will continue its weekend California road trip with a two-day meet at UC Irvine on Saturday and Sunday.



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